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One would not imagine the work entailed in the compiling of a book of this character, especially for me as my time is so divided owing to the fact that the greater part of the day is devoted to learning my trade (Piano Tuning) at the Maryland Workshop For the Blind. I have tried to establish a method of *a real effective medium of advertisement*, and at the same time to collect a Directory of the colored, professional, clerical, skilled and business people. I am certain I have not reached all of them, but owing to the fact that such an undertaking is so broad in its scope, that it would entail a great expense and a number of clerical assistants to make it complete, therefore, I ask that the public will be charitable in their criticisms.

I wish to thank my many friends for their kind favors in assisting me in the compiling of this book.

Very respectfully,

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