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PREÉACE

This little book would give to the children: -

- A large amount of easy, interesting, and carefully graded reading matter.
 - 2. Memory gems, which will appeal to their interest and fancy.
 - 3. The best and most suggestive pictures.

In its preparation this ambition has been constantly in mind — to interpret the child's world in accordance with his natural rather than his acquired interests.

We have asked, first of all, what the younger children crave and always choose when given a reasonable amount of freedom. Is it not a crisp and lively record of action and conversation, rather than mere narration and description? Are they not at once charmed by stories of other children, their sports and pets, and by animal life and action? Do they not welcome flower fancies, bits of adventure, and fairy lore?

"What shall I write about in the book for you?" inquired Richard Le Gallienne of his clever little daughters.

"Oh, about Cooky, and the boy who brings the meat, and the donkey, and the dolls 1" was the instant response.

The Second Reader is content to be a story book rather than an encyclopedia of useful knowledge. As such it is sent to the children by the publishers.

The translation of the Norwegian story, "The Three Coats," is from Emilie Poulason's "Through the Farmyard Gate," and is used by permission of the Lothrop Publishing Co. 20 * *

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