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#### FOREWORD

THE makers of this Trade School Arithmetic assume that the pupils who use the book already have a working knowledge of all the necessary arithmetical processes. The emphasis, therefore, is laid upon the content of the problem, upon the meaning of the result obtained—its bearing upon the trade work or upon the subject under discussion. Hence only actual or live problems are presented, and a live interest in them may reasonably be expected.

Since the object of trade instruction is to produce a worker, who has acquired not merely the necessary mechanical skill, but who has learned to combine intelligence and interest with skill, great care has been taken in arranging these problems to dwell upon such features of the various trades as will be likely to arouse and stimulate the personal interest of the pupils.

Serving as a background for the purely trade problems are a number of significant industrial and civic problems. A few historical problems, also, are given to show the connection between past and present economic conditions, particularly those related to the trades in which women and girls are engaged, The aims of the problems presented in this book are:

To give methods for hand work, such as The Planning of Sample Cards, The Making of Tucks, Hems, Folds or Hat Facings.

To stimulate in the pupils an interest in the kinds, the quantities used, and the cost, of materials handled.

To show how, under actual trade conditions, the costs, profits and losses are reckoned. (See problems in Dressmaking, Factory Sewing, The Cutting of Box Foundations, etc.) The fact that these costs, profits and losses vary, gives opportunity for the making of many new and live problems.

To give rudiments for the planning of work, as, for instance, cutting material without waste. (See Practical Estimates, pages 40 and 91, and How Saving Affects Profits, page 87.)

To add to the worker's interest in earning money, an interest in the wise use of money.

To direct the attention of trade pupils to some undesirable social conditions by means of such problems as those based on sweatshop work.

To arouse in dressmaking and millinery pupils an interest in the textiles upon which they work and to familiarize them with the history, the processes of cultivation and manufacture, and the commercial value of these fabrics.

That these aims are not impossible of realization

is being demonstrated in a gratifying measure by the work done in the Manhattan Trade School for Girls, where the pupils take a lively interest in the working out of such problems. They appreciate, to some extent at least, the connection of the problems with their industrial life.

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