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Gum vending machine

Glass and metal vending machine by the Automatic Clerk Company for Mansfield's Choice Pepsin Gum. The machine sell packs of the gum in either peppermint or blood orange for a nickel. This machine was from the Kelley Store in White Cloud, Kansas. In 1893 three brothers, George B. Kelley, Rufus G. Kelley, and James P. Kelley, were all clerks at George Kuzman's Superior Store. That year they bought the store from Kuzman, renaming it the Kelley Brothers Cash Store. The store remained in the Kelley family under various names until at least 1977. The Mansfield Company and the affiliated Automatic Clerk Company were both based in Newark, New Jersey.

Creator: Automatic Clerk Company

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