



Language Exercises (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 Language Exercises The use of language is controlled very largely by habit. Hence, language teaching resolves itself into such training as will tend to form correct habits of speaking and writing. Technical grammar is the science of language. We study it to learn of the construction of sentences and of the forms and uses of words. Such knowledge will doubtless help us to a critical rather than to the ordinary use of language. He who depends upon his knowledge of Grammar to help him through a speech, or even in his every-day conversation, will doubtless find that his thoughts, when they are seeking expression in words, are far from Grammars and grammatical rules. He will find that the fluency and correctness of his speech depend almost entirely upon habits which have been formed by long practice. Professor W. D. Whitney, in the preface to his Essentials of English Grammar, very truly says: - It is constant use and practice, under never-failing watch and correction, that makes good writers and speakers; the application of direct authority...

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