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EMBRACING
A Full, Plain, and Unabridged Description
OF THE PROCESS KNOWN AS
THE HILLOTYPÉ,

INCLUDING THE AUTHOR'S NEWLY DISCOVERED
COLLODIO-CHROME,
OR NATURAL COLORS ON COLLODIONIZED GLASS.

TOGETHER WITH
Various Processes for Natural Colors,
ON PAPER, VELVET, PARCHMENT, SILK, MUSLIN, PORCELAIN,
WOOD, &c.,

AND ELABORATE ESSAYS
ON THE THEORY OF LIGHT AND COLORS, THE CHEMISTRY OF HELIO-
CHROMY, AND THE ENTIRE RANGE OF THE AUTHOR'S NINE
YEARS' EXPERIENCE IN SUN COLORING.

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P R E F A C E .

A Preface should be brief. It is not in good taste for an author to puff his own book; and prefaces, as generally written, are most egregious laudations of the author's production.

I will not indulge in so unpalatable an imposition on the reader's good sense; but I will be bold enough to say, that this book, with all its imperfections, is about as well got up as could be expected. The theme is original, and of course, I have had very little help from other writers. Alone, almost without chart or compass, I have discovered and explored a new and beautiful art region. For long years I have traversed this bewitching clime, this magic land, this "Beulah" of Photography; and if, after all my exciting revels, I have given a *correct description* of the "beauties of the place," I beg pardon of all the unmerciful critics, when I say that I have a claim on their kind forbearance.

Success and immortal honor to the next adventurer, whoever he may be, who shall go where I have been, and who, perhaps, shall dive into regions beyond, and bring back garlands of exceeding and unfading beauty. Henceforth may the progress of the *Heliochrome* be onward, and may the time be near when it shall crown with an ambrosial diadem every other branch of the Photographic Art.

I. L. HILL.

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