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## PREFACE

If children are ever to become good readers they must like reading. They must be introduced as soon as possible to stories and books which they can understand and enjoy.

The Third Reader is distinctly a reading book. By this time the pupil has learned how to read and has begun to reflect and to have wider and more varied interests. He has a curiosity to know something of other countries, to hear folk tales and fairy stories, to read of the lives of heroes and their deeds. He has a love of animals, and is beginning to feel the music and the impulses of good poetry.

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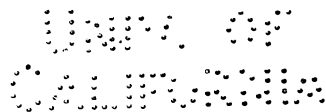
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## THE HOWE THIRD READER

### POLLY FLINDERS' APRON

MADGE A. BINGHAM

Polly Flinders wanted a new white apron with ruffles on it.

She thought it would be very beautiful, and while she was sitting in the doorway thinking about it, she fell asleep.

And while she was asleep, a very old cotton-stalk, with long white hair, walked up the steps and spoke to her.

"Good morning, Polly Flinders," said Mr. Cotton-stalk, bowing low. "It is very warm; let me fan you with one of my leaf fans. And so you want a new white apron, do you?"

"Yes," said Polly, opening her eyes very wide. "How did you know?"

"Never mind about that," said Mr. Cotton-