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Wheeler & Wilson Mfg Co..	128,526
Grover & Baker S. M. Co..	50,838
Weed S. M. Co.	39,655
Howe M. Co. Jan 1 to July 1	34,010
Wilcox & Gibbs S. M. Co..	30,127
Wilson S M Co.	21,153
Amer. B. H. O. & S. M. Co..	20,121
Original Howe S. M. Co.	20,051
Florence S. M. Co.	15,947
Gold Medal S. M. Co.	13,502
Davis S M. Co.	11,568
Domestic S. M. Co.	10,387
Finkle & Lyon Mfg Co.	7,639
Aetna S. M. Co	4,720
Blees S. M. Co.	4,557
Elliptic S. M. Co.	4,555
Empire S. M. Co.	2,965
Parham S M Co.	2,056
Bartram & Fantom Mfg Co	1,004
Bartlett S. M. Co.	614
J. G. Folsom	280
McKay S. M. Association	218
C. F. Thompson	147
Union Button Hole M. Co..	24

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THE SINGER	2,[illegible]
Wheeler & Wilson	[illegible]
Howe	[illegible]
Grover & Baker	[illegible]
Wilcox & Gibbs	[illegible]
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