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PREFACE.

THE Author has frequently had occasion to notice that the chief difficulty felt by young boys on commencing the study of any language more highly inflected than their own, such as French, German, Latin, or Greek, is ignorance of the English forms corresponding with the inflections in those languages.

The object of this little book is to familiarize the young student with the technical forms required in studying a foreign tongue.

At the same time the book may be conveniently used by those whose linguistic studies are not to extend beyond their native English. The Author believes that English parsing, if taught upon the system adopted in learning Latin and Greek, involves mental discipline of

a sound and useful character; although he is aware that many intelligent and experienced teachers prefer to treat English as a purely uninflected language, with a grammatical organism almost rivalling in simplicity that of the Chinese.

A very brief Syntax is appended, chiefly for the purpose of illustrating those constructions with which every classical student must of necessity become familiar.

The short outline of Analysis supplies the means of dealing with the logical structure of a sentence.

In accordance with the wishes of several influential teachers, for whose judgment the Author entertains the highest respect, a series of illustrative Exercises has been added to this revised Edition.

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ENGLISH GRAMMAR.

1. A LANGUAGE consists of *Letters, Syllables, Words, and Sentences.*

The explanation of these elements is called the GRAMMAR of a language.

PART I—ACCIDENCE.

LETTERS.

2. *Letters* are signs used in writing and printing to represent the sounds in a spoken language.

A collection of the letters used in any language is called an *Alphabet.*

3. The Alphabet of the English language contains the following letters:—

1. *Vowels.*

a, e, i, o, u, w, y.

B