The city of Racine, the county seat, and the second city in the State as regards prominence, wealth, population, and enterprise, is eligibly situated at the mouth of the Root River and on the shores of Lake Michigan, presenting a fine appearance from every point of view.

The history of Racine from its first inception in 1835, is of the most interesting and gratifying character. The settlement at the mouth of the Root River was begun in 1835, at a time when the territory of Wisconsin was formed from a portion of Michigan. There was already a small farming population in the neighborhood, and, in the following year a post-office was established, roads were opened, and by 1838 there were no less than 2054 inhabitants in the county. The settlement of Racine was still small, but thrifty, numbering 237 inhabitants in 1840. The following year the village of Racine was duly incorporated, and in 1844 there were 1100 inhabitants, numerous large stores, and quite a brisk lake trade. The first steamer entered the harbor in that year, an event as memorable as auspicious of the future prosperity of the place.

By 1847 the population had grown to 3004, and many new business enterprises were started. A regular boom set in, and the following year Racine was duly incorporated as a city, and has during the intervening period made solid, legitimate progress in keeping with her location, facilities and resources, and in every way worthy of the happy title of "The Belle City of the Lakes." Her growth was rapid after incorporation, the recorded population in 1849 being 4003, which in 1850 had increased to 5111. Her leading citizens were busy with projects calculated to increase her
facilities. They subscribed $60,000 towards deepening the harbor, building piers, etc., the Federal Government expending several smaller sums with the result that as early as 1858, the harbor was noted as being one of the best and one of the easiest of access on the chain of the Great Lakes.

From this time onward, progress was rapid. In 1860, with a population of 7890, Racine had a series of great manufactories in full blast, important lumber interests, direct rail connections, steamers, splendid hotels, stores, schools and colleges, and was famous for the enterprise of her citizens.

During the war Racine bore her share of the severe burden, both as to taxation and the sending of the flower of her young men to the front. At the same time her manufacturing interests enlarged, and improvements were the order of the day. By 1870 the population had increased to 8880, and four years after to nearly 13,000, while the value of her products for that year reached the enormous sum of $4,179,265. During the following census decade, the city grew in wealth, trade and population, having 16,031 inhabitants in 1880, and including within her bounds many of the most important manufacturing interests of the State, while the present population is estimated at over 20,000 souls.

The great fire of 1882 was the most serious infliction of the kind suffered by this prosperous city.

The conflagration had its origin in the warehouses of the Goodrich steamboat line, breaking out at 10 p.m., on May 5th, and fanned by a stiff breeze rapidly spread to the neighboring lumber yards and elevators. Despite the most vigorous efforts of the Fire Brigade it continued to sweep onward, and Mayor Packard, becoming anxious at the alarming appearance of things, telegraphed for assistance to both Chicago and Milwaukee. Meanwhile, the flames had full possession of the largest lumber yards, etc., and by 4 A.M., had burned over an area of upwards of fifteen acres, included in a section bounded by the lake on the east, the river on the south and west, and by Fourth Street on the north, providentially being confined to the "peninsula." The losses were estimated at upwards of $300,000, with but partial insurance. Among the principal buildings burned were the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway offices and warehouse; the Racine elevator; the Goodrich Docks; the Silver Plate Company's works; a hotel, and such extensive lumber yards as those of Kelly, Weeks & Co.; Kelly & Co.; Jones, Knapp & Co., etc. The results of this fire have been to increase the precautionary arrangements; more thoroughly organize the Fire Department, and cause the erection of more substantial and in every way finer edifices throughout the burned district. The population of the "Belle City" is to-day over 20,000; she is a centre of industry, commerce and culture unequalled for her size, and typical of the solid growth resulting during a corporate existence of nearly fifty years.

At the centre and head of a territory pre-eminently agricultural, and whose resources are practically boundless in this direction, Racine has, owing to the energy, enterprise and sagacity of her leading citizens, become a great manufacturing city, the conditions existing inducing and securing a reciprocity of benefits between her and a vast range of the country at large. Racine contains within herself, to a remarkable extent, the essential requisites to progress and prosperity. The great disturbing causes which for some time past have combined to unduly influence, through arbitrary and ruinous labor interruptions in some cases, and temporary over-stimulus in others, the natural and healthy conditions of trade and its relations to manufacturing and producing industry, are in a fair way of being removed, and her great manufacturing enterprises will, with their recognized vast resources and wonderful vitality, enter upon a still more enlarged and prosperous era of progress.

Cheap sites for works, low taxes, abundance of fuel and supplies within easy reach, and unparalleled transportation facilities, both by rail and water, render Racine a most inviting spot for the manufacturer, the packer, the brewer, etc.; and we are pleased to add that already her exceptional advantages have been fully availed of by a number of the largest and most celebrated manufacturing establishments in the world, and the history of the rise and progress of which will be found within the pages of this volume. Besides the J. I. Case Threshing-Machine Works, there are the Mitchell & Racine Wagon Works, the J. I. Case Plough Works; ten fanning mill manufactories; nine tanneries; the silver plate works; linseed oil mills; several foundries and machine shops, wire works, three pump factories, five glove factories, and saw and planing mills, piano factory, a large grain elevator, etc.

The port of Racine has long been one of the most prominent on the lake. Situated at the mouth of Root River, it is easy of access, spacious, and having a depth of fourteen feet, the largest propellers can enter in any weather, and a most important trade is done with Buffalo, Port Colborne, etc., in wheat, corn, rye, flaxseed, flour, etc. The west shore steamboat line makes two daily trips, calling here; and there are also two lines of propellers that regularly call here, en route to and from Lake Superior ports. The lumber trade is probably one of the most important by water, the annual receipts
having attained enormous proportions. While many million feet are yearly consumed in the city, the bulk is shipped West and South over the Western Union and connecting roads. The citizens of Racine have invested largely in vessel property, there being owned here some fifty sailing vessels of nearly 10,000 tons burden; many are large-sized schooners adapted to the grain, coal, and ore trades.

The public-spirited citizens of Racine early in her civic career realized the benefits of railroads. Their laudable ambition to tap the vast and fertile grain-growing areas of this and adjoining States led to the incorporation, in 1853-54 of the Racine and Mississippi Railway, with the following influential citizens as officers: President, Mr. H. S. Durand; secretary, Mr. A. J. Redburn; and treasurer, Mr. W. M. Perine; while Mr. L. Stanton was the chief engineer. The road was surveyed to run from Racine to Savanna, Illinois, crossing the State line between Beloit and Rockton, and passing through the city of Freeport. The road was pushed vigorously, in 1857 having been completed and put in operation to Medina, Ill., eighty-six miles west of Racine. The completion of this great line at once opened to Racine the markets of the West, and with a direct route to Rock Island and other important ports, so that the flow of grain, flour, etc., into this port for shipment East, early became a most valuable item of trade. The road with its consolidations is now known as the "Western Union," and is thoroughly equipped with superior terminal facilities at the harbor, including a large and improved grain elevator, alongside which the biggest barks, schooners and propellers can lie and in a few hours receive their cargo. In addition to wheat, oats, and rye, large shipments of flour are received over this road, while the return freights consist of lumber, coal, and the varied and splendid manufactured products from Racine's factories, foundries and machine shops, etc. The Chicago and Northwestern Railroad passes directly through the town, running numerous daily trains both ways, and forming one of the finest and best equipped avenues of speedy communication in the world.

The financial facilities of Racine include three national banks, viz., the First National, with a paid-up capital of $100,000, and a surplus of $85,000. The Manufacturers' National (Mr. Jerome I. Case, president), with a paid-up capital of $250,000, and a surplus of $100,000; and the Union National Bank, with a paid-up capital of $150,000, and a surplus of $25,000. All three are solid institutions, and form an invaluable factor in promoting Racine's progress.

The city is well built, many of the architectural efforts being in keeping with those of New York and elsewhere; the streets are wide, and laid out at right angles, and on Main Street the display is of a magnificent character, in keeping with the wealth and enterprise of the citizens. This is the business thoroughfare, and the mercantile establishments located here are equal in character and extent to any in the land. At the upper end of the street are numerous elegant and substantial private residences, containing all modern improvements, and in the highest degree creditable to their projectors and owners.

Racine is in the van of educational progress; the wants of the rising generation have been carefully provided for, and large graded public schools and academies attest the facilities placed at the disposal of parents. The high school, five grammar, five intermediate, and twenty-two primary schools are all well attended, and under capable and progressive management, the staff of teachers numbering between forty and fifty. There is also the St. Catherine's Academy for Young Ladies; the McMurphy House School; and the McMann Academy, all excellent and useful institutions. The extensive and imposing buildings of the Union College, of the Western and Northwestern Protestant Episcopal Church, indicate the important character of this institution devoted to higher education. Formerly known as the Racine College, it was founded in 1854, and has had a career of honorable usefulness, the buildings being situated in handsome grounds, ten acres in extent, and eligibly located at the upper end of Main Street. There are no less than twenty-seven churches in this beautiful city, with, in the majority of cases, large and wealthy congregations. The public buildings are of a massive character, in keeping with the prominence of Racine county and city, and comprise the Court House, Post-Office, St. Luke's Hospital, the Taylor Orphan Asylum, etc.

In concluding this brief review of Racine's growth and importance, it should be added that she is renowned for the salubrity of her climate, located so as to be swept by the pure lake winds, with excellent drainage, good water, etc. The average annual temperature is 44°, much higher than places inland of a more southerly latitude. Either as a permanent place of residence, or a point for the location of manufacturing establishments, Racine offers special inducements, and is one of the most attractive, prosperous and progressive cities on the chain of the Great Lakes. Following will be found a description of some of her manufacturing industries and leading establishments.
A. P. Dickey Manufacturing Co., Agricultural Implements, Gray Iron Castings, and Machinery of all kinds.—There is no branch of manufacturing activity in which American inventive genius and mechanical skill have achieved such grand results, or a more deserved reputation, than in the production of agricultural implements and machinery. In this industry Racine has attained a national reputation through the superiority of the articles manufactured by the A. P. Dickey Manufacturing Co. This business was established by A. P. Dickey in 1845, who died in 1889, but the establishment is still conducted under the old honored name of the A. P. Dickey Manufacturing Co. The works and foundry cover two blocks, in addition to which there is an extensive lumber yard, etc. The works are equipped throughout with the most improved modern machinery and appliances, employment being given to a large number of skilled hands. The great specialty of these works are the celebrated A. P. Dickey farm and warehouse fanning-mills. These obtained the highest award over all competitors at the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition for rapidity and perfection in cleaning, separating, and grading grain and seeds; also for strength and beauty of construction. They also obtained the only award on mills at the Paris Exposition in 1878, and the Melbourne Exposition in 1880, and at the New Orleans Exposition in 1885. They have attained an immense sale throughout the United States, and are exported in large quantities to Australia, New Zealand, South America, Mexico, Great Britain, and portions of Asia. The Racine Agricultural Foundry and Machine Works also manufacture steam engines, shafting, pulleys, bob-sleights, and machinery of all kinds; light and heavy gray iron castings, and wooden and metal patterns. With the unsurpassed facilities at their command the firm are enabled to offer special advantages to customers, and to fill all orders in the promptest and most satisfactory manner. It is such concerns as these that are the recognized exponents of Racine's manufacturing enterprise and capacity, and they well deserve the success they are achieving.

Belle City Manufacturing Co., Manufacturers of Belle City Feed and Ensilage Cutter, Feed-mills, Root-cutters, Corn-shellers, Locks for Wagon-brakes, Horse Hayforks, etc.—This business was established in 1879 by Mr. David Lawton, and was incorporated under the present name in 1882. From a comparatively small beginning the trade has steadily developed and increased, its progress being commensurate with the energy and enterprise displayed in its management, and in the period elapsed it has assumed the proportions of a large and eminently successful industry. The factory is a substantial two-story building, 100x150 feet in dimensions. It is supplied with full steam-power and equipped throughout with the most improved modern machinery and appliances, employment being given to thirty skilled workmen. The company manufactures the celebrated Belle City Ensilage and Feed Cutter, which is by long odds the best machine of its kind in the market. These cutters embrace all the most desirable improvements and are absolutely unequalled for durability, finish, and workmanship. The best evidence of their merit is the fact that thousands of them have been sold throughout the country and they have everywhere given the greatest satisfaction. The company also manufactures feed-mills, root-cutters, locks for wagon-brakes, etc. These are made from the very best materials, in the most skillful manner, and are equal to anything the market affords. With the fine facilities at its command, the Belle City Manufacturing Company is enabled to place strictly first-class and reliable machines in the market, at low prices, and to fill all orders in the promptest and most satisfactory manner. The executive of the company consists of David Lawton, president; Frank K. Bull, vice-president; Louis E. Jones, secretary and treasurer, and A. M. Forrester, superintendent. They are energetic, clear-headed business men, whose inflexible integrity and sterling personal worth have won the esteem and respect of all classes.

Chris. Altringer, Manufacturer of Fanning-mills. Factory, Fourteenth Street.—One of the most prominent and deservedly successful manufacturers of fanning-mills in the city is Mr. Christopher Altringer, whose factories are located on the Fourteenth Street. The main building being 20x70 feet in superficial area, and two stories in height, and two adjoining buildings, each 20x80 feet, completing the works. Here may be seen all the many and valuable pieces of machinery required for the manufacture of fanning-mills, and many hands are employed in their respective departments. The mills of Mr. Altringer's make differ from all others, and have many advantages which render them of extreme benefit to the growers of grain; for instance, their new invention just patented, the "flax-cleaner," has already met with large success in all flax-growing districts of the country. The works have a capacity for making eight hundred of these useful fanning-mills per annum, and thousands of them are in use throughout this section of the United States, giving universal satisfaction, and being conceded by all to be unsurpassed, and in many important features unequalled. Mr. Altringer is a native of Germany. He came to this country as early as 1849, and has been engaged in manufacturing fanning-mills for the past thirty-five years. He began business on his own account in 1869, and has met with a degree of success which is as gratifying as it is well deserved and fully merited. He is highly honored and respected in all circles, and has done much to make the city of Racine the great manufacturing centre that it has now become.
The Racine Basket Manufacturing Co.,

George Gorton, Proprietor.—In this city, with the many commercial advantages afforded it by the Great Lakes and railroads which centre here, many factories may be seen, and the busy hum of industry is heard in all sections of the city, thousands upon thousands of hands being employed in honest and honorable occupations, and millions of money finding profitable and safe investment. One of the leading manufacturing activities in this city is that of basket-making, and the Racine Basket Manufacturing Company is favorably known throughout the entire United States in the trade. It was founded in 1869 by Messrs. Elliott and Wetherill, and a few years thereafter great improvements and valuable additions were made, the proprietorship also ending and a corporation being formed under the corporate name and style of the Racine Basket Manufacturing Company. From that time to this, prosperity has favored the enterprise, with the exception of the great fire which destroyed the works; yet this catastrophe must not be wholly regarded as an evil, since far larger and better works were erected on the site of the old buildings, improved machinery was obtained, and greater vigor than ever displayed to excel in this important and profitable industry. The works now practically belong to Mr. George Gorton, an Englishman by birth, who settled in Racine in 1850, and has been closely identified with this enterprise since its inception. He now owns the entire stock, and the vast business is in his exclusive control. The works have a capacity for making about three hundred and twenty-five dozen baskets daily, and as many as one hundred and twenty-five hands are employed. First-class, durable, and handsome baskets only are made, and so popular have they become in the trade, that they are in great demand both East and West. Steam furnishes the motive power and much of the work is done by complicated and expensive machinery. The entire enterprise is an honor and credit alike to its founders and to the city in which it is located, and indicates the progress that is being made in useful industries throughout this section of our Union. Mr. Gorton is one of the most highly respected and esteemed citizens in Racine, and much of its prosperity and material growth are directly due to his enterprise, energy, and push. He commands the confidence of all classes, and both in manufacturing, mercantile, and social circles is one of Racine's most influential and deservedly popular citizens.

Stecher, Weber, & Huetten Manufacturing Co. (Limited), Planing-mill, and Manufacturers of Sash, Doors, Blinds, Mouldings, Mill Safes, etc. Turning, Scroll sawing, and Stairwork a Specialty. Builders of the celebrated Johnson Patented Combined Cultivator, Seeder, and Land-roller.—One of the best known and most respected business houses of Racine is that of the Stecher, Weber, & Huetten Manufacturing Co., proprietors of the large steam planing-mill, and manufacturers of sash, doors, blinds, mouldings, milk-safes, fanning-mills, etc. Messrs. John Stecher, Adolph Weber, and Peter Huetten compose the corporation, gentlemen well known in this community and highly esteemed in both social and commercial circles. Mr. Stecher was born in Germany in 1828, and has been a resident of this city since 1857, where for the first few years he followed his avocation as a carpenter, but soon engaged in the manufacture of fanning-mill machines, which he prosecuted with great success for more than fifteen years until the present business was organized under the firm name of Mohn & Stecher about ten years ago. Mr. Adolph Weber is also a native of Germany, born in 1843, and has been a resident of Racine since 1856. He gallantly served his adopted country in her hour of need for four years and five months during the Rebellion, in the Ninth Wisconsin Infantry, enlisting as a private, and for meritorious conduct was promoted orderly sergeant. For ten months he was a prisoner of war at Tyler, Texas, having been captured during the campaign in Arkansas. With capital accumulated during the service he engaged in the brewing business in 1867, from which, in 1871, he exchanged into the grocery business, which was continued until the organization of the present firm. Mr. Weber has been honored by his fellow-citizens many times with positions of trust and responsibility, having been once Supervisor, and four times Alderman from the Sixth Ward, all of the duties of which he performed with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of his constituents. Mr. Huetten is a gentleman in the prime of life, who was brought up in Racine, where he is esteemed for his untiring energy and strict integrity. The factory of this company is a scene of busy industry, employment being provided for thirty-five skilled and experienced workmen, having a daily capacity of fifty thousand feet, and the amount of business annually transacted, both in the city and the West and Northwest, is the best evidence of the excellence of their work and materials. They occupy a large lumber yard, 250x150 feet in area, upon which is erected their fine office, 24x60 feet, and a large and extensive dry sheds, and they built a large four story brick mill, well equipped and furnished with all modern machinery, the motive power for which is supplied by a Corliss engine of one hundred and fifty horse-power. A large and permanent trade has been reared solely by the application of honesty, energy, and industry, and this company bears the highest of reputations among business men.

Harrison Fellows, Coal and Wood.—Mr. Fellows was born in Williamsport, Vermont, and started in the fuel business in Racine, in 1878, and now commands one of the largest and most remunerative trades in this line in this section of the country. His yard is very spacious, and contains a heavy stock of anthracite and bituminous coals of the best brands, besides hardwood, slabs, kindling, and charcoal of the best quality. He has a thorough knowledge of his business, and never fails to give satisfaction to his customers, whether as regards weight, quantity, or prices; the consequence being that he does a very large business, amounting to some $30,000 annually. Mr. Fellows is an honorable, upright merchant, with whom it is a pleasure to have business relations, and who is held in high respect and esteem by the community.
W. R. Tate, Dealer in Wall Paper, Window Shades, etc., No. 435 Main Street.—Of late years the most wonderful advances have been made in the manufacture of decorative wall papers, and among the leading and successful houses engaged in this line none carry a finer stock or have achieved a more enviable reputation than Mr. W. R. Tate, whose premises are pleasantly situated, very spacious (25x90 feet), and are suitably arranged to accommodate the well-assorted stock. The finest and most artistic wall paper and window shades are here displayed in great profusion, as well as oilcloths, paints, oils, lamps, glassware, etc. Mr. Tate is an acknowledged artist in his line, possessing the happy faculty of combining colors and shades so as to produce a most pleasing and artistic effect, and many of our public buildings and private residences bear eloquent evidence of his skilful handiwork. Mr. Tate is prepared to furnish designs and estimates for all work in his line. He is a native of Cleveland, Ohio, and has been a resident of this city since 1861, since which time he has been actively engaged in business, establishing himself, however, in his present line in 1879, and by his energy, industry and skill, has built up a large and prosperous business.

FIXEN & SONS, Dry-goods and Carpets, No. 402 and 404 Main Street.—Prominent among the old-established and thoroughly representative mercantile houses of Racine is that of Fixen & Sons, dealers in dry-goods, carpets, etc., 402 and 404 Main Street. This business was founded twenty-five years ago by the late Mr. Adolph Fixen, and from a small beginning the trade of the house has grown to proportions of considerable magnitude. Mr. Fixen was one of our self-made business men, and his career was a creditable and honorable one. He died in 1888, and the business has since been conducted by his widow and her sons, Adolph and William Fixen. The premises occupied on Main Street are the best located in the city, conformed and arranged and fitted up in the most attractive manner. The stock carried is one of the most extensive and complete in the State. Each department is kept constantly replenished with everything new and desirable. Popular prices prevail and all goods are exactly as represented. The Messrs. Fixen were both born in this city. They are energetic, clear-headed, young business men, honorable, liberal and fair in all transactions, and are held in the highest esteem, both socially and commercially, for their strict integrity and sterling personal worth.

A. McAvoY, Belle City Novelty Carriage Works, near corner Fourth and Wisconsin Streets.—In 1881 Mr. McAvoY became sole proprietor of this enterprise, succeeding the firm of McAvoY & Noonan, which was established in 1874, and he has since greatly developed and enlarged the extent and facilities of his business. His factory is very spacious and commodious, admirably arranged, and equipped with all the necessary machinery, appliances and tools, employment being furnished to upwards of twenty-five skilled mechanics. The products of these works consist of carriages, phaetons, buggies, sleighs, and fine vehicles of all kinds. These are unsurpassed for beauty and originality of design, and superiority of workmanship and finish. Mr. McAvoY is a large man, large in heart, large in spirit, large in repairing, his facilities for this being of an unusually complete character. He has won an excellent reputation for doing first-class and reliable work, at very reasonable prices, the best evidence of which fact being the extensive patronage he enjoys. Mr. McAvoY is a good type of a self-made man. He was born 1845, on the ocean, on his way to Canada; left Canada 1863 and came to this city with little capital save push, pluck, and a determination to succeed. He has now over $25,000 invested in his establishment and in addition he owns a considerable amount of real estate. He is held in the highest esteem as an honorable, straightforward business man, and public-spirited citizen, and there is no one more deserving of the substantial success he is achieving. He has lately patented a jogging cart which is entirely new and is gaining rapid popularity. It beats anything yet introduced in the market.

E. R. EVANS & Son, Veterinary Surgeons, No. 700 Wisconsin Street.—The leading firm of veterinary surgeons in Racine is that of Messrs. E. R. Evans & Son, whose practice extends throughout the entire State and who are properly regarded highly learned and experienced in their important profession. The individual partners are E. R. & C. Evans, each of whom is a regular graduate in veterinary surgery, the former holding the degree of V. S. and the latter of D. V. S. Their office is located at No. 700 Wisconsin Street, and connected with it is a large, well-ventilated, and completely-equipped horse hospital and boarding stables, 68x90 feet in superficial dimensions, and consisting of one story of concrete foundations and substantially built of brick. Here these enterprising gentlemen have every facility for performing all operations known to this branch of surgery, and also every convenience for treating animals. The senior member of this firm was born in the principality of Wales. He settled in Utica, N. Y., in 1854 and practised his profession. His son was born in Utica, and in 1874 both father and son settled in Racine, where they have been successful in building up a very large and first-class practice and in establishing a reputation which is well-deserved. Both professionally and as citizens they are highly respected and esteemed, and have done much real practical good in saving the lives of many useful and valuable animals both in the city and in all parts of the great State of Wisconsin.

Racine Woollen Mills, Blake & Co., Established 1865, Manufacturers of the Badger State Shaws, Cassimeres, etc.—L. S. Blake, President; J. S. Hart, Treasurer and Manager.
A. Kraupa & Son, Dealers in Hardware, Iron, Nails, etc., No. 304 Main Street.—One of the leading mercantile establishments of Racine is the old established and successful house of A. Kraupa & Son, which was established twenty years ago by Mr. A. Kraupa, sr., who came to this country from Bohemia eighteen years previously. The present firm was established five years ago, the union going into partnership Mr. George K. Dean, and his sons, Messrs. John and Joseph Kraupa. The business, which was successful from its inception, has grown steadily with each succeeding year, until it has now as summed very large proportions. The premises occupied by the firm consist of a handsome and spacious store measuring 20x100 feet, centrally located and conveniently arranged. It contains a large stock of hardware, iron, nails, agricultural implements, etc., a specialty being made of cutlery and fine house trammings. Everything in stock is strictly first-class, and is sold at the most moderate price. The members of the firm are respectable and capable men of business, and are highly esteemed both in social and commercial circles for their strict integrity.

John Rasmussen, Druggist, No. 1204 State Street, and No. 1326 Washington Avenue.—The pharmaceutical profession naturally occupies a most important position among the industries of our city, and prominent among its leading representatives is Mr. John Rasmussen, whose establishments at No. 1204 State Street, and No. 1326 Washington Avenue are the most popular in the city. Dr. Rasmussen is a graduate in pharmacy from the University in Copenha gen, Denmark. He was born in Denmark in 1852, came to Racine in 1889, and was for two years prominently identified with our Danish newspaper, being the largest stockholder in that enterprise. In 1882 he established himself in his present business, and is now regarded as one of the leading druggists in the city. His “Scandinavian” drug stores are stocked with a complete assortment of new, fresh, and pure drugs, medicines, pharmaceutical materials, smoke, fumes, toilet articles, and druggists’ sundries. The prescription department has long been a special feature, and receives the most careful and experienced attention of Dr. Rasmussen and his expert assistants. He is also the agent of twelve different foreign steamship lines, over which he sells passage to all the principal European cities, and also issues money orders, drafts, and letters of credit upon foreign banking houses, whose correspondent he is. During his busy career Dr. Rasmussen has always maintained the highest standard of professional excellence in every department of his business, and the success he has achieved is only commensurate with his industry and honorable methods.

The Racine Cement and Pipe Co., E. G. Durant, President, Lake Avenue.—Throughout the Western and Northwestern States, the Racine Cement and Pipe Co. is well and favorably known, and the sewer, drain, culvert, and well pipes manufactured by this enterprising corporation are used very extensively in this section of the Union. The company was formed in 1882, though the business was first conducted by Mr. C. B. Hewitt, who subsequently formed the partnership of Hewitt & Berthlett. The officers of the corporation are E. G. Durant, President; C. B. Hewitt, Treasurer, and Henry Van Arsdale, Secretary, all of whom are well-known and highly-respected citizens. The works are located on Lake Avenue, on the shore of Lake Michigan, where every manufacturing facility is at hand, and many workmen are employed in making the pipes for which this concern has become famous. The company also deals, at both wholesale and retail, in the best brands of American cements, and in all departments a very large and continually increasing business in done. The goods manufactured are acknowledged to be unsurpassed in quality, and the leading engineers throughout the entire country are unanimous in their approval of their many useful properties. This concern also has a large interest in the cement works at Oshkosh, and is closely identified with the trade throughout the entire country. All of the gentlemen connected with the corporation are men of sterling worth and character, taking a keen and active interest in all matters pertaining to the growth and progress of the West in general, and of Racine in particular, and commanding the confidence, respect, and esteem of all who are thrown in contact with them.

O. C. Davis, Plumbing, Gas and Steam Fitting, No. 295 Sixth Street.—Modern conveniences in our houses, unless they are properly constructed, are nothing but death-traps, and the sanitary plumber of the present day ranks but little below the physician. One of the most deservedly popular and successful sanitary plumbers in Racine is Mr. O. C. Davis, whose large and well-stocked establishment is located at 295 Sixth Street. The basement and first floor, the being 25x20 feet in extent, are required for the business, the former being utilized as a shop, and the latter for the storage and display of the many plumping goods kept in stock. An elegant assortment of gas fixtures, in the latest patterns and designs, are here to be seen, and all the latest improved apparatus used in plumbing, including closets, and bowls, urinals, patent traps, faucets, brass goods, pumps, hose, lead and iron pipe, etc., are largely dealt in. Chimney tops and ventilating apparatus may here also be found, and there is nothing wanting to make this establishment a perfect one in every particular. Mr. Davis does work throughout the entire city, and many handsome public buildings and private residences have been entirely fitted up by him. He has been engaged in this business since 1881, and, by his excellent workmanship and honorable business dealing, has built up a very extensive business second to none. Born in Illinois, Mr. Davis came to Racine in 1878, and upon entering into business for himself met with immediate success. He has a thorough and complete knowledge of sanitary plumbing, and well merits the high position he now holds in the trade.
STATE OF WISCONSIN—RACINE.

E. L. Hedstrom & Co., Coal shippers; Alonzo H. Glass, Agent.—Among the leading and most successful firms in the Northwest engaged in the coal trade is that of Messrs. E. L. Hedstrom & Co., whose business was established twenty years ago at Buffalo, N. Y., where the headquarters of the firm are still located. Eleven years later a branch was opened in Chicago, and about seven years since the manufacture was established. The firm does the largest business in its line of any concern in the city, and its facilities for handling the same are of an unusually complete character. Their yard on Root River covers four acres of ground, and is heavily stocked with the finest grades of anthracite and bituminous coal. The firm does a large shipping trade. They are agents for the products of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Co.'s coal mines, and are prepared to supply any quantity at the lowest market prices. Mr. Alonzo H. Glass, the agent for the firm, has been identified with the coal trade for the past fourteen years, and brings to bear a wide range of practical experience. He is an energetic, clear-headed business man, honorable, liberal, and fair in all transactions, and well deserving of the esteem and respect in which he is held.

Richard T. Robinson, Druggist, No. 205 Sixth Street.—Mr. Robinson is a native of the State of Wisconsin, and in 1879 he settled in this enterprising and rapidly-growing city, when he at once embarked in the business of an apothecary and druggist. From early youth he has been closely identified with this science, and is in every respect well qualified to occupy the exalted position that he now holds both among physicians and in the community at large. His pharmacy is a very handsome one, and is fitted up and furnished with every convenience known to this business. Elegant counters, show-cases, shelving, and other paraphernalia display a full stock of pure, fresh drugs, chemicals, family remedies, and proprietary medicines, as well as all the necessary apparatus for patients' conveniences, including brushes for the hair, teeth, nails, and skin, soaps of all kinds, hair tonics and lotions, dentifrices, embrocations and cosmetics, perfumery and toilet articles of the best qualities, manicure sets, etc., etc. The prescription department, which is presided over by Mr. Robi-

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E. T. Billings, Photographer, No. 501 Main Street.—The production of a photographic likeness depends mainly upon the artistic skill of the operator. Mr. Billings has been engaged in this useful and artistic profession since the year 1867, and is a thorough artist and understands all the details necessary to produce and complete a highly-finished photograph and perfect likeness. He also takes portraits in crayons, india ink, and water colors, and all of his work is conceded to be unsurpassed in excellence. He also copies and enlarges in india ink, and makes a specialty of hand-painted and crayon portraits. His gallery is beautifully fitted up, and many elegant specimens of his workmanship may be found handsomely framed in his parlor. His operating rooms are equipped with cameras of the latest improved construction, and every convenience and facility is at hand for taking photographs after the most approved method possible. Instantaneous photographs may here be obtained, and all the material expression of the face of the sitter taken in less time than it takes to tell it. The entire establishment is first-class in every particular, and well merits the large and liberal patronage accorded it. Mr. Billings is a native of Trenton, Canada. He settled in Racine, in 1869, when quite young, and cultivated his natural tastes for art. He is a skilled and experienced photographer, and uses the crayon and brush with a master hand. In both art and social circles Mr. Billings holds a deservedly high position.

A. Field, Merchant Tailor, No. 530 Monument Square.—One half of the attractive store No. 530 Monument Square is occupied by Mr. A. Field, as a merchant tailoring establishment, the other half being a hat and gloves' furnishing emporium, owned and managed by Mr. P. F. Washburn, Mr. Field is a native of Norway. He has been in the business for fifteen years and is one of the most skilled and experienced merchant tailors in the entire city. The store is a very handsome one, and the stock is exceptionally fine, embracing both foreign and domestic cloths, cassimieres, and other specialties of the latest and most popular patterns and designs, many of which cannot be obtained elsewhere. Every facility is at hand for making suits, overcoats and single garments in the most fashionable London and Parisian styles, and a perfect fit and absolute comfort are guaranteed. Prices are as low and moderate as they can possibly be made, and every effort is made to please and satisfy the most critical and fastidious. By reason of his uniform courtesy, skill, and strict fair-dealing, Mr. Field has secured a large and first-class patronage, and well merits a prominent notice in our pages. He is widely and favorably known both in and outside of business circles, and enjoys the good will, respect, and confidence of the community.

Hueffner & Frank, Leather, Findings, and Hides, No. 334 Main Street.—One of the most prominent and successful firms engaged in handling various kinds of leather, findings, and hides in the city of Racine is that of Messrs. Hueffner & Frank, whose large and well-stocked warehouse is located at No. 334 Main Street. Three entire floors, each 20x85 feet, are heavily laden with these necessary goods, and an enormous business is done at all seasons of the year, the bulk of the trade being throughout that vast expanse of territory lying to the northwest of Racine, where leather of all kinds is in great demand in all the many industries where the material is of use. A large local trade is also done, and the firm ranks second to none in this section of the Union either as regards the magnitude or the character of its business. The individual members of this enterprising firm are E. J. Hueffner, a native of Germany, and A. C. Frank, who was born in Milwaukee. Mr. Hueffner founded this business in 1857, and in 1882 formed the present copartnership. Both partners are widely and favorably known in trade circles, and both, as business men and citizens, command the respect and esteem of all the many who come in contact with them. They have added in no faint degree to the wealth and prosperity of the city of Racine, and have been greatly instrumental in maintaining the supremacy of Racine as one of the leading mercantile centres of the Great West.

L. W. Philbrook & Co., Tanners, etc., Sixth Street.—Racine being located in the midst of the largest tanning district in the country, with ample facilities for distribution, it is scarcely a matter of wonder that her tanners are extending their operations with great rapidity. The leading house engaged in this line is that of L. W. Philbrook & Co., who, as manufacturers of shoe and slipper paces in calf skins of finest qualities, are carrying on an extensive and thriving business extending from Maine to California. The firm is composed of Messrs. L. W. Philbrook and James Kelley, of Kelley, Weeks & Co., and has always enjoyed a liberal and influential patronage, numbering among its permanent customers many of the leading manufacturers in the country. Mr. Philbrook was born in Winthrop, Maine, where he was engaged in the same business with his father, removing their home to this city some eighteen years ago. Upon the decease of his father eight years ago the present firm was organized, when they built a spacious building on Sixth Street, 30x70 feet, and three stories high, and of double the former capacity, and with better facilities for manufacturing goods. It is equipped with all the latest improved machinery, and employs the constant services of more than fifty skilled workmen. A special feature is made of hunting-boots; and they have also recently introduced a new kind of wigwam-slipper which is exceedingly comfortable, and has met with much favor by both ladies and gentlemen. The tannery is conveniently located in Sixth Street on the river bank, and consists of a large three-story brick building, 50x30, with engine-house and bark-room adjoining. The tannery is in constant operation all the year round, and provides fifteen experienced tanners with steady and remunerative employment. In every particular the aim of the house has been to make only first-class goods, and that they have been amply successful in the matter is amply evidenced by their high reputation and constantly increasing trade.
S. C. Yout & Son, Real Estate and Insurance Agents, Room 8, Baker Block, East Side Market Square.—Mr. S. C. Yout, the esteemed head of this house, is a native of New York State, where he was born in 1814, and since 1844 has been a permanent resident of this city, having taught school and been engaged in various mercantile pursuits for some years. He has also discharged with great credit the onerous and difficult office of city assessor for three terms, as well as that of city treasurer; and in 1869 engaged in his present business, for which his previous experience had peculiarly fitted him. His son Lewis, the junior member of the house, was born in this city, and after a large and varied experience by assisting his father in his office, was in 1882 admitted into partnership. The firm are recognized authorities as to both the present and prospective value of realty, both city and farm properties, and have on their books many of the most desirable bargains, and none are better qualified to act as honorable and reliable intermediaries between buyers and sellers than they, their connections with capitalists being such as to enable them to place the largest loans without delay and at the lowest rates. The firm are also agents for some of the oldest and soundest insurance companies in the country, writing risks upon the most favorable terms. They have long since won the confidence and respect of property owners and the public by the honorable, straightforward manner upon which their business is conducted. The firm are also notaries public, and are well known in mercantile circles.

Charney & Son, Carpenters and Builders, and Dealers in Builders' Hardware, No. 387 Main Street.—This firm has attained an enviable distinction. Mr. Isaac Charney, the senior member, was born in England, and has been actively engaged in business in this city for the last forty-four years, which from a comparatively humble beginning under his able management has been built up to its present large and prosperous proportions. Mr. George W. Charney, his son, is a native of this city, who upon arriving at his majority was admitted into partnership, thus forming the present firm in 1884. The store and offices are 20x65 feet in dimensions, while the commodious workrooms are 24x40 feet in area. Many of our largest buildings bear evidence of their skilful workmanship; while estimates and designs are promptly furnished for anything in the line, and jobbing is also attended to. Ladders, wood carpets, weather-strips screen doors and windows are kept on hand and made to order; a full line of builders' hardware is also carried; also mixed paints, window-glass, and other specialties, and reasonable prices prevail. This firm are business men of enterprise and sterling integrity, and are worthy of the great measure of success which has attended their earnest and well-directed efforts.

Gorton & Buffham, Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Corner Main and Fourth Streets.—In 1874 the above partnership was formed, both partners being natives of England but long residents of this section of America, and each putting in an ample capital and bringing a wide and varied practical experience to the business, which has now grown to very large proportions. Their store occupies two floors and the basement of the premises at the corner of Main and Fourth Streets, each floor being 20x112 feet in superficial dimensions. Here will be found an immense stock of useful and elegant goods including all kinds of mixed and dry paints for house, sign, carriage, and artistic painting, oils for lubricating and illuminating purposes, varnishes of all qualities, and a full supply of painters' and artists' materials. Wall papers and decorations of the latest and most fashionable patterns and designs are also kept on hand and the stock of lamps, chandeliers, and brackets surpasses anything of the kind to be found in this section of the country. Beautiful and durable oilcloths and linoleums are also extensively dealt in, a large, brisk, and continually growing trade being done. The goods handled by this wide-awake and energetic firm find a ready sale throughout the entire West and Northwest and the local trade is also something far above the average. Both partners are highly regarded in business and social circles and are prominent and respected citizens. They have added in no small measure to the wealth, prosperity and enterprise of this great trade centre and may well be ranked among the leading merchants and citizens of this large, progressive and growing municipality.

Wickham & Williams, Grocers, Main Street.—This business was founded as long ago as 1854 by Mr. E. J. Wickham, who, by industry, enterprise, and fair dealing succeeded in building up an immense and first-class patronage. In 1866 he was associated with him as copartner Mr. William H. Williams, he having been employed as clerk from 1855 to 1866, the firm name becoming E. J. Wickham & Co. In 1889 Mr. Wickham retired, his brother, Mr. R. F. Wickham, taking his place and the firm name being changed to Wickham & Williams. Their large and commodious store is located on Main Street having a frontage on that great thoroughfare of twenty-five feet and running back about one hundred feet. The stock is as full and complete as any in the city, and comprises both staple and fancy, foreign and domestic goods. Choice teas and coffees, prepared spices, pickles, sauces, etc., and everything in the dry grocery line that can be desired by the most exacting will here be found, varying in quality and price so as to meet the wants and circumstances of all classes of the community. Prime country produce, at the lowest prices, may here also be obtained. So large has the business become that the four courtooms and polite clerks employed have as much as they can do to take and execute the many orders that are daily received, and the entire establishment is conducted on first-class, honorable business principles. Mr. R. F. Wickham is a native of the State of New York and Mr. William A. Williams, his partner was born in England. They are both highly respected as merchants and citizens.
M. Throup, Livery and Sale Stable, Rear of the Merchants' Hotel.—By far the most prominent and leading livery and sale stable in this city is that of which Mr. M. Throup is the genial proprietor, conveniently and centrally situated in the rear of the Merchants' Hotel. Mr. Throup owns thirty magnificent horses and accommodates many more either as boarders or on sale. They all receive the best of care, and every effort is made on the part of the proprietor to maintain the high reputation which his stables have always held since their establishment in 1852. All the latest styles of single or double turnouts may be had, either with or without drivers, at very reasonable prices, and their carriages and sleighs will invariably be found easy-going, well upholstered, and stylish in appearance, and the horses both safe and mellow. Funeral work is also promptly attended to, for which he is prepared to furnish at short notice hearse and carriages at charges extremely reasonable. Mr. Throup is also proprietor of the omnibus and baggage line to and from trains and boats. Mr. Throup was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and came to Racine in 1833, and before the time of the railroad was the agent for the "Round the Lake" line of steamers. He is a gentleman of marked business ability and has maintained an excellent reputation for sterling integrity and straightforward dealing.

E. H. Brill, Groceries and Provisions, No. 306 Main Street.—A leading house in the grocery trade in this city is that of Mr. E. H. Brill, who has been established in business here for the past twenty-three years and who now commands a very extensive trade. He occupies a large and handsomely fitted up store measuring 20x80 feet, where will be found a large and well-selected stock of first-class staple and fancy groceries, and choice wines, liquors, and cigars. Mr. Brill also owns a full line of crockery and glassware, and keeps on hand an assortment of musical instruments. Everything kept in stock is of the best quality, yet the prices are extremely moderate, and those who patronize the establishment will not have cause to regret having done so. Mr. Brill is a native of Germany, but came to this country with his parents when quite young. For twenty-seven years past he has resided in Racine, where he is universally respected as an honorable, enterprising merchant.

D. J. Morgan, Practical Carriage-maker.—Conspicuous among the leading and well-known carriage-makers of this city is Mr. D. J. Morgan, who has been a resident of this city since 1845, where he is considered one of the best mechanics and skilled artisans in his line. Mr. Morgan was born in Wales, and coming to this country some forty-four years ago, resided in Pittsburgh, Pa., for a few years. After a short residence at Palmyra, Portage County, Ohio, he came to Racine, and learned his trade of the well-known Thomas Wright, in whose employ he continued until 1869 he embarked in his present business. His spacious shops, 23x80 feet in dimensions, are conveniently situated and provided with all the modern machinery and implements necessary in the business, giving employment to a large number of skilled workmen. None but the very best of materials are used in the construction of his vehicles, which for superiority, combined with durability and style, cannot be surpassed. Carriages, buggies, and spring-wagons are made to order, and repairing is done with neatness and dispatch. His wagons enjoy the highest of reputations, and he has for his patrons many of the leading mercantile houses in the city. Mr. Morgan personally superintends all work done, and never fails to give the most perfect satisfaction. He is a liberal and public-spirited citizen of conservative views, and is highly esteemed both in social and business circles.

Langlois & Son, Paints, Oils, Glass, etc., No. 410 Main Street.—This firm was originally established in 1842 by James Langlois. In 1860 it became Langlois & Robillard. Nine years later, upon the death of his partner, Mr. Langlois purchased the entire interest, and admitted his son into partnership, thus forming the present firm. The premises occupied are owned by the firm, and consist of a large three-story and basement building, 30x90 feet in dimensions, of which the first floor is devoted to office and salesroom; the second, to ropes and kinds are: the third is used as a sail-loft, while the basement is utilized for storage purposes. They carry a very heavy and complete stock of paints, both dry and liquid, glass, oils, artists' materials, wall paper, window-shades, oilcloths, and general shipchandlers' supplies, and every facility is at hand for filling orders promptly. The firm are active competitors for business, extending every legitimate accommodation to customers, who can here meet with prices difficult to duplicate elsewhere. Both gentlemen are natives of the Island of Guernsey in the British Channel, and have been permanent residents of this city since 1856. They are widely known in trade and business circles, and conduct their business according to the most approved commercial methods.

Edward Sieger, Tailor, No. 409 Sixth Street.—A prominent house in the tailoring trade is that of Mr. Edward Sieger, who started in business here in 1879. He occupies a commodious and attractively fitted up store measuring 16x75 feet, in which will be found a large assortment of cloths and saturings in all the latest styles and patterns. Mr. Sieger is noted for his skill as a cutter and his excellence as a designer, and the garments turned out of his establishment cannot be excelled for style, fit, finish, and excellence of workmanship. He makes a specialty of fine wedding suits, a line in which he has obtained a great reputation. He now commands a large trade, and numbers among his customers many of the most prominent and fashionable residents of the city and vicinity. Mr. Sieger, who is a native of Germany, came to this country thirteen years ago, bringing with him a thorough knowledge of the tailoring trade in all its branches, which he learned in some of the best establishments of Europe. This house is one which is in every way deserving of patronage.
F. Harbridge, Chemist and Druggist, also Groceries, No. 432 Main Street.—One half of this establishment is devoted to the sale of drugs, chemicals, medicines, druggists' sundries, toilet articles, etc., and the other half is utilized for the storage and sale of the best qualities of groceries, fresh and dried fruits, table delicacies, etc.; also cigars and pipes. The stock carried is so large and varied that the basement and first and second stories are required to properly accommodate the many departments into which the business has been divided. The building is beautifully fitted up and furnished and is equipped with every facility and convenience for carrying on the extensive business that the enterprise, tact, and ability of Mr. Harbridge has secured. Four clerks are employed, and the utmost activity prevails throughout the entire establishment. Mr. Harbridge has made far more than a local reputation as a druggist and pharmacist. His Bronchial Balsam is one of the most celebrated remedies for all affections of the throat and chest, including that most distressing complaint, asthma; coughs, colds, croup, whooping-cough, incipient consumption, and all lung, throat, and pulmonary diseases. The receipt of the most flattering testimonials from those who have used the Bronchial Balsam and the high esteem in which it is held as a remedy in bronchial affections and diseases of the chest and lungs, has induced Mr. Harbridge to bring it under the immediate notice of the general public. This remedy is now used extensively throughout the entire Northwest and West. It will be found in all drug stores and may be obtained directly from the proprietor upon request either personally or by mail. Mr. Harbridge is well known as one of the most skilled and proficient compounders of medicines in the city of Racine, and his prescription department is deservedly popular both among physicians and the general public. Mr. Harbridge enjoys the respect, confidence and esteem of the entire community.

John Schulze, Druggist, No. 608 Sixth Street.—One of the leading pharmacists in Racine is Mr. John Schulze, a German by birth, and one of the most scientific and accurate druggists in the profession. He came to America sixteen years ago. From New York he settled in Springfield, Ill., and started for himself, selling his business out at the expiration of one year, when he came to Racine and purchased the stock of drugs and chemicals of C. F. Kalk, who had failed. His neat and well-kept pharmacy is located at No. 606 Third Street. It is 20x60 feet in superficial dimensions, is very appropriately fitted up and furnished, and contains a stock of all the leading drugs and chemicals, as well as druggists' sundries, perfumery, toilet and medicated soaps, brushes, sponges, and, in short, all those many useful goods usually found in a first-class drug store. The prescription department is known for its accuracy and care in the compounding of prescriptions, and many of the leading physicians in the section of the city are satisfied with medicines prepared at this reliable establishment. Mr. Schulze is a thorough master of his all-important profession, and is well qualified to occupy the prominent place that he now holds among medical men and the public in general.

Geo. W. Scanlan, Flour, Oil and Salt, No. 218 Main Street.—One of the most prominent and successful wholesale dealers in flour, salt, and oil in this great centre is Mr. George W. Scanlan, who also deals extensively in stucco and cement. It will be perceived that the articles of merchandise in which Mr. Scanlan deals are all of prime necessity and importance, especially in a comparatively new and growing section of the country. Oil, salt, and building materials are needed in the great West and Northwest, and flour is manufactured here in immense quantities, so that as valuable a product as is shipped East is received. Mr. Scanlan's warehouses are located at No. 218 Main Street, where every facility and convenience is at hand for the storing and handling of the valuable merchandise that is here carried in ample and varied stock. Oil for illuminating and lubricating purposes is made a leading specialty, and an immense business is done in this useful article, though in all departments the utmost activity and enterprise prevail. Mr. Scanlan is a native of Massachusetts. He came to Racine thirty-five years ago, when this part of our great Union was but sparsely populated, and transportation facilities were in a most primitive state. For fifteen years Mr. Scanlan was engaged in the transportation business, in which he accumulated a large fortune, and three years ago he embarked in his present successful enterprise. He is an energetic, industrious, and strictly honorable merchant, and is justly ranked among Racine's most influential and public-spirited citizens.

P. F. Washburn, Hats, Caps, and Gents' Furnishings, No. 530 Monument Square.—This house was founded six years ago, and from its inception at that time the business has always been brisk and active, and the reputation of the concern first-class in every particular. The store is located on the south side of the square, the establishment being occupied by Mr. Washburn and the other half by Mr. A. Field, an enterprising merchant tailor, whose biography will be found upon another page of this work. The two industries prosper together exceedingly well, the customers of one naturally patronizing the other department of the establishment. The stock comprises all the latest novelties in hats, caps, and gentlemen's furnishings, including hosiery, underwear, white and colored shirts, scarfs, ties, and other neckwear, collars and cuffs, gloves, umbrellas, and all the many goods in this line that gentlemen require. The goods are of excellent quality, and are sold at remarkably low figures, the shapes and styles being the latest and most fashionable, and the durability of the goods being unquestioned. Mr. Washburn conducts his business according to the approved principles of equity, and the general recognition of this fact has gained for his house the confidence of the public, and has put the store on a large and fast-growing patronage. He is a native of Vermont, and is in the early prime of manhood, with many years of usefulness and prosperity ahead of him.
J. F. Vaughan, Steam Laundry, Southwest Corner Fourth and Lake Avenue.—In its relation to other industries and to the public the laundry business occupies an important position in the community, and among those engaged in this occupation who have attained merited distinction is Mr. J. F. Vaughan, who is a native of this city, and though a young man in years, has enjoyed an extensive business experience, and was, until it burned, the manager of the Opera House. Last year he succeeded Mr. Lovell in his present business, occupying a large two-story and basement building, 30x80 feet in dimensions, fully equipped with all the most modern machinery, operated by steam power, and employing constantly as many as nine workmen. Work is called for and delivered to any part of the city free of charge, and orders received by mail or express are promptly attended to, satisfaction being guaranteed in every instance. The energy of character and determination of will and perseverance necessary to build up a business of this kind to the proportions assumed by this are commendable in the highest degree, and its proprietor is well entitled to the success which has attended his well-directed efforts.

APPLETON.

There is no city in Wisconsin with such favorable prospects before it as that of Appleton, one of the leading manufacturing centres in the State, and being possessed of natural advantages not to be duplicated elsewhere. Appleton is the capital of Outagamie County, and is eligibly situated on the lower Fox River, thirty miles south of Green Bay. Here are the Grand Chute rapids having a descent of thirty feet in one and a half miles, thus affording the finest possible water-power, and which has been largely availed of by enterprising manufacturers. Such a competent judge as Hon. Hiram Barney, of New York, pronounced this water-power, as regarded its natural advantages, superior to those at Lowell, Paterson, and Rochester combined. His remark is interesting as indicative of the splendid opportunities here afforded for the location and most economical carrying on of all kinds of industries. Though the water-power has already been largely availed of, yet its full capacity has hardly been touched. As it is, here are in full operation, immense woolen factories, iron works, manufactories of all descriptions of machinery, tools, agricultural implements, etc.; here are splendid roller flour-mills, extensive breweries, cooperages, basket factories, pulp-mills, etc., etc. Large capital is invested, and the evidences of progressive energy and enterprise are observable on every hand. As an illustration of the early efforts of the people of Appleton to secure adequate transportation facilities, may be mentioned the formation in 1866, of the “Appleton and New London Railroad Company,” incorporated to build a line from Appleton to New London, and thence to Lake Superior. A subsequent amendment of its charter authorized it to extend its road to the lake at Manitowoc. Money was duly raised, and the greater portion of the road from this city was built, when under legislative authority the company sold this extension to the Milwaukee, Lake Shore and Western Railroad Company, which had been chartered under another name in 1870 to build a road from Milwaukee to Manitowoc and Green Bay. It finished the line to Manitowoc in 1873, and after the purchase of the Appleton connecting road, extended it to New London on the Wolf River, a distance of twenty-one miles, in 1876, and where it connects with the Green Bay and Minnesota road. The Milwaukee, Lake Shore and Western is now a great trunk route, of inestimable benefit to Appleton, and operating (all told) 890 miles of road, and opening up a vast region of territory to the lumberman and the agriculturist. In addition, Appleton has the benefit of the Wisconsin Central Railroad, and the Chicago and Northwestern. With perfect rail and water communication; such splendid natural water-power, and such a wide range of productive territory tributary to her merchants, it is not to be wondered at that Appleton has become a great commercial centre, and her leading merchants transact a large and annually growing wholesale trade. Her business thoroughfares are scenes of bustle and activity, and are lined with substantial, lofty, and architecturally handsome business blocks, in which are large and complete stocks of all descriptions of merchandise, dry-goods, groceries, provisions, clothing, hardware, agricultural implements, etc. Appleton is yearly extending the range of her commercial influence, and is also one of the best markets in the State for the sale of produce.

The city is ably governed, public improvements of every description have been introduced, including gas, water, sewerage, and last, but not by any means least, the electric light.