

Tuesday, July 7, 1874.

HOME MANUFACTURES.

HERE is a California plan for home manufacturers, and in their readers, especially home manufacturers, will see some of their own tough experience portrayed.

"For years we have labored to impress upon the people of the State the importance of encouraging home manufacturers. We have urged upon the people of this city the necessity of building up manufacturing establishments in our midst. Nothing would benefit the city so much as industries of this kind. It would increase our population; it would bring in money, saving money to the city; keep our money at home instead of sending it abroad; make all kinds of business lively; and add wealth to the commonwealth. All this and much more, would come from encouraging home manufacturers."

"Instead of this encouragement, there has been a determined and persistent attempt on the part of dealers to freeze out everything of the kind in its very infancy. A few years ago Mr. Green, with the advice of many citizens of this place, went to England and purchased manufacturer's machinery for the manufacture of ribbons. All the money he invested in this machinery was expended as though it were necessary to this city, but it did not command the manufacturer of ribbons. He expected, as he had a right to expect, the encouragement and help of our people. But although he furnishes ribbons of a quality twenty per cent better than any that are imported, at one twenty-five per cent less in price than the imported article, his goods are tabooed by the merchants, and even the ladies and girls of purchased silk do not think he takes his goods to their dwellings. Now here was a chance for Oakland to build up a silk manufacturing establishment that would be of incalculable advantage to the city, and which would in time bring hundreds of thousands of dollars into the city from all parts of the coast, and even from the east. Yet, she sits supinely by, without one word of encouragement, while her merchants refuse even to patronize the manufacturer. It is the old story of importers combined against the importers."

"Now, the ladies can change this in a great measure—in fact, it is in their power to revolutionize the system. There is no question but what Mr. Green's ribbons are far better in every respect than the imported article, while they are made of silk—no other enters into their composition. Not only this, but they are cheaper than the imported goods. Now let the ladies put their shoulders to this important wheel of the business economy of the city, with a tithe of the energy they showed in advocating 'Local Option,' and they will build up a silk manufacturing establishment that will be an honor to our city, and bring wealth in its train. Buy only Green's ribbons, and the result will be a magnificent manufactory, employing a large corps of help, giving employment to the poor females who are not earning for work, and in time, if properly sustained, will make Oakland the Lyons of this continent. All great enterprises have had small and obscure beginnings, and this pioneer silk factory may be the beginning of a silk manufacturing business which will be famous throughout the world, and will call into existence other industries—for instance the raising of silk worms, for which experiment has demonstrated this State to be peculiarly adapted."

"We presume that not enough is known by the people of this city of the existence of such an institution as a silk manufactory in our midst. But such is the fact, humble though it is, and though small its works are perfect, and the ribbons manufactured are the finest in this country. Then let us patronize home manufacture, if we would build up the city."—Oakland Transcript.

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