

ATTACK ON THE MAGNOLIA METAL COMPANY.

The Magnolia Metal Company, at No. 74 Cortlandt street, has had to defend itself against several peculiar attacks by rival corporations, which have wanted to get control of its patents, and the latest attack is in the form of an attachment, which has been served in advance of the trial of a suit for \$35,000. Charles B. and Edward C. Miller organized the company eight years ago, and the corporation is incorporated under the laws of West Virginia. As the company manufactures the finest grades of metal used in journal bearings, its patents are of great value and several capitalists have vainly tried to get control of them.

Recently a discharged employe in Chicago made a claim against the company for \$7,000, and the claim was assigned to James Shanks of this city, who brought a suit. The company settled the claim for \$1 and caused the arrest of Shanks for alleged perjury in the proceedings. Now an attachment has been issued against the company in a suit brought by a man named Lawlor, as the assignee of a claim of \$35,000 made by an English construction company. As Lawlor is a New-Yorker and brings the suit against a foreign company having an office in this city he has been able to get the attachment before the trial of the suit. Although the suit is for \$35,000 he has been obliged to give a bond for only \$1,000, and ex-Dock Commissioner Phelan is on the bond.

Charles B. and Edward C. Miller said last evening that the English construction company, which had made the claim for \$35,000, really owed them about

\$80,000, and they would be able to show that by the contract if the suit of the assignee could ever be brought to trial. The suit was an American suit, they declared, and had been brought in order to secure the attachment as a club to compel them to sell their patents cheaply. They declared that they would dispose of the suit in short order and show the animus of it when the case could be brought to trial. Instead of being liable to a judgment, they said, they had made about a million of dollars in the manufacture of magnolia metal and only lately passed \$150,000 of the company's surplus to the capital account. — New York Tribune.

The Magnolia Metal Co., of New York, has given bond for \$36,000 in this matter, and has brought suit for \$100,000 against the parties who instigated these attachment proceedings for money actually due from them to the Magnolia Metal Company and for attempted damage by the attachment proceedings.

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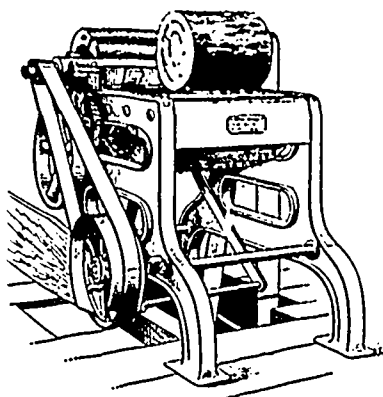
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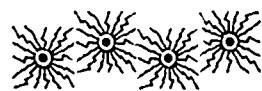
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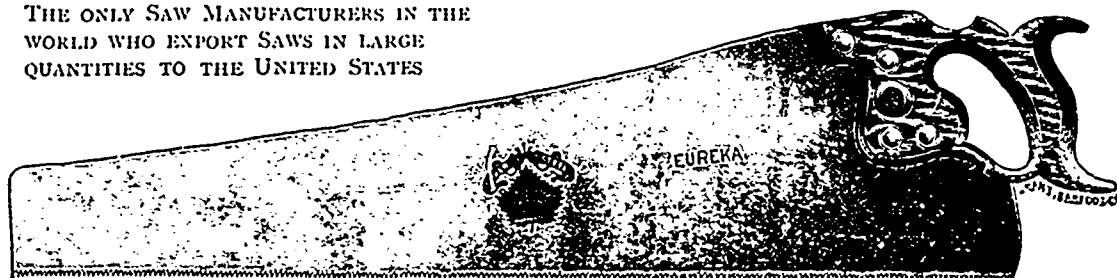
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