

land and Australia, during the last twenty-five years. As before stated, there are a number of things original in the volume that have never before been published, some of my own and some that have been furnished by experts. I have made it my business to write to every person—at home and abroad—that I could hear of or read of, who had made a study of the steel square, asking for anything they might have that was new and useful on the subject, and telling them I was preparing a new and exhaustive work on "The Steel Square." While all did not respond, I may state that over 75 per cent of those written to did; and while the great majority had nothing to offer, a great many sent me "cuttings" from journals, on the subject, with diagrams and suggestions. Many, of course, of the problems sent me I could not make use of for obvious reasons, while several gentlemen sent me—for publication—a number of valuable problems and solutions which I have embodied in the work and all the writers, without exception, wished me "God speed" in the work I had undertaken.

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