

ping facilities. The basement is built of hewn stone and is connected by easy stairs and elevator with the salesroom above. Heavily loaded trucks can discharge or load freight direct at the basement doors, the descent of Stark street to the ferry landing gives the building this advantage and really makes it appear a four story structure, both from Stark street and from the river view. The basement is used entirely for storing oils, pitch and the heavier goods generally. The first floor is the salesroom proper, and also contains the elegant offices of the firm. The second floor is the package department, whilst the third floor will be entirely used for the manufacture of the "Oregon Kidney Tea," a preparation of which this firm is sole proprietors, and which has already become a favorite remedy all over the Pacific Coast.

The immense success that this firm has proven, is no doubt in a great measure due to the agreeable and entire absence of well-dressed figure

OUR BRITISH COLUMBIA PICTURE.

As has been our custom, regularly in each number, for the year past, we present another British Columbia view in this number, namely, the wharves and iron works of Joseph Spratt, Esq., at Victoria. This is, without a doubt, the most complete establishment of the kind in the Pacific Northwest. The iron works are fitted with the latest improved labor-saving machinery, occupy a full block 240 feet square, and give employment to seventy men. The works embrace machine and boiler shops, stove and brass foundry. The

Father (who is always trying to teach his son how to act while at table)—
"Well, John, you see that when I have finished eating I always leave the table."
John—"Yes, sir; and that is all you do leave."

A young lady just home from boarding school, on being told by the servant that they had no gooseberries, exclaimed: "Why, what has happened to the goose?"

The second son of the composer Mendelssohn has died at Berlin. It was his brother who when asked, "What in your opinion, is the most ephemeral of your father's works?" replied, "I."



SPRATT'S WHARF AND IRON WORKS, VICTORIA, B. C.—FROM A PHOTO BY R. MAYNARD.

heads and loungers, so often found in large establishments. Notwithstanding they employ a full corps of bookkeepers, salesmen and clerks, every partner is a full working member, and capable of taking hold of any department of this immense establishment.

A TREATISE ON THE HORSE AND ITS DISEASES. A 92-page pamphlet with numerous illustrations, by Dr. B. J. Kendall & Co. Price 25 cents. Every owner of a horse should send for this valuable pamphlet. It will pay for itself nearly every week in the year, as it is one of the most comprehensive works on the horse and its diseases which has ever come under our notice.

offices, warehouses and wharves, occupy another full block. Mr. Spratt, one of Victoria's most enterprising citizens, came to that city in 1863, is a practical machinist, having served his time under Sir John Rennie; he is also a competent civil engineer, graduating at the same time with the since celebrated Joseph Trutch. Mr. Spratt is the Government mail contractor between Victoria, Nanaimo and Comox, for which purpose he runs two very nice steamers, both of which he is sole owner of.

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