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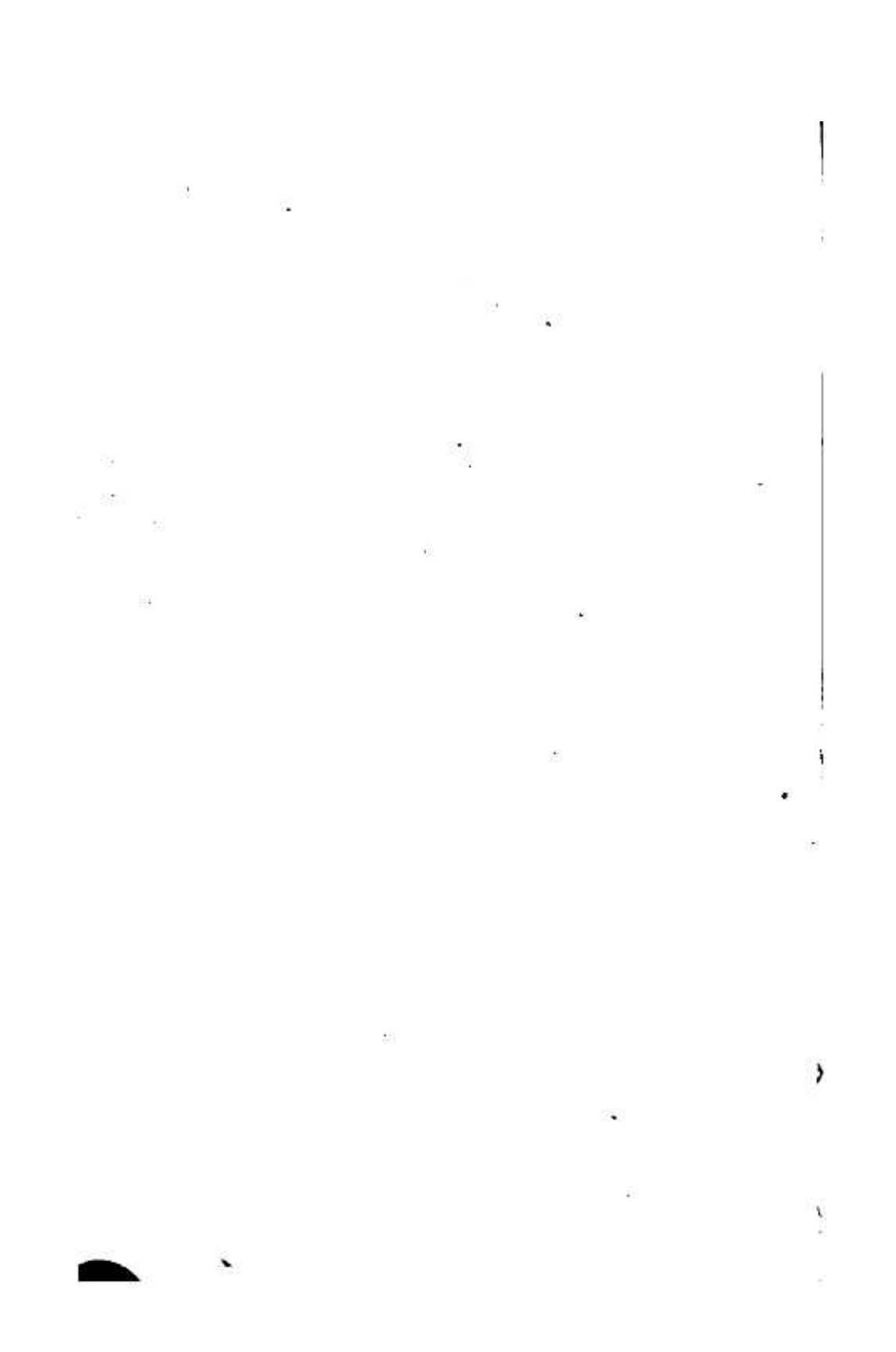


PREFACE.

THE chief object of this little work is to furnish a practical guide in teaching youthful beginners the elements of French. It does not pretend to enable either pupil or teacher to accomplish their purpose without hard work, but the lessons are short and simple, and carefully arranged, so as to lead gradually from the merest elements to continued conversation. At the same time, enough margin is left in each lesson to allow the teacher to extend it by varying the phrases given in the text, or by adding to their number.

The author has endeavored to adapt the system to native masters as well as to French teachers, while everything—except the pronunciation—may be learned by the intelligent scholar, who may not have access to any teacher at all. Success, however, can in every case only be hoped for by giving strict attention to the rule, that the pupil must never be allowed to proceed to the next chapter, without first having thoroughly mastered all that goes before.

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PART I.

INTRODUCTORY.

SPELLING LESSONS.

THESE Introductory Remarks, containing the principal elementary rules on Spelling and Pronunciation, are intended for those who are not taught by a French teacher. The latter will of course prefer oral instruction for this purpose, as no success in pronunciation can be obtained until the ear is sufficiently trained to distinguish the different sounds.

I. Alphabet.

There are twenty-five letters in French, of which six are Vowels, and nineteen Consonants. They are the following :

A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R,
S, T, U, V, X, Y, Z.

The six Vowels are : a, e, i, o, u, y,
Called: ah, eh, ee, oh, u, eegroc.

The nineteen Consonants are :

b,	c,	d,	f,	g,	h,	j,	k,	l,	m,
Called: bay,	say,	day,	eff,	jay,	ash,	jee,	kah,	ell,	emm,
n,	p,	q,	r,	s,	t,	v,	x,	z.	
" en,	pay,	ku,	err,	ess,	tay,	vay,	eeks,	sedd.	

The pronunciation of the Vowels is always the same; that of the Consonants varies according to the nature of the Vowels to which they are added.