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Bloomfield, which is one of the most prosperous and progressive of the townships in Essex County, took its name in 1796 from Gen. Joseph Bloomfield, who was afterwards Governor of New Jersey and at a later period Chancellor of the State. For many years Bloomfield was but a local name, and it was not until 1812 that its corporate existence began. Gen. Bloomfield, for whom the township was named, was one of the Generals of the patriot forces in the Revolution and had distinguished himself in several battles. The choice of the name of Bloomfield was made by the Presbyterian congregation, which was then worshiping in the house of Joseph Davis, near the Common. It was thought desirable to give the settlement a local name, and as Gen. Bloomfield was well known to the people of that section, not only for his gallant deeds in the field, but for his genial and courtly manners and for his sincere piety, it was determined to honor him by giving his name to this locality. The congregation of the Presbyterian church were then beginning the erection of the house of worship, and a white marble tablet bearing the inscription: "Bloomfield, 1796," was set in the tower of the church to mark the beginning of what in future years proved to be one of the foremost townships of that county which is frequently called the "State of Essex." In the year 1797 Gen. Bloomfield, in recognition of the honor done him, paid the little hamlet a formal visit, accompanied by a military escort, and was received with distinguished honors by the residents of the place. At that time and for many years afterwards Bloomfield formed a part of Newark. In 1806 Newark was divided into three wards, the Newark ward, the Orange ward, and the Bloomfield ward. The township of Bloomfield was created by the Legislature in 1812 and included all the territory now embraced within the limits of Bloomfield, Montclair, Belleville and Franklin. Belleville became a

separate township in 1839 and Montclair in 1868. The present township of Bloomfield is four and a half miles long and about one and three-quarter miles broad. In 1820 the population of Bloomfield, which at that time included Montclair, Belleville and Franklin, was but 3,085. To-day the population of the township of Bloomfield alone is 7,860, and the assessed valuation of its property is \$3,313,100.

A large proportion of the early settlers of Bloomfield came from the Dutch colony at Bergen, and among the descendants of those colonists are such families as the Speers, (whose name was originally spelled Speir), the Vreelands, Cadmuses, Garrabrants and Jarolemon. The larger portion, however, of the early settlers of the place were an offshoot from the Presbyterian colony in Newark, who originally took possession of the land for farming purposes. There is no record of any houses being built there before 1695, but records of the possession of land are to be found dating back much earlier. Among the early settlers of the place who came from Newark or were identified with the Presbyterian church were Stephen Davis, Jonathan Sergeant, Samuel Ward, Samuel Harrison, Jasper Crane, Samuel Kitchell, John Baldwin, Thomas Pierson and Richard Harrison. Descendants of these men are yet residing in Bloomfield and are among its most substantial citizens. One of the earliest records of the erection of a house is to be found in the town records of Newark when, in 1670, John Baldwin, Senior, was granted by a vote of the town one extra acre to be added to his second division of upland, in consideration of his remaining on the place during the first summer. This upland was a portion of what is now Bloomfield. In 1695 Thomas Davis erected a saw mill on near where Wheeler's paper mill now stands in Montclair. Among the old homes of Bloomfield may be mentioned the Joseph Davis mansion, opposite the Baptist church which was built before the Revolution, the Cadmus house, on Montgomery street, and the Cadmus house on Washington street. Samuel Ward erected a woollen mill in the township in 1725.

BLOOMFIELD OF TO-DAY.

We have spoken of the Bloomfield of the past. Now we propose to direct the attention of the reader to the Bloomfield of the present day, which is an attractive and beautiful township, having almost all the advantages of a suburban city, with none of its disadvantages. It has excellent railroad facilities for quick and easy access to New York and Newark; an admirable system of public schools; ten large churches, representing all the prominent religious denominations; an unlimited supply of pure water for household and fire purposes; fine stores; an efficient and well equipped Fire Department; a vigilant Board of Health; a conservative Township Government; streets lighted with gas; miles of Telford roads in its principal streets; flagged sidewalks; a National Bank, a Savings Bank; a fire insurance company and good postal facilities. The township has no bonded debt; its taxes are light; there is no malaria. There is a Young Men's Christian Association, as well as a number of fraternal and social organizations.

The most prominent business location in Bloomfield is what is known as the Centre. This is really the head of the township and comprises a large, open space formed by the junction of Broad street, Bloomfield, Washington and Glenwood avenues. Here are within a stone's throw of the place situated the two banks, the insurance company, the Post Office, and the leading stores of the place. The principal street is Broad street, and on it are located some of the handsomest houses in the town, as well as all the leading stores, the newspaper offices, banks, etc. One of the handsomest residences on this street is that of the Hon. Amzi Dodd, the President of the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Co., of Newark, and also a former Vice-Chancellor of New Jersey. One of the most attractive features of Bloomfield is its beautiful park, at the head of which stands the First Presbyterian Church. It is bounded on the north by Beach street, on the south by Liberty street, on the east by East Park place, and on the west by Broad street. Among the most attractive thoroughfares of Bloomfield is Ridgewood avenue, which extends from the Orange line to Montclair. On this avenue are located some of the handsomest private residences in the town, among them those of Robert S. Rudd, A. G. Darwin, Edward Wilde and J. Talliterio. Franklin street is also a

handsome street, and contains the residences of some of the older families of the place. On this street are the houses of Charles M. Davis (the County Superintendent of Public Schools), G. Lee Stout, Jason Crane, and Harry E. Richards. On Beach street are also several handsome houses,



RESIDENCE OF THOMAS OAKES.

including those of James C. Beach, Edward G. Ward and C. I. Harrison. Belleville avenue is one of the chief streets of the place, and is a favorite driving course. On it are situated the elegant houses of Thomas Oakes, Edmund H. Davey, Henry Dold and A. J. King. On Elm street the residences of William Cadmus and Halsey M. Barrett, as well as a number of very tasteful villas, among the buildings that are particularly deserving of notice in the town is the one in which the Bloomfield National Bank and the Bloomfield Savings Bank are situated. This is a handsome three-story

brick building with a brown stone front. The German Theological Seminary, which is an institution under the care of the Presbytery of Newark, occupies a substantial brick structure on the corner of Franklin and Liberty streets.

Bloomfield and its vicinity abound in beautiful drives. Go in any direction you will you cannot go amiss, for your eyes will be delighted in every quarter by charming scenery, elegant private residences with spacious and well kept grounds, tasty little cottages, clean and well kept streets and utter absence of nuisances, and a succession of attractive and beautiful views to charm the eye. One of the features of the streets of Bloomfield is the beautiful shade trees that line all its thoroughfares, and the grand old elms in the park are the pride of the whole town. For the convenience of strangers desiring to drive about the town and its suburbs, a few routes are suggested. These, however, can be varied at pleasure to an endless variety. For a short drive start at the Centre, go through Franklin street to Montgomery, and thence up to Belleville, and return by Belleville avenue to Broad street. Another pleasant drive is through Glenwood avenue and



RESIDENCE OF ROBERT S. RUDD.

Prospect street to East Orange, thence through that township and City of Orange up to West Orange, through Llewellyn Park and along the road under Eagle Rock to Montclair, and thence down Bloomfield avenue to Bloomfield. This route affords probably the finest drive there is in Essex County, for if it is extended enough it can take in the most fashionable residence portion of the Oranges, and the most beautiful scenery along the Orange Mountains, as well as the superb



MILITARY PARK.

views that are to be had on the summit in Bloomfield avenue, Montclair. Another charming drive is up Broad street to the pretty little settlement called Brookdale, and thence to Paterson, it being a direct road all the way. After resting awhile at Paterson, return home through the Great Notch, where it will pay you to stop awhile and inspect the work that is in progress there for furnishing a new supply to the City of Newark, and then pursue your way through the romantic country in this section until you reach Montclair; then take Bloomfield avenue to the point of starting. If you desire a level road on your return home from Paterson instead of the route given above, take the road leading you through Passaic and Belleville, and return home by Washington avenue.

Bloomfield has a flourishing Young Men's Christian Association, which at present is occupying rented rooms on Glenwood avenue. The Association has purchased a lot on the corner of Liberty street and East Park place and intends to erect a large and commodious building there at an early date. The Young Men's Catholic Association has a neat building on Bloomfield avenue, opposite Liberty street, where there is a good-sized meeting room and a reading room that is well supplied with books and papers. For that portion of Bloomfield known as Watsessing there is an excellent free library, which was started some eight years ago by some enterprising citizens. The library now numbers about 2,000 volumes. The Library Association has purchased a lot on Dodd street and will soon erect a building thereon.

Bloomfield boasts of two newspapers. The leading one is the *Bloomfield Citizen*. It is published every Saturday by the Bloomfield Publishing Co., and has been in existence about eight years. Dr. Harry E. Richards is the editor. The *Citizen* is a live, wide awake, enterprising journal, paying great attention to the news of the town and keenly alive to everything that will promote its interests. It is Republican in its politics. The *Independent*, which is also a weekly paper, is edited by J. Milton Unangst. It has been in existence only three months, but it has already acquired good circulation, has proved itself a bright, newsy sheet and has given evidence that it has come to stay.

BLOOMFIELD AND ITS POINTS OF INTEREST.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The public schools of Bloomfield are the pride of all its citizens. Education has always held a very prominent position in this community. As early as 1758 a school house was erected on the site now occupied by Mr. Willard Richards, and in 1782 another school house was erected near



LIVERY STABLE, BLOOMFIELD.

where the house of Mr. Jason Crane now stands. The Bloomfield Academy was founded in 1813, and soon became one of the most prominent schools in the county. It was owned by a private corporation, and after going through a number of changes was purchased by the German Theological Seminary. The present Public School system has been thoroughly overhauled of late and the schools are now graded. The course of instruction is very thorough, and equal to that in any city of the State, not even excepting the city of Newark, which is admitted to have one of the finest public school systems in the country. The High School, which is situated in an imposing building on Belleville avenue, is an admirably conducted institution, and is always filled with pupils, the applications for admission being far in excess of the ability of the School Trustees to grant. The Central Primary School, on Liberty street, also has an imposing building, and the Berkeley School House, on Bloomfield avenue, a handsome three-story brick building, with brown stone trimmings, which was erected in 1890, is justly regarded as one of the model school buildings of the State. A company has recently been formed for the purpose of organizing a select academy on a very large scale in Glen Ridge, one of the most attractive portions of Bloomfield. A large tract of land has been purchased on Windsor street, and the erection of the building will be begun at an early day.

The German Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church has already been alluded to, but it is worthy of more than the passing notice given. It had its origin in church work among the German population of Newark and vicinity. The necessity of having trained German ministers to look after the interests of the German-speaking population of the locality made itself apparent, and as early as 1864 a beginning was made in the city of Newark, where the German Theological Seminary was founded. It was removed to Bloomfield, in 1872. There are at present about forty

pupils in the Seminary, and its President is the Rev. Charles E. Knox, D. D., who has occupied that position for a number of years. The temporal affairs of the institution are managed by a Board of Directors selected by the Presbytery of Newark.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Bloomfield has a very thoroughly organized and efficient Fire Department. Its history dates back only to the year 1883, prior to which time there was no organization, but a disastrous fire that swept through the centre of the town in 1883, in which Archdeacon's Hotel, Dodd's livery stables, and other buildings were destroyed, aroused the citizens to the absolute necessity of taking immediate steps for the protection of property from destruction by fire. A meeting of twenty prominent citizens of the place was held in the middle of March and a temporary organization, known as the Bloomfield Fire Protective Association, was effected. In a short time the sum of nearly \$1,700 was raised for the purchase of fire apparatus. On May 7th, 1883, the temporary organization was disbanded, and the Bloomfield Fire Association was organized, with the following officers: President, William R. Weeks; Vice President, A. R. Brewer; Secretary, F. G. Fowler; Treasurer, W. B. Chambers; Fire Marshal, A. J. Marsh. A contract was made with a Baltimore firm and land was purchased on which a truck house was erected. While the truck was being constructed Essex Hook and Ladder Co., No. 1, was organized. The new truck arrived in Bloomfield August 10th, 1883, and a grand celebration took place, in which firemen from Orange, Montclair and other places participated. Soon after a bell tower sixty-four feet high was erected in the rear of the truck house, and a bell weighing 178 pounds was hung in it. On this bell signals for fires are sounded.

Phoenix Hose Co., No. 1, was organized in the summer of 1884, and for a while used instead of a hose carriage and a "pumper" furnished by the town. The company secured a very handsome hose carriage in September, 1884, and on its arrival in the town there was a parade of the firemen of Bloomfield, Montclair and East Orange.

The Fire Department at present consists of three Hose Companies and one Hook and Ladder Company, the latter carrying Babcock fire extinguishers on its truck. The department is a volunteer one and numbers about 150 members. The Chief Engineer is T. Howell Johnson, who has held this position for four years. The Assistant Chief Engineers are William B. Corby and Allan Andrews. Phoenix Hose Co., No. 1, is located in a house on Bloomfield avenue. Active Hose Co., No. 2, has its quarters in Willow street, in that part of Bloomfield that is known as Watsessing. Excelsior Hose Co., No. 3, is quartered on Broad street, near the centre of the town. Essex Hook and Ladder Company, No. 1, have their house on Glenwood avenue, near the Centre. The town has an electric fire alarm system, with a number of alarm boxes in various quarters of the town.

RAILROAD FACILITIES.

Bloomfield is connected with New York & Newark by two lines of steam railroads, with Newark by a line of horse cars, and with Orange by another horse car line. The first steam railroad to reach the town was the Newark & Bloomfield, which was opened for passengers in 1856, and was operated as a branch of the Morris & Essex Railroad. When the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company leased the latter road they also acquired control of the Bloomfield road and are now operating it. They have made great improvements in this road, both in the number and speed of trains and the style of cars used. This road now runs twenty-three trains between Bloomfield and New York.

The New York & Greenwood Lake Railroad was originally built as the Montclair & Midland Railroad. It was completed in 1872, and soon after passed into the hands of the New York & Greenwood Lake Company, the original company having met with a series of financial reverses and become insolvent. The New York & Greenwood Lake Railroad has for several years been operated by the Erie Railroad Company, who have a lease of the line and control a majority of the stock. This road has treated the people of Bloomfield in a most liberal manner, giving them ex-

press trains to New York and doing much to develop the section of the town through which it passes. The Orange branch of the Erie Railroad also touches one end of the town and has a station on Bloomfield avenue. The New York and Greenwood Lake Road runs fifteen trains between Bloomfield and New York each day.



ON THE CANAL

thly settled to make it profitable. The company passed through a series of disasters until it finally came into the hands of Messrs. S. S. Battin, A. Q. Keasbey, John H. Ballantine, Andrew Lemassena and others of Newark, who constituted the Newark & Bloomfield Street Railway Company. This company abandoned the Mount Prospect route to Bloomfield, and carried its line directly up Bloomfield avenue, from Summer avenue, Newark, to Liberty street, Bloomfield, thus shortening the distance between the two places and striking a more thickly settled portion of the country. In 1890 this road passed into the hands of the Newark Passenger Railway Company, who have already made many improvements in the road, and who propose at an early date to operate it by electricity and extend it to Montclair.

The Orange Cross-Town Railroad Company have been operating for several years past a line of horse cars running from the Orange Valley through the most thickly settled portion of Orange to the heart of Bloomfield. The cars of this line make trips between Orange and Bloomfield every ten minutes and connect with the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western and New York & Greenwood Lake Railroads, as well as with the Newark and Orange horse cars, thus affording residents of Bloomfield additional facilities for reaching both New York and Newark.

WATER SUPPLY.

Bloomfield has an abundant supply of pure and excellent water for both household and fire purposes. The supply is obtained from the Orange Water Company, who also supply the township of East Orange. This Company has acquired by purchase and condemnation a very valuable tract of about seventy-five acres of land, situated at a point where the townships of East Orange and Bloomfield and the city of Newark come together. There are situated a large number of springs of remarkably pure water. The principal one of these is known as the "Great Boiling Spring," and has been noted from the earliest history of Essex County for the excellence of its water. This spring has always been a noted landmark, and is referred to in the deeds given to the early settlers of Essex by the Indians, and it is constantly mentioned in deeds from the founders of Newark, Orange and Bloomfield and in the early official records of the county. The series of springs in the

The Newark, Bloomfield & Montclair Horse Car Railroad Company was chartered in 1867, but was not constructed until several years later. It originally ran from the Bloomfield Cemetery along the west side of the park, down Franklin street, and thence into an avenue that led directly into Mount Prospect avenue, Newark. It followed the latter avenue to Bloomfield avenue, thence down Bloomfield avenue, Summer avenue, Eighth avenue and Broad street to Emmet street, Newark. This route was found to be too long and crooked and to pass through a section that was too

tract owned by the Orange Water Company has been developed by constructing a series of three wells. The largest of these is fifty feet in diameter and is excavated to a depth of fifteen feet. It was originally intended to make this well much deeper, but after going down through a bed of red sandstone rock to the depth of nine feet it was found that the flow of water was so great as to render further excavation not only useless but almost impossible. The pumping station is located on the same tract as the wells, and the water is distributed through mains which run into the township



VIEW NEAR BLOOMFIELD.

of Bloomfield from the works. The distribution is done by direct pumping, the pressure being sufficient to force a stream through any hose connected with a hydrant in Bloomfield over the highest building in that town. Actual experiments repeatedly made have demonstrated the fact that five streams of water can be simultaneously thrown over the roof of the loftiest edifice in the town. Water was first introduced into Bloomfield in 1883, and there are now several miles of street mains laid there together with a number of hydrants for fire purposes. The water is also introduced into many stores and dwelling houses. This water has several times been tested by the most eminent chemists in the United States and found to be entirely free from all organic impurities.

LEADING INDUSTRIES.

Within the last few years, Bloomfield has become a manufacturing town of considerable importance. It abounds in good sites for factories, and has plenty of excellent water power, furnished by the many streams running through the town, which have their rise in the mountains beyond. There has been considerable talk of forming a Board of Trade for the purpose of advertising this fact more publicly and of inducing manufacturers to locate here.

The Consolidated Safety Pin Company have a large two-story brick building on Ward and Harvard streets, where they do an extensive business in the manufacture of safety pins, suspender buckles, and other articles. The John Freeman Shoe Co., whose factory is located on Orange street, is one of the oldest shoemaking establishments in the county. It was founded many years ago by an ancestor of Mr. John Freeman, of Orange, and was carried on there under various names until it came into the hands of Mr. Freeman. The latter finally associated other gentlemen in the business, with him and the concern was transformed into a stock company, and the factory was removed to Bloomfield. The company employs about sixty hands, and turns out boots and shoes of a fine grade. The De Laval Separator Co. has a large brick building and gives employment to a number of hands. Among other factories in the town are the Bloomfield Organ Co., Montclair Gas and Water Co., Ellor Brothers' hat factory, on Prospect street, Hampson, Ellor & Edgerley's hat factory on Myrtle street; Hampson, Ellor & Co.'s hat factory on the same thoroughfare; the Combination Roll and Rubber Co., on Franklin avenue; Ferguson Brothers' brass foundry, E. H. Davey's paper mill, on Belleville avenue; N. H. Dodd's wagon and carriage factory, Carter & Haight's fur cutting establishment, and the hospital supply factory of the Lister Manufacturing Co.

One of the most important manufacturing establishments in Bloomfield is the Oakes Woolen Mill on Belleville avenue. This was founded by Daniel Oakes, who located in Bloomfield many years ago and began the manufacture of woollen goods in a small frame building in 1827. This factory was destroyed by fire in 1836, but he immediately erected new and larger buildings, which were devoted exclusively to the manufacture of flannels and yarn. By 1842 the products of the mill were varied, and tweeds became the staple article of manufacture. These soon gained a national reputation for their excellent quality, and in 1846 the mills were again enlarged. In 1860 a large brick structure was erected, this being followed by various additions from time to time until the works have attained their present size. Mr. Oakes died in 1878, and was succeeded by his son Thomas. The cloth that is manufactured in this factory commands the highest price in the market.

Other important and growing industries are those of the Edison Manufacturing Co., makers of electrical supplies; the Hartman & Wilcox Print Works, on Montgomery street, near the Belleville line; the extensive saddlery hardware factory of P. Hayden & Sons, on Bloomfield avenue near the Montclair line; the brass and silver rolling mills of H. K. & F. S. Benson, and of J. G. Moffatt, also on Bloomfield avenue.



THE "CENTRAL" AND BANK BUILDING.

LEADING BUSINESS MEN OF BLOOMFIELD.

JAMES CRISP & CO., MANUFACTURERS of Round and Angular Beltings; 493 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, N. J.; Coil Belting a specialty. The well-known firm of James Crisp & Co., manufacturers of Round and Angular Beltings, in this town, was founded in the year 1870 by the gentlemen who are yet the members of the firm. They are Messrs. James L. and James W. Crisp and Fred. Hall, all residents of Bloomfield. Their manufactory occupies three floors, each 30x75 feet in dimensions, and the 6,750 square feet of flooring which this affords are utilized to their fullest capacity. Their machinery is of the most improved order, and is furnished motive power by a large fifteen-horse power engine. The beltings which this company turn out have long since been recognized as being of a superior grade and finish by the trade, and from originally very small proportions this enterprise has become an important occupation in our town. A large force of men are given constant employment, and the daily product of the factory is 3,000 sewing machine belts, which article is the *specialty* of this company. Coil Beltings of all kinds are manufactured here, and the James Crisp & Co. house are able to quote as low figures on these goods as any house in the country. A trial order is respectfully solicited. Patrons will find that the goods are conscientiously made from selected material of the finest grades. In the spirit of enterprise which the three members of this house have exhibited in the management of its affairs is due largely the flattering success it has met. Bloomfield has not many factories, but this is surely a representative one in our town.

THOMAS OAKES & CO., successors to D. Oakes & Son, Woolen Manufacturers, Bloomfield, N. J. In compiling the history of the representative manufacturing establishments of Bloomfield, it would indeed be deemed a strange omission were we not to make extended mention of the Thomas Oakes & Co. Woolen Manufactory. This important enterprise in our town was inaugurated in 1830, or about sixty-one years ago. The founder was Mr. D. Oakes, father of Mr. Thomas Oakes, and the present firm are the successors to the old firm of D. Oakes & Son. Mr. Thomas Oakes was born and brought up in Bloomfield, and inherited his father's business abilities. He is an honored townsman in the community and holds the office of the presidency in the Bloomfield National Bank. The Oakes family, in fact, were original settlers in Bloomfield. Mr. Henry P. Dodd, the "Co." in the firm is also a native of this State, and has for many years been closely identified with the firm in question and the interests of Bloomfield. He is a director in the same bank that his partner is President of, the Bloomfield National Bank. Their firm afford employment to an average of 200 hands the year round. The woolen productions of this house are known the country over and recognized by the trade as being goods of superior value. The premises occupied by the plant are vast in area, and the buildings imposing in appearance. Two large steam engines aggregating 230 horse power furnish the motive power for the machinery, which is all of the most improved order. Water power is also used. This enterprise has done much toward the present prosperity of Bloomfield.

N. H. DODD, CARRIAGE MAKER.
Bloomfield, N. J. Carriages and Wagons built to order; Painting, Trimming and Repairing done with neatness and dispatch; Lawn Mowers Repaired; Band, Jig and Circular Sawing, and Moulding Mill. If everybody who has occasion to purchase a carriage could only be brought to realize that it is for his interest to get a good one, the occupation of the "sheep" carriage builder would be gone forever and the market would no longer be filled with vehicles having little besides shabby paint and varnish to recommend them. We do not advocate patronizing the manufacturers who charge fancy prices for everything they put their name to, but believe in avoiding both extremes, and one of the most satisfactory ways to accomplish this is to place your order with Mr. N. H. Dodd, for he is an extensive manufacturer and retail dealer in carriages and wagons. His vehicles are uniformly reliable, and his prices are right in every instance. Mr. Dodd is a native of this State, and has carried on his present establishment since 1893. He is a Director of the Bloomfield Savings Bank, and is almost universally known throughout the town and vicinity. His place of business is located at No. 676 Bloomfield Avenue, and comprises two floors, 5975 feet in dimensions, thus affording ample room for the Manufacturing, Paint and Trimming Shops, together with a ten-horse power steam engine. Mr. Dodd sells his vehicles strictly on their merits, fully guaranteeing each and every one of them to prove precisely as represented, and can fill orders without delay. Painting, Trimming and Repairing are also done with neatness and dispatch. Lawn Mowers put by order, together with all kinds of Sawing and Moulding. A large and splendidly equipped paint shop is in the rear of the carriage shops.

S. & L. B. HARRISON, FINE GROCERIES, Teas, Coffees, Spices, etc., best brands of Flour; also Oats, Feed, Grain, Hay, Straw, etc., corner Orange street and Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, N. J. The well known grocery store conducted in this town by Messrs. S. & L. B. Harrison was founded in the year 1852 by Messrs. Hemstreet & Harrison. The present proprietors came into possession in 1888 and have ably continued in the business which was well established beforehand. Both gentlemen are natives of this State and have resided in Bloomfield some years. Their grocery establishment is one of the largest, best stocked and best regulated in Bloomfield. An atmosphere of systematic arrangement, purity and freshness pervades the entire place and the purchasing of articles of food in this store becomes an agreeable occupation. The Messrs. Harrison are representative energetic business men of this town and have done much towards its prosperity in a business point of view. They carry a heavy and carefully selected stock of goods and are reasonable in their charges. The finest of teas, coffees, spices, and everything which goes towards making up a first class grocery establishment are handled. Oats, feed, grain, hay, straw, etc., are also dealt in. Three competent and courteous salesmen are afforded employment the year round and the faithful service they render is worthy of commendation. The premises occupied are very spacious and well adapted for the purposes for which they are intended. The Messrs. Harrison were never in a better position to successfully cater to the wants of their patrons.

W. S. COOPER, SUPT. FIRE ALARM, Manufacturer and Dealer in Picture Frames and Ice Cream, No. 23 Broad Street, Bloomfield. In a volume such as this, which treats of the manifold interests of Bloomfield, it is evident that those branches of trade and manufacture which are dependent on the work of the artist must necessarily occupy a prominent place. Of these, not the least important is the dealing in picture frame materials, and to obtain those of the best quality is an important point for the buyer to consider, to the end that his work shall be

properly executed and finished. Mr. W. S. Cooper, who is engaged in the Picture Frame Manufacture and dealer in Pictures, started his present business here in 1887, occupying the premises at No. 23 Broad Street, 20x40 feet in dimensions. He deals largely in Portrait and Picture Frames, besides attending to Electric Work and putting up Burglar Alarms. He has become known to the trade as a prominent, substantial and trustworthy house, for the sale of Fine Art Goods. Mr. Cooper is a native of Boonton, N. J., and we may say that he is in a position to offer to the trade as fine goods dealers as can be found in this vicinity. Goods are cheerfully shown, and all callers are cordially and politely attended to, while his prices will be found to be in accordance with his goods. In the summer Mr. Cooper supplies to families, churches, societies, etc., the best Honor Brick Foot teams at the lowest figures.

GEORGE BATZLE, DEALER in and Maker of the Boots and Shoes, No. 423 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, N. J. The Boot and Shoe enterprise conducted in our town by Mr. George Batzle was inaugurated by him in the year 1873. He is a native of Germany, but has resided in the United States, and especially in Bloomfield, for a great many years. Mr. Batzle is an enterprising business man of ability, as well as a thorough custom shoe manufacturer. The latter class of goods are made to order and give the greatest satisfaction. Mr. Batzle knowing what stock and a well made shoe are, buys just what his patrons call for most and invariably manages to retain a customer after the first sale. This is a sure sign that he deals honestly by all. In fact, square dealing is what has told the story of this man's success in business. "Honesty is the best policy" in every instance. Mr. Batzle's store is one of the spacious dimensions of 22x64 feet, and in it is stored one of the largest assortments of Men's, Boys', Youths', Ladies', Children's and Misses' Boots, Shoes, Rubbers and Slippers to be found in town. Two experienced and courteous assistants render efficient attention to every caller. All goods turn out to be just as represented when purchased. The patronage of the readers of this work is respectfully solicited. Please remember the place and name of George Batzle, Boot and Shoe Dealer, No. 423 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, N. J. Mr. Batzle would do a large Boot and Shoe business in Grasp's factory, was in the building 1876.

W. M. HOPLER, DEALER IN MEATS, Orders called for and delivered free of charge; No. 10 Broad Street. The annoyance of having to personally select all the meats, provisions, etc., which are bought, is familiar to every house-keeper, but many of them make a practice of doing so, as they are fond that the results attained by any other course are apt to prove unsatisfactory. Everything depends, however, upon using proper discrimination in the placing of orders. There are provision dealers who take as much pains to supply first class goods to children, or other messengers, as they do when dealing with the customers in person, and among such dealers it is only just to make prominent mention of Mr. Walter E. Hojler, of No. 10 Broad Street, Bloomfield, for that is his way of doing business, and the result is that his store is widely popular, and is becoming more generally patronized every day. It was established in 1887 by the present proprietor, who is a native of East Orange, N. J., and has a large circle of friends in his vicinity. He not only handles reliable goods, but quotes low prices, and his stock is varied enough to suit all tastes and tastes, for it comprises all kinds of meats, poultry, game and vegetables, together with fish, oysters, canned goods, etc. Employment is given to five assistants, and every caller may depend upon receiving immediate and polite attention. The premises occupied consist of one building, 20x60 feet in dimensions, and are very conveniently fitted up for the proper storage and handling of the various articles dealt in.



GLENWOOD AVENUE, LOOKING NORTH.

JOSEPH A. PELOUBET, REAL ESTATE Specialist; office, 276 Glenwood avenue and D. L. & W. R. R., Bloomfield, N. J. Among the men of affairs who have been prominent in Bloomfield and vicinity it is fitting to make mention of Joseph A. Peloubet, this gentleman having been a resident of the town since 1836, and established his present real estate business agency here in 1883, and it goes without saying that he is regarded as one of the most thoroughly competent authorities in real estate matters in this section of the State. He has been prominent in public and town affairs, as well as in business circles, having held the position as Secretary of the Bloomfield Building and Loan Association, and being now a Director in the Bloomfield Savings Bank, and during the war was First Lieutenant of the Fourth Regiment N. Y. Artillery, and was confined six months in Rebel prisons, and now a member of William S. Pierson Post, G. A. R., Bloomfield, N. J. Mr. Peloubet carries on quite an extensive real estate and insurance business, making a specialty of dividing up large tracts of real estate in order to suit all classes of purchasers, obtaining loans and erecting dwellings. Investors and others in search of home and building sites would do well to call on this gentleman at his office, at No. 276 Glenwood avenue opposite the D. L. & W. R. R. depot before making their selections. He always has bargains to offer in Bloomfield and Glen Ridge property. Mr. Peloubet recently purchased a large tract of land in Rahway, which he is dividing off into building lots.

GEORGE RIKER, CONTRACTOR and builder, 276 Glenwood avenue, Bloomfield, N. J. Mr. Riker has had forty years experience in building many of the largest and best churches, including Trinity Chapel, St. Thomas, St. Vincent de Paul, in New York, and St. Peter's church in Albany, St. Paul's at Buffalo, besides many in the eastern States, and many fine private residences: Charles F. Butler's house at Stockbridge, W. Ellery Sedgwick's at Leroy, Mass.; Mar. Delafield, Esq., at South Yonkers, the Pellam Academy of Arts and Science at Savannah, Ga., the Sage Library at Rutgers College. Among his late contracts are St. Peter's Church at Peckskill, N. Y.; Trinity Church at Sing Sing, N. Y.; resi-

dence of S. G. Williams, Esq., New Brunswick, N. J., and the residence of H. D. Van Nostrand, Esq., Glen Ridge, N. J., and other buildings in course of erection. Locally Mr. Riker has been identified with the town's interest for the past six years and in this time has closed contracts for and built a number of the many handsome residences on Glen Ridge, as well as in the Oranges. His work is of a superior class, which recommends itself. Parties wishing estimates or any information in view of contemplated building would do well to call on, or write, Mr. Riker, at his office, No. 276 Glenwood avenue, directly opposite D. L. & W. depot. (See picture).

PHILIP BATZLE, "THE UNIVERSAL" Boot and Shoe Store, 308 Glenwood avenue, Bloomfield, N. J.; Custom Work a Specialty; repairing neatly done; all goods warranted. Among the many enterprising people engaged in the retailing of boots and shoes in Bloomfield and vicinity we know of none which is more active, more reliable, or more generally popular than Mr. Philip Batzle, doing business at "The Universal" Boot and Shoe Store, No. 308 Glenwood avenue, and the universal popularity of this gentleman is all the more significant from the fact that he has carried on business here for some time, certainly long enough for the residents of this section to become thoroughly familiar with his facilities and his methods. Mr. Batzle is a native of New York city and gives his close personal attention to customers, and callers will find that the phrase, "light expenses, low prices," as used by him, means something, for no lower prices are quoted in this portion of the State on dependable foot-wear than Mr. Batzle is prepared to name. His stock is "clean" in every department, and comprises full lines of staple goods, in addition to the very latest novelties in fashionable foot wear. Custom work is made a specialty of, while all kinds of repairing is neatly done, employment being given to competent assistants; callers are assured prompt and polite attention, and buyers have the satisfaction of knowing that every article is fully guaranteed to prove as represented. The premises in use comprise one floor, 22x35 feet in dimensions, at the above named address, while the stock is displayed to excellent advantage, making the task of selection an easy and agreeable one.

FERGUSON BROS., MANUFACTURERS

of Brass and Composition Castings of every description, Watsessing, N. J.; Post Office address, Box 204, Bloomfield, N. J. The enterprise conducted in this town (Watsessing) by the Ferguson Bros. was inaugurated in the year 1880. The individual members of the firm are Messrs. David A. and John G. Ferguson. Both gentlemen are natives of New York, and have resided here the greater portion of their lives. Their shop is 32x85 feet in dimensions, and the 2,720 square feet of flooring which this affords are utilized to their fullest capacity. The firm employs on an average eight men the year around. These are skilled and experienced mechanics; none others are tolerated. This insures good work and the reputation of the house. The fact that the Ferguson Bros. are practical workmen themselves, and have always paid close personal attention to every detail of their business is what we attribute as the key to the success they have thus far attained. As is well known, brass and composition casting work requires the highest degree of mechanical skill in its development, and to be done at all means that it should be properly done. For the five years which have elapsed since the Messrs. Ferguson gave inception to their business, however, the trade interest in this class of work has learned to rely on all work coming from this establishment. Newark is the third largest manufacturing centre in the Union, and brass and composition castings are much used with them in it. We earnestly advise firms who use these castings to purchase themselves in communication with the Messrs. Ferguson and have their work executed by them in the future. This firm manufactures castings for the Electric Construction and Supply Company of New York, and for Mr. A. Bossert, (Ball Electric Lamp Co.), also for the Scott Electric Co., whose goods are used on the Sound Steamers and on the railroads.

ANDREW & SIMONSON, DEALERS

in Beef, Lamb, Mutton, Pork, Poultry, etc., Broadway avenue, Bloomfield, N. J. Among the many established houses in Bloomfield that carry a superior grade of fresh and salt meats, that conducted by Messrs. Andrew & Simonson, on Bloomfield avenue, deserves special mention. This house was established in 1882 by the present proprietors, who have, by energy and perseverance, obtained the position they now occupy among the business men of Bloomfield. The business premises occupied by them are 18x25 feet in dimensions and are admirably adapted for their trade, having all necessary facilities for carrying on their business. Three courteous and obliging assistants are constantly employed, while the stock embraces all kinds of fresh and salt meats, a specialty being medium beef, lamb, mutton, pork, poultry, etc. This firm is composed of Mr. S. A. Andrews, a native of this town, and Mr. George Simonson, a resident of Upper Montclair, N. J., who have the facilities for handling choice goods and do a large retail trade. They are both energetic gentlemen of long experience in this business, to which they devote their close personal attention, thus insuring perfect satisfaction in all respects to their numerous patrons, and they well deserve the success they have attained.

MAX COHN, MANUFACTURER OF

and dealer in Havana and Domestic Cigars, Smoking and Chewing Tobaccos, Snuff, Pipes, etc., 14 Broad street, opposite Post Office, Bloomfield, N. J. It is said that the proportion of smokers is steadily increasing, and indeed the habit of smoking has become so common that when you offer a man a cigar, and he refuses, saying "I don't smoke," you look upon him with curiosity and wonder what the matter is any way. One of the surest ways to the average man's favor is to show him where he can get good cigars at bottom prices, and we therefore feel confident of receiving the gratitude of many of our readers after calling their attention to the goods offered by Mr.

Max Cohn, at No. 14 Broad street, for those who will place a trial order with him and find that they receive full value for their money, and get cigars that will satisfy the most exacting tastes. Mr. Cohn is a manufacturer and dealer in Havana and domestic cigars, having started this enterprise in 1880. Tobacco and accessories of smokers' supplies are also dealt in, and the reputation of his steadily increasing patronage. He is prepared to quote bottom prices not only on cigars but on tobacco and all other articles sold, no trouble being spared to procure each grade of tobacco and cigars absolutely uniform in quality, the stock being carefully selected and skilled workmen being employed.

JOHN HIBBERT, JR., HAT FUR MILL,

Bloomfield avenue, Bloomfield, N. J. The hat manufacturing business is so important to our community in this section of the country that it is the envy of all. The States of New York and New Jersey are so well situated in this respect. It is not surprising that we have led in the manufacture of hats to the extent we do, not only an industry, but a source of revenue to the State. We have in Bloomfield an established and successful hat and fur mill, carrying of this product. It was first established by Mr. John Hibbert, Jr., a native of the county, who, twenty years ago (1865) by Mr. Herbert Brothers, of Newark, introduced natives of England. The Hibberts had the reputation of hat manufacturers for a long time, but have spent a month in Ohio. The mill was established by Mr. Hibbert in this business here, and the management of both business and social training, and the product the manufacturer has long since been recognized by the trade as being of a superior grade. Mr. Hibbert has several years of hard work and study in the mill, and has been well posted on hat manufacturing, and has a large stock of hats on hand for the trade. He has connections with the hat manufacturers of the States, and is extensive, his goods being of the highest quality. Several men are at home, and the mill is well supplied with the best of the material, and the machinery used is the best of the kind, and a large twenty horse power engine. The goods are made to order, and are fully invited by the trade to visit the mill. The goods have been manufactured to the satisfaction of the trade and are standard for the country.

JAMES C. VOUGHTY, NEWSDEALER,

Broad street, opposite St. Stephen's, New York road, avenue, Bloomfield, N. J. It would certainly be an unpardonable omission did we fail to mention of the enterprise carried on by Mr. James C. Voughty, at No. 306 Greenwood avenue, for this is a representative house of its kind in ranks with the most prominent in this county. Operations were begun in 1880 by the present proprietor, who is a native of Newark, N. J. A complete set of business is done, and *Evans' News*, *Post*, *Standard*, *Star*, *Review*, etc., are constantly handled. The premises occupied comprise one floor, 20x30 feet. This store was taken owing to lack of space at the old location for the rapidly increasing business. Where so varied a supply of papers is carried, it is impossible in a notice so short as this to mention of space require this to be, to make proper mention of the many commodities contained within it, but it may be broadly stated that whatever Mr. Voughty offers to his customers is sure to be reliable and fully worth the price set upon it. All the Daily and Weekly News-papers are to be found here early in the morning, and the books handled are varied in binding as well as in subject, and not only a fine assortment of the most popular books carried, but orders will be taken for any desired book, the volume being supplied at the regular market price. A fine assortment of confectionery is also carried, and can be found here fresh every day. Mr. Voughty held the position of post clerk for five years on the Pennsylvania Railroad, running from New York to Pittsburg.

ABEL BAKER & SON, WHOLESALE and retail dealers in Choice Groceries, Provisions, Fruits, etc., Bloomfield Centre, Bloomfield, N. J. The grocery store conducted by the gentlemen whose card heads this sketch is the oldest in Bloomfield Centre. It was founded in 1875 by Messrs. Baker & Hubbell, who continued in partnership until the year 1883. Mr. Abel Baker then assumed full control of the establishment. The large business which this store has always done, however, demanded the attention and personal supervision of more than one person, and Mr. Baker accordingly admitted his son, Mr. Frank H. Baker, into partnership with him some time since. Mr. Abel Baker is a native of Stillwater, Saratoga county, New York, and has resided in Bloomfield since 1869. During his twenty-two years' residence in our midst, Mr. Baker has proven himself to be an exemplary business man and citizen. It is not to be wondered at, therefore, that he has succeeded in business. Fairness in business methods is invariably *bound* to cause success to be brought about. We are, therefore, pleased to be able to speak in high terms of this establishment and think it not out of place to dwell somewhat at length upon the universal inducements which this place of business offers to our townspeople in the purchasing of groceries, fruits, hay, straw, grain and feed. We wish to preface in this connection that the firm in question obtains its goods from the most dependable sources. All classes of trade are catered to and the existence of this fact necessitates the carrying of a heavy and varied stock of everything in the line of fancy and staple groceries. As our readers are conversant with the many articles which are included in such a stock, we will not take up their time and our space with their enumeration. In a general way, however, we will say that this establishment is a representative one of its kind and deserves the liberal patronage accorded it. Its service is attended to by a force of five attentive and courteous assistants; these are well known to the Bloomfield public, as they have been retained for years by Mr. Baker. The firm take this occasion to thank the public for its past liberal encouragement and desire to state that they are better than ever prepared to cater to its wants.

THE MONTCLAIR, BLOOMFIELD

& New York Express Co., Thomas Flannery & Co., proprietors. Offices—Bloomfield, N. J.; L. S. Crane & Son, Montclair, N. J.; 80 Cortland street, New York. One of the largest and most reliable express companies in this section of the State is that known as "The Montclair, Bloomfield & New York Express Co." This company was founded in the year 1860 by Mr. Archibald Moore, being succeeded by Mr. R. N. Dodd, who conducted it for nineteen years without interruption. In 1889 Mr. Dodd was succeeded by the present proprietors, Thomas Flannery & Co. The gentlemen connected with the enterprise are esteemed townsmen in the community, and afford employment to seven careful and courteous assistants. The company maintains three offices, one at L. S. Crane & Son's place of business in Montclair, another at Dodd's livery in Bloomfield, and the last at No. 80 Cortland street, New York. Orders entrusted into the care of the company at either of these offices will receive prompt attention. The public may be pleased to know that this company exercise the greatest care in the way goods are handled by its men; they are all instructed to take their time and see that all goods are securely packed, tied and properly addressed before shipment. With these precautions, delays and breakage seldom occur. The company rightfully boasts of having had fewer mishaps in its history than any in New Jersey. This is an enviable record, surely, for we all know that "accidents will happen" in any express company. Information is cheerfully furnished at all three offices, and rates and estimates are mailed on application. We cannot say too much that is praiseworthy for this enterprise, for *reliable* express companies are so rare in small towns that when we find one we

are glad to let our readers know where its offices are. In the future, therefore, patronize the "Montclair, Bloomfield and New York" express.

JOSEPH B. HARVEY, TIN, SHEET-

Iron and Copper Worker, Roofing, Leaders, and Tin Ware, Plumbing and Gas Fitting, Pumps, Ranges, Hot Air Furnaces, Parlor Office and Cook Stoves, Painters' supplies, Paints, Oils, Putty, &c., &c., Bloomfield, N. J. Established 1841. Joseph B. Harvey, an Englishman by birth, first became engaged in the plumbing and gas fitting business in the year 1841. He came to this country and settled in Bloomfield, N. J., where he immediately established himself thoroughly and successfully. He is a tin sheet-iron and copper worker, and also keeps constantly on hand a large assortment of pumps, ranges, hot air furnaces, and parlor, office and cook stoves, besides painters' supplies, etc., etc. As soon as winter and cold weather begins to creep upon us we think of stoves and furnaces, and the first question which presents itself to our minds is, where shall we go to buy the best and at the same time cheapest stove with which to make our homes cheerful and comfortable for the coming season. Mr. J. B. Harvey would undoubtedly answer that question by telling us to patronize his place of business without delay. He can supply everything connected with stoves, ranges and furnaces and can give perfect satisfaction to all his customers. His assortment is varied and extensive. Mr. Harvey employs on an average eight men the year round, which speaks well for the business; they are always kept busy and those employed in the store are ready and willing at any time to show the stock and wait upon customers. The size of the premises occupied is 50x75 feet and takes in three floors. The business is principally retail and includes all sorts of paints, oils, putty, etc., and in fact everything which painters require. Mr. Harvey gives personal attention to all work intrusted to him, and can confidently guarantee satisfaction to every one dealing with him. Plumbing and gas fitting of all kinds is paid attention to at short notice. Patronage is respectfully solicited.

A. DAY, BAKER AND CONFEC-

tioner, Ice Cream and Ices, Bloomfield, N. J. There are a great many people who know of "Day's" Bakery, for this enterprise was inaugurated in 1881 by Mr. Abram Day, who is a native of Woolwich, England, and has steadily and energetically carried on his business since its inception. The premises occupied include two stores with a well fitted up bake shop, supplied with every modern convenience and spacious salesrooms—one being on the corner of Bloomfield avenue and Washington streets, and one on the corner of Glenwood and Linden avenues. Bread, Cake, Pastry of all kinds, Ice Cream and Ices of all flavors may be had here and so popular are Mr. Day's productions with the Bloomfield public, that the employment of fourteen competent assistants are required to meet with the brisk and increasing demand of the large wholesale and retail trade transacted. The goods coming from this bakery are made by skilled hands, to be sure, but they would never have reached the point in the favor of the people they now hold were it not for the fact they are made of selected material and every detail of their manufacture carefully attended to. The lowest market rates are quoted and every patron assured polite attention. Bread, Cake and Pastry will be furnished for Weddings, Parties, etc. Mr. Day is also the inventor and manufacturer of "The Excelsior Roll and Biscuit Machine," and "The Day Portable Oven," having a machine shop on Glenwood avenue, two floors, 26x42 feet, with steam power and a five-horse power engine for their manufacture. Time and money are saved by using them, and are sold on their merits, Mr. Day being willing to give a thirty days' trial to any responsible parties who wish to purchase one.

ESSEX COUNTY STEAM LAUNDRY,

Bloomfield, N. J. : all kinds of Laundry Work ; satisfaction guaranteed, reasonable rates, prompt service, goods called for and delivered free ; your patronage solicited. New Jersey people, as a general thing, are rather conservative, and are not given to making changes without some good reason exists for doing so, but, on the other hand, they are quick to recognize genuine merit, and hence may be depended upon to patronize any really worthy enterprise to which their attention may be called. As a case in point, let us refer to the high degree of success attained by the Essex County Steam Laundry, of which Messrs. H. W. Tuthill and F. J. Minshull are the proprietors, located in Bloomfield, New Jersey. This enterprise was inaugurated in 1860, and as soon as the true character of the work turned out became known, and it was learned that the prices were as reasonable as the work was satisfactory, a large patronage was accorded the proprietors, and this has steadily and rapidly increased up to the present time. Both the Messrs. Tuthill and Minshull are natives of New York State, and to them must due credit be given for the establishment of an industry so useful to the community, for they have worked hard and earnestly to maintain their motto, "Good work and promptness." The premises utilized comprise two floors, 25x80 feet in dimensions, using a twenty horse-power boiler and a twelve horse power engine, eight competent assistants are employed, and special prices are given on family work. Goods are called for and delivered free of charge. Orders by postal cards, or otherwise, delivered with receive prompt attention. The public has long since discovered that the cock and bull stories circulated by certain interested parties, calculated to convey the impression that goods entrusted to a public laundry would be soon destroyed, was entirely unworthy of credence, for, however it may be with other concerns, the Essex County Steam Laundry employs no agents nor machines that could possibly harm the articles laundered by them. Reasonable rates are quoted, and those who place a trial order at this establishment are sure to become regular patrons.

JOHN N. DELHAGEN, Manufacturer

and Dealer in Hand and Machine Made Harness, Whips, Robes, Chamois, Sponges, Rubber Goods, Driving Gloves, and all kinds of Horse Equipments. Harness and Trunks neatly repaired. Frank Miller's Soap and Oils, No. 10 Broad street, near Post Office, Bloomfield, N. J. Harness Goods, etc., are difficult things to buy unless you know just whom you are trading with, for it is hard to judge of the true value of such articles simply by personal inspection. Nothing can equal the test of wear, of course, but one thing can be done, at all events, and that is to deal with a house that is unquestionably reliable and moderate in its prices. No better example of such a concern could be wished for than that afforded by the enterprise conducted by John N. Delhagen, at No. 10 Broad street, near the Post Office. This has certainly been carried on long enough to enable some insight to be gained concerning its characteristics, for it was inaugurated in 1883. Mr. Delhagen is a native of Montclair, N. J., and owing to his up-right business methods is very generally known in this vicinity, and is as respected as he is known. The premises made use of comprise one floor, 25x35 feet in dimensions, and employment is given to two assistants. Mr. Delhagen manufactures Harnesses of all grades, both Hand and Machine Made, and deals in Whips, Robes, Chamois, Sponges, Rubber Goods, and all kinds of Horse Equipments. Harness and Trunks neatly repaired, etc., and Mr. Delhagen is in a position to supply a standard article at the lowest market rate. Every article manufactured or sold by him is warranted to prove as represented, and integrity and honor are the distinguishing characteristics of his business methods. Custom work is promptly and skillfully attended to and at moderate prices.

GEORGE W. WAY, Manufacturer

and Dealer in Harness, Whips, Collars, Ladies, Nets, Robes, Blankets, Sheets, Dusters, Etc. No. 21 Broad street, Bloomfield, N. J. Economy is a virtue no doubt, but there is true and there is false economy, and that it is false economy to purchase inferior harness is a fact which deserves careful consideration. The market is flooded with "cheap" harness, many of which is so finished that it will look all right, but good stock and thorough workmanship cost money, and neither of them are present in these harnesses, as many purchasers have found to their sorrow. It is not necessary, however, to pay a fancy price in order to get a good article, and in proof of this we would refer our readers to the establishment conducted by Mr. George W. Way, at No. 21 Broad street, for here may be found a very desirable stock of light and heavy harness warranted in every respect and offered at uniformly moderate rates. This enterprise was established by Mr. James H. Way, in 1875, and in 1884 it passed into the hands of the present proprietor, who is a native of New Brunswick, N. J. The premises occupied measure 15x25 feet, and containing every necessary facility for harness manufacturing, repairing, etc., orders being filled at very short notice. Besides Harness and Trunks are repaired and an assortment of Whips, Collars, Robes, Blankets, etc., always kept on hand.

VICTOR F. CORRAZ, DEALER IN

Fish, Oysters, etc.; all kinds of sea food in season, Glenwood avenue, near depot. In buying fish, even more than in buying meat, it is very important to have dealings with a reliable man, for although fresh fish is one of the most healthful foods known, it becomes quite the opposite of this, after it has been out of the water too long. But however, there is no trouble in obtaining the best of fish, in prime condition, if you only know where to look for it, and we can assure our readers that one of the best places to look for it in Bloomfield is at the establishment conducted by Mr. Victor F. Corraz, and located on Glenwood avenue. This enterprise was inaugurated by him in 1880. Mr. Corraz carries on a retail fish, oyster and all kinds of sea food business. A well selected stock is always on hand to choose from, the proprietor being careful to handle only the best goods to be found in the market. Fresh fish of all descriptions may be obtained at this store, and the prices quoted are very low, notwithstanding the superiority of the goods. Oysters are largely dealt in, and as three reliable assistants are employed all orders are assured of being promptly filled. Customers may depend upon everything bought at this place proving as represented.

MRS. S. A. BROWN, FANCY GOODS

and Notions ; Dressmaking a Specialty ; No. 278 Glenwood avenue, Bloomfield. "All is not gold that glitters," according to the proverb, and no doubt there is not one of our readers but what has learned from sad experience that all is not "cheap" that is claimed to be so. Indeed, the word "cheap" has a very elastic meaning, and it may be so used as to convey precisely opposite ideas at different times, but take it in the sense of "below" the regular rates, or synonymous with the word "bargains," and it applies very forcibly to the establishment conducted by Mrs. S. A. Brown, at No. 278 Glenwood avenue, for this is a "bargain store," and no mistake, the proprietress being a very careful and close buyer and giving her customers a generous share of the benefits thus derived. Mrs. Brown deals in fancy goods and notions of all kinds, and offers such inducements that it is perfectly natural her trade should be rapidly and steadily increasing. Her assortment always includes the very latest fashionable novelties, and those who wish such articles, but do not care to pay fancy prices, should most certainly give her an early call. Prompt and polite service is the rule to all, both by herself and her assistants, she giving her close personal attention to all details of the business. Dressmaking is also done.



W. J. RAAB'S HOTEL, Bloomfield avenue and Orange street, Bloomfield, N. J. Imported and Domestic Wines, Liquors, Cigars; Lager Beer and Ales on draught; Oysters in every style; meals at all hours; a suitable Hall for Balls, Parties, Meetings, etc., etc. The accompanying illustration is easily known as the elegant hotel conducted by Mr. Raab in our town. This hostelry was founded in 1854 by a Mr. Krauss. This gentleman was succeeded in 1858 by Mr. Michael Beecher, and he, in turn, by the present proprietor, in 1868, all the gentlemen being natives of Germany. The house is composed of several elegantly furnished and spacious rooms, which are rented for transient trade. Meals are served at all hours and terms are reasonable. A sample room is a feature of the house, and patrons who use "wet goods" are uniformly treated with courtesy and good stuff. Mr. Raab has room to stable eight horses in a barn connected with the establishment. He was in our late Civil War, and served in Company C, Eleventh New York Regiment. Mr. Raab served his time as a dentists' tool-maker. The public are cordially invited to visit the house.

MEEKER & DEVAUSNEY, CARPENTERS and Builders, Newark and Bloomfield, N. J. One of the first questions to be settled by those contemplating building is whether an architect shall be employed or not, and the answer depends so greatly upon the circumstances in the case that no general rule can be given, but there is one rule without exception, and that is, the choice of a builder is of more importance than anything else. The most skilful and conscientious architect cannot force a dishonest or an incompetent builder to do uniformly good work, and, on the other hand, a builder who has the desire and the means to do what is right will try his best to satisfy his customers, architect or no architect. There you have the whole situation in a nut shell. The skill, enterprise and faithfulness with which Messrs. Meeker & Devausney have carried out their contracts and general business since beginning operations in Bloomfield and Newark have excited much favorable comment, and prove them worthy of every confidence. Both members of the firm are natives of this State, and have had long and varied experience in the carpentering and building business. Estimates will be cheerfully made on application, and job carpentering of all kinds will be done in a thoroughly workmanlike manner at moderate rates and at short notice. The shop in Newark is located near Clark's Thread Works, in Dalrymple's building, and consists of two floors, 40x50 feet in size, and callers will find the firm prepared to figure very closely on plans and specifications, while communications by mail are assured immediate and painstaking attention.

W. L. TOWER, DEALER IN FLOUR, Feed Grain, Hay and Straw; 550 Bloomfield avenue, Bloomfield, N. J. It is difficult to realize the extent of the trade in such standard commodities as Flour, Feed, Grain, Hay and Straw, etc., for although we may read the figures showing their annual production and consumption, the totals are so large that it is practically impossible to appreciate them. The best way to gain some adequate idea of the immensity of the business is to visit some representa-

tative establishment, as, for instance, that conducted by Mr. W. L. Tower, and observe the magnitude of the operations in that one store and then think of the many scattered throughout the country. Mr. Tower, who is a native of New York, began this undertaking in May, 1890, and enjoys a very extensive and steadily increasing patronage. His premises consist of two floors, at No. 550 Bloomfield avenue, where he carries a large and varied stock, being prepared to fill all orders without delay and at the lowest market rates. Hay, Grain, Feed, Straw and Oats may be bought here to suit, the quality being guaranteed to prove as represented in every instance. Mr. Tower offers special inducements to purchasers of family flour, being prepared to furnish the most popular brands at positively bottom figures, and all his goods are delivered free. Mr. Tower was ten years with K. M. Styles previous to engaging in business on his own account.

A. P. CAMPBELL, UNDERTAKER and Embalmer; office, 404 Bloomfield avenue; residence, 205 Franklin street, Bloomfield, N. J.; telephone No. 69, Bloomfield; personal attention day or night. The thought of an undertaking establishment is not one upon which we like to dwell, but it is well to be prepared when the sad moments of bereavement reach us. We simply wish to chronicle Mr. A. P. Campbell's enterprise in this connection as a representative one of its kind in Bloomfield. Mr. Campbell's sympathetic nature has made for him hosts of friends upon occasions when kind and comforting words are a balm to the bleeding heart. He inaugurated his enterprise in the year 1885 and the public have learned that he is singularly well fitted to perform the duties connected with interments. Mr. Campbell is an embalmer of high standing among others in his profession and affords employment to two competent and courteous assistants. The office and warerooms are located at No. 404 Bloomfield avenue, and all orders left here or at Mr. Campbell's residence, No. 295 Franklin street, will receive immediate attention. Telephone No. 69, Bloomfield.

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J. FREEMAN SHOE MANUFACTURING Co., manufacturers of Gents', Boys' and Youths' Fine Shoes; 66 to 68 Orange street, Bloomfield, N. J.; forty minutes from New York; take Bloomfield branch of D. & W. R. R., foot of Barclay street, to Watsessing Station, Bloomfield. The enterprise known as the J. Freeman Shoe Manufacturing Co., in this town, is probably one of the oldest institutions of the State of New Jersey, for the date of its foundation goes back eighty years (1811). Its founder was Jabez Freeman, who was succeeded, by the present company, July 8th, 1886. Like many other enterprises which have grown to large proportions, this one began on an exceedingly small scale. Mr. Jabez Freeman was but a poor, hard-working "cobbler," but thoroughly skilled in the art of making shoes after the fashion of those days. He applied himself closely to business and made many improvements in the way of simplifying operations, etc. As business began to increase Mr. Freeman needed more room, and accordingly installed himself in commodious quarters in Orange, N. J. For nearly forty-six years he manufactured shoes in that place. Subsequent to his death, however, still more room made itself manifestly needed, and the enterprise was removed to Bloomfield in the present new and elegant quarters. The building now occupied is two stories high, each 30x36 feet in dimensions. This affords 4,800 square feet of available space, and it is utilized to its fullest capacity. The firm afford employment to eighty hands the year around. Their machinery is of the most improved order, and is furnished motive power by a large ten horse power engine. A wholesale business is exclusively done, and the products of the house are renowned the country over. The officers of the company are: W. S. Freeman, President, and John Freeman, Treasurer, both natives of Orange. Mr. W. S. Freeman has already served two terms as one of Bloomfield's Town Commissioners.

W. S. LOCKWOOD, DEALER IN Groceries, Provisions, Flour, Feed and Grain; 32 Broad street, Bloomfield, N. J. The gentleman whose card heads this article founded his present enterprise some eighteen years ago. The grocery stores in Bloomfield are many, but none are more worthy of favorable mention than the establishment in question. Mr. Lockwood buys his stock of the most dependable sources, and, as he carries a heavy and varied assortment of goods, he is prepared to cater to all classes of trade. Being a native of this town and having carried on business for so many years in our midst, he has become well and favorably known as a business man of integrity and push. The service of his establishment is attended to by three faithful and courteous assistants, who render prompt and accurate attention to the patrons of the house. The store is spacious and well adapted for the pur-

poses for which it is used. An atmosphere of neatness pervades the entire surroundings, and this is a feature not found in every grocery. Mr. Lockwood handles everything in the Staple and Fancy Grocery line, and quotes living prices. Orders are called for and delivered to any part of the surrounding section. We earnestly invite the attention of our readers to the inducements Mr. Lockwood offers to the public, thinking they will not be disappointed in placing their orders with the establishment in question in the future. Besides the regular line of groceries carried, Mr. Lockwood also handles many useful household commodities.

R. E. HECKEL & SONS, BUTCHERS, Centre Market, Bloomfield. Prime Fresh, Corned and Smoked Meats, Poultry, Game, etc.; also a large selection of Fruits and Vegetables in their season; Fresh Fish and Oysters. Telephone No. 29. The establishment to which we here refer in this sketch is undoubtedly the representative one of its kind in Bloomfield. Mr. R. E. Heckel founded it some forty years ago upon the smallest scale imaginable, but through hard and persevering work on his part it has grown with the town to its present large proportions. It is now the only market in Bloomfield connected by telephone. The premises utilized are neat and spacious, and are located at No. 9 Broad street. Several delivery wagons are daily kept busy soliciting and delivering orders, and as several efficient assistants are in constant attendance at the store, the transient trade receives as courteous and prompt service as regular patrons. The stock of meats carried comprises the choicest cuts of Beef, Veal, Lamb and Mutton, the establishment being noted for its carrying the tenderest steaks possible to be obtained. Fish and Oysters and all kinds of sea food are also carried, and a big Friday trade is a feature every week. Fruits, Vegetables, Game, Poultry, etc., are also handled in season, so that in a word everything usually carried by a first-class meat market may be found at this place of business. Mr. Heckel was born in Germany, but came to this country in his early boyhood. He resides in Belleville, and has filled many public offices in that town, a fact which shows the esteem in which he is held by the community. His three sons, Messrs. Charles O., Fred E., and Edward H. Heckel, he admitted into partnership with him in the year 1886. Under the able management of these gentlemen the Bloomfield public may depend upon receiving the highest degree of satisfaction in the purchasing of Meats, Fish and Vegetables. We earnestly advise our readers to place a trial order at this worthy establishment. All kinds of Canned Vegetables and Smoked Meats are a specialty of by this house, and the greater part of the vegetables sold at this establishment are raised upon the *Heckel Farm*, well known in this section. Home products are generally to be relied upon.

A. B. McDUGALL & SON, UNDERTAKERS and Funeral Directors; office and residence, Brick Row, Bloomfield avenue, Bloomfield, N. J.; telephone, 66; personal attention day or night; Upholstering and Furniture repaired at short notice. The gentlemen who represent the undertakers' profession in Bloomfield, we are happy to say, are ranked among our most esteemed townsmen. Prominent among those most worthy of mention we wish to call the attention of our readers to the well conducted and favorably known firm of Messrs. A. B. McDougall & Son. These gentlemen gave inception to their enterprise in the year 1886, and have won the regard of the public for the high degree of fitness which characterizes them for the duties they are called upon to perform. Both the father and his son, Charles S. McDougall, are natives of this State, and have long resided in Bloomfield. They afford four competent and courteous assistants, and all orders receive immediate attention. Telephone, 66.

WILLIAM COLFAX & SON, DEALERS in Choice Groceries, Flour, Feed and Hay, Dry Goods, Oil Cloths, Etc., Broad street and Belleville avenue, Bloomfield, N. J. The advantage of dealing with a house that carries a large and varied stock, guarantees the quality of its goods, gives prompt and polite attention to customers, and sells at the lowest market rates are too evident to require explanation, and when we say that the enterprise carried on by Messrs. William Colfax & Son, on Broad street and Belleville avenue, is so managed as to combine all these good points, we need not persuade our Bloomfield readers to give it their patronage, for their own self interest will dictate that they do so. This enterprise was established by the senior member of the firm, William Colfax, in 1869, and managed by him until 1893, when he took in as partner his son and established the present firm name, and for the reasons given above has built up a large and growing retail trade. Mr. Colfax is a native of West Milford, N. J., and a Director in the Bloomfield National Bank, and is a gentleman well acquainted with the line of business he has chosen, and gives his close personal attention to every detail of the establishment. Employment is given to three efficient and courteous assistants, and although the extent of the trade carried on renders the serving of many customers necessary, still every patron is assured prompt and polite attention. Choice Groceries, Flour, Feed and Hay, Dry Goods, Oil Cloths, Etc., Etc., are extensively handled, and the prices quoted are such as will bear the severest examination. Between the years 1857 and 1860 Mr. Colfax was a clerk in the employ of Mr. Warren S. Baldwin, (now deceased), who was the founder of the first grocery store in this town. In 1860 Mr. Baldwin admitted Mr. Colfax into partnership with him, and this firm name existed nine years, when Mr. Colfax gave inception to his present prosperous business. He has served several terms as Commissioner of Appeals and Judge of Election.

G. W. FREAR,

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Repairing of Watches, Clocks, etc. a Specialty.

The man who has once carried a really accurate watch will never be satisfied afterwards with a time-keeper that is not to be entirely relied upon. There is a peculiar satisfaction in owning a watch that you can "swear by," known only to those who have experienced it; and if any of our readers should be about to purchase a watch we would most certainly advise them to pay a fair price and get a reliable article. Those living in Bloomfield or vicin-

ity can do no better than to place their orders with Mr. George W. Frear, doing business at No. 16 Broad street, for this gentleman is in a position to offer unsurpassed inducements to purchasers. He is a native of New Jersey, and since opening his present store in this town has built up a large and growing business by close attention to his patrons and fair dealing to all. Mr. Frear warrants the articles he sells to give entire satisfaction. He carries a fine stock of Diamonds, Watches and Jewelry and offers these goods at most reasonable prices. Repairing watches and clocks is made a specialty. Two assistants are employed and callers are assured polite attention.

GEORGE M. WOOD, PHARMACIST,

P. O. Box 322, Bloomfield, N. J., 20 Broad street, Bloomfield. It would be difficult to find an establishment of more genuine value to the community than that carried on by Mr. George M. Wood, at No. 20 Broad street. This undertaking was founded in 1875. The present proprietor assumed control in 1886 and under his able management the business has since largely developed as its influence to the public became more manifest. Drugs, medicines and chemicals are supplied at the lowest rates that can be named on first class goods, and as the filling of prescriptions is given especial attention customers may feel assured of their favors being appreciated and of their orders being handled with that skill and accuracy so desirable in this connection. Every precaution is observed that will tend to reduce the liability of error to the smallest possible amount, and every facility is at hand that can aid in attaining this result. Mr. Wood is moderate in his charges and certainly has solved the problem of combining reliable service with popular prices. The sale of fancy toilet articles and druggist's sundries forms another important department of his business and is conducted on the same liberal scale that characterizes the management of his drug trade. The stock carried is fresh, varied and acceptable, and as three competent assistants are employed, customers are treated with courtesy and consideration. Mr. Wood is a native of Paterson, N. J. He makes a special feature of his soda water with pure fruit syrup, which is known far and wide for its general excellence, especially "owlme."

HARRY L. CAMPBELL, BUILDING

Contractor; Office and Shop, No. 645 Bloomfield avenue, Bloomfield, N. J. Few of the younger business men of our town have risen more rapidly into prominence than has Mr. Campbell. He began business in 1887 in partnership with Mr. G. W. Cadmus, and early displayed his capabilities in the business in which he is engaged. About two years ago, however, Mr. Campbell branched out upon his own account and has since made his mark as a first-class and reliable builder. The new Berkeley Public School, on Bloomfield avenue, was built by him. There probably is not a closer figurer of contracts and a better appraiser of the value of labor and building material than the gentleman to whom we have reference, in this immediate section. Mr. Campbell was born in Caldwell, N. J., and came to Bloomfield in 1882. He affords employment to an average of twenty-five skilled mechanics the year round. As he is also a good draughtsman, Mr. Campbell is prepared to draw up plans and furnish estimates, the latter free of charge. His shop is admirably adapted for his business, and is 25x30 feet in dimensions, two floors being utilized. We mention below a few of the many residences he has built in our midst, many others are as deserving of mention but lack of space precludes our naming them. In Montclair he built Mr. George Batten's house. In Bloomfield, the residences of Messrs. Joseph McElroy Mann, Joseph F. Vogelius and Philip Biecker. Those of our readers who are at all familiar with these residences will concede that they are fine works of architecture. We recommend Mr. Campbell's services to the public.



GLENWOOD AVENUE, LOOKING SOUTH.

S. PELCOUBI, HARDWARE
 House-Furnishing, 326 Glenwood Avenue, Bloomfield. The trade in some furnishing goods has increased enormous proportions of late years, and every year there are new families to supply the country with the ability of the average man to furnish his home with comforts and even luxuries. It is his to increase, judging of the furnishing of a modern home of to-day as compared with that of a decade or so ago. Undoubtedly this is largely due to the cheapness of house-furnishing at the present time, for there is no denying the fact that the dealer will go further in the purchase of such goods now as days that was ever known before. Of course it is assumed that the dealer is interested to the best advantage, for the business is done by those who apparently have not heard of the "low prices" and therefore adhere to the old-fashioned, comparatively high rates, but Mr. S. Pelcoubi is not that sort of a man, and is prepared to meet the competition for same. He has done this, and no man in town has done better. In the past, of first-class hardware and furnishing goods to customers, with a price that is also called "low prices." Mr. Pelcoubi is a native of Bloomfield and began his business about forty years ago in the organ-manufacturing business, starting his present enterprise in 1861 at No. 326 Glenwood Avenue, and continues to operate on a two-story 25x75 foot building. The stock carried includes hardware of all kinds, and house-furnishing goods and notions of every kind and variety.

Nathan Russell,

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WATCHMAKER AND JEWELER,
 299 GLENWOOD AVENUE.



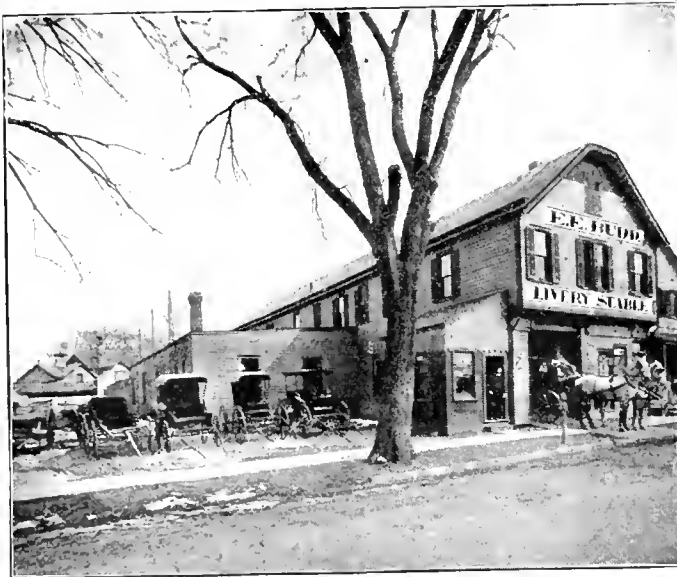
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French Clocks, Musical Boxes, Jewelry and Silverware.

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Long experience in the jewelry business, and possessing the necessary facilities, Mr. Brereton is prepared to execute the work of Repairing Watches, French Clocks, Musical Boxes and Jewelry. Skilled Mechanism Guaranteed. By arrangement with leading New York Houses he can fill all orders at short notice. Goods brought out from the city for inspection of customers.

Mr. Brereton conducts the representative jewelry establishment in this town. We cordially invite our readers to patronize his establishment. He is also at present connected with the well known firm of Greenleaf & Crosby, of Jacksonville Florida.



E. B. BUDD, LIVERY, BOARDING AND Exchange Stables, and dealer in all kinds of Sleighs, Carriages and Wagons; Carriages at all hours of the day or night; telephone call 72; Nos. 33 and 35 Washington street, Bloomfield, N. J. One of the most enterprising and prominent of Bloomfield's business men is E. B. Budd, proprietor of the popular livery stables, situated near the central part of the town at 33 and 35 Washington street. Mr. Budd was born and lived for the greater part of his life at Chatham, Morris County, N. J., where he followed the occupation of farming, and where he learned such thorough knowledge of horses and horsemanship as enables him to carry on his present business with great success. He has known how to raise, break and train a colt from boyhood, consequently his management of horses is much superior to the majority of livery men. He commenced business in Bloomfield in the spring of 1885, with five horses and five wagons. His building was then 25x75 feet, but he immediately made plans for rebuilding, and the stables he now occupies are 50x150 feet, containing thirty five horses, as good as can be found anywhere, with a variety of carriages and wagons. He has a competent corps of employees, who understand the feeding and care of horses in every particular. A

number of kind, gentle horses are always on hand for ladies' use in driving or riding. In fact, some of the finest saddle horses in the State are to be found at "Budd's." All kinds of carriages for funerals, weddings, parties, etc., with careful and efficient drivers, will be furnished at any time at reasonable prices. Persons desiring to have horses boarded can find no other place where they will receive so careful treatment for so little money. A fine line of horses, carriages, wagons, etc., for sale or exchange, will also be found at these stables. To speak plain, *everything* pertaining to a first-class establishment can be found at 33 and 35 Washington street, Bloomfield, N. J.

R. T. CADMUS,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER IN

Staple and Fancy Groceries,

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J. R. CONLAN,

MANUFACTURER OF

✦ CIGARS ✦

302 Glenwood Ave., Bloomfield, N. J.



COR. BROAD STREET AND BLOOMFIELD AVENUE.

JOHN G. KEYLER, FUNERAL DIRECTOR and Embalmer, Furniture Manufacturer and Upholsterer, Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, N. J. One of the oldest and most respected citizens of this town is Mr. John G. Keyler. He is a native of Germany and came to Bloomfield in the year 1853 and was engaged as a cabinet maker for the Bloomfield Organ Co. for three years, when he founded his present prosperous enterprise. For nearly thirty-six years, then, this gentleman has been in our midst performing the duties of his profession in a manner which has won for him a widespread popularity not only in Bloomfield but throughout the surrounding country. He was Town Committeeman two years (1887 and 1888), and has until within a year been Judge of Elections for twelve years. These offices Mr. Keyler filled with honor to his constituents and credit to himself. He also has been the efficient President of the Bloomfield Building and Loan Association since 1886. These numerous public offices of trust which Mr. Keyler has and is filling shows the high esteem in which he is held by his fellow townsmen. In his business he has all the best equipments: three fine hearses, two coffin wagons, a coach, and many horses. Experienced and courteous assistants are employed and no undertaker for miles around is more favorably known than the gentleman in question. Besides his undertaking business, Mr. Keyler manufactures furniture to order. Upholstering is also executed in the most artistic manner by him. Mr. Keyler takes this opportunity to thank his patrons and the public in general for their past liberal patronage and desires to say that he was never better prepared than at present to successfully carry on both his enterprises. Mr. Keyler is Vice-President of the Essex and Union County Funeral Directors' Association. We are pleased to record in history this esteemed gentleman's business career in our town. Mr. Keyler has associated with him in Bloomfield his son, Mr. Charles A. Keyler. He also has another son, John D. Keyler, also engaged in the undertaking and furniture business in Montclair.

CHARLES W. MARTIN, WHOLESALE Grocer, Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, N. J. There is probably not a more favorably known grocery establishment in Bloomfield than the one conducted by Mr. Martin. A word of the size of this business may be had when we are informed that it takes four wagons, five horses and several clerks to attend to the daily routine work in taking and delivering orders. This speaks for itself and we believe no other concern in town equals the business done by the establishment in question in the grocery line. Mr. Martin founded his enterprise in 1873 in company with his brother, William H. Martin, who died in the year 1886. The enterprise found favor with the public from its very inception and has grown to its present large and prosperous proportions with the town. Mr. Martin has been the efficient Treasurer of the Bloomfield Building and Loan Association since its formation. This shows the esteem and confidence placed in him by his fellow townsmen. We are pleased to chronicle Mr. Martin's honorable business career in our work. It has taken just such enterprising men as he to make Bloomfield the prosperous and growing town it is. Mr. Martin is a native of New York City, but has resided in this town from his early boyhood.

GEO. W. CADMUS, CONTRACTOR and Builder, 667 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield. In the placing of contracts for building there are other things to be considered besides the question of price, such for instance as the reputation of the bidders, for carrying out the spirit as well as the letter of their agreements. The most carefully drawn plans and the most minute specifications cannot of themselves ensure good and satisfactory work. For this reason we feel that we are doing our readers a service in calling their attention to Mr. Geo. W. Cadmus, for this gentleman is prepared to conscientiously carry out every agreement as well as to figure very closely on all work submitted to him.

GLEN RIDGE.

Glen Ridge is located on the Montclair branch of the D., L. & W. railroad, and occupies three benches of ridges of ground southwest of Bloomfield, to which township it belongs.

As its name implies, in addition to the "Ridge" it can also boast of a glen, which, although not haunted, to my knowledge, by Indian legends, yet, nevertheless, adds a charming variety to the scene, and serves as a convenient channel for the railroad to glide through without disturbing the serenity, or marring the natural beauty of the place.



RESIDENCE OF A. G. DARWIN.

To Mr. A. G. Darwin belongs the honor of christening this youthful suburb, for which moreover he stands sponsor, for to his enterprise and public spirit is due the fact that such a place as Glen Ridge exists at all.

When that gentleman some seventeen years ago leased a house on Ridgewood avenue, Glen Ridge, then known as Ridgewood, was little more than a tract of farm land.

Mr. Darwin, recognizing the natural advantages of the place, determined that something should be done, and accordingly became the purchaser of the larger portion of the Gallagher and Ward estates, and erected a number of pretty and attractive dwellings.

From a sanitary point of view Glen Ridge, sloping as it does in two directions, bids defiance to the bugbear of malaria, which haunts so many suburban towns, otherwise so attractive. Glen Ridge people point with pride to the fact that no case of malaria has ever existed within its borders. Gas and water are of the best, the latter being the same as used in East Orange, and which was pronounced by Professor Chandler to be remarkable for its purity.

Again, and a fact of prime importance to the prospective dweller within its borders, no shops, stores, livery stables, etc., are allowed to be erected between the railroad station and the residences. It might appear from this statement that such a regulation would prove an inconvenience to the inhabitants, but it must be borne in mind that the town of Bloomfield, with its excellent markets, is within five minutes' walk, where everything necessary for the household can be procured.

The various dealers, however, always call at the house twice a day for orders, so that part of the domestic economy is easily arranged.

A point wherein Glen Ridge appeals to the man of moderate means is the close proximity of the dwellings to the railroad station. Carriages to meet the trains are useless—everybody lives within easy walking distance. None of the houses are over eight minutes' walk, and the majority are within three minutes.



GLEN RIDGE HALL AND DEPOT.

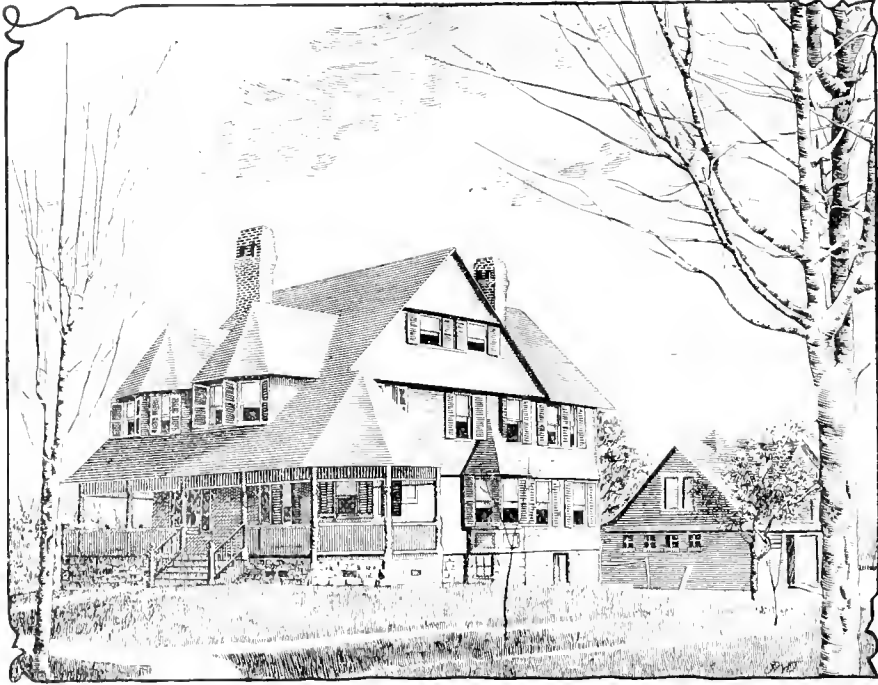
Glen Ridge station is perhaps the daintiest example of railroad architecture that exists. The structure, including land, cost in the neighborhood of \$10,000. The larger portion of this amount was contributed by the residents, and the balance was generously furnished by the railroad company.

All passenger trains going up or down the road are compelled to stop here under the conditions of the agreement made, and as a consequence trains to and from the city are as frequent as one could desire.

As has been mentioned previously in the course of this article, the railroad runs through a glen below the town, and thus Ridgewood avenue, the main street, on which the station is located, crosses the track on its own grade, but at an elevation above the track of about fifteen feet.

The station is of two stories, with a flight of steps leading down to the platform. In the same building is also located the post office. On Sundays the station is utilized as a church, pending the construction of a fine stone edifice on Ridgewood avenue.

But after all said and done, it is the people who live in a place that make it, and this fact has always been kept strictly in mind by those having the interests of Glen Ridge at heart. To get the right kind of people to locate there and to keep them there has been the aim. What matters it whether the atmosphere be the most salubrious known, the attraction of the scenery and modern improvements unsurpassed, the houses the most artistic and comfortable, if the people for whom all these good things exist are not of the proper sort? In a small community such as Glen Ridge one is more or less dependent upon one's neighbors, and it is therefore of prime importance that a high standard should be maintained. It may not exactly amount to a certificate of high moral character to be able to claim a residence at Glen Ridge, but it surely imparts a certain air of respectability to be counted among the "Cliff-dwellers" or "Hill people," as residents of Glen Ridge are sometimes dubbed.



A GLEN RIDGE RESIDENCE.



RIDGEWOOD AVENUE, GLEN RIDGE.



Montclair is one of the most picturesque townships of Essex County. It abounds in romantic and beautiful scenery, in which mountain, hill and valley alternate in pleasing contrast. Its principal streets are well paved with Telford pavement, affording a variety of delightful drives. From the summit of its many hills and from the ridge of the Orange Mountain range, which forms the highest portion of the township, a succession of superb views of the surrounding country can be obtained for miles around in almost any direction. The situation of the township is such as to give an excellent natural drainage. Its elevation above tide water is so great as to make it an eminently healthy place, especially for those who have weak

lungs or throats, and hundreds of people have been sent here from New York and Brooklyn by physicians for their health, who when they arrived in Montclair a few years ago were invalids apparently going into a decline, but who are now strong, robust men and women. The natural beauties of the place have been enhanced by the improvements made by a cultured and refined people, possessing a keen love of the beautiful, and handsome villa sites and stately mansions surrounded with spacious grounds laid out with all the taste of the landscape gardener's art are to be seen on all sides in this beautiful town. Montclair is in every respect a desirable place of residence. There are no nuisances of any sort in the place; the people are intelligent, refined, cultured and progressive; the schools, both public and private, are of the highest order; there are a number of flourishing churches with handsome edifices; an excellent public library, an abundant supply of pure and wholesome water; good police and fire departments, and an admirable system of town government. The taxes are low; corrupt rings and political bosses have no place in Montclair, and its citizens are noted for their public spirit and their pride in the good name and prosperity of the town. Two railroads give easy and quick access to the large cities of New York and Newark, and there are a number of excellent stores in the place. Indeed, Montclair though only a township in a legal point of view, actually possesses every requisite of a city.

MONTCLAIR OF THE PRESENT.

The growth of Montclair within the last ten or fifteen years has been almost phenomenal. It is one of the liveliest, attractive suburban towns to be found within an hour's ride of New York, and abounds in elegant villa sites and stately mansions, surrounded by spacious and well-kept lawns. Its principal streets are well paved with Telford pavement, lined with beautiful shade trees, lighted with gas and free from nuisances of every kind. The town has an abundant supply of pure water drawn



MOUNTAIN AVENUE, LOOKING SOUTH.

from wells that tap underground streams that flow down from the springs on the mountain-side. The affairs of the town are administered with economy and prudence. There are admirable police and fire departments. The public and private schools are unexcelled anywhere in New Jersey. There are churches of all the leading demoninations, benevolent and literary organizations, good stores and private markets; a club house that is unsurpassed anywhere in New Jersey; excellent facilities for communicating with New York and Newark by rail, and in short there is almost everything that can possibly be desired in a suburban city. The people of Montclair are noted for their culture and refinement, their progressive public spirit and the pride they take in the growth and prosperity of their town. Go in whatever direction you will in Montclair, you will see nothing to offend the eye; everything is beautiful, orderly and in perfect taste. The town is growing rapidly year by year. Streets have been opened in every direction and built up with charming residences where only a few years ago there were farms and pasture lots. Montclair has a population at present of nearly 9,000, and the assessed value of its property, real and personal, is \$3,555,000. The future of the town is full of promise, as there is nothing to impede its progress, and it is already stretching out far up toward the Passaic county line, where there is already a flourishing and beautiful settlement known as Upper Montclair.

The principal street in the town is Bloomfield avenue, a broad, well-paved thoroughfare, which runs through the township from east to west. It is one of the county avenues, in charge of the Essex County Public Road Board, and extends in an almost direct line from Belleville avenue, Newark, through Bloomfield, Montclair and Caldwell to the county line. This road is one of the oldest in the county, and is also one of the main arteries of communication between Newark and Morris county. It was originally known as the Newark and Pompton Turnpike. In Montclair it is the



BLOOMFIELD AVENUE, LOOKING WEST

principal business thoroughfare, while it runs through the heart of the town, and on it are located the bank, all the leading stores and business offices, the newspaper offices, etc. These are within a few blocks of each other, in the center of the town, and east and west of this the avenue is given up to handsome residences. One of the grandest views in Essex county is to be had from the summit of the first rise of the mountain. Here, on a clear day, can be obtained an extended view of the country for miles around. The tall towers of the Brooklyn Bridge, the cities of New York and Brooklyn, the Statue of Liberty, the superb harbor of New York and the beautiful country that lies between the Orange Mountains and the Passaic River are all plainly visible. Among the handsome buildings on the business portion of this thoroughfare one of the most prominent is that of Mr. Philip Doremus, a handsome three-story brick structure on the corner of Fullerton and Bloomfield avenues. On the second story of this building are the offices of the various departments of the town government, those of the Montclair Water Company and of several lawyers. The upper floor is occupied for lodge rooms. Among the handsome buildings on Bloomfield avenue are the Harrison Building, on the other corner of Fullerton avenue; the Van Riper Building, where the Montclair Bank is located, and the Johnson Building, near by. In close proximity to all of these is the Henderson Building, a handsome brick structure on the corner of Church street and Fullerton avenue.

Among the leading residence streets are Fullerton and South Fullerton avenues, William street, Hawthorne place, Mountain avenue, Park street, Eagle Rock way and the many beautiful roads that lie along the mountain slope. All of these streets are lined with elegant residences, surrounded by well-kept grounds. Among the most tasteful places on Fullerton avenue may be mentioned

those of Miss Fanny Crane and Mrs. M. C. Friedly. On South Fullerton avenue are the handsome residences of Mr. William Fellows and Mrs. Mary E. Wild. The residence of Mr. Jasper R. Rand, the President of the Montclair Bank, which stands on Hawthorne place, is one of the most tasteful in the town. Among the many beautiful villa sites on Mountain avenue may be mentioned those of Messrs. E. G. Burgess, C. M. Marvin, C. F. Droste, Seelye Benedict, John R. Keyser, D. M. Force and E. A. Bradley. On Park street the house of Mr. John H. Wilson is particularly noticeable for



COR. HAWTHORN PLACE AND FULLERTON AVE., MONTCLAIR.

its elegant grounds. Another handsome residence on this street is that of Mr. L. J. Drescher. On Eagle Rock way the residences of Messrs. Paul Babcock, C. B. Martin, J. B. Hawes and W. W. Underhill are especially worthy of mention. Owing to lack of space we have enumerated but a few of the many beautiful residences for which the town is noted.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The people of Montclair are justly proud of their admirable system of public schools. From the earliest settlement of the place, when it was yet but a hamlet, the matter of education received the most careful attention at the hands of its founders. As early as 1740, an excellent school for those days was erected. It stood at the junction of Orange and Valley roads, near where the present High School building now stands. It was a one-story structure, built of stone, twenty-six feet long and eighteen wide. Flat desks were placed around the sides of the room with benches running along the wall. These benches were rude slabs placed with the bark side down. At the south end was an oblong platform on which the teacher sat. In the center of this was a trap door through which refractory pupils, whose offense was not aggravated enough to merit the inevitable switching that followed a more serious break of discipline in those days, were dropped as a punishment. This building was torn down in 1812, when a new schoolhouse was erected on the site now occupied by the Presbyterian Church. In 1838 the building was sold to the church. In 1825 the Washington Schoolhouse was erected, and in 1814 the Speirtown School came into existence. In 1865 the need of better school facilities again forced itself upon the people, and there was a demand for a higher grade of education than that afforded by the schools of the various districts.

The result of the agitation on this subject was the formation of the present High School. During the year 1860 a tract of land was purchased of Grant J. Wheeler, and the erection of the north wing of the present building was begun. The south wing was erected in 1866, and the east wing in 1873. This school is now in charge of Mr. Randall Spaulding, who has been in charge since 1874. The High School has a reputation all over the State as one of the best schools in New Jersey, and the high position which it has obtained is largely due to the efforts of Mr. Spaulding, who is a scholar of profound learning, wide research and broad views on the subject of education and is regarded as one of the foremost educators in the State.



THE CLUB HOUSE.

THE MONTCLAIR CLUB HOUSE.

Montclair, as has already been stated, prides itself upon having within its limits the handsomest and best appointed club house in the State of New Jersey. It is the property of the Montclair Club, a society composed of the leading gentlemen of the place, who have associated themselves together for social, intellectual and recreative purposes. The club was organized on September 30th, 1887, and has a membership of about two hundred members. Mr. Jasper R. Rand has been President since its foundation. The club house, which is situated on Church street, is a handsome stone and frame building of a style of architecture that is a combination of the Queen Anne and Early English, stands a short distance back from the street and is surrounded by a broad piazza on the front. On entering the door the visitor steps into a broad hall finished in quartered oak. Off the hall to his right is the Directors' room, a superbly finished apartment. Directly across the hall from this is the dining room, with steward's office beyond. Beyond the Directors' room, on the same side of the hall, is the cloak room. After passing these rooms the hall broadens out, and on one side rises a wide staircase of quartered oak leading to the floors above, while on the other side is a spacious open fire-place, with a richly carved mantel of oak. Beyond this again, on either side

of the hall are card rooms and pool rooms. At the end of the hall is the billiard room, a well lighted apartment, and beyond the billiard room is a spacious library and reading room fitted up with tables, easy chairs and all conveniences for reading and writing. It is one of the cosiest and most comfortable rooms in the building. Near the grand staircase in the main hall there is a lateral hall that leads off to another staircase that descends into the basement. In this part of the building are located the howling alleys. There are three of these alleys, which are constructed after the most approved patterns, and every evening the room is crowded with players. In the basement are also the storerooms and the heating apparatus. On the second story is a broad hallway, with a handsome open fire-place. At one end of this is the music hall, which has a handsome stage, with the necessary accessories of dressing rooms, etc. The ceiling of the hall is of yellow pine, oiled. The floor is of hard wood, and is constructed with a special reference to dancing. At the opposite end of the second story hallway are three luxuriously furnished ladies' parlors. On the third story are private dining rooms and the steward's quarters. The cost of this superb club house was \$60,000, exclusive of furniture. The affairs of the club are regulated by a Board of



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Directors elected by the members. The club house is open daily from 8 A. M. to 12 P. M., Sundays excepted. On Sundays it is open from 9 A. M. to 7 P. M., but on this day games of every description are prohibited. Tuesday is Ladies' Day, and the wives, daughters and sisters of the club members avail themselves very readily of the privileges of the club.

The Board of Directors of the Club appoint annually the following Standing Committees: House Committee of three members, who have the general charge of the premises, management of the house and management of the employes; an Auditing Committee, whose duty it is to audit all bills before payment; a Membership Committee, to whom all applications for membership are referred; a Library Committee and an Entertainment Committee. This last committee is one of the most important in the club. It consists of a member of the Board of Directors and nine members selected from the club at large. During the winter season this committee provides a number of pleasant

entertainments for the members of the club and their friends, such as lectures, concerts, hops, etc. Another duty of this committee is to promote acquaintance and good fellowship among the members. No games of hazard are allowed in the club house, and no liquor is sold there, even to the members. Every candidate for admission to the club must be proposed and vouched for in writing by a member of the club and seconded by another member. The club has an excellent steward, who has an efficient corps of assistants, and the cook is one of the best in the State.

MONTCLAIR LIBRARY.

Montclair boasts of an excellent library. It is the property of the Montclair Library Association, and has been in existence since 1871. It has upon its shelves several thousand volumes, the books being admirably selected, and embracing nearly every department of literature. The library had its origin on February 23d, 1869, when a meeting of some of the leading citizens of the place was held in the lecture room of the First Presbyterian church. The need of a public library was



VAN VLEET STREET, MONTCLAIR.

fully discussed, and it was decided to form a library association. A committee was appointed to draft constitution and by-laws, and a week later this committee reported at an adjourned meeting of the projectors of the library. The constitution was adopted and the association finally organized. A Board of Directors was elected, and they at once set about obtaining subscriptions and giving entertainments for the purpose of raising funds for the library. By May 1st, 1870, they had secured money enough to hire and fit up a room and to purchase over two hundred volumes. During the winter of 1871 a charter for the Library Association was obtained from the Legislature and the association was given power to issue stock to the amount of \$50,000. In the summer of 1871 Mr. Nehemiah O. Pillsbury gave the Association a lot thirty feet front on Fullerton avenue. On this ground the association erected its present brick building, which was occupied for the first time in December, 1871. The growth of the library has been slow but steady, and it is now one of the recognized institutions of the town.



VIEW AT UPPER MONTCLAIR.

Gas Company were: Dr. Joseph A. Davis, Dr. John J. H. Love, P. H. Van Riper and Augustus Morris, of Montclair, Thomas W. Langstroth, of Bloomfield, Beach Vanderpool, Eugene Vanderpool and Andrew A. Smalley, of Newark.

WATER SUPPLY.

The water supply of Montclair is furnished by an incorporated company composed of some of the leading citizens of the place. This company is known as the Montclair Water Co., and has been in existence a little over three years. The supply is derived from wells situated on a large tract of land at the corner of Watchung avenue and Valley road. The site is three hundred feet above the level of the sea. The principal well is fifty feet deep and thirty feet in diameter, and is blasted out of solid rock. Near by the well is the pumping house, where there is a large engine and a powerful pump that forces the water from the well into a large pipe and thence up into a tank on the summit of the mountain, where the water has a head of six hundred and fifty feet above the level of the sea. This tank contains 300,000 gallons of water. From this tank the water is distributed by gravity through mains leading to different parts of the town. There are now nearly three hundred miles of street mains laid,



RESIDENCE OF E. G. BURGESS, GATES AVE.

THE GAS AND WATER CO.

Many of the streets of the town are lighted by gas, and gas is introduced into the private residences and stores of the place. It is supplied by the Montclair Gas and Water Company, which was organized in 1871 for the purpose of supplying the town with gas and water. The plan of introducing water, however, was relinquished, and the water privileges were transferred to another corporation. The pipes were first laid in the streets of the town in 1872 and the introduction of gas into private residences soon followed. Among those who took a prominent part in the organization of the

through which water is supplied to eight hundred consumers, representing 4,000 people. There are two hundred and fifty fire hydrants in the town. In addition to the large open wells spoken of above there are five bored wells, each eight inches in diameter and one hundred and fifty feet in depth, which are connected with each other by siphons. These wells can be indefinitely increased. The water is noted for its purity and its bright, sparkling appearance. Chemical tests have shown it to be in every way admirable for household and drinking purposes, and to be free



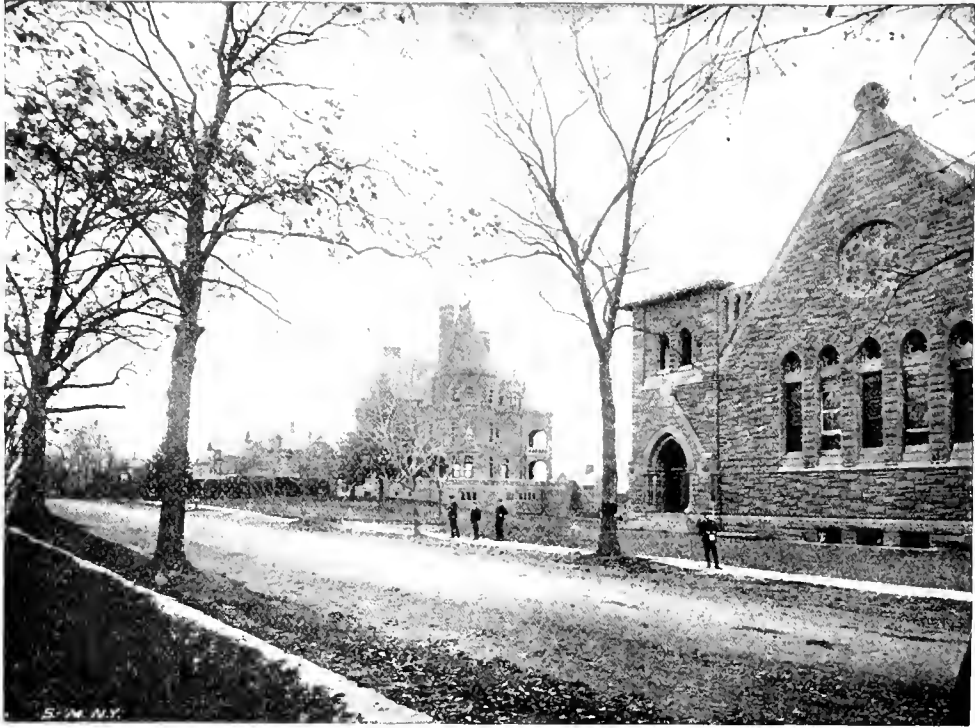
IN THE MEADOWS, UPPER MONTCLAIR.

from impurities. The cost of the plant so far has been \$225,000. It was given a supply of 250,000 gallons per day. The works were constructed under the personal supervision of Mr. James Owen, the Superintendent of the company, who is also the County Engineer. The height at which the storage tank is placed gives a very high pressure on the street mains, averaging seventy-five pounds to the square inch. In case of fire this can be increased to one hundred and thirty pounds, which will be sufficient to throw a stream of water over the highest building in Montclair.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The Fire Department of Montclair, though of recent origin and comparatively small in numbers, is a most efficient and thoroughly organized one. Previous to 1882 there was no organized department in the town, and the citizens were compelled to rely entirely upon their own exertions to extinguish any fires that might break out in their midst. A disastrous fire that occurred in the place in 1882 called the attention of the residents of Montclair to the need of an organized fire department, and on November 28th a public meeting was held to consider the matter of organizing a company to do fire service. At this meeting it was reported that one-half the amount necessary to purchase a hook and ladder truck had already been secured, and that twenty-five men had enrolled their names as active members of a company. The company was formally organized on December 21st, 1882, with the following officers: Foreman, Charles M. Schott, Jr.; Assistant Foreman, George Westerbrook; Secretary, Dr. Albert J. Wright; Treasurer, Dr. James A. Casey. All of these men were experienced firemen who had done duty in other cities. The hook and ladder

truck for the company was received April 6th, 1883, and was housed in the engine house of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company until the new truck house was completed. In January, 1884, a second company was formed, and a Babcock extinguisher engine with two sixty gallon tanks and two small portable extinguishers was purchased. Subsequently a fifty-foot extension ladder was procured for the use of the truck company. The department now consists of six companies and has attached to it two hundred men.



NEW EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND FULLERION AVENUE.

CHURCHES.

Montclair has twelve churches, all of which possess handsome edifices, have large congregations, and are doing an active work for good in the community. The Presbyterian Church is the oldest in town. It was organized in 1838 as an offshoot from the First Presbyterian Church of Bloomfield. For some years previous it had been the custom of the Bloomfield Church to divide the services in the winter, holding the morning service in Bloomfield, and the afternoon service in West Bloomfield, as Montclair was then called. The services at that time were held in the Public School building. Major Nathaniel Crane, an Elder in the Bloomfield Church, left a bequest of about \$10,000 to be invested for the benefit of a church in West Bloomfield, whenever the Presbyterians of that place should form a separate organization and erect a church. On the 31st of August, 1837, it was decided to form a new parish. The old Public School building was purchased and remodeled, and on the 9th of August, 1838, the new parish was formally organized and the new church dedicated. The present church edifice was erected in 1856. It has since been enlarged. The church also has a very tasteful and well appointed chapel in the rear of its church building. It is built of trap rock from the mountain and is two stories high. It contains Sunday school, lecture room, etc.

The Methodists have a handsome church facing the Common, which was erected in 1853. This denomination has been established in Montclair since 1823, and had its origin as an offshoot of the Bloomfield Methodist Church. The church is in a prosperous condition and is active in a number of good works.



ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH, UPPER MONTCLAIR.

Joseph F. Mendel, who has been there since 1870. The church has connected with it several Sisters of Charity, who are doing an excellent work among the poor and are also teaching in the Parochial School. This church is also to build a handsome brown stone edifice costing \$150,000. It will be located on the corner of Washington and Elm streets. The Baptist congregation is also about to build an imposing new edifice of brick, with a brown stone front, on South Fullerton avenue. This edifice will be a decided improvement to the whole street, and will add another to the many beautiful churches in Montclair. The Baptists are in a very flourishing condition and are doing an excellent work for good in the community.

The Congregational Church occupy a beautiful stone edifice on the corner of Fullerton avenue and Plymouth street. The church was first organized in 1870, and the first religious service was held May 22d, 1870, at the residence of Mr. J. B. Beadle. The present church edifice was erected in 1873. It is one of the most tasteful edifices in the town. The Rev. A. H. Bradford has been pastor since the beginning. The members of this church are about to build an extensive addition to their handsome edifice on South Fullerton avenue. It will be of a similar style of architecture as the main building, and will cost \$40,000.

The Christian Union Congregational Church of Montclair was organized on April 13th, 1882. The society was at first known as the Christian Union. It held services in the year 1881 and was partially organized in that year, but the formal organization was not perfected until the year 1882. The history of the church really dates back much earlier. In 1816 and 1817, Rev. Enos A. Osborn then a theological student, opened a Sunday School in Upper Montclair, near where the church now stands. It was afterwards removed to the Reformed Dutch Church at Stone House Plains, and in subsequent years was re-established in this neighborhood. Finally it became the custom to

St. Luke's Episcopal Church was organized in 1840. At first the congregation worshipped in a small frame building; there was no settled rector until 1865. During the year 1866 the present stone edifice was begun, but it was not completed until April 17th, 1871, when it was opened and consecrated. The cost of the church was \$35,000. The ground on which the church was built was given by Mr. Robert M. Henning, and contained originally a tract of two acres. Much of this has been sold off and the proceeds have aided the church very materially. St. Luke's is known as one of the most liberal churches in the Diocese of Newark in the matter of its contributions to missionary and benevolent purposes.

The Church of the Immaculate Conception (Roman Catholic), is one of the strongest in the town. It occupies a frame building on Washington street, and is in charge of the Rev. Father

have a preaching service after a preacher could be obtained members of the Presbyterian Church of Montclair united in the movement and in 1880 a handsome stone chapel called the Cliffside Chapel was erected at the corner of Valley road and Belleville avenue. A difference of opinion arose, however, in regard to denominational connections, and there was a split in the congregation, the result of which was the organization of the Christian Union Congregational Church and the erection of the present building.

THE PRESS.

Montclair has four newspapers, one of them being a daily and the others weekly. The daily paper is the *Montclair Daily Journal*. It has been in existence only a few months, but has already acquired a good circulation and an extensive advertising patronage. It is published every afternoon and is a bright, newsy, enterprising little sheet, independent in politics and devoted to the local interests of the place. Otis M. McMillan is the editor. The *Montclair Times* is the leading paper of the town. It is also the oldest, having been in existence for several years. It is Republican in politics, and is an excellent local newspaper, giving very full and accurate reports of every event of interest that occurs in the town during the week. It is ably edited, newsy and enterprising. Its editor is Mr. A. C. Studer. The *Montclair Herald* is the Democratic paper of the place, and is also very ably edited, and is acquiring a good circulation, and manifesting considerable vigor. It is published once a week. The other weekly paper is the *Montclair Press*, a sprightly and well conducted little sheet that is issued by Arthur E. Owen, a boy only fourteen years of age. He is the editor, reporter and chief compositor, but he manages to get out a very readable little journal, and has demonstrated that he has newspaper ability. The *Land Buyer* is a journal devoted to the interests of real estate in the town, and is issued once a month. It contains much interesting matter and has a good circulation.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Montclair has now an excellent police department. It was only of late years, however, that even an attempt was made to organize this department. For many years there was no regular police force, and in fact there was no need of one. There were several constables, it is true, in the town, but their services were rarely called into requisition, and when they were it was generally to arrest some drunken disturber of the public peace. As the town grew, however, the need of policemen became more apparent, and it was absolutely necessary that there should be an organized department for the protection of the property of citizens at night, if for no other purpose. The force is but a small one, and is well organized. Its members are trusty and experienced men, and they preserve excellent order in the town, both day and night. The Chief of Police is the Chairman of the Committee on Police of the Township Committee.

RAILROAD FACILITIES.

Montclair is connected with New York by two lines of railroads, the Newark & Bloomfield Railroad (a branch of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad) and the New York & Greenwood Lake Railroad. The former road runs twenty-three trains between Montclair and New York each day, of which three are express trains, and the latter runs eleven trains each day.

The Newark & Bloomfield Railroad Company was chartered in 1854. Its first Board of Directors was: Joseph A. Davis, Ira Dodd, Wright F. Conger and Jason Crane, of Bloomfield, and Grant J. Wheeler, William H. Harris and Jared E. Harrison, of West Bloomfield, Montclair then being known by that name. At first there was a decided difference of opinion between the residents of Bloomfield and West Bloomfield in regard to the route and termination of the new road, and some difficulty was experienced in procuring subscriptions on that account. An arrangement was

first made with the New Jersey Railroad Company, by which the latter road was to guarantee the bonds of the new road, but this fell through with, and an arrangement was made with the Morris & Essex Railroad Company, by which that corporation agreed to subscribe \$550,000 to the capital stock of the new enterprise. The residents of Bloomfield and Montclair subscribed \$50,000 more, making a capital of \$105,000, the amount necessary to construct the road from West Bloomfield to Roseville, where it joined the main line of the Morris & Essex Railroad. The successful completion of negotiations with the Morris & Essex Railroad Company caused great rejoicing in both Bloomfield and Montclair. When work was begun on the new road Dr. Joseph A. Davis, the President of the company, took out the first spadeful of earth, and the Rev. Job Halsey, of Montclair, made an address. At first the railroad was a very small affair, one train, composed of an engine and one car, ran backward and forward between West Bloomfield and Newark, making six trips a day. There were no ticket agents at the depots and tickets were sold on the train by the conductor and brakeman. It was not until June, 1860, that the trains began to make trips between Montclair and Newark, and up to 1860 passengers for New York were compelled to change cars at Newark. Since 1860 continuous trains have been run between the two places. When the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company secured control of the Morris & Essex Railroad they also secured control of the Newark & Bloomfield branch. The Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Company have made a number of improvements in the road, in the matter of more frequent trains, better cars, quicker time and better stations. The time between Montclair and New York is reduced to forty-five minutes by the express trains.

The New York & Greenwood Lake Railroad, which is a branch of the Erie, has done much toward developing the northern portion of Montclair. The road had its origin in the dissatisfaction that the people of Montclair felt at the accommodations afforded them by the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad. When the charter of the new company was procured, in 1867, Montclair aided the enterprise by issuing bonds to the sum of \$2,000,000. The road was completed in 1872 as far as Montclair, and a few years later was extended to Greenwood Lake. There are four stations in Montclair on this line—Montclair, Watchung, Upper Montclair and Montclair Heights. The influence of this road on the growth of Montclair has been very marked. A most desirable class of residents have been brought here from New York, and the mountain sides, as well as the valleys and hill-tops of this beautiful region are dotted all over with elegant residences, the homes of prominent New York business men. This road for several years past has been operated as a branch of the Erie Railroad.

THE MONTCLAIR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

Montclair has an excellent Athletic Club, one of the best in the State, in fact. It is known as the Montclair Club Athletic Association. The organization was founded in the Bicycle Hall in the fall of 1889, under the name of the Montclair Athletic Club. From its inception the career of the club was one of prosperity, and it soon took a high position among the athletic organizations of the State. In 1890 several prominent members of the Montclair Club, who were interested in athletics, connected themselves with this club, and put more money into the organization, thereby placing it upon a sound financial basis, and enabling it to make many improvements, and to extend its sphere of activity in directions that had hitherto been impracticable for want of larger capital. This also gave the club a higher social prestige than it had hitherto enjoyed and attracted to its membership a large number of young men, who represent the elite of Montclair. The name of the organization was changed to the Montclair Club Athletic Association. The Association is the owner of extensive grounds, beautifully situated on Valley road, a short distance north of Chestnut street, near the Jacob Meyer homestead. The grounds cover a tract of ten acres in extent, and are admirably adapted for the purposes of the organization. There is a one hundred-yard running track, a foot-ball ground, a base ball field and a bicycle track, and there is also ample space for lawn tennis courts when they are desired. The Club has in contemplation the erection of a hand-

some frame club house, at a cost of \$10,000. Plans have been prepared by architects and are under consideration. Certificates of stock in the new club house have been issued, and a large amount has already been subscribed for. The sports of the club are very popular with the residents of Montclair and the surrounding townships, and on every occasion when there are games of the club the grounds are thronged with spectators representing the very best families of Montclair, Bloomfield, the Oranges and Newark.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

One of the popular institutions of Montclair is the Outlook Club, which is in reality an offshoot of the Montclair Club. Many of its members, however, do not belong to the latter organization. The Club numbers among its members some of the most progressive and cultured people of Montclair, both ladies and gentlemen. Once a month this Club, whose meetings are held in the Montclair Club House, secures the music hall of that building, throws it open to their friends, selects some topic of public interest or some great question of the day for discussion, invites some speaker of note to open the proceedings with an address, and then throw the topic open for discussion. These meetings of the Outlook Club are always full of interest, and invitations to them are eagerly sought after.

Montclair has always been noted for the cultivated musical taste of its people. A musical entertainment of merit is sure to draw well in this town, and many fine concerts are given here every winter. The town has a glee club of superior merit, known as the Montclair Glee Club. Its members are among the best known people of the place, and many of them are singers of remarkable merit. This club gives several delightful concerts every winter, the First Congregational Church being generally used for that purpose. In addition to this organization there is an excellent dramatic club in connection with the Montclair Club, who give frequent performances in the hall of the club house.

Montclair is soon to have a hospital, which will be in all its appointments worthy of this beautiful town, and an instance of the public spirit and liberality of its citizens. At present the town is dependent for hospital privileges upon Newark and Orange. It is a long distance to convey a sick or wounded person from Montclair to either place, and in addition to this the hospitals in Newark and Orange are always crowded, and it is often difficult and even impossible to procure admission outside of those cities. The need of a hospital in Montclair has been freely discussed of late years, and a similar want has been felt in Bloomfield and Caldwell, but until recently but little has been done towards bringing the project into shape. A meeting of ladies and gentlemen interested in the proposed hospital was held some months ago and steps were taken to found a hospital. The result of this has been finally the incorporation of the Mountainside Hospital. The Board of Management is composed of representatives from Montclair, Bloomfield and Caldwell. Fairs and entertainments have been given in aid of the enterprise and there is already a considerable sum in hand toward the erection of the proposed hospital.



COR. BLOOMFIELD AND LITTLETON AVENUES

LEADING BUSINESS MEN OF MONTCLAIR.

I. SEYMOUR CRANE, DEALER IN General Hardware, Housefurnishing Goods, Stoves, Heaters, and Ranges, Plumbing, Tinning, and Gas Fitting, Paints, Oils, Etc., Montclair, N. J. One of the oldest houses in this town is that conducted by Mr. I. Seymour Crane as a General Hardware and Housefurnishing Store and Plumbing Establishment. It was founded in the year 1834 by William S. Morris, and has successfully passed into the hands of W. S. Morris & Son, James R. Dittmers, and J. G. Crane & Son. From its very inception the business developed rapidly and found favor with the public. The enterprise was never in better hands than at present, however, for Mr. Crane is a thorough business man and mechanic himself, and is equal to the most difficult jobs of plumbing, tinning and gas fitting. The substantial way in which we are happy to say Montclair residences are being built, calls for the highest degree of skill in sanitary plumbing, and what the public calls for, Mr. Crane supplies with the assistance of twenty skilled workmen and the usage of none but the very latest and best improvements in the appliances used in this connection. His office and store occupy three large floors in an imposing building on Bloomfield avenue. Mr. Crane deals extensively in hardware and housefurnishing goods, stoves, heaters and ranges, and also carries an assortment of paints, oils, etc., which is as large as it is varied. In any of these departments the residents of Montclair and the readers of this work will find they will receive satisfaction if they patronize the establishment in question. It is the representative one of its kind in town and should be liberally patronized.

JESSE H. LOCKWOOD, ARCHITECT & Contractor, Office opposite D., L. & W. R. R. Depot, Montclair, N. J. No one at all acquainted with building operations will deny that upon the skill of the architect depends in a great measure not only the convenience but also the cost of the finished structure, and it may be accepted as an unvarying rule that it always pays to employ the best talent available in the architectural line. Experience is at

least as valuable as skill to the architect, for no knowledge coming from books is going to enable him to overcome the many minor difficulties which he will encounter in practical business, and the readiness and judgment necessary to do so are only the outcome of former trials of the same kind. Mr. Jesse H. Lockwood, whose office and drafting rooms is at No. 30 Spring Street, opposite the D., L. & W. R. R. depot, began operations some twenty years ago as an architect and contractor. He is a native of Stanwich, Conn., and has become a prominent citizen of Montclair, having resided here so long. Mr. Lockwood will be found at all times willing to be consulted on anything pertaining to his profession, and we should certainly advise those contemplating the erection of a dwelling or business structure to lay their plans before him, and be guided by his advice.

J. H. LAUBENHEIMER, GRADUATE IN Pharmacy, 60 Bloomfield avenue, Montclair, N. J. This store has been known for a long time as one of the leading drug stores in the town. Business in this line was started here some six years ago by P. A. Freeman, who sold out to T. H. Marshall, passed into the hands of J. H. Laubenhaimer, the present proprietor, whose intention is to conduct a first class prescription pharmacy and merit the patronage of the purchasing public. The premises occupied are at No. 60 Bloomfield avenue, and comprise one floor, 20x60 feet in dimensions, and are well fitted up and arranged for this business. Mr. Laubenhaimer makes a specialty of putting up physicians' prescriptions and has an elegant case for this purpose fitted up with all the modern appliances, a very complete stock of drugs, medicines and chemicals is carried, which are often replenished to secure their being fresh and in proper condition for use. Particular attention is paid to every detail of the business, that no mistakes can occur, employment is given to competent assistants and all orders are promptly and accurately filled, while the prices are in keeping with the quality of the drugs sold. Mr. Laubenhaimer is a Graduate in Pharmacy from the New York College.

T. A. LEVY, CARRIAGE MANUFACTURER, all kinds of Wagons made and repaired, painting and trimming, corner Bloomfield and Midland avenues, Montclair, N. J. Since Mr. Thomas A. Levy began the manufacturing and repairing of light and heavy carriages, etc., in this town some fifteen years ago, his work has become so thoroughly and favorably known to the residents of Montclair that nothing we can say concerning it will be new to them, but as this work will circulate widely in other sections we take pleasure in making prominence of Mr. Levy's productions in the hope of inducing those who need a strictly reliable vehicle to investigate the advantages he offers. He has had long and varied experience in the carriage business, and allows no imperfect work to leave his shop with his knowledge. Both light and heavy carriages will be made to order, at the lowest rates consistent with the use of suitable material, and commissions will be executed at short notice when haste is desired. The shop comprises two floors, measuring 50x100 feet, and is equipped with all necessary appliances and tools for carriage building and repairing. Mr. Levy is a native of this town and has made many friends in Montclair and vicinity by his honorable methods and the care shown in filling every order, large or small. Mr. Levy's factory is situated on the corner of Bloomfield and Midland avenues, where he repairs, paints and trims all kinds of wagons and carriages, employing five competent assistants, while his prices are reasonable according to the work done.

CHARLES W. McCLELLAN, DEALER in Groceries and Provisions, Teas, Coffees, Sugars and Spices, No. 216 Bloomfield avenue, Montclair, N. J. Many a housekeeper is looking for just such an establishment as that carried on by Mr. Charles W. McClellan, at No. 216 Bloomfield avenue, and we take pleasure in commending this enterprise to such inquirers, for we know that Mr. McClellan's methods are bound to please, and we know that those who have business dealings with him are outspoken in their approval of the accommodations offered. Operations were begun in 1880, and the trade has since been steadily increasing. Mr. McClellan has a large circle of friends in this vicinity. The premises utilized are of the dimensions of 20x45 feet, one floor and cellar being occupied, while the stock on hand is not only large but unusually varied as well, as it includes Groceries, Teas, Coffees, Sugars and Spices, Provisions and Canned Goods of all kinds. It will be seen that the greater part of the household food supply may be obtained of Mr. McClellan, and as his prices are all that can be reasonably desired as regards fairness, etc., it is well worth while giving him a call. The groceries and provisions comprise the best the markets afford, and the canned goods handled are various in kind and best in quality, while everything handled in stock is received direct from the producers, and are quoted at prices as low as the lowest. Two competent assistants are employed, and the use of two delivery wagons is required to do the large retail and sometimes wholesale business done.

FRANK E. CLAYTON, LIVERY AND Boarding Stables, Horses and Carriages of every description furnished at short notice, with or without competent drivers, Horses and Business Wagons to hire, separately or together, orders for Carriages, to meet late trains are invariably and promptly attended to, telephone call No. 68, Spring street, opposite D., L. & W. R. R. depot, Montclair, N. J. Among those engaged in the stable business in this vicinity none bear a higher reputation than Mr. Frank E. Clayton, and we take pleasure in cordially recommending his establishment to all who wish to hire a first class team of any description or board a horse, where he will be assured the very best of care and comfort and healthful quarters. This may seem a somewhat enthusiastic recommendation, but it is fully justified by the facts, and we are confident that those who do business with Mr. Clayton will have reason to thank us for calling attention

to the unsurpassed facilities he offers. Since Mr. Clayton assumed control of this business he has more than doubled it. The enterprise has been in the possession of the present owner since 1887, he succeeding to the business of Mr. C. S. Salmon. The premises on Spring street, opposite the D., L. & W. R. R. depot, comprise two floors, 60x150 feet in dimensions, and a number of excellent horses, and coaches and carriages of every description are furnished at short notice, with or without competent drivers, and at uniformly reasonable rates. Stage work is made a specialty of and pleasure parties are supplied with two or four-horse stages at short notice, while all orders for carriages to meet late trains are invariably and promptly attended to. Employment is given to four competent assistants, and as before stated, horses will be boarded in a thoroughly satisfactory manner.

THEODORE B. STOLTE, FASHIONABLE Tailor, Suits made to order in latest styles at moderate prices. Repairing and Cleaning done promptly, all orders promptly attended to; 619 Bloomfield avenue, Montclair, N. J. If there is one branch of the mercantile activities which speaks for itself it is the tailor's work. The most inexperienced person knows when a garment is cut well and well made, and the competent tailor in this business soon finds his high level. Prominent among Montclair's best tailors stands Mr. Theodore B. Stolte. He has been established here but a year or so, but his patronage is already worthy of an establishment of much longer standing. His customers are composed of the elite of the town's population. There is a class of trade in this place which invariably calls for the *best*, both in work and material, and Mr. Stolte is a man who furnishes both. He has a finely stocked foreign and domestic woolen departments, and he uses none but first class trimmings. Employment is afforded to an average of three assistants, but in the very busy season this number is much larger. The store is 15x60 feet in dimensions, and is well adapted to the purposes to which it is put. Mr. Stolte guarantees a perfect fit, and in cases of non satisfaction (which seldom occurs) he cheerfully proceeds to give satisfaction. We know of no better establishment which we can recommend in this line than the one to which we have had reference in this article. Mr. Stolte is very reasonable in his charges and deserves a trial order.

PETER J. HELLER, DEALER IN HARDWARE, House Furnishing Goods, Paints, Oils, Glass and Putty; Bicycles and Lawn Mowers repaired; Sporting Goods, Valley road, Montclair. The business carried on by Mr. Peter J. Heller, on the Valley road, was founded by him some seven years ago. He has had long and varied experience in his present line of business, he gives close personal attention to the many details of it and spares no pains to keep the service at the highest standard of efficiency. Visitors or customers to his establishment are assured prompt and polite attention, are assured an opportunity to choose from an exceptionally large, varied and carefully chosen stock, and are assured having the lowest quoted rates to them at all times—hence, we need hardly add that the store is extensively patronized by the best informed buyers. Both a wholesale and retail business is done among the most important commodities dealt in being Hardware, Housefurnishing Goods, Paints, Oils, Glass and Putty; Bicycles and Lawn Mowers repaired; Sporting Goods, Agricultural Supplies, etc., etc. The premises occupied are two floors, 40x90 feet in size, with steam power; also a machine shop in rear of the front building, 24x48 feet in dimensions, where repair work is made a specialty of, and the manufacture of the "Patent Potato Digger;" employment is given to six competent assistants, orders are promptly and carefully filled, and every article is sold on its merits and guaranteed to prove just as represented, while the stock is being constantly renewed, and consequently the goods are always fresh and attractive, and will give the best of satisfaction to everybody.

H. C. DABNEY, COAL AND WOOD

Dealer; office, Grove street, near D. L. & W. R. R. crossing, and at 30 Spring street, opposite D. L. & W. depot, Montclair, N. J. Mr. Dabney has been identified as one of Montclair's leading business men for thirteen years. His coal enterprise is one of the prosperous ones of the town, and is the direct outcome of hard work performed by him to build it up to the present large proportions. For many years previous to engaging exclusively in the coal business Mr. Dabney had been local agent for the United States and D. L. & W. Expresses. Mr. Dabney had accepted the latter agency but for a few weeks to temporarily accommodate the Express Company, but remained from week to week and month to month until induced to make this his permanent home. His business career in the history of this town can be chronicled to his high credit, for in any relations he has ever had with our towns people, square and upright are the characteristics which have attended them. Mr. Dabney is a Southerner by birth and inclinations, and has traveled extensively throughout that portion of the United States. Our readers are respectfully invited to remember Mr. Dabney's Coal Yard when in need of that useful commodity.

GEORGE E. BEACH, FUNERAL DIRECTOR

Embalming a specialty; 415 Bloomfield avenue, Montclair, N. J. We wish to call the attention of our readers in a special manner to the recent inauguration in our midst of an enterprise for which the increasing population of our town has long felt the want. We have reference to the inception given the establishment at the address given in the card which heads this sketch. Mr. George E. Beach, who was for fifteen years connected with the firms of Messrs. Peter D. Romer, in Orange, and F. B. Woodruff, in Newark, is the proprietor and director. Mr. Beach is prepared to answer all calls, day or night, and as he employs courteous assistants, the duties expected of him as a Funeral Director and Embalmer will be promptly and correctly executed. We have the pleasure of recommending Mr. Beach's services to the public and place high confidence in his ability to successfully direct the most imposing funeral ceremony. Mr. Beach is an expert embalmer. Carriages and coaches for all occasions, are supplied by him at short notice. Mr. Beach has just had a fine wagon built especially for his business, and has also an elegant hearse. Patronage and correspondence respectfully solicited upon occasions when Mr. Beach's services are required.

WILLIAM WHEELER, MEAT MARKET,

Bellevue avenue, Upper Montclair. We do not admit the soundness of all the arguments which are presented to show the advantage gained by dealing with those making a specialty of the handling of certain lines of goods, but still it is doubtless true that, other things being equal, a man who deals in nothing but meats and vegetables should be able to offer greater inducements than one who considers the handling of these products as but a comparatively small portion of his business. As a practical illustration of the nature and magnitude of these inducements, let us call the attention of our readers to the advantages offered by Mr. William Wheeler, doing business on Bellevue avenue, at Upper Montclair, for he makes a specialty of dealing in fresh and salt meats, poultry, beef, tongues, hams, vegetables and canned goods, and certainly supplies thoroughly first class articles at the very lowest market rates. Orders will be called for and goods delivered in any part of the town and sufficient assistance is employed to ensure prompt and painstaking attention to every caller. Since Mr. Wheeler established his present enterprise the business has greatly developed and new customers are coming along every day. He does not claim to carry the largest stock in this section, but nevertheless the variety on hand is such that all tastes can be suited.

J. H. CONNOR, Successor to H. B. Lattell, Dealer in Lohigh and Lackawanna Coal, Hickory, Oak and Pine Wood; Office and Yard, No. 95 Walnut street, branch office, opposite D. L. & W. Depot, Montclair, N. J. The coal and wood yards conducted in this town by Mr. J. H. Connor were founded in the year 1858 by Mr. H. B. Lattell. Mr. Connor bought him out in 1888, and has from the first done a good business. He has succeeded in building up a large trade, who seem unanimous in their praise of the good coal and wood they receive, and of the strictly honorable business methods employed by Mr. Connor. This is the only way to succeed in any business, for so much deception is practiced in selling goods now a days that when the public learns of reliable firms it is very apt to patronize them. Poor coal is dear at any price, for who does not know of the trials and vexations attached to the using of it? The same with wood, also—to not one of us (unless blessed with an exceptionally sweet disposition, can find patience enough to keep an even temper in trying to start a fire for breakfast with green wood, as heavy as lead. Mr. Connor has found out from experience and observation that the public is not to be humbugged; that if it cannot get good coal and wood at one yard, it will go to another. Thus has he ever made it a point to carry none but the very best in the coal and wood line. He makes a specialty of Lohigh and Lackawanna Coal, and of Hickory, Oak and Pine Wood. These are too well known to speak about, we wish simply to tell our readers that we can recommend everything which Mr. Connor carries. His prices are in conformity with reason and those of the market. So venemen are afforded constant employment, and all orders receive immediate and painstaking attention. Mr. Connor is an esteemed townsman and deserves the large patronage accorded him in his business, which is the representative one of its kind.

SHAFER & McDOWELL, PROPRIETORS

of the Catside Quarries and Dealers in Broken Stone, Building Stone, Sand, Gravel, Callous Rock, Dirt for Filling, and Top Soil for Lawns and Gardens; Contracts taken for Belonging and Macadamizing of Roads, Public and Private, complete; also Flag Sidewalks and Curbing, Block or Cobble Cutting; Post Office, Address and Quarries, Upper Montclair, New Jersey. The well known firm of Shaffer & McDowell was founded some seven or eight years ago by Mr. C. E. McDowell, of Bloomfield. Mr. Shaffer's connection with the firm did not take place until February of 1890.

Few things are of greater importance to a community or a surer test of civilization than good roads. Those of our citizens who have visited Europe are unanimous in the opinion that our public roads are far inferior to those of other countries, where the means of easy and safe communication are better appreciated. The science of road-making is apparently not well understood, or if it is the present modes of superintending the construction and repairs of roads are so defective that the public suffers to an extent of which few of us are aware.

The first work in this direction is to improve the roads so there is some pleasure or at least some comfort in traveling abroad. A visitor who reaches a village on a muddy and rough highway receives no good impression of it, and as the road is also the last thing as well as the first which attracts his attention, bad roads are among the most repellent and disagreeable features any community can present. But when the roads are smooth and hard, with little dust and mud, and where good foot paths abound, a strong inducement is presented to those who love to pass much of their time in the open air. The firm whose card heads this notice have built *miles upon miles* of the beautiful roads in this section, which are world renowned. All through Montclair and the Oranges we find traces of its work. We strongly advise owners of property to have their roads attended to by Messrs. Shaffer & McDowell. Special attention is also paid to the work enumerated at the head of this sketch. The firm run a force of 100 men and execute all orders promptly and at reasonable prices.

G. H. HAYDEN, PAINTER AND DECORATOR, Artistic Wall Paper Decorations a specialty, orders solicited, estimates cheerfully given; Bloomfield avenue, near Midland avenue, Montclair, N. J. In the older times all decorative and beautiful artistic work was confined to religious and public buildings and the palaces of the favored rich. Now, through the advancing influences of civilization, the achievements and artistic effects of coloring are brought within the reach of almost every one who can appreciate their value. The refined taste exhibited in this branch of business causes one to stop and reflect upon the higher tone and happiness which have been brought into our life by its development, and we wonder if this industry has not reached the highest of perfection. Among the well-known business men of Montclair in this connection is Mr. George H. Hayden. As a painter he has no superior in this town, and as the inception of his enterprise took place ten years ago, it is recognized as one of the leading ones of its kind in Montclair. The gentleman in question has always been favored with the finest class of custom, and executes fine work in house painting, decorating, paper hanging and kalsomming. Twelve experienced and faithful assistants are employed, and all work is dispatched with courtesy and promptness. The house is ready at short notice to execute any order which may be intrusted into its care, and satisfactory work is guaranteed. The stock of artistic wall paper carried by Mr. Hayden is truly worthy a visit of inspection to lovers of art. All conceivable shades and designs are carried in an endless variety. The store is centrally located on Bloomfield avenue, near Midland avenue, and is neat and attractive in appearance. The goods are so advantageously displayed as to make purchasing an easy and agreeable task. The premises are 25x50 feet in dimensions and afford plenty of available space. Mr. Hayden is an "old salt," having braved the powder in the U. S. Navy during our late Civil War. He is an esteemed and energetic business man in our community, and we are pleased to inform our readers that he is prospering in business. Like most of us, however, he does not object to more trade, and respectfully solicits the same from the public of this town. We earnestly hope it will be accorded him, for we know of no more worthy establishment of this kind in town. Mr. J. H. Hayden, father of the gentleman in question, was the first painter in town, having started business in 1858.

GEORGE HOWELL, DEALER IN COAL and wood; Cannel Coal and Hard Wood for Grate purposes; Office and Yard, Glen Ridge avenue, near Grove street, Montclair, N. J.; orders may also be left at office of Montclair News Company, at D. L. & W. depot; D. Douglas, corner of Park street and Bloomfield avenue; Murphy & Pearce, Valley road, Upper Montclair. One of the best known houses at which to obtain coal, wood, etc., in this town is now conducted by Mr. George Howell, on Glen Ridge avenue, near Grove street. This enterprise was founded some time ago by the present proprietor who, possessing a perfect knowledge of the articles he handles, is enabled to offer the public great inducements to favor him with orders, which he fills promptly and accurately at prices which must of a necessity commend themselves to all. Orders may be left in person at the office and yard, or at Mr. D. Douglas' office, on Park street, corner of Bloomfield avenue. They will receive careful and prompt attention. Coal and wood of all kinds are dealt in. Three men are employed, as also the use of three wagons, and a large retail trade is done. The yard covers ground 200x200 feet, so that a large stock of both coal and wood are kept on hand, which enables Mr. Howell to fill all orders without delay, and our readers may feel confident that all orders for the different goods carried which may be given him will be filled at the very lowest market prices, and this accounts for the thriving business which Mr. Howell has built up since he began operations.

PHILIP DOREMUS, DEALER IN FANCY and Staple Groceries; Crockery, French China, Glassware, etc.; corner of Bloomfield and Fullerton avenues, Montclair, N. J. The enterprise conducted by Mr. Philip Doremus is deserving of particularly prominent mention in any review of the representative business undertakings of Montclair and vicinity, not only on account of the great extent to which it has been developed, but also by reason of the high personal standing its proprietor has in the community, and the fact that he is one of the oldest established merchants in town, having succeeded his father, Peter Doremus, in 1848. The premises occupied by the present proprietor are located on Bloomfield avenue, in the center of the town, and comprise one large floor and cellar 80x42 feet in dimensions, so that there is abundant room to accommodate a very heavy stock, and this room is fully utilized, the assortment on hand being remarkably varied and exceptionally complete in every department. It is made up of choice staple and fancy groceries including choice brands of flour, fine butter, crockery, French china, glassware, etc., selected especially for family use; also flour, and these articles are in every instance guaranteed to prove precisely as represented, and are offered at prices that will bear the most severe examination and comparison, for Mr. Doremus has always made it a rule not to allow him self to be undersold in the handling of dependable goods, and he was never better prepared than now to successfully meet all honorable competition. Employment is given to ten competent assistants, and every caller is assured prompt and courteous attention, orders being delivered at short notice. Mr. Doremus was for six years Chosen Freeholder of Essex county, and School Trustee for several years.

CYRUS C. CORBY, manufacturer and Dealer in Harness, Saddles, Collars, Fly Nets, Buffalo Robes, Whips; also Trunks and Valises at city prices a specialty; Carriage Trimming and Upholstering; No. 574 Bloomfield avenue, Montclair, N. J. As has been said in the historical notes concerning Montclair in this work, the town and its immediate surroundings is noted for its beautiful highways and drives. We have also dwelt somewhat at length upon the fact that the vast majority of the inhabitants of this place are people of means—people upon whom fortune has smiled. Each family in this class of any town's population generally boasts of one or more fancy "turnouts." In extenuation of what we have said we now say that we know of no place in which we have noticed such fine equipages as in Montclair. On any fine day the roads for miles around are covered with innumerable fancy vehicles of private character, and the dazzling silver mountings of the harness worn by the prancing steeds is something which inspires the admiration of one not accustomed to the sight. Speaking in this connection *harness*, we wish to introduce to our readers in this connection a gentleman who has been identified with an establishment manufacturing harness ever since 1865. This is an experience of twenty-six years, as subtraction demonstrates, and we ask if a better proof of reliability in a business concern could be chronicled? Mr. Cyrus C. Corby, to whom we have reference, has long supplied the elite of society in this town with almost everything pertaining to a "turnout," viz.: Harness, Saddles, Collars, Fly Nets, Buffalo Robes, Whips, Carriage trimming and Upholstering. He affords constant employment to three assistants, and all work is dispatched in a workmanlike manner. The goods turned out of Mr. Corby's establishment have become so universally *standard* in this town that it seems almost unnecessary to point out these attractive and desirable features. Suffice it to say that they are always just as represented, and that Mr. Corby is uniformly moderate in his charges. The premises he occupies are at No. 574 Bloomfield avenue, quite conveniently and centrally located. They are always stocked heavily with "Horse" and "Carriage" necessities, and

are of the spacious dimensions of 24x85 feet. This affords ample room and the goods are displayed to advantage. It pays a man who owns a horse to "rig" it up in good shape. This is not always an easy task, as there are so many inferior goods on the market. Patronize a representative and reliable establishment, such as Mr. Corby conducts, and you will receive goods *reasonably good* in proportion to the money expended. Present patrons will testify as to satisfaction being guaranteed on every sale. We do not hesitate to pronounce this house one of the best in its line in this section.

JACOB HARRIS, DEALER IN BOOTS and Shoes; fine shoes a specialty; custom work and repairing neatly and promptly done; a large assortment of J. & J. Cousin's Fine Shoes; agent for W. L. Douglas's Fine Shoes; the Adjustable Ankle-Supporting Corset Shoe; Alfred Dolge's Felt Shoes and Slippers. No. 568 Bloomfield avenue, Montclair, New Jersey. There are probably very few of our readers but what have experienced more or less difficulty in getting foot wear to suit them, for it is a well known fact that boots and shoes are among the hardest of all articles of wearing apparel to select. The most successful dealer is the man who recognizes the diversity of taste among his customers and acts accordingly. Therefore after inspecting the stock carried by Mr. Jacob Harris, of No. 568 Bloomfield avenue, one feels no surprise at the very extensive business carried on, for it is plainly evident that provision is made for supplying widely varying wants. Boots and shoes for business, street and dress wear are included in the assortment offered, and by no means the least noticeable characteristic of this establishment are the bottom prices quoted in the various departments. This enterprise was founded in 1885 by the present proprietor, whose reputation for fair dealing and enterprise is already firmly established. The premises utilized are located as above stated and occupy 1850 feet in dimensions; three competent assistants are employed; custom work and repairing neatly and promptly done; fine shoes a specialty. Customers not only know what they are getting here, but also know that they are being supplied at the lowest market rates.

UNION HOTEL, D. HANLON, PROPRIETOR; dealer in Imported Ales, Wines, Liqueurs and Cigars; boarders taken by the day or week; 640 Bloomfield avenue and 48 Valley road. The old saying about trying to fit square pegs into round holes is familiar to every one, and yet the lesson it teaches seems to be totally lost on the many who try to run a hotel, when they are fitted neither by nature or by experience for the successful discharge of the responsible duties attaching to such a position. To say that hotel keepers, like poets, are born, not made, is to state a fact every experienced traveler will assent to, for the more one journeys about the country the more one becomes convinced that nothing can take the place of inborn ability to cater to the wants of the travelling public. To carry on even a small house is by no means so easy as many are disposed to believe, while to conduct such an establishment as the Union Hotel, as it should be conducted, is a task beyond the powers of all but the few. The high position taken by this house since 1868 is a prominent example of the truth we are trying to make plain, for it is undeniable that it is owing to the personal exertions of Mrs. Delia Hanlon that the Union Hotel is rapidly gaining in popularity, almost daily. This establishment was opened in 1868 by Thomas Hanlon, father-in-law of the present proprietress. The premises are located at No. 640 Bloomfield avenue, corner of Valley road, containing in size 40x40 feet house, three floors, with modern conveniences and steam heat, and can accommodate twenty guests, together with stable and sheds for ten horses, and grounds covering 200 feet on Orange road and 300 feet on Bloomfield avenue. Three assistants are employed and no trouble is spared to keep the house in neat and attractive

condition at all times. The table is supplied with the best that the market affords, while the terms are reasonable.

CHARLES W. ENGLISH, DEALER IN Lumber and Masons' Materials, Office and Yard, Walnut Street Opp. N. Y. & G. L. Depot, Montclair, N. J. No old resident of Montclair would consider our account of the representative business enterprises of this place complete were we not to make extended mention of the enterprise which was conducted by Messrs. F. F. Sayre and Charles W. English, the present proprietor, up to two years ago. Mr. F. F. Sayre disposed of his interest to Mr. Charles W. English, in 1888. The office and yard are located on Walnut street, opposite the N. Y. & G. L. depot, and cover an area of 420,000 square feet of available space. Employment is afforded to fifteen competent assistants the year round, and all orders are promptly executed at short notice. The further assurance of prompt delivery is promoted by five delivery wagons. The lumber carried by Mr. English is carefully and personally selected by him, so that it is just as he represents it to be in every instance. The same with masons' materials—everything which is at its quality is carried by this firm. It is a well known fact that the town of Montclair is noted for its fine and hand-somely built private residences. Almost the entire town is inhabited by people who can afford the best of everything—the best in lumber and masons' materials is no exception therefore, and the representative house in this line is that of which we speak. Mr. English is at present a Road Commissioner for the town, and President of the New Jersey State Lumberman's Protective Association. These important offices tendered Mr. English illustrate the esteem in which he is held by the community.

WILLIAM F. HUGHES, PRACTICAL Painter, Trimming, and Repairing a Specialty; Horseshoeing, in a Practical and Skillful Manner; Wagons and Carriages of Every Description Made and Repaired, Bloomfield avenue, Montclair, N. J. On Bloomfield avenue, near the Valley road, in Montclair, is located the work shop of Mr. William F. Hughes, general blacksmith. As may be seen from this gentleman's card he pays attention to all departments of the business. Mr. Hughes founded his enterprise in the year 1870. He learned his trade when a mere lad, from master mechanics in blacksmithing. Being enterprising and ambitious, twenty years ago he entered business on his own account. His business rapidly increasing, he branched into every department of blacksmithing and wagon and carriage making, and to-day does a fine business in the town. The blacksmith shop is a spacious one, (25x85), well supplied with all the appliances necessary to promptly and accurately execute the many jobs in horseshoeing and everything in the line of blacksmithing and general jobbing, that are constantly coming in. In horseshoeing he makes a specialty of shoes of his own make which are noted for their superior quality, attending to interior and over-reaching horses. Five competent workmen are afforded employment the year round, and in connection with the blacksmith shop is a well equipped wheelwright shop where new wagon and carriage work of every description are executed in the most approved style. If you want repairs done, this is the place we recommend to you. All work is guaranteed and the prices charged are reasonable. Mr. Hughes's experience has made him an expert in his calling. His work in every case is thoroughly and creditably performed. Be sure you take your horse to a competent blacksmith else you may lame and enclose him. Many an otherwise valuable animal has been spoiled through improper shoeing. In selecting a man to make your new wagon or carriage or repair them, select a mechanic who knows his business thoroughly. Such a man is Mr. Hughes, and we recommend his abilities highly. Painting and Trimming are also done here in the most artistic manner. Horses are called for and delivered free of charge.

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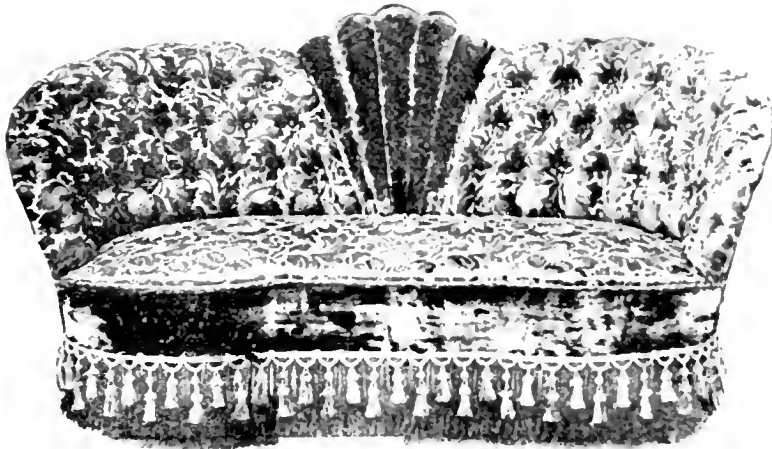
MR. PARSONS is at present the only agent engaged in the real estate business in what is termed the "North End," being the northern half of Montclair Township, and including within its limits the three stations, Watchung, Upper Montclair and Montclair Heights.

Owing to the fact that until within the last few years this portion of the township has had no reliable railroad communication with New York city, the population is only about one-tenth of that of Montclair proper. But the New York and Greenwood Lake Railroad, having passed through the usual vicissitudes incident to a new road, was about three years ago acquired by the "Erie," and since that time service has been regular and is constantly improving. Commutation and local rates are low, and the running time has been cut down to an average of about forty-five minutes.

The fact of the railroad running through this territory from south to north and having three depots within a distance of two miles, brings all land within easy walking distance of a station, an important consideration to the average suburban resident.

Building is proceeding at a rapid rate and a great deal of property has changed hands within the past year, consequently prices are advancing; but the opportunities for investing are as yet quite numerous, while some large blocks of land can be bought at a very low figure.

Mr. Parsons is well known in this vicinity as a reliable business man, and having resided here for the past fifteen years is probably better acquainted with its real estate and matters connected therewith than any other person, and parties who contemplate buying for investment, home or speculation would do well to consult him before doing so.



The large and handsome plate glass window of A. G. Bates, upholsterer, at 521 Bloomfield Avenue, may so long reveal samples of that gentleman's artistry. A gentleman of this class is not to be found elsewhere, that we need spend but little time in a former town to select that which is better than any to be had in our town. All the branches of trade, both in our town and in the city, and all the upholstering establishments of our town, are now under the special attention of, and are executing in a true artistic manner. Montclair residents need no longer seek New York for special design work of any kind in furniture. Mr. Bates is a former pupil of years a practical employer in the best New York upholstering and turning shops, and others. His knowledge of the business at very reasonable terms to our townspeople. This, we are happy to say, has been appreciated by many of the wealthiest residents. Mr. Bates employs competent assistants, and is always ready to receive your work in a most workmanlike manner.

ALFRED S. BADGLEY, ATTORNEY and Counsellor at Law, Post Office Building, No. 442 Bloomfield Avenue, Montclair, N. J. This gentleman whose name appears at the heading of this sketch is one of Montclair's prominent lawyers, and the lawyer of the town. In the year 1888 the present office was opened on the inauguration of a firm then known by the name of Cross & Badgley, counsellors at law. In March, 1894, when Mr. Alfred S. Badgley assumed sole control of the office and its business. This has increased greatly under the latter's able management, and we are pleased to inform the readers of the "History of Montclair and its People, Business and Professional Men" of the fact, hoping never having anything legal to look up, they will seek the learned counsellor to whom we have reference. Mr. Alfred S. Badgley was at one time Special Examiner of the United States Pension Bureau (1884-1886). He pursued his law studies in our best institutions and with the most learned members of the bar in the country. He was first admitted to the bar of Tennessee in the year 1873.

ROBT. CHESNEY, FLORIST, ROSES A Specialty; Greenhouses, on Pompton Turnpike, No. 484 Bloomfield Avenue, Montclair, N. J. In a wealthy community such as we find in Montclair, it is not surprising to find the people appreciating the beauties of nature, and especially the pretty flowers. These gifts of nature singularly play parts emblematic of the two extremes, death and joy! In death they are tokens of sympathy, love and innocence. In moments of joy they are our outward appreciation of talent, esteem, friendship and love. Flowers tend to refinement. What can be more pretty, pray tell us, than the presentation of a bouquet of flowers to merited talent after the rendering of a piece of music, poetry, oration or feat? Or, upon the return of a father's, mother's, sister's, brother's or loved one's anniversary? We repeat, this beautiful custom tends to refinement, and we are happy to note that the American people are susceptible to this refinement as probably not many other nations are. We have not only persons who like flowers, but those who are so fond of them as to have their study a *littérature*. Prominent among the most learned botanical students in

the town but none, I fear, we mention Mr. Robert Chesney, who has a flower store at No. 484 Bloomfield Avenue, on Pompton Turnpike. Mr. Chesney has been in the floriculture business most all his years, and has become an authority on the subjects of growing flowers and botany. He is prepared to give information at short notice, and further, if desired, will send you on any occasion at the request made. He is a representative firm in this line in Montclair. We have no other prepared to successfully effect the needs of a public, when on hand to be particularly available to assist. All orders left at the store or telephone will be promptly attended to by courteous assistants. A cut for fruit and ornamental trees.

CHARLES A. MAIDENS, PRACTICAL House, Sign and Ornamental Painter; Shop, Bloomfield Avenue, next to Skating Rink, Montclair, N. J., all orders promptly attended to. It is good policy to keep house well painted, even aside from the question of appearance, for the severe climate of this section will soon rot or otherwise impair the woodwork not protected by several good coats of paint, and the damage when once done is practically impossible to repair. A good piece of painting will wear for several years, even in the most exposed situations, and in this as in many other things "the best is the cheapest." For cheap painting is a bad business and a fraud. In order to secure first class results a first class painter must be patronized, and no one in this vicinity is more deserving of being ranked as first class than is Mr. Charles A. Maidens, doing business on Bloomfield Avenue near the Skating Rink. He only employs thoroughly skilled workmen and is well prepared to fill orders for all kinds of house, sign and ornamental painting, in a prompt and competent manner. Mr. Maidens is very moderate in his prices, his rates being as low as is consistent with the use of carefully chosen stock and the employment of skilled labor. House painting in all its branches is thoroughly understood and artistically executed and no one in Montclair is better prepared to do a thoroughly first class job at reasonable rates than is Mr. Maidens. He keeps ten skilled workmen employed, and occupying one floor 25x35 feet as a shop, being established six years.

A. G. BATES.

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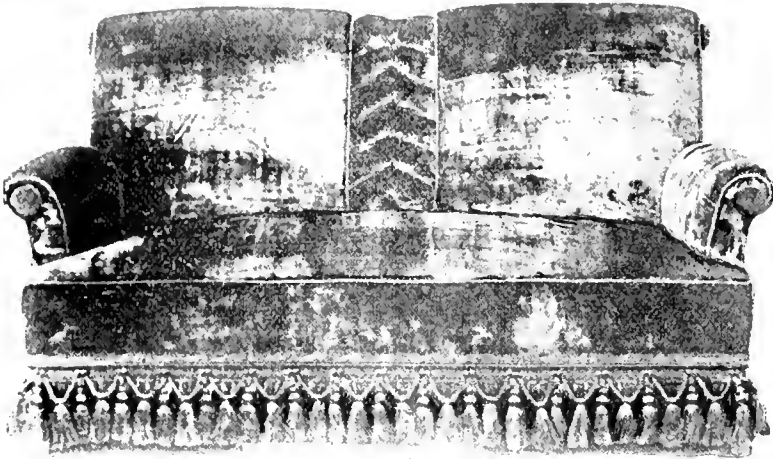
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SHADE DECORATION.**

The residents of Montclair need not be told that the gentleman whose card heads this article is as competent an upholsterer as can be found either here or in New York. He makes a *specialty of order work* in all the latest styles and novelties of furniture and has executed interior decorations in many of our richest and best appointed residences. Mr. Poecker is prepared to exhibit samples of his high art, cabinet and upholstery work to any contemplating placing orders for furniture of special design. In the three or more years which have elapsed since the inauguration of his enterprise in our midst, Mr. Poecker has made many friends, all of whom testify to his superior taste and ability as an upholsterer, mattress and special furniture manufacturer. We earnestly solicit the patronage of those who have orders of this kind to be executed.

JOHN G. TREADWELL'S REAL ESTATE
and Insurance Agency, 30 Spring Street, Opp. D. L. & W. R. R. Depot, Montclair, N. J. In a growing community such as Montclair, there is a most promising field for the operations of such an enterprise as that conducted by Mr. John G. Treadwell, at No. 30 Spring street, opposite the D. L. & W. R. R. depot, and during the years that this undertaking has been carried on it has proved a decided public convenience, and has exerted a powerful influence in developing the town. Mr. Treadwell having given real estate matters long and careful study, is well informed on the subject, and is in a position to render valuable assistance to those wishing to dispose of realty improved or unimproved, or the rental of property. He has some very desirable estates and plots on his books, and is always ready to give full information to those interested. (No insurance solicited.) Business is promptly and carefully transacted, the interests of all parties concerned being fully protected and no pains being spared to maintain the enviable reputation this office has held among the citizens of this town, and we can unreservedly recommend this agency to our readers.

D. H. BALDWIN, PHARMACIST, BLOOMFIELD
avenue, Montclair, N. J. Physicians' Prescriptions Carefully Compounded. It is safe to say that no establishment in Montclair is more deserving of hearty and generous patronage than that conducted by Mr. D. H. Baldwin, for no establishment is of more genuine utility or more liberally managed. This enterprise was founded in 1875 by J. A. Griffin & Co., who were succeeded by Griffin & Baldwin, and now carried on by the present proprietor, whose store is corner Bloomfield avenue, Fullerton avenue and Church street, measuring 20x60 feet in dimensions. Mr. Baldwin is a druggist and pharmacist and carries a complete stock of pure drugs, medicines and chemicals, obtaining them from the most reliable sources and sparing no pains to handle as high a grade of goods as the market affords. Especial attention is given to the compounding of physicians' prescriptions, every facility being provided to ensure absolute accuracy in the smallest de-

tails of the work, and to enable orders to be filled at very short notice. The charges are uniformly moderate, as low in fact as is consistent with the use of materials of standard quality. The sale of fancy toilet articles and druggists' sundries forms another important department of his business, and is conducted on the same liberal scale that characterizes the management of his drug trade. The stock carried is fresh, varied and acceptable, and as three competent assistants are employed, all orders are filled promptly.

W. H. DEWITT, CARPENTER AND
Builder; Dealer in Doors, Windows, Blinds, Stair Rails, Newels, Balusters, Moulding; Office and Mill, Opposite D. L. & W. Depot, Montclair, N. J. Montclair, like the Oranges, is celebrated for its beautiful and imposing private residences. No town in New Jersey boasts of better built houses. There is no effect without a cause, and this state of affairs in Montclair is owing to the fact that the town has in it some of the best carpenters and builders to be found in any community. Prominent among those most worthy of mention, we introduce to our readers Mr. W. H. Dewitt. This gentleman has been in business in our midst since the year 1882, and the workmanlike manner which characterized his efforts has won for his works the admiration of the public. Many of the handsomest residences in town were built by him, and they are noted not only for their beauty in style of architecture, but for their thoroughness in construction and finish. Mr. Dewitt is a thorough and practical carpenter himself, and is in a position to furnish ideas and estimates which none but men of actual experience can offer their patrons. He employs ten men, as a rule, but this number greatly increases when business is rushing. The office and mill are located opposite the D. L. & W. depot, and occupy an area of some 14,500 square feet of available space. An eight-horse power Baxter engine furnishes the motive power, and as all the machinery facilities are at hand, orders are promptly executed. Parties contemplating building would do well, in our opinion, to consult Mr. Dewitt. He cheerfully furnishes ideas and estimates, and always figures very low.

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Awnings and Wire Screens Manufactured. Carpets Sewed and Laid and Furniture Boxed and Packed. Renovations of all kinds promptly attended to

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The gentleman whose card heads this article was for many years in the furniture business in Brooklyn, but owing to the delicate health of his family he moved to Montclair some time ago, and established himself in business here, over Baldwin's drug store. His business increased so rapidly that he was soon obliged to seek larger quarters in the present spacious store he occupies at No. 52 Bloomfield avenue. Mr. Mooræ, being of whose long practical experience in the furniture and upholstering business would be taken into account by our townspeople. He makes furniture from special designs to order and manufactures mattresses and box springs of all kinds. A varnishing, polishing and repairing of furniture are also paid attention to by him, and all work is done as properly done. Carpet laying and sewing, spring bed and mattress making, covering and padding, and all kinds of renovating are executed at short notice and at reasonable prices. The patronage of the public is respectfully solicited.

FENTZLAFF & WOLFE, HARDWARE and House Furnishing Goods, Dealers in Paints, Oils, etc., Lamps, Agricultural Implements, Carpenters' and other "Craft" Tools. The well known firm of Fentzlaff & Wolfe was founded by these gentlemen some seven years ago. The enterprise was started upon a small scale, but hard and persevering work on the part of the proprietors succeeded in building up the present large proportions of the business. Messrs. Fentzlaff & Wolfe are both residents and property owners in West Orange, but have become so closely identified with the business interests of Montclair that they may be considered as two of our representative business men. They carry everything in their line, lamps, kitchen utensils, stoves, fire irons, etc., and besides hardware, which is their specialty, they carry a full line of agricultural implements. To the carpenters, blacksmiths, masons and painters in Montclair we wish to say that anything in the line of their hardware, tools or paints, can be found at reasonable rates at this establishment. Two courteous assistants are afforded employment the year round and all patrons receive intelligent attention. We take special pleasure in recommending this house to the readers of our work for we feel that it is noted for reliability. The premises occupied are located on Bloomfield avenue opposite the Post Office. Your patronage is respectfully solicited.

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MONTCLAIR, N. J.

At first sight it may appear strange that it is more difficult to get all kinds of machinery properly repaired than to buy new, and of course, in case of slight break-downs, this is not true, but every machinist of experience will agree that, generally speaking, it requires a higher grade of skill to repair a machine or bicycle than to build them. The builder of any machine has only familiar and simple operations to go through with, while the repairer is constantly having to solve new problems and devise new combinations to attain the desired result. The high standing held by Mr. T. P. Lindsley, of Bloomfield avenue, near Willow street, is due in a great measure to the success met with in the repairing of bicycles and lawn mowers of all kinds, for particular attention is given to this class of work and

general repairs. Mr. Lindsley makes jobbing work a specialty, and repairing knives and scissors and putting all kinds of tools in proper order for use. The shop used consists of one floor 18x24 feet, and all work is trusted to him is sure to give satisfaction, and his prices are as reasonable for the labor done, as can be. Mr. Lindsley also makes a specialty of skate grooving, sharp-pointed and tooting, saw things, etc.

WILLIAM JACOBUS, REAL ESTATE AND INSURANCE AGENT,

OFFICE:

POST OFFICE BUILDING,

Bloomfield Avenue,

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of the state's most prominent business men in Montclair since the death of William Jacobus. He is interested in real estate and life insurance transactions and is as well versed on such matters as experience can make a man. We all concern whose means are limited, or for that matter, who has a generous amount of this world's goods, to content year after year to make his home in the quiet, comfortable city, when with slight exertion and at a considerable diminution of expense he and his family can enjoy the healthful and healthful environments of suburban life. What is there in the gloomy piles of brick and mortar, the eternal, or more correctly speaking, interminable, roar of a great city with its thronging multitudes that cannot in any degree compensate for the absence of a fresh, untroubled atmosphere and the smiling proximity of greenness? To lead the head of the family prefers the city and city life, is he not a bounden duty to perform to his wife and children, and his perhaps delicate wife? Would he sacrifice out from the healthful privileges of country life, and have some thoughtless, possessor of rare talents, allow them to become dwarfed in their natural development by keeping them immured in some place where the blessed beams of the sun seldom fall, and the free, sweet airs of heaven never come? We can recommend our readers to Mr. William Jacobus, the real estate agent, in the beautiful town of Montclair, only a short ride from the metropolis. To those who already enjoy homes in Montclair we say, *do not be deceived*. It costs but little and it is an assured protection for your hard earned dollars.

HENRY L. YOST, ARCHITECT,
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Real Estate, Insurance and Mortgage Loans. Notary Public.

483 BLOOMFIELD AVE., MONTCLAIR, N. J.

One of Montclair's most favorably known architects is Mr. Henry L. Yost. He has designed some of the handsomest residences in our town and shown great talent in his chosen profession. The architect plays an important role in the history of a community, for upon the putting into execution of his ideas on the subject of building, depends the future beauty or ill looks of its general appearance. We have no fear for the future of Montclair and the immediate surroundings in this respect, however, for if we are to judge the future of our town by the present, it is some day destined to be a substantially built and beautiful city. If our townsmen wish this state of affairs to be brought about, they can further it by entrusting the designing of the residences or business blocks they wish to build into the hands of such men as Mr. Yost, the architect. This gentleman understands not only the desirability of beauty in design and finish in buildings, but what is more essential the advisability of thoroughness in construction. His experience and education in such matters have frequently opened the eyes of people who entertained the most ridiculous ideas as to how they would proceed in building. Let us remember that the old proverb "Each man in his own place" is a good one to remember when about to build and secure the services of Mr. Yost who is also interested in real estate, insurance and mortgage loans in company with Mr. T. P. Meyer in this town. On any of these subjects we advise you to put full confidence in Mr. Yost.

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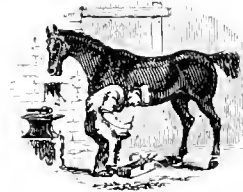
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Practical Horseshoer; horses
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sion House, Montclair, N. J.

The introduction of machinery has worked many radical changes during the past thirty or forty years, and its effects are not altogether good, for one of them has been to greatly reduce the number of really skilled mechanics. Manufacturing has been divided up into specialties and a man may now work in a machine shop for years and then know only how to run some special machine or other, being actually no more of a mechanic in the full sense of the word when he has had long experience than he was in the beginning. The blacksmith's trade has been effected considerably by this condition of affairs, but not so much as other trades, and experience, ingenuity and skill are still required to command success in this branch of industry. No one in this section of the State has a higher reputation as a blacksmith than Mr. William B. Carroll, and the quality of the work turned out at his shop affords convincing confidence that this reputation is thoroughly well deserved. This business was established some years ago by the present proprietor, and the shop which is located on Bloomfield avenue consists of one floor and a stable, 20x40 feet in dimensions, and contains all the necessary facilities for the doing of horse shoeing and general jobbing, a specialty being made of lame and interfering horses, Mr. Carroll having been late with Dr. Roburg, of New York. Employment is given to three assistants, while moderate rates are charged.



WM. MILLER,
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Frank E. Clayton's
Livery Stables;
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R. R. depot, Mont-

clair, N. J. A familiar character to and town, and especially round the depot, is "Billy" Miller, as he is familiarly called by those who know him. Mr. Miller for years has been the first to "welcome the coming and speed the parting guest." He is very popular here for he is not one of those who yell themselves hoarse at the depot to obtain a job. He knows his place and waits for his turn. The public know his "rig" and invariably give it a preference if it is there. Mr. Miller has a brand new hack and his horses are "beauties." He issues 25¢ tickets which entitle the holder to one ride to or from the station. Mr. Miller is also prepared to furnish coaches and carriages for weddings, balls, receptions, funerals, etc., at reasonable rates. Orders left at Mr. Miller's residence, at Clayton's

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The enterprise conducted by the Messrs. W. S. Tomkins and John S. Tomkins may fairly be classed among the most distinctly representative undertakings carried on in this town, but for the latter's association for a number of years, and has been so managed as to gain a reputation equal to the best. The premises are located on Depot street, covering grounds 175 x 350 feet in area. Two sheds, two stories 100 x 20 feet, are available for carrying a large stock. Mr. W. S. Tomkins dealing extensively in Lumber, Coal, Mason's Materials, and a large quantity of coal, wood, lime, cement and masons' materials. The arrangements for the prompt and accurate receipt of orders are of the best class in every respect, the employment of experienced assistants and the carrying of an extensive and complete stock putting them in a position to supply their customers with out a previous order. The quality of goods supplied is guaranteed at all times, and considering the standing of these two officers, it seems almost unnecessary to state that the various commodities furnished may be depended upon to prove satisfactory.

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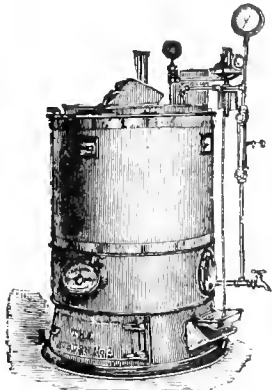
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Those who think that it makes no particular difference how a job of printing is executed, as it can be easily read, make a great mistake, for the public have been taught to appreciate, and to demand, execution of this kind and a slovenly looking card, bill head or other specimen of commercial printing will go to the discredit of the printers against the firm or individual whose name it bears. First class printing costs little if any more than inferior, and if you place your orders with the right parties, and no mistake will be made by patronizing Messrs. Fisher & Heller, doing business at No. 36 and 38 Valley road. The premises occupied as above stated comprise one 40 x 48 foot in dimensions with steam power attached. Employment is given to three competent assistants. Messrs. Fisher & Heller are very generally and favorably known throughout Montclair and vicinity. Orders by mail will be given prompt and careful attention and estimates are always cheerfully given, for they have the *Electric*, the *Job* and the *Printing* to be artistic printing, and their charges are uniformly moderate. A specialty is made of book binding and engraving, but job printing in general and paper cutting will be done in a superior manner at short notice and we can unreservedly guarantee satisfaction to patrons. Messrs. Fisher & Heller also make a specialty of Society and Club badge making and printing. Programmes are neatly printed at moderate cost. A trial of inspection is respectfully solicited.

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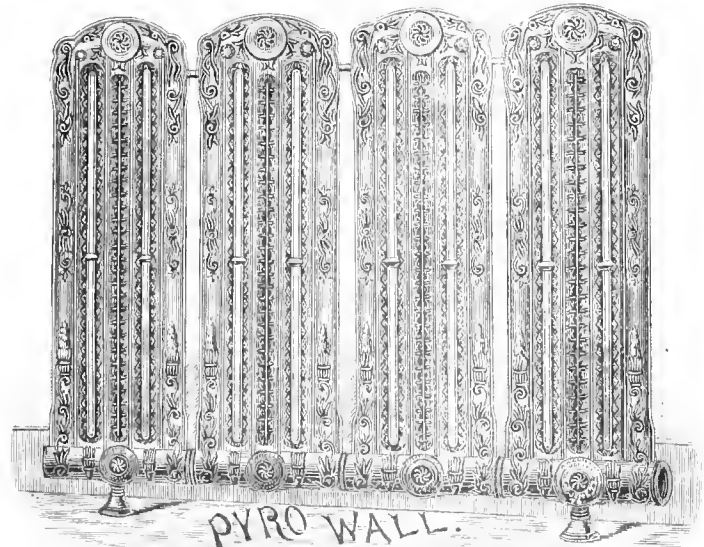
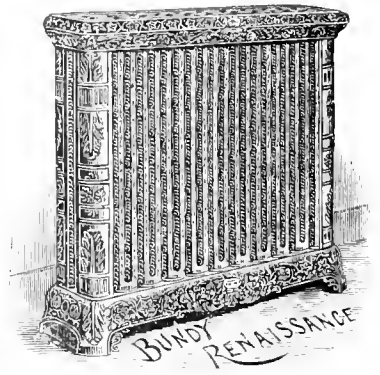
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The residents of this community and the public in general may be pleased to know that there exists in their midst a company engaged in the Steam Heating business which has not only established a reputation in this section of the country, but at large, throughout the State of New York and the New England States. "The Essex Heating Co." is the name under which it is known, and the gentlemen whose names appear in the card which heads this sketch are its founders and proprietors. The Messrs. Faas are both natives of Northampton, Massachusetts and Mr. Gelston of Manchester, Connecticut. All three of the gentlemen are practical and experienced workmen in their branch and have been engaged in it from boyhood. They learned their trade of thorough master mechanics and the skill and knowledge which they now exhibit in the heating business is the direct outcome of hard work and study for years past. An idea of the standing of the firm to which we have reference may be had in citing a few of the jobs they have done already, here and elsewhere. We will preface, before the enumeration, however, that many others might be mentioned, but as the list would in itself make quite a book, we will give but the following few, viz: the entire work of Heating and Ventilating the Union Depot at New Haven, Conn.; the property of the New York, New Haven & Hartford R. R., and the New Britain Depot, also of Conn., and the property of the same road; the Dix Street School House in Worcester, Mass., and the florist Hudson's palatial residence on the corner of 45th street and 5th avenue, New York; the entire block owned by millionaire Steinmetz, between 103d and 104th streets, 10th avenue, in the same city, and Mr. George Vreeland's residence, on the corner of Garfield and Linden avenues, Jersey City, N. J. Nearest home, we have the pleasure of referring our readers to the work in Philip Doremus' block, Messrs. Isaac Denby's, C. W. English, David Teurs' and Wm. Dodd's residences, and the entire renovation of the work which had been put into Mason's (the ex-radiator manufacturer) residence, now owned by Mr. H. Spratky. A glance at this list will convince all who may not have known it, that The Essex Heating Co. are a firm of high standing, doing business on a very large scale. All makes of boilers are put in by the company and the work which it does is guaranteed to satisfactorily answer the purpose or the functions expected of it. The company employ none but thorough and competent assistants and six of them are afforded work the year round, the number increasing on large jobs or during a "rush." At the company's headquarters, at No. 622 Bloomfield avenue, Montclair, a large stock of all makes of heating apparatus is kept, consisting of Radiators, Piping, etc. Gas Fitting and Hot Water work is also paid special attention to. We wish to say to the readers of this volume that in contemplating building, they would do well to place entire confidence in The Essex Heating Co. for such work. Estimates are cheerfully furnished free of charge as well as "suggestions" which none but the experienced can make. The terms of this company are as low as can be constant with the usage of good work and materials.





JOHN D. KEYLER, FURNITURE,
Dealer and Furnishing Undertaker, No. 68 Blooming-
field avenue, Montclair, N. J. Mr. John D. Keyler became
identified in the above lines of business in our town some
eleven years ago. He is an old resident of this town and
is a native of New Jersey. He employs on payroll
three competent assistants the year round. His premises
are three stories in height and are 25x150 feet in dimen-
sion; this affords 11,250 square feet of flooring, and every
inch of it is utilized to its fullest capacity. The purchasing
of furniture may be done in two ways: one way is to
buy a bed here, a sofa there, a parlor suit somewhere else,
and so on—the other way is to buy it all of a house, which
carries everything in this line and will guarantee every ar-
ticle sold to prove just as represented. The establish-
ment conducted by Mr. Keyler is one which does this. We
take especial pains to inform our readers in this article
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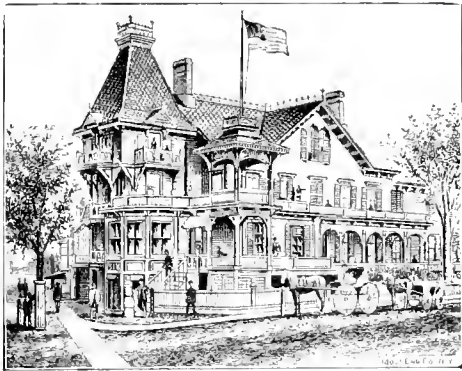
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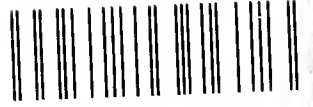
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