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OF

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PREFACE.

IN presenting this work to Architects, Plumbers, and all interested in the Sanitary features of modern building, would say that in preparing this Catalogue we have endeavored to comprise all our various manufactures heretofore illustrated in our many Catalogues, Supplements and Sheets appertaining to this Department of our business.

The Illustrations will show great improvement in many of our already well known specialties, the result of long and watchful experience.

There will also be found illustrated many new, novel and desirable Sanitary and Plumbing Fixtures and Appliances, the outcome of our research and effort to meet the growing demand for really high class goods, goods not only desirable from a sanitary point of view, but really artistic and beautiful to look upon, and fully up to the present high standard of the inside fittings and interior decorations of our modern houses and public buildings.

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— for —

Bathrooms and Kitchens

THE J. L. MOTT IRON WORKS

In 1888, the J. L. Mott Iron Works of New York issued a catalog that was an impressive composite of the company's previous catalogs, supplements and advertisements. According to its publisher, the volume contained "many new, novel and desirable Sanitary and Plumbing Fixtures and Appliances . . . high class goods . . . beautiful to look upon, and fully up to the present high standard of . . . modern houses and public buildings."

Here are a wealth of items ranging from simple washtubs, steam kettles and pipes to showers, baths and lavatories encased in finely crafted wooden cabinets. Also on display are porcelain-lined tubs (gloriously described as Roman baths), with hardwood trim and made-to-order legs of cast bronze or brass, and ornate washbasins decorated with delicate Japanese motifs, geometrical designs and intricate floral and foliate patterns. For the traveling businessman and well-outfitted tourist, the folding washstand—suitable for office or steamship use—is shown fitted up on carved and paneled woodwork. Also listed and illustrated are footbaths, water closets, bidets, privy sinks, expansion tanks and much more. Accompanying captions describe the appliance or object, its method of operation and important features.