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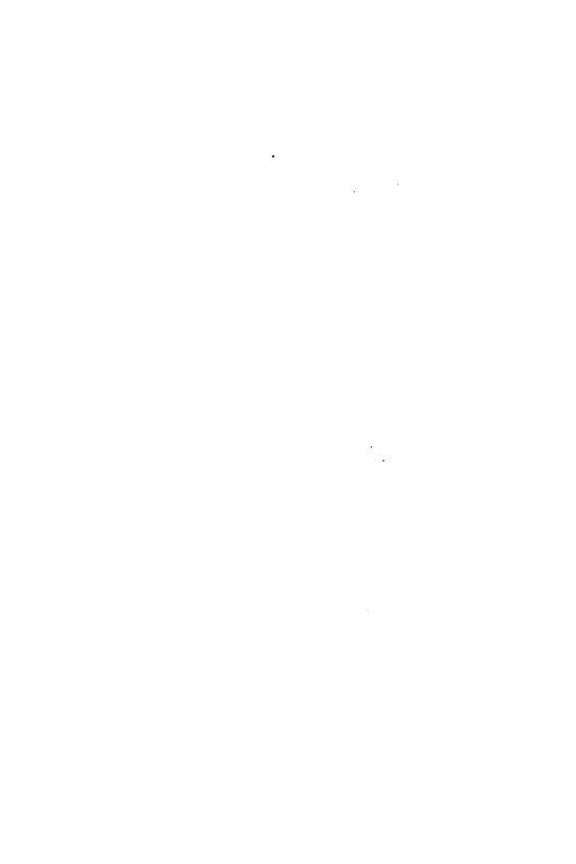
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It is intended that this little Manual should be learned by beginners in the order in which it is arranged;—the Letters and Pronunciation,—the Grammar,—the Vocabulary. The pupil may then be practised in the exercises as given at the end, until he is familiar with such little combinations; after which he will be prepared to translate any easy French book, and to make further progress in the language.



LETTERS AND PRONUNCIATION.

§ 1. The French Alphabet.

THE Letters are the same as in English, but are pronounced differently.

A a call	ed ah.	N n called	en.
ВЪ	bay.	0 0	0.
Cc	say.	Pр	pay.
D d	day.	Qq	ku.
Ее	ey.	Rr	air.
F f	ef.	Ss	ess.
Gg	zhay.	T t	tay.
Hh	ahsh.	U u	u.*
I i	ee.	V v	vay.
Jј	zhee.	Ww	dooble vay.
K k	kah.	Хx	ex.
L 1	el.	Y y	ee-grec.
M m	em.	Zz	zed.

§ 2. Vowels.

Learn thoroughly the Vowels, a, e, i, o, u.

- A is sounded like ah, or a in father; as, à to, la the, ma my, sa his, ta thy, alla went, cassa broke, hâta hasted, parla spoke.
- E accented [é] is sounded like ay in day; as, blé wheat, dé thimble, pré meadow, né born, café coffee, été summer, parlé spoken, pavé pavement.

[.] The sound of this letter must be learned from the Master.

 E mute [e] is not sounded when there is another vowel in the word or syllable, like the e in the English words, bone, stone; as,

âme soul, dame lady, grace favour, rare rare, bête beast, frère brother, mère mother, père father.

- 4. When e mute is the only vowel in a word or syllable it has a short sound; as,
 - ce this, de of, le the, me me, ne not, se himself, te thee, cela that, sera will be.
 - I is sounded like the English e or es; as, ni nor, si if, il he, ile island, finir to finish, demi half, dire to say, mari husband, midi south.
 - O is sounded nearly like the English o; as, or gold, roc rock, botte boot, côté side, force force, bocage grove, obéir to obey, poli polite, parole word.
 - U has no sound exactly like it in English; as, du of the, tu thou, nue cloud, rue street, dur hard, connu known, lune moon, nature nature, plume pen.
 - When y is a yowel it is sounded like the French i; as, y there, lyre lyre, myrle myrle, type type.

§ 3. Diphthongs.

A Diphthong is two vowels united in one sound.

ai, sounded like ay in day.

au, , o. oi, ,, wau.

ei, ,, ay nearly.

eu, (learn of the Master).

ui, ,, we.

- Ai, sounded like ay in day; as, aile wing, air air, gai lively, haie hedge, vrai true, aigle eagle, aigu sharp, balai broom, il aime he loves.
- Au, sounded like o; as, au to the, beau fine, eau water, peau skin, sauf safe, aussi also, faute fault, taupe mole, taureau bull.
- Ei, sounded like ay nearly; as, neige snow, pleine full, reine queen, veine vein, peine trouble, treize thirteen, seize sixteen.
- Eu (learn the sound from the Master); as, eu had, feu fire, leur their, neuf nine, peu little, beurre butter, neveu nephew, peur fear, seul alone.