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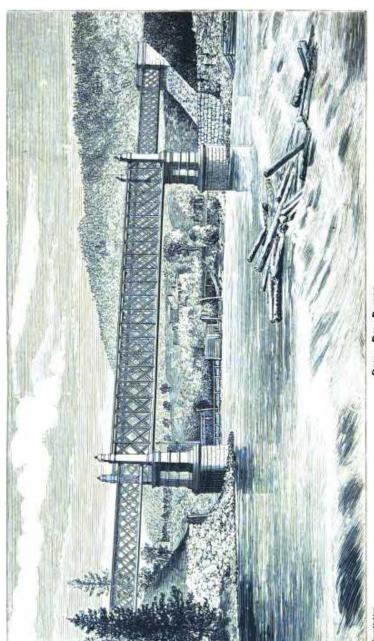
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EXAMPLES OF BRIDGES, PIER, AND GIRDER-WORK, &c.

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Preface.

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HE writer, in the present work, does not pretend to have any higher aim than to offer a few suggestions of a practical kind to the professional engineer in designing, or the inspector in superintending, the construction of such works as

those he has endeavoured to illustrate and describe.

Confining himself exclusively to the practical part of the question, he does not wish to be understood even to have an opinion as to the relative merits of the various designs introduced into the work, further than as these are associated with questions of quality of material, or workmanship; durability as affected by time or exposure; or any other consideration of a purely practical character.

In recapitulating, however, many of the difficulties, and in trying to point out some of the sources of needless expense, in the construction of Girders, a little may be done, it is hoped, towards promoting a condition of mutuality between engineer and contractor; and that whilst the former will be able to get what he requires at

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less cost and of a better quality, the latter will find more satisfaction, both in the work he produces and the profit it leaves him, by attention to such questions as the writer has endeavoured to give prominence to.

With the exception of Mr. Matheson's admirable "Works in Iron" (to which elaborate treatise the writer acknowledges his indebtedness for some valuable hints), but few essays have been made in this direction; and whatever want of ability in dealing with his subject the writer may betray, he can hardly be accused of dwelling upon an exhausted theme.

Restricted as the notice altogether is to such works as have been executed at, or in connection with, the Skerne Iron Works, the several types of Girder-bridge are not, perhaps, so fully represented as they would otherwise have been; but they will, no doubt, for the present purpose be found sufficiently varied and numerous.

The writer trusts he will not be deemed to have exceeded the limits of propriety in briefly noticing works, in one or two instances, without the express sanction of the engineer to whose designs they were carried out. In all such cases he has refrained from giving details, dimensions, or drawings to scale.

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