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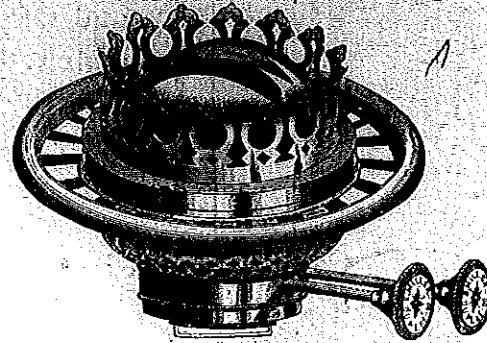
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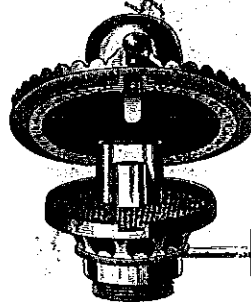
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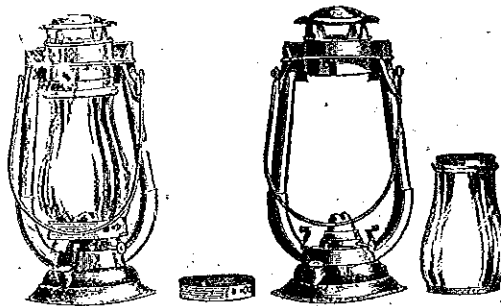
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## THE GLASS FACTORIES.

## PITTSBURGH.

The iron and steel trades here are in a depressed condition just now, and the glass trade as well as other industries, even those not directly concerned, responds in sympathy and manifests a decreased activity. There is really no cause for serious alarm, however, as all kinds of manufacturing business are usually dull at this season of the year, and the present time is no exception.

The demand for window glass is very good, and will probably continue so as long as the New Jersey factories remain idle. Stocks are light, and although the factories are at work they are not likely to be increased for several months to come. The discounts at present are 60 and 20 per cent. on single thick, and 70 and 5 per cent. on double, in lots of a car load or over. Small quantities are charged at a slightly higher rate.

There has been a good deal of trouble with melting pots here this fall. The breaking of a pot is not in itself a very grave matter, and such a mishap is to be looked for at almost any time; but when half a dozen or so of new ones break in quick succession the loss and inconvenience occasioned thereby become a serious matter to manufacturers. Besides the value of the pot itself (flint or covered pots range in price from \$40 to \$45 each), there is the loss of the melt it may contain, and the time and labor wasted in replacing it. Some of the manufacturers blame the pot makers, who, they say, ship them to customers before they are thoroughly dried; but the worst probable cause is defect in materials, which escapes the notice of the pot makers until it becomes manifest by use. There are three pot factories here. One on the South Side, one in Allegheny City, and one at Brush-ten, six miles out on the Pennsylvania Railroad. There is one building at Steubenville, Ohio, but it will not be ready for a few weeks yet. There is also one in St. Louis. Most of the window glass houses make their own pots, but none of the flint or prescription factories do so, with probably two exceptions.

Trade in flint bottles and prescription ware is not at all satisfactory, especially in the matter of prices. The numerous small establishments that have started up in recent years have helped to crowd the market so that the business has become almost entirely unremunerative.

Tibby Bros., flint bottle and vial manufacturers, Sharpsburg, who had so much trouble with their employes last year, are now running their business full-handed. Two of the furnaces are worked by new hands and one by union men. They do quite an extensive trade.

A small green bottle factory was recently established at Sharpsburg, containing a new patent furnace, and operated by Stein & Vogel. The furnace did not work satisfactorily, in consequence of which the place was closed and the firm dissolved. A new furnace has been built, however, and work will be resumed shortly.

trade by storm, and has an immense sale. They make all grades of goods from the dearest to the cheapest, and the low price at which they offer some of their engraved and etched glasses and tumblers is astonishing. This firm has a considerable export trade. Business is good with them, though not quite so brisk as it was last year. This feature is not confined to them, however.

T. Maloney, of the firm of T. & T. J. Maloney, proprietors of the Phoenix Glass Melting Pot Works, who has been seriously ill of typhoid fever for the past ten weeks, is slowly recovering.

Bryce, Higbee & Co., whose works are situated at Hulton, on the Allegheny Valley Railroad, twelve miles from here, are doing a very good trade this season. They make fine table ware, and their show-rooms at 171 Smithfield street, this city, contain some beautiful specimens of their productions.

The Phoenix Glass Co. have finished their new furnace at Phillipsburg. It is a twelve-pot patent teaser, and went into operation last Monday. They have now two furnaces running. Their new cutting and decorating shops, a three-story brick building, 140x32 feet, is about finished. They make the well-known Dithridge chimney, but they are large manufacturers of decorated shades and globes besides, and are doing a very extensive trade in these latter specialties. Their office is at 87 Water street, this city.

The chimney factory of Doyle, Sons & Co., Phillipsburg, is offered for sale; price, \$15,000.

Thomas Wightman & Co. are among the oldest and most successful glass manufacturers here. They make window glass, bottles, and fruit-jars, and also furnish plate glass and stained glass of all kinds. Their factory is in the Thirty-sixth ward, and it is of great capacity. They are running at present to their fullest extent.

Nothing in the way of building new factories is on foot here, most of the new establishments recently erected being in the small towns adjacent to Pittsburgh and also in Ohio. Still, there are always improvements and additions being made in the old factories here, so that their capacity, taken altogether, continually increases. And notwithstanding the occasional dullness of trade and the low prices which prevail, they run, with great steadiness for the best part of the year.

Your correspondent interviewed several of the leading manufacturers with regard to the recommendations of the Tariff Commission concerning the duties on glass, and they express themselves as being pleased with the result. A rumor obtained circulation here about six weeks ago that the report would be adverse to the interests of domestic glass makers, and although the story could not be traced to any authoritative source, it was believed by a good many. You will notice that in a few instances an increase of duty was suggested, while in no case is a reduction recommended, except in glass for specta-

general outcome. If at no time there was an extraordinary demand for goods, neither was there any undue depression, and the aggregate of business done will compare favorably with that of other years.

Campbell, Jones & Co. have two furnaces going, and their "luck" in pots has been quite phenomenal. They had only three broken in as many months.

The Gallatin Glass Works, operated by ex-Mayor Liddell, has experienced some trouble with the blowers. It appears that they refused to permit apprentices to be engaged, and that Mr. Liddell, resenting this refusal, has decided to run non-union. Both parties are reticent on the subject, and much information cannot be gleaned. The works is situated at Mansfield, eight miles from here, on the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and St. Louis R. R., and they make flint bottles and prescription ware.

The Richards & Hartley Flint Glass Co. are doing a very good trade, and they keep running steadily.

The Excelsior Glass Co. have not done as good a trade this year as last, but most of the chimney houses assert the same thing. They keep going without intermission, however.

The china and glass decorating concern on Dinwiddie street discontinued work some time ago. One of the partners superintends the decorating department at the Fort Pitt Glass Works, and the other is in the employ of the Phoenix Glass Co.

J. T. & A. Hamilton are running their prescription works on Twenty-sixth street full time. Business is moderate.

The New York Plate Glass Co.'s works at Hite, on the Western Pennsylvania R. R., is not in operation yet, but will be started, your correspondent is informed, about the New Year.

Manufacturers of chimneys claim that the business has grown very-unprofitable lately, owing to excessive production and resulting low prices. Making due allowance for what little exaggeration may have been indulged in, there is no doubt that trade has dragged some this season, and with all the houses working to their full capacity (there is only one chimney house out of operation in the district) it does not seem as if there was going to be much improvement.

Green and amber bottle houses report business quiet and prices unprofitable.

The Rochester Tumbler Co., whose works is at Rochester, about twenty-five miles from here, and office at 319 Liberty street, this city, continue very busy. Their works have a total melting capacity of forty-six pots, which is probably the largest in the country, with the exception perhaps, of the enormous concern of Whitall, Tatum & Co., at Millville, Cumberland county, New Jersey, which latter is, however, engaged in different lines of manufacture. The fuel used at the Rochester works is natural gas. The company make over 700 different patterns of goods, and they have a large export trade with most of the States.

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