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INTRODUCTORY.

In the depth of the business depression of 1877 the subscriber wrote and published on his own account a little volume entitled *THE POCKET GEOLOGIST*. It was very quickly absorbed, and although the last copies were sold and the last advertisement expired in 1878, there are even now many calls for copies from the trade and private sources. The work was not stereotyped, as the writer was not as well satisfied with it as his readers appear to have been. Correspondence growing out of the publication of the little book shows that in nearly all the States and Territories, and in several of the Canadian Provinces, there are now being profitably carried on mineral enterprises of different kinds by men who got their first impulses and ideas in that direction from the *Pocket Geologist*.

For these reasons, and for the further reason that he has profited somewhat from the former publication, the subscriber has written this new work on the same subject—and has added some chapters on Stocks and Companies and Speculation—as his correspondence develops the fact that there are very many persons who can find minerals, but very few who have any ideas about how the money is made out of them, or how to avoid "getting left" in the subsequent proceedings.

The subscriber also wishes to say a word on this subject of correspondence, by stating that, as a professional man, he can no more afford to expend his capital of accumulated information and trained judgment without compensation, than can a lawyer or a doctor, and he has not enough elegant leisure on his hands to use any of it in replying to letters which do not contain consultation fees as well as inquiries.

It may seem strange to some that the chapter on Tricks does not contain a few moral reflections as neutralizers, but this subscriber calls attention to the fact that he is not a professional rebuker and his book is not a preschment, although there may be "Sermons in Stones."

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