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#### PREFACE.

The grammatical development, necessarily more or less selective throughout the entire series, is particularly so in this Fourth and closing Book. Without adding very greatly to the projected limits of the series it has been altogether impossible to cover the whole grammatical field.

In view of this fact no attempt has been made to present the whole subject of German Grammar in all its parts and in all its details, but only that which is of most importance to be learned at the beginning. Accordingly many points have been left for supplementary study with the aid of the accompanying Compendium of German Grammar, but word-forms as determined by declension and conjugation have been exhibited with unusual fulness for an elementary work.

In this Book the treatment of the verb has been continued from the Third Book, completing the exhibit of the forms of the indicative mode and adding paradigms of all the other modes.

In the way of explaining and illustrating the various uses of the subjunctive, comparatively little has been attempted. Some statement is made and some examples are given of two of the principal uses of the subjunctive, but all other uses have been relegated to the Compendium, to which the student is referred for a fuller treatment of this as of many other subjects.

The subject of word-arrangement in the construction of sentences is an important as well as a somewhat difficult one in German composition. One page only has been devoted to this subject, sufficing for the statement of a few leading principles. For the rest, so far as this series is concerned, an observation and imitation of the models therein presented will be amply sufficient.

In this Book a number of lessons have been devoted to grammatical definitions for the purpose of introducing the student to some extent to the grammatical phraseology of the German language, which is exceedingly rich in this respect. In an e'ementary work of a general character, however, but little can be done in technical directions, and students who may wish to carry the study and use of German into particular fields must do so with special technical aids.

A series even of four small books will, doubtless, appear sufficiently extensive and formidable to a novice, but no student should allow himself for a moment to expect the attainment of a perfect mastery of so difficult a language as the German within the limits of such a series. At the very best it can only serve as an introduction to the language, and as a foundation on which to build in after study.

The student who shall thoroughly master all the books of this series will find himself furnished with a vocabulary—to speak in round numbers—of some two thousand words, by which through the variations of declension and conjugation he will be able to express many times that number of ideas. But even this is not adequate to all the demands of literature, and of business and social intercourse. Hence the capital thus acquired should be further enlarged by diligent and careful perusal of good German authors, accompanied by the continued study of the principles of German grammar and observation of the characteristics of German style.

In concluding this Inductive Series the author desires to make grateful acknowledgment of his obligations to Prof. C. F. Kolbe, Ph. D., of Buchtel College, Akron, O., for the careful and painstaking manner in which he has reviewed the manuscript and read the proofs of the entire series, and also for many excellent criticisms and suggestions, by which the value of the work has been enhanced in many important details.

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# Lesson I.

# Pluperfect Tense.

The forms of the pluperfect tense are made with the imperfect of the auxiliaries fein and haben and the perfect participle of the principal verb.

### Paradigms of Conjugation.—Pluperfect Indicative. Active Voice.

#### With Auxiliary haben.

ich hatte gefeben, du hatteft gefehen, er hatte gefehen, wir hatten gefehen, ihr hattet gefehen, fie hatten gefeben,

I had seen. thou hadst seen. he had seen. we had seen. you had seen. they had seen.

### With Auxiliary fein.

ich war ausgegangen, du warft ausgegangen, er war ausgegangen, wir waren ausgegangen, ihr wart ausgegangen, fie waren ausgegangen,

I had gone out. thou hadst gone out. he had gone out. we had gone out. you had gone out, they had gone out,

#### Passive Voice.

ich war gefehen worden, du warft gefeben worden, er mar gefehen worden, wir waren gefehen worden, we had been seen. ihr wart gefehen worden, fie waren gefeben worden,

I had been seen. thou hadst been seen. he had been seen. you had been seen. they had been seen.

# Vocabulary.

der Chulmeifter(I.1.),school-" Giner (I. 1.), unit. [master. die Zafel (II.),table,board,slab " Siffer (II.), figure. [board.

" Bandtafel (II.), black-" Rreibe, chalk. Schulftube (II.), school-

Reife (II.), line. [cipher.

Rull (II.), naught, zero,

die Bahl (II.), number. facter. das Reichen (I. 1.), sign, charherfagen (II.), to recite, repeat. namft, next.

oberft, upper, highest, top. nămlic, namely.

ordentlim, regularly, orderly. cinual, once, one time.

biffe! pray! please!

#### IDIOMS.

Rod cinmal, still one time = once more.

#### Grammatical Notes.

Bitte is properly the first person singular, present indicative active of bitten, to ask, beg, request. It is much used and in about the same way as English "please;" as, bitte, reichen Sie mir meinen Sut! Please hand me my hat.

Cardinal numerals. The ground forms of all German numerals are the numbers cins, swei, brei, vier, etc., which are accordingly called cardinal numerals, from Latin cardo, a hinge.

The cardinal numerals from one to twenty are analogous in their formation to the corresponding English numbers. The odd numbers from twenty to one hundred are formed by placing the unit before the ten with und between them; as cin und awangia, zwei und dreißig, drei und vierzig, etc. These compound expressions are generally written as one word; as vierundfünfzig, fünfundfechzig, etc.

The German makes use of the Arabic and Roman numerals in the same manner as the English.

The preposition nad frequently follows its case; as der Reihe nach instead of nach der Reihe, according to the row = in succession, consecutively.



1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 0.

10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19.

20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29.

30, 31, 32, 33, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100.

- 1. Hier ist eine große Tafel an ber Band in einer kleinen Schulstube das ist eine Bandtasel. Bas steht baran geschrieben? Es stehen viele Ziffern baran. Wer hat diese Ziffern an die Wandtasel geschrieben? Der Schulmeister hat dieselben mit einem kleinen Stüd Kreibe baran geschrieben.
- 2. Wie stehen die Zissern an der Wandtasel? Sie stehen ganz ordentslich in Reihen. Was steht auf der ersten und obersten Zeile? Das sind die Einer; nämlich, eins, zwei, drei, vier, sünf, sechs, sieben, acht, neun. Was ist das runde Zeichen am Ende der Zeile? Das ist eine Null.
- 3. Wie heißt es, wenn man bie Zahlen so ber Reihe nach hersagt? Das heißt zählen. Was steht in ber nächsten Reihe? Das sind die Zahlen, die zwischen 9 und 20 stehen. Bitte, zählen Sie dieselben! Zehn, elf, zwölf, breizehn, vierzehn, fünfzehn, sechzehn, siebzehn, achtzehn, neunzehn.
- 4. Was steht auf ber britten Beile? Das sind die Bahlen von 20 bis 29. Bitte, zählen Sie noch einmal! Bwanzig, einundzwanzig, dreiundzwanzig, breiundzwanzig, fünfundzwanzig, siechsundzwanzig, siebenundzwanzig, achtundzwanzig, neunundzwanzig.
- 5. Was kommt nach 29? Nach 29
  kommt breißig; bann kommt einundbreißig, zweiunddreißig, dreiunddreißig
  u. s. w., bis neununddreißig. Dann
  kommt vierzig, fünfzig, sechzig, siebzig,
  achtzig, neunzig, hundert. Sehr gut!
  Usso können Sie bis hundert zählen.

# Vocabulary.

der Grund (I. 4.), foundation. die Million (II.), million.

- " Rummer (II.), number.
- " Grundjahl (II.), cardinal numeral.
  - Ordnung (II.), order.

die Ordnungsjahl (II.), ordinal numeral. ausdrüden (II.), to express. hauptfählich, chiefly. foeben, just, just now. ders, dies, dasjenige, that.

#### IDIOMS.

Weil fie allen andern Jahlen zu Grunde liegen, because they to all other numbers to foundation lie = because they lie at the foundation of all other numbers.

#### Grammatical Notes.

The ordinal numerals, with the exception of erft, are formed from the cardinals by adding the suffixes t and ft, t being used for the ordinals from inveite to neunselente, and ft for all higher numbers. Tritte and ante show irregularities in formation, the former changing the diphthong et to short i after which the t is doubled, the latter losing the final t of the cardinal before the ordinal suffix.

The ordinals are always used as attributive adjectives with the definite article and consequently appear only in their inflected form with the endings of the weak adjective declension.

When expressed in Arabic characters by way of abbreviation the ordinals are written as follows: 1fte, 2te, 3te, 20fte, 21fte, 30fte, 32fte, 40fte, 100fte, 1000fte, etc.

Folgend is present active participle from folgen, to follow. This participle is always formed by adding b to the present infinitive and is only used attributively, never predicatively like the corresponding English participle in ing. Thus, das brennende Licht, the burning candle, but not das Licht ift brennend, the candle is burning.