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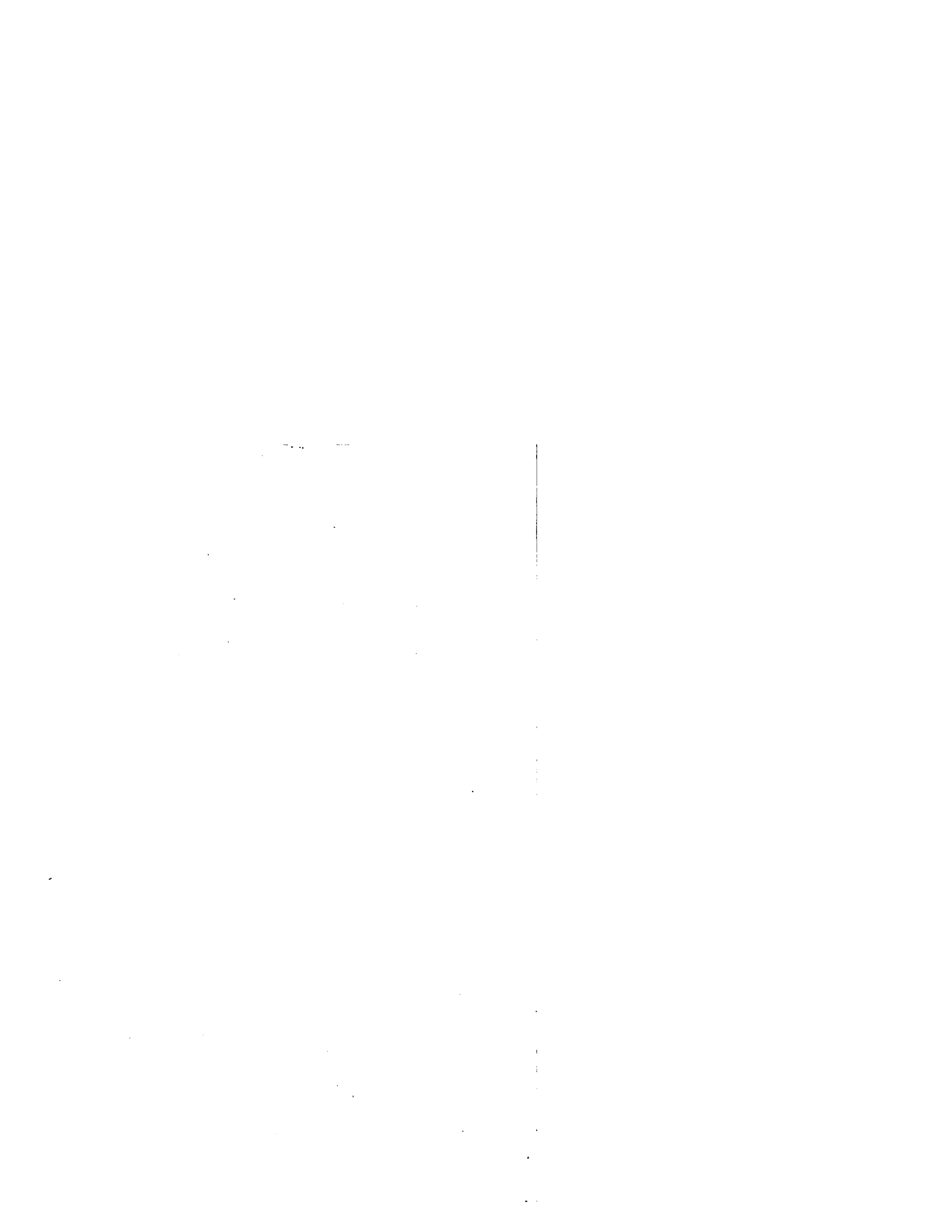
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## PREFACE.

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DEAR FELLOW-WORKERS :

In preparing this little reader I have had this especial object in view, — good reading ; not the mere recognizing of a large number of words, but the grasping of *ideas* through the printed page.

It is difficult to keep in mind how slowly a child's brain must work in doing this, or through how many processes it must pass. These cabalistic signs mean no more to the child than Sanskrit does to us, and it rests upon us, as teachers, to open this great field to the unfolding mind.

With these ideas in view, I have made the lessons as simple as possible, introducing as few words as I could in each new lesson and still keep a strong association with the picture.

At the beginning of each lesson, you will find a vocabulary of the new words, with the

phonetical marking. The sentences are short and conversational in style, and are such as would spring naturally to a child's lips, the new words being used so constantly that the mechanical effort of recognizing their form may be lost. In the first lessons I have grouped the words in pairs, having found it a great assistance in questioning the class before reading a new lesson, to do so in such a manner as to bring out the phrases. I find this questioning almost indispensable if I would bring out the child's expression.

Hoping this book may prove to be adapted to any and all the methods now in use,

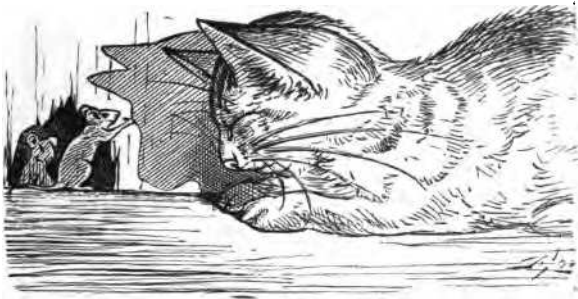
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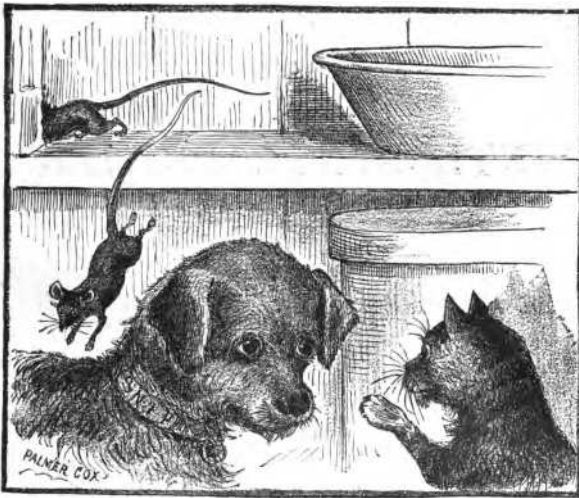


a căt	a răt
a răt	a căt
a căt	a răt

I cãn see

I can see a cat.

I can see a rat.



·A căt a căt      A dög a dög  
 A răt a răt      A păn a păn  
                   I                    căn see

A dog    can see.

A cat    can see.

A rat    can see    a cat.

I can see a dog.

I can see a rat.

I can see a cat.

I can see a pan.

A cat can see a rat.

A dog can see a cat.

A rat can see a dog.

A cat can see a pan.

A dog can see a rat.

A rat can see a pan.

A rat can see a cat.

A cat can see a dog.

A dog can see a pan.



Māy  
 hās  
 Cǎn yōū  
 nōt  
 cǎn nōt  
 Cǎn  
 yōū  
 the cǎt  
 The cǎt  
 cǎn

I can see May.

Can you see May?

May has a cat.

Can you see the cat?