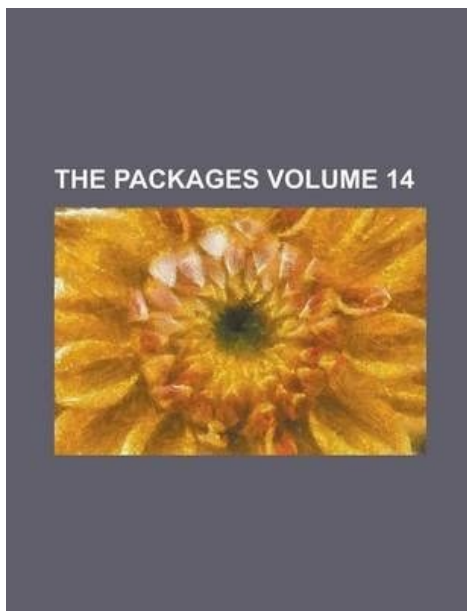


The Packages Volume 14

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This historic book may have numerous typos and missing text. Purchasers can usually download a free scanned copy of the original book (without typos) from the publisher. Not indexed. Not illustrated. 1911 edition. Excerpt: ...a policy of keeping lake and rail rates on flour up to the narrow differential of only about 2c per hundred pounds below the all rail rates. Up to some six or seven years ago the millers were able to secure a differential in favor of the lake and rail routing of their business amounting to about 5c per hundred pounds, or 10c a barrel. This was an item of very great importance and all possible shipments were naturally routed via the water lines. The superiority of the barrel as a package for flour for such shipments led to its preference and both shipper and consignee were glad to have the flour move in the best type of barrel obtainable. It was thus comparatively safe from damage of any nature enroute and the safe arrival of the flour in good condition was assured. The empty barrel in the eastern market brought a good price because it was a good barrel. Fostered by these favorable conditions the business of the Minneapolis coopers was both active and profitable. The narrowing of the freight differential to 2c per hundred pounds is known to have greatly reduced the shipments via lake routes. This is also thought by many to have greatly reduced the proportion of barrels used as packages and the decline of the business has resulted. Want Former Differential. Certain prominent millers are now becoming active in a move to get the former differential reinstated. This matter was before the Interstate Commerce Commission last year and an order in a certain case was issued to the effect that the differential should be made 3V&C instead of 2c. The 3 Vic was a compromise between the differential prevailing, 2c, and the 5c differential which the millers thought they should have. The latter row insist that they need and should rightfully have the...

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