

ORIES. The office of these mills is at No. 224 Sansom, over the Bank of British Columbia. Messrs. Rosenbaum & Friedman, Nos. 22 and 24 Battery street, are the Agents.

SILK.—During the past year an important branch of manufactures has been commenced, which is destined to assume a considerable degree of importance in our State. Mr. L. Provost, a well-known horticulturist at San José, having imported, direct from China, a quantity of eggs of the silk-worm, raised from the same, during the summer of 1866, a large amount of cocoons. Other parties also engaged in the enterprise, the soil and climate of this State being peculiarly adapted to the growth of the mulberry and the successful rearing of silk-worms. From the product of this enterprise, Messrs. Newman & Myers, of San Francisco, succeeded in manufacturing a considerable amount of elegant silk dress goods of various styles, as well as varieties of sewing silk. The articles produced will fully compare, in point of fineness, evenness, and firmness of texture, with the best specimens imported from China and Japan, or those produced by the looms of Lyons. Specimens of this manufacture, exhibited at the California State Fair, in September, 1866, were awarded a handsome premium. An extensive manufactory is in the course of erection at San José—machinery of every requisite quality, embodying all the recent improvements in this department, has been procured—and every preparation made to carry on the business to its fullest extent.

CLOTHING.—The amount of clothing returned to the Internal Revenue Office of this District, during the year ending June 30th, 1866, was considerably over a million of dollars. When it is considered that this manufacture depends almost entirely upon the woolen mills of California and Oregon for the stock worked up, the magnitude of this interest must be apparent. With many other manufactures here, the making up of clothing has increased to an unprecedented extent within a few years. Like other manufactures, too, of a similar nature, the business is divided up among a large number engaged in it. The Pioneer Clothing Factory, S. Reinsteint, proprietor, is located on the corner of Commercial and Battery streets, is most extensively engaged in this business; this concern giving constant employment to 160 hands, and manufacturing to the extent of \$20,000 per month. Messrs. Weidenreid & Lehman, located on Sansom street, between Sacramento and Commercial, were among the first to commence this manufacture to any extent, having been engaged in the business for the past five years. In addition to other articles of clothing, they are extensively engaged in the manufacture of white and flannel shirts and drawers. The substantial manner in which their goods are made, with their superior finish, give them a decided preference over similar articles manufactured in the Eastern cities. The California Clothing Company, also, do an extensive business at their manufactory on Pine street near Battery, giving regular employment to over one hundred persons.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—The return made in this department to the Assessor of Internal Revenue during the year ending June 30th, 1866, which amounts to near half a million of dollars, is the fullest proof of the fact that no branch of domestic manufactures has increased with greater rapidity than that of boots and shoes. This is an enterprise that has sprung up almost entirely within a comparatively few years past, the greater portion of all the articles in this line in use here being imported from abroad. The increase of tanneries, and manufactures of leather producing a better article than can be procured elsewhere, and the high prices demanded abroad, set our home manufacturers to work; and with their improved facilities,

better stock, and superior quality of work, they are able to compete successfully with manufacturers abroad. The most extensive concern engaged in this business is that of Messrs. Wolf & Co., who, a short time since, completed, for this purpose, a building on Folsom, between Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets, 40 by 80 feet, and 34 stories high, with a tannery attached, covering an area of 150 by 245 feet; steam power is used, and one hundred and twenty-five hands are employed. The stock used is all produced in California. The manufactory of Wentworth, Hobart & Co., at No. 210 Pine street, affords another evidence of the rapid increase of this business. The proprietors commenced, about two years since, with but three workmen; now they employ not less than a hundred, with all the latest appliances of machinery, turning out something like a thousand pairs of boots and shoes per week; about five thousand sides of sole and skins of upper leather are worked up each month. Messrs. Hein & Bray, on Battery street, are also extensively engaged in this manufacture, employing about seventy-five hands, and turning out about seventy-eight pairs of men's and boys' kip and calf boots per day, besides a large number of pairs of pegged shoes. The sole leather used by them is from the Santa Cruz tanneries, and the work produced is of a superior character. Another manufactory has been established on the corner of California and Sansom streets, by C. A. Morrill & Co., a firm formerly engaged in the business in the East, who propose to enter largely into this manufacture.

To George K. Porter, who has been for many years an owner in one of the principal tanneries of Santa Cruz County, is accorded the credit of being the pioneer in this important branch of manufactures, which he entered into for the purpose of working up the products of the tannery in which he is interested. In connection with some outside assistance, he has a contract with the State for the labor of thirty or forty convicts in the State Prison, who are employed in the manufacture of the coarser quality of boots and shoes.

SHIRTS.—During the past year the manufacture of shirts on an extensive scale was commenced at 611 Sacramento street, San Francisco, by G. F. Falkenstein & Co.; and the enterprise has succeeded so well, there being such a steady demand for the domestic manufacture, that others have followed. Most of the large clothing manufacturers include this in their business. The concern named keeps 75 to 100 persons constantly employed, a room 35 by 80 feet being devoted to the business. The front is occupied for the manufacture of the best qualities of linen and cotton shirts, 35 girls, each provided with a sewing machine, being engaged in the work. In the rear end, the same number of Chinamen are employed, each with a sewing machine, at work upon hickory shirts, and the heavy and coarser styles of goods in use. The concern turns out from 40 to 50 dozen of hickory, and from 20 to 30 dozen of linen and cotton shirts each day. M. L. Haas & Co., and Esberg & Co., are also engaged in this manufacture.

BLANK BOOKS.—Wm. B. Cooke & Co., the enterprising law stationers of San Francisco, having arranged with Taylor & Co., of the Pioneer Mills, for a uniform and sufficient quantity of paper, have commenced the manufacture of all kinds of blank books. They have contracted for the labor of fifty of the convicts at the State Prison, where they have put up the requisite apparatus and ruling machinery for the purpose, the whole being under the direction of Alexander Buwell, who has had a long and extensive experience in this department. In addition to blank books and paper ruling of every description, an extensive bookbinding will be connected with the concern.