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So far as I know, there is no book which is distinctively a phrase book. Because of this fact, I have for years been collecting phrases from all sources. Whenever and wherever I have found in any volume, magazine, newspaper, or during conversation, a distinctive phrase I have made a note of it.

This volume is the result of an endeavor to classify these phrases so that the reader may secure a synonymous phrase as, in a book of synonyms, he secures a synonymous word.

It would be difficult for me to give credit for every phrase found in this book. In fact, it would be impossible to determine who are the authors of the larger number of our English phrases. I have, however, found in certain books a number of phrases so distinctive and characteristic that it is only proper to give due credit to the authors.

The novels of Dumas have supplied a great number of phrases for conversation, and I have found good material also in the correspondence of Mrs. Hannah More.

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Many general phrases have been derived from the writings of Thackeray, and the Essays of Samuel McCord Crothers.

For sermonic phrases I have found the writings of the Rev. Thomas Guthrie, D.D., and the Rev. J. H. Jowett, D.D., particularly helpful.

Men who have ability to make new phrases may be pleased to have at hand a book of this kind.

The clergyman who begins his every observation with "It seems to me" and continues "Along that line," will find here a variety of prefatory and introductory phrases.

Teachers who make a habit of adding new words and new phrases to their speech will doubtless find good browsing here.

There is perhaps no more difficult letter to write than one of condolence. A number of phrases are given under this designation, in order to assist in this most difficult and yet most blessed task.

Since we talk in phrases as well as in words, every home needs a phrase book as well as a dictionary.

I wish to make grateful acknowledgment to James Baldwin, author of *The Book Lover*, and to Miss Isobel Stevenson, of the New York City Public Library, for valuable suggestions con-

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