

# A pottery town on the route. Imported china in the nitch.

## THE SIXTH EXCURSION

October 4–7, 1898  
Via Pennsylvania Lines

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| Macedonia, OH         | Salem          |
| Hudson                | Louisville     |
| Ravenna               | Canton         |
| Rootstown             | Massillon      |
| Atwater               | Orrville       |
| Limaville             | Wooster        |
| Alliance              | Shreve         |
| Kensington            | Loudonville    |
| Salineville           | Perrysville    |
| Irondale              | Lucas          |
| Steubenville          | Mansfield      |
| <b>Wellsville</b>     | Bucyrus        |
| <b>East Liverpool</b> | Nevada         |
| Beaver, PA            | Upper Sandusky |
| Rochester             | Forest         |
| New Brighton          | Dunkirk        |
| Beaver Falls          | Ada            |
| East Palestine, OH    | Lima           |
| New Waterford         | Delphos        |
| Columbiana            | Van Wert       |
| Leetonia              |                |

Read down column 1, then column 2.  
The booklet does not give each stop's  
exact day.

## CLEVELAND AS A CROCKERY MARKET

The 1906 booklet recalls Cleveland merchants calling at East Liverpool and Wellsville in 1898. Its crockery section briefly credits nearby domestic manufacture. Then comes the enthusiastic pitch for imports:

“On account of the lake-and-rail competition with all-rail routes, Cleveland has secured exceptionally low rates of freight from all foreign countries where English, German and French china are made. The cost of laying these goods down in Cleveland is so close to the cost of delivery at the seaboard that with lower rents and labor Cleveland importers are able to sell as low as any eastern importer.”

“These advantages have gained for Cleveland importers a trade that extends from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Cleveland is recognized as one of the country's largest distributing centers for French china, and there is no foreign factory of any importance, that makes goods for the American market, whose lines are not shown by Cleveland houses.”

There is the amusing juxtaposition: a call at East Liverpool, followed in the booklet by a celebration of china from overseas. The itinerary connects the town to Cleveland's commercial network; the sales pitch shows that network carrying foreign competitors too.

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