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PREFACE

PURPOSE AND PLAN

This is a spelling book pure and simple, designed for use in all the grades or years of school work above the third.¹ It has been arranged on a definite psychological plan, based upon an examination of the schools of nearly all the large cities of the country and upon a careful study of the actual spelling of more than 33,000 pupils.

The characteristic features of the book are:

1. The careful grading of the work in accordance with the natural growth of the child's comprehension; the words selected for each successive year being on a somewhat more mature mental plane.
2. The precedence given to common words.
3. The small number of words as compared with the ground covered.
4. The provision made for thorough drill, by means of constant reviews.

GRADING

As the book is graded upon the plan of postponing the presentation of a word until it has become familiar to the pupil, the study of the meaning of words is rendered practically unnecessary.

Another result of the plan of grading is to obviate largely the necessity for the study of pronunciation. Drill in pronunciation is needed on such words only as are liable to be mispronounced; and these — a comparatively small number in the case of familiar words — are indicated by daggers (†) in the text, and placed together syllabified and marked at the end of each year's work. Other words have not been divided into syllables; for, as my tests have shown that such division is

¹ The work for the first three years is given in the author's "Rational Spelling Book, Part I."

(FOR USE BEYOND THE EIGHTH YEAR — *Continued*)

tournament

tractable

transition

transitory

treatise

troubadour

tympanum

typographical

unanimity

utilitarian

vacillate

valiant

vehement

vernacular

versatile

vicarious

vicissitude

vignette

virtual

virulent

visionary

vivacious

vociferous

volition

voluminous

GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES

The following list includes at least the vast majority of geographical names, of general importance in America, requiring special drill in spelling.

It is suggested that individual teachers select from this list the words needed for their respective grades; add thereto those of local interest; concentrate the drill upon these words, and teach incidentally other terms as they are called for in written work. Such a procedure will guard against the waste involved in indiscriminate drill upon the spelling of geographical names.

Aberdeen	Babylon	Brooklyn
Abyssinia	Bahia	Brussels
Adirondack	Balkan	Buenos Aires
Algiers	Baltimore	Cairo
Alleghany	Baluchistan	Calais
Allegheny	Bangkok	California
Amazon	Barbados	Cambridge
America	Barcelona	Cape Verde
Annapolis	Bering	Caribbean
Antarctic	Belgium	Carpathian
Antwerp	Berkshire	Carthage
Appalachian	Birmingham	Catskill
Ararat	Boise	Champlain
Argentina	Bolivia	Channel
Arizona	Bordeaux	Charlotte
Arkansas	Borneo	Chattanooga
Asia	Bosphorus	Chesapeake
Auckland	Brighton	Cheyenne
Azores	Brindisi	Chicago

Chile	Greenwich	Lorraine
Cincinnati	Guatemala	Los Angeles
Cleveland	Guiana	Louisiana
Clyde	Guinea	Lucerne
Cologne	Haiti	Lynchburg
Colombia	Hamburg	Macedonia
Colorado	Havana	Mackinac
Columbia	Havre	Madagascar
Columbus	Hawaii	Madeira
Connecticut	Hawaiian Islands	Maine
Constantinople	Honduras	Mainz
Dakota	Honolulu	Malay
Dayton	Houston	Manhattan
Delaware	Huron	Manitoba
Des Moines	Illinois	Marseilles
Detroit	Indianapolis	Maryland
Dnieper	Iowa	Massachusetts
Ecuador	Ireland	Melbourne
Edinburgh	Itasca	Merrimac
Egypt	Jamaica	Michigan
England	Kamchatka	Milwaukee
Erie	Kentucky	Minneapolis
Ethiopia	Kissingen	Minnesota
Euphrates	Labrador	Mississippi
Galicia	Lackawanna	Missouri
Gibraltar	Leavenworth	Mobile
Glasgow	Lehigh	Monongahela
Gloucester	Leipzig	Montana
Greece	Lincoln	Mont Blanc

Montpelier	Portugal	Scandinavia
Montreal	Potomac	Schenectady
Munich	Poughkeepsie	Scilly Islands
Natchez	Prague	Seattle
Newfoundland	Providence	Sevastopol
New Hampshire	Prussia	Seine
New Jersey	Quebec	Senegambia
New Orleans	Quito	Shenandoah
New Zealand	Raleigh	Sicily
Niagara	Rhine	Sierra Nevada
Nicaragua	Rhode Island	Silesia
Nova Scotia	Rhone	Sinai
Nuremberg	Rio de Janeiro	Singapore
Oceania	Rio de la Plata	Sioux City
Oklahoma	Rochester	Smyrna
Omaha	Roumania	Southampton
Oregon	Russia	Stockholm
Orinoco	Sacramento	Suez
Ottawa	Saginaw	Susquehanna
Pacific	St. Lawrence	Syracuse
Patagonia	St. Louis	Tallahassee
Persia	St. Petersburg	Tennessee
Philadelphia	Salvador	Thames
Philippine	San Francisco	Thuringia
Pittsburg	Santa Cruz	Ticonderoga
Platte	Santa Fé	Transvaal
Plymouth	Santiago	Trieste
Pompeii	Savannah	Trinidad
Portsmouth	Saxony	Turkestan

