

Builder" (English), "The Carpenter," and 'The Building World," and one or two other journals.

Many of the items taken from the foregoing have been changed, corrected and simplified, and put in such a shape that the ordinary workman will find but little difficulty in grasping them to such an extent as to render them useful.

In presenting a work of this kind to the public the author feels that he is making a somewhat hazardous venture, as he must naturally go over a great deal of ground that has been trodden by others, and it may be thought by many that a good portion of the matter put forth is a work of supererogation. It must be remembered, however, that a new generation "that knew not Joseph," crops up every few years, and it is for these, and for future generations that this work is compiled and written, while it contains much that is new and much that will be acceptable to active men now engaged in the building arts.

The author begs it to be understood that no literary merit is claimed for this work. Practical works offer but little opportunity for literary culture. To be exact, practical, clear and concise is perhaps the best that can be expected in a book of this kind, and, if I succeed on these