

The Beer Supply

Lansing's Single Brewery and where its Products Go

It is not so many years ago as might be supposed, since our cousins "German" resented to the notice of Americans that royal gift of Gambrinus so dear to the Teuton heart, lager beer; but it has long since been naturalized, and is now quaffed in every language known to this glorious polyglot American union. As a consequence, the purity of the article is a matter of prime importance, and American breweries have achieved a reputation for producing a better article than the "Vaterland" itself.

Lansing has a brewery—small, it is true, as compared with many, but our citizens recognize the fact that in point of purity and flavor its products are unexcelled. Something more than 15 years ago Mr. Adam Foerster came to Lansing, purchased, and successfully ran a small brewery by the river, near the site of the Lansing streetcar barns. Several years after, or about 1889, Mr. Foerster purchased the old Grand River brewery, of Yeiter & Hertel. It had previously manufactured ale alone, but Mr. Foerster refitted it for lager brewing and has since given his attention to the making of this beverage alone, constantly increasing his facilities as business demanded, until he has today one of the best breweries for its size to be found in the State, its annual output being about 6,000 barrels, mostly consumed in Lansing, Mason, Grand Ledge, DeWitt, Dimondale, Chesaning, and other neighboring towns.

Mr. Foerster is a practical brewer, and personally supervises all the brews of his establishment, using nothing but hops and malt and the purest of water, obtained in the winter from an artesian well; but for summer brews he uses filtered water exclusively. In consequence of this care the reputation of his products has steadily advanced and he is now contemplating other improvements to enable him to meet the increased demand for his goods.

Six men are constantly employed in various capacities about the establishment.

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The bottling house of Adam Foerster's brewery on Madison street caught fire from the stove last night and burned to the extent of about \$200, further damage being prevented by the prompt work of the fire department.

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