

Grand Rapids is noted for its furniture manufactories. A draughtsman, who is employed to design artistic things for the largest of these manufactories, kindly showed me over the premises of his employers. I was not very surprised to hear that when the various retail houses come to make their yearly selections, they will not look at any models of the previous season. So great is the rage for novelties in every branch of industry in this novelty-loving America!

No sinecure, that draughtsman's position.

Over in Europe, furniture is reckoned by periods; here, it is an affair of seasons.

Very funny to have to order a new sideboard or wardrobe "to be sent home without delay," for fear of its being out of date!

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