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PREFACE.

"LEARN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE AS YOU LEARNED YOUR MOTHER-TONGUE"—this is, in a few words, the method which Professor Ahn has so successfully adopted in his Continental Grammars.

It is the way that nature herself follows,—it is the same which the mother points out in speaking to her child, repeating to it a hundred times the same words, combining them imperceptibly, and succeeding in this way to make it speak the same language she speaks. To learn in this manner is no longer a study—it is an amusement.

The editor of this Grammar has followed the rational system which has already procured for Professor Ahn a European reputation, and he has adopted it for the study of the Spanish Language. He is greatly indebted to the excellent Grammars of Lespada and Martincz, which he has used for the groundwork of this Grammar, and it is hoped that its simplicity and utility will procure for it that favor which the German, French, and Italian Grammars of Professor Ahn have already found in the colleges and schools of England.

THE EDITOR.

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PRONUNCIATION.

THE ALPHABET.

THE Spanish alphabet has twenty-seven letters, of which the following are the *names*:

<i>Letters.</i>	<i>Names.</i>	<i>Letters.</i>	<i>Names.</i>
1. a,	ah.	15. n,	ai-nay.
2. b,	bay.	16. ñ,	ai-nyay.
3. c,	thay.	17. o,	oh.
4. ch,	tehay (as in <i>chain</i>).	18. p,	pay.
5. d,	day.	19. q,	koo.
6. e,	ay (as in <i>hay</i>).	20. r,	ai-ray, or air-ray.
7. f,	éf-fay.	21. s,	és-say.
8. g,	hay.	22. t,	tay.
9. h,	ah-tehay.	23. u,	oo.
10. i,	ee.	24. v,	vay.
11. j,	ho-tah.	25. x,	ai-kiss.
12. l,	ai-lay.	26. y,	(<i>ee</i> vowel, or <i>ee</i> <i>grae</i> - ai-gab).
13. ll,	ai-lyay.	27. z,	thai-tah.
14. m,	ai-may.		

K and *w* are not Spanish letters, but are used in foreign words.

All the letters are feminine in Spanish.

The vowels are *a*, *e*, *i*, *o*, *u*, and *y* when it stands by itself, or at the end of a word, or of a syllable immediately followed by a consonant. They must be fully and distinctly pronounced, and are never silent, except *u* in the syllables *gue*, *gui*, *que*, *qui*. When the *u* is to be sounded in them, it is marked with two dots over it; thus, *argüir* (ar-goo-ir), *agüero* (ah-goo-er'-oh). The consonants must be fully sounded, particularly at the end of the words.