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PREFACE.

No subject taught in our schools is more interesting, or better adapted to awaken thought in the youthful mind, than that of language, when properly presented.

This little book has been written with the hope of making this branch of school study less difficult, more attractive, and more useful to young pupils.

The work is elementary. It is designed to be used in the lower grades of schools, and to prepare the pupil for the study of larger works on language and grammar.

It consists of a series of lessons, treating of the parts of speech and their uses, of the simple sentence in its various forms, fully illustrated by practical exercises composed of common words in daily use, so that pupils are gradually, and almost unconsciously, led on to a knowledge of the correct use of their own language.

It also contains practical lessons on spelling, capital letters, and punctuation.

Directions for letter-writing are briefly and clearly stated and illustrated.

The principles of analysis and synthesis are concisely stated, followed by brief methods of parsing.

Of the merits of the book, use in the schoolroom must be the test.

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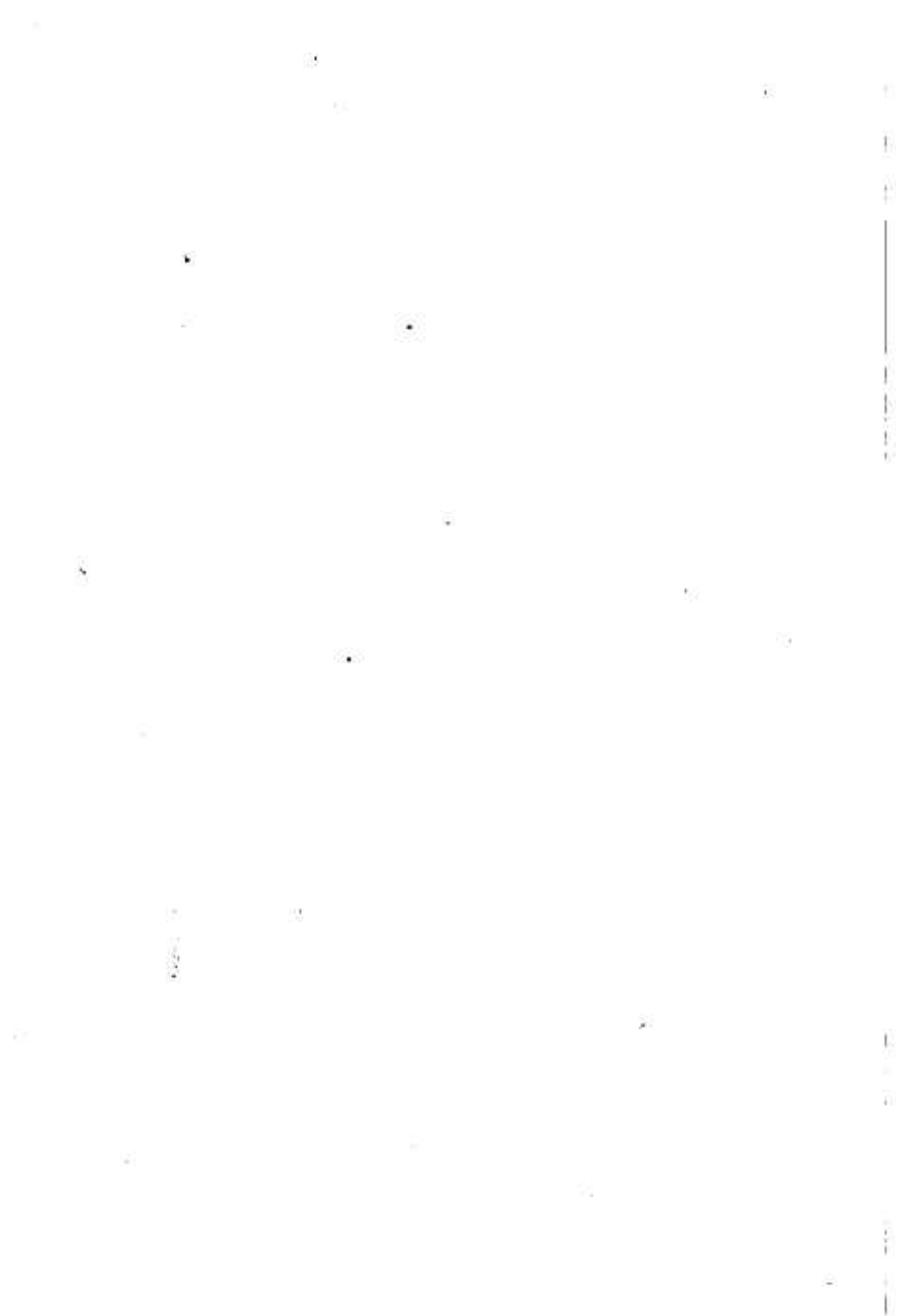
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