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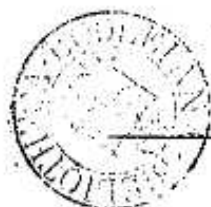
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THESE exercises are intended to be used in connection with the Wellington College Accidence. The accidence of German, as of other languages must be learned by a simple though laborious effort of memory, but every sentence will serve to impress its rules upon the mind. For this reason the present Exercises are more specially concerned with the construction and connection of sentences. They are chiefly prose adaptations of ballads and fables whose constructions are simpler than those of ordinary German prose. Yet they have been chosen and translated, not without the hope that there may linger about them even in their present shape something of the charm which the original poems possess. And if the learner is interested in any story here of blue river, heroic knight or enchanted flower, he may be pleased to know that there are many more of

the same kind, told far better in the language he is trying to learn than they can be told in English.\*

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## 1.

*Declensions 1—3. Minor Syntax Rules 1—4.*

1. The summer will come, and the winter will go, but the stream will flow for ever.
2. I have seen the king and his soldiers.
3. Soldiers are useless in days of peace.
4. We heard the emperor's name and the name of Prince Bismarck.
5. The monarch's sons visited the general.
6. There will be many letters in his letter.
7. We have stood on the edge of the river and seen the salmon in the stream.
8. The moon has always been masculine in German.
9. Two oxen will draw the plough.
10. We are not accustomed to use spurs with oxen.
11. We can not see the wood for trees.
12. The oxen have no shoes on their hooves.
13. He saw sparks and rays of fire.

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1. *for ever*, auf immer.
  3. Use the article with each noun.
  4. *and the name*. In order to avoid the repetition of the same word the Germans would say "and *that* of Prince Bismarck." '*that*' will be represented by the article: und den des Prinzen Bismarck.
  5. *visit*, besuchen.
  6. *there will, es werden*. *letter* (littera), Buchstabe. *letter* (litterae), Brief, m.
  8. *masculine*, männlich. *in German*, auf Deutsch.
  9. *draw*, ziehen. *plough*, Pflug, m.
  10. *be accustomed* (solere) pflegen. *use*, brauchen. *Brauchen* means *to use*, and also *to wish to use*, i. e. *to need*.
  11. *for*, vor c. dat.
  13. *of fire*, use the article.

14. The muscles of the bear are extraordinarily strong.

15. The king's ancestors are said to have been shepherds.

16. The peasants have slain the lion.

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14. *extraordinarily*, außerordentlich.

15. *are said*, sollen. *slay*, erschlagen.

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## 2.

*Declensions 4—5. M. S. R. 5—7.*

1. The sun is feminine in German, the girl and the woman are neuter words.
2. Do the studies of the professor occupy him?
3. All traces of the castle are lost.
4. In the kingdom of the animals the lioness is queen.
5. The roses bloom in summer, do they bloom also in spring?
6. Do ghosts wander in the night?
7. The eyes and the ears are parts of the body.
8. The gates of the city are open.
9. Where are the laws of the Romans?
10. Among some peoples salt is the token of friendship.
11. The manners and customs of the people are unknown to us.
12. The sun and the moon are sources of light.
13. The forms of the words are irregular.
14. The errors are irremediable, and the punishment is inevitable.
15. These numbers are even.

1. *feminine, weiblich. the girl, Mädchen. woman, Weib. neuter, sächlich.*

2. *occupy, beschäftigen.*

3. *all, alle. castle, Burg. lost, verloren gegangen.*

5. *in spring, in summer, use the article.*

6. *ghost, Gespenst, n.*

10. *salt, use the article. token, Zeichen. amongst some peoples, unter einigen Völkern. Volk means people of a nation, Leute is the word for people of a town.*

11. *unknown to us, uns unbekannt.*

12. *source, Quelle, f. light, use the article.*

13. *irregular, unregelmäßig.*

14. *irremediable, unheilbar. inevitable, unvermeidlich.*

15. *even, gerade.*