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PREFACE.

THE Series of Readers of which this book is the second has been prepared to meet the special requirements of textbooks on reading. In order to secure careful grading, a number of lessons had to be especially written, and for this purpose care has been exercised to select matter of special interest to children. All these original lessons have been submitted to a number of competent literary critics. Wherever the grading would permit, selections by writers of recognized standing have been used. Provision has been made for instruction in phonics, which should be emphasized at this stage in reading. The diacritical marks throughout the series are those used in Webster's International Dictionary. It is desirable in a reading book that as sparing a use should be made of diacritical marks as may answer the purpose, and therefore it is thought that words like *few, enough, busy*, and the like, had better be taught without any phonic marking; it is also desirable that words should not be respelled phonetically to indicate pronunciation, lest pupils confound the phonetic with the real spelling. With exceptions like these, the phonetic marking of words throughout the series corresponds with the usage of the dictionary named.

THE AUTHORS.

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LITTLE MISS BOWLES.

Sir Joshua Reynolds.



THE MAID AND HER EGGS.

māĭd	hěad	rĭch	prĭdē
hěn	sělĭ	hăĭchēd	bē fōrē'

A little maid had some eggs.

They were in a basket on her head.

"I will put these eggs under my hen.

Soon there will be little chicks," she said.

"Dear little chicks! They will say to me, 'Peep, peep, peep.'