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PREFACE.

IT is better to know everything about something, than something about everything. Early ideas are not usually true, but need revising and revising before they are thoroughly practical.

There is only one right, but many wrongs, only one right answer, and one right way to find it. Since thought kindles at the fire of thought I have no apology to make for giving to the world the true science of numbers, and how to apply it easily and accurately, for much time is saved, and above all the true culture and discipline of mind afforded here are above price. The alphabet is the important feature in every science, hence it ought to have our first and best thought, for begin right always right, begin wrong stumble along. Ten is the base of our system of notation. Now let b represent the base of any system of notation, and b divided by b equals the zero power of b. Now to eliminate the literal terms of dividend and divisor, we divide both terms of dividend and divisor, $\frac{b}{b}$, by b, and get the numerical equivalent $\frac{1}{1}$, one one, hence according to axiom first the zero power of the base of any system of numerical notation must be $\frac{1}{1}$. Hence number you observe has two terms which I denominate the unity and unit terms of number the unity term below and the unit term above the line that divides them. Multiplying the unit term by two you get the second character in the alphabet, by three the third &c., and naught the last. The

unity united to the unit contains the idea of addition hence the sign, +, called plus, taking away the unit term and unity term we have the negative sign, —, called minus, the two fundamental signs of arithmetic, the decimal point, ., indicates the omission of the unity term of number. The dividing line is also the sign of division, and $\frac{1}{1}=1$, read one divided by one equals one. The rules of this book are founded on this triune expression, $\frac{1}{1}$, and the whole science of Arithmetic is quickly learned and easily remembered because not only the signs and rules but the analysis and reason of rule proceed directly from the unity and unit terms of number.

Inverting any number tells how many times it is contained in unity, hence the reason of multiplying or dividing follows clearly according to the conditions of the question. This is manifest in the alphabet of numbers, for multiplying the unity term of the $\frac{1}{1}$ by any number tells how many times the number is containd in unity which is equivalent to inverting the number.

Hence in an instant the most intricate and important calculations in every line of business are made. I am the author of the only Intellectual and Practical Lightning Calculator ever published, of which ten editions have been sold. In the mean time, unscrupulous persons have presented my rules and used my name to aid in selling spurious publications under various titles.

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