

was capable only of turning out one single last at a time. The consequence of his investigation was a signal success, and the building of a much larger machine, that now, with the same motive power as formerly used, turns out a pair of lasts in the same space of time as previously necessary to complete the single number. This is, we are informed, the only machine so constructed on the continent. Nearly the whole of the basement premises is filled with thousands of blocks of wood, cut to the necessary size for undergoing the transformation just spoken of. After leaving the hands of the workmen below, the lasts, as yet in a rough state, are packed in large baskets and elevated to an upper floor, where a large number of employees are engaged in giving them a smoother appearance, while others are at work capping them with iron toes, to fit them better for standing the wear and tear at the hands of the shoemakers. Still moving onwards, we enter the final finishing room, whose dozens of wheels, inclosed in canvass, and kept well powdered with white stone quartz, are revolving with lightning rapidity, smoothing the surface of the last, and giving them the desired smoothness and polish. At the present time this establishment is turning out over one thousand pairs of lasts per week, and with every prospect of soon being compelled to double the amount. Mr. Childs is also largely engaged in the manufacture of dies for cutting out sole leather; also, boot trees, crimping machines, and many other necessities in shoe makers' line. It has given us much pleasure to notice this pushing firm, as a prominent representative of the rapidly increasing manufactories of Montreal.

While writing about Montreal, I desire to allude to the ocean; I mean not the boundless waste of waters whose glories have been sung by some of the greatest poets of the past and present age; but of that domestic institution located on Notre Dame street—"The Ocean"—the presiding spirit of which is friend SAVAGE. The caves of its ancient namesake, with all their mythical beauties of brilliant shells and many-hued crystals, is not more gorgeous in its furnishing than the walls of its modern inland representative. Cold water advocates had better not enter the portals of this shrine of Bacchus. Man's resolutions are weak, and thine may

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