

past year. When it is known, however, that one establishment—the Eureka Match Factory, located on Twelfth street, near Folsom, owned by W. H. Jessup & Co.—turns out eighty gross daily, some idea may be inferred of the extent of this enterprise.

**LEATHER.**—The amount of leather returned to the Assessor of Internal Revenue during the year ending June 30, 1864, fell but little short of \$250,000. Owing to the abundance of stock, and the high prices abroad, a greater degree of attention is bestowed upon home manufactures. It is found that the shipping of hides to the Eastern markets—although previous to the discovery of gold in California this traffic constituted the main trade of this portion of the Pacific—to have the same returned at a vastly increased rate in the form of manufactured leather, was neither a wise nor profitable policy. The number of tanneries in California has rapidly increased during the past few years, until so far from being dependent upon Eastern manufactories for this article, large quantities of the best quality of sole leather are shipped to the Atlantic States *via* the Isthmus of Panama by each outgoing steamer. These shipments amount to about 2,000 sides per month, with a prospect of increasing rather than diminishing. The principal qualities of leather produced here are sole, kip, harness, belting, and hose, although the attention of those engaged in this manufacture is being turned to the production of elk-skins and moroccos. Owing to the large size, heavy and firm character of the hides of the cattle slaughtered here, the sole leather manufactured is superior to that produced in the tanneries of the Eastern States. The bark of the peculiar species of oak found along the coast from Monterey Bay to Mendocino, noted for its excess of tannin, is peculiarly adapted to this purpose; and many of these ancient denizens of the soil have been stripped bare to serve this important end. To such an extent has this been carried in some instances that even the ancient oak upon which the venerated Padre Juniper, Cerro and his followers commemorated the landing of the first white men upon these shores at the Bay of Monterey, by cutting a large cross deep into the trunk, has been entirely denuded of its bark by some vandal, whose bump of reverence for the past had been similarly ruzzed down by the utilitarian spirit of the present. The largest tanneries in the State, on account of the peculiar advantages afforded by that region, are located in Santa Cruz County; although numerous others, various in extent, are more or less scattered over the State and throughout this portion of the coast. The number of tanneries in this State is nearly forty, of which twelve are in San Francisco.

**SADDLERY AND HARNESS.**—The quantity of leather worked up in this form in the city of San Francisco, during the year, according to the showing of the Revenue Assessor's books, amounts to \$111,000. The quality is mostly of the heavier and substantial character of articles in this department, although the carriage harness and finer class of manufactures in this line are not surpassed by any imported from the East. The leather produced here being of a heavier and more substantial nature than that imported from abroad, is better adapted for ordinary use and requirements of the large number of teamsters extensively engaged in the transportation of goods over rough mountain roads to distant mining regions—a business requiring the most substantial and durable articles of harness that can be produced. The heaviest manufacturers in this branch in San Francisco are Messrs. Main & Winchester, pioneers in the business, who early established themselves here and opened an extensive trade at various points. Mead and Co., J. C. Johnson & Co. are also extensively engaged in the business.

**TYPE FOUNDRY.**—Although the business of manufacturing type, stereotyping and electrotyping has been carried on in San Francisco on a limited scale for a number of years past, yet it is only recently that the manufacture of full fonts of type of every variety, embracing every style of plain and ornamental letters, has been commenced. Messrs. Faulkner & Sons, having imported all the necessary machinery, and engaged the most skillful workmen in this department, and beginning work in November last, have already produced a sufficient supply of all sorts in this line to meet the demand, including full sets of type for a number of the newspapers of this Coast.

**FURNITURE.**—A reference to the returns made to the Federal Assessor of the Internal Revenue Department shows the amount of Furniture manufactured in the city of San Francisco for the fiscal year to be \$1,039,370. When it is considered that for a long time even the most common articles of household furniture in use here, were manufactured and imported from abroad; and also, that although this portion of the Pacific produces many beautiful woods, yet the greater portion of the material worked is produced elsewhere, the magnitude of this manufacture seems really wonderful. Within a comparatively short time a number of extensive manufactories have been erected, in which all the recent and improved machinery has been introduced, where every variety of articles in this department, suited to the wants of this community, are turned out in large quantities. Of the numerous parties engaged in this business, the most extensive establishments are those of Messrs. Goodwin & Co., J. Peirce, N. P. Cole & Co., and W. G. Weir, who has recently erected a large building for this purpose in Hayes Valley. Some highly polished and beautiful specimens of laurel and other California woods were sent to the World's Fair at Paris by Mr. J. D. Boyd, furniture manufacturer, No. 412 Pine street. Messrs. Field & Co., 407 Mission street, are extensively engaged in the manufacture of bedsteads, tables, etc.; and Messrs. Jacob Schreiber and J. F. & H. H. Schaffer daily produce for their large and increasing trade a considerable amount of beds and bedding.

**MATTING.**—The manufacture of Manila Matting was commenced in San Francisco in May, 1866, by D. Jordan & Co. This experiment, which was commenced on a small scale, has been found to succeed so well that the product has almost driven the imported article from this market; in fact, since it is going into operation, the price of matting has been reduced twenty per cent. The manufactory, which is located at No. 620 Ellis street, contains six matting looms, two skeleton mat machines, and one mat loom, and produces nine hundred yards of matting, with eighteen or twenty dozen mats per week. The material used, termed "coiet yarn," spun from the fiber of the outside husk of the cocoanut tree, is imported direct from Manila. As the raw material exists in large quantities much nearer this coast, it is the intention of the proprietors to put up the requisite machinery for spinning the article. They also intend, during the coming season, increasing their looms to thirty in number, and are about erecting a dye-house; so that in a short time all the various operations connected with the business will be conducted directly on the spot.

**BROOMS.**—There are fourteen manufactories of Brooms in California, ten of which are located in San Francisco. The material worked up is of California production; the growth of broom corn being heavy, the brush is of a quality much superior to the imported article, which has been entirely driven from the market. The broom corn used commands a price ranging from \$50 to \$75 per ton, and the manufactured brooms from \$3 to \$6 per dozen.