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PREFACE.

This course is prepared to meet the needs of children beginning the study of English grammar between the ages of nine and ten. It aims:—

- To present the subject-matter in easy stages, systematically graded according to the capabilities of the average pupil; with exercises designed to train the logical faculty and keep the child mind alert and active.
- To set forth the rules in clear, succinct form that they may be easily memorized.
- 3. To give the abundant practice necessary for such young children.

All explanation of rules has been left for the teacher to give orally, it having been found that pupils of this age do not learn readily from printed instruction; their attention is distracted by many words, and they are unable to distinguish between what is material and what is immaterial.

The method of teaching the arrangement of the parts of speech proposed and illustrated on page 44 has been found of the greatest service. It gives the children ample practice in recognizing the use of words in a sentence, and is easy of correction by the teacher.

PREFACE

This system of instruction has been successfully tried in the schoolroom for many years, and it is in the hope that the study of grammar may be made to many others the pleasure that it has been to the writer and her pupils that the course is now being put into book form

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FIRST YEAR COURSE



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LESSON I

A Sentence is a complete statement; ex.: The girls are playing.

Every sentence has two parts, namely, a Subject and a Predicate.

The Subject of a sentence is what we state about; ex.: Ships cross the seas.

The Predicate of a sentence is what we say about the subject; ex.: Ships cross the seas.

Exercise 1.

Make subjects to fit the following predicates:-

1. fly up high	11. has a book		
2. make a loud noise	12, found a bird		
8. do good work	18. works quickly		
4. ran away	14. built a nest		
5. wants its mother	15. wrote a letter		
6. ran down hill	16. expects you		
7. sang sweetly	17. writes rapidly		
8. live in water	18. broke my toys.		
9. saw her sister	19. climbed over the rocks		
10. made a dress	20. bought some gloves		