

The Catholic National Readers

The  
**NEW PRIMER**  
AND  
**BOOK ONE**

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The reprinting of this book is dedicated to  
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He has benevolently dedicated over 25 years of his  
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youth throughout the entire world.

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## TO TEACHERS.

**T**HE *word method*, which is now in general use, and is admitted to be both natural and practicable, is largely employed in this New Primer. This is, however, not to the entire exclusion of the *phonic and a—b—c methods*, which find a place whenever it is considered advisable.

Each word is given at the head of the lesson in which it first appears. As these lessons constitute a drill on the *regular long and short sounds of the vowels*, such words only as illustrate those sounds have the *phonic marks*.

As it is in written words alone that we spell in practical life, a series of *Slate Exercises in perfect, graceful Script* are here given. These are of great value, and are intended for both copying and reading.



### PHONIC MARKS USED IN THIS PRIMER.\*

ā as in cāme	ĭ as in bĭg	ȳ as in ēye
ǎ " " făt	ō " " nō	Ʒ " " Ʒat
ē " " hēre	ǒ " " tǒp	ȝ " " haȝ
ě " " hěn	ū " " ūse	ġ " " ġet
ī " " mīnd	ŭ " " ŭs	

\* The NEW FIRST READER contains not only the phonic marks here given, but those for the occasional sounds of the vowels.

THE ALPHABET

*a A b B c C*

a A b B c C

*d D e E f F*

d D e E f F

*g G h H i I*

g G h H i I

*j J k K l L*

j J k K l L

*m M n N o O*

m M n N o O

*p P q Q r R*

p P q Q r R

*s S t T u U*

s S t T u U

*v V w W x X*

v V w W x X

*y Y z Z &*

y Y z Z &

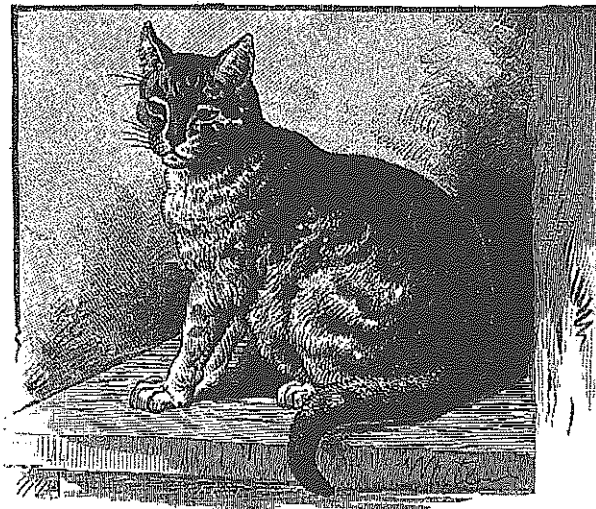
FIGURES.

*1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0*

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0

# PRIMER

## LESSON I.



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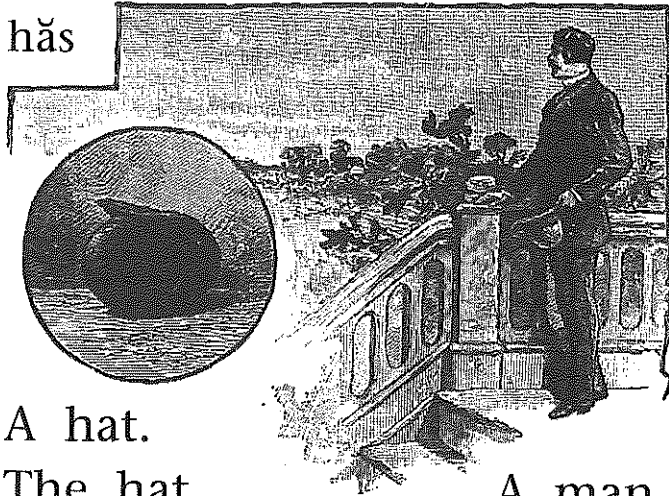
a fat cat

ă t f €

*a fat cat*

## LESSON II.

the                      hăt                      măn  
hăs



A hat.

The hat.

A man

The man has a hat.

By sight.

By sounds.

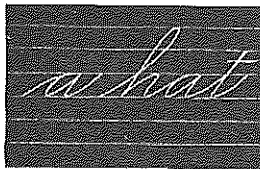
By letters.

man                      m ă n                      m a n

hat                      h ă t                      h a t

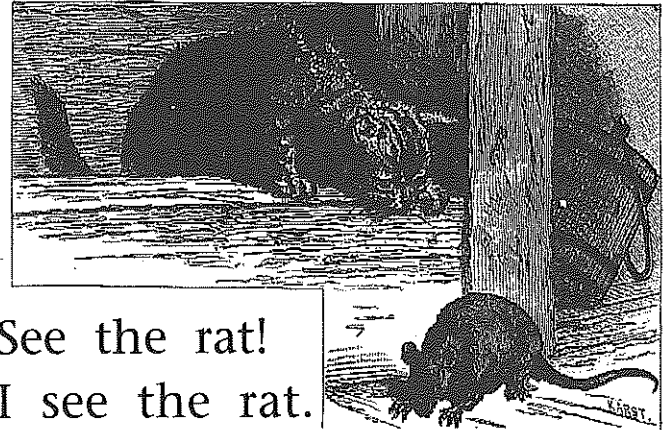
has                      h ă s                      h a s

ě      m      n      h      ș



## LESSON III.

I                      răț                      let  
it                      căn                      see



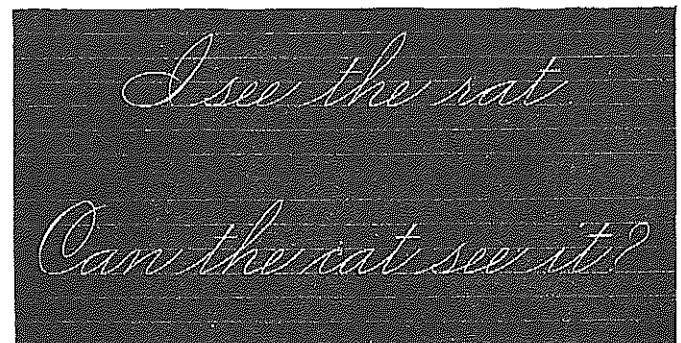
See the rat!

I see the rat.

Let the cat see the rat.

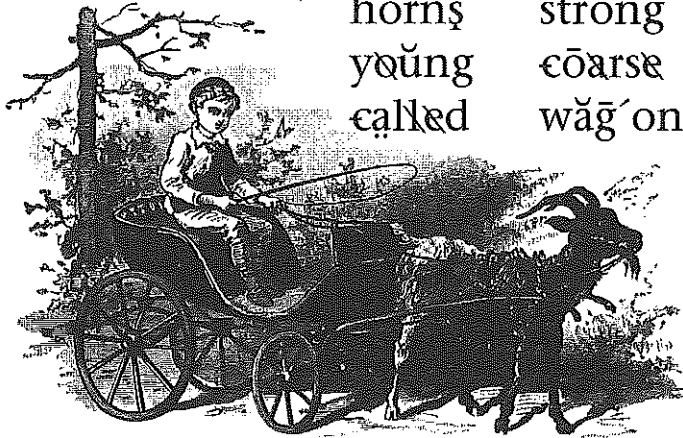
The cat can see it.

ī    l    r



## LESSON XXIX.

kĭd	hâir	gāve	lārgē
skĭn	gōat	pāint	bēard
		hōrnș	strōng
		yōūng	cōarse
		callēd	wāg'on



Joe has a wagon and a goat that his father gave him.

The wagon looks very pretty, with its red and black paint, and the goat is large and strong.

The hair of the goat is long and coarse. It has a beard and horns. When the goat is young it is called a kid, and fine gloves are made from its skin.

## REVIEW, LESSON XXX.

Agnes is at the seashore with our rich aunt.

Kate got some paint on her clothes. Ellen's father gave her a watch.

Dan's goat has large, strong horns. We ought to be kind to the poor. Mr. Snowman will not wear kid gloves.

Joe is proud of his wagon.

That coarse hair is called a beard. Whew! I got a puff from that pipe. There is nothing in my pockets.

The young men are on the beach. They went to watch the waves.

What are they doing now?

I think they want to dig in the sand. Let us go down soon, but first let us have lunch.

There are strange things in the sea. Do not talk now.

O, dear! John is wet to the skin. He has been down to the pond. The law of God is love. Give your heart to God.

## 2.

'Tis the life of the blessed Babe,  
 Jesus,  
 Who lived upon earth as a child,  
 And obeyed His dear father and  
 Mother,  
 Was gentle and docile and mild.

## 3.

I hope you will read it, my children,  
 And think of its lessons of love,  
 It will teach you how vain are all  
 treasures  
 But those that are laid up above.

## 4.

It will help you to bear all your  
 troubles  
 For love of the Savior who died;  
 It will teach you to govern your  
 temper,  
 And chase away anger and pride.

## REVIEW, LESSON LVIII.

The poor old man and his wife  
 looked very tired when I met them.  
 They had walked all the way to  
 market and back.

Mary has a gentle voice.

Try to govern your temper. Be  
 not vain.

Our neighbors had a great fright  
 the other night. They were fast  
 asleep when they were wakened by  
 the cry of "fire."

The other day I saw a dog danc-  
 ing to music. It looked very funny.

There is a pie on the kitchen  
 table.

The steam burned the bear, and  
 in his anger he hugged the kettle  
 to his breast.

So much smoke came from the  
 burning woods that I had to put  
 down the window.

Please shut the door when you go out.

John obeyed his parents all his life. He was docile and mild, and took pride in doing as they wished him to do.

It is said that a wild beast was seen near the mill. Two men have gone there to try to shoot it.

Charles, chase those rabbits away, or they will eat all the greens.

Mary has just made a short trip to the country.

Hark, how the wind is roaring. I am afraid it will do harm, but I do not want to alarm the people.

A good name is a treasure that gold can not buy.

Let us never forget that Our Savior died for us.

