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PART A.

CLASSIFICATION OF WORDS ACCORDING TO ORTHOGRAPHY AND PRONUNCIATION.

To the Teacher .- In using Part I., various modes of study and recitation may be employed, and it will usually be found best to pursue no one mode exclusively. But it is earnestly recommended to the teacher to employ a variety of written, as well as oral exercises, in the classes which are studying this Part. Let the pupils be required (for instance), to form sentences which shall contain the words of the lesson; and let the plan of the composition be simple or more difficult, according to the age and attainments of the class. Written exercises of this kind may be varied to almost any extent, and will be found on many accounts advantageous in the prosecution of such studies-

CHAPTER I.

Words pronounced exactly alike, but spelled differently; arranged according to the sound of the principal vowel.

A as in mate. ALE, a malt liquor. AIL, to affect unpleasantly. ATE, did eat. AIT, a small island in a river. BRAKE, fern; a thicket. Eight, a number. A'TE, the goddess of mischief. EIGH'TY, fourscore. Ba'con, smoked pork. BAK'EN, cooked in an oven. BALE, a pack of goods. BAIL, a surety. BATE, to deduct. BAIT, an allurement. BAY, a color; a tree. BEY, a Turkish governor.

BAYS, [pl. of Bay] a garland. BAIZE, a kind of cloth. BRAID, to plait. BRAYED, did bray. BREAK, to part by force. CANE, a walking stick. CAIN, a man's name. CHASTE, pure. CHASED, pursued. DANE, a native of Denmark. DEIGN, to condescend. DAY, a period of time. DEY, the governor of Algiers FAINT, languid; weak. FEINT, a pretence.

PRAY, to beseech.

FANE, a temple. FAIN, willingly; gladly. FEIGN, to pretend. FRAYS, quarrels. FRAISE, a kind of fortification. PHRASE, a mode of speech. GAGE, a pledge. GAUGE, a measuring rod. GATE, a sort of door. GAIT, manner of walking. GRATE, a range of bars. GREAT, large. GRA'TER, a sort of rasp. GREAT'ER, larger. HALE, strong; healthy. HAIL, frozen rain; to salute. HAY, dried grass. HEY! an exclamation. LADE, to load. LAID, placed. LANE, a narrow road. LAIN, remained. MADE, finished. MAID, an unmarried woman. STA'TIONARY, fixed. MALE, a he animal. MAIL, armor; a post-bag. MANE, of a horse. MAIN, principal; chief. MAINE, name of a state. MAZE, an intricate place. MAIZE, Indian corn. [wheel. NAVE, the centre or hub of a KNAVE, a rogue. NAY, no. NEIGH, the voice of a horse. PALE, whitish. PAIL, a wooden vessel. Pane, a square of glass. Pain, uneasiness. PLACE, a situation. PLAICE, a flat fish. PLANE, a carpenter's tool. PLAIN, manifest; even. PLATE, a shallow dish.

PLAIT, a fold.

PREY, plunder; booty. RAIN, water from the clouds. REIN, of a bridle. REIGN, to rule. RAZE or RASE, to demolish. RAYS, sunbeams. RAISE, to lift; to elevate. RA'zor, a shaving tool. RAIS'ER, a lifter. SALE, a selling. SAIL, the canvas of a vessel. SAIL'ER, a sailing vessel. SAIL'OR, a seaman. SANE, sound in mind. SEINE, a river in France. SETA'CEOUS, set with bristles. CETA'CEOUS, of the whale SLAY, to kill. Tkind. SLEIGH, a vehicle on runners. SLEY, a weaver's reed. STAKE, a small post. STEAK, broiled meat. STA'TIONERY, paper, pens,&c. STRAIT, a narrow pass. STRAIGHT, not crooked. TALE, a story. TAIL, the end. VALE, a valley. VAIL, or VEIL, a curtain; a covering. VANE, a weathercock. VAIN, proud; fruitless. VEIN, a blood vessel. WALE, a ridge. WAIL, to lament. WANE, to decrease. WAIN, a wagon. WASTE, useless expenditure. WAIST, a part of the body. WAIT, to stay for. WEIGHT. heaviness. WAVE, a billow. WAIVE, to relinquish; to put

WAY, a manner; a road. WEIGH, to ascertain weight. WADE, to walk in water. WEIGHED, did weigh.

A as in care.

AIR, the atmosphere. HEIR, an inheritor. BARE, naked. BEAR, to support. FARE, food; price of passage. FAIR, beautiful; honest. GLARE, splendor. GLAIR, white of an egg. HARE, an animal. HAIR, of the head. PARE, to shave off the outside. PAIR, a couple. PEAR, a fruit. STARE, to gaze. STAIR, a step. TARE, an allowance in weight. TEAR, to rend. THEIR, belonging to them. THERE, in that place. WARE, merchandise. WEAR, to diminish by use.

A as in mat.

ADDS, increases. ADZ a kind of hatchet. AN, avarticle. ANN, or ANNE, a woman's AN'NALIST, a writer of annals. AN'ALYST, one who analyses. ANT, an insect. AN'KER, a liquid measure. An'chor, of a vessel. AS'PERATE, to make rough. AS'PIRATE, to give the sound BARD, a poet. [sure. CAL'ENDER, to polish by pres- Cast, to throw. CAL'ENDAR, an almanac.

CAL'LOUS, hardened; insensible. CAL'LUS, a hardening of the CAN'DID, frank; ingenuous. CAN'DIED, turned to sugar. CAN'NON, a large gun. CAN'ON, a law; a rule. CAN'VASS, to examine. CAN'VAS, coarse cloth. DAM, a wall across a stream. DAMN, to condemn. DRAM, a small weight. DRACHM, an ancient coin. JAM, a conserve of fruit. JAMB, a supporter. LACK, to want. LAC, a sort of gum. MAN'NER, mode; custom. Man'on, the land belonging to a nobleman. MAN'TLE, a kind of cloak. MAN'TEL, the chimney piece. NAG, a little horse. KNAG, a knot in wood. NAP, a short sleep. KNAP, a protuberance. PAL'LET, a little bed. PAL'LETTE, or PAL'LET, a painter's board. PAN'NEL, a rustic saddle. PAN'EL, a square of wainscot. RAP, to strike. WRAP, to fold. TACKS, small nails. TAX, a rate imposed. A as in mart.

AUNT, a relative. ARK, a chest. ARC, part of a circle. BARRED, closed with bars. CASTE, rank among the Hin-

CAST'ER, a small bottle. CAST'OR, a beaver. Ttion. DRAUGHT, a drink; a delinea-DRAFT, an order for money. HART, a sort of stag. HEART, the seat of life. MARK, a line; an impression. MARQUE, license for reprisals. PSAL'TER, a psalm book. MAR'SHAL, to arrange. MARE'SCHAL, a chief com- WALL, a partition. mander. MAR'TIAL, warlike.

A as in all.

ALL, every one. AWL, a sharp pointed tool. AL'TER, to change. AL'TAR, that on which sacrifices were offered. AU'GUR, a soothsaver. AU'GER, a boring tool. AUGHT, anything. OUGHT, should. Ball, a spherical body. BAWL, to cry out. BALD, without hair. BAWLED, did bawl. CALL, to name. CAUL, a membrane. CAUK, a sulphate of barytes. CAULK, to stop leaks. CAUF, a box for live fish. COUGH, a convulsion of the FLEE, to run away. lungs. CLAWS, talons. CLAUSE, part of a sentence. CORD, a small rope. CHORD, a musical harmony. GALL, bile; bitterness. GAUL, a Frenchman. HALL, a large room. HAUL, to pull. MALL, a wooden hammer. MAUL, to beat; to bruise.

NAUGHT, bad; worthless. NOUGHT, or NAUGHT, no. thing. PAUL, a man's name. PALL, a covering for the dead Paws, a beast's feet. PAUSE, a stop. SALT'ER, more salt. WAWL, to cry as a cat.

E as in mete.

ARREAR', what is unpaid. ARRIERE', last body of an BE, to exist. BEE, a stinging insect. BEECH, a tree. BEACH, the sea shore. BEER, malt liquor. BIER, a carriage for the dead. BEET, an eatable root. BEAT, to strike. Breach, a breaking. BREECH, of a gun. DEER, an animal. DEAR, beloved; expensive. DISCREET', prudent. DISCRETE', separate. FEET, plural of foot. FEAT, an exploit. FLEA, a biting insect. FREEZE, to congeal with cold. FRIEZE, coarse woollen cloth GREECE, a country of Europe. GREASE, soft fat. HEEL, of the foot. HEAL, to cure. HEAR, to hearken. HERE, in this place. KEY, for a lock. QUAY, a mole, or wharf.

LEA, or LEY, a meadow. LEE, opposite to the wind. LEAF, part of a plant. LIEF, willingly. LEEK, a sort of onion. LEAK, a slow escape of fluid. MEED, reward. MEDE, a native of Media. MEAD, a liquor made from honey. MEAN, paltry; low. Tpect. MIEN, air; deportment; as-MEET, to come together. MEAT, animal food. METE, to measure. ME'TER, one who measures. ME'TRE, or ME'TER, measure; SHEER, pure; unmixed. verse. NEED, want; necessity. KNEAD, to work dough. Peace, quiet; tranquillity. PIECE, a part. PEAK, a point; the top. PIQUE, a grudge. PEEL, a rind, or skin. PEAL, a loud sound. PEER, a nobleman. PIER, the support of an arch or bridge. PLEAS, excuses. PLEASE, to gratify; to delight. TEAR, water from the eye. QUEEN, a king's wife. QUEAN, a worthless woman. REED, a plant. READ, to peruse. REEK, to emit vapor. WREAK, to inflict. SEE, to view; to behold. SEA, the ocean. SEAL, an impression. CEIL, to make a ceiling. SEAL'ING, fixing a seal. CEIL'ING, of a room.

SEED, of a plant.

SEEM, to appear. SEAM, a joint. SEEN, viewed; beheld. SEINE, a fishing net. Scene, a sight; a view SEER, a prophet. SEAR, to burn; to wither. CERE, to cover with wax. SEIR, name of a mountain. SEAS, great waters. SEES, views; beholds. SEIZE, to lay hold of. SEN'IOR, elder. SEIGN'OR, a lord. SHAGREEN', a sort of fish skin. CHAGRIN', vexation. SHEAR, to clip. SHIRE, a county. SLEEVE, covering of the arm. SLEAVE, untwisted silk. STEEL, carbonized iron. STEAL, to thieve; to pilfer. SWEET, fitted to gratify the taste. SUITE, [generally written and pronounced SUIT] retinue. TEAL, a water fowl. Tell, a kind of tree. TIER, a rank; a row. TEAS, plural of tea. TEASE, to torment. TEEM, to abound. TEAM, animals harnessed together. THE, the definite article. THEE, thyself. WEEK, seven days. WEAK, feeble; infirm. WEEN, to think. WEAN, to alienate. WHEEL, a circular body. CEDE, to give up; to resign. WHEAL, a pustule.

E as in met.

ASSENT', agreement. ASCENT', a going up. Bell, a hollow sounding body. Belle, a gay young lady. BER'RY, a small fruit. Bur'y, to put under ground. BET'TER, superior. BET'TOR, one who lays wa- WRETCH, a worthless person. BRED, brought up. BREAD, food made from corn. CEN'SOR, a critic. CEN'SER, a vessel for incense. Conses'sion, a sitting together. BITE, to seize with the teeth. Conces'sion, a vielding. FER'RULE, a metallic band. FER'ULE, a wooden pallet. GUESSED, conjectured. GUEST, a visitor. HERD, a drove. HEARD, did hear. INTEN'TION, design; purpose. INTEN'SION, the act of strain-JES'SY, a woman's name. [ing. Guise, appearance. JES'SE, a man's name. LED, conducted. LEAD, a metal. LES'SEN, to make less. Les'son, a task; a lecture. LEV'Y, to raise money, &c. LEV'EE, a concourse; a bank. PEN'CIL, for writing. PEN'SILE, hanging. PEN'DENT, hanging. PEN'DANT, a small flag. RED. a color. READ, did read. REST, repose. WREST, to take violently. SELL, to deliver for a price. CELL, a small cavity; a hut. MI'NER, a worker in a mine. SEL'LER, one who sells. CEL'LAR, a room under MITE, a little insect. ground.

SENSE, feeling; perception. CENSE, a public tax. SENT, participle of send. CENT, a coin. SCENT, odor. SES'SION, a sitting. CES'SION, a yielding. WETH'ER, a sheep.

WEATH'ER, state of the air. RETCH, to attempt to vomit. I as in pine. BIGHT, one round of a cable By, with; near. Buy, to purchase. CLIME, a climate. CLIMB, to mount up. DIE, to expire; a stamp. DYE, to color. FIND, to discover. FINED, punished by fine. GUYS, ropes. HIDE, to conceal. HIED, did hie. HIGH; lofty. HIE, to make haste. I, myself. EYE, the organ of sight. I'LL, I will. ISLE, an island. AISLE, passage in a church. INDITE', to compose; to write. INDICT', to accuse. LIE, a wilful falsehood. LYE, liquor from wood ashes. LI'ER, one who lies down. LI'AR, one who tells lies. MI'NOR, one under age. MIGHT, power; ability.

NIGHT. darkness. KNIGHT, a title of honor. PRI'ER, a close inquirer PRI'OR, former; previous. PRIES, inquires into. PRIZE, a reward; a premium. PRIDE, self-esteem. PRIED, past tense of pry. Quire, 24 sheets of paper. CHOIR, a band of singers. RICE, a species of grain. RISE, elevation. RIME, hoar frost. RHYME, agreement of sound. RITE, a ceremony. WRITE, to form letters. RIGHT, straight; correct. WRIGHT, a workman. RYE, a kind of grain. WRY, crooked; distorted. SIDE, the margin. SIGHED, did sigh. SINE, a geometrical line. Sign, a mark; a token. Si'on, name of a mountain. CI'ON, or Sci'ON, a sprout. SITE, a situation. CITE, to summon; to quote. SIGHT, a view; a vision. Size, bulk, magnitude. Sighs, expressions of grief. SLIGHT, to neglect. SLEIGHT, an artful trick. STILE, a stairway over a wall. STYLE, manner of writing. TIDE, rush of water. TIED, fastened. TIME, duration; season THYME, an aromatic herb. . TIRE, of a wheel; to weary. TYRE, an ancient city. VI'AL, or PHI'AL, a small bottle. RING, a circle; to sound. Vi'ot, a musical instrument. VICE, sin. VISE, a kind of press.

I as in pin. BEEN, participle of be BIN, a large box. BRIT'ON, a native of Britain. BRIT'AIN, England and Scot-Dis'cous, broad and flat. Dis'cus, a quoit. FILLIP, to hit with the finger. PHIL'IP, a man's name. FIL'TER, to strain liquors. PHIL'TER, a love charm. FIS'SURE, a cleft; a crack. FISH'ER, one who catches fish GILD, to adorn with gold. GUILD, the name of an association. GILT. adorned with gold. Guilt, wickedness; sin.

HIM, that man. HYMN, a sacred song. In, within. Inn, a public-house. KILL, to take away life. KILN, a sort of stove. LIMB, a member. LIMN, to draw or paint. LINKS, connecting rings. Lynx, an animal.

GRIS'LY, frightful; hideous.

GRIZZ'LY, somewhat gray.

MIL'LINERY, goods of a milliner MIL'LENARY, consisting of a thousand. MIST, a fine rain.

MISSED, did miss. NIT, an insect's egg KNIT, to weave with needles. RIGGER, one who rigs. Rig'or, severity; sternness.

WRING, to twist.

SIG'NET, a seal. CYG'NET, a young swan. SILI'CIOUS, flinty. CILI'CIOUS, made of hair. SIL'LY, simple; foolish. SCIL'LY, name of islands. SIN'GLE, alone. CIN'GLE, a girth. SINK, to fall down. CINQUE, five. SIT, to rest on a seat. CIT. a citizen. STICKS, small pieces of wood. STYX, a fabulous river.

O as in no.

BLOTE, to dry by smoke. BLOAT, to swell. BOLL, a pod. Bole, a kind of earth. BOWL, a basin. BORE, to make a hole. BOAR, a male swine. Bored, pierced. BOARD, a thin plank. Borne, carried; supported. BOURNE, a limit; a boundary. Bow, an instrument. Beau, a gay gentleman. Broach, to open; to utter. BROOCH, a jewel. COLE, a sort of cabbage. COAL, a kind of fuel. COARSE, rough; gross. Course, order; progress. CORE, the inner part. Corps, a body of troops. DOE, a female deer. Dough, unbaked bread. Doze, to slumber. Does, female deer. FORE, preceding. Four, twice two. FORTH, forward. FOURTH, next after the third. ROADS, highways. GOURD, a vegetable production. GORED, pierced with a horn.

GROAN, to sigh deeply. GROWN, increased. GRO'CER, a dealer in groceries GROSS'ER, coarser. Ho, a cry to attend. HOE, a garden tool. HOARD, to lay up. HORDE, a tribe. HOLE, a hollow place. WHOLE, entire; unbroken. HOME, one's dwelling. HOLM, the evergreen oak. Lo, behold. Low, not high. LONE, retired; solitary. LOAN, to lend. MOAN, to lament. Mown, cut down. Mode, manner. MOWED, cut down. Mote, a particle of dust. MOAT, a ditch. No. not so. Know, to understand. Nose, a part of the face. Knows, understands. O! or OH! alas! OWE, to be indebted. ODE, a poem. OWED, did owe. ORE, unrefined metal. OAR, a pole to row with. O'ER, over. Pole, a long stick. POLL, the head. PORE, a minute tube. Pour, to cause to flow. PORT, a harbor. PORTE, the Turkish court. ROAN, a color. Rown, impelled by oars. RHONE, a river in France. RHODES, an island in the Le-

RODE, did ride. ROWED, did row. ROAD, a way. Roe, a female deer. Row, to impel with oars. Roes, female deer. Rose, a flower. ROME, a city of Italy. ROAM, to wander; to rove. ROTE, a round of words. WROTE, did write. SHONE, did shine. Shown, exhibited. SLOE, an animal; sort of plum. COOM, a species of soot-SLow, tardy; not quick. So, in such manner. Sow, to scatter seed. SEW, to work with a needle. SOLD, did sell. Soled, furnished with a sole. Sole, only. [man. Soul, the immortal part of Sore, tender; painful. SOAR, to rise high. Sword, a weapon. SOARED, did soar. THROE, extreme agony. THROW, to cast; to heave. THRONE, a seat of state. THROWN, cast. TOE, part of the foot. Tow, dressed hemp; to drag. TOLD, did tell. TOLLED, rung. TOLE, to allure. TOLL, a kind of tax.

O as in not.

Con'LING, a sort of apple. Cop'dling, parboiling. COL'LAR, covering for the neck. CHOL'ER, anger; rage. COM'PLIMENT, a token of respect. COM'PLEMENT, the full num. Flue, a chimney pipe. ber.

LOCK, a tuft of hair; a fastening. Loch, or Lough, a lake. Not, a word of negation. KNOT, a tie. ON'ERARY, fit for burdens. Hon'orary, conferring honor. PROPH'ET, a foreteller. Prof'IT, gain; advantage. SOR'REL, a color. SOR'EL, a buck in the third

O as in move.

COOMB, a measure. To. unto: towards. Too, likewise. Two, a couple.

Oo as in book.

Hoop, of a barrel. WHOOP, a shout. Wood, the substance of trees. WOULD, was willing.

U as in tube.

BLUE, a color. BLEW, did blow. Brews, does brew. BRUISE, to hurt. BRUTE, a beast. BRUIT, noise; a report. CREWS, ships' companies. CRUISE, to sail up and down. CREW'EL, a ball of yarn. CRU'EL, savage; inhuman. DUE, owed. DEW, moisture. EWE, a female sheep. YEW, an evergreen tree.

FEUD, a quarrel.

FEOD, a tenure.

FLEW, did fly.

HUE, a color, or tint. HEW, to cut down. Hugh, a man's name. Ju'ry, a set of men sworn to give a true verdict JEW'RY, the land of Judea. Lu'sern, a lynx. LU'CERNE, a sort of clover. Mu'cous, slimy. Mu'cus, a viscid fluid. MUE, or MEW, to moult. MEW, a fowl; an enclosure. MULE, a beast. NEW, fresh; novel. KNEW, understood. Su'ER, one who entreats. SEW'ER, a drain. THREW, did throw. THROUGH, from end to end. UsE, to employ. EWES, female sheep.

U as in tub.

Bur'row, the cell of an ani- Tun, a large cask. mal. Won, gained. Bor'ough, a corporation. Bur, except. BUTT, to push with the head. CHUFF, a blunt clown. CHOUGH, a sea bird. Cous'in, a relative. Coz'EN, to defraud; to cheat. CULL'ER, a selector. Col'or, hue. CUR'RENT, a stream; flowing. CUR'RANT, a fruit. DUN. to ask for a debt. DONE, finished. Dust, powdered dirt. Dost, contraction of doest. Fun'Gous, growing as a fungus. Fun'gus, a spongy excres- CIR'CLE, a round figure. cence.

FURS, skins of beasts. FURZE, a wild shrub. Just, honest; upright. Joust, or Just, a mock fight. LUMP, a shapeless mass. LOMP, a roundish fish. PLUM, a fruit. PLUMB, a leaden weight. RUFF, a plaited collar. Rough, coarse; uneven. Rung, did ring. WRUNG, twisted. MEWL, to cry like an infant. SKULL, the bone of the head. Scull, a small boat. SUCK'ER, a young shoot. Suc'con, relief; help. SUM. the whole; the total. Some, a part. Sun, the fountain of light. Son, a male child. SUT'LER, a seller of provisions. SUBT'LER, more cunning. SUT'TLE, neat weight. SUBT'LE, cunning; artful.

> Sound of u in turn. BERTH, a sleeping place in a vessel. BIRTH, coming into life. COL'ONEL, a military officer. KER'NEL, the seed. FUR. soft hair. FIR, a tree. HERD, a drove or flock. HEARD, did hear. Pearl, a precious substance. PURL, to murmur. SUR'CLE, a shoot; a twig.

Ton, 20 hundred weight.

ONE, a single thing.

SERGE, a kind of cloth. SURGE, a swelling sea. URN, a vessel. EARN, to gain by labor. WERT, past tense of be. WORT, an herb.

Sound of ou in out. Bow, to bend. Bough, a branch.

Brows, brinks, or edges. BROWSE, to eat shrubs. FOUL, unclean. Fowl, a large bird. OUR, belonging to us. Hour, part of the day. ROUT, a rabble; to defeat. ROUTE, a way. Tous'ER, one who tears. Tow'ser, the name of a dog.



CHAPTER II.

WORDS OF SIMILAR PRONUNCIATION.

1. In this section, the first of each pair has the sound of s, and the other that of z.

ADVICE', counsel. ADVISE', to give advice. Bop'ice, a kind of waistcoat. Bod'ies, material substances. CEASE, to leave off. SEIZE, to take hold of. growth. Cop'ies, imitations. DACE, a kind of fish. DAYS, plural of day. DECEASE', death. DISSEIZE', to dispossess. DISEASE', sickness. DEVICE', contrivance. DEVISE', to contrive. DICE, small cubes. DIES, expires. DIVERSE', different. DI'VERS, several. Dose, a portion of medicine. Doze, to slumber. Fuss, a bustle. Fuzz, to fly off in particles.

FRAN'CIS, a man's name. FRAN'CES, a woman's name. GLA'CIERS, fields of ice. [glass. GLA'ZIERS, workmen who set GRACE, favor; elegance. GRAZE, to eat grass. COP'PICE, a wood of small GREECE, a country of Europe. GREASE, to smear with fat. GRIST'LY, cartilaginous. GRIZZ'LY, somewhat gray. HEARSE, a carriage for the dead. HERS, belonging to her. Hiss, the noise of a serpent. His, belonging to him. INSI'TION, a grafting. [thing. Incis'ion, a cut into any Juice, the fluid part. JEWS, Hebrews. LEASE, a contract for houses, &c. LEES, dregs. Loose, slack; untied. Lose, to be deprived of. MACE, a sort of spice. MAZE, an intricate place.