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PART I.

EXERCISES BASED ON *L'ABBE CONSTANTIN*.

FOR PUPILS IN THEIR SECOND OR THIRD
YEAR'S STUDY OF FRENCH.

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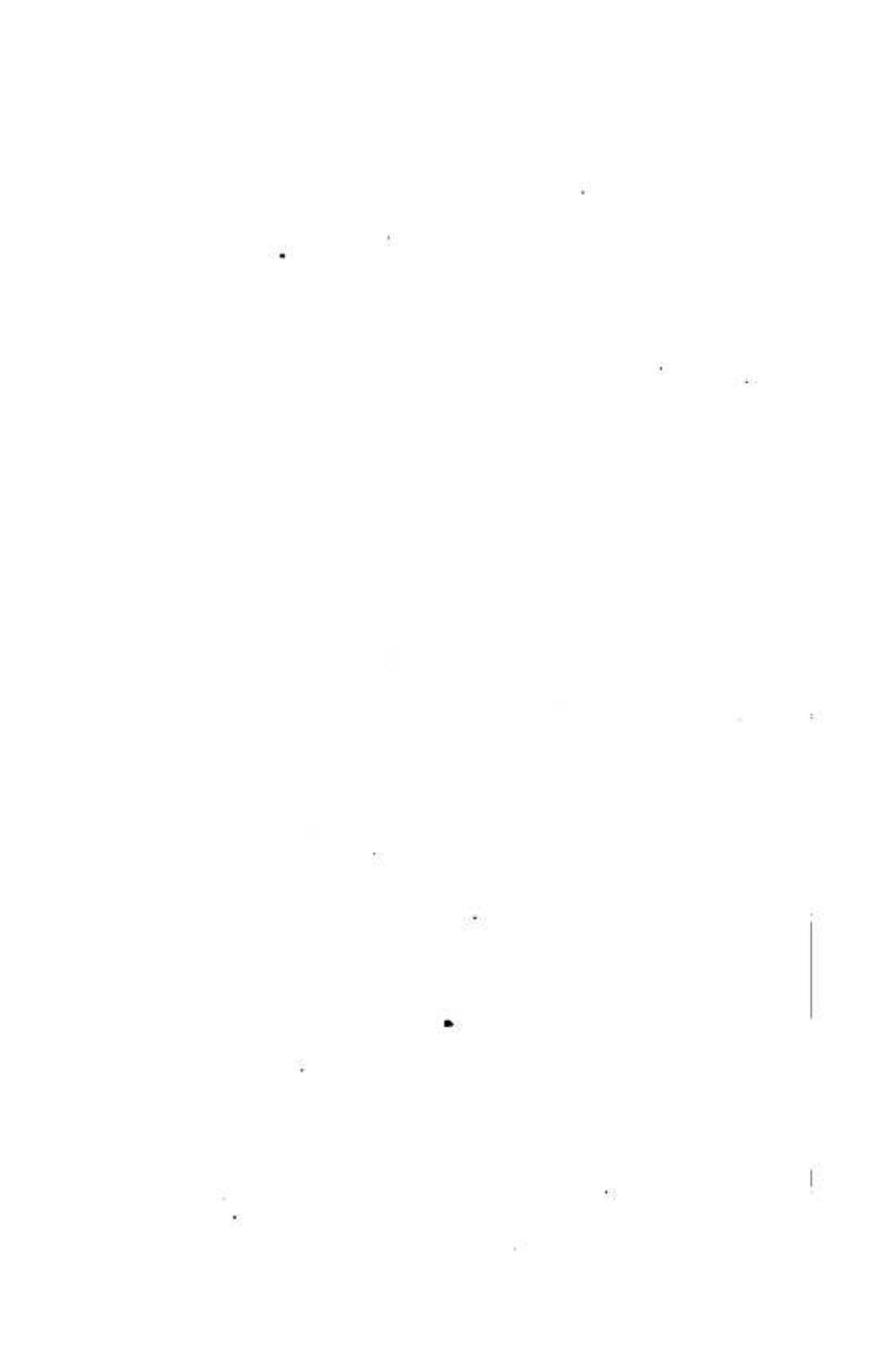
1890.

PREFACE.

THESE exercises, which were made especially for use in the Boston high schools, were composed in the belief that pupils can succeed in writing idiomatic French only through the careful study and imitation of good French models.

The charming little sketch by Daudet, which I have chosen as a basis for this work, is published, with a few other tales, by D. C. Heath & Co., of Boston, and by W. R. Jenkins, of New York. The former edition is provided with excellent notes by Professor Sanderson, of Harvard. The story is contained, also, in Super's *French Reader* (D. C. Heath & Co.).

I have finished three sets of similar exercises, founded respectively on Daudet's *Siege de Berlin*, Ventura's *Peppino*, and *L'Abbé Constantin*, by Halévy, for pupils who have already studied French one year.



PART IV.

EXERCISES BASED ON *LA DERNIÈRE CLASSE*.

FOR PUPILS IN THEIR FIRST YEAR'S STUDY OF FRENCH.

A. PRONUNCIATION.

NOTE.—In preparation for each of the following exercises, pupils are to translate the advance lesson and pronounce carefully the review (if there is any). The recitation hour is to be spent in pronouncing the phrases and sentences of the entire lesson, the pupils speaking them immediately after the teacher.

1.

From the beginning to "Le temps était si chaud."

2.

From the beginning to "En passant devant la mairie."

3.

From the beginning to "Alors, comme je traversais."

4.

From the beginning to "D'ordinaire."

5.

From the beginning to "Je comptais."

B. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

NOTE. — In preparation for each of the following exercises, pupils are to translate the text assigned and the questions, pronounce the text, and make themselves ready to read from it, in French, the answers to the questions.

6.

From "Je comptais" to "Eh bien, non."

1. Sur quoi¹ comptiez-vous?
2. Pourquoi comptiez-vous là-dessus?²
3. Qu'est-ce qui³ était tranquille?
4. Comment⁴ était la classe ce jour-là?
5. Par où⁴ voyiez-vous vos camarades?
6. Qui⁵ voyiez-vous?
7. Que¹ faisait⁶ M. Hamel?
8. Que fallut-il faire?⁷
9. Comment étiez-vous?
10. Qu'aviez-vous?

¹"what." ²"on it." ³"how." ⁴"where." ⁵"whom." ⁶"did." ⁷"do."

7.

From "Eh bien, non" to "Mais ce qui me surprit."

1. Qui¹ vous regarda?
2. Comment vous regarda-t-il?
3. Que vous dit-il?
4. Qu'alliez-vous faire?
5. Que faites²-vous?
6. Où vous êtes-vous assis?
7. De quoi étiez-vous remis?
8. Qu'avez-vous remarqué?
9. Quand³ avez-vous remarqué cela?
10. Qu'avait votre maître?
11. Quand mettait-il sa calotte de soie noire?
12. Qu'avait la classe?

¹'who.'²'did.'³'when.'

8.

From "Mais ce qui me surprit" to "Pendant que."

1. Qu'est-ce qui vous surprit le plus?
2. Où avez-vous vu les gens du village?
3. Qui avez-vous vu?
4. Sur quels bancs étaient-ils assis?
5. Comment étaient les gens du village?
6. Comment paraissait tout ce monde-là?
7. Le vieux Hauser, qu'avait-il apporté?
8. Comment était le vieil abécédaire?
9. Comment tenait-il l'abécédaire?
10. Où le tenait-il?
11. Où étaient ses lunettes?
12. Le vieux Hauser, que tenait-il sur ses genoux?

9.

From "Pendant que" to "Et moi qui savais."

1. De quoi vous étonniez-vous?
2. Qu'avait fait¹ M. Hamel?
3. M. Hamel, où était-il monté?
4. Que vous dit-il?
5. Comment vous dit-il cela?
6. Est-ce la première² fois que vous nous faites la classe?
7. D'où est venu l'ordre?
8. Quel ordre est venu de Berlin?
9. Qui arrive demain?
10. Le nouveau maître, quand arrive-t-il?
11. Quelle leçon est-ce aujourd'hui?
12. Que désirez³-vous?
13. Qu'est-ce qui vous bouleversa?
14. Qu'avaient-ils affiché?
15. Où l'avaient-ils affiché?

¹'done.'

²'first.'

³'wish.'

10.

From "Et moi qui savais" to "C'est en l'honneur."

1. Saviez-vous écrire?
2. Apprendriez-vous?
3. Que faudrait-il faire?
4. De quoi vous en vouliez-vous?
5. Comment trouviez-vous vos livres?
6. Vos livres, vous semblaient-ils ennuyeux?
7. Les quitteriez-vous volontiers¹?