

## Preface

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Many people are apt to regard the ways of commerce and finance as something that can be understood only by specialists and, hence, delay in acquiring a knowledge of them. This is a great mistake. Nothing is more simple or more easy of comprehension. Furthermore, the value of such a knowledge well repays for the time spent in acquiring it. It often makes or saves money for the business man and enables the employee to be of greater service in his work. It makes commercial and financial periodicals more readable and therefore of greater value.

In this age of commerce, everyone should have some knowledge of modern business methods, particularly in times such as the present, when so many firms are beginning to do an export business for the first time. This volume has been written in the hope that it will supply a ready reference for such information. Particular care has been taken in its preparation.

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