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## PREFACE

THE simple little stories of the Howe Primer offer the means by which the child learns to know by sight the words he already knows by sound.

This Primer recognizes that a child's vocabulary must follow his natural interests in his pets, toys, games, sports, his playmates, family ties, and his relations with the postman, fireman, farmer, soldier and other familiar representatives of industrial, civic, and institutional life. Since the child is himself the hero of so many adventures, he expresses himself naturally in stories which appeal to his self-activity, and which give him opportunity for soliloquy, dialogue, and action.

His nursery rhymes, short stanzas of poems new to him, and such familiar stories as *Boy Blue*, *Bo Peep* and *Little Red Riding Hood*, are woven into his everyday experiences in a friendly, natural way.

This Primer is carefully graded. New words are introduced gradually and are repeated frequently until they become fixed in the child's mind.

The whole spirit of the book is that of joyous, happy childhood. None but real children will be found in the book.

To the artist, Miss Florence E. Storer, who has cooperated in carrying out this spirit in line drawings of simplicity and grace, and to Mrs. M. T. Varney, who has contributed some suggestions as to text, grateful acknowledgments are made by the authors.





I am May.

I am a girl.

I can run.

I can play.

Can you run?

Can you play?



I am Ned.

I am a big boy.

I can play.

Can you play?

Can you run?

I can run.



I am May.  
This is my kitty.  
My kitty can run.  
My kitty can play.  
Run, kitty, run!  
Play, kitty, play!