

System of Measurments adopted by the National Association of Master House Painters and Decorators of the United States. 9x12 in.; 60 pp.; price, \$1.00.—The Painters' Magazine.

This is a timely book and one that should be in the hands of every builder and contractor as one of the aids to correct estimating for painting. It is a noted fact that heretofore two painters measuring off any given piece of work have been sure to arrive at different results owing to the fact that no uniform rules of measurements have been in vogue. The work before us is an endeavor, and a successful one, we think, towards establishing an uniform method of measuring off work, and, as it has been prepared under the direction of The National Association of Master House Painters and Decorators of the United States, it carries with it the impress of authority and stands as an official guide for master and man in making measurments of work done or work contemplated. The book is oblong, 9x12 inches, and is illustrated with six lithographed plates, 16x20 inches, showing the application of the system to houses of various design and different interior and exterior details. There is no attempt to give prices, but the work consists of a very comprehensive system of rules for reducing all the various surfaces, moldings, balustrades and the like to an equivalent number of square yards of plain surface, that will represent an equal cost to the painter of the same quantity of work required to be done. It is, therefore, necessary only to measure the work in accordance with these rules and apply the local price per square yard of plain surface which is governed by cost of material and labor, to be able to correctly estimate the most complicated job of painting. In addition to the rules, there is an excellent glossary of architectural terms.