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## PREFACE

THIS book is the first of a series designed to give a complete course of study in arithmetic for elementary grades beyond the second year in school. Part I is intended for a review of such ground as the pupil should have covered before beginning the use of a text-book. It takes up counting to one hundred and the combinations of numbers to twenty as a number limit. In this part of the book, oral and mental exercises predominate.

Part II introduces more advanced written and oral work, and makes steady progress in measurements, denominate numbers, and simple fractions.

It is designed to serve the teacher as a guide and the pupil as a text-book for the advance work in numbers to be taken in the third school year.

Recent changes in thought and practice as to numbers and number teaching have been met in what is believed to be a rational manner. Diagrams, illustrations, measurements, etc., have been liberally employed. The idea that notions of number and numerical operations should be acquired from the concrete has been given full recognition. Measuring and comparison of magnitudes and values are constantly employed and are made the basis for abstract number concepts.

The need for accuracy and facility in the fundamental processes with abstract numbers is met by a systematic presentation of the elementary combinations and an increased amount of practice upon the more difficult of these combinations. The amount of practice given upon any particular combination should be proportional to the difficulty which children in general have in mastering it. It is well known to practical teachers that combinations like 8 and 5 which have results in

a higher decade are more difficult than combinations like 3 and 5 which have results in their own decade. This principle of special attention and drill upon the more difficult combinations is applied in each of the fundamental processes. Time should be saved to the pupil by the skill thus acquired, as well as by the uniform avoidance of long and involved ciphering processes.

It has been the endeavor of the authors to arrange the work in accordance with the order of the child's mental development, to keep the work presented within the child's ability to do, so that he may gain a sense of power, mastery, confidence, and satisfaction in his number work. The logic of the subject itself has been subordinated in arrangement of matter to the interests of the child. This is essentially an arithmetic reader, in that oral work predominates in large measure. This fact should be kept in mind, and the oral side of arithmetic work should be made much more prominent than it generally is in primary grade work.

The teacher is helped by numerous illustrations, illustrative examples, suggestive notes, etc., which occur in the book at the times and places when and where they should be read and used. This arrangement seems to promise more for the successful teaching of the subject than the placing of such suggestive material in a special teacher's manual.

Another feature of the book is the great number and variety of exercises. This meets a demand which teachers have long felt.

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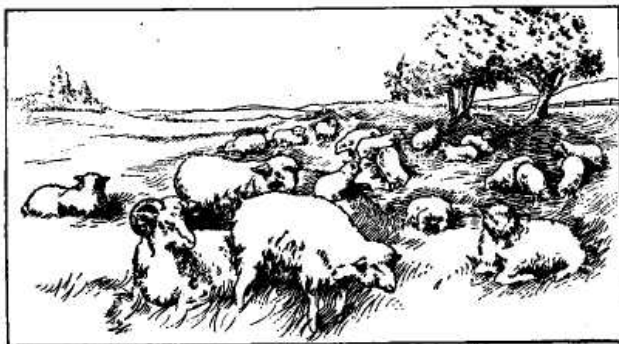
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# FIRST BOOK

## PART I



### COUNTING EXERCISE

1. Here is a picture of —— sheep.
2. In the schoolroom there are —— children.
3. Count all the panes of glass in the schoolroom.
4. Write the figures for the numbers from one to twenty.

**NOTE.** The teacher should supply objects to be counted and be sure that, in counting, the pupil has the magnitude idea of numbers and not simply the ordinal idea.