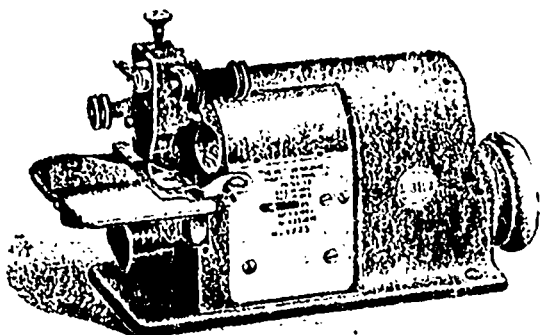


THE MERROW MACHINE COMPANY'S CROCHET MACHINE.

The Merrow Machine Company of Hartford, Conn., U.S.A., commenced about fifteen years since to make overseaming or crochet machines in a small way in connection with other business. About ten years ago they turned their whole attention to this class



of machinery and have made wonderful developments only attained by concentrated hard work. They claim to be the only concern in the world who make and sell crochet and overseaming machinery exclusively.

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The rapidity of their latest improved machines is really something marvelous. Their latest production is their number thirty-eight machine which is shown in the accompanying illustration and produces their self-locking stitch. This machine is used for covering the raw edges of knit underwear and other articles where an elastic edge is desired, and is a high speed machine.

The Merrow Machine Company solicits correspondence with all interested manufacturers and would like to send samples and catalogue fully describing their machines and methods.

Secretary Cassidy of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, is in receipt of a letter from Messrs. Moffat, Hutchins Company of Cape Town, South Africa, in which the writer states that there is a good opening for Canadian manufacturers to extend their trade with that country. Several consignments of Canadian-made goods have been received at Cape Town, and entered into keen competition with similar goods from the United States and other countries. A bureau for the representation of Canadian manufacturers and products exclusively has been opened at Cape Town, and will give every facility to the Canadian exporter. The writer goes on to explain that the Canadian railway companies are now issuing through bills of lading to South Africa by two direct lines of steamships from New York, and the through freight can be paid by the consigner in Canada, thereby saving to the consignee five per cent. of the charges, so that business can be done as readily and cheaply with Canada as with the United States, whose trade with South Africa has been rapidly increasing during the past few years. Two steamers per month leave New York for South African ports regularly, and three are sometimes necessary to cope with the trade, besides certain sailing vessels for certain classes of cargo. Freights, it appears, are lower from New York than from England to Cape Town.

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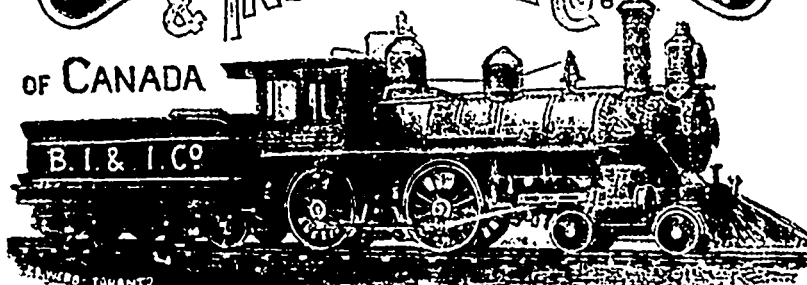
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