
This book contains the usual descriptions of surveying instruments and their uses, chapters on geodetic astronomy, earthwork calculations, railway curves, underground and hydrographic surveying. Distinctively an English text, it contains no matter pertaining to public land surveys in the United States. The exposition is clear, detailed, and accurate. The mathematical nature of the subject is kept in the foreground. A brief course, as the title indicates, it covers the field in a surprising manner.

The book contains five pages of four-place tables. There are no collections of trigonometric or other formulas. For field work it would need to be supplemented by a separate book of tables. There are no exercises.

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