

Philadelphia and New York would be of incalculable benefit to the trade in those cities, and if so thoroughly systematized as that of Chicago, would do away with the huckster business complained of at the east and also result in permanent good in a number of important ways.

BIG DAY'S WORK BY A CIRCULAR MILL.

The largest day's work by a circular saw mill, of which we have ever heard is vouched for by one of the principal firms at Ionia, Mich. In order to record the matter for future reference we append the following letter describing the achievement.

IONIA, Mich. May 25, 1874.

STEARNS M'FG. CO., ERIE, Pa.

Gentlemen:—We cut at our mill on May 16th, with one circular saw and patent edger, 91,528 feet of lumber in eleven hours and thirty minutes. 75,000 feet of it was inch boards; the balance 1½ and 2 in. Nothing thicker. All well manufactured. One man edged it all. We call this a big day's work. Do you know of any better? We used a "Stearns Mill and Edger".

Yours Respectfully,

E. COLBY & Co.

This letter from the firm of E. Colby & Co., is certainly a valuable indorsement of the Stearns mills. We can look back only a few years and remember that a sensation was produced from the fact of Hon. W. D. McIndoe's mill on the Wisconsin river having cut 28,000 feet in eleven hours. At that time this exploit was considered wonderful, and was supposed to be about the extent of man-

ufacture to which a circular mill could possibly be put. But improvement is the order of the day, and we see it fully exemplified in this great day's work of one of the Stearns Circular Saw Mills. When it is considered that of the 91,528 feet sawed, 75,000 feet were inch boards and that the balance was 1½ and 2 inch stuff, the record is truly marvellous. Messrs. E. Colby & Co. have a first-class reputation, and we are therefore compelled to accept their statement without a doubt.

CHEAP MINNESOTA LUMBER FOR NEBRASKA.

The *Omaha Bee* is doing for the consumers of the Missouri valley and the manufacturers of Minneapolis what the WISCONSIN LUMBERMAN is doing for consumers in Illinois and Milwaukee dealers and manufacturers. It is trying to bring the railroad managers to a realizing sense of the importance of giving the lumber interests adequate and steady accommodation at reasonable rates. Our exchange says :

The want of cheap lumber has been felt in Omaha and Nebraska ever since the first white man set his foot upon our prairie soil. The want of cheap lumber has, in a great measure, retarded our progress as a city and state, and does even now prevent the inauguration of many public improvements and private enterprises. With cheap lumber we might be able to construct cheap dwelling houses, and cheap dwelling houses would result in a reduction of rents to the working classes. Such a reduction, coupled with our ability to procure the raw material at reasonable figures, would enable many of our small capitalists to undertake the