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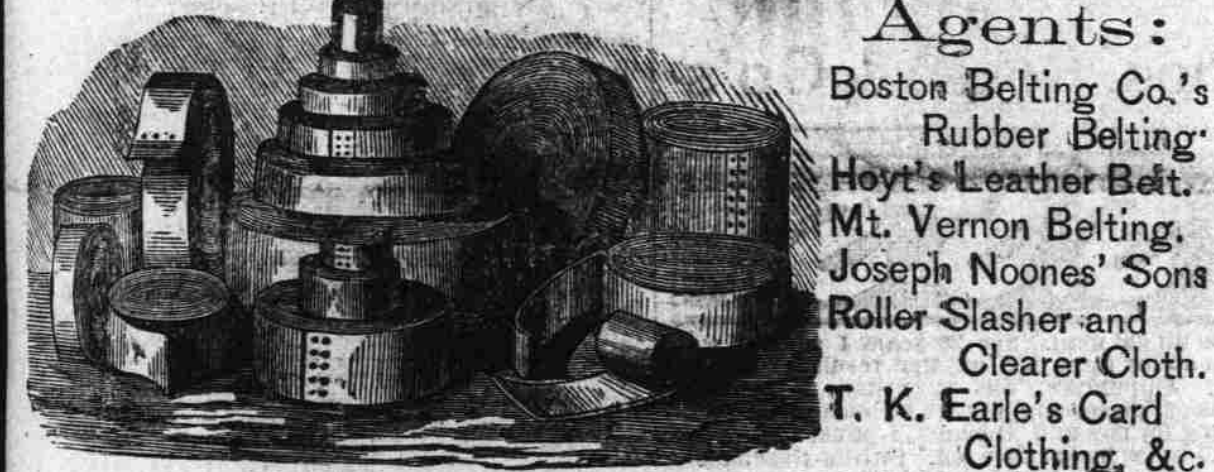
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VIRGINIA TIN MINES.

Rich Veins Struck in the Blue Ridge.

A Lynchburg letter to the Philadelphia Record writes as follows about the tin discoveries in Virginia: About two years ago a startling announcement was made that very rich deposits of tin ore had been discovered in the Blue Ridge mountains. Prospecting began at once, and it was found that the ore belt extended several miles in a northwest and southwest course, and was a mile or more in width. The principal body of the ore so far as known is in the high ridges or mountains on both sides of Irish Creek, in Rockbridge county, about eighteen miles from the Shenandoah Valley railroad, at Vesuvius depot, and twenty miles from Lexington. Irish Creek is a bold, rapid stream, affording a never failing and abundant supply of water. The fall is so great that the water can be utilized again and again at short intervals. There are several saw and grist mills which now derive their motive power from this stream. The valley of the creek, though narrow, affords plenty of space for the erection of stamping mills and other machinery required in concentrating the tin ores preparatory to their being put into the smelting furnace. The mountain sides are covered with a heavy forest growth, and will furnish an abundant supply of timber for mining purposes, as well as charcoal. The mountains on both sides of Irish Creek rise to a height of from 300 to 1,000 feet above the level of the stream, and are generally very precipitous. The soil on these mountain slopes is wonderfully rich, producing without fertilizers large crops of the finest tobacco, corn, wheat, rye, oats and potatoes. A shaft has been sunk about twenty or thirty feet above a small branch of Irish Creek. Here the ore appears in the form of a pure and rich cassiterite, narrow veins of which permeate the whole formation to a width of some forty feet or more. Near the top of the mountain a shaft has penetrated the deposit about fifty feet, and a draft has been driven from 150 to 200 feet. Here the vein is from four to ten feet wide, and runs as high as 60 to 70 per cent. of metallic tin—the average percentage as per analysis between the walls is 31 per cent. About three-quarters of a mile from the above mentioned deposit, in a southwesterly direction, three other openings have been made near to each other. These openings are near the summit of a high ridge, on the opposite side of the little stream from the one first described. Whether the two have any close connection has not yet been determined. One of these openings on the ridge shows a section of what appears to be a regular vein of very pure tin stone about two feet wide. A trench has been cut across the vein to a depth of several feet and about three feet wide which shows on that much of the vein in length. But the two other openings also show one of the same character and equally rich, thus proving that the vein extends considerably beyond the first trench, though it may not be a continuous or unbroken one. The evidence is conclusive that there is a valuable deposit of rich tin ore and that the quantity is considerable. Some of the specimens from this deposit, I am informed, yield very nearly or quite 70 per cent. of metallic tin, but I have no information as to the average yield of the whole mass of ore. These deposits are on what is known as the Cash tract, which is controlled by Edgar Whitehead, Mr. Henly and Mr. Massin, all of Amherst county, Virginia. Some of the surface openings have also been made by these parties in a northeasterly direction, in which, it is said, tin ore has been found. Immediately adjoining the Cash property, from the summit of the mountain down to the creek, and across it to the summit on the other side, in a southwesterly course, are the Grant and other lands which have been extensively prospected by the Robertson Brothers of Lynchburg. These lands, covering about 1,000 acres, reach entirely across the tin belt so far as it is known to exist. In one section of this block, on the northwest side of Irish Creek, known as Mount Maria, embracing about sixty acres, eighteen distinct veins have been opened, in all of which the ore has yielded more or less of tin. Most of these veins have been traced for the greater part of the entire distance across the mountain from base to base, and several of them have been opened by cross trenches, shafts or tunnels at a number of points. On one of these a tunnel has been run to the extent of eighty feet. The geological formation and character of the veins lead to the belief that many of them will come together not far below the surface, and

indicates the presence of large bodies of valuable ore at no great depth. Under similar conditions the Cornwall and other tin mines such a result is always looked for. Where these veins comes together it is expected to find large bodies of rich ore, and it is a rare exception when it is not the case. These veins vary in width from a few inches at the surface to about ten feet, and are generally nearly vertical. The ore yields in the laboratory from a trace to 34 per cent. of metallic tin.

Mount Maria is 300 to 400 feet above Irish creek, on the southeast, or left bank of Irish creek, running back to the summit of the mountain on that side, coterminous with the line of the Cash tract, and across the summit, extending in a southwesterly course for about one and one-half miles, is another section of this block. This tract approaches to within 250 yards of the second opening described above on the Cash land, and the veins found there must project into it. This whole section, covering about 800 acres, is one high mountain, the summit of which is, by barometric measurement, 700 feet above the level of the creek, and the ore crops out of both sides of both sides of it through the whole extent. A vein four feet wide has been opened on the tract, about fifty feet from the Cash line, and in the direction of the openings there made.

About 300 yards further, in the same (southwest) direction, another vein has been opened which is about one foot wide at the surface. In a spur, or ridge, running toward the creek, a little to the north of the veins above mentioned three parallel veins and one cross vein have been discovered and opened, while several others have been located but not opened. On the southwest side of Big Hill two parallel veins have been opened. At the foot of Big Hill there is a beautiful site for concentrating smelting works with waterpower into the creek.

It may be safely said that large and rich deposits of cassiterite as well as tin stone will be found in the localities described. The rare metal is present and has been extracted from the ore. It is in the true formation—saurentian granite. About 200 tons have been raised and are now on the grounds. Some shipments have been made to England, there to be smelted. But works for the purpose will be erected on the spot.

Penetrating a Coal Region.

Nashville American.
A contract recently made with Mr. Heney of Canada, by the Alabama Improvement Company, to build a railroad from the new town of Sheffield, on the Tennessee river, to Birmingham, Ala., assures the rapid development of one of the best coal and iron regions of the South. Work on this projected line was abandoned by the Alabama Improvement Company after building fifteen miles, more than a year ago, and all the hopes of Sheffield were clouded in uncertainty. From Sheffield, the northern terminus of the proposed Sheffield and Birmingham Railroad, water transportation can be had to any part of the Mississippi valley at a cost lower than can be secured from Pittsburg. In addition to this, the Tennessee river rarely, if ever, becomes engorged with ice, and seldom becomes so low as to prevent transportation during all seasons of the year. From Sheffield to the coal regions is about thirty miles, but the best and thickest coal is reached at the distance of fifty miles. For seventy miles the road will pass over beds of workable coal, where its most economical development may be had. A distinguished gentleman who has been largely engaged in coal mining, after passing through this region, declared that no other coal field in America could compare with this in the quantity and quality of the coal and the cheapness with which it may be mined. Seams four, five and six feet in thickness are not uncommon, and it is the opinion of those who have given the greatest amount of study and investigation to this coal field that there are four or five workable seams placed in superposition along the line of this projected road.

The Mammoth Russian Sun-Flower.

Col. Hoyt, of Turnpike, brought to our office this morning, a sun-flower of the above variety, which was mammoth sure enough. It measured fully twelve inches across its face, and its seed were as large as pumpkin seed. The seeds of the sun-flower furnish the best of food for fowls, and is good food for stock. A fifteen-cent package of seed, produced for Col. Hoyt, nearly five bushels, which shows an enormous yield for the outlay. According to the yield on the land planted this season, Col. Hoyt says one acre would produce one hundred and fifty bushels of seed. This surely would pay. The seed sell in Northern markets for forty cents a quart.

Slaughter of Birds.

The slaughter of birds in the name of fashion continues. At a single dealer's in London there were sold between December, 1884, and April, 1885, no less than 6,828 birds of paradise, 4,984 Impeyan pheasants; 404,464 West Indian and Brazilian birds and 356,389 East Indian birds of various kinds. One woman of fashion purchased the skins of a thousand humming birds for a ball dress. Another had a dress trimmed with the skins of 500 canaries.

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You Can Laugh

Advanced prices to scorn, because at a moderate outlay you can buy our newest arrivals of goods at a

GENUINE

BARGAIN.

Towels 2 x 44 inches, in Bleached Damask, at 25 cents each.
Towels 18 x 42 inches, in Bleached Damask and Knotted Fringe, at 33 1/2 cents each.
Towels 28 x 42 inches, in Bleached German Huck and Knotted Fringe, at 45 cents each.
We will positively not sell more than one dozen of a kind to any one customer.
10-4 Extra Heavy Bleached Sheetings at 25 cents per yard, worth 32 1/2 cents. We continue to offer mainly for the benefit of our out-of-town customers.
Cretones at 17 1/2 cents per yard, which readily sold at 25 cents per yard.
Fifty Inch Raw Silk Upholstery Goods at 81 cents, \$1.00, \$1.25, up to \$2.00 per yard. These we reduced 30 per cent.

Honey Comb and Marseilles Spreads.

1 Lot 10-4 White Honey Comb Spreads at 95 cents, worth \$1.25.
1 Lot 10-4 Marseilles Spreads at \$1.00, worth \$1.40.
1 Lot 10-4 Extra Heavy Marseilles Spreads at \$1.60, worth \$2.25.
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PEOPLE RELY UPON OUR STATEMENTS.

They come prepared,
They find what they want,
They see the bargains displayed, and
They leave our store with smiling faces.

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