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## Northford Manufacturing Company Price List

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It is a pamphlet of about 4 in. by 7 in. bound in a black paper with gilt lettering. There are 24 pages within: a titlepage, blank verso of titlepage, pages numbered 3 through 18 printed with data on articles for sale, and each page surrounded with a double-line border; followed by six blank and unnumbered pages but with the same bordering lines.

In the descriptions below, a slant line (/) indicates a break from one line of printing to the next.

The Cover reads as follows: PRICE LIST / OF THE / NORTHFORD MANUF'G / COMPANY, / NORTHFORD, CONN.

The Titlepage reads as follows: NORTHFORD MANUFACTCRING CO., / MANUFACTURERS OF AND DEALERS IN / PLAIN AND FANCY JAPANNED / AND / PRESSED TIN WARE,/ LAMP SCREWS AND HOOPS / TINNED AND BLACK IRON RIVITS, / CASH BOX LOCKS,/ CANDLESTICK SPRINGS,/ OILER SCREWS AND HOOPS, &c., &c; / NORTHFORD, NEW HAVEN COUNTY,CONN. / NEW HAVEN:/ Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor, Printers, 221 State Street.

Each of the following printed pages lists various articles With their prices to be added in ink in ruled columns at the right. The name of each article is printed in bold-face type; below it are listed the various styles (Fancy, Gilt, Plain) or the sizes by numbers (No. 1, No.2, No.3, etc.,) or sizes by inch-measurements, sometimes by a combination of styles and sizes. Each entry also indicates that the price will be given on a "per Dozen" basis. But the only items for which actual prices are printed are the rivets on page 18, for which it would appear that the Northford Manufacturing Company acted as a sales agent for another company, the Northford Rivet Company.

Page 3 lists the following articles under a heading apparently intended for all of pages 3 through 17 of "Japanned Ware": Cake Boxes (square) in nests of 3, in three numbered sizes. Trunks, 5 in a nest with brass handles, 5 in a nest with wire handles, and 3 in a nest with wire handles. Dressing cases, 11½ inch and 10½ inch sizes. Knife Trays, square & cornered; or round,

Page 4 lists: Deed Boxes (with Hasp) 5 sizes; same (with lock) 5 sizes. Foot Tubs, two sizes~ each available in Fancy, Gilt, or Plain. Cash Boxes six sizes ranging from 13½ in. down to 7½ in.

Page 5: Cash Box Trays six sizes, ranging from 13½ in. down to 7½ in. Water
Carriers in Fancy, Gilt, or Plain styles. Sugar Boxes, Nos. 1-6, and Nos. 7 and 8 indicated as for Cake; also nests of 3, 4, 6 or 8, in indicated combinations of sizes. I
Items on the following pages are here listed by name only, without indications .
of sizes, styles, etc.: I

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Page 6: Chamber Pails, Tumblers Water Pails, Toilet Ware in sets (Fancy Gilt, or Plain).

Page 7: Toilet Jars, Tumbler Drainers, Spice Boxes, Spoon and Fork Boxes.

Page 8: Pepper Boxes, Canisters, Dust Pans, Nurse Cans.

Page 9: Molasses Cups, Fancy Covered Pails, Hatch Safes, Spittoons.

Page 10: Candlesticks, Graters, Gravy Strainers, Toy Cups.

Page 11: Rattles and Whistles, Toy Pails, Chambers, Toy Buckets, Savings Banks.

Page 12: Toy Coffee Pots, Toy Trunks, Flower Boxes, Tin Oilers, Sundries (these are listed as Comb Cases, Spit Cups, Sugar Bowls, Canopies, Candle Moulds, Candle Mould Tins, Candle Mould Tubes).

Page 13: Perforated Tin, Grater Blanks, ABC Plates, Pail Covers.

Page 14: Dining Plates, Soup Plates, Fie Plates, Coffee Pot Covers.

Page 15: Patties, Scollops, Washington Cake Pans, Wash Bowl Bottoms.

Page 16: Milk Skimmers, Candlestick Tops, Candlestick Springs, Tea Kettle Breasts

Page 17: Oil Lamp Screws and Hooks; Pot Covers (26 sizes listed, ranging from 7¼ inches up to 13½ inches).

Page 18: NORTHFORD RIVET COMPANYS / RIVETS I Patent Finish -- Warranted./ Iron, black, 18 sizes ranging from 8 oz. @ 40¢ per M. to 14 lb. @ 3.60 per M. Iron, tinned, 14 sizes ranging from 8 oz. @ 48¢ per M. to 71b. @ 2.75 per M. At the bottom right the word "Discount." NOTE: Not including the rivets listed on page 18, I count 64 categories of Japanned Tinware entered on this price list. It is much to be regretted that the Price List is undated and that the company sales manager did not enter the prices of any of the articles (other than rivets) offered for sale. Yet the price list does indicate the wide variety of products handled this Northford company.

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