

Contents

Preface	ix
1. English Language Planning and Reform	1
2. Language and the New Nation	7
3. Webster and Federal English	41
4. The Spelling Reform Movement	68
5. The American Language and the American Academy	99
6. Schoolmastering the Language: The Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries	119
7. Schoolmastering the Language: The Nineteenth Century	140
8. Grammar and Good Taste: Part 1	169
9. Grammar and Good Taste: Part 2	200
10. Watching Our Grammar	226
Notes	243
Index	253