

RAVENNA, O.





INTRODUCTORY.

We take pleasure in submitting herewith, for your inspection, a few of the many different styles of Hearses and Coaches we are making. During the many years' experience we have had in this business, the constant improvement in style, durability, and elegance of finish has been our aim. Our work is now in use and is well known in every State of the Union: and our large and increasing business from year to year is evidence of the fact that our work meets with entire satisfaction. In the future, as in the past, it shall be our aim to furnish those in want of goods in our line a better article for less money than can be produced elsewhere.

We give our entire attention to the building of Hearses and Coaches, and are not connected in any way with any business outside of this. Every branch of the business has our personal care and supervision.

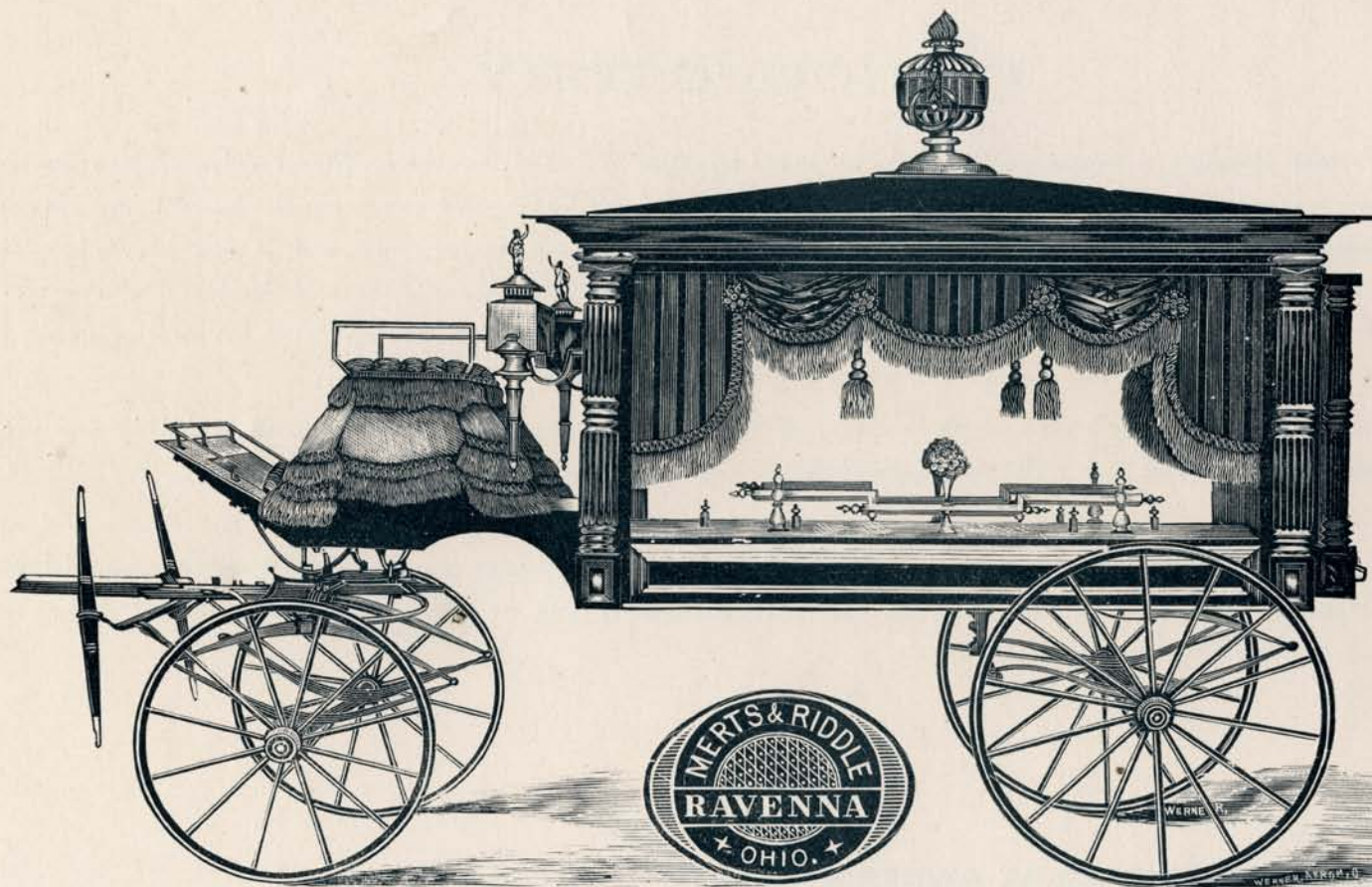
We urge those in want of anything in our line to come direct to our factory, and select from our large stock just what they want. We have constantly on hand, all finished, ready for shipment, thirty thousand dollars' worth of Hearses, and as many Coaches, and can save purchasers from two hundred to five hundred dollars on the price of a Hearse by buying from us.

NOTICE.

ALL WORK SHIPPED AT OWNER'S RISK.

We pack and load all work carefully on **CARS**, and get the best, most direct, and lowest freight rates that can be obtained. In case of **DAMAGE, OVERCHARGE, or DELAY** in transit, the **PURCHASER'S** recourse is **UPON THE CARRIER**

MERTS & RIDDLE.



DESCRIPTION.

While improvements are constantly being made in architecture and design of nearly all classes of vehicles, yet we think perfection has reached its height in the Funeral Car represented by the about cut. As a vehicle for conveying the dead to their last resting place, we have no hesitancy in saying that it is unsurpassable in richness and elegance; and while it has the appearance of being very rich and massive, yet it is but little heavier than an ordinary city hearse. The glass is all of the finest quality of French plate,

with beveled-edge glass in front and end. Beautiful black Lambrequin curtains trimmed with heavy black worsted fringe and tassels. With or without hammer cloth on seat, as purchaser may desire. The inside rails are of a new design, and are very handsome and elegant; are made square and finely silver-plated. The lamps are of an extra quality and nearly fully silver-plated. The pillars on corners are hand carved and of an elegant design.

Size of Glass, 40 x 84 inches. Size of Tire, $1\frac{3}{4}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$ steel. Height of urn, 22 inches.



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No. 132.

DESCRIPTION.

This cut represents one of the handsomest and most elegant finished Hearses made in the U. S. It has full Clarence or circular glass front and end; best polished French plate-glass sides, with deep gold band around the side, front and end glass. Round French boot, sliding sash in front; six elegant carved wood urns, finished with gold; fine silver-plated hexagon top rails, and hexagon inside rails, with bouquet holders. Fine lamps,

nearly fully plated. Plated bier pins, rollers and cross plates; also, large plated roller at the end of the Hearse to receive the coffin. Plated toe board, dickey seat and door handles, pole crab, whiffletree tips, and hub bands. Trimmed with one set of black lambrequin curtains, with gold bullion or worsted fringe and tassels, and elegant sun ray head lining. Table and sides of black walnut.

Size of Glass, 38 x 58 inches. Height of Urns, 19 inches. Size of Axles, 1 3/4 inches. Size of Springs, 1 1/4 x 5 plate. Size of Tire, 1 1/4 x 3/8 steel. Weight of Hearse, 1100 to 1200 pounds. Will receive Coffin 7 feet 5 inches long.



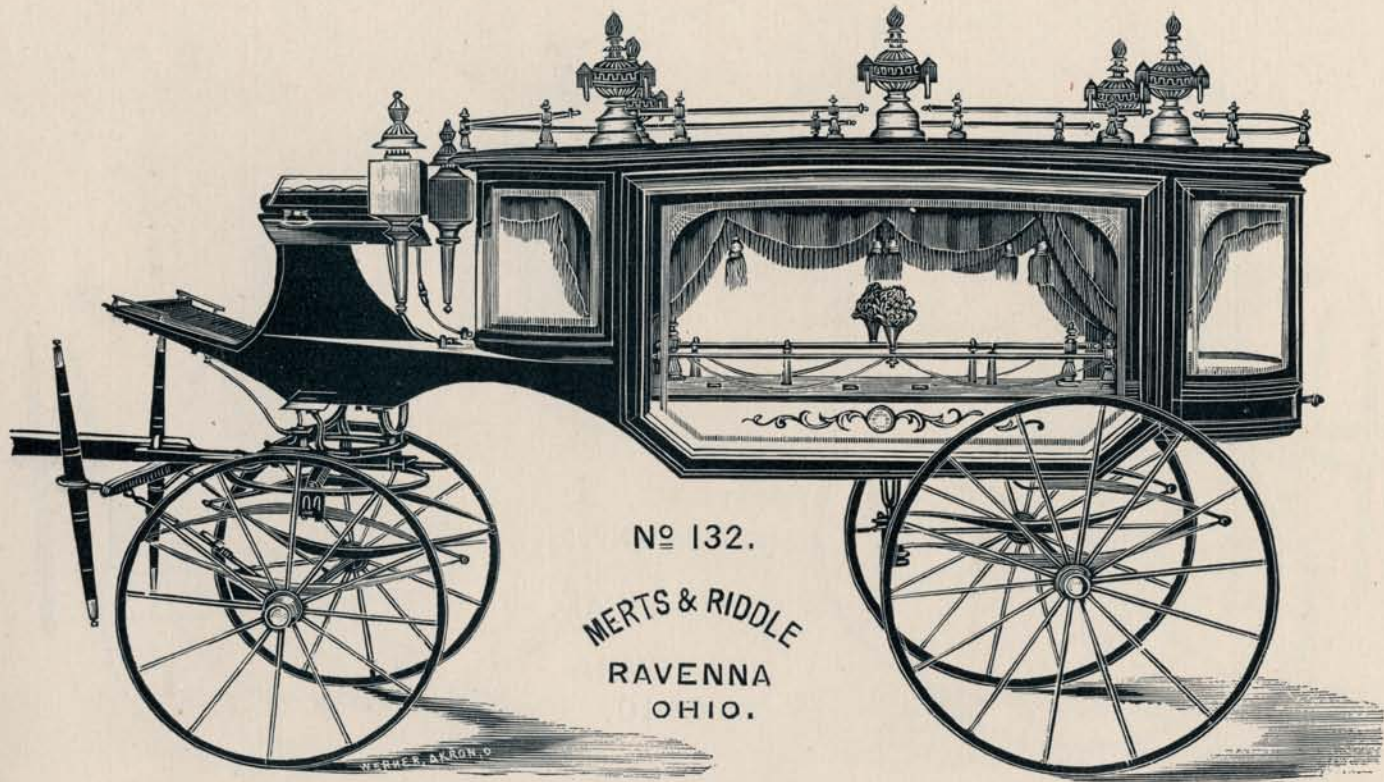
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MERTS & RIDDLE
RAVENNA
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DESCRIPTION.

This cut represents a very handsome, elegant and showy Hearse. It has full Clarence or circular glass front and end; best polished French plate-glass sides, with deep gold band around the side, front and end glass. Round French boot, sliding sash in front; six elegant carved wood urns, finished with gold; fine silver-plated hexagon top rails, and hexagon inside rails, with bouquet holders. Fine lamps, nearly fully

plated. Plated bier pins, rollers and cross plates; also, large plated roller at the end of the Hearse to receive the coffin. Plated toe board, dickey seat and door handles, pole crab, whiffletree tips, and hub bands. Has two sets of curtains, white and black, trimmed with either gold bullion or worsted fringe and tassels. Inside, table, etc., finished white.

Size of Glass, 34x68 inches. Height of Urns, 19 inches. Size of Axles, 1 3/8 inches. Size of Springs, 1 3/4 x 5 plate. Size of Tire, 1 1/4 x 3/8 steel.
 Weight of Hearse, 1100 to 1150 pounds. Will receive Coffin 7 feet 5 inches long.



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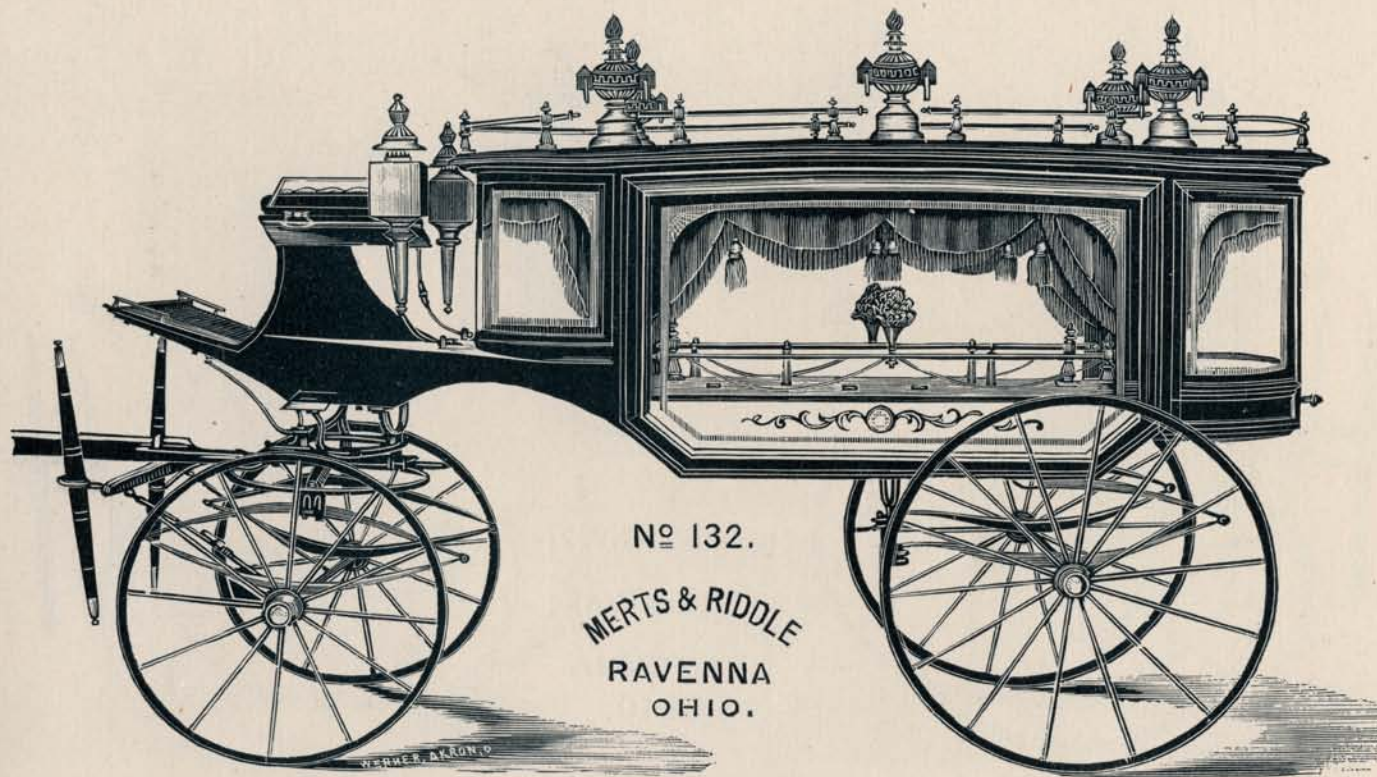
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DESCRIPTION.

This is a very handsome and finely finished Hearse. Has full Clarence or circular glass front and end; best polished French plate-glass sides, with deep gold band around the side, front and end glass. Round French boot, sliding sash in front, six elegant carved wood urns, seventeen inches high, finished with gold; fine silver-plated round top rails, and chain rails inside, with bouquet holders. Fine lamps, nearly fully plated.

Plated bier pins and rollers; also, large plated roller at the end of Hearse to receive the coffin. Plated toe board, dickey seat and door handles, pole crab, whiffletree tips, and hub bands. Has two sets of curtains, white and black, trimmed with either gold bullion or worsted fringe and tassels. Inside of Hearse, table and sides finished white.

Size of Glass, 34 x 58 inches. Size of Axles, 1 3/8 inches. Size of Springs, 1 3/4 x 5 plate. Size of Tire, 1 1/4 x 5-16 steel.
Weight of Hearse, 1050 to 1150 pounds. Will receive Coffin 7 feet 5 inches long.



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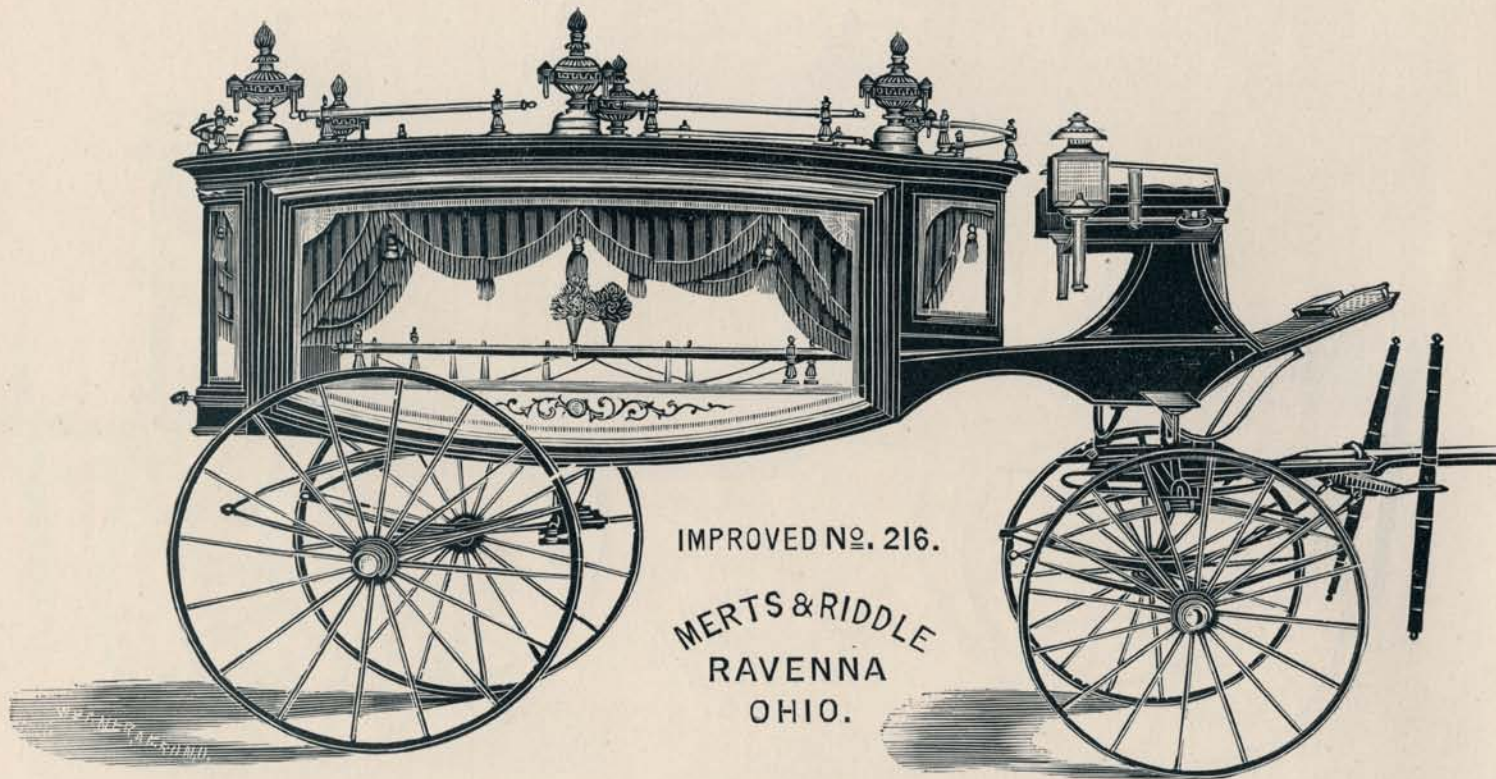
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Plated bier pins and rollers; also, large plated roller at the end of Hearse to receive the coffin. Plated toe board, dickey seat and door handles, pole crab, whiffletree tips, and hub bands. Has two sets of curtains, white and black, trimmed with either gold bullion or worsted fringe and tassels. Inside of Hearse, table and sides finished white.

Size of Glass, 34 x 58 inches. Size of Axles, 1 3/8 inches. Size of Springs, 1 3/4 x 5 plate. Size of Tire, 1 1/4 x 5-16 steel.
Weight of Hearse, 1050 to 1150 pounds. Will receive Coffin 7 feet 5 inches long.

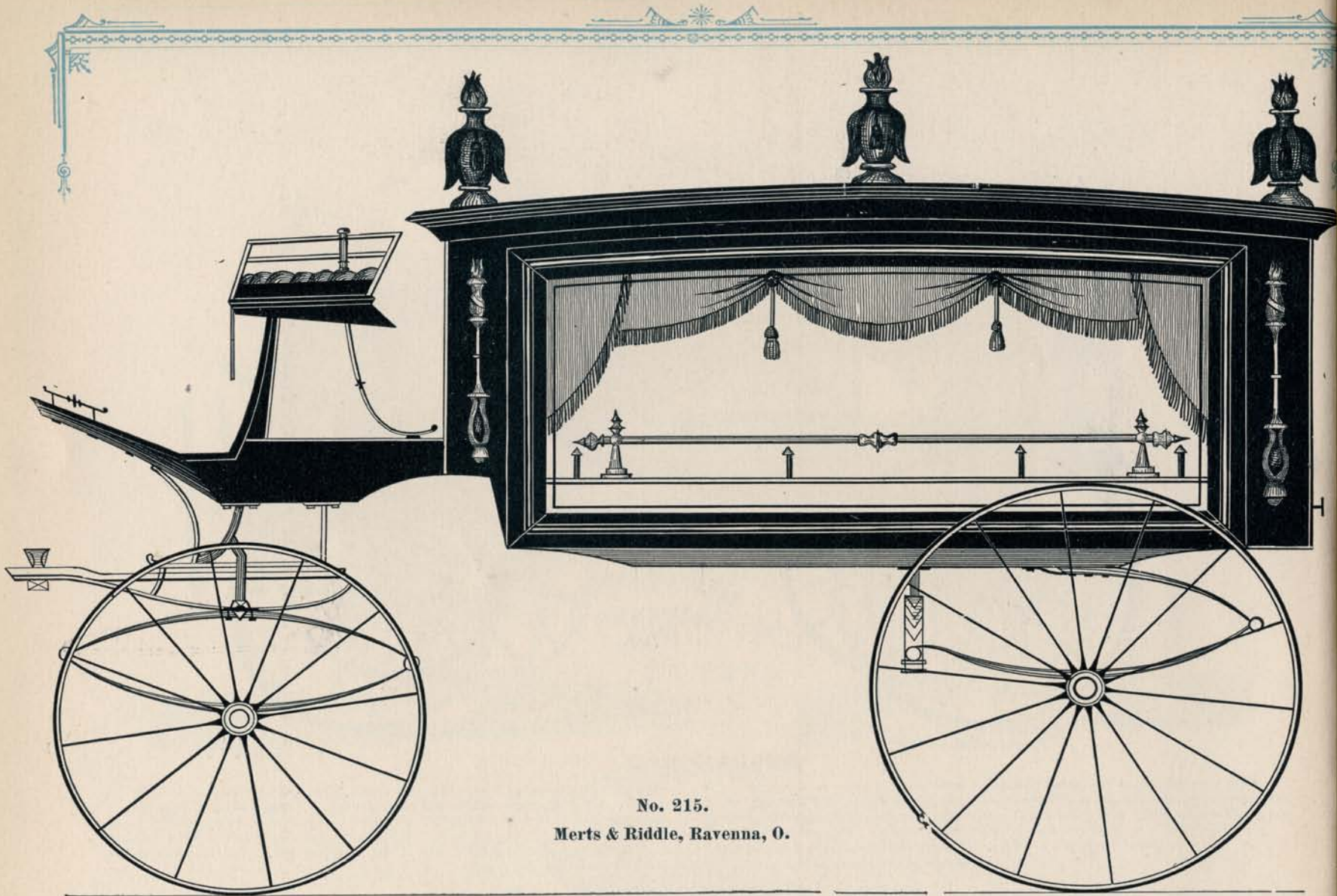


DESCRIPTION.

Full Clarence or circular glass front and end; round French boot under seat (not square as shown in cut); best polished French plate-glass sides, with deep gold band around the sides, front and end glass. Six fine carved wood urns, seventeen inches high, finished with gold. Silver-plated chain rails inside and silver-plated top rails. Plated

bier pins, rollers, toe board, dickey seat and door handles. Has two sets of curtains, white and black, trimmed with gold and silver bullion fringe and tassels. Full coach platform gearing, with very best wheels, springs, axles, tires, etc. A very handsome light Hearse, suitable for small cities.

Size of Glass, 32 x 70 inches. Size of Axles, $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches. Size of Springs, $1\frac{3}{4}$ x 4 plate. Size of Tire, $1\frac{1}{4}$ x 5-16 steel.
Weight of Hearse, 950 to 1050 pounds. Will receive Coffin 7 feet 5 inches long.



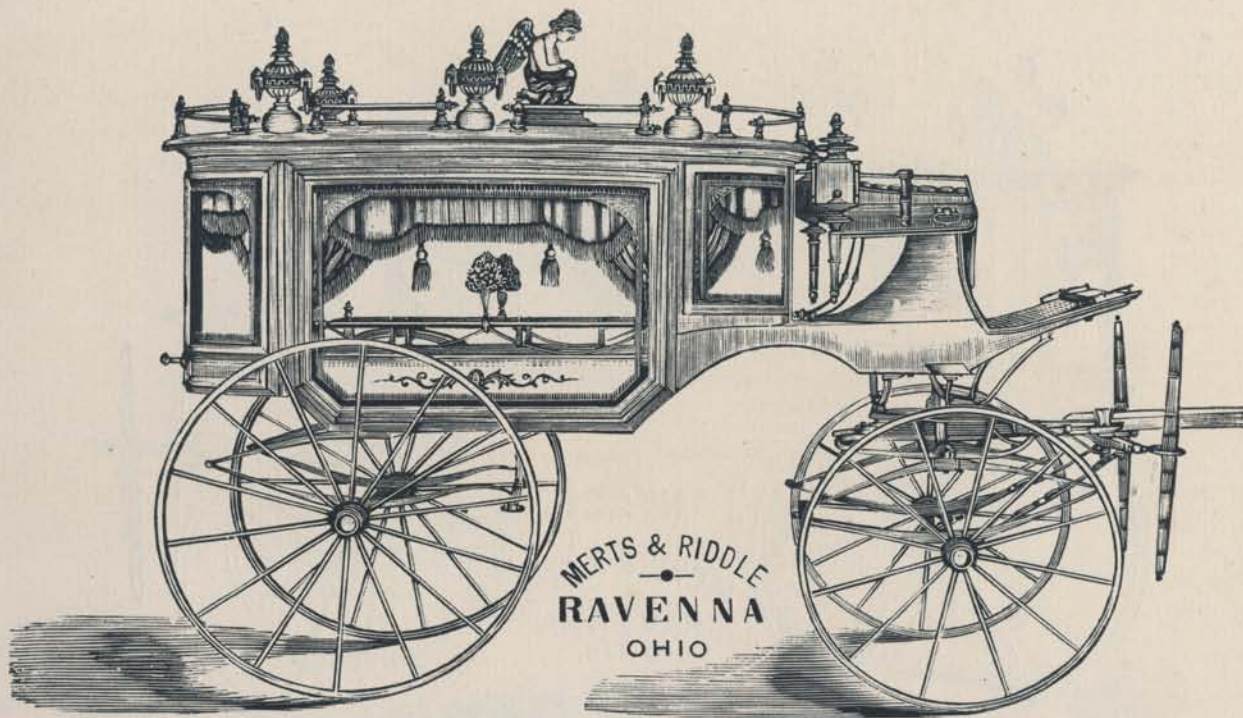
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Merts & Riddle, Ravenna, O.

DESCRIPTION.

This is one of the finest and latest styles of Light Hearse made in the United States. It has fine black broadcloth curtains with gold bullion fringe and tassels. Inside rails,

bier pins, toe boards, handles, &c., best silver-plated. Also has best steel tire and axles, &c. It has glass doors in back end, and falling glass in front end for ventilation.

Size of Springs, $1\frac{3}{4}$ x 4 plate. Size of Axles, $1\frac{1}{4}$. Size of Tire, $1\frac{1}{8}$ x 5-16. Weight of Hearse, 850 to 900. Will receive Coffin 7 feet 5 inches long.



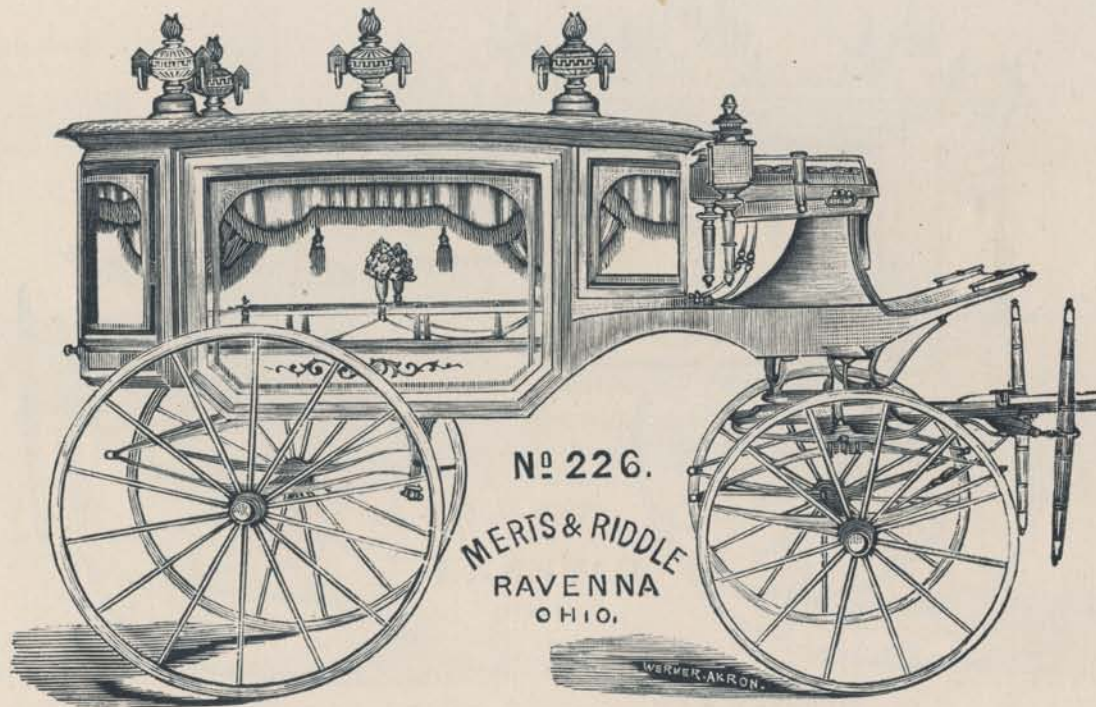
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DESCRIPTION OF CHILD'S HEARSE.

Finished pure white. Has full circular glass front and end; best polished French plate-glass sides, with deep gold band around the side, front and end glass. Round French boot seat, sliding sash in front; six elegant carved wood urns, seventeen inches high, finished with gold. Fine white lambrequin curtains, trimmed with gold bullion or worsted fringe and tassels, and elegant sun ray head lining. Silver-plated hexagon top

rails, and hexagon inside rails, with bouquet holders. Fine lamps, nearly fully silver-plated. Plated bier pins, rollers and cross plates, and large plated roller in back end of Hearse to receive coffin. Plated toe board, dickey seat and door handles, whiffletree tips, hub bands and pole crab.

Size of Glass, 32 x 44 inches. Size of Axles, $1\frac{1}{8}$ to $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches. Size of Tire, $1\frac{1}{8}$ to $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches. Size of Spring, $1\frac{1}{4}$ x 4 plate.

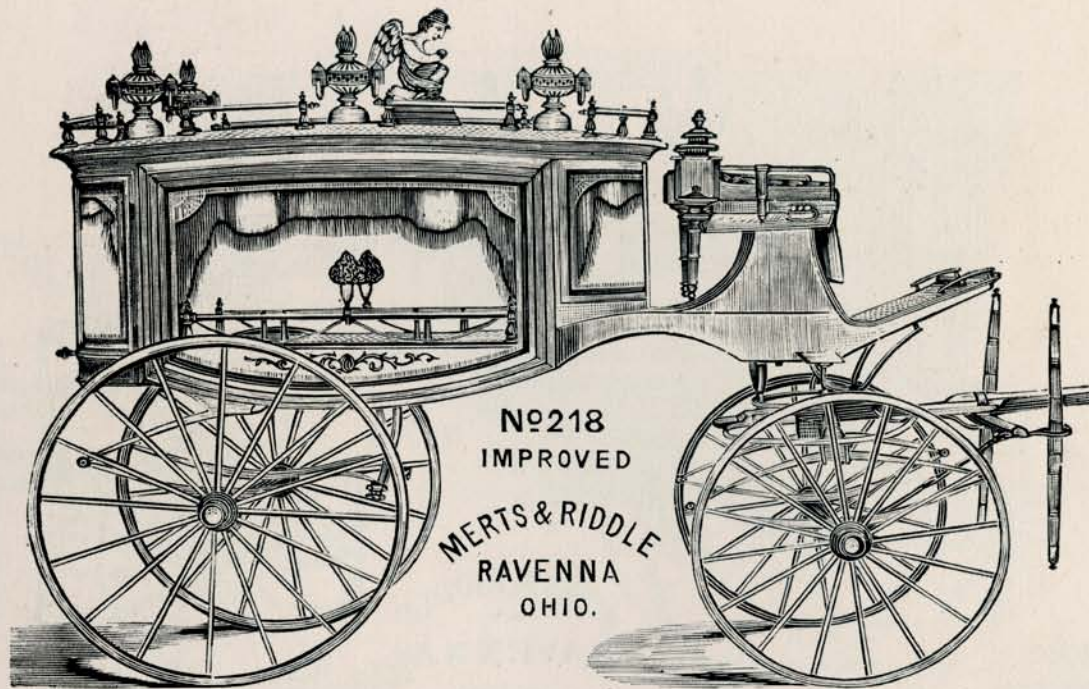


DESCRIPTION OF CHILDS' HEARSE.

Finished pure white. Full circular or Clarence front and end, with sliding sash in front; six elegant carved wood urns, seventeen inches high, finished with gold; best polished French plate-glass sides, with deep gold band around the side, front and end glass; silver-plated inside rails, with bouquet holders. Silver-plated bier pins, rollers and cross plates, and large silver-plated roller at the end of Hearse to receive the coffin. Fine

lamps, nearly fully silver-plated. Plated toe board, dickey seat, door handles, whiffletree tips, pole crab, and hub bands plated inside. White lambrequin curtains, trimmed with either gold bullion or worsted fringe and tassels. Full coach platform gearing: the finest quality of wheels, springs, axles, tires, etc.

Size of Glass, 30 x 40 inches. Size of Axles, $1\frac{1}{8}$ inches. Size of Tire, $1\frac{1}{8}$ inches. Size of Springs, $1\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 plate.

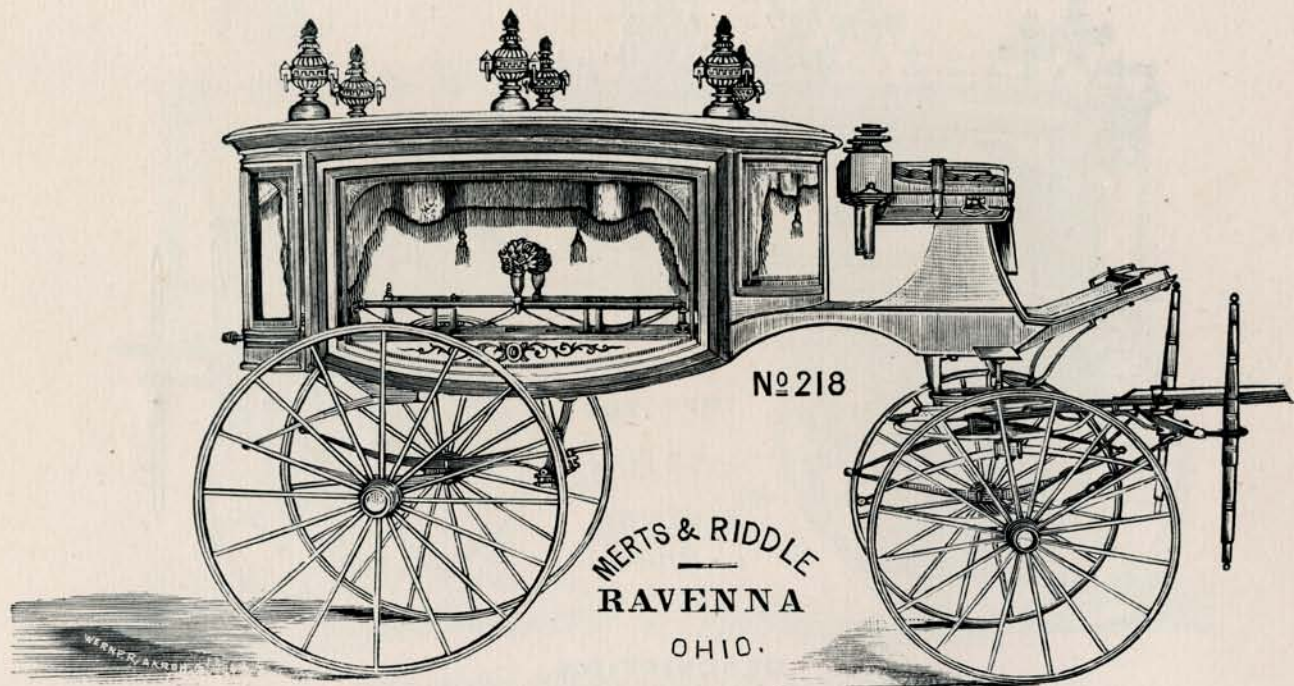


DESCRIPTION.

Finished pure white. Full circular glass in both ends; sliding sash in front; six elegant carved wood urns, seventeen inches high, finished with gold; best polished French plate-glass sides, with deep gold band around the side, front and end glass. Silver-plated top rails, and silver-plated inside rails, with bouquet holders. Fine lamps,

nearly fully plated. White curtains, trimmed with gold bullion fringe and tassels, a very handsome and elegant carved wood angel on top, the finest and most appropriate ornament for a child's Hearse we have ever seen. Full coach platform gearing.

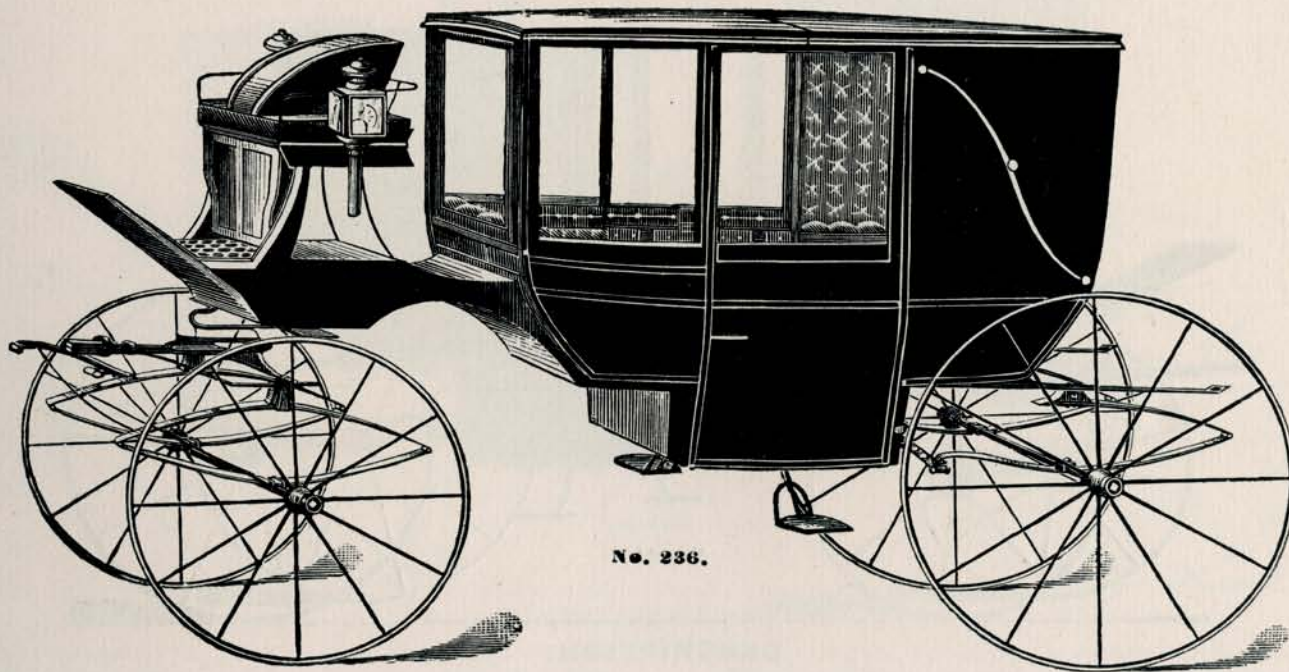
Size of Glass, 30 x 40 inches. Size of Springs, $1\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 plate. Size of Axles, $1\frac{1}{8}$ inches. Size of Tire, $1\frac{1}{8}$ inches.



DESCRIPTION OF CHILD'S HEARSE.

Finished pure white. Full circular glass in front and end; best polished French plate-glass in sides, with deep gold band around the side, front and end glass; six fine carved wood urns, 17 inches high, finished with gold. Fine lamps, nearly fully silver-

plated. Silver-plated inside rails and bier pins; round French boot seat. An elegant child's hearse made and finished strictly first-class in every respect.



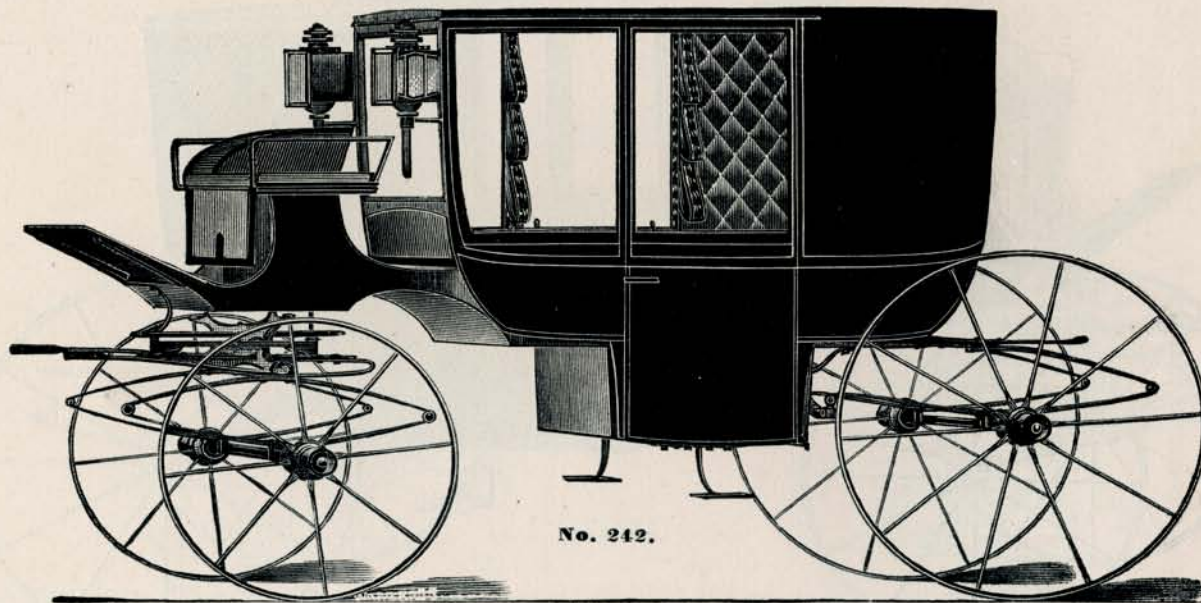
No. 236.

DESCRIPTION.

This is one of the finest and most elegant carriages made in the U. S. Handsomely trimmed inside with either green morocco or green cloth; morocco and silver toilet set, and ivory pull to handles. Best crystal plate or beveled-edge glass in windows. The very finest quality of lamps; silver-plated toe board, dickey seat and door handles. Hub

bands partly or fully silver-plated, whichever may be desired. The finest quality of English colling axles; wood hub wheels, made from the best selected second growth stock and all made by hand, under our own care and supervision; oil tempered Swede's steel springs and steel tire.

Size of Springs, $1\frac{3}{4} \times 5$ plate. Size of Tire, $1\frac{3}{8} \times \frac{1}{2}$ inches. Size of Axles, $1\frac{3}{8}$ inches.



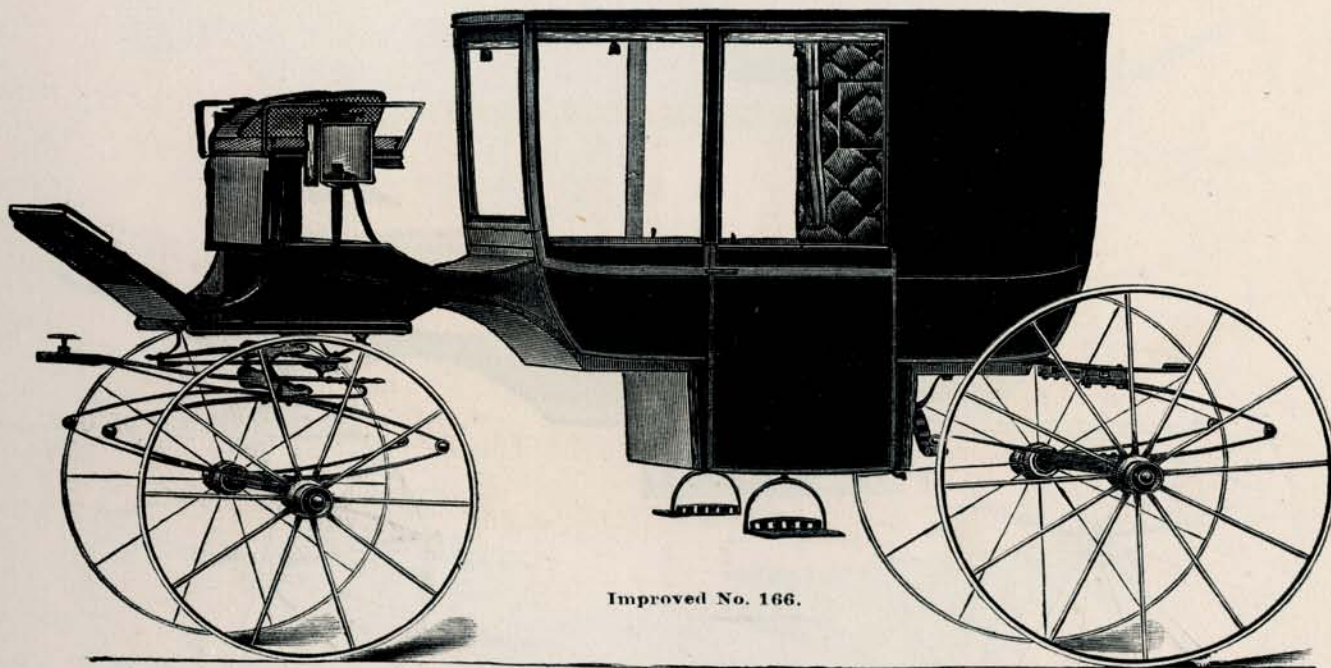
No. 242.

DESCRIPTION.

Trimmed inside with green cloth; ivory card case, pull to handles, etc. Fine lamps, silver-plated pole crab, whiffletree tips, toe board, dickey seat and door handles. Hub bands plated inside. For style, durability and general appearance this carriage cannot

be excelled; a strictly first-class vehicle for undertakers, made all through of the very finest material that money will produce and the lightest coach that can possibly be made.

Size of Axles, $1\frac{3}{8}$ inches. Size of Springs, $1\frac{1}{4}$ x 5 plate. Size of Tire, $1\frac{3}{8}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$ inches.



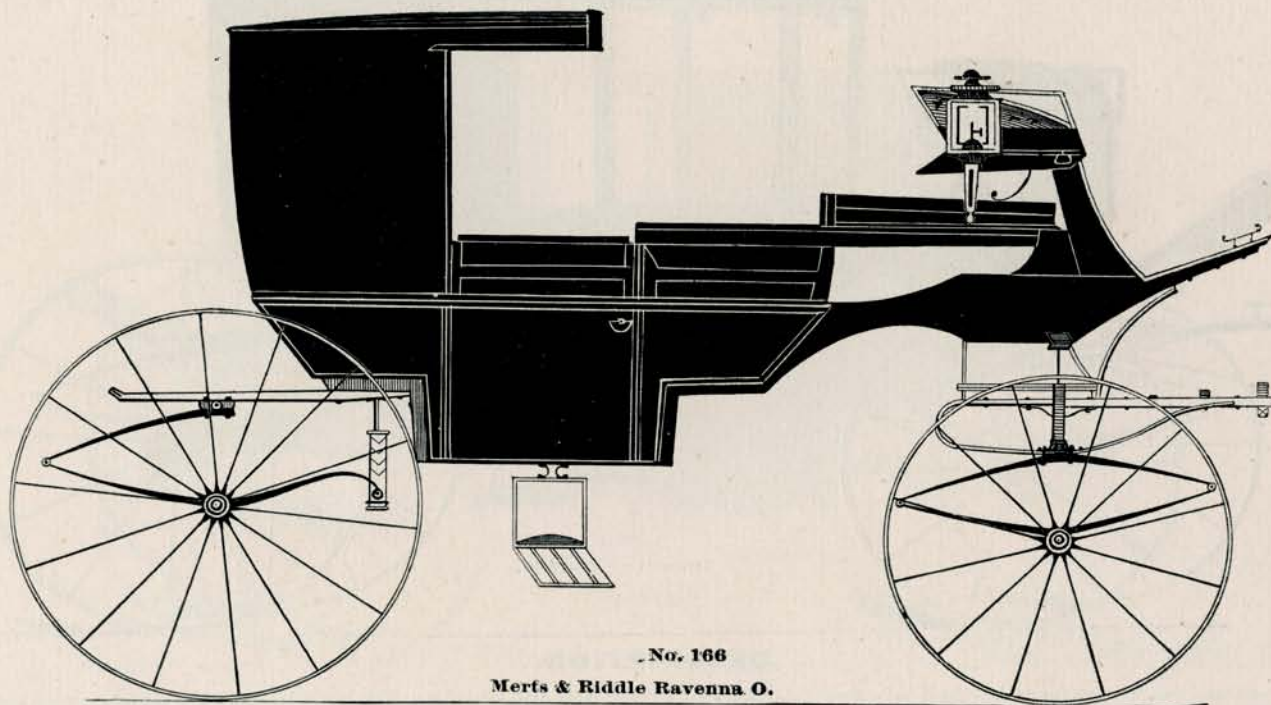
Improved No. 166.

DESCRIPTION.

For elegance and durability, we think the carriage shown in the above cut, surpasses anything yet invented in the way of Landau; the front part of top drops forward same as shown in cut No. 166. Quarters inside are handsomely trimmed with green satin; also, green satin head lining; cushions, backs, etc., trimmed with either green cloth or morocco. Morocco and silver toilet set; ivory pull to handles. Crystal plate or beveled-

edge glass in windows. Fine lamps, best English collinge axles, wood hub, hand made wheels, and made from best selected second growth stock; and all under our own care and supervision. The springs, tire, axles, etc. etc., are of the finest quality that can be produced in the U. S.

Size of Axles, $1\frac{3}{8}$ inches. Size of Springs, $1\frac{3}{4}$ x 5 plate. Size of Tire, $1\frac{3}{8}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$ inches.



No. 166

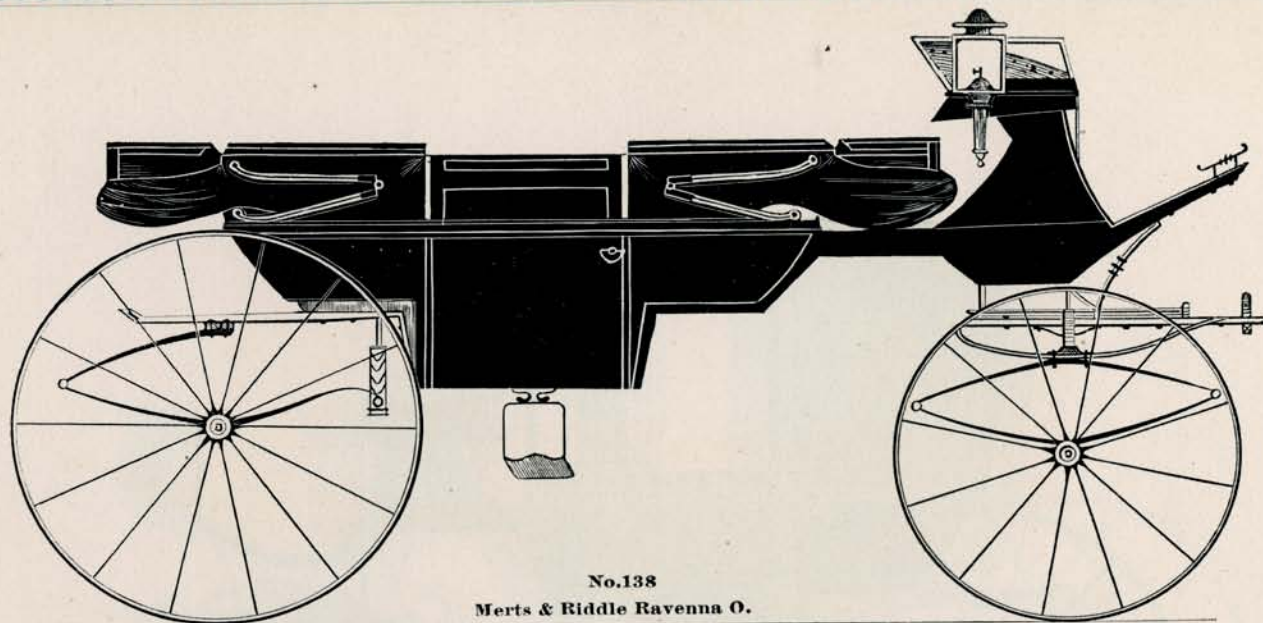
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DESCRIPTION.

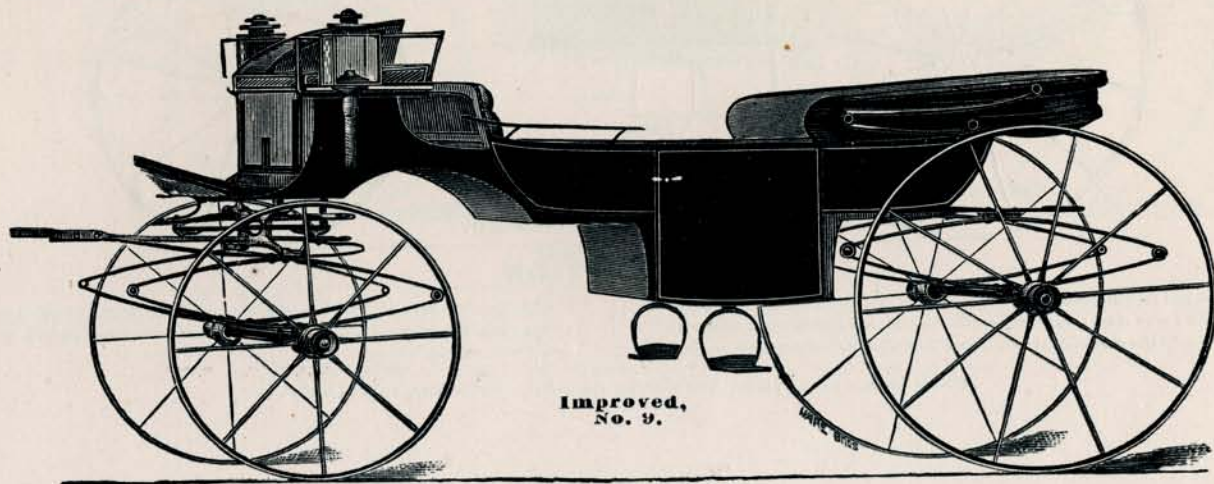
This is one of the best carriages in use for Undertakers and Livery Men, as it is more durable than any other kind of Landau, there being no leather in the top, the back part being made stationery. Trimmed inside with green cloth; ivory card case, pull to

handles, etc. Fine lamps, silver-plated pole crab, whiffletree tips, toe board, dickey seat and door handles. Hub bands plated inside. Everything strictly first-class. Iron work, wood work, trimming, painting, etc., the finest that can be done.

Size of Axles, $1\frac{3}{8}$ inches. Size of Tire, $1\frac{3}{8}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Size of Springs, $1\frac{3}{4}$ x 5 plate.



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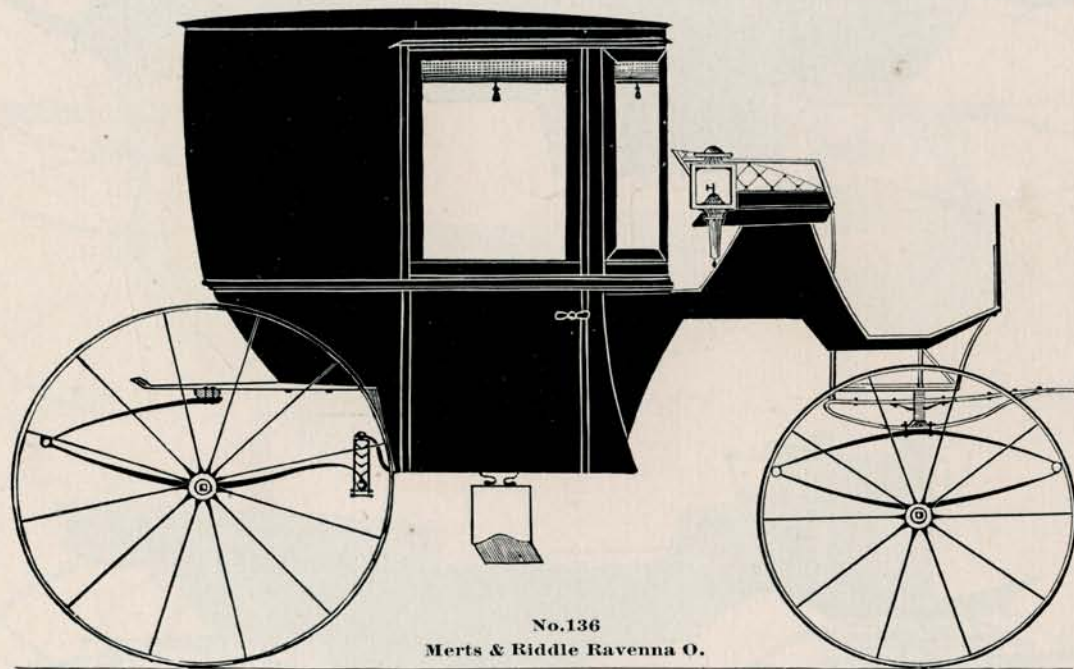
Improved,
No. 9.

DESCRIPTION.

Extension top Brett, improved, No. 9, trimmed inside with green cloth. Best No. 1, hand buffed leather top and side curtains, with rubber storm cover front part of top. Fine lamps, silver-plated toe board, dickey seat and door handles. Full coach platform springs.

Everything strictly first-class; a fine light carriage, very convenient for many purposes for Livery Men.

Size of Axles, $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches. Size of Tire, $1\frac{1}{4}$ x $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches. Size of Springs, $1\frac{1}{4}$ x 5 plate.



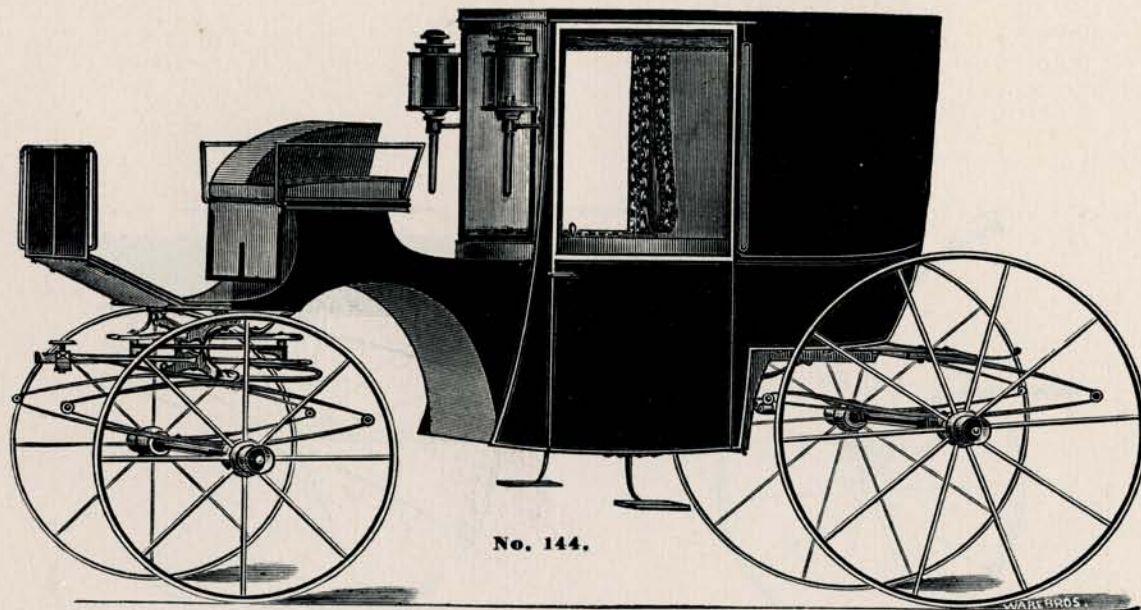
No.136
Merts & Riddle Ravenna O.

DESCRIPTION.

A very handsome and stylish carriage of the finest quality throughout. Cushions and back trimmed with green cloth; quarters and head lining handsomely trimmed with green satin, with mirror in the side of quarter. Morocco and silver toilet set; ivory pull

to handle. Elegant lamps, plated handles, whiffletree tips, hub bands, etc. Beveled-edge glass in window; small seat in front for children. Best quality of wheels, springs, steel tire, collinge axles.

Size of Springs, $1\frac{1}{2} \times 4$ plate. Size of Axles, $1\frac{1}{8}$ inches. Size of Tire, $1\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{3}{8}$ inches.



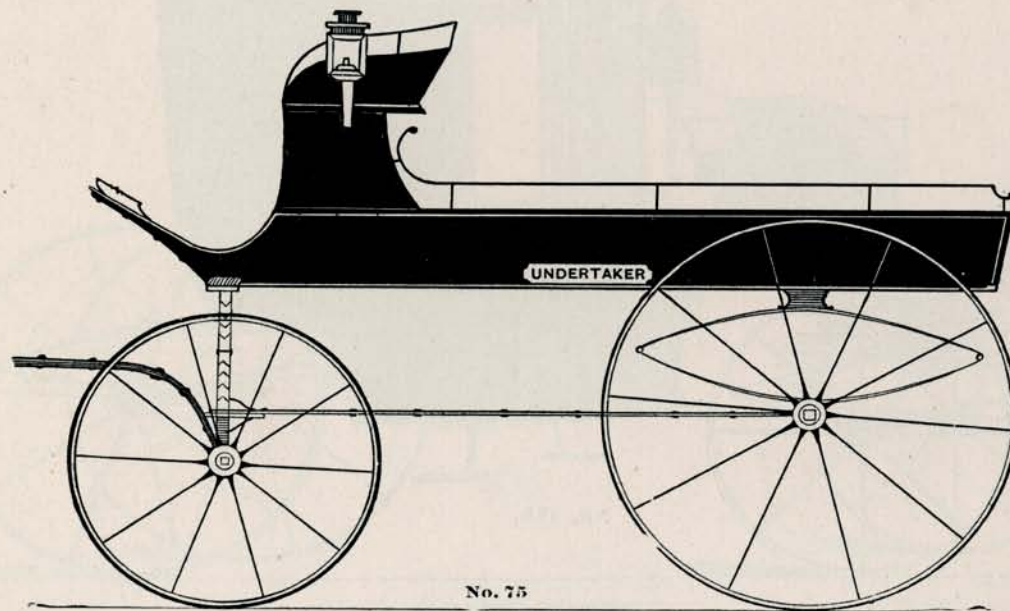
No. 144.

DESCRIPTION.

The finest and handsomest coupe made in the U. S. Is strictly first-class in every respect—no finer can be made. Cushion and back trimmed with green cloth. Quarters, head lining and front part trimmed with green satin; mirror inside. Morocco and silver

toilet set; ivory pull to handles. Elegant lamps, plated handles, hub bands, whiffletree tips. Best quality of springs, axles, tire, wheels, etc.

Size of Axles, $1\frac{1}{8}$ inches. Size of Springs, $1\frac{1}{2} \times 4$ plate. Size of Tire, $1\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{3}{8}$ inches.



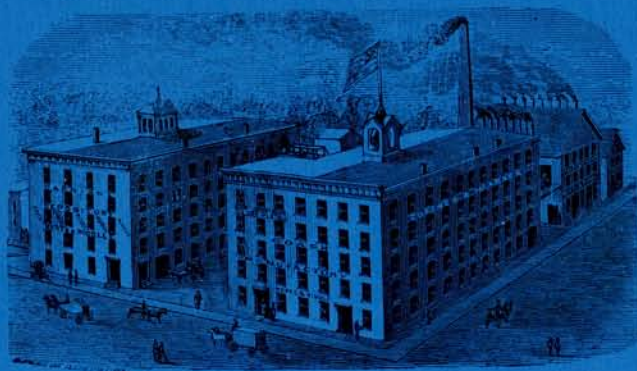
No. 75

DESCRIPTION.

Silver-plated side rails; fine lamps, nearly fully silver-plated. Silver-plated toe board, handles; large rubber cover for the entire back part of body; also, large rubber

boot. Purchasers name in gilt letters on side of body. Made and finished throughout in a first-class manner, and the very best material used that can be produced.





Works of MERTS & RIDDLE, Ravenna, O.

Werner's Print, Akron, O.
