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"Orthography, or spelling well, is so absolutely necessary for a man of letters or a gentleman, that one false spelling may fix a ridicule on him for the remainder of his life."—LORD CHESTERFIELD.

NOTE.—No one that writes a letter should be without this "Appendix." Those who use it only one hour cannot fail to appreciate its value.

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PREFACE.

THIS book contains upwards of seven thousand words not found in the dictionary, but which, at the same time, appear necessary to render the dictionary complete; and therefore it is called the "Dictionary Appendix." The words run thus, "Infer, inferred, inferring, 5;" the figure at the end refers to the fifth rule at the beginning of the work, which explains why the word is so spelled; and these rules are so plain, that an uneducated person can understand them.

Every one who has been accustomed to write a letter has felt the need of a work like the present; but as nothing of the kind was ever published, writers have been obliged to labour under continued inconvenience from the want of it.

It is well known, that although the dictionaries contain the verbs, they do not give the participles; and there is often so much difficulty in spelling them, that even persons of good education frequently feel at a loss, and, for want of a book of reference, commit

themselves by misspelling them : as, for instance, the word or verb *beg* will be found in the dictionary, but not the participles *begged*, and *begging*, also the verb *drop*, but not *dropped*, nor *dropping* : and such are the difficulties in English orthography, that it sometimes requires more than ordinary skill in the art to determine in what cases the final consonant should and should not be doubled on adding *ed* or *ing*. To illustrate this, we select the word *blot*, which requires double *t*, as *blotted*, *blotting* ; whilst in the verb *bloat* the *t* is not doubled, but is written *bloated*, *bloating* : also in the word *differ*, the final consonant is not doubled, but is written *differed*, *differing* ; whilst in the word *defer* (to delay) it is doubled, as *deferred*, *deferring*. In the word *abstract* the final consonant is not doubled, as *abstracted*, *abstracting* ; whilst in the word *admit* it is doubled, as *admitted*, *admitting*. Again, in the word *distil*, the consonant is doubled on adding *ed* or *ing*, as *distilled*, *distilling* ; but in the word *detail* it is not doubled, but is written *detailed*, *detailing*.

These terminations have sometimes proved so perplexing, that ladies and gentlemen of superior mental attainments, in writing their letters, would often have been delighted if at the moment they could have put their hand on a book of reference like the present, and been relieved from the difficulty ; but for the

want of it they have been obliged to write the word almost at a guess, without any certainty in their own minds as to its correctness. In this particular, then, the present work will be found invaluable; for it imparts a two-fold advantage: it not only gives the word properly spelled, but the reason is also annexed to every word why it is so spelled; and there never has been yet any work published conveying this double information; so that a person accustomed to look out the words a few times only, and referring to the rule at the beginning of the work, denoted by the figure annexed, will, in a few days, become so skilled in orthography as no longer to need the assistance.