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Roman Capitals and Small Letters.

Nn	0 0
P p	Q q
Rr	S s
Tt	Uu Vv
W w	X
Yy	ZZ

The Roman Letters promiscuously disposed.

# AV BR CD OC DO EF HN IK IJ RK GO WN QO VY PB SK ZX UP GC TL

Italic Letters.

# FBGCUYIMOELZNQ TJRWSXAV HKPD

trbdcegywmxzoqpivsunl hjfak

bd	dq	dp	pd
db	qb	pq	qp
qd	pd	pd	dq

Letters are either Vowels or Consonants.

LESSON I.

The Vowels are

a And sometimes\*

W and Y.

LESSON II.

The Consonants are

# bedfghjklmnp qrstvwxyz.

LESSON III.

Double and Triple Letters.

# ff fl fi æ æ ffi ffl.

LESSON IV.

The Figures.

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\* When w and y begin a word or syllable, they are consonants; in other situations they are vowels.

A vowel forms a perfect sound when uttered alone.

A consonant cannot be perfectly uttered without being joined to a vowel.

## A Table shewing the Elementary Sounds of the Vowels.

(This Table is inserted for the convenience of the Teacher.)

#### A has five sounds.

A has live sounds.	
	as in cane.
	as in ear.
The short <i>a</i>	as in mat.
The broad a	as in all.
The broad $\alpha$ contracted	as in want.
E has four sounds.	at in at
The long e	as in me.
The short e	as in met.
	as in begin.
	as in open.
The obscure c	do viv openi
I has two sounds.	
The long <i>i</i>	as in bite.
The short i	as in bit.
O has four sounds.	
The long o	as in note.
The short o	as in not.
The broad o	as in morn.
U has three sounds.	
The long u	as in mute.
ml. 1	as in nut.
The short u	us en mul.
	The long $e$ The short $e$ The middle $e$ The obscure $e$ I has two sounds.  The long $i$ O has four sounds.  The long $o$ The short $o$ The middle $o$ The broad $o$ U has three sounds.  The long $u$

# Syllables and Words of Two Letters.

The Vowel long.

# LESSON I.

ba ca da	be ce* de	bi ci di	bo co do	bu çu du	by cy dy
		LESS	ON II.	Town to	
fa	fe	fi	fo	fu	fy
ga ha	ge+ he	gi hi	go	gu	
Ha	пе	hı	ho	hu	gy hy
		LESSO	N III.		
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ka	ke	ki	ko	ku	ky
ja	je	ji	jo	ju	jy‡
la	le	li	lo	lu	ly

<sup>\*</sup> c before e, i, and y, is pronounced soft like s; and before a, o, and u, hard like k.

<sup>†</sup> g before e, i, and y, for the most part sounds soft, like j,—about four to one—it is, therefore, better to sound it so here.

 $<sup>\</sup>ddagger y$  the vowel is pronounced as i.

Q. What is a syllable?

A. One articulation, or single sound of the voice, making a word, or part of a word.

# Syllables and Words of Two Letters.

The Vowel long.

		The vow	er long.		
		LESSO	N IV.		
ma	me	mi	mo	mu	my
na	ne	ni	no	nu	ny
pa	pe	pi	po	pu	ру
		LESS	ON V.		
ra	re	ri	ro	ru	ry
sa	se	si	so	su	sy
ta	te	ti	to	tu	ty
		LESSO	ON VI.	.de	
va-	ve	vi	vo	vu	vy
wa	we	wi	wo	wu	wy
ya	ye	yi	yo	yu	уу
za	ze	zi	ZO	zu	zy

Q. What are words?

Q. Are ma, me, words or syllables?

A. Sounds of the voice, used as signs of our ideas.

A. They are both syllables, but not both words; me is a word as well as a syllable. Observe, that when a sound is used as a sign of our idea, (being perfect in itself,) it is a word, otherwise it is a syllable.

# Syllables and Words of Two Letters.

The Vowel short.

LESSON	VII.
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ab	eb	ib	ob	ub
ac*	ec	ic	oc	uc
ad	ed	id	od	ud
af	ef	if	of	uf
		08		

## LESSON VIII.

ak	ek	ik	ok	uk
al	el	il	ol	ul
am	em	im	om	um
an	en	in	on	un

# LESSON IX.

at .	et	it	ot	ut
ax	ex	ix	OX	ux
ap	ep	ip	ор	ир
az	ez	iz	OZ	uz

<sup>\*</sup> c at the end of a word or syllable, is always pronounced like k.

# Syllables and Words of Two Letters. The Vowel long.

# LESSON X.

be	by	he	me	to
my	we	may	go	ye
S SI AL	T	he Vowel s	hort.	
or	am	an	if	in
is*	at	ax	at	on
		and I		

# LESSON XI.

## Promiscuously disposed.

am	me	no	or	go
ox	up	to	us	in
we	go	by	it	at

# LESSON XII.

go to	at it	we do
go up	in it	ye do
to it	it is	I go

<sup>\*</sup> Pronounced like iz. The letter s has two sounds, the one soft, as in salt, and the other hard, like that of z, as in his.

# Reading Lessons.

# LESSON XIII.

I am	to it	it is
He is	to me	be it
We go	to us	it is

# LESSON XIV.

Go up	I go	we do
Go in	ah me	ye do
Go on	oh me	doit

# LESSON XV.

By me	in it	am I
By it	of it	is he
By us	to it	is it

## LESSON XVI.

Am I	if I	I go
To go	am to	to it
To it	go in	go ye

# Reading Lessons.

# LESSON XVII.

Is he up
I do go
I am in

I am by do go on be it so

## LESSON XVIII.

He is in Go ye in If I go we go in if ye go so I go

# LESSON XIX.

Is it so
If it is
Be it so

if we do
if ye do
if I do

#### LESSON XX.

Go by me We go on Do ye so he is in it is he it is so

# Syllables of Three Letters.

	L	ESSON 3	XXI.	
bla	ble	bli	blo	blu
cla	cle	cli	clo	clu
fla	fle	fli	flo	flu
104,1	LI	ESSON X	XXII.	
gla	gle	gli	glo	glu
pra	pre	pri	pro	pru
spa	spe	spi	spo	spu
	LE	SSON X	XIII.	og I-li
pla	ple	pli	plo	plu
tra	tre	tri	tro	tru
bra	bre	bri	bro	bru
	LE	ESSON X	XIV.	e ii eA
wra*	wre	wri	wro	wru
phat	phe	phi	pho	phu

<sup>\*</sup> Wra is pronounced ra. + Pha, fa, &c.

# The Short Sound of the Vowels,

# a e i o u.

LESSON XXV.	LESSON XXVIII.
A man* a can	A bat a cat
A lad a pad	A hat a mat
A ban a can	A rat a vat
A pan a man	A cag a fag
LESSON XXVI.	LESSON XXIX.
A nag a rag	A leg a peg
A map a nap	A bet a jet
A rap a tap	A net a pet
A pen a hen	A den a fen
LESSON XXVII.	LESSON XXX.
A nib a rib	A hog a dog
A fig a jig	A cub a tub
A din a fin	A jug a mug
A cow a sow	A gun a bun

<sup>\*</sup> A vowel when used alone, is said to have its natural or name sound.

# Of Short and Long Sounds of the Vowels.

[The e at the end of these words is called e final, and makes the preceding vowel long. Thus, man, by the addition of e final, becomes mane; and can becomes cane.]

LESSON XXXI.		LESSON	XXXIV.
man	mane	bab	babe
can	cane	not	note
cub	cube	hat	hate
tub	tube	fat	fate
LESSON 2	XXXII.	LESSON	XXXV.
hop	hope pine mope fine	lad	lade
pin		din	dine
mop		al	ale
fin		con	cone
LESSON X	XXIII.	LESSON	XXXVI.
bid	bide	bat	bate
bar	bare	bit	bite
her	here	kit	kite
har	hare	sin	sine

# Reading and Spelling Lessons.

# LESSON XXXVII.

The man	the bat	the hat
The can	the boy	the nut
The hat	the toy	the key

# LESSON XXXVIII.

An ark	an act	an owl
An age	an ear	an oak
An inn	an eel	an eye

## LESSON XXXIX.

My bag	my hut	my tea
My bat	my ink	my toy
My boy	my pen	my tub

## LESSON XL.

The fox	the pea	the gig
An ode	my key	thegun
My pie	an eye	my son

# Short Sounds of the Vowels, in Words of Four Letters.

# LESSON XLI.

A plan	a scan	a crab	a slab
a drug	a plug	a spur	a slur
a drop	a prop	a slim	a limb_
a ship	a slip	a host	a post

# LESSON XLII.

a grin a clap a fill a bill	a shin a slap a will	to plan to skip to spin	to scan to slip to grin
a bill	a till	a shop	a chat

# LESSON XLIII.

a mock a sock to a blot a clot a	bond to clog a gloss a crop	a pond to flog the moss a drop
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<sup>\*</sup> c loses its sound when preceded by k.

Long Sounds of the Vowels in Words of Five

Letters.			
	LESSON	XLIV. (i)	
price	twice	sight	tight
smile	stile	rithe	tithe
fight	light	bribe	tribe
might	night*	crime	prime
0	LESSON	XLV. (a).	
blame	shame	-brave	grave
shake	spake	craze	graze
grape	shape	flame	blame
plate	slate	blade	spade
LE	SSON XL	VI. $(e, o, and$	
score	shore	flute	plume
prone	stone	glebe -	these
borne	shorne	theme	scene
prose	those	grove	strove
LESSON	XLVII.	(promiscuously	arranged.)
bathe	birch-	carve	shave
birth	stake	borne	strive
stare	state	grove	graze
prize	borne	flame	flight

<sup>\*</sup> gh is generally lost in pronunciation in the middle and end of words; thus, might, night, sight, &c. are sounded as if written mite. nite, site, &c. and though, dough, sigh, nigh, &c. are pronounced tho, do, si, ni.

# Of Diphthongs.

[A diphthong is the union of two vowels in one syllable; as, ea in thread, oi in voice, When three vowels meet together in one syllable, they are called a triphthong; as, eau in beauty.]

# LESSON XLVIII.

Maid	main	voice
mail	drain	choice
pail	faith	broil
tail	health	spoil

# LESSON XLIX.

hoom	G-
	fierce
team	pierce
wheat	tough+
meat	rought

# LESSON L.

couch	guild	boast
roach	build	teach
round	cough§	jaunt
sound	roast	aunt

<sup>\*</sup> The letters in Italic are not pronounced. † Pronounced tuff. ‡ ruff. § coff.

Reading and Spelling Lessons of Words of One Syllable.

LESSON LI.



A large snake
A fine plant
A clean hand
A soft muff

LESSON LII.

A pert miss
A long whip
A nice cake
A good man

LESSON LIII.

A black horse A white horse Ayoun g colt A brown colt LESSON LIV.



A good man
A green turf
A large cup
A pint cup

LESSON LV.

A good king A fine queen A mild prince A small cane

LESSON LVI.

A young mule
An old mule
A just man
A good child

## LESSON LVII.



A fine sheep
A spring gun
A long march
A church bell
LESSON LVIII.

A fine day
A deep pit
A new coat
An old coat

LESSON LIX.

A wide street
A warm shawl
A fine play
A black rook

# LESSON LX.



A large bird
A brown loaf
A white loaf
A sweet pea
LESSON LXI.

A good road
A new road
A round stool
A sore throat

LESSON LXII.

A red cloak
A new cloak
A large cloak
A sweet smile

## LESSON LXIII.



A milk maid
A green bank
A large camp
A new cask

LESSON LXIV.

A large drag
To sail fast
A large gang
A great gash

LESSON LXV.

We have them
You have them
They have them
A young lass

# LESSON LXVI.



A fierce wolf
A fine band
A long chat
A damp wall
LESSON LXVII.

I am glad
A smooth hand
I have them
Thou hast it

LESSON LXVIII.

I am last
You are first
Let us pass
Let them pass

#### LESSON LXIX.



A good girl
A rash act
A high rank
A long plank
LESSON LXX.

A pink sash
A new trap
A vast ship
A fine ship

LESSON LXXI.

A thick edge Let him help A good jest The left hand

#### LESSON LXXII.



A young cat
A fine park
A platform
A large sack

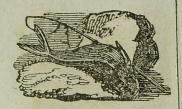
# LESSON LXXIII.

A good bell A deep cell A large dell A new desk

LESSON LXXIV.

The right hand I lend him Three pence A great mass

#### LESSON LXXV.



A fine fish
A large fish
A broad grin
A high hill

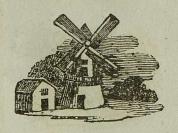
# LESSON LXXVI.

A great mist
A large hill
A loud ring
A good ship

# LESSON LXXVII.

Let us dance
Let us sing
Let us play
Let us work

#### LESSON LXXVIII.



A wind mill
A brick kiln
A sweet kiss
Some new milk

LESSON LXXIX.

Let us skip

Let us jump

Let us run

Let us walk

LESSON LXXX.

Sing a song
Play the flute
Let us swim
Let us rise

#### LESSON LXXXI.



A black bird A bird's nest Let him rest Let her rest

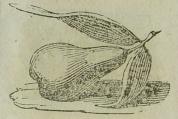
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In the north
In the south
In the east
In the west

LESSON LXXXIII.

A green twig
A good wish
A fine doll
A large clod

LESSON LXXXIV.



A nice pear
A dry shed
A young pig
Let him read

LESSON LXXXV.

A fine dish
A good brig
A long bill
A short bill

LESSON LXXXVI.

A fine crop
A large drop
A young frog
A great loss

# LESSON LXXXVII.



A fine house
A soft hat
A plum cake
A sweet face

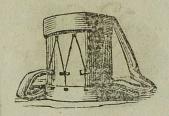
# LESSON LXXXVIII.

A soft word
A long cane
A sour grape
A fine sail

# LESSON LXXXIX.

A long lane
A good maid
A long mane
A good pair

## LESSON XC.



A large drum
A young maid
An old monk
Shut the door

# LESSON XCI.

A good game
A fine gait
A large gate
A new goal

# LESSON XCII.

A great pain
A large pane
A sweet pear
A fine play

# LESSON XCIII.



A young dove
Some green moss
A deep pond
A steep rock

LESSON XCIV.

A great sage
Some red tape
A large beam
Some roast beef

LESSON XCV.

A deal plank
The great deep
A free man
A fine glee

## LESSON XCVI,



A fine duck
A good shot
A large prop
A new shop
LESSON XCVII.

Some strong beer Some young bees A dear child A fine deer

LESSON XCVIII.

A great heat
A lame knee
Some white lead
A green leaf

#### LESSON XCIX.



A wild goat
An oak door
A young foal
A fine glow

# LESSON C.

A good joke
A great load
A new loaf
A fat mole

### LESSON CI.

A long roll
A red rose
A white rose
A fine show

#### LESSON CII.



A young deer
A good home
A deep hole
A gold box

# LESSON CIII.

A bank note
A new post
A wide road
A long robe

### LESSON CIV.

A white sloe
Some new soap
A loud tone
A white yolk

LESSON CV.



A small shrub
A lean calf
A high leap
A good meal

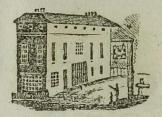
LESSON CVI.

A loud peal
A fine seal
A good seat
A fine team

LESSON CVII.

A good cure
A young duke
A great fume
A huge man

LESSON CVIII.



A large inn
A mean man
Some roast meat
A fine wreath
LESSON CIX.

A bright fire
A kind man
A long line
A good life
LESSON CX.

A great dupe
A large man
A fond maid
A fine tune

#### LESSON CXI.

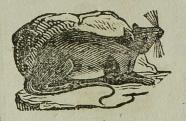


A young mouse
A new boot
A large hoop
Some good food
LESSON CXIL

A long roof
A large room
A new shoe
A long tour
LESSON CXIII.

A long cord
Some new corn
A young fawn
A new horn

# LESSON CXIV.



A large rat
A great fool
A loop hole
A poor boy
LESSON CXV.

A deep root
A fine soup
A good bat
A new ball
LESSON CXVI.

A good knife
A new fork
A young hawk
A fine lawn

LESSON CXVII.



An old jar
A mild man
A mince pie
A ripe plum

LESSON CXVIII.

A rich vine
A strong wind
Some port wine
Some white wine

LESSON CXIX.

A bold man
A large bone
A punch bowl
A coal pit

LESSON CXY.



A young hare
A gold mine
A full mile
A nice cake

LESSON CXXI.

A wise man
The wind blows
A large boat
A bold man

LESSON CXXII.

A green coat
A cold night
A warm night
A dark night

#### LESSON CXXIII.



A young lark
A hard name
A good mart
A round ball
LESSON CXXIV.

A new suit
A fine view
An old tun
I am sure

LESSON CXXV.

An old shoe
A high boot
A top boot
A half boot

#### LESSON CXXVI.



A fine ship
A wide path
A sweet tart
A large scar

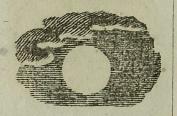
LESSON CXXVII.

He is sure
You are kind
They are known
We will sing

LESSON CXXVIII.

A hen coop
A horse pool
A ship's crew
A rich food

#### LESSON CXXIX.



A full moon
A short walk
A fine ride
A good aunt
LESSON CXXX.

A great bard
A good card
A dark night
A large cart
LESSON CXXXI.

A soft stone
A white stone
A black stone
A rock stone

#### LESSON CXXXII.



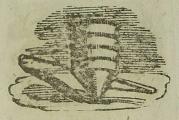
A bright sun
A warm bath
A hot bath
A cold bath
LESSON CXXXIII.

A good farm
A large farm
A rich garb
A hard stone

### LESSON CXXXIV.

A large hoop
A small hole
A half moon
A bright star

# LESSON CXXXV.



A whip top
A new ball
A loud bawl
A loud call
LESSON CXXXVI

The fine arts

A new cart

A dark night

A large farm

LESSON CXXXVII.

A hard name
A sweet tart
A wide path
A large bush

# LESSON CXXXVIII.



A large star
Some wheat corn
A great fall
A large fork

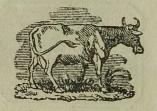
LESSON CXXXIX.

A large hall
A new horn
A fine lawn
A bright morn
LESSON CXL.

A great talk
A tall tree
A high church
A warm birth

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LESSON CXLL



A fine cow A green bush A good cook A large foot

LESSON CXLIL

A long hook A new coin A loud noise A wine glass

LESSON CXLIII.

Learn to read A clear head Bread and milk Frost and snow

LESSON CXLIV.



A young lamb A new gown A great rout A large town

LESSON CXLV.

A new adze A blank leaf A large branch Some new chaff

LESSON CXLVI.

A grand play A great dearth A fine bridge A high church

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