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INTRODUCTION

This Reader introduces the child to some of the best stories in the field of children's literature, tales which have been told and retold to the delight of countless generations of boys and girls of all lands. Thus, the child in learning to read, is given selections which are both interesting and worth while as literary possessions. A group of mother-plays, a group of lullabies, eleven fables, nineteen folk tales, and ten short poems offer an attractive first-year course in literature.

While these stories are simple, they have been chosen largely for their dramatic quality. They are therefore valuable for purposes of oral reproduction. Entire stories are given in order to satisfy the child's longing for the completed narrative.

Careful attention has been given to matters of gradation, not only in vocabulary and sentence structure but also in the story elements—the plot. The word list includes the vocabulary usually found in both primer and first reader.

This book is distinctive for its abundance of choice prose which gives the power to read and the ability to follow the narrative. The poetry bears a proper relation in quantity to the prose and is of a high quality.

On the whole, this is a book for reading, pure and simple, and the author believes that it furnishes material of a kind to arouse the strongest interest in first grade boys and girls.

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All the pretty things put by,
Wait upon the children's eye,
Sheep and shepherds, trees and crooks,
In the picture story-books.

—*Robert Louis Stevenson.*

MOTHER PLAYS WITH BABY



Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake,
Baker's man.
Pat it, and bake it,
As fast as you can.



THE FIVE LITTLE PIGS

Baby likes mother to play with his toes.
Mother says,

This little pig went to market;
This little pig stayed at home;
This little pig had roast meat;
This little pig had none;
This little pig cried, "Wee, wee, wee!"
All the way home.

