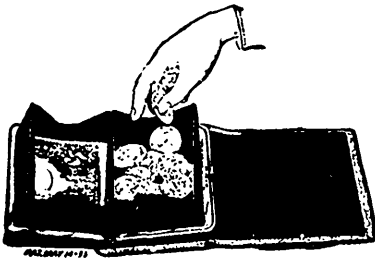


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PAPER IN PARIS.

THE total consumption of paper in the city of Paris is estimated at 500 tons daily, and 500 paper mills in the provinces manage to prosper, says the *Western Stationer*. A paper manufacturer has to purchase part of the raw material—rags, old paper, chemicals, etc., in Paris; that means transport expenses to his mills in the provinces; when the paper is finished the maker has to pay carriage from the provinces to Paris, as well as "Octroi" dues. Superior foreign paper, known as "papier de luxe," which is largely imported into France, has to pay about 5s. per cwt. duty. There is no paper mill inside the "Octroi" zone of Paris. The want is now being supplied by a Belgian company, that is erecting a mill on the banks of the Seine, near the Trocadero. It can therefore have its rags, refuse paper, and chemicals free of the barrier tax, and will have to meet only the import duty on pulp, but it has the advantage of its market being ready close at hand for its manufactured paper, has the river Seine and its barge facilities, that communicate with Belgium, Holland and Germany, to obtain coal and pulp at a cheaper rate. The new mill has secured the patent rights of some improved finishing machinery, and will start with a daily output of twelve tons. All will depend on the quality of its produce and the price; the latter is now reduced to such an extent that further cutting down seems to be absolutely impossible. It is, however, the opinion of some experts that the want of suitable water, of cheap fuel, and of cheap labor will outweigh the advantage derived from saving the cost of transportation to Paris.