

MICHIGAN TRADESMAN.

A JOURNAL DEVOTED TO THE
Mercantile and Manufacturing Interests of the State.

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Subscribers and others, when writing to advertisers, will confer a favor on the publisher by mentioning that they saw the advertisement in the columns of this paper.

It is estimated that \$300,000 is annually expended for Christmas cards in this country.

The East Saginaw Board of Trade naturally opposes any reduction of the duty on salt, taking the ground that as the commodity now sells at 80 cents a barrel, and as the barrels cost 20 cents, salt is cheap enough.

There are now used in arts and manufactures in this country 4,000,000 gallons of alcohol annually. The Secretary of the Treasury recommends a reduction of the tax, or its abolition, upon alcohol used for such purposes. In order to guard against frauds he would have it "methylated," a process which renders it unfit for any other purpose.

The Merchants' Review, of New York, gets off a joke at the expense of the list of canned goods seconds, published in another part of this paper:

"Seconds" in canned goods are sent out from Baltimore under 58 different labels, according to Trade. Only 58 seconds! If there were two more of them the Review would make a minute of it.

The Chicago people are still determinedly wrestling with the smoke nuisance, and are not without hopes of conquering it. A citizens' committee which has the matter in charge has made a report commending several smoke-consuming and smoke-preventing devices, and though none of them are recommended for general adoption, it is believed that the interest in the subject and the growing intolerance of smoke will finally lead to some concerted action in the factories that will put an end to the trouble. The smoke nuisance has not yet come to be a question of great concern to Grand Rapids, but the time may come when measures will have to be taken to abate it.

The following note of warning, from the American Furniture Gazette, is respectfully referred to the humane and zealous people of Cadillac, who blindly refuse to observe the signs of the times, and insist upon organizing a new furniture company:

Among manufacturers, there is one tendency which affords just ground for alarm. This is the tendency toward increase of producing facilities. The aggregate increase of producing capacity of Western furniture factories has been very great during the past eighteen months, and even now after the note of alarm has been sounded, the inflation continues in a measure. Especially is this true of Michigan, in which State numerous factories of moderate size have been started lately and many additions made to large and old-established shops. These large firms with ample capital can run a long time without profit; the smaller ones, now just beginning, must sell their goods quickly, and must keep their machinery going—and to do it must cut prices. Under these circumstances it is difficult to understand what inducement additional capital can find to embark in what now appears so unpromising a field.

Manitoba is undoubtedly an exceedingly discontented member of the Dominion. There is very bitter feeling against the general movement and a not insignificant party is actually talking of annexation to the United States. The causes which have led to the recent disturbances and controversies are in part the outgrowth of an old Canadian policy as regards American railroads. The measures taken to protect their own railroads often trench upon the interests of the colonists. The construction of north and south lines leading to the Minnesota border, to connect with the railroads and markets this side of the line, was prohibited in the interest of the Canadian Pacific. The incorporation of steamship lines, railroad and canal companies and telegraph companies which cross the boundaries of a province is controlled by the general government. The people of Manitoba see profitable markets lying open to them in the United States, but the Dominion government persistently opposes their efforts to take advantage of their opportunities.

Charlevoix Heard From.

From the Charlevoix Journal.
No. 11 of THE MICHIGAN TRADESMAN, published at Grand Rapids, is our latest exchange. It is a neat well-printed six-column folio, and is devoted, as its name indicates, to the trade interests of Michigan. Wholesale prices at Grand Rapids are given in full. There is also news concerning failures and changes of firms.

"Predict for It the Success It Deserves."

From the Coopersville Observer.
THE MICHIGAN TRADESMAN, a paper recently established at Grand Rapids by Mr. E. A. Stowe, is a valuable acquisition to the list of trade journals in this State and a most desirable paper for country dealers. It is ably edited, well gotten up and neatly printed. The "Current Quotations" from leading dealers are extensive and nearly every branch of the mercantile business is represented. We predict for this new venture the success it deserves.

The pack of corn in Maine this year was fully one-third less than last season. The total will probably reach about 10,500,000 ears or 433,333 cases, four-fifths of which has been packed by the three leading houses, viz: Winslow Packing Co., Portland Packing Co., Burnham & Morrill. This stock has been almost sold, but a small portion of the pack remaining on hand.

ALABASTINE!

Alabastine is the first and only preparation made from calcined gypsum rock, for application to walls with a brush, and is fully covered by our several patents and perfected by many years of experiments. It is the only permanent wall finish, and admits of applying as many coats as desired, one over another, to any hard surface without danger of scaling, or noticeably adding to the thickness of the wall, which is strengthened and improved by each additional coat, from time to time. It is the only material for the purpose not dependent upon glue for its adhesiveness; furthermore it is the only preparation that is claimed to possess these great advantages, which are essential to constitute a durable wall finish. Alabastine is hardened on the wall by age, moisture, etc.; the plaster absorbs the admixtures, forming a stone cement, while all kalsomines, or other whitening preparations, have inert soft chalks, or glue, for their base, which are rendered soft, or scaled, in a very short time, thus necessitating the well-known great inconvenience and expense, which all have experienced, in washing and scraping off the old coats before re-finishing. In addition to the above advantages, Alabastine is less expensive, as it requires but one-half the number of pounds to cover the same amount of surface with two coats, is ready for use by simply adding water, and is easily applied by any one.



FOR SALE BY
ALL Paint Dealers.

MANUFACTURED BY
THE ALABASTINE COMPANY
M. B. CHURCH, Manager.
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.



NEW YORK, 1884.

About sixty million copies of THE SUN have gone out of our establishment during the past twelve months.

If you were to paste end to end all the columns of THE SUNS printed and sold last year you would get a continuous strip of information, common sense, wisdom, sound doctrine, and sane wit long enough to reach from Printing House Square to the top of Mount Copernicus in the moon, then back to Printing House Square, and then three-quarters of the way back to the moon again.

But THE SUN is written for the inhabitants of the earth; this same strip of intelligence would girdle the globe twenty-seven or twenty-eight times.

If every buyer of a copy of THE SUN during the past year has spent only an hour over it, and if his wife and his grandfather has spent another hour, this newspaper in 1883 has afforded the human race thirteen thousand years of steady reading, day and night.

It is only by little calculations like these that you can form any opinion of the circulation of the most popular of American newspapers, or of its influence on the opinions and actions of American men and women.

THE SUN is, and will continue to be, a newspaper which tells the truth without fear of consequences, which gets at the facts no matter how much the process cost, which presents the news of all the world without any waste of words and in the most readable shape, which is working with all its heart for the cause of honest government, and which therefore believes that the Republican party must go, and must go in this year of our Lord, 1884.

If you know THE SUN, you like it already, and you will read it with accustomed diligence and profit during what is sure to be the most interesting year in its history. If you do not yet know THE SUN, it is high time to get into the sunshine.

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The several editions of THE SUN are sent by mail, postpaid, as follows:
DAILY—50 cents a month, \$6 a year; with Sunday edition, \$7.
SUNDAY—Eight pages. This edition furnishes the current news of the world, special articles of interest to everyone, and literary reviews of new books of the highest merit. \$1 a year.
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SPECIALIST IN DISEASES OF THE
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WITH DRs. JOHNSON & BOISE,
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Office Hours: 9 a. m. to 12 m.; 2 to 5 p. m.

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43 and 45 Kent Street.
A. K. ALLEN, Proprietor.

WE DO ONLY FIRST-CLASS WORK AND USE NO CHEMICALS.

Orders by Mail and Express promptly attended to.

Reduced Rates to Old Customers.
"How long have you been married?" asked the clerk at the hotel desk as an elderly bridegroom registered.
"Two weeks," replied the happy man.
"Front!" cried the clerk, "show the gentleman to parlor B. Fifteen dollars a day, sir."
"Third wife," calmly said the guest.
"Oh, excuse me. Front! show the gentleman to eight-twenty-four, back. Take the elevator. Fourteen dollars a week, sir."

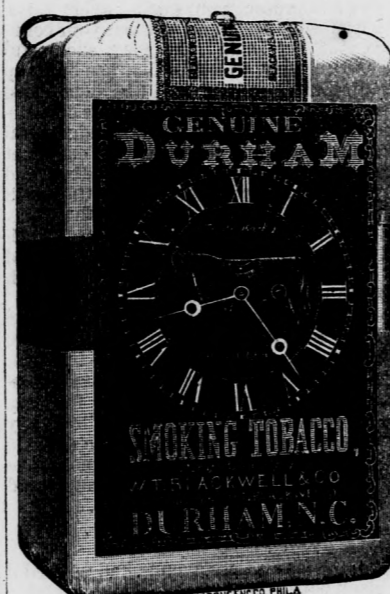
OFFICE OF
BLACKWELL'S DURHAM TOBACCO COMPANY

To the Distributors Of Blackwell's Durham Smoking Tobacco throughout the United States:

DURHAM, N. C., August 20, 1883.

GREETING:—It has been our aim for some time to supply you with an article that would not only advertise our brand of W. T. Blackwell's Genuine Bull Durham Smoking Tobacco, but also be useful to you and an ornament to your place of business: just what to select has been our difficulty. Chromos, and articles of that nature soon lose their novelty, and we regretted to expend such an enormous sum on anything that would not last and be of some value. The novel idea finally struck us of producing a bale of Blackwell's Genuine Durham Smoking Tobacco, containing "Works" instead of the original well-known article, guaranteed to furnish you with Correct Time and be a pleasing reminder when your orders should be sent in for the "Bull."

BLACKWELL'S DURHAM TOBACCO CO.



THE WAY TO GET THEM!

You can get One of these Novel Clocks FREE by ordering from your Jobber Fifty Pounds of Blackwell's Genuine Bull Durham smoking Tobacco. The Fifty Pounds can be made up of assorted sizes if you wish, and the goods will be charged at LOWEST PRICES.

BLACKWELL'S DURHAM TOBACCO COMPANY, DURHAM, N. C.
GENTLEMEN—The Clock which we supply you contains a good lever movement, which, with the usual handling, will make a very excellent time-keeper.
Yours truly, ANSONIA CLOCK COMPANY.

NEW YORK, August 1, 1883.

The Clock you will get will be over 16 times the size of the accompanying diagram; that is, 12 inches high and 8 inches wide.

SPRING & COMPANY PUTNAM & BROOKS,

—WHOLESALE DEALERS IN—

FANCY AND

STAPLE DRY GOODS

CARPETS,

MATTINGS,

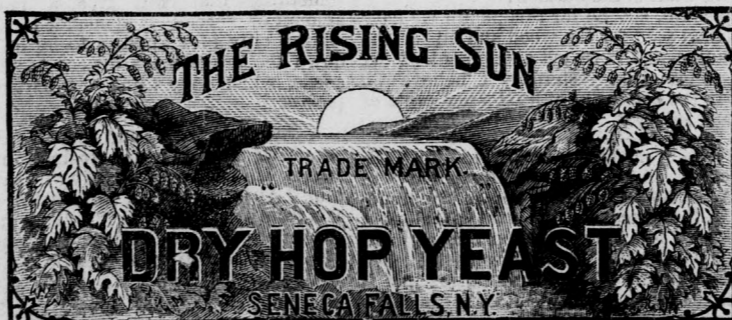
OIL CLOTHS,

ETC., ETC.

6 and 8 Monroe Street,

Grand Rapids, Michigan.

RISING SUN YEAST



BEST ON THE MARKET. EVERYONE USES IT. Sold by all Wholesale Grocers. Factories, Seneca Falls, New York.

WHOLESALE

Candy, Fruit and Nuts

68 and 65 Canal Street,

Grand Rapids, Michigan.

THE DEAREST TOBACCO

Is a Poor, Common or Low-Priced Article,
As It Gives Neither Pleasure
Nor Satisfaction.

THE PUBLIC IS NOT SLOW TO LEARN THIS FACT

WHENEVER IT DISCOVERS AN ARTICLE THAT COMMENDS ITSELF TO THE TASTE AND OTHER SENSES.

—THE REMARKABLE SALE OF—

LORILLARD'S PLUG TOBACCOS

Is Ample Evidence of This. This Concern will Sell over 20,000,000 Pounds of their Favorite Brands this Year; or About

One-Fourth of All the Plug Tobacco Used in this Country!

AND AS THERE ARE BETWEEN 800 AND 900 OTHER FACTORIES IN THE U. S., IT FOLLOWS THAT THEIR GOODS MUST GIVE

Better Satisfaction or Represent Better Value for the Money

THAN THE BRANDS OF OTHER MAKERS.

"CLIMAX," with Red Tin Tag, is their Best Brand.



