

PREFACE TO SECOND EDITION.

VOLUME II.

In this volume, as in the previous one, there are introduced some new features which I feel convinced will prove very acceptable to the practical student and well repay him for any extra trouble in reading or extra cost in procuring. A second preface to this volume, further than a simple announcement of its existence as a second edition of Vol. II of "The Steel Square and Its Uses," would seem an unnecessary labor, as the long preface in the volume of the first edition covers the entire ground, and, as a rule, the operative workman does not take much stock in a long-winded preamble. It is "meat," not preliminaries, the active workman looks for, and in this volume he will find plenty of the former and as few as possible of the latter.

I am convinced in my own mind, that the two volumes of this edition offer to the reader nearly double the amount of good, honest and useful material, than can be found in any other similar work. It is not padded with fancy solutions of useless problems, as every example offered is a tried one, and one likely to confront the workman at any hour of the day, and it is to this quality that the immense sale of this work may be attributed. While it is hardly fair to expect for this edition, the same gratifying results that followed the first, I feel satisfied the publishers, as well as myself, will have no reason to regret the issuing of this second enlarged and improved edition.

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