

P R E F A C E .

Although this is a gold producing country, and the precious metal passes through the hands of so many, there is, doubtless, a large number of persons quite uninformed with respect to the conditions under which gold occurs in nature, the various processes by which it is obtained, and its commercial value after it has been collected.

This little pamphlet has been written with the view of presenting the subject to the Public in as condensed a form as possible, in order to enable those who cannot spare the time, or who may not have the patience, to read through a large work, to acquire, by the perusal of a few pages, an insight into some of the most important features of an interesting and useful Branch of Study.

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