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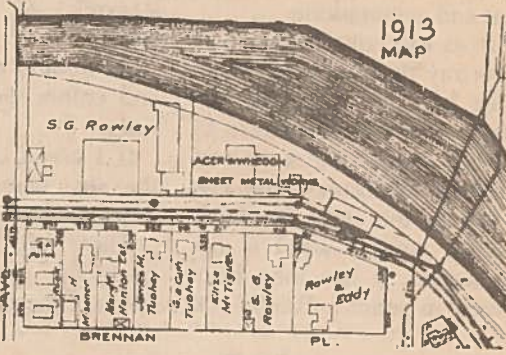
We are accustomed to remembering these two Medina business names as Acer & Whedon. But as our accompanying ad indicates, it wasn't always in that order. Incidentally, the ad is taken from a program for a play which was given at Bent's Opera House in Medina on January 3rd, 4th and 5th 1883.

Herbert Augustus Acer was the son of Volney A. and Charlotte Peck Acer who was born June 19, 1858. He married Ella W. Whedon, daughter of Oscar and Julia Whedon of Medina in December 1881. The following February in 1882 H. A. Acer joined his father-in-law in the hardware business on Main Street in Medina. This business partnership was known as Whedon & Acer. After the death of Oscar Whedon in August of 1886, Mr. Acer carried on alone until 1895. At that point he took in his brother-in-law, Charles W. Whedon and the firm then became known as Acer & Whedon. Their hardware store was located at 435 Main Street which in more recent times was the store front of Personal Touch. It was this hardware store which was the forerunner of the sheet metal firm known as Acer and Whedon located on Commercial Street in Medina along side the canal. Still in business it is known today as Acme Manufacturing. The Acers resided at 223 West Center Street in Medina. Herbert A. Acer died on December 31, 1897. His brother-in-law Charles Whedon who was born in 1864 died in 1919. The business was carried on by their sons Herbert A. Acer who was Vice President of the firm and Oscar A. Whedon who was President.

Herbert Augustus Acer (1854-1897) naturally came by his ability in this line of work.

WHEDON & ACER;
—DEALERS IN—
Hardware, STOVES, Cutters,
AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS,
Sewing Machines, Paints, Oils, Glass, Etc.,
MEDINA, NEW YORK.

The famous RED CROSS HEATING STOVE. Cast fire pot. No bricks to clinker.



Volney A. Acer, his father, came to Shelby Center in 1855 from Massachusetts. In Shelby Center he built a steam mill for manufacturing barrel staves. He later developed a similar mill for such purposes on Commercial Street in Medina in the present location of Acme Manufacturing. The Orleans County Atlas of 1913 clearly shows the Acer & Whedon Sheet Metal Works with a configuration of buildings much as they are today on Commercial Street.

At the Boxwood Cemetery tour last September it was noted that the Acer and Whedon family lots are next to each other. As these two families were together in life, so too they are together in death.