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INTRODUCTION

SUSTAINED interest in the content of a story certainly does much to support and to intensify the child's struggle to acquire an easy mastery over phonetic symbols. Yet the re-reading of pages once read has far less value than many over-anxious teachers attribute to it.

The demand for additional reading material for the second-year grades has its foundation therefore in actual conditions which the authors are glad to recognize and to meet with Introductory Book Three. This book has been prepared with the view of inspiring the child with renewed desire to read, and of furnishing a strong tide of interest on which a teacher may float any amount of instruction in phonetics.

A careful study of the Plan of Work which accompanies The Progressive Road to Reading will reveal how power over printed language is most easily acquired. The learner must in the first place be animated into a kind of self-activity which points to something worth his while. For him it is the following of the thread of a story which grips attention. But the teacher must appreciate the fact that constant phonetic training is also necessary for future higher attainment. Nothing short of systematic, persistent and efficient planning, adapted both to the subject and to the stage of the pupil's growth, will give her the joy of leading children to work out their own phonetic salvation.

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THE WOLF, THE FOX AND THE HORSE

- "Good morning, Mr. Wolf," said the Fox one day.
 - "Good morning, Mr. Fox."
- "Have you heard the news, Mr. Wolf?"
 - "What news, Friend Fox?"
- "A new animal has come to the woods, Mr. Wolf."
- "Indeed, Friend Fox, tell me about this new animal."
 - "He is tall and wears a long mane.