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PREFACE

THIS speller is the result of many years of experience on the part of the author in teaching spelling to grade pupils.

The written vocabulary of the average educated man does not exceed three thousand words. Recognizing this, the word list in this book is limited to those words which are common to the written vocabulary of business and social usage, the time and energy of the children not being wasted in acquiring a spelling vocabulary for which they will have no practical use.

Spelling is particularly a memory subject. During the elementary school period of the child's mental development, his brain is more plastic than it is later in his life, and therefore, though it is more receptive, it is also less likely to retain as a permanent possession the impressions received. In order to fix any given impression constant repetition is necessary. No spelling book heretofore published, within the author's knowledge, gives sufficient drill to insure lasting impressions on the child's brain. By the plan inaugurated in this book the necessary repetition is provided, while at the same time the interest of the child is held.

In the work for the second grade nearly every word is used seven times, exclusive of the number of times it may occur in the Dictation Exercises. For the third grade each word is used five times in addition to the Dictation Exercises. In the fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh grade work each word is used four times in addition to the Dictation Exercises.

The arrangement of the words in this speller is entirely without reference to phonetic relationship, to family ending, or to other artificial classification.

The distinctive features of this book are :

1. A practical list of words for each grade common to the vocabulary of the average child in that grade.

2. Frequent review of all words. This review is progressive, and therefore maintains the interest of the child.

3. Dictation exercises so arranged that it is possible to correlate the spelling work with the work in English without detracting from the completeness of the book as a spelling book.

4. Independent arrangement of words.

In the six grades of work into which this complete speller is divided and which are intended to cover the second to seventh school years, both inclusive, training is given in a practical and usable vocabulary of approximately three thousand words.

ST. JOHNSVILLE, N. Y.,

Dec. 1, 1910.

SIXTH GRADE

		remote	planet
		habit	analysis
		remotest	vapor
	remote	revolution	aurora
remote	habit	planet	function
habit	remotest	analysis	various
remotest	revolution	vapor	faculty
revolution	planet	aurora	reason
	analysis	function	distinguish
	vapor	various	theory
	aurora	faculty	tradition
		reason	scientific

REVIEW

remote	planet	function	distinguish
habit	analysis	various	theory
remotest	vapor	faculty	tradition
revolution	aurora	reason	scientific

DICTATION

The planet Mars is remote from the earth.

A scientific analysis of the water was made.

“Double, double, toil and trouble.”

The remotest traditions tell of the flood.

Various revolutions have taken place in South America.

The function of the eye is to see.

At night you may distinguish the aurora in the north.

Steam is water vapor.

function	distinguish	chariot	knowledge
various	tradition	devour	original
faculty	theory	earthquake	develop
reason	scientific	tossing	embarrass
distinguish	chariot	knowledge	accommodate
tradition	devour	original	management
theory	earthquake	minstrel	lettuce
scientific	tossing	develop	divisible
chariot	knowledge	embarrass	changeable
devour	original	accommodate	supersede
earthquake	minstrel	management	committee
tossing	develop	lettuce	minstrel

REVIEW

chariot	knowledge	embarrass	divisible
devour	original	accommodate	changeable
earthquake	minstrel	management	supersede
tossing	develop	lettuce	committee

DICTATION

The management is not able to accommodate the minstrel show.

The black chariot won the race.

Knowledge is power.

The hawk will devour the mouse.

The weather is changeable.

The earthquake shock was brief.

A boat is tossing on the water.

SIXTH GRADE

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embarrass	divisible	disappear	surprise
accommodate	changeable	pursue	negroes
management	supersede	mischief	fulfill
lettuce	committee	beginning	professor
divisible	disappear	surprise	descendant
changeable	mischief	negroes	detached
supersede	pursue	fulfill	cleansed
committee	beginning	professor	vertical
disappear	surprise	descendant	prejudice
mischief	negroes	detached	regretted
pursue	fulfill	cleanse	noticeable
beginning	professor	vertical	restaurant

REVIEW

disappear	surprise	descendant	prejudice
mischief	negroes	detached	regretted
pursue	fulfill	cleanse	noticeable
beginning	professor	vertical	restaurant

DICTATION

The professor regretted that mischief did not disappear.

We pursue happiness.

Prejudice, rather than reason, ruled.

The restaurant is detached from the hotel.

A man should fulfill his contract.

The line is vertical.

Water will cleanse the street.

There are many negroes in the United States.