

PREFACE.

Aus dem Leben eines Taugenichts is admirably adapted by its smooth and easy style, its charming humor and highly poetical conception, for intermediate college reading or advanced high school reading, and it is hoped that this edition will prove acceptable to the many who are seeking suitable material for this purpose.

It is assumed by the editor that the field of grammar has been fairly well mastered by the reader, accordingly but few grammar references are given; but the more difficult idioms are explained, or, if necessary, translated into English, and numerous commentaries of a general nature are introduced, when deemed advisable.

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