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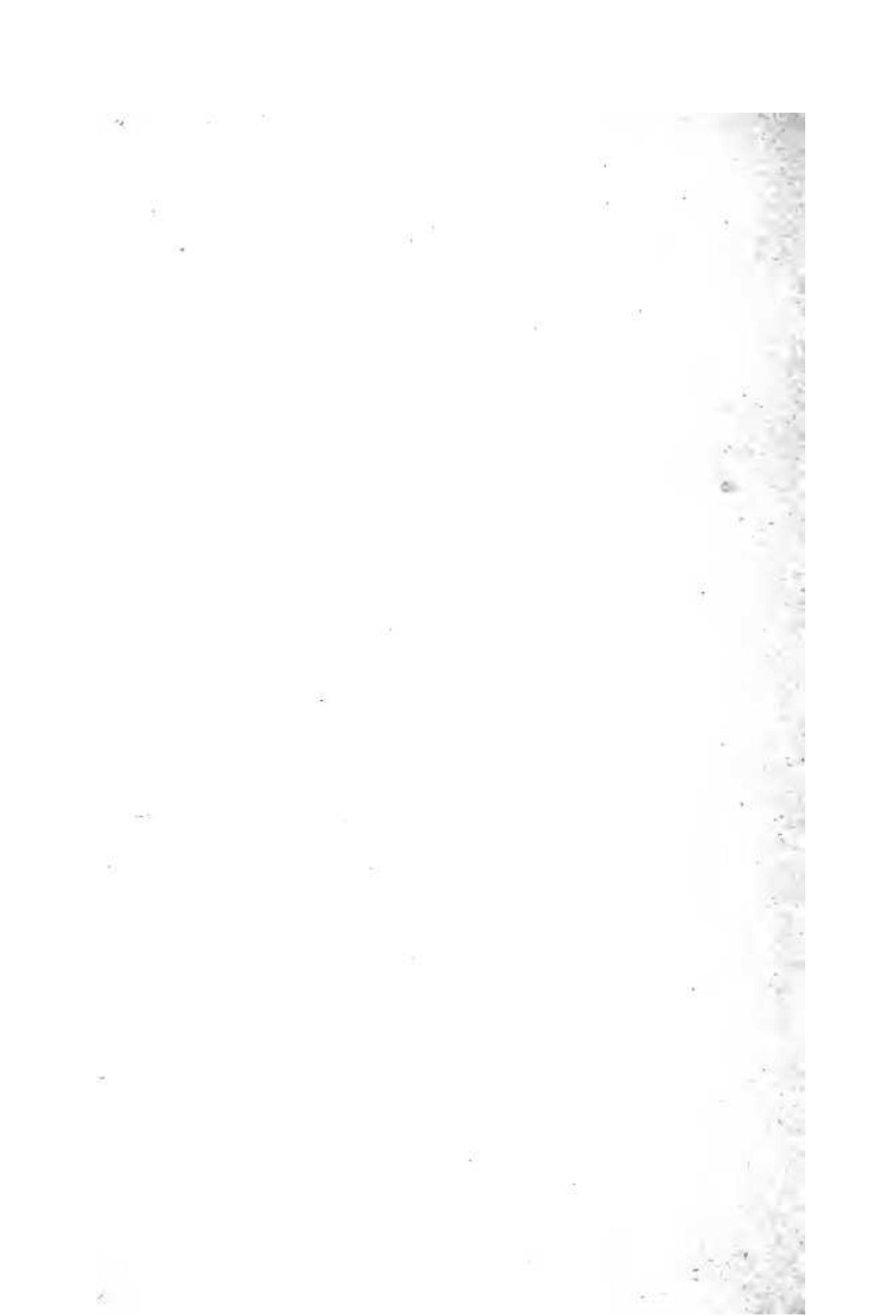
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# PART FIRST.

## ORTHOGRAPHY.

### THE ALPHABET.

The alphabet **أَلْحُرُوفُ الْهَجَائِيَّةُ** contains twenty-eight letters which are all consonants.

They are written and read from right to left.

Their forms are modified in accordance with their position in a word, whether at the beginning, middle, or end, and whether single or joined to others.

Their names, forms, numerical value and approximate pronunciation are given in the following table.

Numerical Value.	Numerical Order.	Final.	Medial.	Initial.	Detached.	Name.
١	١	ا	..	ا	ا	أَلِف Aleph
٢	ب	ب	ب	ب	ب	بَاء Ba
٣	ت	ت	ت	ت	ت	تَاء Ta
٤	ث	ث	ث	ث	ث	ثَاء Tha
٥	ج	ج	ج	ج	ج	جِيم Jim
٦	ح	ح	ح	ح	ح	حَاء Ha
٧	خ	خ	خ	خ	خ	خَاء Kha

Numerical Value.	Numerical Order.	Final.	Medial.	Initial.	Detached.	Name.
۸	ح	ح	..	ح	ح	دال Dal
۹	ط	ط	..	ط	ط	ذال Dhal
۱۰	ي	ر	..	ر	ر	راء Ra
۲۰	ك	ز	..	ز	ز	زاي Zain
۳۰	س	س	س	س	س	سين Sin
۴۰	م	ش	ش	ش	ش	شين Shin
۵۰	ن	ص	ط	ص	ص	صاد Sad
۶۰	ع	ض	ط	ض	ض	ذاد Dhad
۷۰	م	ط	ط	ط	ط	طاء Ta
۸۰	ف	ظ	ظ	ظ	ظ	ذاء Dha
۹۰	م	ع	ع	ع	ع	عين 'Ain
۱۰۰	غ	غ	ع	غ	غ	غين Gh(r)ain
۲۰۰	ع	فا	ف	ف	ف	فاء Fa
۳۰۰	ش	قا	ق	ق	ق	كاف Kaf
۴۰۰	ع	ك	ك	ك	ك	كاف Kaf
۵۰۰	ع	ل	ل	ل	ل	لام Lam
۶۰۰	ح	م	م	م	م	ميم Mim
۷۰۰	ن	ن	ن	ن	ن	نون Nun
۸۰۰	م	ه	ه	ه	ه	ها Ha
۹۰۰	ط	و	..	و	و	واو Waw
۱۰۰۰	ع	ي	ي	ي	ي	ياء Ya