

# FRANK SCHANTZ. MATTRESSES, ETC.

MR. FRANK SCHANTZ, quite a young man, was teaching school near Woodsdale and his home was on his father's farm. A neighboring farmer had lately gotten a machine to shell corn in the husk and the husks were thrown away. Young Mr. Schantz, in nosing around Cincinnati, ascertained that corn husks had quite a market value as a material for mattresses. He thereupon began, in a small way, to speculate in husks. He finally determined that he might as well make the mattresses and sell them as to sell the husks and let some one else make that profit. So he started a small mattress factory in Hamilton. He felt his way very cautiously, buying a couple of bolts of ticking at a time and making two mattresses a day. Everything worked out nicely and in 1888 he built a large two story brick factory on the corner of Seventh and Walnut streets and equipped it with all the latest machinery and he went into the mattress business in earnest, and has kept at it and the results are everything that he could desire. He now makes over one hundred and fifty mattresses per day, some of husks and others of excelsior, mixed fiber, and cotton. In addition he makes the torsion braided wire mattresses. These mattresses have special merits. In the opinion of many they are better than the best hair, being more comfortable, more cleanly, more easily handled, and harder to wear out. Hotels and hospitals use them to a great extent and they are highly commanded for their hygienic qualities. To test their strength they have been pressed flat by machinery sixty thousand times in quick succession, which is equivalent to hard use for twenty or thirty years, without the slightest apparent change.