LONDON TRADES.

LABOR NEWS.

A vast and increasing augmentation of the area of London trades is now on the 'F' board," and that will enable the Metropolis to open up new industries little dreamt of

I allude to the immense district on the suith side of the Thames, known as Battersea parish, and which has for years past been a swamp and a waste of Metropolitan energies. One by one extensive manufactories have quietly settled down here, and the Crystal Palace, perhaps, gave the start.

On its borders, at Wandsworth, "Price's," and other immense artificial light firms, have fixed their factories; and I will halt here to say that, with respect to trade in candle and oils, those businesess are rapidly advancing, and the labor used up is enormous on the spot, as well as spread abroad. The hands are well paid, have a literary institute, working man's club and co-operative stores. The lads have play-grounds and recreative clubs. The females, who muster very strong, old and young, have an indefinite number of amusements and clubs provided; whilst Price's factory is, for size, nearly as large as "Saltaire," and exceeding that "prince of factories" in amount of trade, it not being confined to the Wandsworth branch. The competitors in this trade to Price's are equally as busy.

Studded about here are other singular and extensive trades, and flourishing; and having a fair knowledge of the district years back, I can see an astounding advance in trade and buildings for the work-people. Patents and companies are now planting themselves nearer to London than the candle trades.

On the banks of the Thames, the same side as Price's, and near the old bridge, another large factory has firmly fixed itself in making patent horse-shoes—not nails; and this new industry, by the way, is throwing out of work farriers and horse-shoe smiths to a great extent, for the hands now employed have but scant knowledge of the hoofs of a horse. Trade here is very brisk, and increasing.

· About three miles back, a horse-nail factory, on a very large scale, and which I alluded to in previous number of Labor News at some length, on Dec. 14, on employment for women, is rapidly advancing in its extent of trade, but in this instance London labor has not been overbalanced the same way as the horse-shoc patent has; but, on the contrary, the managing partner of the engineering firm of Messrs. Moser, Mr. Charles Edward Moser, is adding greatly to London labor, both male and female, and, what is more, the patent is fast absorbing all the horse-nail work, so long a staple trade in the Birmingham and other country districts.

Another immense industry has just started here, too, with a capital of £500,000, and which has been thoroughly tested on an extended and practical scale, to work Ruck's patent for heating and lighting purposes. Battersea, so wretchedly poor as to have last year three thousand empty houses, now been so fortunate with patents, that this new trade is but the precursor to others, I learn this week at the Patent Office, with works that will throw Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Sheffield, Lecds, Bradford, and Manchester in the background. This is no visionary announcement, and as soon as the factories are fairly on the start, the readers of the Labor News will have early information. The bad weather has as yet retarded the builders erecting the necessary works.

The increase of shipbuilding in, what is termed, the port of London is still encouraging, and the docks are well on both for export and import.

The ironworkers are not, I find, so busy as before Christmas, and this arises, the hands out allege, through the high prices of coal, as contractors on a large scale are very chary in giving a yearly order, and the like "hang back" exists at the found-

The Bessemer steel operations here also exert some slackoning influence, and there are not wanting business men who imagine that the Bessemer process will, in a few years, supplant skilled ironworkers. At present the Greenwich works are fairly on, and orders to hand.

The branch of the iron trade known as engineers, apart from ironworkers, are fairly on for work, but here "King Coal" holds out an ugly threat, for a continuance of prosperity.

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