

LIPPINCOTT & BAKEWELL.

This firm are engaged in the manufacture of axes, saws, and shovels, at Pittsburg, Pa., and their works are accounted the largest of the kind in the United States. The notoriety acquired by this firm has been of slow growth, and, until the last few years, was confined to a limited territory, but to-day, by the adoption of judicious means, their wares are known and purchased in almost every city, town, and hamlet in America.

The works of this firm are situated on either side of Lippincott's lane, in the Eighth Ward, and occupy almost three acres of ground. In the year 1847, when first established, facilities for the manufacture of the articles engaged in by the firm were astonishingly meagre in comparison with those of the present day, an opportunity for judging of this fact having been left standing in the shape of the original building wherein the first axe was made. The growth of the works has been steady and uninterrupted, to-day employing upwards of two hundred and twenty-five men, and consuming thousands of tons of Swedish iron annually. Suspension of operations is unknown here. Possibly no works of a similar character in the country are run more steadily.

In the manufacture of axes Lippincott & Bakewell stand without a rival, and their extensive sale and fast-increasing demand tell the story of their universal popularity. All styles of chopping axes are made but the brand sold in excess of all others is the "Red Jacket," an instrument that has found its way into the hands of almost every lumberman from Maine to Texas. On every working day one thousand axes are made, though there are instances where the number reaches seven thousand in a week. The brand already alluded to is the most carefully manipulated and closely scrutinized of all, though no instrument is allowed to leave the works until the owners are assured that it is perfect in every respect. In the manufacture of shovels and saws an immense trade is done, employment in the latter-named branch of the business being given to about seventy-five skillful mechanics. The saws made are principally of the circular pattern, very large, and sufficiently powerful to pierce the most formidable stick of timber ever grown. The departments for making axes, saws, and shovels are separate from each other, and each under the control of a manager.

It is but a few years since Lippincott & Bakewell commenced adver-