

In Pittsburg, Pa., the iron and steel market is showing very few new features. There seems to be a little heavier demand for steel sheets for quick shipment, and jobbers report the volume of such orders as aggregating a pretty fair tonnage. The demand for the heavy gauges continues good and prices on the latter are quite satisfactory. There is no doubt that consumption is good and will continue good, the only trouble being the excess of capacity.

The wire makers have held a meeting, and re-affirmed former prices. It is claimed these prices are being well maintained, even on the fancy lines which take heavy extras, and there is good business going. Plain wire is \$2 a hundred and wire nails \$2.05, base, in carload lots to jobbers. Wire rods are not very strong for late delivery, on account of prospects of better steel supply, and \$35.50 could probably be done for the late months. For quick shipment, however, small lots have sold at \$36.50.

Considerable interest is manifested in the matter of importing foundry iron from England, and if the foundries can see their way clear to using an iron to which they have not been accustomed, considerable business may be done. It is understood the largest firm of dealers has already placed some considerable orders in England, and they are known to be figuring on some tonnage now. No. 3 foundry Middlesborough can be put down in Pittsburg at \$21.50. Prices quoted for

some time past on German basic, \$31 on billets and \$31.50 on sheet bars, could now probably be shaded 50 cents a ton as the material has not found a ready sale.

TIN.—In New York there is a fair enquiry for consumption and spot tin is scarce and strongly held. No wholesale business doing. Futures are neglected. Straits or Malacca—

Spot shipment.	August.	Sept.
5 to 10 ton lots.	28.70c.	28.30c.
1 to 4 ton lots.	28.75c.	28.40c.

Terms, cash f.o.b., New York.

Messrs. C. S. Trench & Co. of New York issue the following American pig tin statistics:

Estimated stocks on spot, New York, Philadelphia and Boston	
July 1, 1902	2,235 tons
Actual arrivals during July	2,352 "
	4,587 tons
Est'd consumption during July	3,300 "

Estimated stocks on spot, New York, Philadelphia, and Boston, Aug. 1, 1902	1,287 tons
Actual afloat from East Indies, shipments to Aug. 1	2,588 "
Actual afloat from England and Holland, shipments to Aug. 1	495 "

Total visible supply, Aug. 1, 1902	4,370 tons
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As against visible supply July 1, 1902	5,508 tons
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Aug. 1, 1902, New York spot price of Straits	28.50
July 2, 1902, New York spot price of Straits	27.75

LEAD.—New York market unchanged. 4.15 for spot delivery in car load lots.

SHEET ZINC.—Ex store New York, in cask lots, 9x36, quote 6.75.

SPELTER.—New York market nominally 5.50 for spot.

QUICKSILVER.—New York price continues \$48 per flask for large orders, with a slightly higher figure for small lots. In San Francisco prices are steady, and the quotation is \$45.50 to \$46.50 per flask for domestic orders.

PLATINUM.—New York market \$18.50 per oz. London prices are about on a parity.

USE OF METALS IN THE PRODUCTION OF CHEMICALS.—The following table taken from the article on "Manufactures of Chemicals and Allied Products," from the Twelfth Census of the U.S., is interesting as showing what becomes of various metals in other than ordinary commercial uses.

Product.	Pounds.	Value at Works.
Acetate of lead....	1,296,991	\$73,190
Salts of Antimony.	211,996	22,778
Copperas	29,733,570	143,327
Copper sulphate ..	34,734,610	1,718,898
Salts of tin	6,247,205	603,937
Salts of Zinc.....	9,511,909	353,902

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