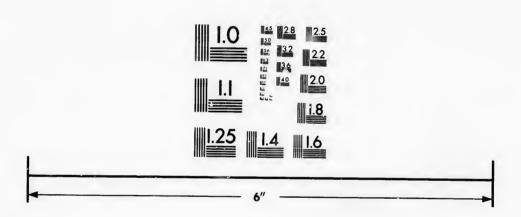


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PART I.

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LESSON 1.

- 1. a cat and a rat.
- 2. a rat and a hat.

LESSON 2.

- 1. the cat sees the rat.
- 2. run, rat, run.
- 3. rat, run from the cat.

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LESSON 6.

- 1. Tom shot a crow with his bow.
- 2. The north wind doth blow, And we shall have snow.
- 3. I saw a crow on the tree.
- 4. When falls the snow, flow-ers will not grow. If warm winds blow, and melt the snow, O quick-ly then the flow-ers will grow.
- 5. When you work and when you play, Think the Lord is near.
- 6. All that you do,
 Do with your might,
 Things done by halves
 Are never done right.

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JIP AND TOPSEY.



1. Tom-my Har-ris had a lit-tle brown dog, named Jip.

2. He did a num-ber of tricks, and would stand on his hind legs for a bit of bread.

3. His cou-sin Hat-tie gave him a pret-ty kit-ten. Tom-my thanked her.

4. The kittie's moth-er did not like to let it go.

5. When he took the kit-ten to his home, Jip ran af-ter it,



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THE QUEER CHICKENS.

- 1. May Jones had a pet hen named Pol-ly. She sat on some duck eggs un-til ten lit-tle ducks cracked the shells and came out. One day they came to a pond and they all ran in-to the wa-ter. Pol-ly was a-fraid they would be drowned. She soon saw that they could swim, and she thought they were ver-y smart chick-ens.
 - 2. Next year she hatched her own

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ROBIN'S NEST.

1. Aunt Jen-nie lost some fine lace last spring. She thought some bad boy or girl had sto-len it, when she had spread it on the lawn to dry.

2. A few weeks af-ter, I found a robin's nest, and, would you be-lieve it, the sau-cy fel-low had tak-en Aunt Jen-nie's lace to make his nest.

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Helen gathering Flowers for her Teacher.

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THE SECOND READER is one step in advance of the First. The words are lenger; the sentences are a little longer; and the number of literary phrases has been increased. The exercises are more numerous; and simple exercises in grammar have been introduced.

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THE LITTLE SNOW-SHOVELLER.

Merrily whistling along the street, With his little nose, his hands and feet Sharply bitten by old Jack Frost, His curly hair by the rude wind tost,

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2. One sunbeam ran in at a low cottage door, And played "hide-and-seek" with a child on the floor,

Till baby laughed loud in his glee,

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Kitty mewed her best thanks to the black cat; and the kind stranger, making a low bow and a gentle purr, went away and was never seen again.

J. C. CARLISLE.

DICTATION. - Learn to spell and write out:

The servant gave up the struggle, and allowed the kittens to stop where they were.

Exercises. -1. Learn to spell the following words:

Cel'-lar De-ter'-mined Wear'-ied Al-lowed' Car'-ried Gar'-ret Strug'-gle Stran'-ger.

2. Point out all the nouns in paragraph 7.

3. Write down the name of six animals that people keep as pets.

4. Make nouns out of the following words, either by adding something to them or by taking something away from them: Strange; topmost; childish; sleeping; roomy; black.

5. Explain the following phrases: (1) It struck her that the cellar was damp. (2) Kitty was not of the same mind with the servant. (3) The mamma led the way. (4) The servant gave up the struggle.

6. Make sentences about: Kitty; the three kittens; the servant; a strange cat; a damp cellar; a light garret.

7. Tell the difference between: One and won; maid and made; where and were; your and ewer; time and thyme; hole and whole.

8. The following words have several meanings; give two of them: Top; back; left; want; dog; lead.

9. Write down the names of six things we wear.

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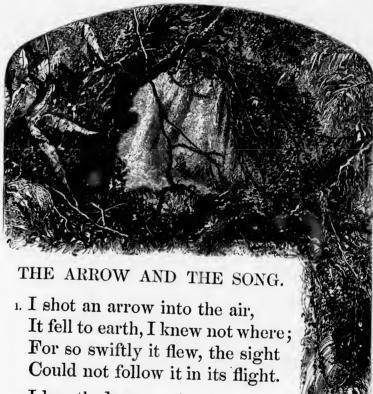
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2. I breathed a song into the air,
It fell to earth, I know not where;
For who hath sight so keen and
strong,

That it can follow the flight of song?

3. Long, long afterward, in an oak
I found the arrow, still unbroke;
And the song, from beginning to end,
I found again in the heart of a friend.

LONGFELLOW.

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was done to the clods? 5. What to the soil? 6. What to the stones? 7. Did they find the treasure they expected? 8. What happened to the vines next year? 9. What was the real treasure which their father had promised? 10. How did they work every year?

EXERCISE. — 1. Learn to spell the following words:

Treasure Sieve Appeared Hoed Vineyard Weilder

2. Point out the nouns, adjectives, and verbs in the last two sentences of the above.

3. Put adjectives before the following nouns: Children, treasure, spot, clod, soil, stone, and vine.

4. Explain the following phrases: (1) Lay at the point of. (2) No sign of any treasure appeared. (3) Every vine bore threefold.

5. Add verbs to the following nouns: Vine-dresser, children, vines, treasure.



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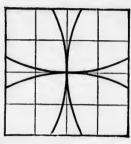
Span'iel, a kind of dog. Snort'ing, grunting. Kine. cows. Wings, flies. Incau'tious, rash, heedless. Vest, waistcoat.

Russ'et, reddish-brown. Quits, leaves. Odd, funny. Precip'itate, headlong. Jaunt, pleasure-trip.

The hollow winds begin to blow,
 The clouds look black, the glass is low,
 The soot falls down,
 the spaniels sleep,
 And spiders from their cobwebs peep.

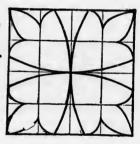
the same, and we found we had a pattern like this: —

9. She asked us to notice that the parts opposite to each other were exactly alike, and told us that this was always so in pattern drawing. She told us to examine the patterns in our carpets and oil-cloths at home, or on our wall paper and lace



curtains, and tell her next day if they did not harmonize in the opposite parts. We found that she was right.

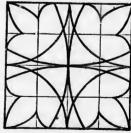
10. Next she marked the centres of the inside lines of the corner squares, and joined them by curved lines with the ends of the lines last drawn, and with the corners of the large square. We did so too, and our patterns then looked like this:



11. She then connected the ends of the diameters by quadrants, and we followed _____

her example, changing our patterns thus:

12. She then showed us that the pattern consisted of four parts, and asked us if we thought it needed anything to complete it. One of the girls



said she thought there ought to be something to

body several inches higher than the head, and retain it in this position long enough to count four slowly. This movement will enable the froth and water to escape from the throat, mouth, and nostrils, so that air may have free access to the lungs, as soon as breathing commences.



RULE 2. — Place the patient on his back, with the chest slightly elevated by a folded coat or other suitable object, and the head in a straight line with the body. This position is necessary for the practice of artificial breathing, described in Rule 4.

Rule 3. — Immediately below the root or back part of the tongue is the entrance of the airtube leading to the lungs. This entrance is guarded by a small valve, which is closed when the tongue falls far back into the throat, and opened when it

"FATHER, I'LL DIE WITH YOU."

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JAQUES CARTIER.

CANADA'S PROGRESS.

Confedera'tion, states or provin- | Untill'ed, not cultivated. ces united. Col'ony, a country dependent on Mar'itime, relating to the sea. its motherland.

Persist'ent, constant.

1. Till the year 1535 no white man had sailed up the St. Lawrence river. The whole of the vast country now called the Dominion of Canada was inhabited by Indians, who were divided into three tribes, the Algonquins, the Hurons, and the Iroquois. 2. They were all savages, whose chief occupations were war and hunting. The whole

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accent (verb), ak-sent', not ak'seni. across, a-kros', not a-krawst'.

adult, a-dult', not ad'ult.

agile, aj'll, not aj'il, nor a'jil. alien, al'yen, not à'l'i-en.

allies (noun and verb), al-liz', not al'liz.

almond, ä'mund, not al'mund. alpaca, al-pak'a, not al-ä-pak'a. altercate, al'-ter-kat, not wl'ter-

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anxiety, augz-i'e-ti, not anks-i'e-ti. apostle, a pos'l, not a pos'tl, nor a-paws'l.

apprentice, ap-pren'tis, not apprin'tis.

aqueduct, ak'we-dukt, not ak'-wedukt.

arctic, ark'tik, not ar'tik. armada, ar-mā'da, not ar-mä'da. Asia, a'shī-a, not a'zhe-a.

asked, askt, not ast. athenæum, ath-e-ne'um, not a-the'-

attacked, at'takt, not at-tak'ted. audience, au'di-ence, not aw'ji-

auxiliary, awgz-il'ya-ri, not awgzil'ĭ-a-rĭ.

awkward, awk'ward, not ork'ard. because, be-kawz', not be-kŭz'.

bedstead, bed'sted, not bed'stid.

Beelzebub, be-el'ze-bub, not bel'ze-bub.

believe, be-lev', not blev. bellows, bel'lus, not bel-loz.

beloved (adj.), be-luv'ed, (verb) be-luvd'.

betroth, betroth', not be-troth. So be-troth'al.

binary, bi'na-ri, not bin'a-ri, nor bi-na'rĭ.

binomial, bi-no'mial, not bi-no'mial.

blasphemous, blas'fe-mus, not blas-fe'mus.

boisterous, bols'ter-us, not bois'-

brigand, brig'and, not bri-gand'. brooch, broch, not brooch.

buoyant, bwoi'ant, not bol'ant, nor bool'ant. So buoy'an-cy.

business, biz'nes, not biz'i-nes. cartridge, kar'trij, not kat'rij.

catch, kách, not kěch. cayenne, ká-en', not ki-en', nor ki-

cemetery, sem'e-ter-i, not sem'e-

centenary, sen'te-na-ri, not senten'a-ri.

certain, ser'tin, not sert'n.

chaldron, chawl'drun, not cawl'dron.

chaos, ka'os, not ka'us.

character, kar'ak-ter, not ka-rak'ter.

chasm, kazm, not kaz'um.

children, chil'dren not chil'durn.



The voyager smiles as he lestens To the sound that grows apace, Well he knows the vester oringing Of the hells of Sh Bonofuce. The hells of the Roman missen That call from their tierrets twoin To the brotherian on the ower and the hunter on the plain.

John Glohelter

Specimen Page of Fourth Reader.

A SMALL CATECHISM.

- 1. Why are children's eyes so bright?
 Tell me why?
 'Tis because the infinite
 Which they've left, is still in sight,
 And they know no earthly blight—
 Therefore 'tis their eyes are bright.
- 2. Why do children laugh—so gay?

 Tell me why?

 'Tis because—their hearts have play
 In their bosoms, every day,
 Free from sin—and sorrow's sway—

 Therefore 'tis—they laugh and play.
- Why do children speak so free?
 Tell me why?
 Tis because from fallacy
 Cant, and seeming, they are free,
 Hearts, not lips, their organs be—
 Therefore 'tis they speak so free,
- Tell me why?

 Tis because they cleave unto
 A familiar, favorite few,
 Without art or self in view—
 Therefore children love so true.

T. D. McGee.

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equally; my own instincts, and nature's provision, and society's requirements, and God's commands, all unite in reprobation of that. My wealth of affection must be in home, children, kindred, country; but my pity must not lock itself in these, my regard must not compress itself within these limits merely - my pity must go forth wherever there is human need and human sorrow; my regard must fasten upon the man, though he has flung from him the crown of his manhood in anger. 7. I dare not despise him, because there, in the depths of his fall, as he lies before me prostrate and dishonored, there shines through the filth and through the sin, that spark of heavenly flamethat young immortal nature which God the Father kindled, over which God the Spirit yearns with continued desire, and God the Eternal Son offered his own heart's blood to redeem. Yes —there is no man now who can rightfully ask the infidel question of Cain. 8. God has made man his brother's keeper. We are bound to love our neighbor as ourselves; and if, in a contracted Hebrew spirit, you are inclined to press the enquiry, "And who is my neighbor?" there comes a full pressure of utterance to authenticate and enforce the answer, Man.Thy neighbor! Every one whom penury has grasped or sorrow startled; every one whom plague hath smitten or whom curse hath banned; every one from whose home the darlings have vanished, and around whose heart the pall has been drawn. Rev. W. M. Punshon.

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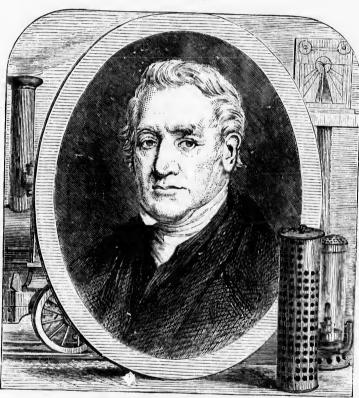
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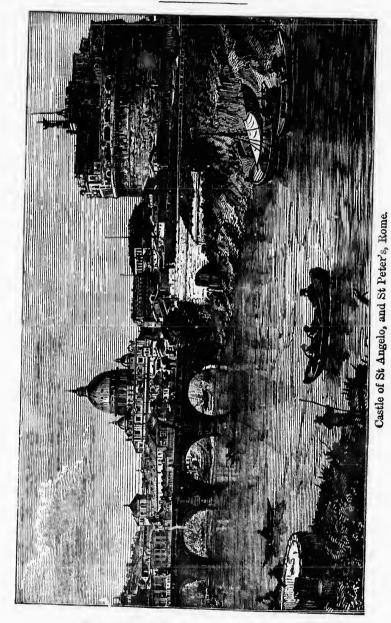


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Locomotion, the act or power | Model, to shape, to copy. another.

of moving from one place to Mechanics, the science which treats of machines.

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Till twelve fair counties saw the blaze on Malvern's 25 lonely height.

Till streamed in crimson on the wind the Wrekin's 26

crest of light.

Till broad and fierce the star came forth on Ely's 27 stately fane,

And tower and hamlet rose in arms o'er all the boundless plain;

Till Belvoir's 28 lordly terraces the sign to Lincoln sent.

And Lincoln sped the message on o'er the wide vale of Trent;

Till Skiddaw 29 saw the fire that burned on Gaunt's 30 embattled pile,

And the red glare on Skiddaw roused the burghers of Carlisle.31

Lord Macaulay (1800-1859).

NOTES.

¹ Aurigny, another name for Alderney, one of the Channel Islands, about seven miles from Cape La Hogue, in Normandy.

² Pinta, the name of one of the high-built vessels of the

Spanish Armada.

3 Edgecumbe or Edgecombe, the seat of Lord Mount Edgecombe, opposite the town of Plymouth.

⁴ Picard field, Crecy, a village in Picardy, about ten miles from Abbeville-near which the battle of Crecy was fought in 1346. In that battle the French were completely overthrown; the king of Bohemia was killed; his son-here | 8 Lynn, commonly called Lynn

called Cæsar-emperor-elect of Germany, shared in the defeat; and the Genoese bowmen were 'turned to flight.'

⁵ Agincourt, a village in the north of France, about seven miles from Hesdin. Here Henry V. gained a great victory over the French in 1415.

⁶ Eddystone (where there is now a lighthouse), a reef of rocks in the English Channel, about fourteen miles from Plymouth breakwater; and

⁷ Berwick-upon-Tweed. Respectively the S.W. and N.E. extreme points of England.

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Regis or King's Lynn, a borough in the east of Norfolk, on the Ouse; and

⁹ Milford Bay, in Pembrokeshire, in the west of Wales. These two points represent the extreme east and west.

Saint Michael's Mount, a granite rock in Mount's Bay, in Cornwall, opposite Marazion.

11 Beachy Head, farther east along the coast, in Sussex—the highest promontory on the south coast of England.

Tamar, the river which flows into the sea near Plymouth, and forms at its mouth the harbour of the Hamoaze.

Mendip, the Mendip Hills, a mineral range in Somersetshire.

Longleat, in Wiltshire, the seat of the Marquis of Bath.

15 Cranbourne, an old town in Dorsetshire.

16 Stonehenge, the remains of the ancient Druidical temple in the middle of Salisbury Plain, about three miles from Amesbury.

17 Beaulieu (pronounced $B\bar{o}l\bar{u}$), a parish at the mouth of the river Exe, six miles from Lymington. It was an ancient place of refuge.

18 Clifton down, a well-known watering-place about a mile from Bristol, on the opposite side of the Avon.

Westminster. Only a part of it is still standing. The name is now, however, given to the seat of the Educa-

tion Department for Great Britain.

Richmond Hill, a beautiful hill overlooking the valley of the Thames, in Surrey, about ten miles from London.

21 Blackheath, now a suburb of London, near Woolwich, in Kent.

²³ Hampstead, a heath to the north of London, in Middlesex.

23 Peak, the High Peak of Derbyshire.

24 Darwin, a district in Derbyshire.

²⁵ Malvern Hills—a range in the counties of Worcester and Hereford.

Wrekin, a solitary conical mountain in Shropshire.

27 Ely's stately fane, the cathedral of Ely, about sixteen miles from Cambridge. (Ely is the only city in England which is unrepresented in the House of Commons.)

28 Belvoir Castle (pronounced Beevor), the seat of the Dukes of Rutland.

Skiddaw, one of the highest mountains in England, in Cumberland, about four miles from Keswick.

30 Gaunt's pile. Lancaster Castle, from which John of Gaunt took the title of Duke of Lancaster.

Carlisle, the county town of Cumberland. It here represents the extreme N.W. point of England.—All the places mentioned are representative, and mark prominent points in England.

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CAUTIONS AND DIRECTIONS FOR READING.

VERSE 2.—Line 1: Avoid the verse-accent on was, and read the first six words rapidly in one group, and the last five as a second group.—Line 4: No accent upon on.—Line 5: Avoid the verse-accent on she, and make a slight pause after sunrise.

Verse 3.—Line 2: Read upon-the-roof as one word.—Line 4: A slight pause after And; and read with-loose-rein as one word.—Line 8: Avoid the accent upon to.

VERSE 4.—Line 2: No accent on upon.—Line 3: Avoid the verse-accent on how; make a pause after Look, and hasten on to ancient crown.—Line 5: A slight pause after So.—Line 11: No accent upon on.—Line 12: Read of-our-pride as one word.

VERSE 5.—Line 3: A slight pause after and.—Line 4: A pause after Such night.—Line 6: No emphasis on was; a pause after slumber.—Line 7: A pause after For, east, and west.

VERSE 6.—Line 1: A pause after Far.—Line 8: A pause after And, and after day.

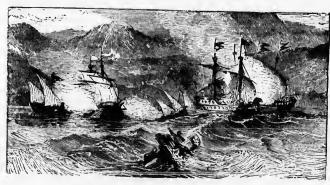
VERSE 7.—Line 1: A pause after Then.—Line 2: A pause after And; avoid the verse-accent on with and with; the emphatic word is one.—Line 5: No accent upon of.—Line 7: A slight pause after And.

VERSE 8.—Line 5: Read Till-the-proud-Peak as one word.—Line 6: A pause after Till and volcanoes.—Line 9: A pause after Till and fierce.

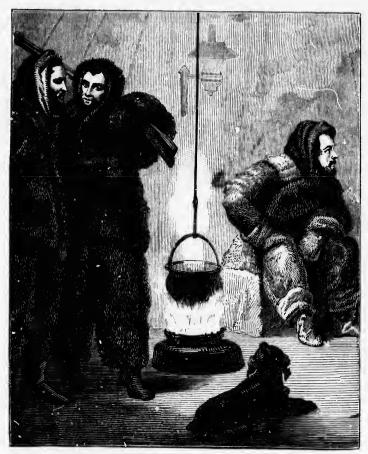
Exercises.—1. Parse the first four lines.

2. Analyse the first four lines.

3. Paraphrase the third and fourth verses.



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Arctic Costumes.

A WINTER DAY IN THE ARCTIC REGIONS.

Aperture, opening.

Ventilator, a contrivance for letting out had air and letting in fresh (from the Latin ventus, the wind).

Floe, piece of floating ice.
Appreciate, value.
Monotony, tiresome sameness.
Voluntary, acting from one's own iree will.

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