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To aid in the study of the marine animals, arrangement has been made by which schools may be supplied with sets of material put up at the Seaside Laboratory, Annisquam, Mass. A list of these specimens will be found at the end of this book. They may be obtained of Mr. B. H. Van Vleck, Assistant, Boston Society of Natural History.

It is believed that with the assistance above acknowledged, the book will be found fairly free from errors; but, for any mistakes it may contain, the author alone should be held responsible.

The author believes that he has encouraged only the most merciful methods of handling live animals, and he would strongly urge all teachers not to do anything that might lead to cruelty to animals.

The only way to know animals, is to see and to handle them; and it is sincerely hoped that the day is near when knowing an animal's name will not pass for knowing the animal itself. If this little book should do somewhat toward the improvement of methods of teaching zoölogy, the author will feel that he has not labored in vain.