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## PREFACE.

THIS work has been prepared at the instance of many teachers, and because there appeared to be a call for a German grammar which should present the most important facts of the language in the briefest form consistent with accuracy and clearness of statement. It follows, as a matter of course, the same general method, and uses the same terminology, as the author's larger work (*A Compendious German Grammar, etc.*, H. Holt & Co.), which has been approved by wide use now during more than fifteen years; and it may be used as an introduction to the other. In order to facilitate the transition, and for the convenience of those who, while using it, desire to refer to the fuller statements and explanations of the larger grammar, the numbers of the latter's paragraphs corresponding to those of this volume are added in parenthesis to its own paragraph-numbers. The exercises may be used according to the discretion of the teacher and the special needs and capacities of his class; and, where immediate advance to reading is desired, the English-into-German exercises may in many cases be well omitted until the grammar comes to be gone over a second time. The selected sentences at the end are intended to form the ground for such further grammatical drill as shall be found desirable.

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