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## PREFACE.

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MANY teachers have expressed an opinion that the Graded Test Spelling-book is too difficult for the lower grades of a Grammar School. In compliance with their earnest request, this little book is now issued.

Instead of the usual classification of familiar names, the compiler has placed in the first column of each page, nouns; in the second, verbs; in the third, adjectives, adverbs, and miscellaneous words. These have been subdivided into several classes, so as to secure a gradual progress from first to last.

A general desire has been manifested that the words of this book should be divided into syllables, and that the sounds of the vowels should be denoted by diacritical marks. The compiler has, accordingly, yielded his previously formed opinions to the general demand. It is, however, his firm belief that such aids should be dispensed with, at the earliest possible moment, and that, as soon as practical, the pupil should commence the study of the Graded Test Speller.

Words of similar sounds, but of different meanings, are scattered through the book in dictation exercises. These have always proved a formidable obstacle to the learner. The motto here adopted is "Divide and conquer."

J. H. GILBERT.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL NO. 11, ALBANY, N. Y., *May*, 1878.

## TABLE OF VOWEL SOUNDS.

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ē	as	in	ape,	ate,	came.	
ă	"		cat,	can,	bad.	
ä	"		arm,	art,	car.	
á	"		brass,	past,	chance.	
ą	"		salt,	saw,	draw.	
â	"		hair,	dare,	rare.	
ē	"		he,	seed,	east.	
ě	"		met,	set,	web.	
ī	"		ice,	mice,	ride.	
ì	"		fig,	pin,	trim.	
ō	"		note,	coat,	own.	
ö	"		not,	block,	hop.	
o	"		move,	prove,	mōn.	
ū	"		tune,	cure,	muse.	
ů	"		cup,	sum,	trunk.	
ų	"		bush,	wolf,	boók.	
ē	ī	û	"	fern,	girl,	turn.
ou	"		out,	town,	round.	
oi	"		oil,	boy,	spoil.	



## INTRODUCTORY SPELLING-BOOK.

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### 1.

căt	căn	băd
rat	ran	sad
mat	has	mad
hat	had	fat
bat	gap	man
lap	tag	pan

*A cat and a rat.*

### 2.

pět	sět	wěb
net	let	ten
bed	met	gem
peg	wet	get
keg	wed	elm
hen	fed	elk

*A man fed the hen.*

## 3.

kīt	sīt	hīs
pit	hit	did
pig	bit	hid
fig	dip	rid
kid	nip	bid
lid	rip	win
lip	is	din

*It is his fat pig.*

## 4.

ōx	rōb	hōt
box	sob	cot
fox	mob	lot
dog	pop	dot
hog	hop	cob
log	mop	sod
bog	got	not

*A dog is in the box.*

## 5.

cŭp	cŭt	mŭd
hut	rub	cub
nut	lug	fun
rut	dug	gun
bud	hug	gum
jug	tug	rum
mug	run	but

*A bud in a mug.*

## 6.

năg	dĭg	bĭg
rag	rig	pin
wag	sin	tin
wax	fix	rĕd
map	mix	yet
fan	jŏg	tŏp
Ann	sŭp	tŭb

*Get the red top.*