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PREFACE.

A PROFICIENT scholar in German ought to be able to do four things well: first of all, to explain the whole structure of the language; next, to read German books; then, to speak correctly and with some fluency; and finally, to write a letter, or to translate a part of an English book into German, if possible at sight, without the assistance of Dictionary and Grammar. The greatest number of pupils master the three first points, but very few succeed in the last. It is acknowledged to be the most difficult of all. Now, in order to smooth the way towards acquiring it, I have undertaken this volume. It contains a variety of fragments, taken from good prose-writers, with notes, which both explain grammatical difficulties, and give a complete vocabulary, since it has been found, that small Dictionaries afford but insufficient aid, and the large ones, on account of the great number of meanings mentioned under one word, often impede and puzzle the student instead of guiding him.

For those who occasionally perceive, that they are unacquainted with certain principles of the German language, a course of Exercises on the chief parts of Grammar has been given as an Introduction; and students are advised, as soon as they feel embarrassed in the application of a rule, to translate that chapter of the Introduction, which refers to it.

I am convinced that those who have gone through a good part of this book, will gain a facility in expression, which must ultimately not only make the task of writing a composition or rendering an English piece into German very easy, but also contribute to a greater proficiency in speaking, and to a better understanding of the classical writers of Germany.

A. H.

University College, London, April, 1851.

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I. On the Arrangement of Words.

- The sons* of Junius Brutus had conspired against the republic of Rome*; their father, therefore , punished them very severely , for he ordered them to be beheaded in spite of the intercession of the Romans* in their favour.
- There are * few writers *, for c whom the reader feels d such personal * kindness f as for Oliver Goldsmith.
 - 3. He had no a intention b of leaving his children money,

^{1. *}Sohn (pl. Söhne). bith veridmören, and the Participle stands at the end of the sentence. *gegen with Acc. *Freifteat, m. *Rom. bahet; and mark, the Adverb can never stand between the Subject and the Verb. *beftrafen. bftenge. benn, a conjunction which has no influence on the construction of the sentence. I laffen, which is always followed by an infinite act. *say, the head to be cut off to them inner ben Ropf abidiagen. *ungeachtet with Gen. *Farsbitte, f. *Römet. *say, to their favour in ihren Sunfen.

^{2. *}ee giebt. * Schriftstellet. *für with Acc. *mark, in a relative sentence the Verb stands last. *perjonich. 'Bohmollen, z.

^{3. *}fein, feine, tein. b Abficht, f. * say, to leave ju hinterlaffen, and mark, the Infin. stands at the end of the sentence.