

METHODS OF PRIMARY READING.

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The Burnz Phonetic Method.

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The author of this method is Mrs. Eliza Boardman Burnz, Principal of the New York School of Phonography. This, the latest of the phonetic methods, was published in 1892. The author in speaking of her little book, 'The Step-By-Step Primer,' says it 'is so arranged that a little child or a foreigner can learn to read from it easily, through analogy and by the use of reason. The pronunciation of each word is shown on the printed face without at all changing the common spelling.'

Letters, of course, are arbitrary signs, but when their powers are once learned they should furnish the key to pronunciation. This we know they do not do in ordinary English books. One reason is because the twenty-six letters are not sufficient in number to denote the forty or more separate, elementary sounds which compose the words of the spoken language.

Another reason is, that the twenty-six letters are not used with consistency. The vowel letters have from three to seven sounds each, and interchange those sounds, and both are often silent. Prof. Marteneau says: 'Learning to read English is the most difficult of human attainments; and it is undoubtedly so, if learning to spell is taken into account.'

The Step-By-Step Primer essays to do the best that can be done at present. It takes as a basis the Anglo-American alphabet of forty-two letters, or combinations of letters, each of which denotes an elementary sound of the language. Every sound has a definite representation, and no letter or combination of letters, in the same position, denotes more than one sound.

Since the short vowel sounds occur much more frequently than the long, in English words, the letters which denote the short are unmarked. An unmarked vowel letter always denotes its short or 'second' sound. This plan reduces the number of marked letters to a minimum. The short sounds occur in the words first shown in the Primer—words that the child most frequently uses—therefore no markings are required at the beginning of study. The few necessary connecting words can be pronounced by the teacher or learned by the 'word method' until the lesson which gives their sound is reached.

When letters in a printed word are silent—that is, really useless—they are put in hair line type. If a letter is pervertedly used, its true sound is indicated by a small type placed below, and the pupil gives its sound instead of that of the more prominent letter; or, though rarely, the false letter is set in a different type, and the true letter or letters put in parenthesis at the end of the word.

In the Step-By-Step Primer phonetic truth is presented to guide and encourage. Instruction in reading should be begun by showing the object, or picture of the object, which is represented by the subject word. Converse about it. Mention four ways in which a person can let another know what he or she is thinking of. First, by showing the object; second, by showing a picture of the object; third, by speaking the name of the object; fourth, by using marks, called letters, which stand for the sounds of the spoken word.

As well observed in the foregoing explanations, (1) the short vowel sounds are not marked,—this reduces the number of diacritical marks; (2) the silent letters are printed in hair line type; (3) where a letter does not have its usual sound, a small letter representing the correct sound, is printed below it, and, in some cases, above it. Thus, a small a is put under the a and a small z under the s, in says, and the y is in hair line type. The method is recommended by leading scholars and educators. Dr. Wm. T. Harris says: "It seems to me that your device, if adopted, would prove of great utility."

Prof. F. A. March, of Lafayette College, says: "Your Step By Step Pronouncing Primer is certainly an excellent book to teach the beginning of reading. I hope to see it in the list of supplies for the New York Public Schools."

Toronto, says: "I know of not only no better, but of none so good as yours."

Duren J. H. Ward, ex superintendent of Workingmen's School, New York, has the following: "The greatest device for primary reading ever published has been lately worked out by Mrs. Eliza B. Burnz in her Step-By-Step Pronouncing Primer."

Maximilian E. Graszman, Supt. Workingmen's School, New York, also gives strong testimony in favor of the system.

Charles E. Sprague, Treasurer of Spelling Reform Association, says: "A simple but effective solution of a great problem."

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All Oars Are Fatalists.

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Use it in Time.

Catarh starts in the nasal passages, affecting eyes, ears and throat, and is in fact, the great enemy of the mucous membrane. Neglected colds in the head almost invariably precede catarh causing an excessive flow of mucus, and if the mucus discharge becomes interrupted the disagreeable results of catarh will follow, such as bad breath, severe pain across forehead and about the eyes, a roaring and buzzing sound in the ears and oftentimes a very offensive discharge. Ely's Cream Balm is the acknowledged cure for these troubles.

FINDING HIS MATE.

One day, driving the missing horse's mate, he went to a stable where horses were sold at auction. As he was driving up to it, but still some distance away, his horse grew uneasy and gave a loud whinny, which a moment after was answered by a whinny from the stable. "My horse is in that stable," exclaimed the man. He got out of his wagon, went in, and there to be sure was his stolen horse. The animals seemed overjoyed to meet each other, whinnied back and forth, rubbed each other's necks, and indulged in all the demonstrations of equine affection. Now, how do you suppose the horse outside knew that his mate was inside that stable? Was it scent, or instinct finer than that with which human beings are endowed? We cannot tell.—Christian Register.

Chinese Officials to be Executed.

An imperial decree was issued lately ordering that Kung, ex Taotai of Poi Arthur, and General Yeh Chi Cao, who were tried by the Board of Punishment, be condemned to prison until autumn, when they are to be executed for losing Port Arthur to the Japanese.

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ASSIGNEE'S SALE, -OF VALUABLE- REAL ESTATE.

Pursuant to an order of the Court of Common Pleas, the undersigned assignee will sell at public sale on the several premises or at the Court House, on

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 1895:

NO. 1.—Exchange Hotel and Lot, situated on Main, or Second street, beginning at south-east corner of Main or Second street and Whitman's alley in the Town of Bloomsburg, Columbia county, Pennsylvania; thence along said Second or Main street eastwardly to the alley between the Exchange Hotel and Exchange block; thence along said alley southwardly, one hundred feet; thence along an alley north-eastwardly, eighty feet; thence southwardly, in a line parallel with Centre street one hundred and fourteen feet and six inches, to Pine alley; thence along Pine alley south-westwardly, one hundred sixty-eight feet and four inches, to Whitman's alley; thence along said alley north-westwardly, two hundred fourteen and one-half feet, to the place of beginning. Whereon is erected a four-story brick hotel, brick barn, ice-house and other outbuildings.

NO. 2.—Store buildings and lot, situated on north-east corner of Main and Market streets in said Town of Bloomsburg, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on north side of Second street, in line of lot of John K. Grotz; thence on the line of said Second street south-westwardly, to Market Square, a distance of fifty-five feet; thence in line of said square seventy-one and a half feet; thence in line of said square south-westwardly, thirty-three feet to Market street; thence in the line of Market St. north-westwardly eighty-six feet to line of lot of Charles W. McKelvy Jr.; thence by said lot north-eastwardly to lot of John K. Grotz aforesaid; thence by said lot southwardly, one hundred and fifty-eight feet to Second street, the place of beginning.

NO. 3.—Opera House, situated on Centre street in said Town of Bloomsburg, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at north-west corner of Pine alley and Centre street, thence along Centre street northwardly, one hundred fourteen and one-half feet; thence westwardly along alley in rear of Exchange block fifty-three feet; thence southwardly parallel with Centre street one hundred and fourteen and one-half feet to Pine alley aforesaid; and thence eastwardly along said alley fifty-three feet to the place of beginning. Whereon is erected a brick building containing six store rooms on the first floor and a public hall on second floor as Bloomsburg Opera House.

NO. 4.—House and lot, situated on Catharine street in the Town of Bloomsburg, beginning at a point in east line of Catharine street and corner of lot of Franklin P. McBride; thence south-westwardly, fifty feet; thence eastwardly one hundred and fourteen feet to an alley; thence northwardly fifty feet to lot of F. P. McBride; thence westwardly to place of beginning; whereon is erected a double frame dwelling house and outbuilding.

NO. 5.—House and lot, situated on First street in the Town of Bloomsburg, bounded on the north by First street; on the east by Parsonsage lot of Bloomsburg Baptist church, on the south by Ridge alley; and on the west by Jefferson street, having a front of about forty feet on First street.

NO. 6.—House and lot on West street, situated in the Town of Bloomsburg, bounded and described as follows: On the north by lot of John Pensly, on the east by West street, on the south by lot of Catharine H. Wilson, and on the west by lot now, or late of John Pursel.

NO. 7.—House and lot on East street, situated in the Town of Bloomsburg, beginning at a post corner of Main street (East street) and William Kern's lot; thence by

said street south-eastwardly fifty feet to lot late of George L. Johnson; thence by said lot south-westwardly one hundred and ninety-eight feet to an alley; thence by said alley north-westwardly fifty feet to a lot of William Kerns; thence by the same north-eastwardly one hundred and ninety-eight feet to the place of beginning; whereon is erected a double frame dwelling and a single frame dwelling, and outbuildings.

NO. 8.—Wharf lot on Canal street in the Town of Bloomsburg, situated on said Canal street; beginning at a point on berme bank of Penna. canal and in west line of Market street, thence by said street northwardly one hundred and forty-eight feet, more or less to Port Noble street; thence by same westwardly five hundred feet to a half lot, more or less, to land late of George Weaver, now of Penna. Canal Co.; thence by same southwardly one hundred and forty-eight feet, more or less, to the canal aforesaid; thence eastwardly by same five hundred four and one-half feet to place of beginning, containing about one and three-fourths acres.

NO. 9.—House and lot on Seventh street, in Town of Bloomsburg, bounded on the north by public road leading to Esby, on the east by lot of A. Noble, on the south by an alley, and on the west by lot of M. C. Woodward, being in front fifty feet, in depth two hundred feet; whereon is erected a two-story brick dwelling house, frame stable and outbuildings.

NO. 10.—Grist mill, eight acres of land and three houses, situated in Hemlock township, Columbia county, Pennsylvania, beginning at stone of line of land of William Ivey; thence by said land N., 83 deg. W. 9.7 perches to a post; thence N., 6 deg. W. 6.6 perches to a point on bank of Head Race; thence 101 deg. E. 2.5 perches to a stone; thence N., 60 deg. E. 7.4 perches to a stone in public road leading from Bloomsburg to Buckhorn; thence N., 23 deg. E. 14.2 perches to a stone; thence N. 79 deg. E. 1.6 perches to a corner near a springhouse; thence N., 3 deg. W. 1 perch to a stone; thence S. 52 deg. E. 2.4 perches to a stone; thence S. 17 deg. E. 5.1 perches to a stone; thence S. 23 deg. W. 8.6 perches to a stone in public road; thence S. 72 deg. E. 11.1 perches to a white oak; thence along land of James Barton, S., 50 deg. W. 21 perches to a stone, the place of beginning; containing two acres and eight perches, being the property known as the Red Mill. Together with the reserved rights and water rights as set forth in a certain deed of conveyance to William Ivey, dated 28th May, 1881. Recorded deed book 33, page 411, etc. Together with the seven acres of land containing the dam or reservoir of said water power as described and conveyed to I. W. McKelvy by William Ivey and wife by deed dated 1st Sept. 1882. Recorded in deed book 35, page 354, etc. Said Red Mill property includes three dwellings, barn and outbuildings.

NO. 11. (a).—Share of I. W. McKelvy in estate of Wm. McKelvy, deceased. Undivided one-half interest in piece of land in said Town of Bloomsburg, bounded north by Pennsylvania canal; east by lot formerly of Martin Randall; south by public road (now Ninth street) leading from ferry road to Market street; and west by land of estate of Michael Tracey, containing 3 acres 66 perches, strict measure.

NO. 11. (b).—Said I. W. McKelvy's share in his father's undivided one-half interest in lot of land in said Town of Bloomsburg, bounded north by East Third street; east by land now or late of Land Improvement Co.; south by Fifth street and

and west by alley parallel with East street and several lots fronting thereon, containing about eighteen acres.

NO. 11. (c).—Said I. W. McKelvy's share in his father's undivided one-half interest in lot of land in said Town of Bloomsburg, known as the McClure farm, bounded south by Susquehanna river; east by lands of estate of D. J. Waller, of Bloomsburg & Sullivan R. Co., Rupert and Bloomsburg R. Co., and Bloomsburg Carpet Mill Co.; north by said Carpet Mill Co., Columbia County Agricultural Association, C. B. Sterling, Samuel Giger, Barton and estate of V. Boone, and west by land of estate of V. Boone and lands of Daniel Bryfogle, containing one hundred and twenty-five acres more or less.

NO. 11. (d).—Said I. W. McKelvy's share in his father's undivided one-half interest in lot of land situated on public road leading from Bloomsburg to Light Street (known as the Fullmer farm) and in the Town of Bloomsburg, aforesaid, bounded by lands of Valentine Kressler, Robert M. Lewis and Elizabeth Ritter, and containing 101 acres, 88 perches, strict measure.

NO. 11. (e).—Said I. W. McKelvy's share in his father's undivided one-half interest in lot of land near the last described land and in said Town, bounded by land of Samuel Melick and David Lee, Robert M. Lewis and Samuel Hamlin, containing 16 acres 102 perches, strict measure.

NO. 11. (f).—Said I. W. McKelvy's share in his father's undivided half interest in lot of land beginning at a point on the line between the lot a. 88 p. farm above described and Elizabeth Ritter's land where said line crosses public road leading from Bloomsburg to Light Street, and bounded by said public road and land of said Elizabeth Ritter, containing one acre 132 perches, strict measure, whereon is erected a two-story frame dwelling house.

NO. 11. (g).—Said I. W. McKelvy's shares in his father's undivided half interest in lot of land in said Town of Bloomsburg, situated on the east side of East street, bounded north by lot of Eli Jones, east by an alley, south by an alley, west by East street; having a front of fifty-three feet three inches on East street and a depth of one hundred and ninety eight feet. Whereon is erected a brick dwelling house.

NO. 11. (h).—Said I. W. McKelvy's share in his father's undivided half interest in a lot of land in Centre township, Columbia county, Pa., bounded south by D. L. & W. R. Lewis Co., east by land of L. W. Wooley, Lewis Dieterick and H. C. Barton, north by land of John K. Grotz, west by land of Low Brothers and McKelvy, Neal and Freas, containing 21 acres. Also the 1/4 interest or share of I. W. McKelvy in his father's undivided one-fourth interest in adjoining lot of land bounded north by McKelvy and Neal, east by McKelvy and Neal, south by Low Brothers, and west by A. Hagenbuch, containing one quarter of an acre.

NO. 11. (i).—Said I. W. McKelvy's one-fifth share in father's undivided half interest in the surface of certain lands in Hemlock township, Columbia county, Pa., and one-eighth interest in the iron ore therein, known as the McBride lot, bounded by lands of Hugh McBride, Peter Appleman and Bloomsburg Iron Company, containing 38 acres and 69 perches, strict measure.

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