

they were employed; and I may say that it is within the power of ninety per cent of workmen to become fairly good draftsmen, by their own efforts, and the aid of such books as the one I have now prepared for this purpose; and the young man who has by his own efforts, perseverance and ability, succeeded in being able to place on paper or board with pen and pencil, a plain elevation of a door, window, house, stone wall, or veranda, drawn to scale, and so made as to convey to his fellow workman a correct idea of what is intended, that man has achieved a result which should—and generally does—advance his wages, increase his importance, and make him a more valuable and useful citizen. It is not to be supposed that this little work alone, even though thoroughly digested, will enable the reader to become a finished draftsman, nor is it so intended, but it will aid him materially in acquiring such knowledge as will give him a good start on the highway to success.

Wherever the student can attain access to a school for drawing, there he should at once proceed, for a few hours spent over a drawing board under competent supervision, will do more towards giving him an insight into the methods and practice of good draftsmanship than it is