

# INTRODUCTORY.

**I**N PLACING this, the first volume of the CROCKER-LANGLEY SAN FRANCISCO DIRECTORY, in the hands of its patrons, the publishers do so confident that it will meet the requirements of a large portion of the public, and are satisfied to let it rest on its merits as a work of its class, feeling certain that no more appropriate introduction could be offered than the assurance that nothing has been neglected on their part to secure the utmost thoroughness and accuracy.

Few people realize what a great task a Directory maker undertakes. The work, in its completed form, bears little evidence of the tremendous amount of detail the work requires. There is no class of publication which involves in the production more labor, care and preparation than the collecting, compiling and printing of material for a Directory, yet this fact is, by many, little considered.

This work is as nearly perfect as the most unceasing vigilance can make it. We wish to say it is impossible to produce a Directory of a city of the size of San Francisco which is absolutely correct.

Canvassers meet with almost insurmountable difficulties. Addresses right to-day are wrong to-morrow, on account of removals. Many persons, whose judgment should teach them the folly of such a course, are reluctant and careless in giving information ; some refuse to give it entirely, and others give wrong addresses for obvious reasons,—to avoid jury duty, creditors, taxation, etc.

The Street Guide is compiled entirely from reliable and authentic sources, and, owing to the many changes lately made by the Supervisors in the names of small streets, we have deemed it advisable to give both the old and new names of such streets and alleys.

Our Business Directory has been very carefully compiled, and we think we have succeeded in producing one that contains but very few errors, if any at all.