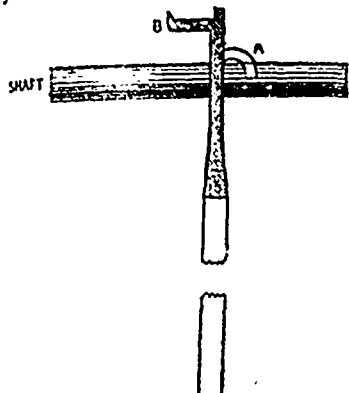


**BELT HOOK.**

So many accidents have happened to workmen engaged in riveting belts which are hanging on revolving shaft through the men being drawn by the loose belt and dashed to pieces, that in England the inspector of factories in his last report recommended snap hooks being used while the belts are off the overhead pulleys. In large engineering works and other shops it has been pointed out that it would be a large undertaking to supply a hook to every belt. On this account we have designed a simple tool which can be used on any belt and which has met with approval



BELT HOOK.

wherever it has been tried. It comprises, as shown in the cut, an iron hook, A, at right angles to a bar, B, on which the belt rests whilst the hook is on the shaft. This can be fitted to a pole of wood and the belt thus raised off the revolving shaft whilst it is being spliced or riveted.

**FRENCH DEMAND FOR LUMBER.**

United States Consul Skinner, of Marseilles, in a report to the State Department upon the demand in France for about-logs, says that that country presents a good market for American lumber. He says: "All kinds of exotic woods in logs are admitted free of duty; squared lumber is dutiable at the rate of 24 cents per 220 pounds,

while walnut is the timber most in demand and the most difficult to obtain. There is also an opportunity to dispose of ebony and mahogany, if Americans are at present prepared to export these woods from our colonial possessions. Present prices are about \$19.30 per 1,308 cubic yards for logs, and \$24.12 per 1,308 cubic yards for sawed lumber." All of the American pine imported at Marseilles is purchased from London middlemen. I have had occasion to investigate this matter, and discover that the occasional efforts made in this city to buy direct have been extremely unsatisfactory. Two firms in London are reported to me to be the actual importers of fully 80 per cent. of all the American lumber shipped to England and the Continent. These two houses sent their representatives into the Florida and other pine regions, who supervise every detail preceding the actual departure of the lumber for its final destination. What is true of the lumber trade is also more or less true of many other commercial lines, and I think it would surprise a great many American business men if they could realize the extent to which they are dependent upon British middle-men for their foreign trade."

**TRADE NOTES.**

The Imperial Lumber Company, of Toronto, have opened a branch for Great Britain at 41 Corporation Street, Manchester, under the management of Mr. L. A. Grant.

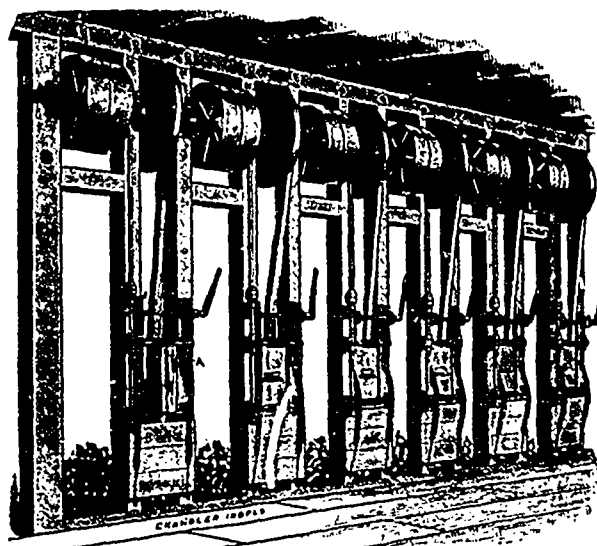
W. B. Mershon & Company, of Saginaw, Mich., report an excellent demand for their band resaws. Last week they received an order from Firstbrook Bros., of Toronto, for four of them to be installed in their new mill at Penetanguishene.

The Thos. Forrester Co., of Montreal, are sending out to saw mills and sash and door factories a useful combined calendar and standard price list of beltings. If any of our readers have failed to receive a copy they are requested to write the company for one.

John Palmer, of Fredericton, N. B., is reported to have purchased the business and stock in trade of Charles D. Dickenson, manufacturer of larrigans, etc., of Woodstock, N. B. It is said that the deal includes the sole right to manufacture and sell in Canada the Henderson patent moccasin.

Robert Bell, of the Seaforth Engine & Machine Works, Seaforth, Ont., has recently issued new catalogues of his Bell automatic self-oiling engine, "Standard" tubular stationary boiler, No. 6 saw mill machinery, and other well known lines which he manufactures. He is now building gasoline engines.

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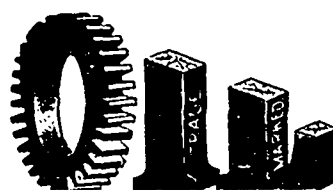
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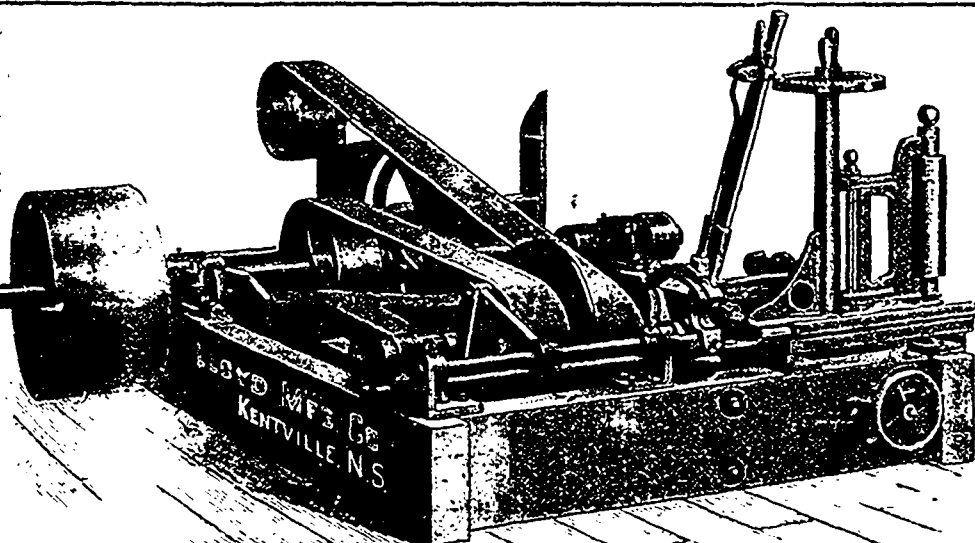


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