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EXPLANATORY

The Cleveland Public Library furnishes to the Cleveland Public Schools, through the stations in the public school buildings and through the grade teachers, many thousands of books yearly. In any building where there is no library station, any teacher is at liberty to select fifty books suitable for use in her grade, which will be sent to her school-room by the library and called for at the end of the year.

The collection of children's books here listed is meant to represent eight such sets of books, one for each of the elementary grades. The number in each set has not been held strictly to fifty books, the first grade, for instance, containing but twenty-five and the eighth grade more than eighty. In the first and second grades it is desirable to duplicate suitable and attractive books rather than to seek variety at the expense of simplicity and suitability; and in the eighth grade it has seemed wise to give some indispensable handbooks as well as books of pure literature; moreover the interests and the ability of eighth grade classes in different sections are very diverse, and this has been considered in the widely varying degrees of difficulty of the subject matter and the many lines of interest appealed to.

Throughout the eight grades the idea of progression, not merely general, but specific, has been had in mind; for instance, the fourth grade pupil will read the complete Stevenson's *Child's Garden of Verses*, with the beautiful Chas. Robinson illustrations in black and white, much more readily if he has had previously the selections from the same in the beautiful and inexpensive Rand, McNally edition with colored pictures. In like manner he will more certainly read Tennyson's *Coming of Arthur* in the eighth grade if at an earlier time he has been given Mary McLeod's *Book of King Arthur*. This progression has been carried out, perhaps more fully in the line of Greek literature than anywhere else in this collection.

The teacher of any given grade will usually find many of the books named for the preceding and the succeeding grade

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equally useful with those listed for her own. The books are for the children's own voluntary reading, and while some books have been placed in every grade which will keep even the bright pupils of that grade at a stretch intellectually, others have been chosen in the belief that even for young children

"Merely to bask and ripen is sometimes
The student's wiser business."

The compilers have no apologies to offer for the books of fun and humor which appear in every grade. To accustom children to laugh in the right place and humanly is a very high achievement.

The two who have worked together on this list have had much experience in work with children, the one in the school-room and the other as children's librarian, and it is hoped that their fellow-laborers along these lines may find something of interest in this record of their conclusions.

FIRST GRADE

- Arnold, Sarah.** *The Arnold Primer.* Silver..... .30
The reading matter is of the simplest, and the illustrations, many of them in colors, are especially beautiful.
- Arnold, S. L., and Gilbert, C. B.** *Stepping Stones to Literature; a First Reader.* Silver30
This little first reader is very attractive in its wild-rose cover and with its beautiful pictures.
- Baldwin, James.** *School Reading by Grades; First Year.* Am. Bk. Co.25
Baldwin's first reader is perhaps a trifle more difficult than Miss Arnold's first book. Children in the lower grades very often choose a school-reader for their own reading in preference to other books.
- Bates, Lois.** *A Fairy Tale of a Fox, a Dog, a Cat, and a Magpie. Supplementary Readers.* Longmans15
- Blaisdell, E. A. and M. F.** *Child Life Primer.* Macmillan.. .25
The illustrations in color, which are very numerous and beautiful, make this as valuable for a picture book as for a school reader.
- Caldecott, Randolph.** *The Hey-Diddle-Diddle Picture Book.* Warne\$1.25
Where are you Going My Pretty Maid, Hey Diddle Diddle and Baby Bunting, A Frog he would a-Wooing go, The Fox Jumps over the Parson's Gate.
- Caldecott, Randolph.** *Picture Book No. 2.* Warne.....\$1.25
The action in Mr. Caldecott's drawings appeals particularly to children. The coloring is especially fine.
- Carroll, S. W.** *Around the World. Vol. I.* Morse..... .36
A geographical reader introducing the Eskimos, North American Indians, Arabs, Dutch, Chinese and Japanese. Large clear type; many and good pictures.
- Cat Tales.** Lothrop30
Brief stories and pictures.
- Crane, Walter.** *This Little Pig, etc.* Lane\$1.25
Contains: This Little Pig, The Fairy Ship, King Luckieboy. Children's pictures in colors by a real artist.
- Cyr, E. M.** *Graded Art Readers. Book I.* Ginn..... .28
Very pleasing.
- Favorite Animals. Picture Book.** Warne....(Untearable) .40
The pictures are of value to the little ones. The text is better adapted to older children.

Greenaway, Kate. A Apple-Pie. Warne.75
An alphabet picture book, in colors.	
Heller, Mrs., ed. Jack and the Beanstalk, and Brother and Sister. Longmans15
Heller, Mrs., ed. Snowdrop, and Other Stories. Longmans15
The little books which seem "made on purpose" for them give great pleasure to little children.	
Holton, M. A. Primer. Rand.25
Very beautifully and suitably illustrated, partly in colors. Contains many desirable blackboard verses.	
Lakeside Literature, Book I. Fables and Rhymes. Am. Bk. Co.22
Selections from Aesop's Fables and Mother Goose, well printed but not so well illustrated.	
McClure's Children's Annual for 1904. McClure	\$1.50
Rhymes, simple stories, and pictures. Many of the latter are especially suited for young children, the primary colors being well and freely used.	
McCulloch, A. W. Little Stories for Little People. Am. Bk. Co.25
A first reading book for children, including selections from Stevenson and others to be read to them.	
Mother Goose. DeWolfe	\$1.25
A very good edition of Mother Goose, with beautiful and delicately-colored pictures. There is a question whether the grotesque and highly vigorous Tenniel illustrations do not more truly represent the spirit of Mother Goose, but there is no doubt that a child will gain much in taste as well as in pleasure by the much poring over this book which he is sure to do if he has an opportunity.	
One, Two, Three, Four. Picture Book. Warne. Untearable65
Animal pictures and number ideas. Especially good. Very little text.	
O'Shea, M. V., ed. Six Nursery Classics. Heath20
House that Jack Built, Mother Hubbard, Cock Robin, Old Woman and Pig, Dame Wiggin, Three Bears. A marvel for its price. The illustrations are really good, the text all that it ought to be.	
Poulsion, Emilie. Child Stories and Rhymes. Lothrop	\$1.25
Written and illustrated for kindergarten children.	
Ride a Cock-Horse. Picture Book. Warne65
Mother Goose Rhymes, illustrated in colors. On linen.	

Smith, Gertrude. Arabella and Araminta. Small\$2.00
 The rhythm and repetition which mark these simplest possible stories of the plays and troubles of two little girls have a great charm for most little children. Cheaper edition is published without illustrations.

Sunbonnet Babies' Primer. Rand 40
 A first reading book for little girls, attractively illustrated in color.

SECOND GRADE

Arnold, Sarah, and Gilbert, C. B. Stepping Stones to Literature; a Second Reader. Silver 40
 It would seem as if a child must be the gainer his life long for having in his hands a book of such wealth of beauty in illustration and such taste in selection of story and verse.

Baldwin, James. Fairy Stories and Fables. Am. Bk. Co. . . .35
 An excellent collection, perhaps slightly simpler in form than Scudder's.

Baldwin, James. School Reading by Grades. Second Year. Am. Bk. Co.35

Bird Tales. Lothrop30
 Makes the birds seem friends and fellow-citizens at once.

Blaisdell, E. A. and M. F. Child Life in Tale and Fable. Macmillan35
 Wonder stories and folk-lore simplified and adapted. If the second-grade child is to read these stories for himself they must be presented in this shortened form.

Caldecott, Randolph. The Panjandrum Picture Book. Warne\$1.25
 Come Lassies and Lads, Ride a Cock-Horse to Banbury Cross, A Farmer went trotting upon his grey Mare, Mrs. Mary Blaize, The Great Panjandrum Himself.

Cheney, C. E. Feathers, Furs and Fins. Estes\$1.50
 Simple and entertaining stories of animals, usually only instructive as to their habits, but occasionally pointing a moral.

Cox, Palmer. The Brownies; Their Book. Century.....\$1.50
 What child does not know and love these queer wee men?

Crane, Walter. Mother Hubbard, etc. Lane\$1.25
 Containing Mother Hubbard, The Three Bears, The Absurd A B C.