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Bronze Doors for the Court of Appeals Building at Annapolis

construction of skyscrapers and high buildings was at first along the line of the plain and sombre. The latter developments because more artistic, and now the interior finishings of the work are of the highest character.

Throughout Ohio and throughout the entire nation the greatest possible pains have been taken in the finishing of office-buildings, railings for balconies for all kinds of purposes and of every character. In this work the handling of bronze along the artistic lines has gained considerable in proportion. Lately throughout the State, notably in Toledo, Hamilton, Columbus, Dayton, Cincinnati, and Cleveland factories have been erected which pay particular attention to the making of bronze and metal work, to be used for this purpose. This development has which are put through a hundred different filing processes. The work heretofore has been along the lines of comparatively crude moulding.

The art has come into vogue, however, and the products are not only found in bank buildings, but in homes and even manufacturing places. One company in Cleveland, which is interested in the development of this branch of the bronze industry, has a capitalization of over a million of dollars, being the only one of that kind in the State.

This company has branch offices in Pittsburgh, New York, and London, and has practically been the founder of the industry in this State. The bronze doors for the Court of Appeals Building at Annapolis, reproduced on this page, were made by a Cleveland firm—the W. S. Tyler Company.

(caption for photo in the above article) “Bronze doors for the Court of Appeals Building in Annapolis.”