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P R E F A C E.

This book is an introduction to Osgood's Series of American Readers.

It is most carefully prepared ; and it includes every improvement in arrangement, typography, and illustration.

It is steadily and easily progressive. The difficulties are few in the first lessons, and are very gradually increased as the work advances.

The lessons are composed entirely of monosyllables of one, two, three, and a very few (only six) of four letters ; and no words are found in any reading lesson which have not been previously presented in a spelling or word exercise.

All of the words at the head of each lesson are used in the reading lesson which immediately follows them, at least once, and some of them four or five times. This use of words, immediately after learning them as words, must so completely fix them in the memory of the child, that he will not forget them.

To secure the greatest degree of success in the use of this book, the pupil must be so thoroughly drilled in the new words at the head of the lessons, that he will be able to pronounce them *distinctly* and *unhesitatingly* at sight. If this is always done before the pupil is permitted to attempt the reading lesson in which these new words first occur, he will be able to read without *monotony*, *drawling*, or *hesitation*.

The arrangement of this Primer is such, that it may be used with equal facility by those who teach primary reading by the word method, the phonic method, or the common method of first teaching the names of the letters.

THE ALPHABET.

a	A	<i>a</i>	n	N	<i>n</i>
b	B	<i>b</i>	o	O	<i>o</i>
c	C	<i>c</i>	p	P	<i>p</i>
d	D	<i>d</i>	q	Q	<i>q</i>
e	E	<i>e</i>	r	R	<i>r</i>
f	F	<i>f</i>	s	S	<i>s</i>
g	G	<i>g</i>	t	T	<i>t</i>
h	H	<i>h</i>	u	U	<i>u</i>
i	I	<i>i</i>	v	V	<i>v</i>
j	J	<i>j</i>	w	W	<i>w</i>
k	K	<i>k</i>	x	X	<i>x</i>
l	L	<i>l</i>	y	Y	<i>y</i>
m	M	<i>m</i>	z	Z	<i>z</i>

A**B****C****D****E****F****G****H****I****J****K****L****M****N****O****P****Q****R****S****T****U****V****W****X****Y****Z**

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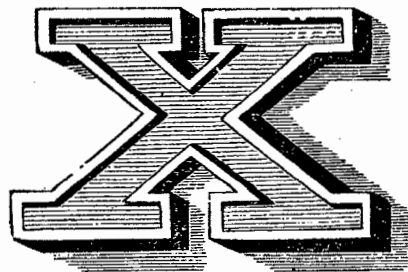
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A

a

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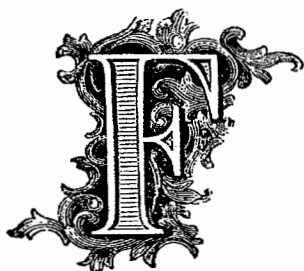
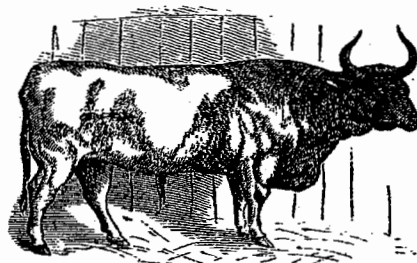


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O X

o x



F

f

FOX

fox

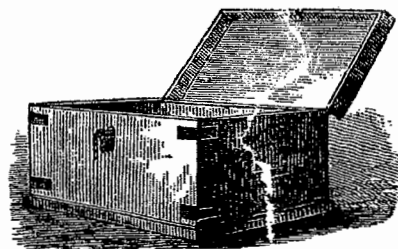


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b

BOX

box





T

BAT

t

bat



C

CAT

c

cat

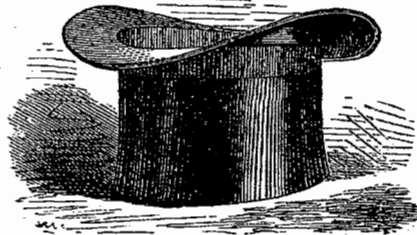


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HAT

h

hat



R

RAT

r

rat

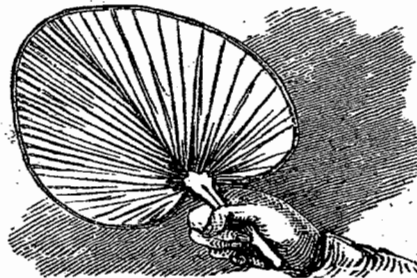


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FAN

n

fan





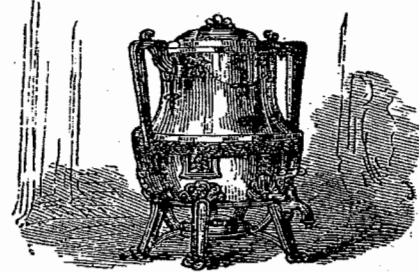
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m man



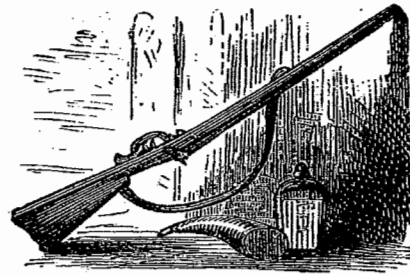
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u urn



G GUN

g gun



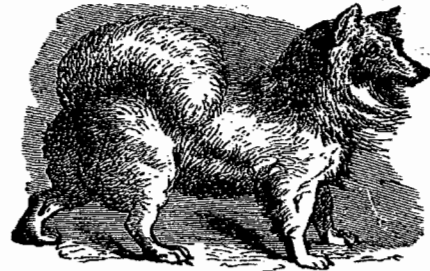
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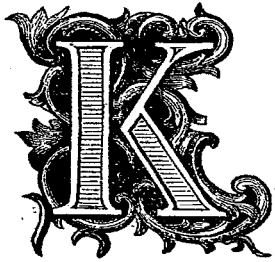
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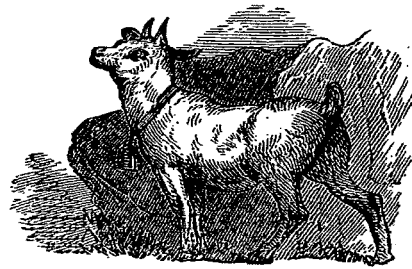
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d dog

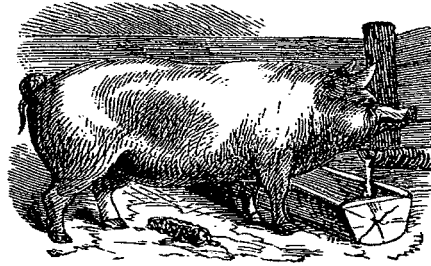




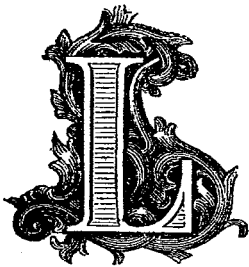
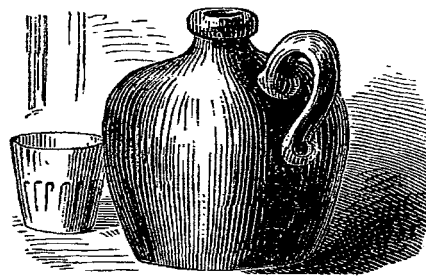
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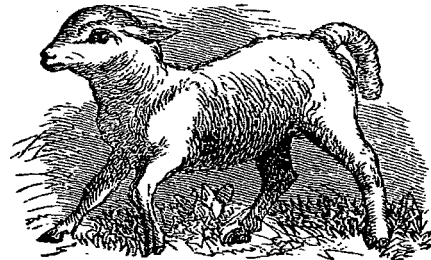
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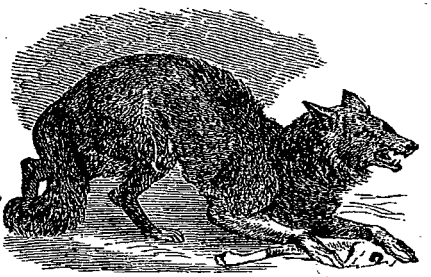
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j jug



L LAMB
l lamb



W
WOLF
w wolf

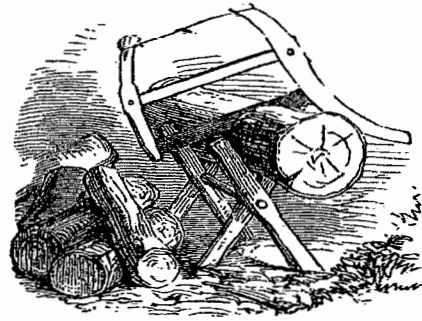




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y yak



S SAW
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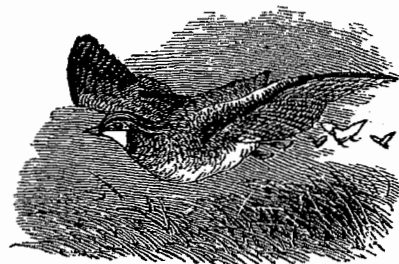
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e elk



V VINE
v vine

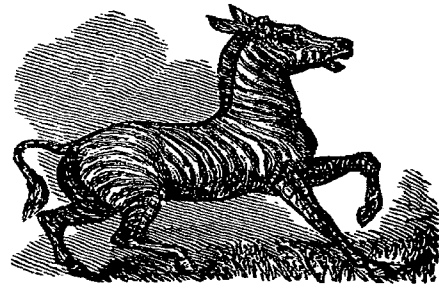


Q
QUAIL
q quail





Z
ZEBRA
z zebra



SCRIPT.

A B C D E F G H I

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R S T U V W

X Y Z

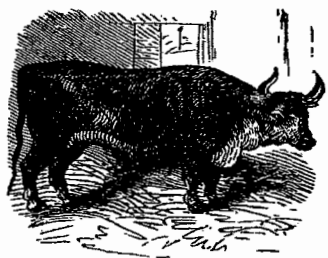
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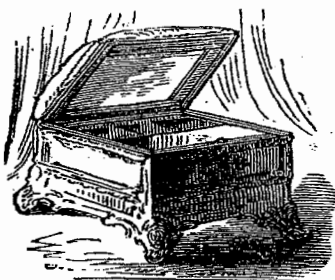
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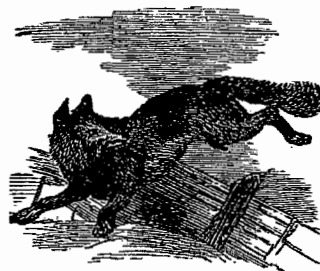
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ox

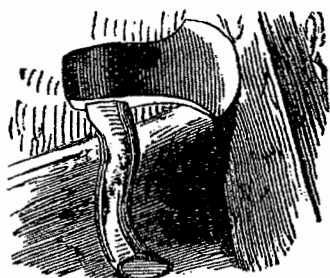


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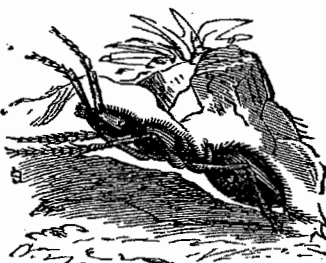


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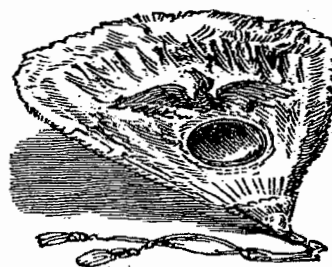
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ax



ant

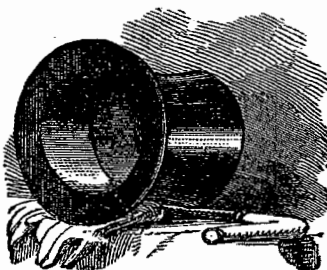


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LESSON III.



man

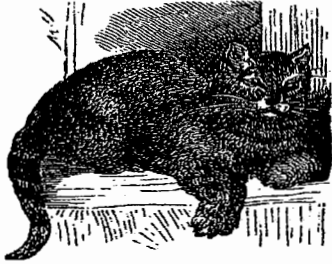


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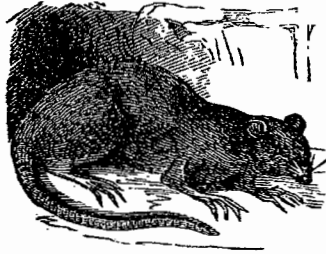


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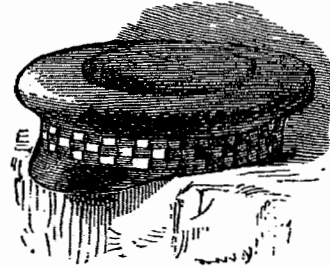
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cat

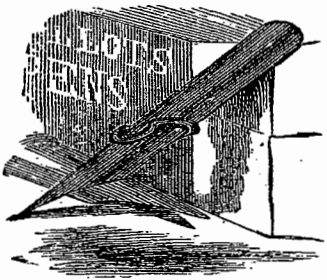


rat



cap

LESSON V.



pen

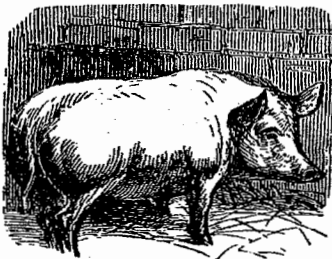


men

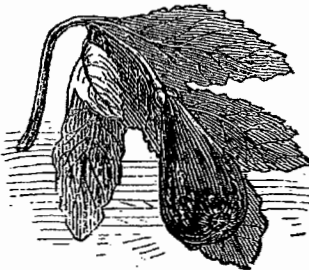


hen

LESSON VI.



pig

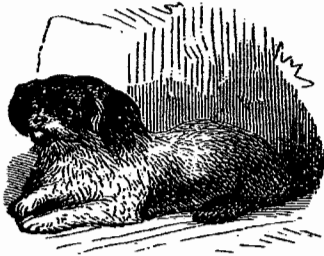


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kid

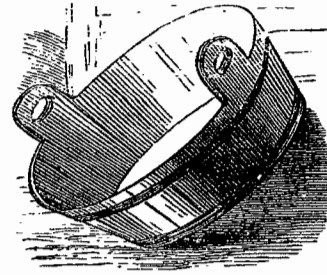
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pup

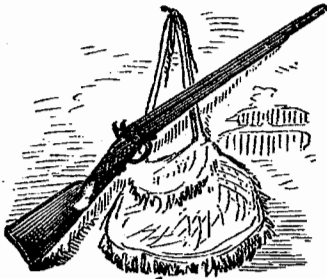


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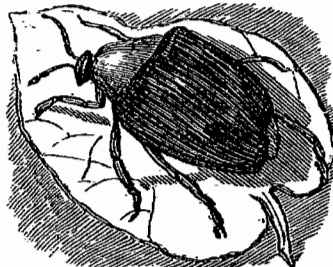


tub

LESSON VIII.



gun

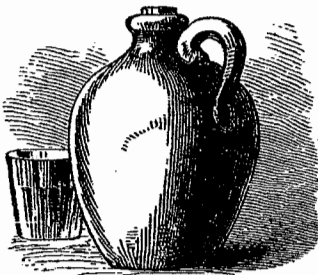


bug



bud

LESSON IX.



jug



urn

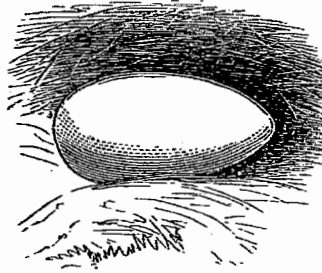


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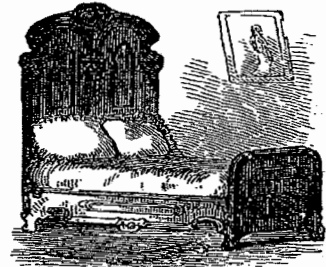
LESSON X.



elk



egg



bed

LESSON XI.



boy

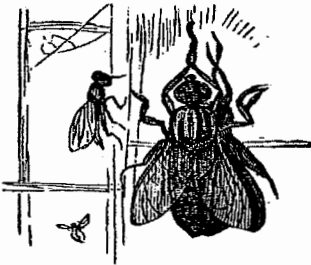


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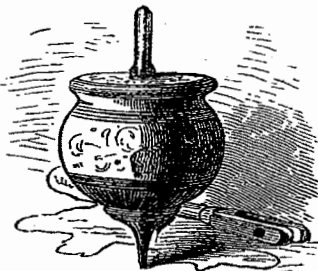


owl

LESSON XII.



fly



top



ape

*LESSON XIII.*

I

i

i

s

t

i

is

it

Is it I?

It is it.

Is it I?

It is.

Is it?

It is I.

LESSON XIV.

a n

an

a x

ax



An ax.

It is an ax.

Is it an ax?

It is an ax.

LESSON XV.

b y

by

m e

me



Is it an ax?

Is it by me?

It is an ax.

It is by me.

LESSON XVI.

o x
h e

ox
he



It is an ox.

He is by an ox.

Is it an ox?

Is he by an ox?

LESSON XVII.

a m
i n

am
in

I am in.

I am in it.

Is he in it?

He is in it.



LESSON XVIII.

t o
g o

to
go



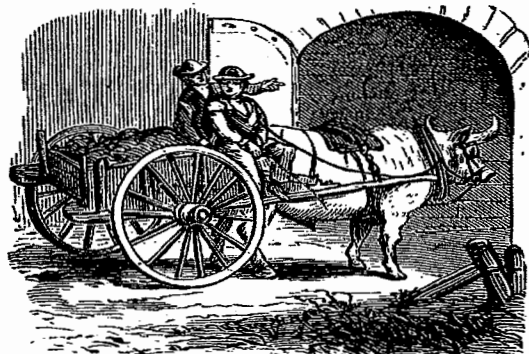
Is he to go?
Am I to go?
I am to go.
He is to go.

LESSON XIX.

d o
w e

do
we

Do I go in?
Do we go in?
We do go in.
He is to go in.



LESSON XX.

l o
s o

lo
so



Lo! we go.

So we go.

Lo! we do go.

So we do go.

LESSON XXI.

m y
o n

my
on

I am on an ox.

It is my ox.

I am on my ox.

Go on, ox, go on.



LESSON XXII.

u p
a s

up
as



Do as I do.

Do as we do.

Go up as I do.

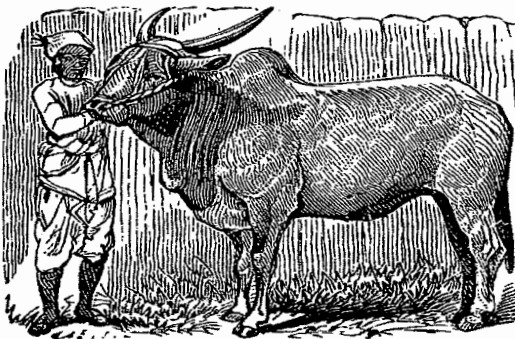
Go up as we do.

Do go up as we go up.

LESSON XXIII.

n o
u s

no
us



Is he on it?

No; he is by it.

Is it by us?

Is it an ox? No.

Is it to go by us? No.

LESSON XXIV.

b e

be

o r

or

Is he to be on,

or am I to be on?

He is to be on.

So am I to be on.



He is to go. So am I to go.

LESSON XXV.

o h

oh

i f

if

Is it an ax?

Is it my ax?

If it is an ax, it
is to be my ax.

Is it an ax? Oh, no!

LESSON XXVI.

a t
g o

at
go



Do we go at it?
Do we go up to it?
We do go up to it?
Oh! so we do.

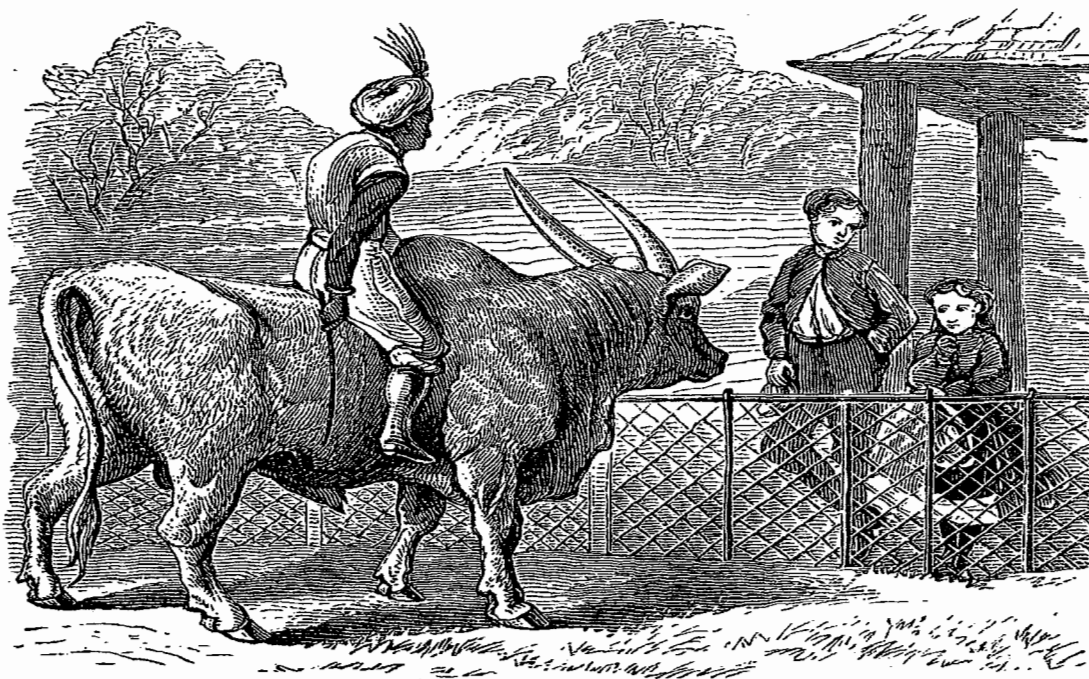
LESSON XXVII.

lo be
go me
no he
so we



Up we go.
So we go.
I am up.
Is he up? No.

Is he to go up?
He is to go up.
As I am up, so
he is to be up.

*LESSON XXVIII.*

as an us
at am up

Is it an ox? No. Is he up on it?

He is up on it. Oh! so he is.

Is he to go by us? Do go by us.

Do go on by us.

Oh, he is to go by us!

LESSON XXIX.

is	in	to
it	if	do



Oh! so we go.
 I am to go on.
 He is to go on.
 On, on, we go.

LESSON XXX.

on	by
ox	my
or	no
ax	oh



Do it as I do it.	Oh! do as we do.
Do it as we do it.	Go on. Do go on.
He is to do it as	If I am to go on,
we do it.	he is to go on.

LESSON XXXI.

f	e	d	fed
h	e	n	hen



Is it a hen?

It is a hen.

It is my hen.

Is my hen fed?

My hen is fed.

LESSON XXXII.

c	a	t	cat
r	a	n	ran

It is my cat.

My cat ran to me.

My cat ran at my
hen.



My cat ran. My hen ran.

LESSON XXXIII.

d	o	g	dog
n	o	t	not



It is a dog.

It is my dog.

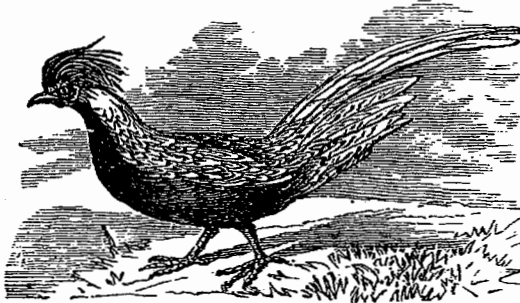
Is he not my dog?

He is my dog.

Is he fed? No; he is not fed.

LESSON XXXIV.

s	e	e	see
t	h	e	the



Oh, see the hen!

I do not see the
hen.

Is it not a hen?

Oh, no! it is not a hen.

LESSON XXXV.

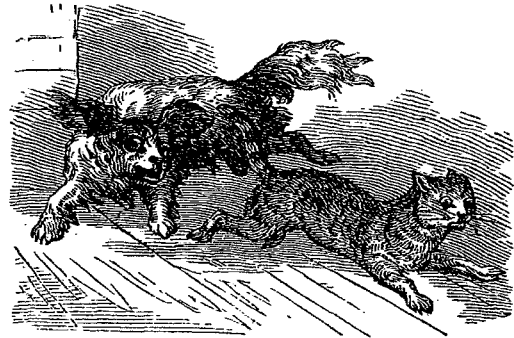
c	a	n	can
r	u	n	run

Run, dog, run!

See the cat run!

The dog can run.

The cat can run.



The dog can run to the cat.

LESSON XXXVI.

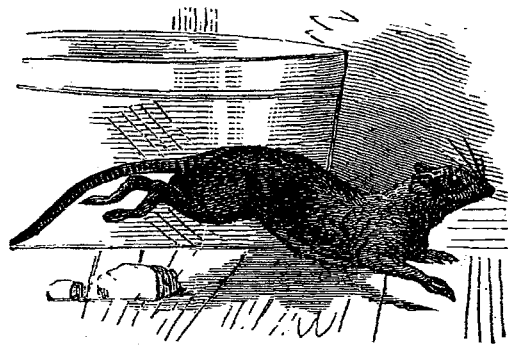
f	a	t	fat
r	a	t	rat

See the fat cat!

It is not a cat.

Is it not a cat?

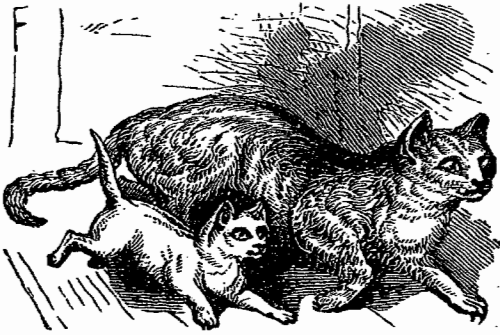
No; it is a rat.



So it is. Run, fat rat, run!

LESSON XXXVII.

a	n	d	and
k	i	t	kit



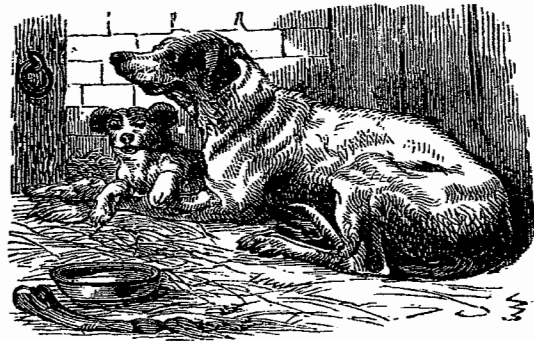
My cat and kit.
 See the kit run!
 The fat kit can
 run to the cat.

The cat and kit can run to me.

LESSON XXXVIII.

o	l	d	old
p	u	p	pup

See the old dog!
 See the fat pup!
 It is my old dog.
 It is my fat pup.



I fed my dog and my pup.

LESSON XXXIX.

d	i	d	did
k	i	d	kid



Did the kid run?
 The kid did run.
 The kid ran to
 the old dog.

*LESSON XL.*

f	o	x	fox
b	o	x	box

I am on a box.
 It is an old box.
 Did the old dog
 see the fox?



He did not see the fox.
 Is the fox in the box? I did not
 see the fox in the box.

LESSON XLI.

g	e	t	get
l	e	t	let



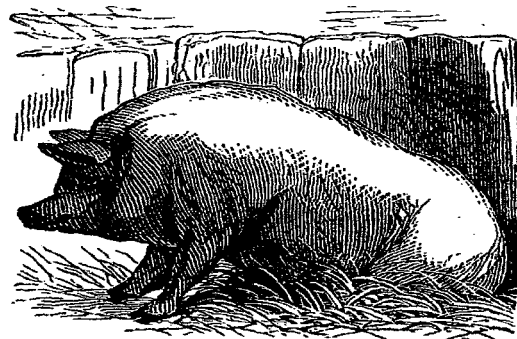
Run, dog, run!
 Run, fox, run!
 The dog can run.
 The fox can run.

Can the dog run by the fox?
 Let me see the dog run by the fox.
 Can the dog get the fox?
 Let the dog get the fox if he can.

LESSON XLII.

p	i	g	pig
h	i	s	his

Is it my pig?
 It is his pig.
 His pig is fed.
 His pig is fat.



LESSON XLIII.

s	i	t	sit
n	a	g	nag



Oh, see the dog
on the nag!
My dog can sit
on the nag.

It is my dog and my nag.
I fed my dog and my nag.

LESSON XLIV.

h	a	t	hat
b	u	t	but

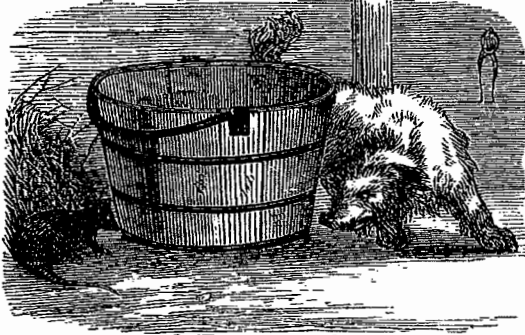
See his old hat!
I see his hat;
but it is not
an old hat.



He did not get an old hat.
My hat is old, but his is not old.

LESSON XLV.

h	i	d	hid
s	l	y	sly



The rat is sly.
 The rat is hid.
 The dog can get
 the rat.

Can the dog see the sly rat?
 He can get it, if he can see it.

LESSON XLVI.

h	e	r	her
p	e	t	pet

Her kid is a pet.
 It is not sly.
 It is her pet kid.
 It is her fat kid.



A rat is sly, and a fox is sly; but a
 kid is not sly.

LESSON XLVII.

l e d led
m a n man

He is an old man.

He can not see.

His dog can see.

The old man is
 led by his dog.

The dog is old; but he can see.

*LESSON XLVIII.*

tub was now

He is in the tub.

It is his tub.

A rat was in the
 tub.

But the rat is not in the tub now.

Did he see the rat in his tub?

No; but it was in the tub.



LESSON XLIX.

cap for you



Is it a hat or
a cap?

It is a cap.

Is it for me?

It is for you.

Is it an old cap? No.

Did you get it for me?

LESSON L.

fan new got

Do you see the
fan?

It is a new fan.

Did you get it
for me or for her?

I got it for her. I got the cap for
you, but the fan for her.



LESSON LI.

has boy top



See the top!
It is a new top.
Is the top for
the boy?

No; the boy has a top.
He has a new top and a new cap.

LESSON LII.

cup fly out

The boy has a
new cup.

A fly was in the
cup.

The fly is not in
his cup now.

The boy got the fly out.



LESSON LIII.

sit	old
pig	out
his	now
hid	owl

It is an owl.
 Can the owl fly?
 The owl did fly.
 Can it fly now?

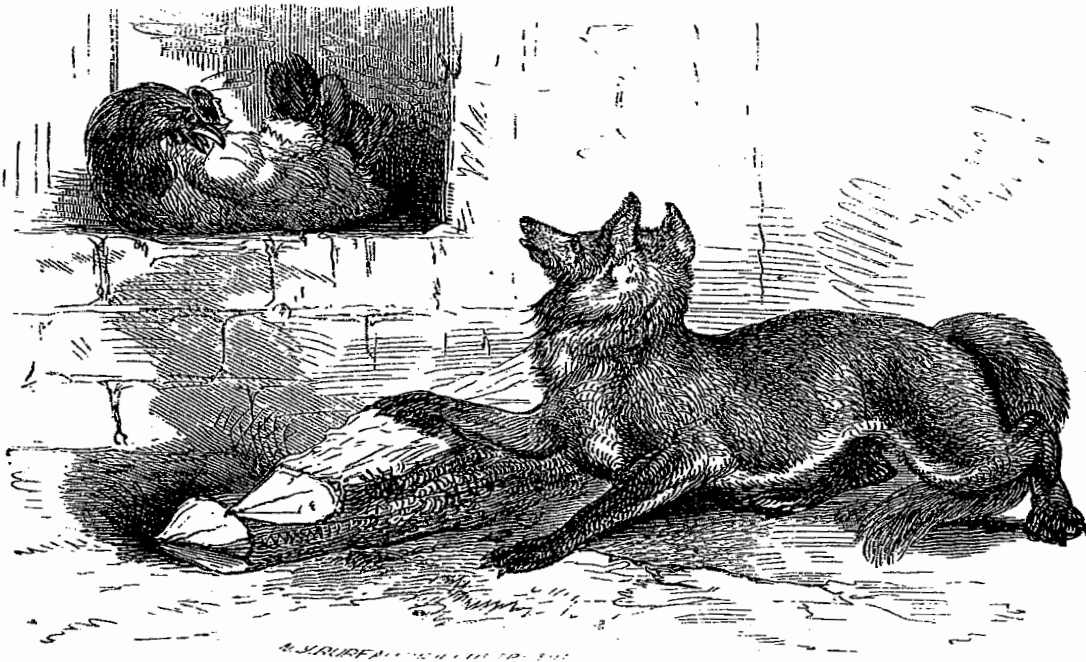
Did the man get
 the owl?
 He did not get it.
 He did not see it.

LESSON LIV.

kit	top
did	got
kid	not
boy	for

Old dog, do you
 see my hat?
 Can you get it
 for me?

You did get it.
 for me.
 Run and get it
 for me now.

*LESSON LV.*

ran	let	try
can	pet	sly
man	led	new
and	fed	you

See the fox try to get the hen!
He is a sly old fox.
Can he get the old hen?
He can try to get her.
Fly, old hen, fly!

*LESSON LVI.*

cup	cap	dog	get
pup	fan	box	see
tub	nag	fox	the
but	has	was	her

See! the fox has the hen.

The old hen did not fly; and so
the fox got her.

Did the dog try to get the fox?

The dog did not see the fox.

LESSON LVII.

God all sin him

Can God see me?

God can see you.

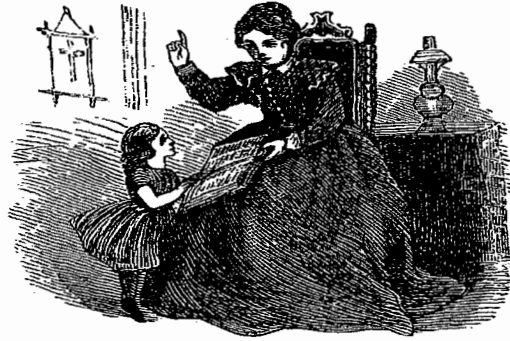
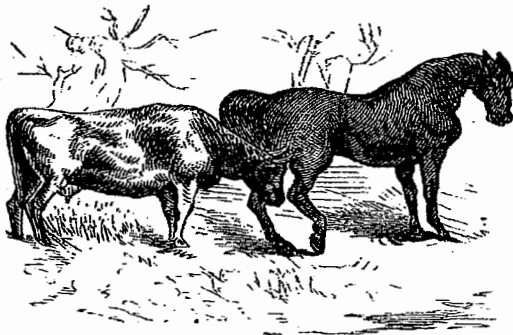
He can see us all.

But we can not

see him. No man can see God.

He can see us if we sin.

Let us do no sin; for God can
see all we do.

*LESSON LVIII.*

our she
cow lot

See the old cow!

It is our cow.

She is by our nag in the lot.

Has the man fed our cow?

He has fed our cow and our nag.

LESSON LIX.

Ned too
gun how

Do you see Ned
and his new top?

How did Ned get his new top?

The old man got it for him.

He got a gun for him too.

LESSON LX.

hay hot
may sun

Let us go and run
on the new hay.

The sun is too hot.

Oh, no! it is not too hot.

We can not see the sun now.

Our old dog may run on the new
hay too.



LESSON LXI.

cut saw
log why

Ned has an ax
and a saw.

Why did he get the ax?

He got the ax to cut the log; but
he has not cut it.

Let him get his saw now, and try
to saw the log.

LESSON LXII.

put bud
bee far

The boy has a
bee in his hat.

I saw him get it,
and put it in.

The bee was on a bud.



The boy saw it on the bud, and
ran to get it.

The bee did not see the boy.
It did not fly; and so the boy
got it.

Can the bee fly far?
It can not fly far in a hat.
But let it out, and you can see
how far it can fly.
The bee can fly; and the boy
can run.

LESSON LXIII.

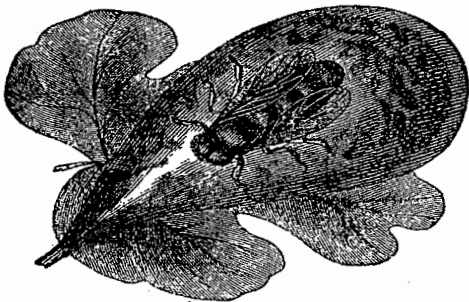


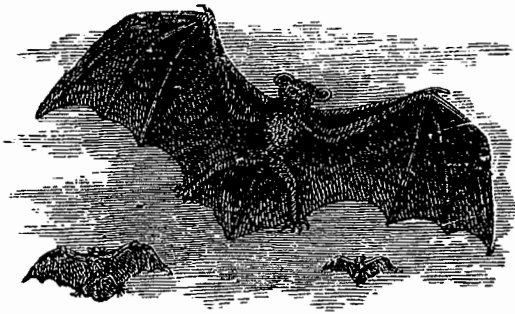
fig had
big that

See the big bee!
It is on a fig.

It is the bee that the boy had in
his hat.

But it is out now, and can fly.
It can fly as far as the boy can run.
Can the boy see it on the fig?

LESSON LXIV.



bat bit
hut will

It is a bat.
How it can fly!

It was in our old hut.
Our old cat was in the hut too.
I saw her try to get the bat; but
 she did not get it.
For the bat bit her; and she let
 it go.
The bat is out now; but the cat
 will not try to get it.
The bat will try to get a fly.

LESSON LXV.

off here
elk fast

Here is an elk.
The man saw the
elk, and ran for

his dog and gun.

He got his dog and gun, but did
not get the elk.

For the elk saw the man; and off
he ran.

The man run; and the elk run.

But the elk run too fast for the
man.

He run so fast that the man did
not get him.

Is the man far off now?

He is too far off to see the elk.