The subject of this little sketch—
For twenty-five years or more,
Has been known in Brighton village,
Either in his shop or store;
And since he's been among you
In business day by day,
He has gained a reputation
That no man can gainsay.
His stock of builder's hardware
Is strictly up-to-date,
And is offered to the public
At live and let-live rate.

And all the kinds of hardware,
From a hand saw to a file,
Are offered to the public
At a rate to make them smile;
And then, in stoves and ranges,
He has a wondrous line
Of those beautiful Peninsulars,
At prices way down fine:
Or, if you wish a heating stove
To keep a fire all night,
He has the famous heater,
The Empire Estate air tight.
He has paints and oils and brushes,
He has window glass and nails,
And tinware of all classes,
Teapots, cups and pails and mauls.
Osego steel goods and cutlery,
And nickle plated ware.
And a handsome silver plated stock,
You all can purchase there.
'Twill pay you well good people,
If you will but explore
The many noted bargains
In Geo. B. Rat's store.

G. J. Baetcke & Co.
Bankers

The firm of G. J. Baetcke & Co.
A banking business do
And they have used depositors
Always good and true.
They do a banking business
That is conservative,
And keep the motto faithfully
To live while others live.
On the Detroit National
They draw their drafts of state.
While on the Chase of New York
The foreign drafts do wait.
Collecting and discounting
And all business in their line,
is attended to quite promptly
In a manner genuine.
Mr. Baetcke is also agent
For insurance companies good
To protect your residences
As everybody should.
The Hartford and five others,
All of them the best.
And he is a Rotary public
Along with all the rest.
So, if you need some banking
And fire insurance too,
Or notary work remember
And keep this name in view.
Depositors need not worry
If with their cash they go
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FINANCIAL RESOURCES

COVERLETS: (blue/beige reversible) with scenes of early Brighton may be purchased at Uber’s Drugs, the Book Nook or Nancy Fredenburg, 229-9100. Uber’s also stock early pictures of the Mill Pond, post cards of local scenes and tiles with historical scenes of the Brighton area.

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SIGNATURE QUILT: Hattie Virginia Arnold, Mike Dydowski and Rosalie Dydowski Gryswick’s signature quilt will soon be embroidered on the quilt.

The signatures of John Bidwell, Harold E. Jarvis, Lawrence Navarre and Herman Martin are found on a 1926 polling list. Seventy years ago these people lived in the Brighton area and helped make decisions with their vote. A $10. donation, and the name you’ve selected, will see they are included. The quilt will remain in the Society archives. Have you sent in your signature?

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GENERAL MEETING, MARCH 21
Do you have questions concerning the history of the area? A panel of persons who have spend much of their life in this area (several of whom were born here) will try to answer them.

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While on the Chase of New York
The foreign drafts do wait.
Collecting and discounting and
All business in their line,
Is attended to quite promptly
In a manner genuine.
Mr. Baetcke is also agent
For insurance companies good
To protect your residences
As everybody should.
The Hartford and five others,
All of them the best.
And he is a Rotary Public
Along with all the rest.
So, if you need some banking
And fire insurance too.
Or notary work remember
And keep this name in view.
Depositors need not worry
If with their cash they go
And all of their banking
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GEO. B. RATZ
Hardware
The subject of this little sketch.
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And tinkers of all classes.
To make the job a success.
And nickel plated ware.
And a handsome silver plated stock.
You all can purchase there.
I will pay you well good people.
If you will but explore
The many noted bargains.
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DATES TO REMEMBER
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Mar. 13, 5-8 P.M. Marje Wilcox at the Brighton Library to assist genealogical research.
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Mar. 25, 7:30 Society board meeting, welcome.
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The Society extends sincere sympathies to the families of
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500 W. Main

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An attempt will be made accurately locate these places of business, some sites of which are still in existence.

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