

The purpose behind the present collection of short stories is a double one. Firstly, it has been my intention to give to those who have gone through the main part of "English by the Nature Method" a chance to continue their studies in an easy and natural way by simply reading stories written in a language that they already command. Thus, at the beginning of this book, the stories make use only of the 2300 words contained in "English by the Nature Method". By degrees, new words are introduced, and these are explained by the help of the same 2300 words plus such new words as may have been taken into use in the stories already given. In this way, the pupil's knowledge of words is increased little by little, until at the end of the book it includes 3700 words in all, carefully chosen among those most frequently used in the English language.