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THE author of the application of the Inflections, &c. to the collection of reading lessons in Murray's English Reader, has, with many others of his profession, borne testimony to the excellency of that work, by making it an almost exclusive reading book in his school for nearly fifteen years. Indeed, public taste has determined the merits of the English Reader, by pronouncing it the best work of the kind now in use. No reading book in the English Language, has a more unlimited circulation, or has done more to advance the art of reading. The writer, however, always supposed the work imperfect; in as much as Mr. Murray's strictures on correct reading are too abstruse and difficult for the generality of pupils; and none of his principles applied to practice; they therefore remained as mere inoperative precepts, without the force of examples. The subscriber has endeavoured to remedy this defect in the work, by applying the acknowledged principles of elocution, by sensible characters, to most of the pieces in the collection; and he has also furnished a Key, for the benefit of the pupil, exhibiting those principles, by rules and examples, and illustrating the manner of applying them to practice. The learner, by consulting this Key, will soon be enabled to extend the principles to general reading;—for this purpose, let him, in the outset, compare his intended lesson with the rules and examples furnished in the Key, and, with a pencil, make the requisite character; this exercise will soon make him master of the principles, and the mode of applying them. These principles will enable him to impart to his reading, the greatest precision, harmony, force, and variety, and give a finishing polish to his style of delivery.

The work has now received its utmost perfection, and wears the stamp of its highest excellence. Mr. Murray's selections have been kept entire, and his order of arrangement scrupulously preserved; for in those respects no writer could have been more fortunate. The book is, in short, what it always has been, the English Reader, with the addition of the principles of Elocution, dictating the precise manner of reading its contents. It is therefore humbly but confidently submitted to the favour of a discriminating public, by that public's devoted servant,

M. R. BARTLETT.

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