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PREFACE

This little book contains material enough for an elementary course in spelling.

Most of the words are selected from the readers in use from the fourth to the sixth grammar grades. Many words also are taken from the other text books used.

The pupils from the outset should be given to understand that the study of spelling is no easy task, but rather that it is a hard and serious work. Each lesson for the morrow should be read aloud in class by the pupils. The meaning of the words should be given and their use explained. Oral sentence building should form a part of the spelling lesson. The pupils should be required to make use of the dictionary. Dictation exercises and spelling bees lend variety to the lesson and excite a laudable emulation.

GUIDE TO PRONUNCIATION

NOTE.—This Guide is given to aid the pupil in the use of the dictionary.

VOWELS

ā	as in gāte	ī (=ē)	as in polīce
â	as in câre	i͟e (=ē)	as in chi͟ef
ă	as in căt	ō	as in ōld
á	as in ásk	ô	as in lôrd
ạ (=ŏ)	as in whạt	ŏ	as in nŏt
ä	as in cär	ȯ (=ŭ)	as in sȯn
a̤	as in a̤ll	ọ (=ụ)	as in wọlf
ai (=â)	as in âir	ọ̤ (=o͝o)	as in dọ̤
ai (=ā)	as in āim	oa (=ō)	as in bōat
au (=ä)	as in äunt	o͝o (=ọ̤)	as in mo͝on
ē	as in ēve	o͝o (=ọ)	as in fo͝ot
ĕ	as in ĕnd	ū	as in pūre
ẽ	as in hẽr	ŭ	as in cŭp
ê	as in thêre	û	as in bûrn
e͟ (=ā)	as in the͟y	ụ (=ọ)	as in fụll
ea (=ē)	as in ēar	ụ̤	as in rụ̤de
ei (=ē)	as in recēive	ew (=ū)	as in new
ī	as in īce	ȳ (=ī)	as in flȳ
ĭ	as in pĭn	y̆ (=ĭ)	as in hy̆mn
ĩ (=ẽ)	as in bĩrd	ỹ (=ẽ)	as in mỹrrh

CONSONANTS

ç (=s)	as in çent	n̲ (=ng)	as in in̲k
c (=k)	as in cat	ph (=f)	as in sulphur
ce (=sh)	as in ocean	qu (=kw)	as in queen
ch (=k)	as in school	s̲ (=z)	as in has̲
çh (=sh)	as in maçhine	s (=sh)	as in sure
ci (=sh)	as in gracious	s (=zh)	as in pleasure
dġ (=j)	as in edġe	ssi (=sh)	as in passion
ed (=d)	as in burned	si (=zh)	as in occasion
ed (=t)	as in baked	ti (=sh)	as in nation
f (=v)	as in of	wh (=hw)	as in when
ḡ (hard)	as in ḡet	x (=z)	as in Xavier
ġ (=j)	as in ġem	x (=ks)	as in tax
gh (=f)	as in laugh	x̲ (=gz)	as in ex̲ist

DEFINITIONS

Spelling is the art of forming words by arranging their proper letters in due order.

A **Letter** is a character used to represent a sound of the human voice.

A **Vowel** is a letter which forms a perfect sound when uttered alone.

A **Consonant** is a letter which cannot be perfectly uttered till joined to a vowel.

A **Syllable** is a letter, or a combination of letters pronounced together, and is either a word or a part of a word.

A **Word** is a spoken or written sign of an idea.

A **Prefix** is a syllable placed at the beginning of a word; as, *un*safe = *not* safe.

A **Suffix** is a syllable placed at the end of a word; as, safe*ly* = in a safe *manner*.

Syllabication is the division of words into syllables.

Accent is a stress of voice on a certain syllable of a word.

Homonyms are words pronounced alike.

Synonyms are words having the same or nearly the same meaning.

Antonyms are words of opposite meaning.