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THE FIFTH GRADUATED READER consists of extracts from standard authors.

In the preparation of the book a twofold aim has been constantly kept in view ; in the first place, to admit only choice passages of our best writers ; and in the second, to take care that these passages should be such as to attract and retain the interest and sympathy of the pupil.

Thus while the selections will serve as an introduction to what is best and most beautiful in our literature, it is believed also that they will be found bright and interesting for children, and in every way adapted to this stage of their progress. Like the other Readers of the series, this book has been carefully graduated from beginning to end.

The lessons have been furnished with introductory and explanatory notes, with copious spelling-lists, and numerous exercises on the formation of words and sentences.

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A FOREST ON  
FIRE.

[This lesson relates a striking incident told by a hunter in the State of Maine, to Audubon, the celebrated American naturalist.]

1. We were sound asleep one night, when about two hours before day, the snorting of horses and lowing of our cattle, which were ranging in the woods, suddenly awoke us. I took my rifle, and went to the door to see what beast had caused the hubbub, when I was struck by the glare of light reflected