



Practical Lessons in English: Made Brief by the Omission of Non-Essentials (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 Practical Lessons in English: Made Brief by the Omission of Non-Essentials The title-page of this book is, perhaps, its sufficient Preface. To the plan therein outlined, there has been strict and conscientious adherence. Whatever appears in these pages, has been first submitted to the following test, viz.: Is it of use? Against decisions thus made, mere tradition, however venerable, has not intentionally been allowed to prevail. The result is the omission of much that, thus tested, is found to be non-essential. This appears in the conspicuous absence of many customary subdivisions of the Parts of Speech, and notably in the treatment of the verb. I commend the latter to the attention of those who are tired of the monstrous absurdity of marshaling the five modern English verb-forms into divisions, brigades, regiments and companies, and naming them voices, moods, persons and numbers, etc. I believe a little reflection will convince those who care to think about it, that it is more in accordance with common sense and the spirit of the English language, to show briefly...



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