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P R E F A C E .

This book is not written for locomotive engine builders, nor does it profess to be an exhaustive treatise on the art of locomotive running. Its province is, simply to discuss such points of interest to the locomotive engineer as the writer happens to be acquainted with.

The writer has no apology to make in offering this book to the knights of the throttle lever, for the same will not enhance its merits (if it has any), nor make its errors less apparent.

F. C. S.

DELAWARE, O., July 1st, 1880.

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1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions and activities. It emphasizes that proper record-keeping is essential for transparency and accountability, particularly in financial reporting and compliance with regulatory requirements. The text notes that incomplete or inaccurate records can lead to significant legal and financial consequences for the organization.

2. The second part of the document outlines the various methods and tools used to collect and analyze data. It highlights the need for robust data management systems that can handle large volumes of information efficiently. The document also discusses the importance of data security and privacy, ensuring that sensitive information is protected from unauthorized access and breaches.

3. The third part of the document focuses on the application of data analysis in decision-making. It explains how data-driven insights can help organizations identify trends, forecast future performance, and optimize their operations. The text stresses that effective data analysis requires a combination of technical skills and strategic thinking to derive meaningful conclusions from the data.

4. The fourth part of the document addresses the challenges and limitations of data analysis. It acknowledges that data can be incomplete, noisy, or biased, which can affect the accuracy of the results. The document also discusses the importance of validating the data and the models used for analysis to ensure the reliability of the findings.

5. The fifth part of the document provides a summary of the key points discussed and offers recommendations for best practices. It suggests that organizations should invest in high-quality data collection and analysis tools, implement strong data security measures, and foster a culture of data-driven decision-making. The document concludes by emphasizing that data is a valuable asset that, when managed and analyzed correctly, can provide a significant competitive advantage.

FIRING UP.

An engine, after standing in the house for several days, becoming completely cold, is liable to smoke around the fire-door on being fired up, until the dampness in the flues, etc., is expelled. If a light fire of shavings is started in the front end, or smoke arch, and kept burning until the stack is warmed up, it will greatly facilitate the draft through the fire-box and flues, and in a great measure do away with a smoky cab while the fire is getting under way.

CYLINDER PACKING.

* Without doubt, the old-fashioned packing (rings and springs) is superior to any steam or self-setting packing. With steam packing, the rings are forced out against the cylinder in proportion to the pressure in the cylinder. Thus, with the reverse lever in the six-inch notch the rings press the cylinder at a pressure due nearly that of the boiler pressure for six inches of the stroke, and as the cylinder pressure is