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PREFACE.

The powers and sounds of the letters should be taught at the blackboard.

The letters are associated in the book with pictures which are intended to suggest the powers and sounds of the letters after they have been taught.

All the work in the book is intended to be done by the pupils, absolutely without help. This independent work, though it may seem at first to be slow, will be really most effective and most rapid.

Most phonic systems are based on the idea that every sound of the variable letters must be represented by a special sign or mark. Experience has proved that this idea is wrong. If pupils are properly taught the common and long sounds of vowels, and are trained to know when to expect certain letters to be silent, the association of the words in the sentences will enable them to do the rest, and the mental exercise they get in making the necessary adjustments is one of the best direct intellectual results of learning to read.

After the first few weeks it is well to have more than one sound of a letter or diphthong on the same page or even in the same sentence.

There are two kinds of problems in learning to read: ear problems and eye problems. In the ear problems the pupil hears the sounds spoken by the teacher and translates the sounds of the word into letters; in the eye problems he sees the word and translates the letters into sounds, and combines the sounds into the word.

The combining process is the very first step in teaching reading. The pupils should be trained to recognize short words by listening to them, when they are sounded with a slight pause between the sounds of which they are composed.

Most of the work in class should be ear problems. The Primer contains eye problems for the pupil to solve at his seat.

The use of script must begin in the first lesson in connection with the ear problems. Children learn to write by using script for a definite purpose.

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PART I

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Tata, mamma; Tata, papa

Pupils make words by putting letters before:

- am
- at

- am
- at

- ot
- op
cap cap cat cat cot
cast cast hat hat ham
hot hot ram rap
rat rat rot harp
car car crop cross
cart cart stop harm
star star rasp cram

c c C
c c C

c c C

Sam has a cat.

c c C
c c C

c c C

Tom has a harp.

Sam has a cat.

c c C
c c C

c c C

Tom has a harp.

Sam has a cat.

c c C
c c C

c c C

Tom has a harp.

Pat has a stamp.

Pupils make words by adding letters:

ra −, ra −, ra −, ra −,
s −, t −, st −, st −,
m −, P −, pa −, po −.
Nan has a net.
Nat has a tent.
Tom has a nest.
Sam has set a hen.
Mat has ten hens.

Word making.
- at, - at, - at, - at, - at, - at, - at.
- - st, - - st, - - st, - nt, - - nt.
trust
lump
bitter

Jim can jump on a bar.
Tom can, but Sam cannot.
Sim is in bed; a bad cur bit him.

Word making.
---st, ---st, ---nt, ---nt.
bu---, ju---, cru---, bo---.
Fan can dress her doll.
Ned hid his tin top in a lot.
Tom had a fern.
Dan did not hit Sam.
Miss Ross hurt her arm on a car.

m - n, n - n, p - t, p - t, p - t.
p - n, p - n, l - d, l - d, n - t.
Ned's kitten got milk in a pan.
Tom had a pug dog in a barn.
Jim can fix Fan's big box.
Mix corn and bran in a box for an ox.
As snug as a bug in a rug.
Will has a pet rabbit in a big box. Has Fan a wax doll yet? Not yet, but Vic has a doll.
Tom’s vest is on a peg. Will Sam get wet? Not wet, but damp. Tim runs well. Tim will win yet. Yonder is a wasp’s nest on a stump. A dog, a man, a cat, and a hat.
Vowels long before silent vowels.

hat  hate  mat  mate
not  note  rot  rote
mit  mite  dot  dote
pet  Pete  mit  mite
bit  bite  cut  cute
Joe  hoe  pie  crow
coat hay eat pail

Tom went on a lake.
Jane and Kate ate a fine cake.
Take a cup of milk for Joe.
Run for Kate and Pete.
Did Tim’s dog bite Dick?
I like cake and milk for supper.
Cake will make Jane sick.
A wave came on a lake.
James has a fine cane.
He gave me a cane like it.
Jane is pale. Jane cannot run a mile.
This is Jim with his kitten and dogs. Jim is kind to the kitten and the dogs. The little dog barks at the kitten. The kitten purrs. She likes the dogs. The dogs sleep in the kennel. The kitten sleeps in the kennel with them. Jim likes these pets and feeds them well. The cat can run up a tree, but the dogs cannot. The dogs can drive the sheep home.
See the ten ducks and their mamma. 
See the web between the toes of the duck on the land. 
Swim, little ducks, swim fast. 
The little ducks cannot swim so fast as their mamma. 
Get up on land, little ducks, and pick in the sand. 
Run and get ten big bugs. 
Swim, little ducks, swim.
This is a woodpecker.

I like to see his red head. I like to hear him hammer on a tree.

He makes his nest in a hole in a tree. He eats grubs that he gets in the trees.

Tap, tap, tap; hammer, hammer, hammer; hear him at his work in the woods.

He taps the trees to find the grubs. He can do a lot of work in a day. He will go away in the winter.

His little woodpeckers will be safe from the old cat, for she cannot get at the nest in the hole in the tree.
Sh.

See that fine ship. I wish I was on that ship. She has a lot of fine fish. She will get home with the fish next week.

Ow.

This is a fine cow. She gives us milk. She eats grass in summer, and hay in winter.
I can see the man in the moon.
The cow jumped over the moon.
The dish ran away with the spoon.

Do you like to run and jump?
I can spin a top. Can you do it?

This boy has a pole and line to get fish for his father and sister. His sister Floy has a lot of toys. He is a good boy.
He is kind to his sister, and she likes him.
Let us get these polly-wogs and keep them till they grow to be frogs. Their legs will grow and their tails will drop off. How funny these polly-wogs look!

We must get them fresh water.

"a" in water.

\[ y = i. \]

Keep still and let us look at this frog! He will try to catch that fly. How he can jump! He can live on land or in the water.
Where did you get this whip? Why did you buy it?

"a" as in said.

Albert and Jane went to the barn. Albert took a pail to hold eggs.

Jane was very glad to find an egg in a nest.

She ran to Albert and said: "See what I have."

"Where did you find it?" said he.

"In the barn, on the hay," said she.
all and ey.

These boys like to play a game of ball. It is a fine day and they have a holiday. They have had a swim in the river near the mill, and now they will have the game. They are small boys, but they can play ball well. The little boy is too small to play. These girls do not play ball. I like to see girls play ball. Do you see the hill behind the mill? The river flows past the mill and the hill. I hope the ball will not fall into the water.
This boy is trying to bring the cow home to get her milked. She is running fast, and he is striving to get ahead of her. He is breathing very hard. It is a fine picture. See the boy's boots. Where is his home? He makes the cow run too fast. He calls the cow: "Co boss, co boss, co boss, co, co, co!"
These girls are out in a spring shower.
The rain is falling out of the clouds.
The rain will make the grass grow and the flowers spring up in the woods and by the side of the road.
The girls live in a brown house by the mill. They are going to gather flowers in a grove about a mile from home.
Fred. Jones and Charles Sims are playing ball. They take turns in throwing. They need another boy. John Brown will come soon.

Fred. went home and said:
"Mamma, is supper ready?"
"I am making the cakes," she said.
"I think I am too hungry to wait," said Fred. "May I have a good thick slice of bread and butter?"
What a lot of baby hares! How proud their mother looks! Count the young hares. One, two, three, four, five. Why are their ears long? Why are their tails short? How happy they are in their home in the woods, with their mother.
This bird has a nest in the tree. She is flying to get a rest. She has to sit all day and night on her eggs to keep them warm.

Her mate brings her food to eat. How happy she will be when the little birds come out.

Be kind to the birds.

How many birds can you name? I know robins and blue birds and sparrows and warblers and thrushes and swallows.
aw.

"Mamma! put on the baby's shawl and I will draw her to the pond to see the boys and girls skating," said Nellie Daw.

"Yes, Nellie," said her mamma, "I am glad you wish to take her for a ride, for I fear it may soon thaw."

I see our Bob with Jennie. They can skate well.

It is fine fun to skate and slide.
These three girls are Kate, Fannie and Ella. They are looking at a bird that is sitting on a bush. The bird is singing a song, for it is spring. Ella says: "See his pretty wings; they have white spots on them."

Fannie says: "I hope he will make a nest in the garden."

Kate says: "We shall get seed and put water in a cup for him and his mate."
Jane and Annie have a fine pet lamb. It has a long tail. The girls give it milk in a dish. It can eat grass now. It goes out every day. Its mamma died when it was small. When it sees the girls it bleats, "Ma-a." Then they run hard to it and it skips to them. It will have a good coat of wool in the fall, to keep it warm, before the snow falls.
This is Helen Cutter. She is seven years old. She is a very kind girl. She helps her mamma to do her work.

"a" in many. She can make a dress for her doll. She can cut good dolls out of paper. She goes to a kindergarten. She can make many pretty things, and sing many songs for her mamma and papa. She has a little garden and she grows fine flowers in it. She runs to meet her papa every day. Her papa is very fond of her, and is glad to see her at the gate.
Jack and Jill
Went up the hill
To get a pail of water;
Jack fell down
And broke his crown,
And Jill came tumbling after.
Up Jack got
And back did trot
For water for his mother;
Jill went too,
So kind and true,
To help her little brother.

Little Miss Muffet sat on a tuffet,
Eating her curds and whey;
There came a great spider, and sat down beside her,
And frightened Miss Muffet away.
Andrew Brown lives near a park. There are many squirrels in the park. Boys and girls feed the squirrels, and the squirrels will take nuts out of their hands to crack them. When a new squirrel is put in the park it is afraid at first, but it soon finds that the boys are kind, and then it is not afraid.
Jane and Annie are driving their pet lamb to the meadow. Tom is following them. The lamb stays in the meadow when the girls are at school. When they get home, they feed it and put it in the shed. It likes the girls, for they are kind to it. It will have a good fleece of wool in the spring time.
Little Bo-peep
Has lost her sheep,
And doesn't know where to find them;
Leave them alone

And they will come home,

And bring their tails behind them.

"Pat a cake, pat a cake, baker's man!"
"So I do, master, fast as I can."
"Pat it and prick it
And mark it with T,
And then it will do
For Tommy and me."
ch.
Nellie's papa owns a fine collie. Her brother Archie takes the collie to watch the sheep on the hills. Nellie loves Archie and the pup. She treats the pup as if it were a baby. She calls it her darling puppy. Sometimes she ties a ribbon around its neck, and puts a bonnet on its head and takes it in her arms. The big dog barks, "Bow, wow, wow."
nk, think, drink, wink, &c.

These girls and boys are playing Ring around a Rosy. How happy they seem as they go hopping around, singing:
“Ring around a Rosy,
A pot full of posy.
Who drops first?”
I think the big girls are good to play with the little girl and boys. Bertha has a new pink dress.
The boys and their sister are out for a sail in their splendid new boat. She skims over the water! They will soon reach home. They can see the shore now. It looks like rain. That is why they are in a hurry. Sandy is dressed like a sailor. He is captain. He calls his boat the Shamrock. He is careful and watches the sky for storms. His father can trust him to sail the boat on the bay. He likes to take his father and mother for a sail when it does not rain.
What can be the matter with the hen?
This poor old hen cannot tell why her young ducks like to go on the water. She thinks they are chickens and she is afraid they will be drowned. Tom is feeding the ducks with his cake. See how they swim to him to get the crumbs as they fall. The hen says: "Cluck! cluck! cluck!" The ducks say: "Peep! peep! peep!" When they are older, they will say: "Quack! quack! quack!"
Ding dong bell!  
The cat's in  
the well.  
Who put her  
in?  
Little Johnny Green.  
Who pulled her out?  
Big Johnny Stout.  

What a cruel boy was that  
To drown poor pussy cat,  
Who never did him any harm  
And killed the mice  
In his father's barn.  

Pussy cat, pussy cat!  
Where have you been?  
I've been to London  
To see the Queen.
Edna has found the cat and four kittens on her bed. The kittens do not see her, but she wishes to watch them, so she holds up her finger to warn her mother not to make a noise.

The kittens like to sleep on the bed with their mother. When they are hungry they make a great noise. “Meow! Meow! Meow! Meow!” they say, and Edna gets milk in a dish and calls: “Kitty, kitty, kitty,” and all the kittens run for the milk.

When they are fed they say, “Purr, purr.”
What a good time these children have in the woods. They play in the woods every day. They get buttercups and daisies in the woods. Sometimes they pretend they see Indians, and they shout and play that they go to fight the Indians. They play that they shoot Indians when they look out from behind the trees. The boys put their little sister behind a big log when they go to shoot the Indians. They often sit and hear the little birds singing in the trees.
Fannie has been naughty, and her mamma has told her to sit on the chair.

Her little dog knows she is in disgrace. He is very fond of Fannie, and he seems to be very sorry for her. He looks as if he had been scolded instead of Fannie.

When Fannie's mamma lets her get down from the chair, Jip will jump and bark to show how glad he is. Fannie is not often naughty, but today she did what her mamma told her not to do. She is sorry now.
Susan has a large collie. He is a very wise dog. He came from Scotland.

Susan thinks Sandy is the wisest dog in the world. He likes to be kept clean. Susan often washes his face. He knows the names of all the cows, and he can go to the pasture and get any cow Susan's mamma wishes him to bring home.

He can drive a large flock of sheep.
Little Jack Horner
Sat in a corner
Eating his Christmas pie.
He put in his thumb
And pulled out a plum,
And said, "What a good boy am I."

Rain, rain, go away,
Come again some other day,
Little Harry wants to play.

In the heart of a seed,
Down deep, so deep,
A dear little plant
Lies fast asleep.
George and Jessie have a garden of their own. Their father gives them money to buy seeds. George digs the garden. Jessie rakes it to make it smooth. When it is ready, they plant their seeds, and water the soil to make them grow. They grow many kinds of flowers, and some corn and peas. They keep the weeds cleared away so that the plants may grow. They like to work in their garden. They like to take their friends to their garden to show them the flowers, and the corn and peas.
Mary and Ethel are fond of pets. Mary's brother sent her a pretty white rabbit. She likes to stroke its soft fur. She feeds it leaves of cabbage and lettuce. Ethel says she likes her old black cat better than a rabbit. She says the rabbit does no good, but the cat catches rats and mice.

When Ethel rubs Nimrod's back he bends it and looks pleased and purrs. When he wishes to go out, or to get his supper, he says: "Meow! meow! meow!"

The cat and rabbit are good friends.
Ella lives on a farm. Her father has a fine orchard. Ella and her mamma are swinging in the garden. The day is fine, and Ella is very happy. Her father put up the swing for her. Ella often sings as she swings:

“Swinging, swinging,
Here we go.
Backward, forward,
Fast or slow.
Upward, downward,
Happy, free.
Swinging, swinging Merrily.”

When her mother wishes to stop, Ella often says: “Now we will let the old cat die.”
Let us count the sheep: One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight. How gentle they look. They are in the shed on the straw. It is the springtime, for I see a young lamb. I like to see young lambs skip by their mothers. I can see four hens. One is in the window, and three are on the straw. Boys and girls who live on a farm see many wonderful things. The little lamb lies beside its mother.
Spring is coming. The crows say so, "Caw, caw, caw." Pussy Willow says so, too. She has come to see us. We can see the fur hoods from the window. One day robin saw her soft gray hoods, and she was glad to see them coming out of their wintershells. The rain fell and the sun shone on Pussy Willow. The fur hoods burst open and down fell some fine yellow curls. How proud Pussy Willow was when she saw her picture in the stream!
Carrie and Mabel are taking their dolls for a ride. They are going to see the woods. They can see a red squirrel in a tree, and Mabel is afraid of him, but Carrie laughs at her. She says the pretty squirrel will not hurt her. They saw a bird's nest, ferns, wild flowers, yellow butterflies, an ant hill, and a wild rabbit.

When Mabel saw the rabbit jump, it looked so big she ran to Carrie and asked her if it was a bear.

They tried to catch a bird, but it flew away.
Maude and her cat are good friends. They play together every day. Maude will not hurt her cat. When Maude was very young the cat would let her take her in her arms, and squeeze her very tight. She would lie on the floor and let Maude lay her head upon her for a pillow. Maude is a happy little girl. Her papa calls her "little sunshine." She can sing:

"Good morning, merry sunshine,
How did you wake so soon?
You've scared away the little stars,
And shined away the moon."
Helen is visiting her cousin Mabel. It is June and all the trees in the garden are in bloom. Helen thinks she never saw anything in the city so beautiful as the big apple trees covered with pink and white blossoms. Mabel swings Helen high up into the blossoms, so that they kiss her cheek. How much she enjoys it! Fido barks as if he liked to see Helen in the swing. Helen has a large home in the city, but she says she likes to go to see Mabel on the farm in June. Mabel will go to visit Helen when she gets a holiday. Helen will show her many strange things in the city. She will take her to see the animals in the park.
Norman and Grace are out for a walk in the garden. They are looking at a spider spinning her web. She fixed the ends of her web to twigs. She spun her web very fast. It looked like silk when it was done and the sun was shining on it. She spins her web to catch flies. Her small thread is made of a large number of smaller threads wound into one.
Dora has a great Dane that won the first prize at the dog show. Her uncle Charles gave him to her. What a fine big fellow he is! He is gentle, too. He lets Dora hold him by his collar. He does not get cross when little dogs bark at him. He lets Dora’s kitten ride on his back, sometimes. Dora can ride on him, too. He sleeps near the door of Dora’s room, and seems very glad when she gets up in the morning. He is very fond of his little mistress. She likes to play with him, and she is very kind to him.
Nellie is visiting her grandpa. He lives near the sea. He goes out every day to catch fish. Nellie likes to go out in the boat with her grandpa, when it is fine. She likes to try to row the boat, and her kind grandpa shows her how to pull the oar. Her face has got quite brown since she came to the seashore. She has found a lot of shells on the shore, and some pretty seaweed.
Did you ever see a parrot?
Harry Jones has a fine parrot, with a green and red coat. His uncle is a sailor, and he got the parrot for Harry.
The parrot can say many things.
It says: "Time to go to bed, Harry."
When he gets up, it says: "Good morning."
Sometimes it shouts out:
"Harry, Harry, you make too much noise."
One day the parrot was lost and it said, "I'm Harry's parrot, I'm Harry's parrot," till it was taken home.
Harry was very glad to get his parrot back. The parrot seemed to be glad too.
Why is Carrie Smith not at school to-day?
She is sick, and the doctor says she will not be able to come to school for a long time.
"I am so sorry," said all the girls, "June is such a fine month." The girls said they would take flowers to Carrie every day.
Jennie Gage took her a bunch of wild flowers, and Carrie said: "Thank you, Jennie; I love to see the flowers in bloom."

The girls were all very glad when Carrie came back to school.

What wild flower do you like best?
Paint ten nice flowers.
See the train!
Hear it—
choo!
choo!
choo!
It is coming out of the tunnel. The tunnel runs under the big hill. It is dark in the tunnel. George Brown is on the train. He is going to see his grandma in the city. George lives on a farm.
When the train went into the tunnel George was afraid. He will be glad when the train gets out of the tunnel.
He will soon get to the city, now. I am sure he will see many strange things in the city. The train says, "Good-bye, choo, choo, choo!"
Do you like to run for the paper for papa, Laddie?
Why have you four feet, Laddie, when I have only two?
Will you let me pat you on the back, Laddie?
Were you a little pup when my papa got you, Laddie?
Do you like to have me for your little boy, Laddie?
If I get a cart will you give me a ride, Laddie?
Don't you hear me, Laddie? Why don't you speak? Can't you speak?
Let us go and see the new elephant in the Zoo.

What a long trunk he has! See him pull the long grass with it. What big ears and what a little tail he has.

Give him a piece of candy. Do not be afraid. He will not hurt you. He will take it from your open hand very gently.

He can carry you on his back, if you wish to ride. He can draw very heavy loads, too.
Hurrah for the maple leaf! It means more than any other leaf to Canadian girls and boys.
We love the maple tree. It grows so tall and so grand. Its colors are so fine in the fall. It gives us maple sugar. But we love it best because its leaf is the emblem of our own land.
We love to sing, "The maple leaf, our emblem dear, The maple leaf forever; God save our King and heaven bless The maple leaf forever."
Hurrah for the rose, the thistle, the shamrock, and the maple leaf!
"Where did you get those fine cherries, Harry?"

"My mamma gave them to me."

"If you eat all the cherries I am afraid they will make you sick. Won't you give me some, Harry?"

"No!"

"I'll take you fishing, if you give me some."

"Will you let me fish?" "Yes."

"All right, you may have one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight."