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The Author has endeavoured in this work, to lay before the young engineer the principles which should guide him in the construction of machinery; and to put together in a concise and intelligible form the necessary rules and tables for his assistance. He has himself used most of these rules habitually for many years, and offers them to the public with every confidence.

The rule for calculating the evaporative power of boilers will be found very useful; by its help any engine may be adapted with a boiler capable of supplying it properly with steam, under whatever conditions it may be worked, with unvarying certainty.

The comparative economical effect of using steam expansively is shown clearly and conclusively in the table of expansions, which is recommended to every engineer's particular attention.

The principles which regulate the speed of steam vessels are as yet somewhat obscure. The Author believes that the article on this subject will not be without value, as at least opening the way, in a practical and intelligible manner, to a more complete exa-

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mination of the subject. The rule given has been derived from the results obtained from a number of the fastest and most successful steamers both in this country and in America.

In conclusion, the Author would recommend every young engineer, at his leisure, to scrutinise and investigate every rule carefully, either by going down to the principle of it, or by comparing the results obtained from it, with the best and most successful examples that come before his notice.

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