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A witty foreigner once wrote a book titled *The English, are they Human?* to which he gave a qualified assent. Students of French forty years back might equally have entertained doubts of the human condition which, to judge from the examples provided for translation, displayed an inordinate interest in the whereabouts of a gardener's cat, and waxed so dispirited over the ownership of a pencil.

We have progressed since then, and that brilliant anonymous volume reveals very clearly the idiomatic structure of the French language and the essential differences between those that speak it. But there is one thing to be borne in mind. The full title of the book is *Brighter French - For Bright Young People Who Already Know Some.*

*Teach Yourself French* is not intended for those readers. Those who use this book without any previous acquaintanceship with the language. They do not even need to be particularly bright. But they will find it useful. It is a bridge between the old fatuity and the new slang. It contains all the essential elements of grammar, which are illustrated by