



An Elementary Treatise on Graphs (Classic Reprint)

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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Excerpt from An Elementary Treatise on Graphs My object in the preparation of this textbook has been to present the subject of graphs in a connected form, simple enough in the early stages for the mere beginner while including in the ultimate development such of its more important applications as come within the range of elementary mathematics. The present tendency of mathematical teaching is perhaps to overestimate the value of graphical methods and to depreciate unduly those of analysis; but in spite of the evils attendant upon the reaction from the neglect of graphical methods, these possess, when judiciously used, a high educational value and are of essential importance to all engaged in experimental work. From the educational point of view a graph has the great merit of representing in a simple manner the fundamental notion of functional dependence. The beginners conceptions of a variable are usually very crude, and it is necessary that they should be clear and definite if he is to understand mathematical principles and processes; as an aid to the right comprehension of...

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