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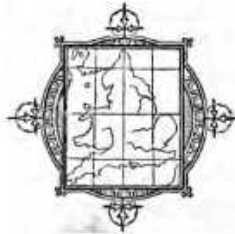
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## PREFACE

THIS Book of Stories from English History is intended to meet the requirements of Standard III. under the New Code.

Its aim is to introduce children to English History ; and it seeks to present it in the way most interesting to them, namely, in the form of Stories, with as few dry facts and dates as possible. Only the most picturesque events are treated, especially such as have a directly important bearing on the history of the country.

Though it is not a detailed and continuous History, a connecting thread is supplied, sufficient to guide the reader along the main lines of English History.

Copious spelling columns have been added to each story, with meanings of words, and notes, when necessary.

This Book of Stories is the first of a series of four Historical Readers. It is made up of incidents chosen from the whole field of English History ; and the other three form a continuous history of the country from the beginning to the present day.

The following are the Books of the series :

- I. STORIES FROM ENGLISH HISTORY.
- II. ENGLAND TO 1327 A.D.
- III. ENGLAND FROM 1327 TO THE REVOLUTION OF 1688 A.D.
- IV. ENGLAND FROM THE REVOLUTION TO 1832.



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**MAP OF ENGLAND,**  
*Showing the places mentioned in the Book.*



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1. **Julius Cæsar.**

55 B.C.

1. The first great man who paid a visit to Britain was Julius Cæsar. He was a very famous warrior, and also a great writer of books. In one of these books he has told us what sort of people lived here when he came.

2. The people of this island were very different then from what they are now. Most of them were clad in skins; and they painted their bodies with curious figures.

3. The Britons, as these people were called, dwelt in poor huts; they had no good roads; and it was only in the south that a few patches of corn were to be seen. Most of the country, indeed, was covered with woods, in