

## Cincinnati Brewing Co.

IN 1850 Peter Schwab, eleven years old, landed in the United States from Germany, coming over in the same steamer with Henry Sohn. He came to Hamilton and learned the Cooper's trade at which he worked for some time. He was smart and industrious, and saving, and in course of time, became able to embark in business ventures of his own.

In 1858 John W. Sohn built a small brewery at the corner of Front and Sycamore Streets.

In 1864 M. Jacobi bought this brewery of Sohn and operated it for four years. In 1878 the firm of Peter Schwab & Co., composed of Peter Schwab, F. VanDerveer and Herman Reutti, bought the brewery of Jacobi. But the business was conducted at a loss. In 1870 Mr. Schwab retired and the business was continued by VanDerveer and Reutti.

In 1874 Mr. Schwab bought the brewery of VanDerveer and Reutti. It had a capacity of fifty barrels per day, but no sale could be found for that amount of product. Mr. Schwab operated in hard luck. Things were running behind, debts were piling up, and debtors were pressing, and there seemed to be no way out of the woods. Mr. Schwab was as deep in the hole as even the nerviest man care to get. But he worried along where other men would have laid the thing down, and the result of his persistent energy was to bring about an improvement in the prospects, which improvements have continued and bloomed into the highest kind of success. The trade was pushed, the capacity of the brewery greatly exceeded, and the brewery was enlarged to meet the growing demands. In 1875 the business was incorporated under the name of The Cincinnati Brewing Co. In 1890 an artificial ice plant was put in, the plant now having a capacity of fifty tons per day, of ice made from filtered water. The capacity of the Brewery has been so increased that it has now four hundred barrels per day and the sales are always up to the full capacity. The beer is shipped North, East and South, being sold very largely in Cleveland and Pittsburg. This present history is of course only concerned with that product of manufacturing establishments which goes out of the county and brings money income to the community, and in this sense the Ice Factory of this Brewery is merely an element in the manufacture and preservation of this beer which is shipped. But it seems hardly like going outside of the limitations of this history to explain that the manufactured ice of this establishment also largely supplies the local market, this branch of the business being conducted under the name of the Hamilton Artificial Ice Co. The ice is of splendid quality and seems to be clearer and cleaner than the natural article and has always been retailed at lower prices, and Mr. Schwab's enterprise in this ice matter has met with keen appreciation by the citizens.