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Battle Creek was known throughout the world as the home of the greatest threshing machine plants in existence. The threshing machine industry began in Battle Creek in a modest way in 1848 when John Nichols and David Shepard opened a foundry and machine shop on North State Street in the center of the growing village. Nichols and Shepard manufactured plows, harrows and other agricultural implements.

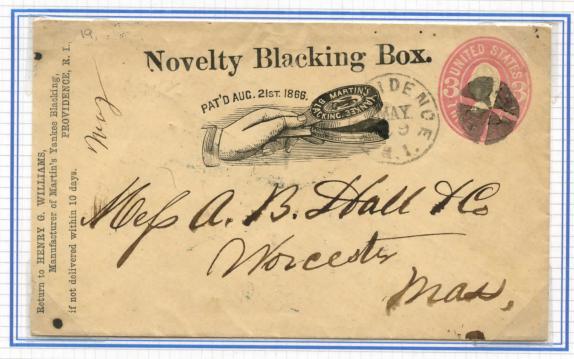
Battle Creek, Michigan to Mansfield Ohio August 26, Circa 1868

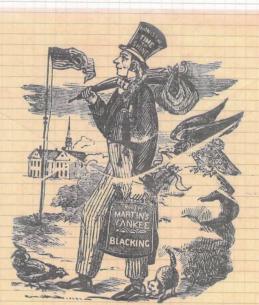


This "Vibrator" threshing machine illustrated on this cover, which used an entirely new method of straw, chaff and grain separation, was patented in 1862. The new machine was immediately popular with farmers and business at the foundry boomed.

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Providence, RI to Worcester, Mass - May 09, Circa 1866-1867





Northern Carpetbagger of the reconstruction era (reduced image of back of this cover). The south used this term to define Northerner's who moved south to sell the war torn ex confederacy goods at inflated prices. Most likely this cover was printed before this term became derogautory for northerns.





Crosby's Opera House (1865–1871) was an opera house in Chicago, Illinois, It was founded by Uranus H. Crosby in 1865 in an effort to bring a great opera hall to the city. The building was designed by William W. Boyington; the great expense of its construction ruined Crosby. After holding only occasional performances, an association formed to relieve the house of its great debt. A lottery was held that distributed over 210,000 tickets, awarding purchasers

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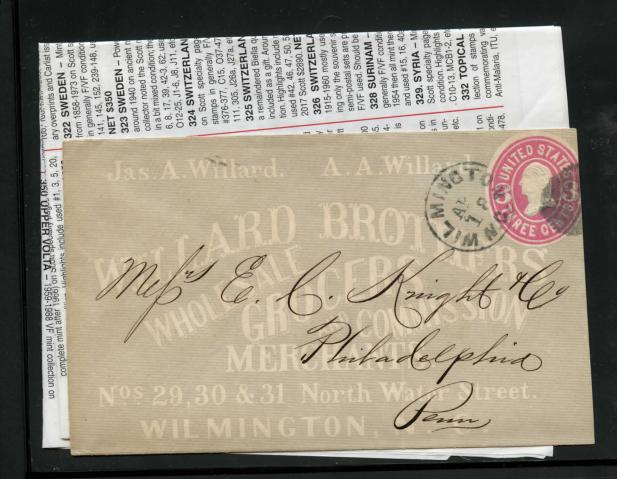
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Exterior view of the multi-story storefront at 333 Market Street of the dry goods store originally established in 1832 as Siegers & Vogel. Patrons stand in the doorway of the building, while pedestrians converse and a couple passes by on the sidewalk in front of the entrance. Laborers load and unload horse-drawn drays stationed nearby across from street traffic, including a Pennsylvania Central R.R. Depot street car, a racing Adams Express Co. wagon transporting crates, and an African American delivery man pushing a handcart carrying boxes. Also shows partial views of adjacent buildings. Jacob Riegel operated Jacob Riegel & Co. from 1866 until his death in 1880.



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