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## Sound-English Primer (Classic Reprint)

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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.Excerpt from Sound-English Primer The present irregular spelling of the English language makes learning to read the most difficult task undertaken by a child. Educational statistics of different countries reveal the astonishing fact that English-speaking children suffer an average loss of two years, as compared with the children of other nations, in learning to read; while the injury inflicted on the young minds by the present methods is a still more serious matter, though not so easily measured and expressed in figures. We need only consider seriously the very first steps usually taken in a child s elementary instruction, to be convinced of their absurdity and harmfulness. On opening his Primer, he is shown the words a cat, or a rat. He is also told that the first character has the sound of long a (eh); but no sooner has the form of this letter and its connection with the sound of a made an impression on the young mind than, in the very next word (cat or rat), the child is confronted by the identical sign...



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