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## PREFACE

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### THE TWENTY-THIRD EDITION.

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THE changes which during the last few years have taken place in the monetary legislation of several countries, notably of Austria and the United States, and the further depreciation of silver, which has materially affected the Eastern Exchanges, have rendered a new edition of 'Tate's Cambist' necessary. Great care has been taken to incorporate in same the latest monetary information.

HERMANN SCHMIDT.

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PREFACE

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DURING the last decade important alterations have taken place in the monetary systems of various countries; and, during the same period, the relative value of gold to silver, almost stationary for more than a century, has undergone extraordinary fluctuations. These changes have rendered it necessary that 'Tate's Cambist' should be almost rewritten. Some new matter has been introduced on this occasion, notably in the part of the work dealing with the Foreign Exchanges, in which the different Bill Stamps have been given; and in that dealing with Bullion Operations, in which the Mint Pars, and the Specie Points, have been incorporated. The proof sheets have, in almost all cases, been submitted to the respective Consuls of the different Countries.

The Editor takes this opportunity of thanking all those gentlemen whose valuable assistance he has received in the preparation of this edition, which, he hopes, will fully sustain the high reputation of the book, as a standard authority upon all the subjects of which it treats.

HERMANN SCHMIDT.

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