A NON-RUSTING STEEL.

Sheffield Invention Especially Good for Table Cutlery.

According to Consul John M. Savage, who is stationed at Sheffield, England, a firm in that city has introduced a stainless steel, which is claimed to be non-rusting, unstainable, and untarishable. This steel is said to be especially adaptable for table cutlery, as the original polish is maintained after use, even when brought in contact with the most acid foods, and it requires only ordinary washing to cleanse.

"It is claimed," writes Mr. Savage in the Commerce Reports, "that this steel retains a keen edge much like that of the best double-sheer steel, and, as the properties claimed are inherent in the steel and not due to any treatment, knives can readily be sharpened on a 'steel' or by using the ordinary cleaning machine or knifeboard. It is expected it will prove a great boon, especially to large users of cutlery, such as hotels, steamships, and restaurants.

"The price of this steel is about 26 cents a pound for ordinary sizes, which is about double the price of the usual steel for the same purpose. It also costs more to work up, so that the initial cost of articles made from this new discovery, it is estimated, will be about double the present cost; but it is considered that the saving of labor to the customer will more than cover the total cost of the cutlery in the first twelve month."

Chinese Silk Prices Advancing.

Raw silk prices at Canton continue to advance, according to reports received by A. P. Villa & Brothers. Reelers refuse to make offers on 22-26 at any price, and offers on 14-16 are made very sparingly, in fact, hardly at all. The demand has been extraordinarily large, and it is said that many buyers are anxious to trade at any price. Shanghai is quiet, but prices are holding firm for all grades of silk. In Yokohama there is a moderate demand, with prices remaining unchanged. Italian reelers have advanced prices again, but trading is small. In this market conditions are good generally.

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