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MEMORANDUM.

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STANDARD I.

READING Narrative in monosyllables.

WRITING Form on black-board or slate, from dictation, letters, capital and small, manuscript.

ARITHMETIC... Form on black-board or slate, from dictation, figures up to 20; name at sight figures up to 20; add and subtract figures up to 10, orally, from examples on black-board.

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THE
FIRST 'STANDARD' READER.

Fan	little	house	find
Ann	kettle	found	mind
aunt	nettle	down	bind

ANN AND HER DOG FAN.

One day, Ann went to see her aunt; but she left her dog, Fan, at home.

As soon as Fan found his little mistress was gone, he set off to find her.

Then he came to the house where Ann was. And Ann said, "Fan, you rogue, I did not mean you should know where I was to-day."

But Fan wagg'd his tail and bark'd, as much as to say, "No, no, Miss Ann; but you must be more clever next time."

daw	tub	deep	farm
claw	rub	keep	arm
gnaw	shrub	sleep	harm

HARES.

The hare has long legs, long ears, and large, round, black eyes.

Hares have long, sharp teeth. They are of a brown color, and they are soft and sleek, like puss.

They feed on herbs and shrubs in the evening. In the day time they keep quiet in their holes. If they come out, they get shot. Catch a hare before you cook it.

LITTLE ROBIN REDBREAST.

Little Robin Red-breast sat upon a tree,
Up went Pussy-cat, and down went he;
Down came Pussy-cat, and away Robin ran:
Says little Robin Red-breast, "Catch me if you can."
Little Robin Red-breast hopp'd upon a wall,
Pussy-cat jump'd after him, and almost got a fall.
Little Robin chirp'd and sang, and what did Pussy say?
Pussy-cat said, "Mew," and Robin flew away.

owl	flies	made	peace
fowl	tries	shade	geese
round	eyes	glade	cease

THE OWL.

The owl is a large bird, and it has long sharp claws.

Its large round eyes are so made that it can see best in the dark.

As the owl can not see well when the sun shines, it then flies to the glade. There it sits and scowls all day in the shade.

Then all the small birds peck at the owl, so that it has no peace.

When the sun has set, it comes to the barn to catch mice for its supper.

Of all the birds that ever I see,
 The owl is the fairest in her degree;
 For all the day long she sits in a tree,
 And when night comes, away flies she,
 Te whit te whoo! How d'ye do?

NUMBER.		
one, 1	four, 4	seven, 7
two, 2	five, 5	eight, 8
three, 3	six, 6	nine, 9

SONG FOR THE FINGERS*.

1. This little fat pig went to market,
2. This pig staid at home,
3. This pig had roast meat,
4. And this pig had none,
5. This wee pig said, "Wee, wee, wees!
 I can't find my home."

ten, 10 ten, 10 ten, 10

One, two, three, four, five,
 I caught a hare alive;
 Six, seven, eight, nine, ten,
 I let it go again.

* The fingers should at first be largely employed to give a notion of number; then marbles, or wood counters, or any objects loosely strewn on a board. [These lessons are, of course, merely suggestive, and they are not designed to be read straight through.]