

Patronize Home Industry.

To the Editor of the Journal.

The attention of contemplative builders, architects and mechanics generally, is called to a building now being erected on Hennepin av, the stone for which is being shipped into this city already cut, thereby depriving our own citizens of work to which, all things being equal, they are justly entitled, and our merchants of that amount of money, now being spent elsewhere.

To the most casual observer, the stone cutting is far inferior to the stone cut in this city, especially the carving, which is a most execrable job and a disgrace to Hennepin av.

Query: Does the architect who drew the design recognize his own handiwork in this butchery?

The carvers in the cultured East might learn a lesson in the art by an inspection of the Masonic Temple, the Public Library, Fred C. Pillsbury's residence, and many others, all cut in this city by organized labor and competent mechanics.

People who contemplate building, and are interested in the prosperity of Minneapolis, would do well to consult their own interest and the welfare of the city in awarding their contracts, bearing in mind the fact that the lowest bid is not always the cheapest. The quality of the material and the competency of the workmen should receive the highest consideration. JO. EVANS.