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EDITOR'S NOTE.

It is assumed that children taking up this book have mastered some First Reader, which implies:—

1. That they can recognize at sight some two hundred and fifty or three hundred English words.
2. That they have acquired some elementary knowledge of the phonic values of the characters composing our English alphabet.

To build on this knowledge, to enlarge and consolidate it, is the purpose of this Advanced First Reader. It has no theoretical aim,—the single object being to bring the child-mind in contact with simple pieces, the thought and language of which may forward the little ones in the mystery of reaching ideas through the printed word. And on this subject one remark:—

If the thought in a sentence is such as appeals to the apprehension of children, and if that thought is clothed in words, either within their *knowledge* or within their *grasp*, the sentence will be read spontaneously in the tone in which they would speak it. This is *reading*,—a thing very different from the articulating of vocables.

This Reader contains some technical educational features that will readily be discerned by the intelligent teacher.

J. J. W. H. J. J. J.

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PHONIC MARKINGS.

I. — Vowels.

ă as inăt	ē as in hēr	ô as in hôrse
ā " nāme	—	ōó " bōók
â " câre	ÿ as in hÿll	ōō " mōōn
ä " ärm	ī " kīte	—
à " gràss	î " polīce	ü as in fûn
a " all	ĩ " bĩrd	û " ūse
ạ " whạt	—	û " hûrt
—	ö as in nôt	u " trưe
ě as in tĕll	ō " ôld	u " pull
ē " mē	ó " dône	—
ê " thêre	o " dọ	ÿ as in hÿmn
e " they	o " wọlf	ÿ " flÿ

II. — Consonants.

e	eare, eome,	like k
ç	fence, miçe,	like s
ġ	ġirl, ġuess,	hard
ĝ	orange,	like j
ș	toes, rôșes,	like z
ñ	think, hungry,	like ng
th	those, mouths,	flat

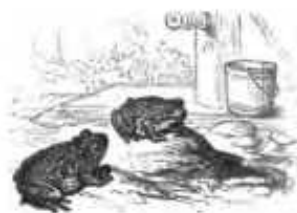
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FIRST READER.

What a Merry Lot!



One black spider,
Very nice and plump;

Two little toads
Hopping by a pump;



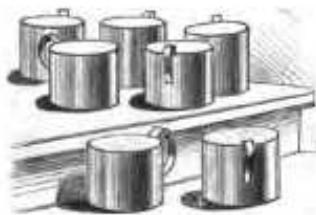
Three singing birds
Flying from a nest;

Four cunning dolls,
Dressed in their best;



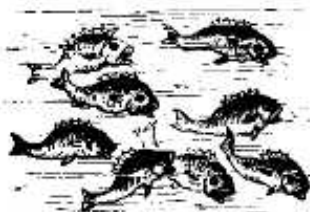
Five merry faces,
All in a row;

Six ripe cherries,
Growing down low;



Seven tin cups
Full to the brim;

Eight little fishes,
Having a swim;





Nine red roses,
Blooming on a bush;

Ten wild foxes,
Going with a rush!



*spider toads birds dolls
faces cherries cup fishes
roses foxes*

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