

## STORIES of New Jersey

down with a "wagon" to exactly 3-3/8 inches and packed between protecting sheets ready for sale.

To the twentieth century mind this may seem like a slow and antiquated process, but the cost of inventing and building machinery to handle such delicate operations has until recently been considered too great for the volume of business. There are a few firms throughout the country manufacturing gold leaf by machinery; but, generally speaking, the hand-made product is preferred by the trade. A machine has no eyes to detect flaws, whereas, in the hands of a careful workman every leaf is scrutinized and a more uniform product results.