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Preface

This, the third volume of THE MINING WORLD INDEX OF CURRENT LITERATURE, covers the world's literature on mining, metallurgy and kindred industries for the first six months of 1913. Like the two preceding volumes it embraces all references, of any importance, to the literature of the field it represents. But few changes have been made in this volume, but what have been made will surely meet with the approval of those who have occasion to use it, as these changes will better enable them to keep in easier touch with the progress that has been made in mining, metallurgy, etc., during the half year covered.

A notable change, or rather addition, is the publication of a list of the periodicals indexed, as well as the various schools and societies and government departments whose publications are devoted to mining or any of its allied industries. While this list does not include all publications indexed, yet there will be found a large majority of the world's leading publications. It is published for the purpose of informing the reader what periodicals have been regularly indexed, thereby saving him the trouble of hunting for the particulars of date, etc., concerning a paper which, according to his indefinite recollection, had appeared in some periodical not among the exchanges of *Mining & Engineering World*.

We still make no claim that the work is perfect, yet we are led to believe, by the numerous favorable comments that have been made, that it has considerable merit and worthy a place in the library of everyone desiring to keep in touch with all that is of interest in the great mining industry. When you consider all the valuable periodical magazines published in America, Europe, Africa and Australia on mining, mining engineering, metallurgy, mining geology, minero-chemistry, etc., the individual mineral-trade publications, such as those on coal, coking and gas producers, oils, cement, copper, iron and other metals, gems, mineral fertilizers or salines, etc., the even more valuable publications of the world's mineral-industries institutes, societies and affiliated engineering and technical societies, also the federal and state geological surveys and mining bureaus at home and abroad—not to mention new books—it becomes evident that the amount of pertinent and valuable literature available for one's use is really stupendous.

In THE MINING WORLD INDEX OF CURRENT LITERATURE this tremendous mass is thoroughly digested and classified. It is indexed by a remarkably simple and ever-ready plan which you can understand at sight. You need no explanatory key or any previous bibliographic training. Instantly by the system of cross indexing, you can put your finger on anything you may be looking for on mineral or affiliated subjects. Only a moment's time and you can find out what is being done the world over. You need no knowledge of foreign languages. THE INDEX tells you in English (as well as the original language) what all the various articles are about; such foreign articles as you find desirable you can easily have translated, or The Mining World Co. will have the same translated for you at a nominal consideration. Another valuable feature of THE INDEX is in indicating where articles have been republished in whole or in abstract in other journals—indicating, in short, practically all the different technical journals in which an article has appeared. This feature will be appreciated by those whose library facilities are rather limited, and this applies at nearly all mines and mining centers.

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