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## PREFACE.

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My intention in writing these little stories was to furnish material which little children, learning to read, could master without assistance.

All who are familiar with children know how pleased they are when they can read a "whole story" for themselves.

The language used in such stories must be very simple, and the thought must be within the comprehension of the child.

When a child understands perfectly what he reads, the expression takes care of itself.

It seems to me that the tendency nowadays is to give the child *classical* literature too soon. I believe in good literature; I believe it should be used in our schools; but I believe also that a little child is a little child and should be allowed the literary food adapted to his condition.

The book is intended to be used in the last half of the second school year, or the first half of the third year.





TURNER'S  
EASY STORIES.

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THE HUNGRY KITTY.

Kitty is hungry.

What does she want to eat?

She wants a mouse to eat.

Why doesn't she go and catch  
one?

She is too small.

Her mother will bring her one  
soon.

When kitty sees her mother  
she will run to meet her, and  
I think she will say, "Did you  
catch that mouse for me, mother?"

### THE PARROT.

What is that in the cage?

It is a parrot.

Can the parrot talk?

Yes, it can say, "Pretty Polly."

Some parrots can say, "Polly  
wants a cracker."

This parrot is green.

Once I saw a gray parrot with  
red on its head.

It was a very pretty parrot,  
but it could not talk.

### MY KITE.

I made a large kite yesterday.

I am going to fly it after  
school.