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- 8-INCH COLUMBIAD SHOT. At the Watertown Arsenal, Massachusetts, 4,000. At the Watervliet Arsenal, New York, 4,000. At the New York Arsenal, Governor's Island, N. Y., 6,000. At the Alleghany Arsenal, Pittsburgh, 4,000. At the St. Louis Arsenal, Missouri, 2,000.

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