

He then consolidated these different lines and moved to Nos. 28 and 30 Beekman street. In 1861, he moved into the "dry goods district," and took up his quarters at No. 77 White street and Nos. 54 and 56 Franklin. The scope of the business now included blank-books of every variety known at that time, of writing papers, envelopes and specialties. The firm and its trade became widely known and famous for enterprise, accommodation, financial standing, and for being in the front rank as regards goods of every conceivable and desirable variety in their line.

On July 3, 1887, a fire laid waste the store of J. Q. Preble & Co. and its contents, but it turned out that the fire was not an unmixed evil, for it brought about a consolidation of Mr. Preble's firm with Mr. Sheffield. This alliance of these two noted companies includes the business of making envelopes, blank-books, writing papers, pads, tablets, papeteries and the like, and does not extend to the manufacture of paper itself. That is still carried on by J. B. Sheffield & Son as exclusively that company's business.

Mr. Preble is president of the blank book company and Mr. Sheffield vice-president and manager.

The New York house had previously taken a large portion of the Saugerties manufactures of paper. This combination of these two noted companies led at once to the erection of two large brick buildings at Saugerties for the immense envelope, blank-book, pad and tablet branches of business

that it was necessary to maintain. These, for convenience and size, are not surpassed in this country.

The movement of materials in process of manufacture is of the most convenient nature. The raw materials go up the elevators to the top floor first, and descend to the floors below, stopping on the way at such floors as are necessary, and finally the finished goods are cased in the basement, -st floors, and then rolled on hand cars a few rods down to the water front. This is the procedure in all the mills and factories at this place; the movement is every time in the direction of the place where the shipment is to be made.

After the fire, the store of J. Q. Preble & Co. was located at Nos. 10 and 12 Thomas Street, where they now have the most complete sample warerooms in the city in their line of business. To go into a detailed description of these would require much more space than is at our disposal.

The detailed management of the business of J. Q. Preble & Co. is now in charge of Mr. Preble's only son, W. E. Preble, a young man who was born to the business which he so ably controls, and who has rare talents at his service. He entered upon business life in 1877 at the early age of seventeen years, and in 1886 became a partner in the concern. He keeps informed of every fact in any way pertaining to the multifarious interests of the house, and it is his administrative direction that keeps all the currents of work moving smoothly together. The general policy of

the business is in the hands of J. Q. Preble, who has earned relief from the harassing details of work, after bringing the business of his company to its present stupendous proportions. Jarvis M. Fairchild continues in the business of the company as the genial head of the blank-book department in New York.

PIRATED EDITIONS.

Mr. Wm. Bryce and other publishers have been after those retailers who have been importing and selling American reprints of Canadian copyright books. Several retailers have been before the courts in answer to applications for orders to restrain them from selling the pirated editions, and have agreed to pay all the costs and refrain from selling any more copies.

WHO HOLDS THE COPYRIGHT?

A case came before Mr. Justice Osler last month that is of interest to the trade. It appears that an English firm by some mistake or other sold the copyright of an English book, "Pennycomequicks," by Baring Gould, to the firm of Lovell & Son, Montreal, and Wm. Bryce, Toronto. Both parties claim priority of purchase. Lovell & Son took the initiative and made application for an order restraining Wm. Bryce from publishing the book. The hearing of the case has been adjourned until September.

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