Charles Davies (1798–1876), who taught at West Point, Hartford’s Trinity College, New York University, and Columbia, was one of the most prolific and popular 19th-century compilers of mathematics textbooks in the United States. In addition, in 1850 he published *The Logic and Utility of Mathematics*, With the Best Methods of Instruction Explained and Illustrated, which James K. Bidwell and Robert G. Clason (1970) and Phillip S. Jones and Arthur F. Coxford, Jr., (1970) called the “first American book on mathematics teaching methods.” I will provide an overview of the contents of this volume and consider whether it imparts any messages relevant to 21st-century mathematics educators. (Received August 01, 2017)