

PREFACE.

HAVING enjoyed unrivalled opportunities of becoming acquainted with almost every branch of manufacture, and possessing an intimate knowledge of the varied wants of business men, I feel certain that a work like this is much required, and neither labor nor expense has been spared in gathering together a mass of most valuable information of a new and reliable description, in connection with science, art, and trade; and it shall always afford me pleasure to add to the knowledge of my fellow-creatures by acquainting them from time to time with the various useful and ingenious inventions which a kind Providence endows man with the ability to discover and bring into practical use.

With a view to the future enlargement of the work it has been arranged in departments, omitting an index for the present, the "mechanical" receipts being placed near the end; and copies of the additions made to this part will be forwarded to purchasers who send their address.

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