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## PREFACE

THE problem which confronts the American teacher in the Philippines is very different from any that has yet been solved in our own country. It is the problem of teaching printed symbols to children who constantly speak and hear a language radically unlike that which they are trying to learn, and who are unaccustomed to our ways of living and thinking and to the objects with which we are familiar.

A primer which is to be of use in this work must be suggestive and elastic enough to meet the needs of widely varying conditions. It must present as large a number of words as is practicable; it must furnish special opportunities for drill on phrases and idioms; and, most important of all, it must be thoroughly and carefully illustrated.

The accompanying lessons, prepared from material gathered by a resident in the Philippine Islands, consist of a series of graded exercises on subjects that are largely within the child's knowledge. The lists of words, scattered through the first pages, are to be printed on the

blackboard, explained, and used in the daily drill. This is an important part of any successful work. The lists will grow and vary, as circumstances favor, until they include the principal objects within the child's range of observation. The few that are given are simply indicative of the lines along which progress will be easy.

A manual of suggestions to teachers is furnished by the publishers of this book and will be found to be of practical help and value.



## FIRST STEPS IN LANGUAGE

## THE ALPHABET

A a            an anchor



America

an ant



B b            a basket



Bohol

a ball



## THE ALPHABET



C c

a cup

Ceylon



a cat



D d

a dog

Dagatan



a duck



E e

an eye

Egypt



an ear



F f

a frog

France



a foot

## THE ALPHABET

G g a goat

Guadalupe

a girl



H h a hand

Halcon

a hat



I i insects

India

ink



J j a jar

Japan

a jacket

