

grounds and have so couched my language that the ordinary practical mind of the working man can thoroughly understand what I have meant to convey, I shall be well satisfied. So far as the financial success of the work is concerned past experience on these lines assures me of favorable results, and for this I am pleased for the publishers' sake, as they have advised me to "spare no expense" in making this book "standard" for all time. Whether my humble abilities are equal to the task will be for the public to say. However, be this as it may, if the work fails of being what it is intended it will not be because of any parsimony on the publishers' behalf, but rather because of the inability of the author and compiler.

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