



PREFACE.



WE present this book to the public with the assurance that it contains more reliable information on the subjects treated than any work published. Our endeavor has been to give a concise description and treatment of the various schemes of "Decorative Art," treating each subject in such a manner that, although easily understood by the young beginners, yet the most accomplished amateur or professional may profit by the suggestions herein given.

Of late years there has been a steady advancement in the matter of home decoration, and we find but few homes that have not attained some feature of the "Decorative Art," and while instruction can be had for so small an outlay, we feel certain that there will be few homes without "THE POPULAR ART INSTRUCTOR."

Although we have made a feature of ornamental work, a subject always pleasant and attractive to the ladies at all seasons, we have also embodied in our book every information on such subjects as "Floral Painting in Oil and Water Colors," "Kensington Outline Painting," "How to do your