

are trying to derive some comfort. Locally there has also been an increased demand for sole, a leading house reporting sales of 15,000 sides last week. Upper leather quiet and general prices require no alteration. We quote Spanish sole, B. A., No. 1, 21 to 23c.; do., No. 2, B. A., 16 to 17c.; No. 1, ordinary Spanish, 19 to 20c.; No. 2, ditto, 15 to 16c.; No. 1, China, none to be had; No. 1 slaughter, 20 to 23c.; No. 2 do., 18 to 20c.; American oak sole, 39 to 43c.; British oak sole, 38 to 45c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 26 to 30c.; ditto, heavy, 23 to 28c.; grained, 26 to 30c.; Scotch grained, 32 to 37c.; splits, large, 16 to 21c.; do., small, 12 to 15c.; calf-splits, 32 to 33c.; calfskins (35 to 40 lbs.), 50 to 60c.; imitation French calfskins, 65 to 80c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; harness, 20 to 26c.; buffed cow, 11 to 14c.; extra heavy buff, 14 to 16c.; pebbled cow, 9 to 14c.; polished buff, 10½ to 13½c.; glove grain, 11 to 13½c.; rough, 20 to 25c.; russet and bridle, 45 to 55c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—Business in iron and metals generally has been very quiet

among larger dealers since last writing, not a single transaction of any consequence being reported. There is no further stiffening in local prices for pig iron; in Glasgow, warrants seem "frozen in" at the 47/- level so long prevailing, and makers have not given any notification of change in their prices. The Siemens people continue full of orders, and do not care to book any further commands just now. In plates, Terne are easier, with little doing; of tin plates, some considerable lots are just about due, and prices are liable to ease off a shade. Copper has made quite a sink in Europe and the United States, and some would anticipate a material decline. We make the quotation 13½ to 14½c. From England a sharp advance in antimony is advised, but local figures yet remain without change. We quote:—Coltness, \$22; Calder, No. 1, \$21 to 21.50; Calder, No. 3, \$20; Summerlee, \$21.50 to 22.00; Eglinton, \$20.00; Gartsherrie, \$21 to 22.00; Carnbroe, \$19.50 to 20.00; Shotts, \$21.50; Middlesboro, none here; cast scrap railway chairs, &c., \$18.50 to 19; machinery scrap, \$15 to 18; common ditto, \$13; bar iron, \$2 for Canadian; British, \$2.25; best refined, \$2.50; Siemens' pig No. 1, \$21.50 to 22.00; Canada Plates—Blaina, Swansea, and Garth, \$2.70 to 2.75. Terne roofing plate, 20 x 28, \$7.75 to 8.25. Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$2.60; No. 26, \$2.50; No. 24, \$2.40; tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$6; charcoal I. C., \$4.25; P.D. Crown, \$4.50; do. I.X., \$5.25 to 5.50; coke

I. C., \$3.60 to 3.75; coke wasters, \$3.50; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, 5 to 6c.; Morewood, 6½ to 6¾c.; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6½c.; No. 26, 7c.; the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and bands, per 100 lbs., \$2.40. Staffordshire boiler plate, \$2.75 to 3.00; common sheet iron \$2.40 to 2.60 according to gauge; steel boiler plate, \$3.00; heads, \$4.00; Russian sheet iron, 10½ to 11c.; lead per 100 lbs., pig, \$3.50 to 3.75; sheet, \$4 to 4.25; shot, \$6 to 6.50; best cast steel, 11 to 12c.; spring, \$2.50; tire, \$2.50 to 2.75; sleigh shoe, \$2.40; round machinery steel, \$3.00; ingot tin 22 to 23c.; bar tin, 25c.; ingot copper, 13½ to 14½c.; sheet zinc, \$6.50; spelter, \$6; American do. \$5.50; antimony, 13 to 14c.; bright iron wires Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.65 per 100 lbs.; annealed do., \$2.70; galvanized, \$3.35; the trade discount on wire is 7½ per cent. Coil chain, ½ inch, 5c.; ¾ in., 4½c.; 7-16 in., 4½c.; 1 in., 4c.; 1½ in., 3½c.; 2 in., 3½c.; 2½ in., and upwards, 3c.

OILS, PAINTS, &c.—Linseed oil continues easy, being sold at 59 and 62c. per gal. for raw and boiled respectively, even in moderate quantity; turpentine 55c. per gal. in single brls.; fish oils dull at last quotations. Leads and colors without change. Glass is higher in Belgium, and may become stiffer here, but quotations are yet unaltered. We quote:—Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only) \$5.50 to 5.75; No. 1, \$5 to 5.25; No. 2, \$4.75; No. 3, \$4 to 4.50; dry white lead, 5 to 5½c.; genuine red do.,

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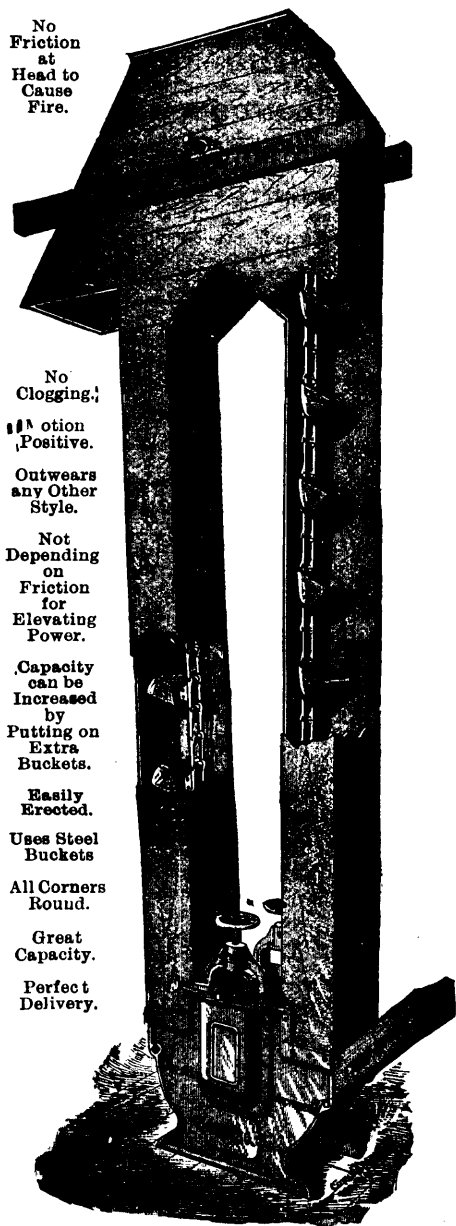
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