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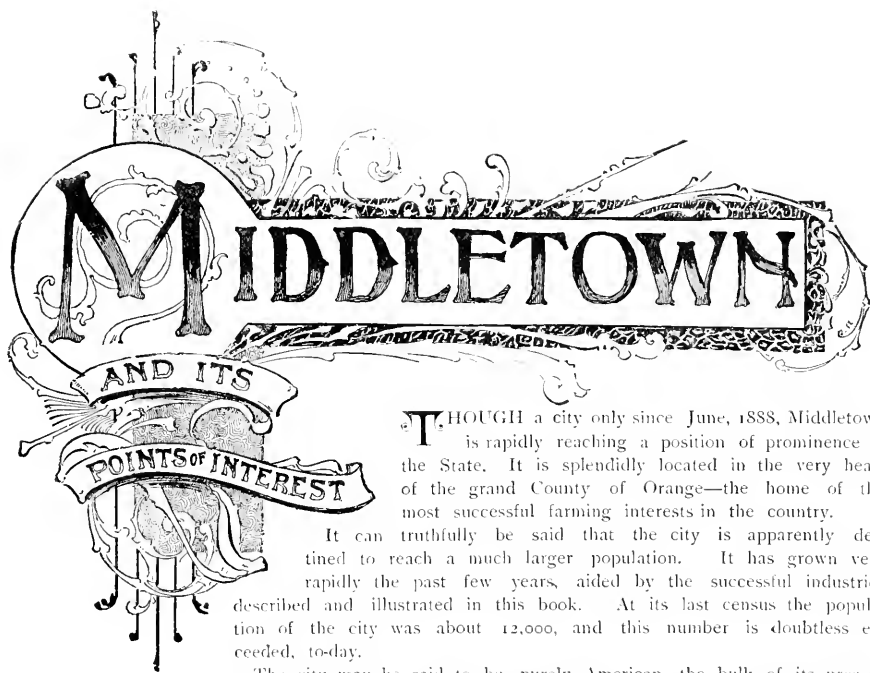
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**T**HOUGH a city only since June, 1888, Middletown is rapidly reaching a position of prominence in the State. It is splendidly located in the very heart of the grand County of Orange—the home of the most successful farming interests in the country.

It can truthfully be said that the city is apparently destined to reach a much larger population. It has grown very rapidly the past few years, aided by the successful industries described and illustrated in this book. At its last census the population of the city was about 12,000, and this number is doubtless exceeded, to-day.

The city may be said to be purely American, the bulk of its present citizenship coming from families dating back several generations, and in many instances living on the homesteads formerly occupied by great-grand-fires. From many of these families have risen bright members of the various professions, while shrewd, successful business men are on every side. A short walk along the principal business streets will give ample evidence of the truth of this assertion. The attractive, well-stocked stores, and offices, the air of neatness and activity about them, indicate the health of the community from a business standpoint.

There is a colored population of about 500, all centred on Fulton Street. These citizens are industrious and have earned the respect of the remaining population. Many own their own homes, and not a few conduct places of business. The foreign element in the city is very slight.

## EARLY HISTORY.

The early history of the locality dates back to 1700. The land at that time was occupied by Indians; patents were afterward granted to the early settlers, record of which is completely given in a history of Orange County, compiled by E. M. Ruttenber and L. H. Clark in 1881.

The city is located in what was known as the Mmisink angle. Patent rights were granted August 28, 1704. It afterward became a portion of the Township of Walkkill. Like the re-

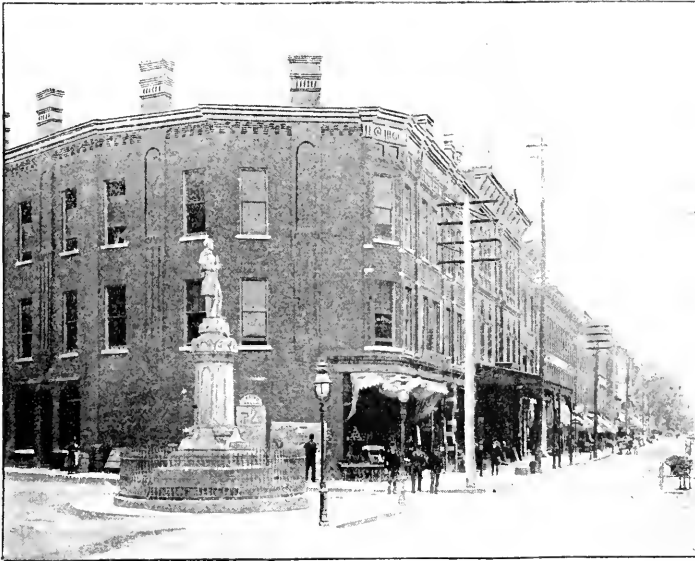


PERSPECTIVE VIEW FROM NEW ARCADE.

mainder of the town the city's surface is undulating, and naturally fertile. The first settlement near Middletown was made by a Mr. Murray, a Scotchman. He was a soldier in the war of 1759 when Quebec was assaulted. Israel Green was an early settler on the site of the city of to-day. He owned the principal part of the city along the main street of the present time. A story is told of Mr. Green's wife. When a baby she was carried in her mother's arms in a flight across the Shawangunk Mountains when Indians were in close pursuit. The baby was crying loudly, and the mother, her heart failing at the near approach of her pursuers, dropped down behind a log, and to her delight, the baby at once became quiet. The Indians passed by, and she easily made her escape.

Walter Moore, who died at the age of 13 years in 1768, was a poet of no mean ability in this section. A collection of his works was printed in 1769, and is now in the possession of descendants who reside in the city at present.

The easterly section of the city was at one time known as the Moore tract. At the close of the survey of this tract in 1742, the surveyor has written "The chief fault yt can be found with all ye tract is the stoneyness of it."



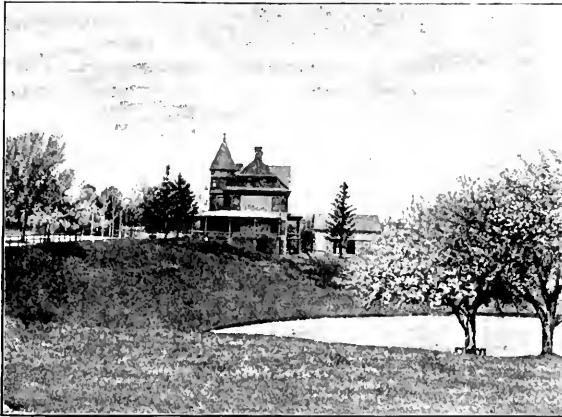
EAST SIDE OF NORTH STREET FROM SOLDIER'S MONUMENT

The city of Middletown is said to have been named on account of its location between Montgomery and Mt. Hope, at the time two places of prominence. It was incorporated as a village Feb. 10, 1848, at Newburgh, at a Court of Sessions, David W. Bate being County Judge. Application was made by Stacey Beakes, John B. Hanford, Lewis Vail, Israel O. Beattie, and E. M. Madden, and a vote was taken April 20, of that year, and the incorporation was decided upon by 123 to 77. The members of the first Board of Trustees were Stacey Beakes, President; W. E. Dill, Wm. Hoyt, I. O. Beattie, D. C. Dusenberry, and J. D. Friend, Clerk. The city was incorporated in June, 1888, and John E. Iseman was its first Mayor.

#### MIDDLETOWN OF TO-DAY.

Middletown is 67 miles from New York City. It has grown from nine families in 1807, a mere handful of settlers, to number 12,000 people. It has extensive manufactories, a large and valuable trade, numerous churches, educational advantages, and conveniences in keeping with a much larger place.

The city is the residence of many business men of other places, who find its railway facilities of great advantage. Of late years the city and the surrounding country have become popular with that larger element of New York's population which annually leaves the crowded,



RESIDENCE OF WM. D. STRATTON, WILKER AVE.

bustling city for shaded streets, pure air, and a degree of quietude found in a city of Middletown's description.

The city has many points that make it desirable for consideration by manufacturers who seek sites for new ventures or the removal of established industries. It has a prosperous outlook, and it now seems the time to invest in its real estate; and to locate while land is yet purchasable at a reasonable price. The market has shown a steady advance, and there is every reason to believe that no change will occur to lower land valuation.

### CONVENIENCES.

In considering the conveniences of Middletown, first of all comes her railroad facilities. Four railroads pass through or terminate here. In prominence the Erie ranks first. A dozen trains a day in either direction stop at its depots. The Ontario & Western has four trains each way daily and the N. Y. S. & W. road terminates here. It opens a way into New Jersey while the Crawford branch of the Erie winds its way through the town of Walkill. These roads have very heavy passenger traffic in the summer months. It is not to be wondered at, either, when one remembers the scenery which may be viewed from each. The express trains require but two hours to reach New York City, making daily trips possible to New York business men. The freight service is equally satisfactory. The O. & W. is now constructing a \$4,000 depot, which is not equalled at any other point on the line. The general design is well proportioned, simple in detail, with a massive outline and pleasing general contour, the whole effect being



RESIDENCE OF A. V. B. CO., L. V. ST.

gained entirely by constructional outlines. The material used in the erection of the building is red brick, with the first story of Scranton (Pa.) stone of a reddish cast finished in "rock face," massive and simple in detail. The Erie will shortly give this city similar attraction, plans having been ordered. Two fine buildings will thus be added to the conveniences from a railroad standpoint. There are now four depots in various parts of the city.



WEST MALL STREET CORNER OF WEST STREET

The Middletown Street Railroad Company has secured franchises for a car line, which it is hoped will be constructed in the near future. An electric railway is also projected, and subscriptions for stock are now being received. At the present time the city is well supplied with omnibuses, cabs and carriages, and for twenty-five cents one may ride to any part of the city.

The free mail delivery is a feature as mail is delivered so soon after its arrival as to please the most impatient. The Western Union messenger service is in vogue and the transmission of messages is carried out with promptness. The city has gas and electric light plants, which thoroughly light the streets and buildings. The merchants make lavish use of the gas and electricity and after night-fall the business streets present a most brilliant and attractive appearance. Many houses are also lighted by electricity, while few are without gas.

Other and very important conveniences are the paved streets and sidewalks, water, sewers, mail, express, telegraph, and telephone service, hotels, banks, and newspapers, detailed reference to which is made on the accompanying pages.

## STREETS AND PARKS.

Middletown's streets recommend themselves. Although gradually improved each year, the work has been doubled since the city has been incorporated. New curbs, new flagging and grading is constantly being done and the constructing of permanent street improvements is always in view.



EAST MAIN STREET

Main Street is the longest and handsomest of all. It is macadamized in the most part and shaded by maple and elms except through the business parts of the city. It widens at the very heart of the city's trade, and with North and South Streets forms Franklin Square. On this square are located several large and handsome buildings, including the First National Bank and the Middletown Savings Bank.

North Street, beginning at Franklin Square and running to the northerly corporation limit, is another street of leading importance. The block from the square to the Erie Railway crossing is a business thoroughfare in the full sense of the words. The buildings which line both sides of the street are in the main two and three stories in height, and offices have long since taken the place of family apartments in the upper stories. Across the tracks this street is constantly growing. Several brick blocks are now under construction and the time seems not far distant when the pretty homes leading out to the "North End" will be replaced by tradesmen.

The North End just referred to, is the name given a settlement that has grown up in the past few years, just west of the N. Y. O. & W. R. R. tracks, and is inhabited largely by employes of the company's shops. The district extends from the Wickham Avenue depot north to the corporation limits. Here are workmen whose industrious habits have secured ownership in cosy, attractive cottages.

James Street, with its asphalt block pavement, is the main outlet for the Erie depot. Here is located the Russell House, and the new Casino theatre.

Among the other streets may be mentioned Mulberry Street. It is a quiet street on which are many pretty homes. It received its name from the fact that it at one time was lined by a large number of trees used in the culture of silkworms.

Highland Avenue may truthfully be called the wealthy street of the city. It is on high ground, and commands a grand view. It has been steadily extended and improved, and new houses are constantly being erected. Many of the best-known residents of the city have homes along this thoroughfare, in which modern architecture has been tastefully exemplified. At the junction of Wickham Avenue is Sunflower Park, a small triangle which, when showing the careful attention of the Park Commissioners, adds to the natural beauty of the city.

On North Street, at Orchard, is the monument of the soldiers of the town of Wallkill. It is the work of the St. Johnsbury Granite Company, of Vermont, and is an admirable piece of workmanship. Standing twenty-two feet high, it is topped by a soldier at "parade rest."

In raised and sunken letters on the North Street side, is,

ERECTED

A. D. 1879,

TO THE MEMORY OF THE

SOLDIERS OF THE TOWN OF WALLKILL,

THE WAR OF THE REBELLION

1861—1865.

On the east side is,

"FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY."



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Monhagen Avenue is a street well patronized by horse owners. It runs along the line of the Erie above the pretty, tree-lined Monhagen pond, by handsome residences to the gate of the State Hospital as well. At its eastern origin the street crosses Wisner Avenue, a street which has become famous through the efforts of the well-known bridge constructing firm of Drake & Stratton. These wealthy gentlemen, though located there but a few years, have made that section of the city unequalled in artistic development in the city. A miniature lake and high-reaching fountains beside Mr. Stratton's residence add materially to the points of interest.

Wickham Avenue runs across the city from east to west. It passes the Wickham Avenue O. & W. depot and Thrall Park, crosses the most of the principal streets and leads directly to the State Hospital as well. At its eastern origin the street crosses Wisner Avenue, a street which has become famous through the efforts of the well-known bridge constructing firm of Drake & Stratton. These wealthy gentlemen, though located there but a few years, have made that section of the city unequalled in artistic development in the city. A miniature lake and high-reaching fountains beside Mr. Stratton's residence add materially to the points of interest.

Academy Avenue, with its fine park, is one of the oldest streets in the city. Wallkill Academy is located upon it, as is a grammar-school of recent construction.

Thrall Park is the name given a plot of ground beside Thrall Hospital on Grove Street. It was given to the city by Mrs. Thrall for a park. It is a generous tract, and is rapidly being improved. It will long remain to mark the generosity of a noble woman.

Academy Avenue Park originated from the old village burying ground. The cemetery ran into decay, becoming a perfect eye sore, and a commission was appointed which removed the remains of the unknown dead to Hillside and other cemeteries, and converted the plot into a city park. It is a very popular place in the summer when band concerts are given.



THE NEW ARMORY

The Armory of the 24th Separate Company, just completed, was built at a cost of \$30,000. It is a handsome structure in brick and iron, and being situated on Highland Avenue, is visible from all parts of the city. The armory is occupied by a company of well-drilled and well-disciplined men, and ranks high at the headquarters of the brigade of which it is a part.

The Childrens' Home is located on the opposite ridge from the armory. It has for its object, the care of the poor children of the city and vicinity whose parents are unable to provide for them.

The Old Ladies' Home is all that the name implies. Well located upon South Street, it is indeed a haven for aged women. The institution was developed and is conducted by the good ladies of Orange County, who take pride in the work.

Columbus Park is in the western section of the city. It is owned by a private company, which is opening streets and building houses around a beautiful grove. It is near the Middlesex Glass Works, and will be enjoyed especially by the many employes of that institution. Columbia Park lots sell rapidly, probably because the real estate speculators think that the growth of the city tends westward.



## CHURCHES AND INSTITUTIONS.

Middletown is well supplied with churches. Its population is earnestly given to divine worship, and there are none too many places of devotion. Denominations are well represented.

The First Congregational Church is the oldest. It was organized June 10, 1785, but the present edifice was not built until 1871. It cost \$49,900. It required 600,000 bricks, and has a spire 185 feet high. The church edifice has a commanding appearance, and is located on Main Street and easy of access.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The First Presbyterian Church was organized in 1828. It is even more centrally located than the Congregational Church. It has beautiful grounds and is very attractive.

The Second Presbyterian Church was incorporated in 1854. Its present pastor, Rev. Charles Beattie, has occupied the pulpit since 1864.

The First Baptist Church was incorporated in 1842. It has a good strong membership.

Grace Episcopal, a handsome church, was incorporated in 1845.

St. Paul's Methodist Church was incorporated in 1838. It has a grand membership.

St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church was established in 1866. It is attended by a large number of non-resident Catholics.

Free Christian Church was established in 1877.

The Primitive Baptist Church was incorporated in 1871.

The Methodist Episcopal Zion Church was incorporated in 1862.

Faith Mission was organized in 1886.

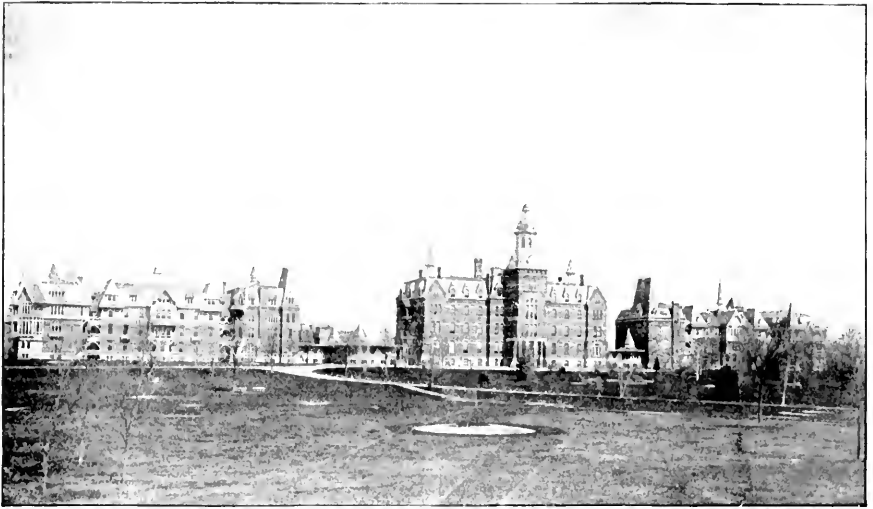
The A. M. E. Bethel Church was organized in 1887.

The North Street Congregational Church was organized in 1890.

## DRIVES ABOUT THE CITY AND VICINITY.

In the summer months when soft breezes from the Shawangunks set in motion countless leaves, or winter's mantle lies in fantastic shapes in wood and dale, there are many pleasures for those who drive. The country round about abounds in inspiring views. The roads are well kept, and an afternoon's drive allows of a visit to Florida, Warwick, Goshen, Bloomingburgh, Wurtsboro, or High Point. The scenery along any of these roads is grand. The rising and falling ground takes one through settled valleys only to be looked down upon from higher points as the drive progresses. The natural beauty of this section of the county is acknowledged by coaching parties from New York City and Tuxedo which annually pay this city a visit.

In the city proper one may drive on well-kept thoroughfares, making a complete circuit. The route leads one over ridges on three sides of the city and gives an admirable view of all parts. The driveways around the State Homoeopathic Hospital are favorites with Middletowners. In the summer months as the heated day draws to a close, the winding roadways lead one



NEW YORK STATE HOMOEOPATHIC HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.

through woods as complete in their natural condition as are to be found anywhere for miles around. There are always cool breezes here, and birds of forest life.

Surely the authorities made no mistake in locating there a home for the insane. If God's own handiwork will sooth a withered mind, then rest is here to be found.

In the winter months these pleasures are enhanced. The flying sleighs find Highland Avenue a charming thoroughfare. The street slopes steadily for about a quarter of a mile, and down it steaming thoroughbreds draw racing sleighs. The sport is exciting but not boisterous. Ladies drive slowly along, stopping for a moment to look approvingly on an especially close-gaited pair whose owners are striving to first reach the crossing at Franklin Street, which is the accepted end of the race-track.

### THE THEATRE AND AMUSEMENT HALLS.

The Casino Theatre, just finished, is considered by first-class theatrical companies as one of the finest in the state. It has all of the modern conveniences and appliances. It has a large stage, and the setting will take any scenery in use in the theatres in New York City. It was opened early this year by Excelsior Hook and Ladder Company, in minstrelsy, and has since been a success, being patronized by the best companies upon the road.

Middletowners are fond of entertainment. The best known people take active part in minstrelsy, plastiques and pantomime originalities, and impromptu performances are frequent.

The Assembly Rooms, a private hall, is patronized for lectures, addresses and musical entertainments. Many social hops and dinners are also held here. The Masonic rooms are just over this hall.

### SOCIETIES AND CLUBS.

The city is well supplied with lodges, orders, etc. The people are actively interested, as the following list will show. There are numerous lodge rooms, the Masons and the Knights of Pythias being especially well located. The membership comprises most of the leading citizens, who are especially active in increasing their membership through the constantly growing population. The list of prominent societies comprise:

Hoffman Lodge, No. 412, F. and A. M.; Midland Chapter, No. 240, R. A. M.; De Witt Clinton Consistory, No. 11, S. P. R. S. A. and A. S. R., 32d Degree; Orange Encampment, I. O. of O. F., No. 93; Middletown Lodge, I. O. of O. F., No. 112; Luther Lodge, I. O. of O. F., No. 380, (German); Martha Washington Lodge, No. 30, I. O. of O. F., (Rebecca Degree); Launcelot Lodge, No. 169, K. of P.; Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 2,103, K. of H.; Paughcaughnaughtsinque Tribe of Red Men; Empire Council, No. 647, American Legion of Honor; Order of Solon, Progressive Lodge, 143; G. A. R. General Lyon Post, No. 216; N. G. S. N. Y.—Twenty-fourth Separate Company; Sons of Veterans, Custer Camp, No. 90; Auxiliary Corps No. 5, to Custer Camp, No. 96; U. S. Pension Board; Excelsior Lodge, I. O. of G. T. No. 829; Gospel Temperance Union; Middletown Council, R. T. of T. No. 143; Wallkill Council,

R. T. of T. No. 57; Woman's Christian Temperance Union; Brotherhood of Railroad Conductors, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers; Equitable Aid Union, No. 681; Middletown Mannercho Society (German); U. C. Osterhout Lodge, No. 40, Railroad Brakemen; U. B. of C. and J. U. of A. No. 150; Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen; Young Men's Christian Association; Middletown Building and Loan Association; Middletown Club; Middletown Driving Club; Middletown Gun Club; Asylum Base Ball Club.

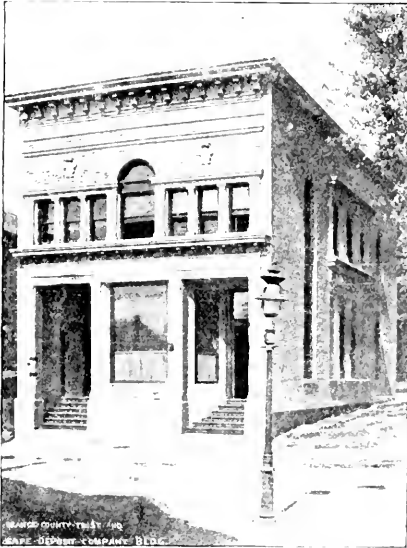
The gentlemanly sports are promulgated by Middletowners. The Middletown Driving Club rents a fine new track on the Hoik D. Campbell property. Many fine blooded animals are speeded there, and registered horseflesh receives the attention of many horse-owners in the city and vicinity.



CASINO BUILDING, MIDDLETOWN.

The Asylum Base Ball Club has achieved a reputation second to no semi-professional team in the country. The New York League team has only escaped defeat in a ten-inning game.

The Gun Club comprises in its membership the finest shots in the city. The hunting in the vicinity is good and frequent trips to the Adirondacks and the wilds of Pennsylvania are occasions greatly enjoyed by the hunters.



THE ORANGE COUNTY TRUST COMPANY.

## BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

Five banking institutions thrive in the city. They are all sound, well-conducted, and consequently well patronized. They are:

The First National Bank, with a capital of \$100,000.

The Merchants' and Manufacturers' Bank, with a capital of \$160,000.

The Middletown Savings Bank, with surplus of \$103,000.

The Orange County Trust Safe Deposit Company has a capital of \$100,000 and \$25,000 surplus.

## FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS.

The property in the city is most carefully protected by a volunteer fire department, consisting of Excelsior Hook and Ladder Company; Mombagen Hose, No. 1, Eagle Hose No. 2, McQuoid Engine, No. 3, Phoenix Engine No. 4, Ontario Hose No. 5, Walkill Hose, No. 6 and a patrol wagon as well. These fire companies are well officered and comfortably housed in brick edifices,

which afford room for storage of apparatus and parlors for entertainments. Several of these houses are luxuriantly furnished throughout.

Middletown's fire department is not excelled in cities much larger. The department was organized long before the incorporation of the village, and the citizens have taken great pride in it year after year, until it has now reached the zenith of its success. Fire matters have always received great attention from the Pronk family. Soon after the incorporation of the village Mr. J. N. Pronk, afterward president of the village for a long term of years, presented Excelsior Hook and Ladder Company with the truck now in their possession. E. A. R. Pronk, a son, is now president of the company, and E. M. Pronk, a well-known druggist of the city, is foreman for a number of years.

The city is protected by fire-bells located in the centre and extreme western part. Fire-boxes at short intervals sound alarms on both bells in case of fire.

The police department is fully equal to the demands. The work of guarding the city is well covered, and law-breaking is rare. The report for the year ending October 1, 1892, shows a remarkably small number of arrests for other crimes than intoxication, and for the latter offence but comparatively few arrests were made. Criminals when convicted are promptly punished, and a knowledge of this has a wholesome effect upon them. The police force consists of a Captain, Sergeant and ten patrolmen, who are designated by the Common Council. A large list of applications is received each year for these positions.

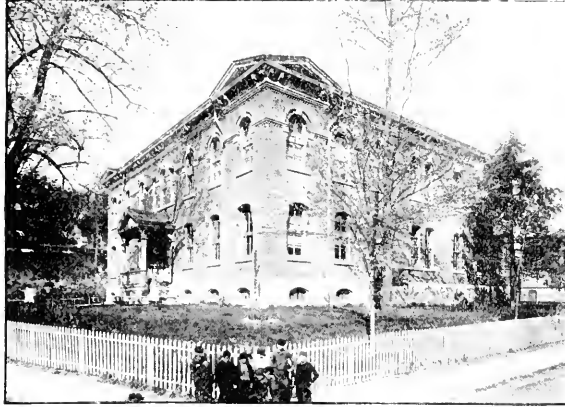
## THE CITY LIBRARIES.

The Middletown Public Library was first organized March 10, 1801. It was re-organized in 1828, at which time there were two hundred and seventy-nine volumes. To-day over 5,000 works are loaned on the free circulation plan, and a very large number of readers take advantage of it.

The Y. M. C. A. also has a good sized library for the use of members. The most of these books were donated by patrons of the association.

## EDUCATIONAL.

Every parent who appreciates his obligations to his children will agree that the possession of exceptionally good educational facilities is one of the strongest claims a city can make as a desirable place of residence, and in this respect Middletown may safely challenge comparison with cities much larger. Wallkill Academy, with its efficient corps of teachers, has long held first position among the schools of Orange County. Non-resident pupils are numerous. Those who graduate from this institution are sufficiently trained to enter any of the noted colleges in the metropolitan cities.



BENTON AVENUE SCHOOL, MIDDLETOWN.

About the city are grammar and primary schools, and their crowded condition has necessitated addition to the buildings, and more will be constructed in the near future.

In addition to the Protestant schools, there is a Roman Catholic school conducted under the auspices of St. Joseph's Society and the Ursuline Academy is rapidly building up classes.

## WATER-WORKS.

Middletown's water supply comes from the springs and brooks of Western Wallkill. Two large reservoirs are well filled nearly the year round, and additional supply has been secured by sinking artesian wells in the Ogden farm, just outside the corporation limits. The water runs from the reservoirs through iron pipes to nearly every street in the city and these lines are being extended each year. The water is clear and pure and does not require filtering.

## DRAINAGE.

The city is well sewered. Storm water cannot accumulate at any point. Sewage from branches and trunk sewers is carried out of the city proper, and runs off in a stream known as Draper Brook, leaving the city free from tainted air, which is always a constant menace to public health.

## THE BOARD OF TRADE.

Truly, Middletown is a city to be proud of. It has reached a position of prominence, and only by the united efforts of the people. A Board of Trade of several years' existence has grown with the city, and its influence is felt all over the State.

The Board is officered as follows: President, A. V. Boak; vice-president, J. W. Slauson; secretary, John McWilliams; treasurer, S. R. Morgan; trustees, F. M. Pronk, J. B. Carson, F. P. S. Crane, Ira M. Corwin, F. M. Barnes, J. E. Gibbs, G. A. Swalm, J. A. Clark, C. R. Fuller, J. F. Bradner, and John E. Iseman.

The Board has a membership of upwards of two hundred. Its resources are great, and manufacturers desiring a location will do well to communicate with it. Many of the manufactories now in operation in this city found a location through this Board's assistance. There is ample opportunity for desirable concerns to make terms which will benefit the newcomer and the city alike.

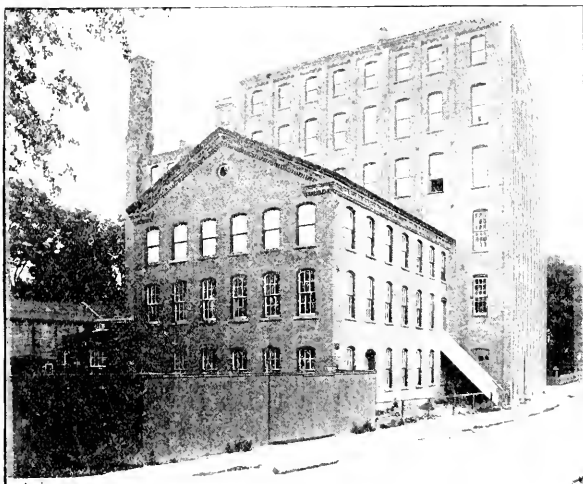
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John Young

## LEADING MANUFACTURERS.

The city's manufacturers are many and their products diversified. Among them may be named the National Saw Company, Clemson Bros. Saw Company, Eagle File Works, Lewis Fompkins Hat Works, Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Company, Howell, Hinckman & Co., tannery; all of national reputation; Columbia Dye and Print Works; Matthews & Company, carpet-bag



COLUMBIA DYE AND PRINT WORKS, RAILROAD AVENUE.

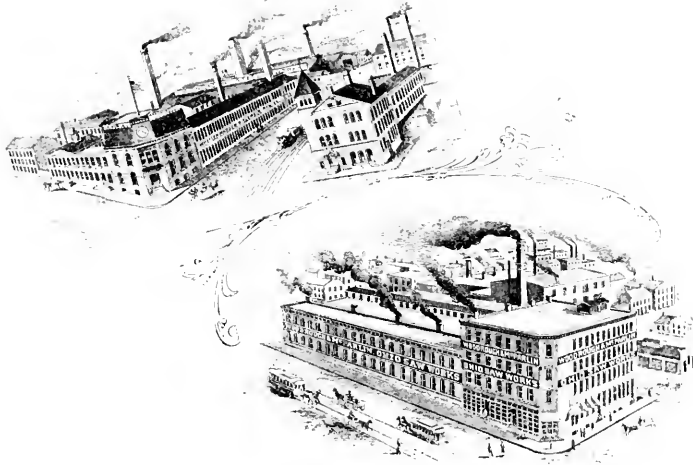
factory; Middletown Straw Hat Works, Ontario and Western car shops; Bryant Bros., carriage factory; L. V. Sinsabaugh, sash and blind factory; Middletown Glass Works, Middletown Paper Box Company, McMonagle & Rogers, fruit extracts; Middletown Cigar Co., E. Millen's Shirt Factory; Albert Selmer & Co., silk ribbons; The Morgan & Wilcox Co., wood type, etc.; Middletown City Iron Works; Middletown Creamery; J. C. Fisher, windmills; Guesford & Gillesheimer, files, etc.

In addition to the above is soon to be added the Hogan Boiler Company. Mr. John J. Hogan, of New York City, has patented several appliances of considerable mechanical worth, and through the efforts of Mr. A. O. Kittredge, editor of "The Office," and of the Middletown Board of Trade, he will build factories in this city. The work has been started and will be pushed to early completion. The company has great faith in Mr. Hogan's inventions.

Middletown needs such factories as cigars, boots and shoes, carriages, sash and blinds, clothing, machine shops, foundries, furniture, pianos and organs, metal works, fire arms, buttons, carpet mills, hats, straw goods, car shops, wooden ware, boiler works, stoves, gloves, tools, hosiery, silk mills, toys, agricultural implements, etc. The Board of Trade solicits correspondence, and will cheerfully give information.

The National Saw Company was incorporated in 1892, with a capital of \$3,000,000, and is officered by such well-known business men as Mr. George N. Clemson, who holds the position of president; Mr. Louis Duhme, vice-president; Mr. R. W. Clemson, secretary; Mr. R. L. Woodrough, treasurer, and Mr. H. H. Woodrough, assistant-treasurer. The company own and operate

the establishments of the Wheeler, Midden & Clemson Manufacturing Company and the Monhagen Steel Works, at Middletown; of Woodrough & Parlin, at Cincinnati, O.; and of Woodrough & Clemson, at Boston, Mass. The Middletown works alone cover an area of five acres and have for some years been accorded the distinction of being one of the best equipped saw factories in the entire country.



The company has a general office at Nos. 96 and 98 Reade Street, New York City. The goods manufactured are to be found in every State in the Union, and not a few foreign countries.

Clemson Brothers, manufacturers of "The Star" bracket, hack and butcher saws, are rapidly building up a reputation for these goods, second to none in the country. Mr. George N. Clemson, one of the brothers, has invented a number of specialties in his line which have made him famous among sawmakers. R. W. Clemson is the other member of this concern. Their new factory, as the reader will see by reference to the cut, is one to be proud of. Though not covering the ground that the National Saw Company's plant does, it is as well known in trade circles. These concerns are two of Middletown's chief manufactories. They are pointed out with pride to strangers, and the interior of the works present an interesting afternoon's entertainment to any one.

#### THE PRESS OF MIDDLETOWN.

The press of Middletown is one of its greatest features. Three dailies find ready sale, and 174 homes but have one, and in many cases all the papers are delivered at four o'clock each afternoon. By far the oldest of these papers is the "Orange County Press." It was started in 1851, by John W. Hasbrouck, under the name of the "Whig Press." In 1868 Hon. M. D. Stevens purchased it. December 3, 1869, it became the property of Stevens & Kessinger, and when the latter died in 1872 it was sold to F. S. Hille, who sold an interest to Mr. John W. Slauson. The paper became a tri-weekly in 1873, and was a great success. Hille and Slauson promptly changed to the "Middletown Daily Press," which was first issued Oct. 19, 1872. In 1873 Mr. Hille retired and Mr. Stevens again bought, the firm-name being Stevens & Slauson. In 1880 Mr. C.



J. Boyd became a member of the firm, which partnership was continued until 1891. In 1883 the weekly edition was changed to a Semi Weekly. The "Press" is Republican in politics and is a paper of high tone, well edited, and wields power in Orange and Sullivan Counties.

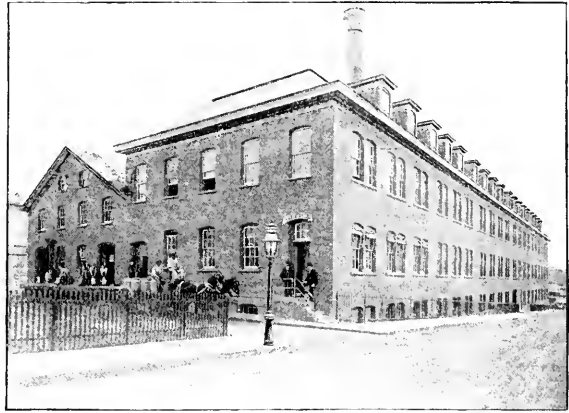
"The Middletown Daily Argus" and the "Middletown Daily Mercury," published by C. Macardell, are old-established Democratic papers. The "Mercury" was started in 1859 and the "Argus" followed the "Daily Press." The paper circulates through Orange and Sullivan Counties, and like the other Middletown papers has a goodly list in Sussex County, N. J. It is forcible in politics, and ranks high as a well-edited paper.

"The Middletown Daily and Semi-Weekly Times" is the youngest of the city's newspapers. It was started in 1891, and has met with the approval of the public. It is Republican in politics, though boasting of large Democratic patronage. It is an excellent newspaper. The editors are Lewis S. and John D. Stivers, sons of one of the former proprietors of the "Press."

"The Signs of the Times," a weekly published by Benton L. Beebe & Son, is the organ of the Old School Baptists of the vicinity, and has a circulation all over the country.

"The Conglomerate" is the work of the patients at the State Homeopathic Insane Hospital. It was established two years ago, and is now on a firm basis. The paper has eight pages and the work, from preparing copy to the folding and mailing of the printed sheets, is entirely performed by patients of more or less weak mentality.

"St. Paul's Herald," a sixteen-page monthly, made its appearance the past summer. It is published by Henry W. Powers, and is the organ of St. Paul's M. E. Church. It has already become popular, and has apparently come to stay.



THE ANGLO-SWISS CONDENSED MILK CO.

### CITY GOVERNMENT.

The city officers are the Mayor, and members of the Common Council, Board of Health, Board of Water Commissioners, Board of Education, Commissioners of Charities, Sewer Commissioners and Park Commissioners. Of late years these officers have been men especially adapted to the positions, and chosen not with regard to political affiliations. The Mayor and Common Councilmen are of course men of influence in one party or the other, but men who have the interest of the city at heart, rather than party aggressiveness.

### PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

The New York State Homeopathic Hospital takes precedence over all of the public buildings in the county. It is architecturally beautiful. Nearly 900 patients are constantly on its registers. It was organized in 1869, through the exertions of Dr. George F. Foote, and has been added to until to-day its buildings cover a vast amount of ground. Dr. S. H. Talcott, the medical superintendent, is a well-known writer and lecturer upon insanity and the best methods of combating it.

The Thrall Hospital, just completed, has come mainly through the efforts of Middletown ladies, headed by Dr. Julia E. Bradner. Mrs. S. Mareta Thrall, after whom the building was named, came to the aid of the ladies and donated land and money sufficient to complete the work. It is splendidly located on Grove Street, directly opposite Mrs. Thrall's own spacious residence. Since its opening last spring the wards have been steadily occupied.

## REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS MEN OF MIDDLETOWN.

### THE C. E. CRAWFORD FURNITURE CO.,

—DEALERS IN—

Furniture,

\* Carpets, \*

Crockery,

SILVER PLATED WARE,

Lamps, Cutlery, Etc.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y.



The C. E. Crawford Furniture Company is located at Nos. 41 and 43 North Street, Middletown, N. Y., and is, without doubt, the largest house-furnishing establishment in this part of the State. They are now running four stores and a factory: One store and the factory in Newburgh, N. Y.; one store in Mattewan and the fourth store in Port Jervis. The business was founded away back in 1873, by Mr. C. E. Crawford, and in 1880 came under the control of Messrs. C. E. Crawford & Brother. Mr. Crawford assumed sole control in 1888 and retained it until the formation of the present company, composed of Messrs. C. E. Crawford, E. D. B. France, James W. Crawford and Charles H. Mapes, all of whom are natives of Orange County, with the exception of Mr. France, who was born in Ulster County. These gentlemen are widely and favorably known in business and social circles and under their skillful direction the business of the company is developing with remarkable rapidity and steadiness. As extensive dealers in furniture, carpets, crockery, silver-plated ware, lamps, cutlery and general household goods the company enjoy favorable relations with prominent manufacturers and handle bedroom suits in ear-load lots in the rough state, and finish them up in all the latest styles at extremely low prices. The premises occupied at Middletown comprise three floors and a basement, measuring 50 x 100 feet, also a storeroom, 100 x 45 feet in size and another measuring 25 x 50 feet. This large amount of space is barely sufficient to accommodate the very heavy and complete stock carried, for the latter comprises the leading novelties and a full selection of staple styles in furniture, carpets, etc., and is so absolutely complete that it contains goods suited to all tastes and to all purses. Bottom prices are quoted and prompt and polite attention is assured to every caller. Their parlor furniture department is arranged in a very novel way and contains a great variety of parlor suits, all of their own make. But it would not be doing justice to their efforts to have every department complete, if we should pass their carpet department without giving a word of notice. Time and space forbid any adequate description, but we will simply state that this department is far above the average to be found in a city the size of Middletown.



# Iseman's Bakery.

## BREAD STUFFS.

Boston Brown, Graham, Vienna, Steamed, Wheat and Rye, Biscuit, Rusks, Buns and Rolls, Layer Cake, Plain or Ornamented, Chocolate, Coconut, Custard, Ribbon, Fruit, Cream, Jelly and Fig Goods Boxed and Shipped to any point.

*Special Attention paid to Orders by Mail or Telegraph.*

**Largest and most Complete Bakery in the County.**

**No. 46 James St., near Erie R. R. Depot,**

**MIDDLETOWN, N. Y.**

(ESTABLISHED 1861)

One of those homely old sayings which seem at first hearing to be almost foolish in their simplicity is, "You can't make something out of nothing;" now of course everybody knows that, and yet frequently we come across a person trying to make first-class goods out of second or third-class materials, which is only trying to make "something out of nothing." It is hardly necessary to say that such is not the policy pursued by Mr. J. E. Iseman, for he never could have built up so large and desirable a business as he has since beginning operations in 1861, were not his goods first-class in material as well as in making. Messrs. J. E. Iseman and his son, G. H. Iseman, are the proprietors of "Iseman's Bakery," manufacturing a superior quality of all kinds of breads, cakes and pastry, and quoting the lowest rates at all times. The premises at Nos. 44 and 46 James Street consist of a large salesroom finished in oak and tile; three large storage rooms, a very complete workshop and in the rear of all, the stables. Special attention is paid to orders by mail or telegraph, the goods being carefully boxed and expressed to any point. The employment of ten thoroughly experienced assistants enables every order to be given immediate and careful attention. An extensive wholesale and retail trade is enjoyed and the various commodities dealt in can be supplied at short notice. Mr. John E. Iseman is a native of Germany, and his son, G. H. Iseman, a native of this city, both being well and favorably known throughout this section of the State. The former has served four terms as alderman, was the first mayor of this city, and is now serving his second term as supervisor; he is a director of the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Bank, and the Middletown Glass Works. He is also president of Phoenix Engine Co., besides being very prominent in various orders. Mr. G. H. Iseman is assistant foreman of Monhagen Hose Co., and holds a prominent position socially. Both give their personal attention to the details of their business and know their productions to be unsurpassed in quality.

ESTABLISHED 1834.

**CLARENCE S. ABRAMS, Ph. G.,**

Successor to ALBERT BULL.

*Wholesale and Retail Dealer in***Drugs, Medicines, Paints, Oils, Glass, Etc.**Corner East Main and South Sts.  
MIDDLETOWN, N. Y.

BULL'S FRUIT FLAVORS.



The drug trade of this country can surely invite comparison, both as regards the character and ability of those engaged in it, and its importance to the community at large, with any other branch of commerce. Whatever its nature may be, there are many reliable and successful houses engaged in it in this section of the State, but none are more highly regarded than that conducted by Mr. C. S. Abrams, at the corner of East Main and South Streets. This business was established by Dr. H. S. Everett, in 1834, who was succeeded by Albert Bull, in 1852, and sold by Mr. Bull to Clarence S. Abrams in the present year, 1892. Mr. Abrams is a native of Croton Falls, Westchester County, N. Y., and graduated from the New York College of Pharmacy in 1883, but has been in active business since 1880, and has gained for himself an enviable reputation for perseverance and honorable business methods. The perfect familiarity of this gentleman with both the theory and practice of his chosen business, has had much to do with the great confidence placed in his house by the general public. He occupies four floors, each 18 x 60 feet, also a cellar; and the variety, freshness and purity of the stock carried, enables Mr. Abrams to fill orders either at wholesale or retail with precision and at the lowest rates. Mr. Abrams makes a specialty of the manufacture of fine flavoring extracts and pharmaceutical preparations, is also a dealer in paints, oils, glass, varnishes, brushes, kalsomine and painters' supplies. He is also agent for John W. Masury & Son's pure linseed oil paints, in liquid and paste form. The services of two thoroughly competent assistants are required, and the extensive and varied lines of goods dealt in are ably handled. All callers are most cordially welcomed and politely served.

## CHARLES J. GIERING,

DEALER IN

❖Diamonds, Watches, Jewelry and Silverware.❖

**SPECTACLES and EYEGLASSES**

FITTED TO THE EYE AND SATISFACTION GUARANTEED. NO CHARGE FOR EXAMINATION.

REPAIRING. Personal attention given to repairing of Fine Watches,  
Clocks and jewelry. All Work guaranteed.

7 North Street,

Middletown, N. Y.

A very great deal of time and money, (these all-important things to most people,) to say nothing of much annoyance, may be saved by knowing where to take watches and clocks when they get out of order. In how many houses do we see timepieces in every room, and no two of them indicating the same time. This is one of the minor troubles of which life is made up, that is not only oftentimes a real annoyance but the cause of serious results. What is more provoking than to lose a train by a minute or two because your watch is slow; of course it is only the favored few who can afford to buy chronometers, but even a moderate priced watch may be made to do faithful duty for many years if treated with care, and taken from time to time to an establishment whose proprietor is skillful in the art of cleaning and repairing these delicate pieces of mechanism. Mr. Chas. J. Giering is a native of Pennsylvania. He founded his present business in 1888, and is a watchmaker and jeweler of no small repute in this vicinity, having had many years' experience before locating here. The art of watchmaking dates back for four generations in his family, many of them being in active business in the jewelry business of to-day. Mr. Giering also deals in gold-head umbrellas, clocks, watches, fine jewelry and makes a specialty as an optician. The store occupied at No. 7 North Street measures some 900 square feet, and one reliable and well-trained assistant is employed who invariably treats all customers with every courtesy. The prices are as moderate as is compatible with good work. Mr. Giering also has on hand a large stock of spectacles and optical goods, being a skilled optician. Satisfaction guaranteed.

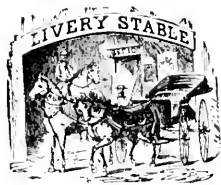


DR. W. B. ROBINSON, Dentist, Iseman Building, James Street, Middletown, N. Y.—In the rapid improvements of the last quarter of a century, every branch of business has seemed to move forward, but none more so than the dental art, which would seem to be at its height, especially as we view the appliances and improvements of our best dental rooms. Dr. W. B. Robinson stands high among the men in this town engaged in this profession, and no pains or money is spared to provide every modern invention, and all branches of dentistry are conducted in an enlightened manner. Dr. Robinson's office is located on James Street in the Iseman Building, and is handsomely furnished, and supplied with every convenience for the comfort of his many patrons. He has been identified with his profession in this town since 1890, and has obtained a reputation for first-class work and reasonable prices. He is thoroughly conversant with the dental art, and conducts it in all its varied and difficult operations. Dr. Robinson is a native of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and is well and favorably known in social as well as business circles of this community. We commend him and his establishment to the favorable notice of all the interested readers of this volume.

**CHARLES W. HILL,** Carpenter, Contractor, and Builder, Office and Shop, No. 34 James Street, Middletown, N. Y.—Most every man has a desire to have a house of his own that will not be precisely the same as a dozen others, or in other words has some individuality. When the supply of money is unlimited, such a house is very easily obtained, but as the majority have to calculate closely when about to build, considerable difficulty is met with. We would recommend all who think of building in this vicinity, to consult with Mr. Charles W. Hill, who is a contractor and builder. His office and shop are located at No. 34 James Street, and he is prepared to construct all kinds of buildings in a thoroughly satisfactory manner, and furnish materials which are properly seasoned, and will make contracts for large or small jobs. Twelve to fifteen skilled mechanics are employed, so that all orders will receive prompt attention, and all who have dealings with Mr. Hill may feel satisfied that honest work will be performed. This enterprise was founded in 1877, by Mr. Chas. Cronwell, and after several changes came under the control of Mr. Hill in 1888. He served on the police force for nine years, so is very well known in this town and vicinity. Correspondence solicited and estimates furnished on application.

**D. L. DECKER'S** Grocery, No. 65 South Street, Middletown, N. Y.—After visiting the store carried on by Mr. D. L. Decker, at No. 65 South Street, an examination, when the stock on hand is very carefully selected, and comprises a full line of choice family groceries, and the prices quoted confirm the favorable impression previously made. Mr. Decker, certainly, ought to know pretty well what the Middletown public wants, for he has been connected with his present business for some years, previous to which he was connected with a N. Y. jobbing house, until 1877, when he built where he is now located. The premises utilized are 45 x 16 feet in dimensions, with storeroom 22 x 32 feet, and are supplied with necessary facilities for the accommodation of the stock and the serving of customers promptly and accurately. Teas, coffees and spices, are given particular attention and are offered in a variety of choice grades at exceptionally low rates, while all the many articles dealt in are fully guaranteed to prove as represented, and are supplied at prices as low as the lowest. Competent assistants are employed and all orders are accurately and promptly delivered. Mr. Decker is a native of Tioga Co., N. Y., and does a large retail business.

**EDWARD TENNANT,** Painter, Paper-hanger, Grainer, Etc., also dealer in Ready Mixed Paints and Tinted Lead, Sprague Avenue, near Benton Avenue, Middletown, N. Y.—Everybody knows how much well-painted houses and signs add to the appearance of any city or town, and it is a safe rule to judge of the prosperity and intelligence of a community by the degree of care exercised in keeping its buildings up to the standard. Intelligent people know that paint is at least as useful as it is ornamental, especially in our New York climate, and that the surest way to keep a house in a sound condition is to see that its wood-work is well protected by paint at all times. In this connection we may fittingly call attention to the facilities possessed by Mr. Edward Tennant, for the execution of all orders for house and sign painting, graining, etc., also paper-hanging, for such work is done the most cheaply where it is done the most skillfully, and the results attained by Mr. Tennant will bear the closest examination and the most severe comparison with the work of any competent painter, for he uses good stock, spares no pains to apply it to the best advantage, and makes no exorbitant charges, his terms being as low as is consistent with the methods employed. The premises utilized and located at No. 19 Sprague Avenue, contain a varied stock of mixed paints, tinted lead, oils, etc. Estimates will be cheerfully furnished, and contracts made for painting and paper-hanging, and all orders will be filled at short notice, as skilled mechanics are constantly employed.



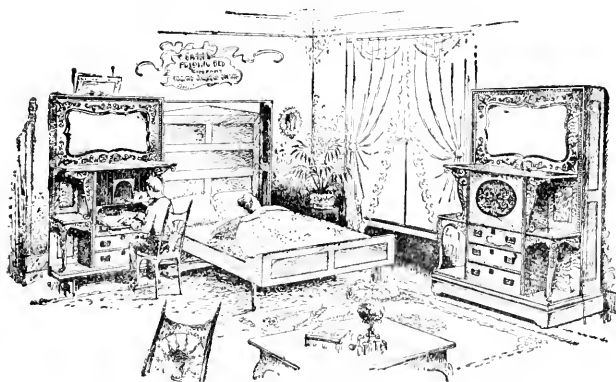
**DINEEN & MURPHY,** Livery, Coach and Boarding Stables, Open Day and Night, Telephone Call No. 50, Nos. 9 and 11 John Street, Middletown, N. Y.—The character of the livery service offered by Messrs. Dineen & Murphy, should certainly be thoroughly familiar to the residents of Middletown, for these gentlemen have been identified with its business interests for many years. The enterprise of which we speak was originally started by Mr. James Finch in 1861, and after several changes came under the control of the present proprietors. Mr. Murphy is a native of Middletown, and Mr. Dineen was born in Montgomery, and both gentlemen are well-known in this vicinity. Their stables are spacious and well arranged, being a two-story building, 40 x 80 feet in size and containing twenty-six stalls, and are located at Nos. 9 and 11 John Street. A livery, coach and boarding business is carried on, and we would advise all interested readers who desire a team for business or pleasure, or who have horses which they want boarded to give Messrs. Dineen & Murphy a call, as their terms are very moderate and good horses, stylish and easy vehicles, and first-class appointments are at hand for the accommodation of livery patrons, for this firm take pride in maintaining the high reputation they have so long held. Both members give close personal attention to all details of their business and spare no pains to satisfy the most critical customer. They also run a stable at Bloomingburg in connection with the one here, which will accommodate a large number of horses.

**J. M. BRINK,** Market, No. 16 Fulton Street, Middletown, N. Y.—The market carried on by Mr. J. M. Brink, at No. 16 Fulton Street, is one of the most popular establishments of the kind in the city, and well-deserves its popularity, as the management is liberal and efficient, and full value for money paid is assured to every customer. The business was founded in 1877, by Messrs. Avers & Brink, and was afterward conducted by Messrs. Brink & Gordon, then by Messrs. Brink & Howell; the present proprietor assuming sole control in 1879. He was born in Greenvale, Orange County, New York, and is extremely well known in social as well as in business circles in Middletown and vicinity. There is no need of describing in detail the stock carried by Mr. J. M. Brink, suffice it to say, it comprises all the articles usually found in a first-class market, which caters especially to family trade. No trouble is spared to handle only such goods as can confidently be recommended, and callers are waited upon promptly and politely Mr. Brink giving them personal attention and also employing competent assistance. The lowest market prices are quoted, and there is no store in the city where food supplies can be bought to better advantage.



L. V. SINSABAUGH, Manufacturer of Sash, Blinds, Doors and Mouldings, Window-Frames, Store Fronts, Stair Rails, Newels, Balusters, Brackets, Scrolls, Etc., Mail orders have Prompt Attention; Building and Contracting, Lumber of all kinds; Factory, Corner John Street and Linden Avenue, Middletown, N. Y.—There is hardly anything nowadays that is not made by steam machinery, houses not excepted; for although the houses themselves are put together by hand, the beams, boards, doors, sashes, blinds, mouldings, brackets, etc., which are used in their construction are made by machinery, and the only hand-work practised is that incidental to the putting of them together. This being the case, it is natural that Mr. L. V. Sinsabaugh, who is proprietor of a large and fully equipped wood-working factory and has also had a long and varied experience, should take a leading position among the contractors and builders of Middletown.

He is prepared to furnish sash, blinds, doors, window-frames, store fronts, store fixture mouldings, stair rails, newels, balusters, scrolls, etc., in quantities to suit all demands at short notice and at bottom rates. He manufactures and repairs all sorts of furniture and makes a speciality of mantels and fine hard wood-work. He has constantly for sale a complete stock of hard and soft pine and all kinds of hard-woods. Correspondence is solicited, and information cheerfully given. All orders by mail will receive prompt attention and as a large stock of finished goods is generally carried, many orders can be filled without delay. This business was founded in 1880 by Mr. Charles Platt and in 1888 passed under the control of the present owner and sole proprietor, Mr. L. V. Sinsabaugh, who has added new departments, put in the latest improved machinery and generally increased the business. Mr. Sinsabaugh is a native of Montgomery, Orange Co., N. Y., and is very well known throughout this section.



VAN DUZER, SMITH & CO., Dealers in Carpets, Furniture, Crockery, Etc., Houses Furnished Complete, J. R. Van Duzer, J. H. Smith, L. W. Van Duzer, Nos. 36 and 38 North Street, Middletown, N. Y.—The house furnishing goods trade has developed very largely within the last score of years, and has to a great extent passed into the hands of those who have the ability and the facilities for carrying on operations in a very extensive way, but experience proves that the interests of true economy are best served under such conditions and that genuine advances are gained by consumers. The enterprise conducted by Van Duzer, Smith & Co. was inaugurated in 1861, by Messrs. Van Duzer and Preston and after several changes the present firm was established in

1891 under the name of Van Duzer, Smith & Co. These gentlemen are all natives of this State and are well and favorably known in business circles. The above firm are probably doing the largest business in the house furnishing line of any in the country. Twenty years is a long time to continue a business and it takes good goods and fair dealings with the public to increase its sales annually as has been the case with this house, the oldest furniture house in the city. They utilize the premises at Nos. 36 and 38 North Street, and cover an area of 19,780 square feet. An immense stock is carried for they are both retail and wholesale dealers. Among the most important commodities dealt in may be mentioned crockery, china, carpets, fine parlor furniture, draperies, an extensive line of chamber and dining-room furniture, bedding, rattan furniture, stone ware etc., etc., their stock being one of the largest this side of N. Y. City. Special inducements are offered to hotels and summer boarding-house keepers. This firm also have the exclusive sale of the "Gum" folding bed which is represented by the above cut and for twenty years have had absolute control of the world-renowned cotton mattress, which beats all others. No house is completely furnished without one. Six competent assistants are employed and have facilities for filling the largest orders at the shortest possible moment, while the wants of even the smallest buyers are as promptly and carefully supplied. Their fine stock of crockeries, also furniture in ear load lots, are bought directly from the manufacturers. Their china and crockery comes direct from the best foreign and American patterns, for they sell both imported and domestic wares. In fact being the largest haulers and distributors of house furnishing goods in this vicinity, they have facilities for buying and selling goods possessed by few metropolitan firms, and so well have they improved those facilities that to-day they stand the leaders in their business in this section of N. Y. State.

T. H. BUTLER.

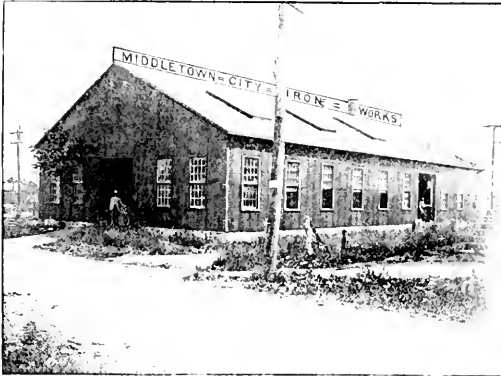
J. G. MARTIN.

## MIDDLETOWN CITY IRON WORKS,

**BUTLER & MARTIN, Proprietors.**

Castings of every description in Brass or Iron Satisfactorily Made.

MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK.



Just about a year has elapsed since the Middletown City Iron Works began operations, the first casting having been made July 23, 1891. The enterprise has thus far proved a gratifying success, and it is perfectly natural that such should have been the case, for Messrs. T. H. Butler and J. G. Martin, the proprietors, are thoroughly practical men, they have all the necessary mechanical facilities to turn out good work at low rates, and they employ competent assistants and give close personal supervision to the many details of the business, knowingly allowing no imperfect work to leave the establishment. The premises are located on Wisner Avenue off North Street, and the main building is 50 x 100 feet in dimensions, several good sized sheds also being utilized. The plant of machinery includes a 40-horse boiler and a 25-horse engine, and the facilities for the making of castings of every description in brass or iron are excellent, they going far to ensure

good work and prompt delivery. Messrs. Butler & Martin make specialties of railroad work, pump work, and marine work, and parties wishing anything in those lines would do well to communicate with them, a prompt reply being assured, and the firm being prepared to figure closely on such orders.

### McMONAGLE & ROGERS.

## Pharmacists And Manufacturers of Premium Fruit Flavors,

30 NORTH STREET, MIDDLETOWN, N. Y.

The extensive business carried on by Messrs. McMonagle & Rogers may be roughly divided into two departments, each of which is for all practical purposes entirely distinct from the other. One is of direct interest only to the residents of Middletown and vicinity; the other is of interest to every consumer of food containing flavoring extract; or, in other words, to practically every one in this country. The business was founded in 1868, and some idea of its present magnitude may be gained from the fact that goods are regularly shipped to all the leading cities from Maine to California, and as they always cater to the higher class of trade, those who handle pure goods only. Their success in this line is proven by their high standing in the market. Their representatives visit each state in the Union regularly. Messrs. McMonagle & Rogers' productions are not called "Premium" fruit flavors without reason, for they have repeatedly been pronounced "unrivalled in delicacy, perfect in purity, superior in strength, and unequalled in quality." The manufacturers aim to make the best in the world, and it can be said without fear of successful contradiction that they are at least fully equal to the very finest goods in the market. Every one knows that the adulteration of vanilla extract is well-nigh universal, and hence can judge of the quality of the other extracts made by Messrs. McMonagle & Rogers by their unreserved guarantee of the absolute purity of their "Premium" extract of vanilla, which is made from the very finest Mexican vanilla beans, of which they receive the pick of the crop, and owes its entire flavoring principle exclusively to that source, it containing neither Tonka nor any of its products. The firm will pay a thousand dollars for proof that their vanilla extract is not just as we have represented when it leaves their laboratory. The premises utilized by them comprise four floors of the dimensions of 25 x 100 feet, also a laboratory measuring 10 x 100 feet, and capacious storerooms—the latter being located on Union Street and the pharmacy and warehouse being located at No. 30 North Street. A very complete assortment of drugs, medicines and chemicals, surgical instruments, trusses, crutches and splints is constantly carried, the goods being obtained from the most reliable sources and being guaranteed equal in purity to any in the market. Particular attention is given to the compounding of physicians' prescriptions, and such orders are filled promptly as well as carefully and accurately. The firm is composed of Messrs. D. C. McMonagle and W. H. Rogers, both of whom are natives of Middletown.



DR. F. M. BARNES,

DR. H. C. McBRAIR,

:o: Dentists :o:

Office over Savings Bank,

Corner Main and South Streets,

GAS ADMINISTERED.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y.

CHARLES J. EVERSON

**SURVEYOR and CIVIL ENGINEER,**

No. 4 King Street, Middletown.

One of Middletown's best-known business men is Mr. Charles J. Everson, surveyor and civil engineer, who, in 1877, succeeded to the business carried on for fifty years by Mr. William W. Reeve. Mr. Everson will furnish plans and specifications on application. Mr. Everson is now holding the office of director in the Orange County Loan and Trust Company and is serving his second term as member of the Board of Education.



ATKINS & WALSH, Blacksmiths, Horseshoers, Carriage Repairers, No. 312 North Street, Middletown, N. Y.—There are penalties as well as pleasures connected with the ownership of a carriage, and one of them is that even the best made vehicles have a way of breaking down at times or of becoming so injured by accident or long continued use as to render repairing necessary. The old proverb tells us that, "a stitch in time saves nine," and the principle holds good in the case of carriages also, for \$5 expended on repairs to-day may be the means of saving several times that sum a few weeks from now; therefore see that your vehicle is kept in good condition and when it needs "tinkering up" a little don't put it off, but go at once to a thoroughly competent blacksmith,—as for instance, Messrs. Atkins & Walsh, doing business at No. 312 North Street. They are both natives of New York State, and are well known in this town, having carried on their present business since 1886 though it had

been established by Saunders & Gregory in 1883. The premises occupied comprise two floors, 40 x 60 feet in dimensions, and every facility is at hand for the doing of first-class work, which can be filled at very short notice. The business includes blacksmithing of all kinds, horseshoeing, carriage and sleigh repairing, wood work painting, iron work and general jobbing. Messrs. Atkins & Walsh pay particular attention to all work entrusted to their care, their charges are uniformly moderate, and indeed will compare favorably with any quoted on work of equal excellence.

**JOHN T. OGDEN,**

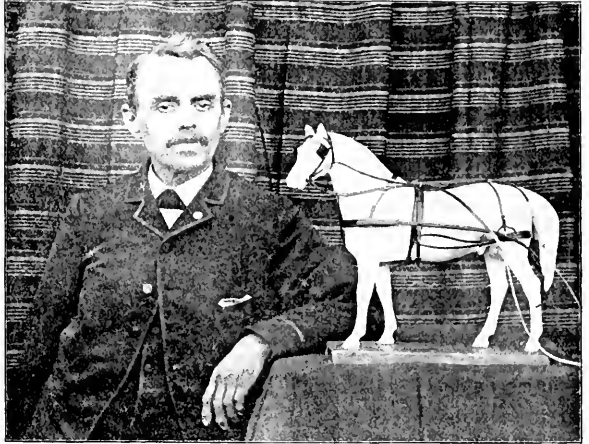
MANUFACTURER AND DEALER IN

**HARNESSES****WHIPS, COLLARS,**

**Horse Boots, Blankets, Sheets, Nets, Brushes, Combs, Oils and Blackings, Sponges, Chamois Skins, Saddlery Hardware, Leather and everything usually kept in a first-class harness shop.**

40 W. Main St.,

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y.



The fact that Mr. Ogden is a practical harness-maker who has been in the business at No. 40 West Main Street, Middletown, N. Y., for a good many years, and that his grandfather, the late John B. Cox, was in the same line in this place as far back as 1815, is a matter of little importance to the general public, but there are other facts which may interest all our harness-buying people of to-day. Mr. Ogden keeps the largest and best selected line of saddlery and harness goods to be seen in the city. There is also a good deal in knowing that the harness you are using is thoroughly and skillfully made from honest materials, for when a man is sure that such is the case, he is much less apt to get excited and nervous when he finds himself in a "tight place" on the road, and consequently, it is much pleasanter for him and for any companions he may chance to have. In order to obtain such a harness you must patronize a reputable dealer, and we know of none more worthy of every confidence than is Mr. John T. Ogden, carrying on business at No. 40 West Main Street. He is a native of this town and carries a very desirable stock of harness, whips, collars, robes, etc., and all articles for the use of horses and horsemen. Mr. Ogden is a harness-maker of experience and ability and allows no work to leave his establishment that can fail to satisfy any reasonable customer. He makes harness to order at short notice and gives special attention to repairing in all its branches, using selected stock and taking care to do the work durably as well as neatly. Very reasonable prices are quoted and a steadily increasing business is done. Two efficient assistants are employed, and customers can rely fully on the quality of all goods bought at this old establishment.

Mr. Ogden enlisted in Brooklyn, N. Y. and joined "F" Co. of the 3d N. Y. Cav., then at Newport News, Va., in Nov. 1863, under Maj. Gen. Benj. F. Butler, in command of the "7th Army of the James," and Gen. August V. Kautz, the Cav. Div. Commander. His regiment is proud of having been part of an army which seemed and held a "base" from which Lee and the Army of Northern Va. was battled to Appomattox and to nothing, by the heroes of Gettysburgh, Fredericksburgh, Chancellorsville, Spottsylvania, Wilderness and Cold Harbor under the immortal Grant. His Col., Simon B. Mix (3d N. Y. Cav.) was killed in front of Petersburg in June, 1864. He was succeeded by Col. Geo. W. Lewis. The 3d N. Y. Cav. was consolidated with the 1st N. Y. Mtd Rifles in July, 1865, and were then called the "4th Provisional N. Y. Cavalry," from H Co. of which he was discharged at City Point, Va. in Nov. 1865.



His hospital, containing fourteen stalls, office, pharmacy and residence are located at No. 7 Roberts Street, where he is prepared to treat all diseases of horses and cattle.

**DR. J. S. SUTCLIFFE**, Veterinary Surgeon, Graduate of the Ontario Veterinary College, Treats all Diseases of Horses and Cattle, Surgery a Specialty, Office and Residence, No. 7 Roberts Street, Telephone Call, No. 96, Middletown, N. Y.—The establishment conducted by Dr. J. S. Sutcliffe is unique in some respects, but it is so useful that it is a great pity that it has not been duplicated in every community of any importance. It is nothing more nor less than a hospital for horses, with an ambulance in connection, and no lover of the noblest of animals can visit it, observe the facilities present, inquire into the results obtained, and in short, investigate it thoroughly, without becoming convinced that Dr. Sutcliffe is doing a grand work and is emphatically "the right man in the right place," in his present position, and has been the means of saving many valuable animals from suffering and death. Dr. Sutcliffe is a veterinary surgeon, of remarkably broad experience, being the oldest established veterinary surgeon in Orange County and has made an extensive study of the horse and cow in health and disease. We do not claim that he can work miracles and can restore the strength and freshness of youth to an aged animal, but we know that he is a very skillful practitioner and is worthy of every confidence. He is a native of England and a graduate of the Ontario Veterinary College, has also taken a course in the Long Island (Human) Medical College.

# E. B. KOCH GRANITE CO.,

MANUFACTURERS OF

## Artistic Memorials

IN

# AMERICAN AND FOREIGN GRANITES

QUARRIES:  
QUINCY, MASS.,  
BARRE, VT.

WORKS AND YARDS,

40, 42 and 44 MULBERRY ST., MIDDLETOWN, N. Y.

Circumstances alter cases and no set rule can be given for all occasions and conditions, but at least one solid fact may be laid down for the guidance of those about to place orders for cemetery work, and that is, that by far the larger proportion of such work nowadays is made from granite, and the more elaborate and artistic the work the smaller the proportion made from any other material. In this connection it is perfectly natural to make mention of the enterprise conducted by the E. B. Koch Granite Company, for this concern work in granite exclusively, and produce artistic memorials in American and foreign granites, that are tasteful, original and imposing. The business was founded about thirty years ago, and has been under the control of the present company since 1888. Mr. Koch is a native of Middletown, and is extremely well known throughout the city and vicinity. He gives close personal supervision to affairs, and no imperfect work is allowed to leave the works and yards, which are located at Nos. 40, 42 and 44 Mulberry Street, where they have a complete plant, having a "Jennie Lind" polisher of the most improved pattern, a 25-horse power engine, and a 35-horse power boiler, the quarries being at Quincy, Mass., and at Barre, Vermont. Estimates will be promptly made on application, and the company are prepared to execute all commissions at short notice, and to do all kinds of granite cemetery work, from the most simple to the most elaborate, at uniformly moderate rates. A specialty is made of large cemetery work, also of soldiers' monuments, they having put up a great many, among which we will mention those at Walden, N. Y., Salisbury Mills, N. Y., and Flemington, N. J. Parties can find the largest assortment of finished work outside of New York City at this shop. All orders can be executed at short notice.

## J. T. ROBERTSON,

DEALER IN

# Groceries, Provisions, FRESH AND SALT MEATS.

124 and 126 East Main Street, MIDDLETOWN, N. Y.

When we come across an establishment where it is evident that every effort is being made to accommodate the public, and where fair dealing and low prices are assured to every customer, we take pleasure in directing attention to it, whether it has been carried on a long or a short time. The establishment now conducted by Mr. J. T. Robertson was started by him in 1878 and we wish to call the favorable attention of our readers to it, for it is plainly to be seen that Mr. Robertson means to extend every advantage to his patrons. He has had considerable experience in the meat, provision and grocery business, so that he is in a position to manage his present enterprise to the satisfaction of those he serves, and to give them a full dollar's worth of standard goods for every dollar they may spend at his market. This establishment is located at Nos. 124 and 126 East Main Street, and comprises two floors with large storerooms in the basement. The stock carried includes everything in the line of domestic and imported goods, such as provisions, groceries, flour, teas, coffee, canned goods, fresh and salt meats, cigars, tobacco and confectionery, etc. In 1887 Mr. Robertson added a meat department, which is entirely separate from the grocery store, but having easy access to it, being connected by a door. Since the establishment of this department it has grown to be the largest meat business in Middletown. In the basement of these large stores is a storeroom for butter, another for hams, etc. Space is also provided for sausage making, the machinery being operated by steam. In a separate building meats are smoked and cured. Every department in the basement is separated by a partition so that no two kinds of goods are stored together and are complete in every department. Mr. J. T. Robertson is probably the best equipped groceryman in this section of the State and if any of our readers will call at this store, we can promise them prompt attention and civil treatment by efficient assistants, and also standard articles of food at the lowest market prices.

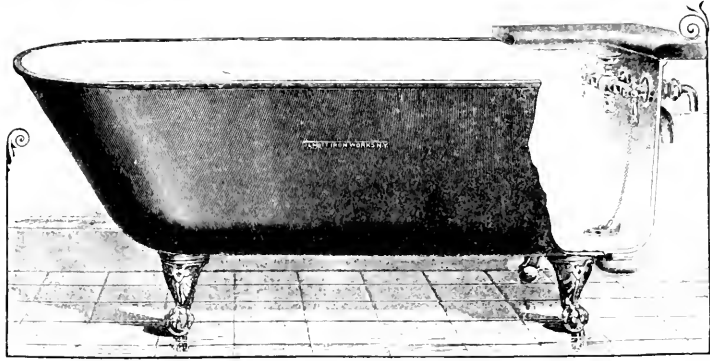
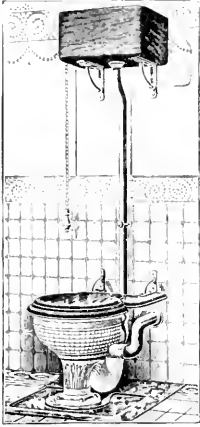


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**WILMOT DURYEA**, Practical Plumber, Steam and Gasfitter, No. 50 North Street, Middletown, N. Y.—Everybody knows that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," but everybody does not take advantage of this knowledge, and the result is that much serious sickness occurs that is entirely unnecessary, as it is plainly the consequence of carelessness. Some of the most common and deadly diseases are caused by defective plumbing, for sewer gas is as much a poison as arsenic, and the only way to keep it out of a house is to have the drainage system scientifically arranged and thoroughly constructed. In this connection we take pleasure in calling attention to the facilities possessed by Mr. Wilmot Duryea, for the doing of practical plumbing, as he makes a speciality of such work and is thoroughly competent and reliable. His place of business is located at No. 50 North Street, and measures 35 x 65 feet in size, and here may be found a complete line of plumbers' supplies and fittings, etc. Mr. Duryea employs seven competent and skilled assistants, and is in a position to give immediate and careful attention to every order. Steam and gasfitting will be done in a superior manner at short notice, but a speciality is made of fine plumbing, and no house in the State does better work in this line or quotes more moderate prices. Mr. Duryea is a native of this town and very well and favorably known.

IRA L. CASE

**CASE & TAYLOR,**

ARCHIBALD TAYLOR.

## Real Estate and Insurance Agency,

LOANS NEGOTIATED, CONVEYANCES MADE, RENTS COLLECTED.

15 North Street, Stern's Building,

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y.

The insurance business has assumed such vast proportions in this country that it is a sheer impossibility for one to keep informed as to the comparative standing and the characteristic methods of the many companies unless he gives the subject much more time and attention than can properly be spared from the special vocation in which he is engaged, and yet it is of the first importance to use intelligent discrimination in the choice of companies, for like individuals, they vary greatly in reliability and in the promptness with which they discharge their obligations. Under the circumstances it is obvious that the most secure, convenient and generally desirable method of placing insurance is through a local agent, who has had sufficient experience to be thoroughly well informed on insurance matters, and who is known to be trustworthy in every respect, for of course such a man is conversant with the standing of the several companies and will represent none that he believes to be unworthy of confidence or that affords any but an economical and efficient service. Judging from the general use made of their facilities, the residents of Middletown are convinced that Messrs. Case and Taylor are such agents as we have described, and they have excellent grounds for that conviction, for they have had many years' experience in that business, they being the successors to the oldest established agency of the kind, in this town, it having been founded in 1853, by S. H. Purdy, since when many changes have been made, and the present firm assumed control in 1886. Messrs. Case & Taylor, are real estate and insurance agents, negotiate loans, collect rents and make conveyances, etc., etc. They are both natives of Orange County, N. Y., and Mr. Case is attached to the Board of Education, and served six years as school commissioner of the Second Assembly District of Orange County. The firm represent some of the leading and oldest insurance companies in the world, as the following list will show: Home of New York, Liverpool, London and Globe, England; North British and Mercantile, England; Commercial Union, London, England; Lancashire, Manchester, England; London and Lancashire, Liverpool, England; Metropolitan Plate Glass, New York; Glens Falls, Glens Falls, New York; Orient, Hartford, Conn.; Phoenix, Hartford, Conn.; State Mutual Life, Worcester, Mass.; and many others. They are prepared to write policies on the most favorable terms and give equal care to the placing of large and small lines of insurance, while all orders will receive their prompt attention.

# A. V. BOAK;

—REAL ESTATE—

Orange County Farms and Middletown City Property

A SPECIALTY.

No. 35 North Street, Middletown, N. Y.

Among the representative real estate men of this section, one of the best known is Mr. A. V. Boak, whose office is at No. 35 North Street. An experience in the real estate business since 1872 has made Mr. Boak an authority on Orange County real estate and his appreciation of present and prospective values of property is reliability itself. His business includes transactions in real estate of every description in this district. He makes a specialty of handling Middletown city residences, cottages, city lots, business and investment properties, hotels, and Orange County farms, and is able to offer bargains in all classes of properties. Mr. Boak is president of the board of trade and is widely and favorably known throughout this section, and is prepared to buy, sell, or exchange real estate for non-resident owners. In conclusion we have only to say that if there are among our readers manufacturers in search of desirable sites for their factories, family men in search of a pleasant, healthful residence, or parties having money to invest in first-class properties, let them visit Middletown. Mr. Boak will be pleased to furnish interested parties with any desired information concerning this city and vicinity.



**E. MILLEN & CO.,**  
Shirt Manufacturers,

OFFICE,  
113 Greene Street, New York.

FACTORY,  
Middletown, - N. Y.

Messrs. Edmund Millen and T. W. Aikenhead compose the firm of E. Millen & Co., shirt-makers, Nos. 113 Greene Street, New York City, with factories at Port Jervis and Middletown, a part of which is shown. They have recently built one in Kingston, besides making goods in several other places. This business was originally started by the senior member about twenty years ago, and now ranks with the most prominent and successful shirt manufacturers in the Empire State. All the goods are sold from the New York office, No. 113 Greene Street. To sustain the trade-mark "sans-pareil" (without equal) has been their pride and ambition. To do this their factories are equipped with the most improved mechanical facilities known and it is not surprising that their productions should give the best of satisfaction, attested to by the steady increase in the demand for their goods by the trade in general, especially as the firm are prepared to meet all honorable competition in price as well as in quality.



W. C. F. BASTIAN, East Main Street, Opposite Midland Depot, Middletown, N. Y.—If there be any members of the community who are particularly well-posted concerning the hotel accommodations of the country, they must be sought among commercial travellers, for these energetic individuals pass the greater portion of their time, "on the road," and thus have practical experience with every variety of public house to be found in the Union. It would be strange did they not gather many valuable hints concerning hotel management, both from personal observation and from hearing the criticisms and eulogies of their tellow travellers. Therefore, it follows that a former member of the fraternity, having the requisite facilities and ability ought to be in a position to conduct a hotel which would "fill the bill," in every particular, and this being the case, it is not surprising that since Mr. W. C. F. Bastian became the proprietor of this hotel in 1880, that hostelry should have rapidly and steadily gained in popularity and patronage, for Mr. Bastian, (who is a native of Germany) is in a position to cater intelligently to the wants of the travelling public. This hotel is conveniently located on East Main Street, opposite Midland depot, and is very comfortably furnished, having twelve sleeping rooms and in short is a very desirable place to put up at, for either a long or short period. Employment is given to three assistants and the premises are kept in first-class condition, while the service is prompt and courteous at all times. The rates of the house are but \$2.00 per day and those who know where to find equal accommodations for the same money know more than we do. Mr. Bastian is well known in musical society, having held the office of leader in the Middletown Mannerchor.



## SMITH & SWEENEY'S DEEP ROCK MINERAL WATERS,

Made from water taken from slate rock 100 feet under ground

**Cream Soda, Lemon Soda, Birch Beer, Ginger Ale, Cabinet Soda, Coffee Soda, Sarsaparilla.**

*Also Bottlers of Seltzer and Vichy Waters.*

Also, Wholesale Dealers in

**Liquors, Ales and Lager.**

And all kinds of

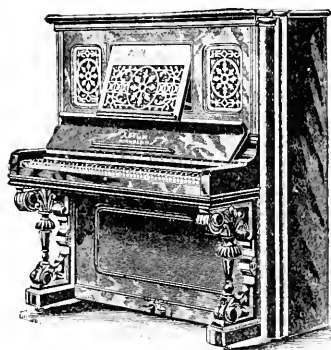
**Foreign and Domestic Wines and Cigars of the best brand.**

OFFICE AND FACTORY,

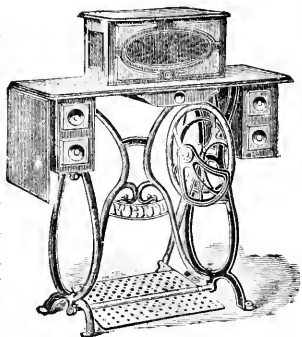
**Cor. Cottage and School Sts.,**

**MIDDLETOWN, N. Y.**

If the testimony of the great majority of competent physicians, and the result of practical experience are to be regarded as conclusive, then it may be stated as an established fact, that the reasonable use of malt liquors, and wines, is as healthful as it is agreeable. The demand for such liquors, has increased with phenomenal rapidity of late years. The enterprise conducted by Messrs. Smith and Sweeney was founded thirteen years ago and their productions have long held a leading position in the market. They are wholesale dealers in liquors, ales and lager, and all kinds of foreign and domestic wines and cigars of the best brands, besides being manufacturers of soda water, and bottlers of lager and mineral waters, among them the noted "Deep Rock" mineral water, made from water taken from slate rock over 100 feet under ground. They also bottle cream soda, birch beer, cabinet soda, lemon soda, ginger ale, coffee soda, sarsaparilla, seltzer and vichy waters, etc., etc. The premises occupied and located on corner Cottage and School Streets comprise a two-story building, 35 x 65 feet in dimensions, together with a basement and in connection outside an ice house capable of holding 125 tons. Eight competent and reliable assistants are employed and a large trade is carried on. The individual members of the firm are Messrs. C. R. Smith, who is a native of Orange Co., and D. B. Sweeney, a native of Middletown, both of whom are very well known in this locality.



**MORGAN & WILBUR,**  
Agents for the following Pianos: Knabe, Chase, Shaw, Sterling, Steinway, Bradbury, Hazelton, New England, Mason & Hamlin; the following Sewing-machines: White, Davis; the following Organs: Chase, Sterling, Story & Clark, Chicago Cottage, Farrand & Votey, Mason & Hamlin; Violins, Banjos, Guitars, Mandolins, Fifes, Flutes, Harmonicas, and other small Instruments, Needles and other Sewing-machine Fixtures, Tuning and Repairing of Pianos and Organs, Nos. 56 and 58 North Street, Middletown, N. Y.—There is no disguising the fact that a great amount of deception has come to be associated with the sale of musical instruments in general,



and of pianos and organs in particular. Doubtless, this has grown out of the fact, that in the great majority of cases the purchaser is entirely uninformed as to what goes to make up a good and reliable instrument, of which absence of information on the part of the customer, the unscrupulous dealer has taken advantage. This being the case, it is obvious that purchasers cannot be too careful in bestowing their patronage, and if they can find a dealer whose reputation for integrity is unimpeached, they may safely throw themselves unreservedly on his honor, confident that the result will be entirely satisfactory to themselves. We believe that the entire community will who contemplate purchasing anything in this line, and that exact justice will be done to all who may have occasion to transact business with them. The firm was established in March, 1889, at which time they succeeded to the business of W. T. Ouden, occupying the fine double store, Nos. 56 and 58 North Street, where they display a large assortment of pianos, organs, sewing-machines, and musical merchandise. Among the first two are to be found a number of instruments of world-wide reputation, as well as others of great merit if not so widely known. The firm has very wisely adopted the one-price system, putting prices on their instruments at the outset, as low as goods of like grade can be purchased anywhere. We can confidently recommend this firm to all who may now, or at any future time, contemplate purchasing anything in their line.

**WM. RANDALL,** Painting, Graining, Paper-hanging and Kalsomining, Hard-Wood Finishing and Interior Decoration, Dealer in Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Etc., Shop, No. 24 Henry Street, Middletown, N. Y.—In the olden times all decorative and beautiful artistic work was confined to the religious and public buildings and the palaces of the favored rich. Now, through the advancing influences of civilization, the achievements and effects of artistic coloring are brought within the reach of almost every one, who can appreciate their value, and the higher tone and happiness, which have thus been brought into our life, is of the greatest influence and value. The refined taste exhibited everywhere in this branch of business causes one to stop and wonder if this industry has not reached the height of perfection. Among the well-known business men of Middletown is the familiar name of Wm. Randall. As a painter he has no superior in this town, and as he established this business many years ago, it is recognized as one of the leading ones of its kind in this town. The shop occupied and located at No. 24 Henry Street, is 18 x 25 feet in dimensions, thirteen experienced hands being employed. Painting, graining, paper-hanging and kalsomining are done in all their branches, as well as hard wood finishing and interior decoration, etc. Mr. Randall is a native of New York State, is the sole agent for "Harrison's Town and County Mixed Paints," and deals in oils, varnishes, etc., while all orders for any of the above-named lines of work will be given immediate and skillful attention, and executed at short notice.

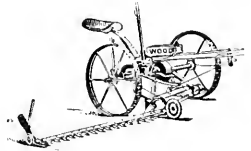
**GUESFORD & GILLESHEIMER,** Manufacturers of Hand Cut Files, No. 183 East Main Street, Middletown, N. Y.—It has not probably occurred to our readers that the file is one of the most valuable of modern mechanical implements and that the services of the file-maker are indispensable. It is also said that "a workman is known by his tools," but that is not always the case, for many a good workman is employed by a firm or corporation that obliges him to use poor tools in pursuance of an absurdly mistaken policy of economy. "Cheap tools" are almost invariably the dearest that can be used, and this is especially true of files, for a cheap file is an abomination to every decent workman and deserves no place in any respectable shop. This fact is becoming more generally understood every year, and as a consequence there is a large and steadily increasing demand for the productions of Messrs. Guesford & Gillesheimer, these being the best refined, cast steel files, and being the best in every respect. The firm are prepared to make every description of file to order, and all files are fully warranted, and are furnished at as low rates as are consistent with the attainment of the best possible results. The firm is composed of Messrs. Guesford and Gillesheimer, the first-named workman being a native of England, while the latter was born in New York State. Both have had a long and practical experience in this line of business, and know all about first-class files and how to make them. The works are located at No. 183 East Main Street and all necessary facilities are at hand to enable operations to be carried on to the best advantage, and to ensure the prompt and satisfactory filling of orders. They confine themselves chiefly to the manufacture of files, strictly hand cut, though they also make a specialty of re-cutting. They are enterprising, progressive men and the success with which they have already met is only an indication of what they may expect in the future.



LEANDER BRINK.

JAMES A. CLARK.

**BRINK & CLARK,**  
 Hardware, Stoves, House-Furnishing Goods,  
 Agricultural Tools,  
 Carriage Makers' and Blacksmiths' Supplies,  
 Manufacturers of  
**TIN, COPPER, and SHEET-IRON**  
**WARE.**



**28 NORTH and 7 KING STS., - Middletown, N. Y.**

Among the oldest established and best known business enterprises of the kind to be found in Middletown is that conducted by Messrs. Brink & Clark, at No. 28 North Street and No. 7 King Street. This concern are dealers in hardware, stoves, house furnishing goods, agricultural tools, carriage-makers' and blacksmiths' supplies, etc., and are manufacturers of tin, copper and sheet-iron ware, being prepared to turn out first-class work at short notice and to quote prices as low as the lowest, quality considered. They carry on the business founded in 1845 by Mr. L. O. Beattie, and which in 1880 came under the control of Messrs. Vail, Brink & Clark, who, in 1885, gave place to the present concern, composed of Mr. Leander Brink and Mr. James A. Clark. The premises occupied at No. 28 North Street and No. 7 King Street are 116 x 25 feet with L addition of 65 x 16 feet and include four floors. An immense and exceptionally varied stock is constantly carried, the firm being wholesale and retail dealers in hardware, iron and steel, agricultural ware, in short an almost endless variety of standard commodities, prominent among which are carpenters' and machinists' tools, builders' hardware, cutlery, fishing tackle, guns, pistols, ammunition, cordage and twine, carriage stock, fertilizers, etc. They are also agents for the celebrated "Dockash" range, and the "Walter A. Wood" mowing and reaping machines. Employment is given to ten assistants, and orders are filled with a promptness and accuracy which indicates the existence of a carefully considered and efficient system, and which has much to do with the great and increasing popularity of the firm among all classes of purchasers. We need hardly say that Messrs. Brink & Clark are in a position to quote the very lowest market rates on the commodities handled, and to furnish goods that will prove precisely as represented and give the best of satisfaction wherever introduced.

**CHARLES H. EMDE,** Merchant Tailor, No. 26 North Street, Middletown, N. Y.—The idea that economy consists of paying as low a price as possible for everything that is purchased is a very mistaken one, and therefore few who have had any experience in buying who entertain it. There are many other things to be taken into consideration besides the first cost, especially in the buying of clothing, for in the selection of garments, style, neatness and durability should all be provided for. There are some few who can get a good fit in ready-made clothing and are perfectly satisfied with such garments, but the large majority would have their clothing made to order, if they thought they could afford it, and we are convinced that more can afford it than you believe they can, for as a call at the store of Mr. Charles H. Emde will prove, first-class custom clothing can now be obtained at but little more than is asked for dependable ready-made garments, and the superior wearing qualities of the former more than compensate for the slight difference in price. Mr. Emde has carried on his present business since 1890, and should certainly be in a position to satisfy the most critical, both in regard to price and workmanship. He carries a fine and varied stock of foreign and domestic fabrics and a visit to his store, at No. 26 North Street, will show that all tastes, sizes, and ages can be suited. Mr. Emde is a merchant tailor, learning the trade at an early age with his father, who was one of the best journeymen in the country and followed his trade for over forty years, thus enabling him to give his son every advantage in learning the many points that make a successful tailor. After working a few years with his father, Mr. Emde went to New York City, where he held a position on Fifth Avenue for four years. In 1890 he opened business for himself at No. 26 North Street, and at the present time is doing a large merchant tailoring business in this city and throughout the surrounding country. He travels a portion of each week soliciting orders, and gives employment to twelve skilled assistants. Every garment is cut by himself and made up under his immediate supervision. A perfect fit is guaranteed and the cut is always in the latest style. The premises occupied are 15 x 45 feet in dimensions with workshop outside.

**WALTER HARVEY,** dealer in Groceries and Provisions, No. 84 East Main Street, Middletown, N. Y.—In preparing this review of Middletown's industries it soon became apparent that the trade in groceries, etc. was one of the most important of the many branches of commerce pursued here. We think that the facts justify the assertion that in no community of equal size in the State is there to be found more well-equipped and skillfully managed grocery establishments than those located in Middletown, and hence it is no small praise to say that the establishment conducted by Mr. Walter Harvey, at No. 84 East Main Street, ranks high among the enterprises of the kind in this vicinity. This undertaking was founded many years ago, and so conducted until 1887, when the present proprietor took control. The premises utilized are 30 x 70 feet in dimensions, and basement, and the stock constantly carried is a heavy and complete one, comprising groceries and provisions of all kinds, teas, coffees, etc. These goods are carefully selected and being offered at bottom prices, they are bound to meet with a quick and ready sale. Employment is given to efficient and courteous assistants, and all orders will be carefully and promptly filled. Mr. Harvey is a native of England and has made many friends since settling in business in this town.



## The Middletown Paint and Roofing Co.,

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in

**RUBBER, MEDAL BRAND FIRE and WATERPROOF ROOFING,**  
all kinds of **PAINTS, VARNISHES, CARPET LININGS,**  
**BUILDING PAPERS, "MOTHLINE" and MOTH CAMPHOR**

Also **SLATE MARBLEIZED MANTELS** at reduced prices.



U. T. SMITH, 76 E. Main St., Middletown, N. Y.

A roof that leaks is but little better than no roof at all, so that the first sign that a leak exists should be promptly attended to, for money may be saved and serious annoyance avoided by so doing. Of course, as some leaks are but evidences that a roof is worn out or has been improperly laid, the only way to permanently stop them is by extensive and thorough repairs if not by rebuilding, but most leaks are but local in cause and extent and can be stopped at very moderate expense. Leaks around chimneys or in pipes can almost always be remedied by the use of the flexible cement, sold by Mr. U. T. Smith of No. 76 Main Street, this cement being waterproof, fireproof, easy to apply and reliable in its effects. Mr. Smith deals also in slate roofing paint, for wooden structures, railroad bridges, etc., and in slate mantels, paints, all kinds of building paper, etc., but his leading specialty is rubber roofing, a material especially adapted for the roofing of sheds and other structures calling for a light but waterproof and durable roof. Rubber roofing can be applied by any one and will surely give satisfaction if applied in accordance with directions. Mr. Smith is prepared to furnish it in large or small quantities, at low rates, and to give all orders prompt and personal attention and can sell you the best roofing paint in the world. Give it a trial and see.

**PRONK & FOSTER**, dealers in Staple and Fancy Groceries, Fruits, Vegetables, Etc., corner East Main and Roberts Streets, Middletown, N. Y.—The retail grocery business is not one to be chosen by a man who dislikes exertion, for if there is a business outside sawing wood or shovelling dirt that demands hard work and plenty of it from those carrying it on, it is just that which we have mentioned. This may seem an extreme statement to those who have not "been there," but we have no fear that any one who has had any personal experience in the trade will contradict us in the slightest degree. Grocers who really strive to accommodate their patrons, can every cent they make, and it is therefore with pleasure that we note the prosperity of Messrs. Pronk & Foster, for they have conscientiously endeavored to render an equivalent for every cent paid to them, and fully deserve the measure of success they have attained. This undertaking was begun in 1890, by Connor & Pronk, and after another change the present proprietors assumed control. They are F. A. R. Pronk, a native of this town and Samuel Foster, a native of England. Both are connected with the fine department of Middletown, and are well and favorably known in this vicinity. The premises occupied and located on the corner of East Main and Roberts Streets comprise one floor 22 x 30 feet in size, and a large stock is carried including all kinds of staple and fancy groceries, fruit, vegetables, etc., etc., teas, coffees and canned goods. One assistant is employed and all orders for goods will be promptly filled in a satisfactory manner, while the prices are always reasonable.

**A. H. PRATT**, House, Sign and Ornamental Painter, Graining, Kalsomining and Paper Hanging, Residence, Corner Lake Avenue and West Street, Middletown, N. Y.—The more intelligent the community the more liberal use is made of paint, and this is not alone because an intelligent community has as a general thing more money to spend than one not so intelligent, but because being intelligent, the people appreciate that buildings not only look better but last a great deal longer and require much fewer repairs when they are kept well painted. This is no mere theory, it has been proved time and time again by practical experience, and is endorsed by railway companies, manufacturing corporations and other concerns that exist only to make money and don't propose to spend a penny unless the spending is in the true direction of economy. Therefore it may be stated as an established fact, that it pays to keep buildings well painted, and as the better they are painted the better it pays, money may be saved by placing the order with Mr. A. H. Pratt, who has carried on business here ever since 1867, it having been established then by Messrs. Bodle and Pratt, they being succeeded by the present proprietor, who was a member of that firm, and is a native of England. He is a house, sign and ornamental painter, grainer, kalsominer and paper hanger, inside house work and decorating a specialty. Orders for house painting of all descriptions will be filled at short notice and at low rates, honest stock being used and every detail of the work being skilfully carried out. Thirteen assistants are employed, so there is no need of delay when work is hurried.

**S. SUTCLIFFE**, Tailor and Repairing, No. 81 West Main Street, Middletown, N. Y.—To many people, a suit of clothes is a suit of clothes and that is all there is to it. They apparently believe that given a certain quantity of material it makes no difference how it is put together so long as it takes the shape of a suit, and hence they are easily imposed upon by such dealers as are disposed to work off their goods more by their appearance when new than by their real merits. It may be taken as an axiom that the 85 spent for superior workmanship and trimmings are invested to better advantage than any other portion of the purchase money, and those who will accept and act on this hint, will find their reward in the improved appearance and superior durability of their wearing apparel. To assure the best of material put together in the most skilful manner, an establishment of repute must be patronized, and none better can be chosen than that conducted by Mr. S. Sutcliffe, at No. 81 West Main Street. This undertaking had its inception at the beginning of the current year and has been steadily conducted since, with increasing success. This gentleman is a native of England, and has that thorough understanding of his business so essential to the highest success. The premises occupied comprise one floor 8 x 18 feet. He is a tailor and makes a specialty of ladies' tailoring making first-class clothing in a thorough manner and at very reasonable prices. Three experienced assistants are kept employed, while all kinds of repairing is done at short notice.

**H. E. CHURCHILL & CO.,**  
**CASH DRY GOODS HOUSE,**  
 39 North Street,  
 MIDDLETOWN, - - N. Y.

Notwithstanding the high average character of the many mercantile establishments located in Middletown and vicinity, it is obvious that here, as elsewhere, there must be certain houses in each line of trade, which excel all others in the handling of given specialties, and it is an open secret that at the establishment conducted by Messrs. H. E. Churchill & Co. at No. 39 North Street, unequalled inducements are offered to purchasers of dry goods of every description, white goods, flannels, sheetings, shawls, blankets, men's, ladies' and children's hosiery, ladies' extra-underswear, men's white shirts and fancy goods and notions, etc., etc. Mr. Churchill certainly ought to be able to offer exceptional advantages to buyers of these goods or of any other articles of which he makes specialties, for he has had long and varied experience in his present line of business, having founded the enterprise under consideration in 1877, and enjoys such favorable relations with producers and wholesalers as to enable him to quote positively bottom prices on dependable goods. The premises occupied comprise one store, 18 x 100 feet in dimensions, opportunity being given for the carrying of a very heavy and varied stock, and for the displaying of it to excellent advantage, and a large retail and jobbing business is done while the employment of four competent assistants assures prompt and polite attention to every customer.

**MARTIN HENDERSON**, dealer in Cotton and Woolen Rags, Old Rubbers, Metals, Etc., Also Crockery, Glass and Tinware, and Groceries, Nos. 222 and 224 North Street, Middletown, N. Y.—It seems a somewhat curious thing that in civilized countries, where there are facilities at hand for the manufacturing of everything required in modern life, in any quantity that may be called for, there is actually much less waste than there is in lands where ordinary commodities are much harder to obtain. What is known in this country as a "junk store," does not exist in barbarous regions, for the simple reason that there are no means at hand to work the "junk," over again and thus greatly increase its commercial value. It is very convenient for the average householder to have a man come and carry off the accumulation of old rags, metals, etc., that gather so quickly in the ordinary home, and indeed such a visit proves both convenient and profitable, for the junk dealer stands ready to pay a fair price for the articles that are of use to him, and thus not only carries away your rubbish, but pays you for the privilege. Mr. Martin Henderson, doing business at Nos. 222 and 224 North Street, has become well known as one who pays the highest cash prices, and manages his business with liberality as well as skill. He deals in cotton and woolen rags, old rubbers, metals, etc. also crockery, glass, and tinware, in connection running a tin can. The store utilized measures 40 x 10 feet in dimensions, and two assistants are employed. Mr. Henderson also deals in cigars and tobacco, bakers' goods and confectionery, canned goods, teas and coffee, milk and butter, all orders by mail from any part of the city given immediate attention. Mr. Henderson is a native of New Jersey.

**O. O. CARPENTER**, Manufacturer and Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Confectionery, No. 13 James Street, Middletown, N. Y.—Those who have ever attempted candy making at home, and who has not, need not be told that even the simplest confections require care and skill on the part of those who would attain the best results, and that something besides the use of the best materials is essential to the production of strictly first-class confectionery. An elaborate and costly plant of machinery is required in order to conduct this industry in accordance with modern methods, and one of the best equipped establishments of the kind in the State is unquestionably that carried on at No. 13 James Street, by Mr. O. O. Carpenter. The premises utilized comprise one floor, 18 x 50 feet and basement 30 x 60 feet in dimensions, and are fitted up with the most improved appliances, etc. The business was founded in 1872, and after several changes, came under the management of the present proprietor in 1889, who is a native of Monticello, N. Y., and is exceptionally familiar with every detail of the industry with which he has so long been identified. He is a manufacturer and wholesale and retail dealer in confectionery of all kinds, but makes a specialty of fine grades. Mr. Carpenter spares neither trouble nor expense to insure uniformity of excellence in his productions, and they will be found suited to the most fastidious trade, while they will be supplied at very reasonable rates and at extremely short notice. Three competent and reliable assistants are employed, and all callers are waited upon promptly and courteously.

**R. H. AYRES**, Grocer and Commission Merchant, No. 4 West Main Street, Middletown, N. Y.—It is almost an axiomatic rule that in all centres of business, there are certain houses in each line of trade that stand pre-eminent, and have, by close attention to the wants of their customers, a thorough knowledge of the business and purchasing goods direct from first hands, built up a trade that goes ahead of that of many of their contemporaries. Such an establishment in Middletown, is the retail grocery house of R. H. Ayres. This house was founded in 1867 by Samuel Ayres, who was succeeded by the present proprietor in 1885, and now has few if any rivals successful in the vicinity. The premises occupied and located at No. 4 West Main Street, comprise three floors, 24 x 35 feet in dimensions. At this store will be found a full and complete assortment of groceries, which embraces everything usually handled by a first-class house in this line of trade, and are guaranteed to be the best goods to be obtained in the market. Employment is given to two clerks who are experienced, and all orders are promptly attended to. Mr. Ayres is a native of this town. His high personal character is a sufficient guarantee of the substantial and reliable manner in which all business is transacted. Confectionery and fine flavoring extracts are also dealt in. The success that has attended the sale of these goods may be attributed to their absolute purity and great strength, while all are carefully prepared from the best materials to be obtained and second to none on the market as to quality.

J. N. KELLOGG, Agt.,

DEALER IN

Staple and Fancy Groceries,

FRUITS, CANNED GOODS, Etc.

FINE TEAS AND COFFEES A SPECIALTY.

Nos. 6 and 8 W. Main St., Middletown, N. Y.

Although it is doubtless true that "smart" methods of doing business may be successful for a time, even if they are employed at the expense of reliability, still it is undeniable that permanent success is to be gained, but in one way—the "old-fashioned" method of giving full value for money received. The fact is well worthy of consideration by young men who contemplate going into business for themselves, and if they want a prominent example, practically demonstrated, they can find one in the establishment conducted by Mr. J. N. Kellogg, for it would not be possible to name an enterprise occupying a higher position in the esteem of the residents of Middletown and vicinity. It is well-known that the undertaking in question was established nearly fifty years ago, by Mr. Zina Kellogg, father of the present proprietor, and so conducted up to the time of his death, in 1852, when the son took its management and has carried it on up to the present time. The premises occupied and located at Nos. 6 and 8 West Main Street in the "Kellogg Block," comprise one floor and cellar, 30 x 45 feet in dimensions. A large stock of staple and fancy groceries, fruits and canned goods is carried, fine teas and coffees a specialty, and a heavy retail business is done. Employment is given to two efficient assistants, thus assuring prompt attention to every customer. Mr. Kellogg is a native of Troy, N. Y., and quotes the lowest market rates on all the goods he handles.

CHARLES Z. TAYLOR, Contractor and Builder, Estimates Promptly Given, No. 24 Henry Street, Middletown, N. Y.—As a class the contractors and builders of Middletown will compare favorably with those of any other city in the Union, they being enterprising and honorable men, excellently qualified to carry out their responsible duties, and it is certainly with no intention of disparaging others in the same line of business that we call especial attention to the facilities possessed by Mr. Charles Z. Taylor, he having commenced business in 1865, locating in Middletown in 1875. Mr. Taylor is a native of New York City, and is probably as widely and favorably known a contractor and builder as there is in this vicinity, not only on account of his long experience, but also because he has executed many extensive and important commissions to the entire satisfaction of all parties concerned. In 1882 he retired from business to accept the position of superintendent of the construction of the plant of the Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Factory, and remained in their employ until he again started in business for himself April 1, 1892. Mr. Taylor builds and repairs buildings of every description, and is prepared to do everything in the line of wood work, and can figure very closely on work of that character, and to fill the largest orders at comparatively short notice, as he employs from six to ten first-class assistants. Plans will be drawn up and estimates furnished on application, and we need hardly say that Mr. Taylor's long experience enables him to figure very accurately on every description of building work. His office is at No. 24 Henry Street, and all communications to that address are assured immediate and careful attention.

JOHN YOUNGS, Practical Painter, Paper Hanger, Kalsominer, Etc., Etc., No. 3 Foundry Street, Middletown, N. Y.—There are few trades that depend so largely upon personal skill as does that of the painter, for there is but little opportunity for the use of machinery in this business, and so hand labor has to do it all. In theory anybody can paint, in practice they can't; all that the painter has to do is to cover wood, or iron or some other material, with a coating that shall be both preservative and ornamental, but experience has shown that unless this coating be skillfully applied it is neither the one nor the other. The stock used must also be carefully selected, and for these as well as for other reasons unnecessary to mention here, it is always the best plan to entrust whatever painting (especially house painting) is required to be done to competent and responsible parties. None more truly answering to this description can be found in Middletown than Mr. John Youngs, doing business at No. 3 Foundry Street, where he utilizes a shop 20 x 35 feet in dimensions, and employs ten skilled and careful assistants. This gentleman is a practical painter, paper hanger, kalsominer, etc., etc., and is prepared to undertake anything in his line. He has had many years of experience and began operations in this town in 1877, and has built up a large and steadily increasing business. Mr. Youngs is a native of this State, and all orders entrusted to him are assured prompt and painstaking attention in every detail. Only the best stock is used, and no trouble is spared to produce such work as must prove satisfactory as well as prices.

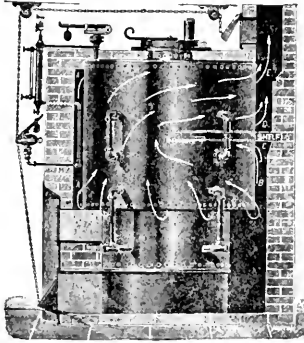
# D. BABCOCK,

## GROCER,

Cor. Lake and Wickham Avenues,  
Middletown, N. Y.

**Washburn, Crosby & Co.'s SUPERLATIVE is Unequaled. ALWAYS THE BEST.**

There are probably but few citizens of Middletown who are not familiar with this establishment, as trade in this line has been carried on here for many years, but all who have been interested in business, have marked the improvements and the increase of popularity which this house has gained since Mr. D. Babcock, has had the management of affairs which took place in 1891. The premises occupied and located corner of Lake and Wickham Avenues, comprise one store 15 x 30 feet in dimensions, and are well fitted up for the uses to which they are put, being so arranged as to accommodate in a convenient manner the various articles handled. The stock is varied, consisting of groceries of all kinds, teas, coffees and spices, the best brands of flour for family use, etc., bakers' supplies and confectionery, cigars and tobacco. These goods which are sold in any desirable quantity, are selected with excellent good judgment which Mr. Babcock has displayed in all departments of his business. He is in a position to offer the most desirable goods at as low rates as they can be purchased in town. Mr. Babcock is a native of Green County, and has been trustee for two terms, and is highly respected as an honorable business man.



**PERRIMAN & SIMPSON, Practical Plumbers, Steam and Gas Fitters, and Dealers in Plumbing Materials, No. 21 Depot Street, Middletown, N. Y.**—As a sanitary measure for promoting health the plumbing trade undoubtedly stands in the front rank of modern improvements. So many ditiful consequences have been proved to be the outcome of defective work in this line, that considerable attention has been called to the subject, and many of our prominent scientific men have been led to study it in detail. In this connection we desire to speak of the firm of Perriman & Simpson, who are both natives of this State. They are practical plumbers, steam and gas fitters, and are prompt in their attention to all work intrusted to them, whether it be the plumbing and heating of a new building or repairing and general jobbing. They also do a large business as dealers in plumbing materials such as brass goods, hot water and steam heaters, iron and lead pipe, etc., also being sole agents for Herbert's Patent Base Burning Magazine for steam and hot water heating. The premises utilized and situated at No. 21 Depot Street are 50 x 18 feet in dimensions, and are fitted up with every convenience for business purposes. The individual members are John Perriman and Leon Simpson. They are practical business men who keep pace with all the many improvements that have been introduced into their line of industry, and who believe in retaining the prominent position they occupy in the trade. Two competent assistants are employed and all orders are attended to promptly.

**E. M. HURTIN, Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Groceries, Provisions, Fruits, Etc., and General Commission Dealer, No. 63 North Street, Middletown, N. Y.**—The grocery and provision establishment carried on by Mr. E. M. Hurtin, at No. 63 North Street, is one of the most complete of its kind to be found in Middletown, and is a deserved favorite among the purchasing public. The enterprise was inaugurated some twenty-five years ago, by Hallock & Batholt, and has been controlled by various parties since that date, the present proprietor having taken sole control since 1894. He is a native of Scotland, and gives close personal attention to the business and as three assistants are employed it is not surprising that the extensive wholesale and retail business carried on should be promptly and accurately handled. Mr. Hurtin deals in groceries of all kinds, provisions and fruits, etc., and is a general commission dealer, and is in a position to supply these commodities in any desired quantity, and to quote positively bottom rates to both wholesale and retail buyers. The premises occupied comprise one floor and basement, 100 x 20 feet in dimensions, and afford ample opportunity for the carrying of a large and complete stock, comprising all the goods named together with others of minor importance, while all articles sold are guaranteed to prove strictly as represented.

**H. J. DOUGHERTY & CO., Auction House, All Kinds of Household Goods Bought and Sold on Commission, Crockery and Glassware, No. 104 North Street, Middletown, N. Y.**—Close application, energy and intelligence will go far toward commanding success in any line of business; but in some of them nothing can take the place of natural ability, and this is pre-eminently the case with auctioneering, for it is unquestionably a fact that the really first-class auctioneer is born and not made. This enterprise was established in the beginning of the current year by Messrs. H. J. Dougherty & Co., whose store and office are at No. 104 North Street, 25 x 50 feet in size, together with a workroom 18 x 25 feet. These premises are always well occupied by a miscellaneous assortment of property comprising all kinds of household goods which are bought and sold on commission, besides crockery and glassware and many other commodities, for Mr. Dougherty does a very extensive auction and commission business, and finds constant and eager demand for his services. His sales are always well attended, and both buyers and sellers will best serve their own interests by taking advantage of the facilities he offers, and as two polite assistants are employed all callers are sure of receiving prompt and courteous attention. Mr. Dougherty is a native of Milford, Pike Co., Penn., and has made many friends in this town since he settled in Middletown.

"How beautiful are the feet  
with shoes."  
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**PALMER & HARDING**  
DEALERS IN FIRE BOOTS & SHOES

25 WEST MAIN ST. MIDDLETOWN, N. Y.

Hard Sewed Work  
A Specialty

All Widths  
Latest Styles

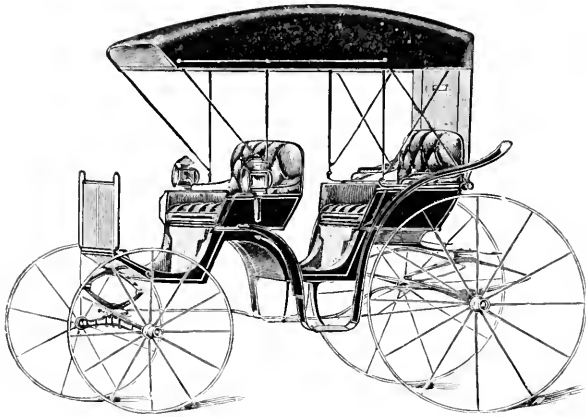
As the boot and shoe trade of Middletown, forms a significant element in the makeup of the town's enterprise, in referring to the above house it may be stated that the special lines to which its best energies are confined is the handling of medium and first-class grades of fine boots and shoes, hand sewed work a specialty. This house was established in 1871, by Messrs. Moor & Wisner, they being succeeded in 1872 by Palmer & Wisner, who were followed by the present proprietors, Palmer & Harding; though the former member of the firm died in December, 1891, the name is kept the same. Mr. J. G. Harding is a native of Five-cent Centre, N. Y., and a member of the present Board of Education. The premises utilized and located at No. 25 West Main Street, comprise one floor, 20 x 85 feet

in dimensions, the services of two experienced assistants being required in addition to the close personal supervision of the proprietor. In conclusion we will remark that while we do not indulge in laudation of any house in particular, it shall be within our province to state to the public in general, and our readers in particular, that it they would have their interests highly conserved, the acquaintance of this house should be made.

**JOHN MCCONNELL**, dealer in Groceries and Provisions, Fruits, Vegetables, Tobacco, Cigars, and Confectionery, Goods Promptly Delivered, Nos. 302 and 304 North Street, Middletown, N. Y.—What may be properly described as a "family supply store" is that carried on by Mr. John McConnell, at Nos. 302 and 304 North Street, for this establishment is one of the most complete of the kind to be found in this town and is a deserved favorite among those familiar with the many facilities it offers to purchasers of household supplies. The enterprise was inaugurated in 1881, by the present proprietor who is a native of Ulster County, N. Y. He gives his close personal attention to the wants of customers and as employment is afforded to one assistant, the large retail business is promptly and accurately handled. The premises occupied comprise one floor, 34 x 31 feet and a cellar, 14 x 32 feet in dimensions, affording ample opportunity for the stock carried, comprising groceries and provisions, fruits and vegetables, tobacco, cigars and confectionery, etc., together with other articles of minor importance. Mr. McConnell guarantees every article he sells to prove strictly as represented and the steady increase of his trade shows that his honorable and enterprising methods are appreciated; while another feature also in this establishment is that all goods are delivered promptly and when promised.

**C. KLOHS**, Merchant Tailor, A Good Assortment Always on Hand of Cloths, Suitings, and Cassimeres, No. 68 North Street, Hasbrouck Block, Middletown, N. Y.—This establishment so long and favorably known as one of the most reliable in the State, was established in 1879 by the present proprietor, Mr. C. Klohs, who is a native of Germany. The premises occupied and located at No. 68 North Street comprise one floor, 18 x 75 feet in dimensions. He is a merchant tailor and always has on hand a good assortment of cloths, suitings and cassimeres, while his motto will be in the future as in the past, honest dealing with all, prompt to meet all engagements, buy the best goods the market affords at their lowest cash value, manufacturing them into garments of the most approved style consistent with skilled workmanship and first-class trimmings. All who contemplate replenishing their wardrobe will find it to their advantage to make a thorough examination of their large stock of very desirable suitings and everything in fact, that is usually found in a first-class tailoring establishment before making their purchase. Mr. Klohs would take this opportunity to extend to his customers and the public generally, his grateful thanks for their long continuance and very generous patronage on his part that in the future as in the past, no pains shall be spared to meet a continuance of the same. Seven competent assistants are employed and kept busy all the time.

**F. F. A. BEHME**, Gun and Locksmith, No. 81 East Main Street, Middletown, N. Y.—There is one bit of information so useful that it should be stowed away in the minds of all our readers, and that is the whereabouts of a first-class practical locksmith. You may not have occasion for the services of such a man for years, it may even happen that you might never require them, but the contrary is much more apt to be the case, and no little trouble, not to say expense, will then be saved by knowing just whom to apply to. Therefore we take pleasure in calling the attention of our readers to the facilities possessed by Mr. F. F. A. Behme, at No. 81 East Main Street, as he is a practical gun and locksmith in the fullest sense of the word. He is prepared to undertake anything in his line of business with the assurance of carrying it out to the satisfaction of all parties concerned. He started his business here in 1890 and the premises occupied measure 15 x 25 feet in dimensions. Locks will be repaired, keys fitted and guns or anything pertaining to metal work in the line of general repairing will be done in a thorough and workmanlike manner. A specialty made of repairing sewing-machines and bicycles; moderate charges being made in every instance. Mr. Behme is a native of Germany and has won the respect of all who have had dealings with him in this town.



**JAMES P. MULFORD,**

**BLACKSMITHING,**

**Carriage Works, North St.**

**BUILDER OF**

**Fine Carriages, Surreys, Phaetons,**

**Broughams, Coaches,**

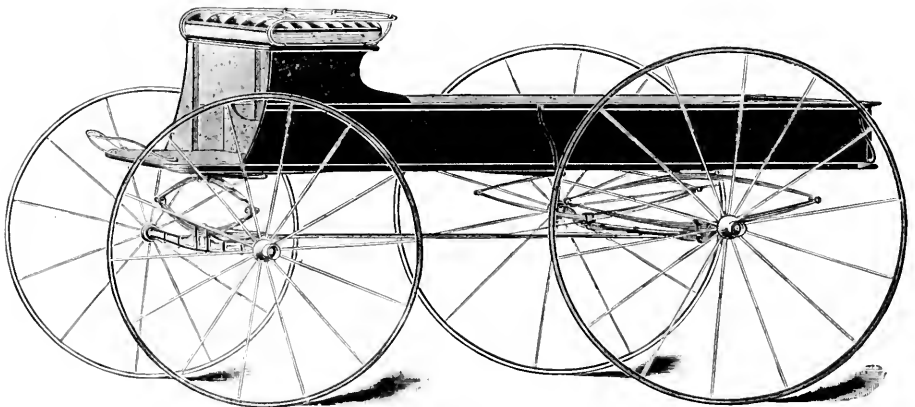
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**No. 226-228 North Street,**

**MIDDLETOWN.**

The carriage factory and blacksmith shop carried on by Mr. James P. Mulford at Nos. 226, 228 North Street is very highly spoken of by the residents of this section in general and of Middletown in particular, they saying that no similar establishment in this part of the State has a higher or better deserved reputation for turning out first-class work at short notice and at fair rates. The proprietor was born in this city and is very widely known in social as well as in business circles. The premises are spacious and well arranged, and are fitted up with all necessary facilities for the manufacture of fine carriages, surreys, phaetons, broughams, coaches, etc., together with fine track sulkies and fine buggies of which Mr. Mulford makes a specialty. He also gives particular attention to the repairing of coaches and of light work and the jobs turned out by him will be found uniformly strong, durable, neat and well finished. No fancy charges are made and as employment is given to six competent assistants all orders are assured prompt and careful attention and can be filled at short notice.



**CHARLES MILLS,**\* \* \* **PHOTOGRAPHER** \* \* \*

No. 9 WEST MAIN ST., Jessup's Old Stand.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y.

There is an immense and constantly increasing demand for really artistic photograph work, and, therefore, although the number of photographers is rapidly becoming larger, there is really no danger of the field being overcrowded, for "there is always room at the top," to use the words of Daniel Webster. An illustration of the truth of this principle is afforded by the success won by Mr. Charles Mills, since he began operations here some time ago, he having succeeded to the old business founded over forty years ago by Mr. Edward Jessup. Mr. Mills is a thoroughly competent photographer in every sense of the word, being prepared to carry on portrait photography in all its branches and to attain results equal to the best. His studio is conveniently located, at No. 9 West Main Street, and is fitted up with the latest improved apparatus, while he is in a position to fill all orders at short notice and at moderate prices. When you visit his studio you will receive courteous and polite treatment, your wishes will be studied and your orders executed in the very best manner, no pains being spared to completely satisfy the most critical patron. Mr. Mills also does view work to order, and the illustrations in this history are made from pictures taken for us by Mr. Mills.

**MERCHANTS' AND MANUFACTURERS' NATIONAL BANK, Middletown.**—No financial institution occupying a similar field holds a higher position than does the Merchants' and Manufacturers' National Bank of Middletown, and the high rank attained by this bank is all the more noteworthy from the fact that it is the result of but comparatively few years' effort, the institution having been established in 1885. And yet its prominence is but a plain example of cause and effect, for the career of a needed financial institution established under favorable auspices by men possessing the full confidence of the community can hardly fail to prove brilliantly successful; and such were the circumstances and conditions attending the foundation of this representative bank. A capital stock of \$100,000 augmented by a surplus fund approximating \$12,000 and by undivided profits exceeding \$8,000, gives some hint of the magnitude of the business done and of the conservatism of the management. But a more comprehensive and consequently a more satisfactory understanding of the subject may be gained by an examination of a full report of resources and liabilities; hence we take pleasure in printing the following statement of the condition of the bank at the close of business May 17, 1892. "Report of the condition of the Merchants' and Manufacturers' National Bank at Middletown, in the State of New York, at the close of business, May 17, 1892. Resources:—Loans and discounts, \$222,135.09; overdrafts, secured and unsecured, \$241.11; U. S. bonds to secure circulation, \$50,000.00; stocks, securities, claims, etc., \$76,431.28; due from approved reserve agents, \$74,924.85; due from other National Banks, \$6,112.95; banking-house furniture and fixtures, \$2,100.00; current expenses and taxes paid, \$3,079.47; premiums on U. S. bonds, \$8,000.00; checks and other cash items, \$3,638.74; bills of other banks, \$520; fractional paper currency, nickels and cents, \$376.29; specie, \$36,801.95; legal tender notes, \$11,220.00; redemption fund with U. S. treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation), \$2,250.00; total, \$597,831.73. Liabilities.—capital stock paid in, \$100,000.00; surplus fund, \$11,500.00; undivided profits, \$13,275.94; National Bank notes outstanding, \$42,730.00; dividends unpaid, \$510.00; individual deposits subject to check, \$343,865.29; demand certificates of deposit, \$17,500.01; certified checks, \$3,810.39; due to other National Banks, \$1,379.97; due to state banks and bankers, \$210.13; total, \$597,831.73." As the above statement shows, a general banking business is done, including the reception of deposits, collection of drafts, purchase and sale of standard securities, and discounting of approved commercial paper; and no trouble is spared to promptly and accurately transact all business, including the smallest as well as the largest commissions. The officers and directors include some of Middletown's most prominent citizens, as will be seen from the following list of directors: J. R. Clements, Ira D. Stivers, Albert Bull, Ira M. Corwin, Leander Brink, N. M. Hallock, Wm. M. Murray, J. E. Iseman; president, Mr. D. Clements; vice-president, Wm. M. Murray; cashier, N. M. Hallock; teller, Garrett T. Townsend; clerk, Henry B. Wisner; bookkeeper, George E. Wallace.

**MIDDLETOWN STEAM LAUNDRY, Geo. Dorrance, Proprietor, Fine Custom and Stock Work, No. 54 North Street, Middletown, N. Y.**—That public laundries have "come to stay," is of course evident to even the least observing person, but those who are not especially interested in the matter have no idea of the rapidity with which the practice of sending family washing to such establishments is spreading—a rapidity so great that it is apparently only a question of a few years when practically every ordinarily well-to-do family will adopt this course. It certainly has much to commend it, and it receives the powerful aid of physicians of all schools, who agree that doing the washing at home is a fruitful cause of disease, for reasons which should be obvious to every intelligent person. There are public laundries unworthy of patronage no doubt, but these are marked exceptions, the majority of such establishments being honorably and skillfully managed. Prominent among the latter class should be placed that known as the Middletown Steam Laundry, located at No. 57 Academy Avenue with office at No. 54 North Street, for the work done here is equal to the best; the finest fabrics are not injured in handling, the service is prompt and reliable and the charges uniformly moderate. The proprietor is Mr. Geo. Dorrance, who has had an extended practical experience, and is well qualified to attain thoroughly satisfactory results. Mr. Dorrance established this laundry located at No. 37 Academy Avenue in 1887, and the premises cover a space of 175 x 35 feet, having a 12-horse power engine and 25-horse power boiler. It is fitted up with the latest improved facilities and twenty competent assistants are employed, orders being promptly filled and strictly fine custom and stock work being done at reasonable prices. Of course it is a great temptation and it is very human to say uncomplimentary things about one's laundryman, when collars are a speck soiled or rumpled, but considering the many hands your linen goes through, it's a wonder that there are not more mistakes made. All in all the modern laundry is a great institution and a paying investment. Other businesses may come and go, but rain or shine, warm or cold, we must have clean linen, and the laundrymen know it and like the little brook go on with their work forever.



by Mr. D. A. O. Wiss and consolidated with his former plant and is better prepared than ever to do all kinds of book work, making a specialty of binding magazines, etc., and is prepared to get out engraved or printed society work. The manufacture of rubber stamps is also carried on here, commissions being promptly and accurately executed and no fancy charges being made. Mr. McIntyre employs four competent assistants and gives careful supervision to the filling of every order; no imperfect work being knowingly allowed to leave the establishment.

**SCHWARTZ BROTHERS,** Market, No. 21 West Main Street, Middletown, N. Y.—People are taking more care of their health nowadays than was the case some years ago, and the public in general are beginning to realize that “the fills that flesh is heir to” are much less numerous than might be supposed, the truth being that over half of the physical fills which oppress mankind are the consequence of improper foods or improper habits of eating. The care shown in the selection of food is well repaid in the long run, and so thoroughly convinced are discriminating buyers of this fact, that they are prompt to show their appreciation of a dealer who makes it a point to handle no goods that cannot be warranted in every respect. Such is the policy pursued by Schwartz Brothers, and therefore it follows that this “market” is very popular in this vicinity. This firm is composed of Messrs. L. H. and W. C. H. Schwartz. They have carried on business here since 1881. The premises utilized are located at No. 21 West Main Street, and are 20 x 65 feet in dimensions, and the stock carried is complete in every department, comprising meats of all kinds, chicken, beef, veal, mutton and lamb, etc., poultry, fruits and vegetables in their proper seasons. Employment is given to two competent assistants and large and small buyers are assured equal consideration, and the very lowest market rates are quoted on all the articles dealt in.

**E. R. HARDING,** Teaming and Storage, Mill and Fulton Streets, Middletown, N. Y.—The question of storage and teaming are two very important ones in every trade centre and the facilities afforded by Mr. E. R. Harding are worthy of very prominent mention in a book treating of Middletown's commercial interests for they are so extensive and desirable as to have an important bearing upon the mercantile welfare of the town. Mr. Harding is an enterprising and energetic man, otherwise he could not have gained the reputation he has since he began operations many years ago. He is a native of this town. The premises occupied and located on the corner of Mill and Fulton Streets measure 25 x 75 feet in size, are easily accessible, dry and desirable in every way, and are very commodious and equipped with all necessary facilities for the handling of such commodities as they are designed to receive, while they are so constructed, and arranged as to enable insurance to be obtained on storage goods at the most favorable rates, as he has separate compartments under lock and key for each person desiring storage of any kind, and Mr. Harding is prepared to do the heavy teaming of all kinds. He employs two reliable assistants who thoroughly understand their business, and are careful and conscientious in carrying out the instructions of their employer. Merchandise, furniture, etc., will be transferred to any part of the town, at very short notice and the lowest prices, at which such work can be done is charged. And those having such work to be done will find it to their advantage to give Mr. Harding a call before placing their order elsewhere. Mr. Harding also handles the light barrels of the town which he ships in ear load lots. Prices given on application.

**MOSES CRIST,** Manufacturer of all kinds of Carriages, Wagons, Sleighs, Etc., Repairing Neatly and Promptly Executed, Also Blacksmithing done; Shop on Academy Avenue, Two Doors South of Benton Avenue, Middletown, N. Y.—Among the popular establishments of its kind in Middletown, is that conducted by Mr. Moses Crist, and as many of our readers could doubtless have dealings with this house to the advantage of all parties concerned, we take pleasure in calling attention to some of the advantages to be gained by so doing. The enterprise to which we have reference was established in 1870 by the present proprietor, who is a native of Montgomery, Orange County, N. Y., and who was tax collector of this town and belongs to the 12th N. Y. Reg. Co. E and has been before the public long enough to prove that he is worthy of every confidence. The premises occupied and located on Academy Avenue comprise a two-story building, 20 x 50 feet, with a blacksmith shop, 29 x 20 feet, and carriage repositories, 30 x 30 and 45 x 30 feet in size. All the necessary tools and other appliances are at hand to carry on the manufacturing of all kinds of carriages, wagons, sleighs, etc., etc. The repairs that are made at this factory are not only neat and handsome in appearance, but they are strong and durable when put to the test of actual wear—a point which those who have had much carriage repairing done will appreciate. Painting and blacksmithing are also done by competent and skilled mechanics, they being at work constantly so that all orders in any branch of the business are promptly executed.



# GEORGE W. YOUNG,

Successor to YOUNG & CO.

16 and 18 East Main Street.

## Custom Ready-Made Clothing,

GENTS' FURNISHINGS,

CLOTHING MADE TO ORDER.

MIDDLETOWN N. Y.

This house is in a position, not only to offer the latest fashionable novelties and cater successfully to the most fastidious trade, but they cater to all classes, and whether you want garments for full dress or for working wear, whether you want the most advanced styles or some of the staple patterns that are always in demand, you may visit this store on Main Street, and not only find just what you want but get it at the lowest rates. This business was founded in 1867, and after several changes, came under the management of the present proprietor, Mr. Geo. W. Young. The premises occupied and located at No. 18 East Main Street, comprise one floor, 75 x 35 feet in size, containing a fine stock of ready-made clothing, cloths, cassimeres and gents' furnishing goods, etc., etc. Custom-made clothing will also be made to order, and the whole is so complete that all tastes and all purses can be suited. Mr. Young is a native of Westchester County, N. Y., and is in a position to easily meet all competition, and he does not allow himself to be undersold by any one. He has become thoroughly familiar with the requirements of the local trade and has won a high reputation for ability and integrity. The public have learned that goods bought here will prove precisely as represented, and that uniform courtesy is assured to every caller both by the proprietor and the four competent assistants employed.

ALBERT SELNER & CO., Manufacturer of Silk Ribbons, Railroad Avenue, Middletown, N. Y. —It will doubtless surprise many of our readers to learn that the manufacture of silk ribbons is an industry by itself, for the popular idea is that the production of silk fabrics of all kinds is carried on at one establishment, but such is far from being the case, and the machinery used in the manufacture of ribbons and other narrow fabrics is radically different from that employed in the making of dress silks and wide goods in general. A striking example of a factory equipped expressly for the manufacture of silk ribbons is afforded by that conducted by Messrs. Albert Selner & Co., for this is fitted up with machinery of the most improved type, and nothing is lacking that would tend to improve the quality of the product, which includes silk ribbons of all kinds and is extremely well and favorably known to the trade as being fully equal, grade for grade, to anything in the market. The factory is located on Railroad Avenue, and its superintendent and owner is Mr. Albert Selner, who is a native of Switzerland, has had long and varied experience in silk ribbon manufacturing, and is thoroughly familiar with every detail of the business. Employment is given to sixty assistants, and the output is very large in amount, but careful and skilful supervision is the rule in every department of the factory and no imperfect work is allowed to leave the establishment. The New York office is at Nos. 102 and 104 Prince Street, Messrs. Smith and Kaufmann being selling agents, and the goods are shipped to many distant points and handled by the leading dealers throughout the country.

RUSSELL HOUSE, E. A. Brown & Son, James Street, Opposite King Street, Middletown, N. Y. —Of all kinds of information which may be given to prospective visitors to a given city or town, perhaps the most valuable and acceptable is that pertaining to the hotel accommodations, for nothing is more annoying than to have to hunt up a good hotel after reaching a place, and nothing is more gratifying to a traveller visiting a city for the first time than to feel sure that he knows of a first-class and moderate priced hotel at all events. Such a hotel is the Russell House, of Middletown, and so confident are we that its equipment, its cuisine, its rooms, its furnishings, and its management will satisfy every reasonable patron that we take great pleasure in recommending it to our readers. We have no intention of describing the house in detail, for such a description is never read and hence can serve no good purpose; but suffice it to say, the hotel is very conveniently situated, on James Street, opposite King Street, and contains fifty-nine sleeping-rooms and other apartments and accommodations in proportion. The proprietors, Messrs. E. A. Brown & Son, have had control since 1889, and since assuming control they have newly furnished twenty-six rooms making an addition of sixteen rooms, have had new plumbing throughout, new boilers and steam fittings complete, thus making the sanitary arrangements of the house as near perfect as possible, and have not only maintained the high reputation but added to the popularity of this representative house. Mr. E. A. Brown is a native of Greenville and Mr. O. H. Brown was born in Port Jervis. The senior partner has held various responsible public offices and is extremely well known in both business and social circles. He is now purchasing agent for the State Prison, at Sing Sing, and has served as entry clerk for the New York Legislature and also as clerk for the sergeant-at-arms.

# R. C. TUTHILL, JR.,

## Druggist,

27 James Street, - Opposite Casino,

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y.

It is not to be denied that the location of the pharmacy conducted by Mr. R. C. Tuthill, Jr., at No. 27 James Street, is a fine one in many respects, and no one who has visited the establishment will question our statement that its interior appointments are in keeping with its prominent situation and exterior appearance. Mr. Tuthill has been successful in largely extending the magnitude of the patronage since he began operations, in 1889. Those who are at all acquainted with the proprietor and his business methods, need not be told that this success has been brought about by purely legitimate means, and that so far from being satisfied with the record already made, Mr. Tuthill is constantly trying to add to his resources and to increase his capacities for serving the public to the best advantage. An assortment of drugs, medicines and chemicals selected with the greatest care and obtained from the most reliable sources is always on hand, and the compounding of physicians' prescriptions is given special attention, no precaution being neglected that science and experience can suggest. A fine assortment of toilet articles, together with cigars and soda water, etc., are also a strong attraction to the public, and are worthy the attention of every discriminating purchaser. Two reliable and competent assistants are employed and all callers are waited on promptly and treated with courtesy. Mr. Tuthill is a native of New York State.

R. T. McCORNAL, House, Sign and Ornamental Painter, Dealer in Wall-paper, Paints, Oils and Varnishes, corner James and Henry Streets, Middletown, N. Y.—That there is an opportunity for the display of no mean degree of taste and skill in the selection and application of wall-paper our readers will readily admit, for colors and patterns suited to certain circumstances and conditions would be strangely out of place were the surroundings different. From the nature of the subject no undeviating rules can be given for guidance when making such selections, although it is generally understood that small figures should be chosen for small apartments, and that dark papers should not be used in rooms imperfectly lighted. The most important rule after all to observe is to make your selections from a stock that is not only large and varied but that contains a full assortment of the latest patterns, for there is fashion in wall-papers as in everything else, and few of us want to be "behind the times." The fine appearance of a house depends very much, too, upon the painting, the choice of colors used, and the relation which one color has to another, and the neatness with which it is done, as well as in the manner in which wall-paper is hung. Sometimes the most delicate and choice designs in wall-paper are ruined by the carelessness of the workmen in hanging them. We would call your attention to Mr. R. T. McCornal, who is a house, sign, and ornamental painter; also dealer in wall-paper, paints, oils, and varnishes. He is a native of this city, and commenced business in 1854. After several changes he again assumed control in 1887. He has been favored by a fine class of custom, and many specimens of his work are to be seen here, and we feel confident in recommending him to those having nice work to be done, knowing he would not have secured so large a portion of the patronage of this city had he not been worthy. His shop is located at No. 34 James Street, and covers an area of 28 x 15 feet with a storeroom 15 x 18 feet. Six experienced assistants are employed, and Mr. McCornal is ready at short notice to execute any orders which may be entrusted to him, and guarantees perfect satisfaction in every respect. He carries a large stock of wall-paper, paints, oils, varnishes, etc., to choose from, and which he offers at reasonable prices.

A. J. HORNBECK, Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Imported and Domestic Cigars, Fancy Chewing, Smoking and Plug Tobaccos, No. 32 North Street, Middletown, N. Y.—The making of a cigar has about as much to do with its desirability as the material of which it is composed has, and we know all old smokers will agree with us regarding this statement, for there is no one who makes a habit of smoking but what has more or less frequently come across a cigar that it was impossible to enjoy, even though it was made of a good grade of tobacco. The importance of having and dealing in cigars which are properly made is thus apparent, and it follows that those who deal in uniformly good and well-made articles are assured of a prosperous business, an example of which may be seen in the trade built up by Mr. A. J. Hornbeck since he began operations in 1884. This gentleman is a native of Orange County, and well known throughout Middletown and vicinity, and his premises, which are located at No. 32 North Street, measure 14 x 65 feet in dimensions, while only skilled assistants are employed. Mr. Hornbeck is a large wholesale and retail dealer in imported and domestic cigars, fancy chewing, smoking and plug tobaccos, etc. He handles only the best grades of cigars and tobaccos, and is in a position to quote bottom prices, and his growing trade shows how this fact is appreciated. Mr. Hornbeck served as alderman for one term, and is at present president of the board. He also served in a New Jersey regiment during the war.

Capital Stock, \$100,000.00

P. O. Box 82.

J. V. Z. ANTHONY, Sec'y and Treas.

## MIDDLETOWN LIGHT AND POWER CO.,

### OPERATING

### Fort Wayne Systems of Electric Lighting.

One of the chief resources of Middletown is the Middletown Electric Light & Power Company. The company was organized in 1889, by the Fort Wayne Electric Company, of Fort Wayne, Ind., under the management of Mr. W. B. McDonald. They then started with thirteen arc lights for street lighting and about 900 incandescent lights for commercial use. The plant is located on West Main Street and is very accessible to the railroad, enabling them to get their coal and supplies direct from the switch. On July 1, 1891, the company changed hands to the present management and called the company the Middletown Electric Light & Power Company, with J. V. Z. Anthony as secretary and treasurer and general manager. The plant has now increased to thirty-five street lights, fifteen commercial arcs, making fifty arcs in all, and 3,000 incandescent, and burn from dusk to daylight. The lights are first-class and giving good general satisfaction. The manager, Mr. Anthony, has a large, pleasant office, located in the business centre of the city, connected by telephone, so that any complaint receives immediate attention. At this office you can see the workings of the meter used by the company, and many novel arrangements of incandescent lighting. Mr. Anthony, the genial manager, has made many friends since his connection with the company, which is now running on a sound financial basis. The outside construction is under the efficient management of Mr. W. H. Gilmarin, who has been in the employ of the company since its organization and is one of the "old stand-bys."

**B. OLES & SON,** dealers in Wrought and Cast Scrap Iron, Brass, Copper, Metals of all Kinds, New and Second-hand Furniture, Stoves and Ranges a Specialty, No. 12 East Avenue, Middletown, N. Y.—Some one has said that there is nothing in the world that has not its use. It may seem strange to some of us to think that the odds and ends picked up by junk men and rag-pickers, and carefully stowed away in their wagons are all taken to large establishments, sorted, graded and eventually made over into different commodities. The demand for this so-called rubbish is so great that hundreds of tons of rags alone are imported into this country every year. One of the leading houses in Middletown dealing in wrought and cast scrap iron, brass, copper, metals of all kinds, as well as new and second hand furniture, stoves and ranges a specialty, is that conducted by Messrs. B. Oles & Son. It was established by C. C. Veber in 1891, he being succeeded by the present proprietors in 1892. The store occupied and located at No. 12 East Avenue comprises two floors, 18 x 60 feet in dimensions. Every facility is at hand for grading and storing the stock and large orders can be filled at short notice. Dealers will find the prices moderate, and the goods strictly as represented. Both members are natives of this State and give their personal attention to detail work as well as to business transactions. Orders sent by postal or otherwise from any part of the city given immediate attention. Do not invest in a stove until you get their prices.

**WM. HERWIG,** dealer in Leather and Findings, Opposite Condensery, No. 12 Canal Street, Middletown, N. Y.—The enterprise conducted by Mr. Wm. Herwig should be given a leading position among others of a kindred character carried on in this vicinity, and indeed the public have long since given it such a position for they are generally quick to appreciate energy and integrity, and these are prominent characteristics of the management of the enterprise in question. Mr. Herwig is a native of Germany, but has long resided in this country and has carried on his present establishment since 1883. He is a wholesale and retail dealer in leather and findings and quotes the lowest market prices on all his goods. A store located at No. 12 Canal Street is occupied measuring 14 x 28 feet in dimensions and a large carefully selected stock is always on hand. Competent assistants are employed so that all callers are waited upon promptly and courteously. Mr. Herwig gives the details of the business his close attention and is prepared to fill large or small orders at short notice, and as a natural consequence this store is very popular, and is being more liberally patronized every year which is gratifying to all who appreciate honorable and energetic methods.

**BURNEER & FRENCH,** Painters, House Painting, Sign Writing, Interior Decorating and Job Work a Specialty; also Dealers in Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Etc., No. 5 Academy Ave.—It seems wonderful to those who have no special taste in that line, to see the changing and attractive effects which may be obtained by the judicious use of paints, paper-hangings and other home decorations, for by skillful management of such accessories small rooms may be made to look larger, dark ones lighted and mildly large apartments cosy and comfortable. Of course, in order to do this, the means as well as the skill must be provided and in this connection it is natural to call attention to Messrs. J. E. Burneer and W. L. French, whose establishment is located at No. 5 Academy Avenue. This enterprise was founded in 1851 by Mr. Chas. S. Bodle who was succeeded by his son Chas. Bodle, and he in turn by the present firm, Burneer & French in 1892. These gentlemen thoroughly understand this line of business, Mr. Burneer having been associated a good many years with Mr. Bodle, while Mr. French served his time in New York City, and both are well posted on all the latest points. They have every facility for the doing of house painting and decorating, and are also prepared to do graining and paper hanging, also make a specialty of sign writing in the most approved style, at short notice and at moderate rates. Sufficient and reliable assistants are constantly employed and every order is guaranteed immediate and courteous attention; the work being done in a satisfactory manner and with carefully selected and reliable materials. These gentlemen make a specialty of interior decorating and have for sale a fine stock of ready mixed paints, tinted leads, prepared kalsomin, etc., and we commend them to the favorable attention of all wishing anything done in their line, for no boys are employed and they have nothing but first class help.

## AYRES & OSTRANDER, HOUSE and SIGN PAINTERS.

PROSPECT STREET, MIDDLETOWN, N. Y.

If Messrs. Ayres & Ostrander are not thoroughly acquainted with their business in every detail, it is certainly not from lack of experience, for they have carried on their present enterprise for many years. Judging from the reputation and the character and the extent of the patronage enjoyed by these gentlemen, it is safe to assume that they are among the most skillful and reliable house painters in the State, and that they make it a rule to employ experienced assistants only. The premises and shop utilized and located on Prospect Street, between Wickham Avenue and North Street, comprise two floors, 25 x 18 feet in size, and every facility is at hand to enable them to fill orders at short notice and in a thoroughly workmanlike manner. They use carefully selected stock, and their work is therefore durable as well as ornamental, while their charges are reasonable in every instance. Estimates will be cheerfully furnished on all kinds of painting and paper-hanging, kalsomining and graining. A specialty is made of paper-hanging and graining. The members of the firm are Jacob H. Ayres and H. T. Ostrander, both natives of Orange County, N. Y. All orders by mail or otherwise will receive immediate attention.



**J. H. CLEARWATER, Dealer in Guns, Pistols, Ammunition and Sporting Goods, Bicycle, Agent for Stevens' Rifles, Repairing of all Kinds, No. 50 James Street, Middletown, N. Y.**—Among the various establishments located in Middletown, and vicinity, there is not one which is better known and more popular among visitors to that resort than that conducted by Mr. J. H. Clearwater, for this gentleman shows great enterprise and liberality in catering to their wants and has both the facilities and the disposition to "help out" those who find themselves without certain requisites for sport. He is a native of Florida, N. Y., and began business here in 1890, having succeeded Mr. Chas. Worcester who had carried it on for many years before, so that an extensive and rapidly growing patronage has been built up. The store occupied and located at No. 50

James Street, measures 18 x 18 feet in dimensions, and a complete stock is carried of guns, pistols, and ammunition, etc., etc., sporting goods of all kinds and bicycles. These goods are sold at bottom prices and callers are assured prompt and courteous attention, while one competent and reliable clerk is employed.

**LINDSEY BROTHERS, Manufacturers, Contractors, Builders and Artistic Hardwood Workers, Sash, Blinds, Doors, Mouldings, Etc., Scroll Sawing and Tuning, Office and Factory, Union Street, Middletown, N. Y.**—The business carried on by Messrs. Lindsey Brothers is so extensive and so comprehensive that in order to give an adequate description of it, it is advisable to divide it into two departments, the one having to do with general contracting and building, and the other with common and artistic wood working in both hand and soft woods. The firm is composed of Messrs. F. J. Lindsey and A. R. Lindsey, both of whom have been residents of Middletown from childhood, and are extremely well and favorably known throughout this city and vicinity. They give close personal attention to the supervision and direction of the business, and maintain the service at a really exceptionally high standard of efficiency. The premises utilized are located on Union Street, and are spacious, well arranged and conveniently and very completely fitted up, the mechanical equipment including an engine of 40 and a boiler of 60-horse power, and wood working machinery of the most improved type. The productions include sash, blinds, doors, mouldings, etc., and orders for plain and fancy scroll sawing and tuning are executed in first-class style, at short notice, and at reasonable rates. But a leading specialty is made of artistic hardwood working, among the articles produced being mantels in all styles from the most simple to the most elaborate, house trimmings of every description, also parlor, library and office desks, sideboards, and other hardwood goods. Exclusive designs will be made if desired, and all work will be done promptly and at as low rates as are consistent with the attainment of the best possible results. Messrs. Lindsey Brothers deal in all kinds of lumber, long and short, and their stock is generally sufficiently large and complete to admit of all ordinary orders being filled without delay. Possessing the important facilities mentioned, besides others which we have been obliged to pass over without notice, the firm are exceptionally well qualified to figure very closely on building work, and to quickly and satisfactorily carry out any contract into which they may enter. Estimates will cheerfully be made on application, and such of our readers as contemplate building will certainly best serve their own interests by communicating with this admirably equipped and representative house before placing their orders.

**D. P. WAGER, Practical Cutter and Dealer in Blue Stone, Warsaw Blue and Connecticut Brown Stone, Flagging, Curbing, Sills, Steps, Water Tables, Etc., Estimates Cheerfully Given, Yard, No. 97 North Street, Middletown, N. Y.**—The business carried on by Mr. D. P. Wager consists in part of the wholesale and retail blue stone business formerly conducted by Messrs. Sitter & Van Hovenburg, who were recently bought out by O. S. Hathaway & Co. The present proprietor assumed control in 1892, but it has been materially enlarged, the new firm having added to the stock, brown, Warsaw, Ohio, and granite stone, and having such facilities as to enable it to guarantee the satisfactory filling of all orders, large and small, and the quoting of prices that will bear the strictest examination and comparison. Mr. Wager is a native of Ulster County, and is extremely well known in New York State. He gives close personal attention to the business, and maintains the service at a high standard of efficiency, having had many years' experience. All orders, whether for contract or piecework, are filled promptly and carefully. A specialty is made of the relaying and resetting of flag and curb stones, and stone will be cut to order, and estimates on any work in blue, brown or granite stone, will be promptly furnished. The firm have branches at Warwick, Chester, Goshen, and Walden, and the Middletown office is on North Street, near the Erie Railroad.

# MIDDLETOWN BEEF CO.,

*Commission Merchants in*

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AND PROVISIONS.

## Swift's Chicago Dressed Beef.

HENRY ST., Near West Main St.,

Telephone Connections.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y.

The Middletown Beef Company is very appropriately named, for this is a thoroughly representative concern and handles a large proportion of the beef consumed in Middletown and vicinity. The company are commission merchants in Swift's Chicago dressed beef, pork, mutton, lamb and provisions. The refrigerator building has two "coolers," or refrigerators, one capable of accommodating several car loads of meat; the other used for the storage of provisions. The company deal extensively in pork, hams, shoulders, bacon, bologna, dried feet, all kinds of smoked and pickled meats and lard. This business was founded in 1883, by Messrs. G. F. and E. C. Swift, both natives of Massachusetts, and who reside in Chicago and Boston, the business here being under the direct management of Mr. J. E. Gibbs, who is a native of Middleboro, Mass. The company do an exclusively wholesale business and occupy premises on Henry Street, near West Main. The building is 30 x 90 feet in size, carrying a very heavy and complete stock and the company are prepared to fill orders at short notice.

CHARLES H. SMITH, Civil Engineer and Architect, Stern Building, No. 15 North Street, Residence, No. 42 Wickham Avenue, Middletown, N. Y.—In many respects there is a close resemblance between the professions of civil engineering and architecture, and it is easy to see how a training in one may be of great service in the practice of the other. Calculation of the strength of materials, questions as to how to best combine strength and lightness, capacity and compactness, these and many other things are common to both professions and unite them so completely in places that the point of juncture is practically indistinguishable. Mr. Chas. H. Smith has of late years been especially prominent as an engineer, but he has also executed many commissions as an architect, and for three years prior to 1891 held a position as assistant engineer for the N. Y. & W. R. R. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and is very generally known in this portion of New York State, he being a native of Orange County, and having been prominently before the public as supervising architect of a number of public and private buildings and of the new buildings for the State Insane Hospital. Mr. Smith has recently furnished plans for a number of prominent buildings in and near Middletown. His office is at No. 15 North Street in the Stern Building and his residence is at No. 42 Wickham Avenue. Adequate assistance is employed so that the execution of commissions is not delayed by slowness in the draughting of plans, writing out of specifications, etc., but all such work is done under Mr. Smith's supervision and no trouble is spared to fully protect the interests of clients by providing for all possible contingencies.

ORANGE COUNTY FIRE PROOF ROOFING CO., Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Excelsior Fire Proof Paint, for Felt and Shingle Roofs, Ebonite Varnish for Tin and Iron Roofs, Best Brands of Felt Roofing; Office and Salesrooms, Nos. 43 and 45 Broadway, Newburgh, N. Y.—The Orange County Fire Proof Roofing Company is of comparatively recent origin, having been formed in 1891. But its leading specialties are by no means new or untried, for the company are exclusive jobbers for Orange County of the famous Ebonite varnish, and Excelsior slate paint,—goods that have been known and prized for many years; they being manufactured by the Elmira Roofing Co., which began operations in 1890. The Ebonite varnish is for use on tin and iron roofs, boilers, bridges, crestings, and exposed metal surfaces in general; while the Excelsior slate paint is for use on felt and shingle roofs. Both these articles are practically fire-proof and water-proof and are exceptionally durable, while as preservatives of the material to which they are applied they are unequalled by any other paint or varnish in the market. Besides their Middletown establishment, the Orange County Fire Proof Roofing Co. have salesrooms in Newburgh, at Nos. 43 and 45 Broadway, and their facilities are such as to enable them to fill all orders, large and small, at short notice and at reasonable rates. All kinds of roofs will be repaired and painted, and the best brands of felt roofing will be furnished at prices as low as the lowest. The company is composed of Mr. John Powers, a native of Elmira, and Mr. J. M. Gillies, a native of Newburgh, where he is engaged in the real estate and insurance business. Both these gentlemen are widely and favorably known in this section, and both give careful attention to the important enterprise with which they are identified.

# W. D. OLNEY,

## DRUGGIST and PHARMACIST,

### MIDDLETOWN, N. Y.

A first-class drugstore is certainly one of the most useful and desirable establishments which can be maintained in a community, for the most skillful physician can do but comparatively little unless there is a supply of fresh drugs, medicines and chemicals close at hand. It is generally conceded that Mr. W. D. Olney spares no pains to afford the best possible service to the public, and a visit to the drugstore, located on East Main Street, and of which he is the proprietor, will prove this concession to be justified by the facts. The stock on hand is certainly complete in every department, and one cannot help noticing the extreme care which is taken in the compounding of prescriptions. Nothing is left to chance and nothing is taken for granted. This business was established in 1881, by Messrs. A. P. Olney and C. H. Fuller, they being succeeded by the present proprietor in 1889, who had been in charge of the manufacturing department since the business was established. Mr. Olney became the sole owner of the business, together with the proprietary remedies "Specific 3340 for malaria," and the "Optimus cough cure." He was born at Coxsackie, N. Y., and, although a young man, has had an extensive pharmaceutical experience. When the State law was passed in 1881, requiring all pharmacists to be licensed, Mr. Olney promptly went before the examining board, appointed by the governor, and being the first one in the State to complete his papers and pass a satisfactory examination, he received certificate No. 1. The store is 50 x 14 feet in dimensions and a large retail trade is carried on. Two competent and reliable assistants are employed, and for the compounding of physicians' prescriptions all necessary materials and apparatus are at hand to enable such orders to be satisfactorily, accurately and promptly filled at moderate rates. This is also a favorite place to buy soda water, cigars, perfumes, toilet articles, trusses, shoulder braces, etc., etc. Truss fitting a specialty.

P. F. MILLER, Contractor and Builder, Window Frames, Sashes, Blinds, Doors, Mouldings, Brackets, Trimming Materials, Etc., Constantly on Hand and Made to Order on Short Notice, also Sawn Sawing, No. 10 Honston Avenue.—The record made by Mr. P. F. Miller, since he began operations here eighteen years ago, is sufficient to guarantee that he not only understands his business thoroughly, but is determined to serve his customers to the best of his ability, and we have no hesitation in advising such as may wish anything done in his line to give him an early call. Mr. Miller established himself in business in Middletown in 1874. For a short time he was associated in partnership with another, but in later years he has conducted the business alone with increasing success. His place of business is located at No. 10 Honston Avenue, in the same premises in which the business was first started. In the busy season twenty-five assistants are employed and no less than six are employed in dull times. His mill is thoroughly equipped for all kinds of work in his line of business. The building is two stories high and covers an area of 2,200 square feet. The boiler room is 16 x 20 feet, and the main lumber shed, which is three stories high, covers an area of 720 square feet. There is also another lumber shed covering 360 square feet and two stories high. The office and drafting rooms are located in a building 18 x 16 feet and two stories high. The engine which runs the mill is of 16-horse power and the boiler has a capacity of 25-horse power. Mr. Miller has every facility at hand to enable him to satisfactorily carry out all work entrusted to him. He gives close personal attention to every order, and has a sufficient force of assistants at hand to enable him to promptly execute the same. He is prepared to offer valuable assistance to any one who proposes to engage in building operations, and in any man who has gained his knowledge, when building his own house, will agree with us in saying, that while theory is all very well in its place, there is nothing like consulting an expert who knows what he is talking about, and is so near enough in his assertions to offer to carry them into practical effect if authorized to do so. Mr. Miller is moderate in his prices and his work is equal to the best. He is also prepared to do general jobbing.

T. J. COHLAN, Groceries, Etc., No. 255 North Street, Middletown, N. Y. It is comparatively easy to get first-class groceries in Middletown and vicinity, but first-class meats are by no means so common, it is a notorious fact that in many who pay for such products are in fact supplied with second-rate articles. There are some dealers however who appreciate the large demand for choice meats and are excellently well prepared to supply it, and among those a leading position is held by Mr. T. J. Cohan, who carries on a well-equipped meat store at No. 255 North Street, and does a first-rate retail business. Mr. Cohan established the grocery and provision business in 1888, and deals also in fancy goods, confectionery, cigars and tobacco, and is also agent for the North West Company. The store occupied and located at the above address, contains a large stock of the food articles already mentioned, while no effort is spared to keep it so complete in every department that all tastes and prices can be suited. One efficient assistant is employed and much of the popularity of this establishment is due to the prompt and courteous attention assured to every caller. Mr. Cohan is a native of Goshen, N. Y., and is well and favorably known throughout Middletown, and gives his close personal attention to all the details to his business.

## JOHN MILLER,

Dealer in and Manufacturer of the

Finest Brands of Long Filled Cigars,

102½ NORTH STREET,

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y.

All Orders Promptly Attended to.

There is a good deal of sharp competition in the cigar business, especially among retail dealers, who also handle other goods, for they know from experience that the class of customers that appreciate good cigars at moderate prices is a very desirable one to establish relations with, and so they attract their trade by offering special inducements in the cigar department. But in order to offer such inducements it is necessary to obtain supplies from an enterprising and reliable manufacturing firm, that have the ability and the disposition to furnish first-class goods at a very small margin of profit, and in this connection we may properly call attention to the undertaking carried on by Mr. John Miller at No. 102½ North Street, for he is a leading manufacturer and dealer in cigars, and regularly manufactures the finest brands of Long Filled cigars, which he wholesales and retails to the trade at bottom prices. No trouble is spared to keep each grade uniform in quality, the stock being carefully selected and skilled assistants being employed. Commissions are promptly and accurately executed, and such of our readers as wish to build up a desirable cigar trade would do well to place a trial order with this enterprising concern. Mr. Miller is a native of Holmesdale, and well known in this town. The premises occupied comprise one floor, 45 x 15 feet in dimensions, and both a wholesale and retail trade is carried on. Among the special brands carried are "M. & S's ½ Spanish" and "Our Special." A full line of pipes and tobacco is kept constantly on hand.

ARTHUR G. ADAMS, Eating-house and Lunch-room, Meals at all Hours, Terms Reasonable, No. 29 James Street, Middletown, N. Y.—Mr. Arthur G. Adams keeps just such an establishment as the majority of experienced travellers like to come across, for its proprietor pays more attention to comfort than to style, and the consequence is that his guests obtain most satisfactory accommodations at most reasonable figures. Of course it is hard to define just what is meant by "style," for what may seem very stylish to one man may appear quite the opposite to another, but, generally speaking, the most "stylish" restaurants are those that charge the highest rates for the least satisfactory service. The establishment now conducted by Mr. A. G. Adams was established about 1882 by Mr. W. H. Wood, who was succeeded by Mr. Adams in 1892. This eating-house and lunch-room is located at No. 29 James Street, and has become known as a most excellent place at which to get a good substantial meal or only a lunch for a very little money. Meals will be served at all hours, and there is not a similar establishment in Middletown deserving a more liberal patronage. The bill of fare is always extensive and varied, and the dining-room is always kept in a neat and attractive condition, while an efficient force of assistants is constantly employed, and at all times of the year the supply of substantial and delicacies is sufficiently abundant and varied to allow of all tastes being suited. He also keeps a good supply of cigars and confectionery on hand, as well as soda in its season. Meals can be had here at all hours, or by the day or week, at extremely reasonable prices, and, taken all in all, this establishment deserves the patronage of all those appreciative of good accommodations and liberal methods.

I. S. BENJAMIN, Proprietor of the Middletown Iron and Brass Foundry, No. 17 Academy Avenue, Middletown, N. Y.—The service afforded by the Middletown Iron and Brass Foundry may be called a happy example of the effects of a complete and well-chosen equipment, and skilful and careful management, for it is remarkably reliable and accurate, and at the same time is economical in the true sense of the word, the customer getting excellent value for his money every time. The proprietor, Mr. I. S. Benjamin, is a native of New Jersey, and has been connected with the enterprise about four years; beginning in 1888 as a member of the firm of Benjamin & Crist, who were succeeded, in 1890, by Messrs. Benjamin & Healey, the present owner assuming sole control in 1891. The premises made use of are situated at No. 17 Academy Avenue, and are equipped with all necessary machinery, including a 25-horse boiler and a 12-horse engine. Employment is given to an adequate force of competent assistants, and iron and brass founding and also general jobbing will be done in first-class style at short notice, and uniformly at reasonable rates.

HOUSTON, WEBSTER & CO., dealers in Flour, Feed and Grain, corner of North and Depot Streets, Middletown, N. Y.—Among the prominent New York houses engaged in the handling of flour, feed and grain, etc., the firm of Houston, Webster & Co. must be given a leading position, both on account of the magnitude of its business and the many years that it has been successfully conducted. The enterprise was founded in 1875 by Houston & Conkling, who were succeeded by the present proprietors in 1885. It is composed of Messrs. R. H. Houston, D. H. Webster and J. A. Howell, all natives of New York State, and are personally well known throughout Middletown and vicinity. This firm do an extensive wholesale shipping trade, supplying dealers throughout eastern New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey with grain and all kinds of feed in car lots direct from the West. They also do a retail business, and have exceptional facilities for filling large orders without delay. The premises occupied and located at Nos. 76 and 78 North Street, comprise one store 75 x 150 feet in dimensions, and are fitted up with every facility and convenience for handling the stock dealt in. Every order given in person or sent either by mail or telegraph is assured immediate and painstaking attention, while the firm are in a position to quote bottom prices on all the commodities they handle. The leading brands of flour are kept in stock, while every attention is paid to all callers by the four assistants who are employed.

## NEWTON & STEAD, Undertakers and Embalmers.

316 NORTH ST., Telephone No. 32.

Lady Attendant.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y.

Although good sense forbids there being too much stress put on the thought of death under ordinary circumstances, still it is but the part of common prudence to be prepared to act with promptness and decision in any emergency, therefore we feel that the information we propose to supply concerning the establishment conducted by Messrs. Newton & Stead on North Street, will be neither out of place nor unnecessary. This business was established in 1891, although Mr. Newton had had years of experience before. The building which it occupies is convenient and appropriately fitted up for the purpose for which it is used, and contains a complete and carefully selected assortment of the different grades of fine funeral goods. The art of embalming is carefully done in accordance with the most improved methods, a lady or gentleman embalmer being in attendance day or night. Orders are attended to without delay, and every effort is made to furnish the most adequate service. These gentlemen also in connection with the business of undertakers and embalmers are manufacturers of all kinds of brushes, such as scrub, stove, shoe, horse, milk can, and machine brushes, of every description; also, wire, butcher and foundry brushes, bottle and roof brushes a specialty. Their power for manufacturing is furnished by Morgan, Wilcox & Co., and they are manufacturers and dealers to the wholesale and retail trade. They are prepared to make by sample or according to description, and guarantee to duplicate any brush sent them, and if not satisfactory will return sample at their own expense. All prices reasonable. Correspondence solicited. Address all orders to Middletown City Steam Brush Works, No. 319 North Street, Middletown, N. Y., Telephone No. 32.

**JOHN B. LEEFMON & SON**, Dealers in Coal, Groceries and Provisions, No. 146 North Street, Middletown, N. Y.—There is often as much ingenuity shown in explaining the success as in accounting for the failure of a business enterprise, but when an undertaking has been successfully conducted for over a quarter of a century it is always safe to assume that its popularity is due to solid merit, such is the case with that now carried on by Messrs. John B. LeeFmon & Son, for this enterprise was inaugurated by Mr. J. D. Maston, in 1865, and so conducted for many years, and in 1885, the present proprietors assumed its management. They are both natives of this State, and are energetic and reliable business men. Mr. J. B. LeeFmon was a member of Company A, 16th New York Regiment from 1861 to 1863, holding the office of orderly-sergeant. The premises utilized and located at No. 146 North Street, comprise one floor, 24 x 48 feet in size, and are fully occupied by a complete stock of groceries and provisions, besides coal which they deal in quite extensively. The policy which has made this enterprise so prominent among Middletown's mercantile undertakings, is followed to-day as strictly as ever, and when one has remarked the reliability of the goods, the lowness of the prices, and the promptness and accuracy of the service, he is not obliged to ask what that policy is, nor need he be told that its effect is to assure entire satisfaction to every reasonable customer. Employment is given to two competent assistants and all orders are assured careful attention.

**J. M. COLWELL**, Manufacturer of and Dealer in Fine Cigars, No. 27 North Street, Middletown, N. Y.—Perhaps some of our readers may have heard the story of the man who sent an anti-tobacco publication to Mark Twain and asked him to abandon the use of the "vile weed" so that his example would not encourage others to smoke. Mark's reply was in effect as follows: "All of us have some bad habits. Some poke their nose into other people's business and some use tobacco. I smoke." There is a good deal of sound philosophy in that view of the matter, and we commend it to the attention of those who let one idea dominate their minds to the exclusion of everything else. Tobacco using is often spoken of as an expensive habit, but in no other way can so much genuine enjoyment be had at so small a cost. Call at the establishment conducted by Mr. J. M. Colwell, at No. 27 North Street, next door to the post-office, and you will find he is prepared to furnish you with really excellent cigars at a very low figure. Mr. Colwell is a manufacturer and dealer in fine cigars and can therefore sell them at the lowest market rates, and at the same time guarantee that their quality shall prove as represented. This undertaking was started in 1873, by the present proprietor, who is a native of Orange County, and the premises occupied are 42 x 45 feet in dimensions.

**GALEN COLEMAN**, Middletown Foundry and Machine Works, Manufacturer and Dealer in Engines, Boilers, Mill and General Machinery, Rubber and Leather Belting, Steam and Water Pipes and Fittings; also a First-class Corn Cracker; Second-hand Machinery of all Kinds, No. 17 Academy Avenue, Middletown, N. Y. — An establishment which is very popular among the manufacturers of Middletown and vicinity is that carried on by Mr. Galen Coleman at No. 17 Academy Avenue, under the style of the Middletown Foundry and Machine Works, and it well deserves its popularity, for it is thoroughly well managed and the service rendered is prompt, efficient and accurate at all times. Operations were begun in 1870 by Messrs. King & Mallock, and in 1875 Mr. Daniel Milok assumed sole control, he being succeeded, in 1882, by the present proprietor, who is a native of Mount Hope, New York, and is extremely well known throughout this vicinity. Mr. Coleman is a manufacturer of and dealer in engines, boilers, mill and general machinery, and is prepared to furnish goods of standard and guaranteed merit at the lowest market rates. He deals also in rubber and leather belting, steam and water pipes and fittings, and in second-hand machinery of all kinds,—making a specialty of the latter and almost invariably having some decided bargains in stock. The factory is well equipped and employment is given to five competent assistants, orders for repairing and for general machine work being assured prompt and painstaking attention. Correspondence from steam users and mill owners is solicited, and prices on new and second-hand engines and machinery will be cheerfully quoted on application.



**C. R. FULLER,**

Wholesale and Retail Dealer in

**WINDOWS, DOORS, and BLINDS. \* LUMBER \* and SHINGLES of all kinds.**

**PICKETS, RAILS AND POSTS.***Office, Cor. Depot and Foundry Sts.,**Middletown, N. Y.*

In compiling this review of Middletown's representative business men it has been found necessary to refer quite frequently to the lumber and coal trades, for these are of special importance in this section, so it is no light praise to say that Mr. C. R. Fuller occupies a leading position among the dealers in lumber and coal located at Middletown, and yet in truth, this is no praise at all, but a simple statement of fact; it having long since been conceded that Mr. Fuller has no reason to fear comparison with any other dealer in these highly important commodities. He has carried on his present enterprise since 1877, it having been founded a score of years before that date by Mr. S. S. Conkling. Mr. Fuller was born in Broome County, New York, and during the war rendered most efficient service to his country by raising a company in Corning, N. Y., which was attached to the 148th Regiment as Company D, and of which he was given command. He is also director and one of the three executives of the Middletown Glass Company. The premises utilized by him for business purposes are located at the corner of Depot and Foundry Streets, near the Erie depot, and are very spacious, as they need to be, for the stock comprises not only York State and Michigan lumber, windows, doors and blinds, shingles, of all kinds, pickets, rails and posts; but also Lackawanna and Lehigh Valley coal in all sizes, and of guaranteed quality. Fairbanks' scales are used, and orders are accurately and promptly filled, at the very lowest market rates.

**THE MORGANS & WILCOX MFG. CO.,** Wm. G. Slauison, President, Robert Cochrane, Secretary and Treasurer; Manufacturers of Wood Type and Printers' Materials, Dealers in Metal Type, Presses, Inks, Etc., Middletown, Orange Co., N. Y.—It would be an anomaly indeed if "the art preservative of all arts" should fail to share in the rapid progress so characteristic of the age, and as a matter of fact such progress has been made in the art of printing of late years that what a decade ago would have been considered excellent would now be pronounced ordinary, if not positively bad. There has been a decided gain in speed as well as in the quality of the work done, and as rapid and high-grade printing necessitates the use of the most improved machinery and the best materials, it may be said with literal truth, that the printing office which is most perfectly equipped is also most economically equipped. And this is more especially the case from the fact that it is not necessary to pay fancy prices in order to get printers' machinery and materials that are equal to any the market affords, it being simply a question of placing orders with discrimination and to the best advantage. In this connection it is eminently proper to make mention of the Morgans & Wilcox Manufacturing Company, for this company are large manufacturers of wood type and printers' materials, and extensive dealers in metal type, presses, inks, etc., and they have repeatedly proved their ability to quote positively bottom prices on goods of standard and in some cases of unequalled merit. The business began in Middletown in 1880 on a fairly large scale, and has more than tripled since then in its capacity and the output of its goods, which go to all parts of this country, and are quite largely exported. The premises utilized comprise two floors of the dimensions of 90 x 100 feet each, and the plant of machinery includes a forty-horse engine and a fifty-horse boiler. The articles manufactured include everything in wood that is used in a printing office, some articles in brass and iron, and several specialties in steel, which are protected by patents. Among the articles made are wood type, cases, cabinets, stands, racks, galleys, registers, proof presses, imposing tables, drying racks, letter and pressing boards, steel furniture, patented steel bearers and rule, lamp brackets, mailing machines, press punches, job sticks, mallets, planers, galleys. What they sell include metal type, of all foundries; presses, all makes; cutters, all makes; folders, perforators, stitchers, pliers, numbering machines, routers, electric and water motors, binders' and electrotypers' goods, and, in short, everything necessary to fit out the most extensive printing establishment. The supply of full outfits is a specialty with this enterprising and exceptionally well-equipped concern, of which Mr. W. G. Slauison is president, and Mr. Robert Cochrane is secretary and treasurer; both these gentlemen being far too well known hereabouts to render further personal mention necessary. The company carries a large stock, and as the manufacturing facilities are extensive, and the railway facilities of Middletown are excellent, orders can be filled and goods shipped to distant as well as to near points at short notice.

**GEORGE R. JONES, Confectionery and Ice-Cream, No. 9 West Main Street, Middletown, N. Y.**—The store occupied by Mr. George R. Jones at No. 9 West Main Street is tastefully and neatly arranged and is devoted to the sale of confectionery and ice-cream. The premises utilized comprise one floor 12 x 65 feet in dimensions, and the goods handled are purchased directly from manufacturers and importers and are therefore guaranteed to be fresh, and of the best to be obtained in the markets, and are offered to the public at very reasonable prices. Mr. Jones succeeded to the business, founded by Mr. C. E. Hill, in 1886, and now does an extensive retail trade in ice-cream and confectionery, making a specialty of "Huxley's," "Fanny's," Gauthier's, Schwartz and McDonald's candies and Horton's cream candy, etc. His store is well and favorably known throughout this vicinity. A competent force of assistants is employed and the service is invariably prompt and obliging. The thriving business which Mr. Jones has built up since he began operations shows how quickly enterprising and honorable business methods are recognized and appreciated by the public in general. Orders will be delivered to any part of the town and the most extensive commissions can be executed at very short notice, and at prices that will suit the most economically disposed. A specialty is made of entering for parties in the city.

## RITTER & BEYEA,

DEALERS IN

### Groceries and Provisions, Select Fruits of all Kinds in Season,

72 NORTH STREET. Opposite Soldiers' Monument.

Despite the many grocery and provision stores to be found in Middletown and vicinity, there are none so many establishments of this kind where the goods furnished and the service rendered are uniformly satisfactory, and that conducted by Messrs. Ritter & Beyea, at No. 72 North Street, is worthy of prominent mention among those of which this can be truthfully said, for they have both the facilities and the disposition to fully satisfy every reasonable customer, and the extent of the business done shows that this fact is generally appreciated by the one-hundred public. The undertaking carried on by this house was established in 1887 by Ritter & Co., who were succeeded by the present proprietors, in 1890. This firm is composed of Messrs. O. S. Ritter and S. G. Beyea, who are both natives of Orange County, and are too generally known here to render extended personal mention necessary. The premises occupied comprise one floor and basement, 18 x 70 feet in dimensions, and both a wholesale and retail business is done in groceries and provisions and select fruits in their season; toilet soaps, cigars, wooden-ware and confectionery are also handled. Employment is given to two assistants, and callers are assured prompt and polite attention, the lowest market rates being quoted on all the many commodities dealt in.

WM. W. CARPENTER, Contractor and Builder, No. 7 John Street, Middletown, N. Y.—Although a great deal is said and written concerning the troubles and disappointments met with by those undertaking building operations, the fact remains that these troubles are by no means a necessary accompaniment of such operations but are brought about by going to work the wrong way. Make up your mind as to what you want, have plans and specifications properly prepared, and contract with a responsible party to carry them out, and there is no reason why any cause for wrong should then arise. There is no lack of responsible and honorable builders in this town and prominent among them is Mr. Wm. W. Carpenter, a native of Wawayanda, N. Y., who has carried on business in Middletown since 1861, going to the war in 1862, being attached to the 124th Regiment, New York, from Goshen, and when he returned, in 1865, resumed his present enterprise. Since then he has built up a first-class and unsurpassed reputation for integrity. Mr. Carpenter's shop is located at No. 7 John Street, being one floor, 32 x 55 feet in dimensions, and all orders left here are assured prompt attention. Estimates will be given on all kinds of carpenter work, and jobbing of every description will be attended to. Five competent assistants are available when required, while his charges are moderate in all cases.

JOHN M. HANFORD, Manufacturer and dealer in Wagons, Horse Powers, Threshers, Horse-Rakes and Implements Generally, No. 27 Canal Street, Middletown, N. Y.—Mr. John M. Hanford whose card we print above is among our oldest residents as he has been in business here since 1863. Mr. Hanford was born in the village of Bloomingburgh, Sullivan County, in 1820, and early learned the trade of carriage making, which business he carried on for many years, afterward being engaged in the manufacture of Portable Cider Mills, endless chain churning machines, horse powers, etc., and upon locating in Middletown became quite largely a manufacturer of wheel horse-rakes using steam power, a rake of his own invention proving very successful. Meeting with business reverses in 1880, he has since given his time to the carriage business entirely, enjoying a reputation as a skillful and conscientious workman in both wood and iron. Although representing his Ward in the board of trustees in former years, he has never been an aspirant for public office, preferring the quiet of domestic life.

D. S. YOUNG, Granite Work of All Kinds, No. 56 Mulberry Street, Middletown, N. Y.—If there be one branch of industry in which special attention should be paid to avoid any appearance of "cheapness" in the finished product, it is that of monumental work, for nothing is in worse taste than an elaborately designed monument or headstone, the mechanical work of which is done in a rough and careless manner, and on the other hand, an inappropriate design will produce a bad effect, no matter how carefully and skillfully it has been carried out. The importance of placing orders with a person who combines tasteful designing with excellent execution is therefore obvious, and it is not at all surprising that Mr. D. S. Young should be liberally patronized by the residents of Middletown, and vicinity, for his gentlemanly turn out work equal to the best in every respect and quotes the very lowest prices. Mr. Young is a native of New York City, and has been identified with his present establishment in this town since 1857. Estimates will be cheerfully given and out of town work is solicited. Cemetery and building work, stone-cutting in all its branches attended to using "Wright's improved stone polisher." The premises used are located at No. 56 Mulberry Street. The machinery being driven by a 12-horse power engine and a 15-horse power boiler, and employing only first-class workmen, and using the finest approved machinery for polishing, he is enabled to satisfactorily execute all orders promptly, and work is guaranteed to prove strictly as represented and satisfaction is warranted to every customer. Mr. Young has a number of new and elegant designs, which can be seen at his office, or he will be pleased to call at such places as you may designate, and give estimates for same.



**THE MIDDLETOWN SAVINGS BANK, Middletown, N. Y.**—The Middletown Savings Bank may, without exaggeration, be called the most truly representative institution or establishment in that prosperous community, for while other prominent establishments are representative of private enterprise or of the standing of the town in some special line of industry or trade, the Middletown Savings Bank represents the community as a whole—its prosperity, its industry, and its prudence. Obviously, a savings bank could not long continue in a section where opportunities for remunerative employment were few or where the standard of intelligence was not high, for such an institution obtains its operative capital by combining the savings of the people and paying employment and the industries and prudent habits, never common in unintelligent communities, are absolutely essential to the making of such savings. Hence the Middletown Savings Bank is the embodiment, or rather the palpable and unmistakable sign of the general character of the residents of this section, and this is especially the case from the fact that the trustees and the officers of the institution are made up of the leading business men of Middletown and vicinity. Under these circumstances, and considering the excellent record which the bank has made since its incorporation in 1869, it is not surprising that it should possess the confidence of the people to the very highest degree, and be justly considered one of the strongest and most conservatively managed savings banks in the State. Some idea of the general use made of the facilities for saving and for secure investment offered by the institution may be gained from the fact that about one million and a-half is held on deposit, the precise amount due depositors, January 1, 1892, having been \$1,453,322.12. There was then a surplus over all liabilities of \$102,928.59 and the assets are made up of property that will bear the severest investigation. The bank occupies conveniently appointed rooms in a fine building of which it is the owner, and money is received or paid out with very little trouble or delay, the arrangements being devoid of all unnecessary formalities. The trustees and officers include the following prominent citizens. Trustees, N. W. Vail, Lewis Armstrong, S. H. Talcott, Wm. Millsap, Albert Bull, Geo. B. Adams, U. T. Hayes, D. H. Bailey, M. D. Stivers, Frank Buckley, Edmund Millen, Jesse W. Canfield John E. Iseman. Officers, N. W. Vail, president; L. Armstrong, first vice-president; A. Bull, second vice-president; D. H. Bailey, secretary and treasurer; F. B. Denton, assistant secretary and treasurer.

**OWEN'S MARBLE AND GRANITE WORKS, Monuments, Headstones, Mantels, Etc., Constantly on Hand or Made to Order at Short Notice, No. 57 Mulberry Street, Near Cemetery Gate, Middletown, N. Y.**—Among those Middletown establishments which have been so long in operation and have made so excellent a record that they are entitled to be called "institutions" of the city, mention should be made of that conducted by Mr. O. E. Owen, at Nos. 57 and 59 Mulberry Street, near the cemetery gate, for this business was founded away back in 1854, by the father of the present proprietor. Its history is a record of enterprise and uniformly square dealing. The proprietor is a native of Ridgeberry, N. Y., but came to Middletown in 1855 and attended school until he went into the shop to learn the trade, and has continued at it almost continually for over thirty years. Being a practical mechanic in all the details of the business, the public have great confidence in his taste and judgment. Mr. Owen is also a fine designer and draughtsman and among the many designs of his we mention the handsome soldiers' monument on Monument Square shown in engraving on page 5. He is almost universally known in this vicinity in both business and social circles. The residents of Middletown seem to be generally agreed that "Owen's Marble and Granite Works" are the headquarters for monuments, headstones, and cemetery work in general; the same as they are agreed that "Owen's Slate Mantel Warerooms" are the headquarters for goods of that character, the fact being that the marble and granite works and the mantel warerooms are on the same premises; and another fact being that Mr. Owen furnishes work as good as the best at prices as low as the lowest, quality considered. A heavy and complete stock is constantly carried, it including, not only monuments, mantels, etc., but also bracket shelves, summer fronts, tile for hearths, vestibules, etc., plaster centres, slate wash-tubs, and various other articles. Order work will be done in a superior manner at short notice, and satisfaction can be confidently guaranteed to every customer.

**MIDDLETOWN PAPER BOX COMPANY, Manufacturer of Paper Boxes of Every Description, W. A. Vail, Proprietor, Nos. 65 and 67 Mill Street, Middletown, N. Y.**—The Middletown Paper Box Company began operations in 1887 and soon established a thriving trade, for the company at once demonstrated its ability to make paper boxes of every description of standard quality at short notice and at the lowest market rates. The original proprietors were Messrs. W. A. Vail and C. E. Ogden, but in 1890 Mr. Vail assumed sole control, which he has since retained. By giving close personal attention to the many details of the business, Mr. Vail has steadily improved the service until it has reached an exceptionally high standard of efficiency; and it is a common remark among the neighboring hat manufacturers and other large users of paper boxes that an order will often be executed and delivered by the Middletown Paper Box Company, in no longer time than would be required to acknowledge its receipt by some other paper box concerns. Spacious premises, located at Nos. 65 and 67 Mill Street, are utilized, and employment is given to an adequate number of experienced assistants; no pains being spared to secure the greatest possible accuracy as well as promptness in the filling of orders. A heavy stock of standard kinds, shapes, and sizes of boxes is constantly carried, and special goods will be made to order at very short notice; estimates being cheerfully and promptly furnished on application.

**WM. F. FULLER, No. 155 North Street, Middletown, N. Y.**—A person can't be any more than satisfied, and therefore, if you are perfectly satisfied with the service offered at the establishment which supplies you with meat and provisions, you will gain nothing by making a trial of the service afforded by Mr. Wm. F. Fuller, but if the contrary be the case, just pay his "market" a visit, and we think you will find things there very satisfactory. Mr. Fuller is a native of Boston, Mass., and has been identified with the meat business since fourteen years of age, having served an apprenticeship with his father, the late Captain Wm. D. Fuller. At the death of the latter in January, 1889, Mr. Fuller assumed the business at No. 155 North Street, and in November last removed to his present location in the New Platt Building, No. 155 North Street, corner of Wickham Avenue, where he has a large and commodious market, (one of the finest in the county), 18 x 75 feet in dimensions. It is fitted up very completely and conveniently and can accommodate a large stock, while orders can be filled at very short notice. The stock always includes, beef, veal, pork, lamb, mutton, salt and smoked meats, poultry, etc., in their season. Also sausage, (which is one of his specialties, and for which he has the reputation of making the best) in quantities to suit at low rates. Two assistants are kept occupied and all callers are assured prompt and polite attention, and those who place one order here will surely come again when they wish anything more in Mr. Fuller's line.

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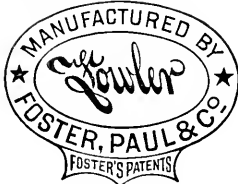
**BULL & YOUNGBLOOD**, Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Groceries, Provisions, Fruits, Vegetables, Tobacco, Cigars, Etc., Bell Building, Telephone Call No. 55; No. 37 North Street, Middletown, N. Y.—As fine an example of a first-class family grocery and provision store as any one could wish to see, is afforded by the establishment carried on by Messrs. Bull & Youngblood at No. 37 North Street, and such of our readers residing in Middletown as have not yet found a grocery to suit them would best serve their own interests by giving this store an early call. The premises occupied are 25 x 75 feet in size, and are conveniently fitted up for the carrying of a very large and varied stock made up of staple and fancy groceries, teas, coffees, spices, table condiments, etc., together with fine family flour and provisions of all kinds and a full assortment of fruits and vegetables, tobacco and cigars. These goods are carefully selected to meet the requirements of family trade, and are offered both at wholesale and retail, at prices as low as can be named on articles of standard and guaranteed merit. The firm employ three assistants and give their own close personal supervision so that all orders are promptly filled, and when required, accurately delivered. This enterprise was founded in 1879 by the present firm, which is composed of Messrs. S. Albert Bull, a native of the town of Wallkill, and F. D. Youngblood, a native of the town of Crawford, Orange County, N. Y. These gentlemen have not confined themselves entirely to the grocery trade, but knowing a good thing when they see it, two years ago purchased a tract of land that was offered in the market, containing eighteen acres, paying \$1000 per acre for the same. They immediately subdivided this land, laid out to a grade streets and avenues, which were at once accepted by the city. These lots met with a ready sale at good prices, and many houses of handsome design have been located on the lots sold, and to-day the well-known "Bull & Youngblood tract" is one of the most popular sections of this beautiful young city. Nor does their enterprise or public spirit rest here, for when one year ago the famous and very popular tract, known for many years past as the Orange County Pleasure Grounds, the only half mile track and driving park in the city, was thrown on the market in order to close the estate of the late lamented Senator E. M. Madden, Mr. Youngblood of this firm became the purchaser. These grounds contain some seventeen acres and are finely located with reference to the centre of the city, and have a frontage of over 1000 feet on Academy Avenue, one of the handsomest resident streets in this city. This avenue is macadamized, walks flagged and curbed, and city water on the grounds. This tract seems to have been overlooked by others, but Mr. Youngblood with rare discernment foresaw that this property could not long remain dormant, and as a sequel to his sagacity it is only necessary to say that a large manufacturing plant, viz.: The Hogan Boiler Company of New York, have located on Academy Avenue at the intersection of the New York Southern and Western railroad, very near the above tract, thereby creating a market value for every lot that may be offered, should Mr. Youngblood conclude to sub-divide this tract into lots. In conclusion will say that Messrs. Bull and Youngblood have many friends who esteem them for their energetic and liberal methods.

**THEO. L. REEVE**, (Successor to O. P. Reeve & Son,) Real Estate and Insurance Agent, 16 East Main St., Middletown.—It is of course perfectly natural that the public should prefer to place insurance through old established agencies, for although it is true that agencies assume no personal responsibility for the good faith of the companies for which they act, still the mere fact that an agency has received public support for many years argues that its management takes pains to represent reliable and liberal companies only, and it is obviously for the interest of those in charge of an agency of long and honorable standing to neglect no fair means to protect the interests of their patrons, and thus ensure the steady continuance of the extensive patronage such an agency is almost sure to receive. Hence the wide and still extending popularity of the agency conducted by Mr. Theo. L. Reeve, at No. 16 East Main Street, is very easy to understand, for this was established in 1882, by Reeve & Shaw, and after several changes came under the control of the present proprietor, in 1891. He is a native of Orange Co., and is the present city clerk of Middletown. He is a real estate and insurance agent, and represents some of the strongest foreign and domestic companies, and is prepared to place insurance to any amount on all kinds of property, while the rates are as low as can be obtained in connection with equal security. Mr. Reeve represents the following leading companies: Germania, London and Lancashire, Westchester, Citizens, London Assurance, Greenwich and many others.

**H. S. EVANS**, Manufacturer of Brushes, No. 67 Mill Street, Middletown, N. Y.—Brushes are so common and so cheap nowadays, that we do not realize their convenience, but use them mechanically and as a matter of course, the same as we use soap or anything else whose presence is everywhere taken for granted. Everybody knows that there is a great difference in the quality of brushes, even among those whose appearance is practically the same, and it is generally understood that the principal assurance the purchaser has that he is getting full value for his money is the reputation of the manufacturer. The popularity of the goods produced by Mr. H. S. Evans is very largely due to the fact that they are uniformly reliable in their several grades. Mr. Evans manufactures brushes of all kinds and caters to all classes of trade, but he sells all his goods strictly on their merits and dealers find them pleasant as well as profitable to handle, as they can be unreservedly guaranteed to prove just as represented. The factory is located at No. 67 Mill Street, and is equipped with improved machinery and tools. Adequate assistance is employed and orders can be filled at short notice and at prices in strict accordance with the lowest market rates.

**D. A. KETCHUM**, Dealer in Coal, Lumber, and Building Materials of all Kinds, all Coal Screened and Full Weight Guaranteed, No. 245 North Street, near Straw Hat Works, Middletown, N. Y.—Mr. D. A. Ketchum is a wholesale and retail dealer in quite a number of staple commodities, including coal, lumber, and building materials of all kinds, but the general public are especially interested in what we may call the "coal department" of his business, for practically everybody uses more or less coal, while comparatively few have occasion to use lumber and building material. Well, the general public are thoroughly justified in taking an interest in Mr. Ketchum's coal department, for its operations enable them to obtain thoroughly screened coal at the lowest market rates and to feel positively sure that in quantity as well as in quality they are getting all that they pay for, as full weight is guaranteed to every purchaser. Ample assistance is employed, and large or small orders will be delivered to any point in this vicinity at short notice,—this applying to lumber and other building materials as well as to coal. The premises utilized are 200 by 150 feet in dimensions, and a heavy stock is carried at all times. The office and yard are located at No. 245 North Street, near the straw hat works. Mr. Ketchum is a native of Oakland Vale, and has carried on his present enterprise since 1885.

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CARSON & TOWNER,

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No. 11 WEST MAIN STREET,  
MIDDLETOWN, N. Y.

Different people have different ways of looking at things, and an excellent opportunity is afforded to observe this fact, when making inquiries concerning a certain business establishment. For instance, some, when asked to give a reason for their high opinion of the enterprise now conducted by Messrs. Carson & Towner, at No. 11 West Main Street, replied that they liked to trade there, because of the extent and completeness of the stock carried; others mentioned the promptness and politeness with which customers are served, and still others said that there was no place in town where they were more sure of getting full value for money expended. Putting all these statements together, they establish the fact pretty completely that one would have to search a good while to find a more desirable store at which to deal than the one in question. This undertaking was founded by B. W. Shaw & Co., in 1877, they being succeeded by Carson, Lucky & Towner, in 1881, and the present firm assumed control in 1891. This is composed of Messrs. James B. Carson and F. W. Towner, both natives of this State. The premises occupied comprise one floor 125 x 32 feet in dimensions, and both a wholesale and retail trade is done, in foreign and domestic dry goods, of all kinds. Ten assistants are employed, and it is very seldom that the least delay is experienced in being waited upon, for the employes are active and obliging, and goods are cheerfully shown. The latest novelties, as well as a full line of staple articles, are at hand to choose from, and the lowest market rates are quoted.



WOOD & BALDWIN, Livery, Sale and Exchange Stables, Road, Coach and Draft Horses Constantly on Hand; also Wholesale and Retail Dealers in all Kinds of Building, Moulding and Scouring Sands, Gravel, Etc., No. 66 West Main Street, Middletown, N. Y.—The purchase and sale of horses are governed by the same rules that govern the handling of any other articles of merchandise, and therefore in the great majority of instances it will be found that those who get cheated in a horse-trade have only themselves to thank for it, for there is one sure way to avoid imposition, and that is to patronize a reliable dealer who cannot afford to have his name mixed up with a case of sharp practice, even if he wanted to defraud his customers. Those who buy of travelling dealers here to-day and there to-morrow are pretty sure to come out at the small end of the horn, and they deserve little sympathy, for a trade of that kind is generally simply a contest of wits, and the smallest bit comes out ahead. This is plain talk, but it is none too plain, for the general public is disgusted with men who run big chances trying to get more than their money's worth, and when they have "got left," come the "baby act," and grow about the "rascality of horse-jockeys." The extensive sale and exchange business done by Messrs. Wood and Baldwin proves that the residents of this section generally appreciate the advantages of dealing with them, and they have had ample opportunity to become familiar with their methods for they have carried on operations since 1888. Messrs. F. E. Wood is a native of New Jersey, and C. C. Baldwin a native of Dutchess County and is alderman from the Third Ward. They have some good road, coach and draught horses constantly on hand to select from and their prices are right every time. They are also wholesale and retail dealers in all kinds of building, moulding and scouring sands, gravel, etc. The premises occupied and located at No. 66 West Main Street measure 125 x 50 feet in size, and contain forty stalls and all necessary facilities for the carrying on of a livery, sale and exchange business. Four experienced assistants are employed, and horses taken to board are assured proper care, comfortable quarters and an abundance of suitable food of standard quality.

**J. H. CONKLING**, General Dealer in Stoves, Tinware, Hardware, Pumps, Etc., Repairing, Tin-roofing and General Jobbing at Short Notice, Depot Street, Middletown, N. Y.—There is almost as much difference in stoves as there is in people who use them or in the purposes for which they are used, and when buying anything in this line, it is worth while to place your order with an experienced and reputable dealer, who will know just what style is best suited to your wants, and who may be depended upon to advise you to the best of his ability. Bewe, if any of our readers residing in Middletown or vicinity, will need to be told that Mr. J. H. Conkling "fills the bill" exactly; for he has carried on his present business here for a great many years and is generally and favorably known throughout this section. Operations were begun in 1877 by him. Mr. Conkling is a native of Goshen, and present Alderman from the Fourth Ward, and was tax collector for the town of Walkhill, now Middletown. The premises occupied and located on Depot Street comprise a two-story building with attic, 35 x 20 feet in dimensions, and a general stock of stoves, tinware, hardware, pumps, etc., is carried, while all kinds of repairing, tin-roofing, and general jobbing are attended to at short notice, while only selected material is used, and the workmanship is equal to the best. Mr. Conkling quotes low prices and his goods will prove just as represented in every respect.

**COMFORT & EVANS**, Manufacturing Confectioners, No. 31 North Street, Middletown City, N. Y.—Without question the representative establishment of its kind in this section is that conducted by Messrs. Comfort & Evans, at No. 31 North Street, and it is no discredit to other houses in a similar line of business that such should be the case, for the enterprise, to which we have reference was inaugurated many years ago, and has been conducted with marked ability almost from its inception. Operations were begun in 1852, by Mr. Israel Cole, he being followed by Mr. Sylvester Near, who gave place to the present proprietors in 1891. This firm is composed of B. Frank Evans and Harvey D. Comfort, both of whom are natives of New York State, and are large manufacturing confectioners, doing both a wholesale and retail business. The premises occupied comprise two floors, 18 x 40 feet in size. Ice-cream and soda water are also handled in their season and during the summer months. This house has a most enviable reputation for offering strictly reliable goods, at the very lowest market rates, while the stock is being renewed so frequently, that the goods are always fresh and attractive and every article sold by Messrs. Comfort & Evans, is guaranteed to prove precisely as represented. Two competent assistants are employed and every caller is assured prompt attention.

**J. ERSKINE MILLS**, Druggist and Pharmacist, No. 3 Empire Block, North Street, Middletown, N. Y.—There are very few enterprises in Middletown or in any other town that can trace their origin back many years, and for this if for no other reason, the undertaking conducted by Mr. J. Erskine Mills is deserving of prominent and honorable mention, for it was founded in 1869 by Decker & Mills, who were succeeded by the present proprietor in '871, the store at that time being one of a few of the kind in this town. He is a native of Scotchtown, and among all our local merchants not one can be found more highly respected throughout this community. Mr. Mills is a druggist and pharmacist. The premises occupied and located at No. 49 North Street comprise one store 18 x 70 feet in size, and is a favorite resort for those wishing to have physicians' prescriptions compounded, for a complete stock of pure drugs, medicines and chemicals is constantly carried, and every precaution is taken to ensure absolute accuracy in even the most trivial details. Two reliable assistants are employed to enable all orders being promptly filled and moderate charges are made in every instance, while all customers are assured painstaking attention. Mr. Mills is connected with the Board of Education, and is a highly esteemed citizen.

**A. P. JACOBUS**, Manufacturer of Brushes of every Description, Machine Brushes Made to Order, corner of West Main and Mill Streets, Middletown, N. Y.—In the manufacture of brushes the utmost care, skill and ability are required not only in the selection of the material but in the construction of the article. All of these requisites are combined in the products of A. P. Jacobus. The brushes turned out are of a superior quality, and command the attention of buyers with the result that the business is constantly increasing and promises to become one of the foremost industries of this section. Mr. Jacobus has had sole control of the business since 1891, when the original partnership was dissolved. He employs an average of seven hands, and the factory covers an area of 750 square feet, but at the present rate of increase in the business larger premises will be required before long. Mr. Jacobus is a native of New Jersey, but is well and favorably known throughout this vicinity, as he takes great interest in local affairs, and for the past five years he has been prominently connected with the police department.

**S. A. FAY**, dealer in Flour, Feed Grain, Etc., No. 26 West Main Street, Opposite Bull's Opera House, Middletown, N. Y.—The business conducted by Mr. S. A. Fay, at No. 26 West Main Street, opposite Bull's Opera House, is among the oldest-established and most extensive enterprises of the kind in the State, and is therefore entitled to particularly prominent mention in a review of Middletown's commercial interests. The business was founded some twenty-four years ago, by Messrs. S. A. Fay & Co., who commenced operations in 1868, and so carried it on when the present proprietor took the sole management in 1873. Mr. Fay is a native of Schuylcr County, and one of this town's best-known business men, being an alderman and a trustee of the town of Middletown. He gives close personal attention to the supervision of his extensive business, which is steadily and rapidly developing. The premises utilized are very spacious and comprise one floor, 120 x 28 feet in dimensions. The most important commodities dealt in are flour, feed, grain, etc. Both a wholesale and retail trade is done in all these articles, while the best grades of family flour is made a specialty, Mr. Fay being the agent for the sale of the famous "Pillsbury's Best" for this town.

Two reliable clerks are employed and all orders receive prompt attention.



**JOHN E. ADAMS**, Hatter, Clothier, and Gents' Furnisher, Trunks, Satchels, Umbrellas and Rubber Clothing, Merchant Tailoring a Specialty, C. W. Rodgers, Cutter, No. 41 North Street, Middletown, N. Y.—Mr. John E. Adams is a native of Norwalk, Connecticut, but has long resided in Middletown and is very widely known here and highly esteemed for his strictly honorable business methods. The fact that a given article—costly or inexpensive, elaborate or simple—was obtained from him is accepted without hesitation as satisfactory evidence that it will surely prove precisely as represented, and right here may be found sufficient explanation of the magnitude and the select character of Mr. Adams' trade,—it is large and it is select because patrons are absolutely sure of receiving full value for every dollar they pay out. This value, of course, appears in the style, as well as in the quality and the quantity of the commodities furnished, for Mr. Adams is a fashionable hatter, clothier, and gents' furnisher; and all who desire to dress correctly will be especially well pleased with the nature of the service he offers. A leading specialty is made of merchant tailoring, and with Mr. C. W. Rodgers as manager and cutter and a stock of foreign and domestic fabrics embracing the latest novelties and not a few practically exclusive styles, Mr. Adams is certainly excellently well prepared to cater satisfactorily even to the most fastidious. The premises utilized are located at No. 41 North Street, and are sufficiently spacious to accommodate not only a full line of suitings, etc., but also of hats and caps; of trunks, satchels and travelling bags, of umbrellas and of rubber clothing; together with fashionable neckwear, hosiery, gloves, etc. Competent assistance is employed, and prompt and polite attention is at all times assured to every caller.

**EDWIN McWILLIAMS**, Carpenter, Contractor and Builder, No. 23 John Street, Middletown, N. Y.—People are very apt to underestimate the importance of the work done by builders, for the large majority of those engaged in this line of business have no idea of claiming credit for what they accomplish, but simply carry out the enterprise intrusted to them to the best of their ability, and let their work speak for itself. But, nevertheless, credit should be given when credit is due, and in this connection let us call attention to the record made by Mr. Edwin McWilliams, since operations were begun by him in 1868. Many contracts of more or less importance have been filled by him during the time mentioned, and we have yet to hear of a single instance in which the work done was not satisfactory. Mr. McWilliams is a native of Scotlandtown. He is a carpenter, contractor and builder, and possesses excellent facilities for giving prompt and careful attention to all orders, and employs from 10 to 30 efficient assistants. Being a practical builder, he is in a position to offer valuable advice to those contemplating building operations, and is ever ready to give his counsel to patrons. The shop utilized is located at No. 23 John Street, and comprises two floors 28 x 50 feet in size, and jobbing carpentering orders will be attended to promptly and well.

**MRS. C. P. CLARK**, Dealer in Fancy Goods and Notions, China, Crockery, Glassware, Lamps, Etc., No. 19 West Main Street, Middletown, N. Y.—The business carried on by Mrs. C. P. Clark at No. 19 West Main Street was founded in 1880 by Mr. Lewis Wood, who was succeeded in 1882 by Mr. C. P. Clark, husband of the present proprietress, she taking its management in 1884 and it is universally conceded that the business was never more worthy of hearty support than it has been since coming under the control of Mrs. Clark, for she takes pains to keep thoroughly conversant with the latest novelties in the line of fancy goods and notions, etc., and her prices are as moderate as her goods are desirable. The premises occupied comprise one floor, 70 x 18 feet in dimensions, and the stock carried consists of fine fancy goods and notions, china, crockery, glassware, lamps, etc., and as the articles are obtained from the most reliable sources, they are dependable in quality as well as correct in style, and fashions. A large retail trade is carried on and with the assistance of five competent and reliable clerks, orders are filled promptly and all callers are assured courteous and polite attention. Mrs. Clark is a native of Huguenot, N. Y., and is well known and highly respected in this community.

**J. W. SLOAT**, Groceries, Flour, Feed and Grain, Nos. 15 and 17 East Main Street, Middletown, N. Y.—There is probably no more carefully selected stock to be found in this town than that carried by Mr. J. W. Sloat, for while he caters to all classes of trade he makes a specialty of furnishing goods that will suit the most fastidious, and his assortment is as varied and complete as it is carefully chosen. This business was established by Mr. Sloat in 1829. He is a native of Middletown and consequently very well and favorably known in this section. The premises utilized and located at Nos. 15 and 17 East Main Street comprise two floors and basement, 30 x 100 feet in dimensions and this space is all required, for the stock includes groceries of all kinds, flour, feed, and grain, selected teas and coffees, canned goods in great variety, and a complete assortment of other food products and both a wholesale and retail trade is carried on. Three competent assistants are employed and goods are delivered promptly, bottom prices are quoted and callers are at all times assured immediate and courteous attention. Mr. Sloat gives particular attention to supplying family trade—and the advantages offered to those dealing with him are sufficiently pronounced to fully account for the business done, and all goods handled are first-class in every respect.

**MAX KATZINGER**, Millinery, Cloaks, Fancy Goods, No. 2 North and No. 1 West Main Streets, Middletown, N. Y.—Good taste in dress is unfortunately not possessed by every one, but good judgment concerning the most advantageous establishment to patronize is a more common faculty, and can in a great measure, replace the first-named gift. For instance, many ladies who appreciate the help afforded by able and experienced assistance in the choosing and trimming of hats, bonnets, etc., make a practice of obtaining all their millinery goods at the establishment conducted by Mr. Max Katzinger and the results attained are flattering alike to that gentleman's good taste, and to the sound discrimination of those who avail themselves of his facilities. Mr. Katzinger deals largely in fashionable millinery of all kinds, personal attention being given to order work and to the fitting of old shapes and artistic blending of colors. He also carries a fine assortment of suits, cloaks, underwear and fancy goods, notions and corsets; ladies' cloaks and jackets are cut to order, etc., etc. This old establishment was inaugurated in 1886 by Messrs. Sam. Ketchum & Co. and so conducted until 1892, when the present proprietor took control. He is a native of Austria and the premises occupied and located at No. 2 North and No. 1 West Main Streets comprise two floors, 40 x 65 feet in size. Employment is given to eight competent assistants and all callers are treated with politeness and attention.



CUNO MUSBACH, Slate and Tin-Roofing, No. 41 Sprague Avenue, Middletown, N. Y.—No argument is required to demonstrate the fact that the roof is in one sense of the word the most important part of a house, for it is evident to every one that a leaky or otherwise defective roof may soon make a house uninhabitable, and is a continual source of annoyance and expense. There are almost as many kinds of roofs and roofing materials as there are styles of houses, and it is sometimes a difficult matter to decide which is best adapted to a particular case, but one rule holds good at all times, and that is—have your roofing done by a skillful, reliable and responsible party who will surely do a first-class job. No mistake will be made if the order be placed with Mr. Cuno Musbach, doing business at No. 41 Sprague Avenue, for he is a thoroughly competent and trustworthy slater and tin-roofer, and has the facilities to enable him to fill orders promptly, skillfully and satisfactorily. Plain or fancy slate roofing, or any kind of tin-roofing, will be done in first-class style at short notice. Mr. Musbach is a native of Germany and began operations here in 1882. Five experienced assistants are employed, and particular attention is given to repairing and jobbing, while the most reasonable prices are charged.

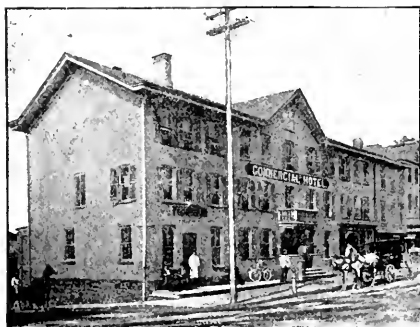
JOHN P. KOCH, Jr., Butcher, No. 76 West Main Street, Middletown, N. Y.—Among the many meat markets located in this town few are better known than that carried on by Mr. John P. Koch, Jr., at No. 76 West Main Street, for this business was established in 1852, by Mr. J. P. Koch, father of the present proprietor and so conducted until 1882, when he was succeeded by Koch Brothers, they giving place in 1889 to Mr. John Koch, Jr. The premises used comprise one floor, 50 x 18 feet in size, and three courteous and reliable assistants are required to attend to the large retail trade done. A complete and varied stock is to be found on hand, comprising fresh, salt, and smoked meats, etc., poultry and vegetables of all kinds. The facilities for keeping meats, etc. are the best to be had. The proprietor of this store has had ample experience in his present line of trade, having been connected with it for so many years. He is a native of this town and very well known and highly esteemed. Everything sold at this establishment will be found to prove just as represented and the prices average as low as the lowest when the quality of the goods is considered. Mr. Koch also runs three butcher carts for the accommodation of his customers.

THE HOWELL-HINCHMAN CO., Manufacturers of Russia Leather, Furniture, Bag and Case Leather, Inner Sole Leather, Etc., Fulton Street, Middletown, N. Y.—The enterprise conducted by the Howell-Hinchman Company is one in which the public-spirited citizens of Middletown may well take pride, for not only is it in the front rank as regards magnitude but also and even more prominently as regards quality of product, for the Russia leather manufactured by this representative company is conceded to be equal to the finest imported, and the other leathers produced here will also compare favorably with any of similar grade, foreign or domestic. The business was founded many years ago, and under the management of Mr. Lewis Moore attained considerable celebrity, "Moore's Tannery" being one of the best-known establishments of the kind in the State, but financial complications finally threw the enterprise into the hands of an assignee and as he appreciated the value of it to the town he went actively to work to secure its continuance under favorable conditions, and was fortunate enough to so interest Mr. Howell, then the leading tanner of Newark, New Jersey, as to cause him to purchase the property. Mr. Howell took Mr. Joseph Hinchman and Mr. W. T. Hayes, into partnership, and the afterward famous firm of Howell, Hinchman & Co., was thus formed, this being in 1865. At the death of Mr. Howell his interest in the business passed to his sons, but no change was made in the firm-name until the formation of the present company, in 1890. Mr. H. C. Howell is president; Mr. U. T. Hayes is treasurer and manager, and Mr. T. E. Hayes is secretary. The enterprising and honorable methods which characterized the predecessors of the existing company are continued by the present management, and the advantages arising from long experience and the use of the most improved machinery and appliances are made evident by the uniformly high quality of the product and by the company's ability to meet all honorable competition in prices and to fill orders promptly and accurately. The out-put averages about 120 hides per day and includes the highest grades of Russia leather for book-binding, pocketbooks, etc.; russet leather, which just now is all the rage; furniture leather, inner sole leather, welt leather, and case and bag leather of all kinds. The company have a New York office at No. 77 Beacon Street, and their goods are used by the leading bookbinders and pocketbook manufacturers of the metropolis.



business in fine custom tailoring. He gives personal attention to orders, and as he employs from eight to fourteen assistants he is in a position to execute commissions at short notice, while his charges are uniformly moderate. The premises occupied are located at No. 17 West Main Street and measure 15 x 70 feet in size.

Wonderful improvements have been made in ready-made clothing of late years without a doubt, but to assert that the very best ready-made garments are as desirable as good custom clothing is as absurd as it would be to try to prove that twice two are five, for it is so obvious as not to require demonstration that garments made to order are sure to fit better, wear better and in short give better satisfaction in every way than those made to fit everybody. That many residents of Middletown and vicinity are convinced of this fact, is shown by the liberal patronage accorded Mr. Stephen Wolf, and we take pleasure in calling attention to his facilities, for we know that he has both the determination and the ability to thoroughly satisfy every reasonable customer. The business with which he is identified was established by him in 1872. He was an alderman for two years from the Fourth Ward, and is well-known in this town and has long and varied experience.



**COMMERCIAL HOUSE,** Charles Higham, Proprietor, Livery Stable Attached, Telephone No. 88, Corner West Main and Canal Streets, Middletown, N. Y. The Commercial House holds a high position among hotels which offer home-like accommodations to the traveling public, and indeed it would be difficult to find a house in which patrons are actually given "more for their money" in every sense of the phrase. Of course, New York has many first-class hotels furnished up in grand style, equipped with "all modern conveniences," etc., etc., but most of us don't care to live in palaces, and are perfectly satisfied when we can get a pleasant, well-kept room in a well-managed hotel, where the table is supplied with an abundance of well-cooked and neatly-served food. Now, this is just what is obtained at the Commercial House and therefore we take pleasure in recommending this hotel to those who appreciate "solid comfort," and wish to avoid exorbitant prices. The house in question was originally opened in 1842 as the "Union House," and after some changes it took the present name in 1877. The proprietor, now Mr. Charles Higham, who is a native of England, took its management in 1882. He has a thorough knowledge of hotel-keeping,

and is a member of Board of Representatives of Middletown, is also a member of the League of the American Wheelmen's Association. The house is well furnished and is connected by a double system of call bells, and a private fire alarm is also connected with each room in the house. Telephone connections, also, to all parts of the county. Mr. Higham has accommodations for some forty guests, and ten competent and courteous assistants are constantly employed and every attention is paid to the wants of the guests either permanent or transient. A first-class livery stable is connected with the Commercial House and teams may be hired at very reasonable rates at corner West Main and Canal Streets.

## DRS. T. C. & FRED. C. ROYCE,

\* Dentists, \*

Cor. Main and South Streets, - - - MIDDLETOWN, N. Y

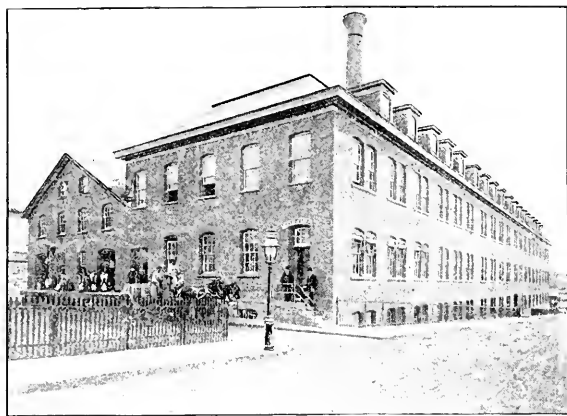
All operations in dentistry performed according to most approved methods, and work guaranteed. Nitrous oxide gas administered or the new local anesthetics used for painless extraction. Teeth inserted without plates by crown and bridge method. Offices over National Express Company, Middletown, N. Y. T. C. Royce, D.D.S.; Fred C. Royce, D.D.S., M.D.S.

## MIDDLETOWN CREAMERY

D. W. BERRY, Proprietor.

Cottage Street, - - - Middletown.

"The Middletown Creamery" is not of very long standing, it having been established in 1892, but it is already very widely and very favorably known, which is not at all surprising in view of the fact that Mr. D. W. Berry, the proprietor, has had long and varied experience in the business of marketing dairy products, and furnishes uniformly first-class goods at uniformly moderate prices. He is a native of Norwich, N. Y., and in one sense may be said to have founded his present business when he began operations in Rockville, N. Y., some twenty-three years ago, continuing there until 1891. Nineteen years ago he began business at Circleville, N. Y., and still maintains an establishment there; besides one at Morrisville, N. Y., and the one in this city. Mr. Berry handles about from 6,000 to 8,000 quarts of milk daily, the bulk of which is shipped to New York. He does both a wholesale and retail business here in Middletown; caters to the most fastidious trade, and quotes prices low enough to suit even the most economically disposed. Mr. Berry is well known in this vicinity, is a member of the Board of Supervisors, a member of the city of Middletown's Water Board, and director of the Milk Exchange—Limited.



ANGLO-SWISS CONDENSED MILK CO., Cham, Switzerland, Middletown, Orange Co., N. Y.—Among the various factories, large and small, to be found at Middletown, there is not one in which the people at large are more deeply interested and which is more of a benefit to the general public than that carried on by the Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Company, for as a result of the establishment and maintenance of this and the other factories operated by the company the residents of the great cities as well as the inhabitants of the county district are able to get strictly pure milk of the finest quality, at all times of year, and at a price within the means of all. It is unnecessary to enlarge upon the importance of this, for all persons of ordinary intelligence know that many of the most common and most destructive diseases to which mankind in general and infants in particular are subject have their origin in or are spread by the use of contaminated milk, and they

also know that even of the milk that is not contaminated, much is unfit for use as food because of its adulteration with water or because much of its nutriment has been removed by skimming. It is the popular appreciation of these facts that creates such an enormous demand for "infants' foods," and yet the use of these is to be deplored, for some of the various preparations of that kind in the market are positively harmful; others are of but little real value as foods, and the very best of them is far inferior to the natural infants' food, pure milk. Unquestionably, mothers' milk is the best food of all, but under present circumstances the use of it is very often forbidden, and there is no doubt that "the next best thing," is condensed milk as put up by the Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Company; this being superior to even the best uncondensed milk for infants' food as it is uniform in quality, is not liable to sour, and is more easily digested. One of its most obvious advantages, is that it is obtainable anywhere throughout the civilized world, so that a child accustomed to it is spared the dangers arising from a change of foods, and so may accompany its parents on even the most extended travels with perfect safety so far as the food question is concerned. The company have factories in Switzerland, Bavaria and England, as well as in Middletown, New York, and Dixon, Illinois; their headquarters being at Cham, Switzerland, and their principal branch offices being in London and New York. Some faint idea of the magnitude of the business may be gained from the fact that although the Middletown factory is small in comparison with some of the other establishments of the company, it consumes the milk from 4,000 cows, and gives employment to 115 hands. Mr. G. H. Page is general manager, Mr. O. S. Fellows is manager, and Mr. D. D. W. Schoonmaker is assistant manager. The product includes five brands, all of which are favorably known both to consumers and the trade, including the Milkmaid brand, Rose brand, Tip Top brand, Full Weight brand, and Bell brand, and each and all of them being fully guaranteed to prove just as represented in every respect.

ROBERT A. SAYER, Dealer in Cigars, Tobaccos, Pipes, Snuffs, Etc., Etc., No. 12 North Street, Middletown, N. Y.—There is but one sure way of distinguishing a good cigar and that is to smoke it, for in spite of the claims of self-styled "experts," we question if there be a man living who can infallibly judge by any other means. Examination will tell whether a cigar is well made or not, and whether it is well seasoned or not, but beyond this it avails but little, and therefore the smoker has one safety that he will not be imposed upon, and that is the reputation of the dealer from whom he buys. Mr. Robert A. Sayer has the name of selling thoroughly satisfactory cigars, at moderate prices, and the name is so well deserved that we feel we can do our readers no greater service than to call their attention to this gentleman's establishment at No. 12 North Street, for here may be found a remarkably complete assortment of cigars, tobaccos and pipes and smokers' articles of all kinds, and the prices are as satisfactory as are the goods themselves. The store is 45 x 15, feet in dimensions and a large retail business is done. Mr. Sayer has carried on this business since 1891, at that time succeeding Mr. J. J. Kirkpatrick, who had started it in 1847. The present owner is a native of Warwick, N. Y., and very well and favorably known in this town. Employment is given one assistant and callers are assured prompt and polite attention.

J. DONOVAN, First-class Liverymen Furnished for all Occasions, Coaches for Weddings and Funerals a Specialty, also Funeral Director and Embalmer, Telephone Call No. 15, No. 124 North Street, Middletown, N. Y.—Although Mr. J. Donovan has only been in his present business here since 1889, his establishment has become one of the most popular of its kind in Middletown. The establishment in question is very complete and convenient, and has every facility for furnishing first-class liveries for all occasions, coaches for weddings and funerals a specialty, and at reasonable prices. Orders are attended to promptly and careful drivers are furnished. Mr. Donovan is also an experienced and skilful funeral director and embalmer, and is prepared to take the full charge of funerals, furnishing all necessary supplies and making all arrangements if desired. The office and stable are located at No. 124 North Street and all orders are assured prompt and careful attention, which can be given by Telephone call No. 15 or otherwise. Mr. Donovan is a native of Orange County, N. Y., and has had long experience in his line of business. The success this gentleman has met with since he began operations here is but a just tribute to his worth.

# THE PRIOR MEDICINE COMPANY,

## MIDDLETOWN, N. Y.

The Prior Medicine Company was organized in February, 1891, to continue a business founded by Messrs. C. N. Prior and H. S. Johnson and which had developed so largely as to absolutely demand greatly increased facilities and a more thorough system of direction and management, thereby avoiding the delays and errors incidental to the carrying on of a great enterprise by the use of outgrown or otherwise inadequate facilities. Mr. C. N. Prior is president of the company, Mr. Walter S. Seely is treasurer, and Mr. H. S. Johnson is secretary; all these gentlemen being too generally known in both business and social circles to render extended personal mention at all necessary. Under the present condition of affairs the service is gratifyingly prompt and accurate, for so extensive are the facilities and so carefully is every department and detail of the business supervised, that all orders are assured immediate and painstaking attention, despite the fact that the demand is now larger and more widely scattered than ever before. Indeed, the company's goods, or perhaps we should say their preparations, are known and prized in the remotest sections of the country as well as throughout the older and more thickly settled portions, as may be judged from the fact that the very long list of wholesale druggists who regularly keep the Prior Company's goods in stock includes not only the leading drug-houses of New York City and State, but also the representative houses of such far-away but promising and rapidly growing sections of this great country as Portland, Oregon; Seattle, Washington; San Francisco, California; Denver, Colorado; and many others, which lack of space prevents our mentioning. For the same reason we are unable to present a complete list of the company's goods, for they are as many in number as they are excellent in quality, and that is saying a good deal, for in quality they are invariably unsurpassed, and as a rule are unequalled. Among the more prominent of them are the following, most of which are doubtless well and favorably known to our readers, by reputation at least: Dr. Prior's Cough Balsam, Cough Balsam Candy, Physical Regenerator, Champion Liniment, Cholera Syrup, Fungicide Pellets, Extracts Lemon and Vanilla; Cough Syrup; Quinine Ointment, Human and Horse; Prof. Newton's Healing Balm, Honey of Tar, Worm Syrup, Toothache Cure, Corn Cure, Catarrh Cure, Cond. Powders, Wine of Cocoa, Beef, Iron and Wine, Ext. Jam, Ginger, Witch Hazel, Lemon and Vanilla; Spirits of Nitre, Aqua Ammonia, Spirits of Turpentine, Essence of Lemon, Peppermint and Wintergreen, Paregoric, Laudanum, Castor Oil, Sweet Oil, Sewing Machine Oil, Neat's-foot Oil, Axle Oil, Alum, S. dipette, Sulphur, Borax, Rochelle and Epsom Salts, etc. The above goods may be obtained at retail of nearly all druggists and of many grocers or dealers in general merchandise, and each and all of them are guaranteed fully equal to any similar articles in the market, they being carefully and skillfully prepared from selected material.



## E. HUGHES,

# ICE CREAM PARLOR

ALL THE YEAR ROUND.

Pure Confections,

Sparkling Soda Water.

ALL FRUIT SYRUPS.

34 North Street, - Middletown, N. Y.

This undertaking has been established a number of years, but the present proprietor, Mr. E. Hughes, only came into its possession in 1890, he having succeeded Charles Miller at that time. The present owner has made it very popular because he has striven to learn the wants of the public and has spared neither trouble nor expense in satisfying his patrons. He is one of the best known in this vicinity for the nature of his business favors the making of acquaintances, and after eating of his finely flavored ice-cream and confectionery, you feel as though he were a personal friend of yours. The premises are located at No. 34 North Street and comprise one floor and basement, 11 x 70 feet in dimensions, and a large trade is done all the year round in manufacturing and retailing ice-cream, and confectionery. Mr. Hughes deals in soda water, cigars, etc., and he is also prepared to cater for parties and balls with ice-cream, of all the different flavors, and those whom he has supplied before can testify to the purity and excellence of the cream furnished them. All orders are carefully and accurately filled, and satisfaction will be given in all cases. Three competent assistants are always employed and polite attention extended to all callers. Mr. Hughes is a native of Goshen, N. Y.



THE ORANGE COUNTY TRUST  
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SAFE DEPOSIT COMPANY,

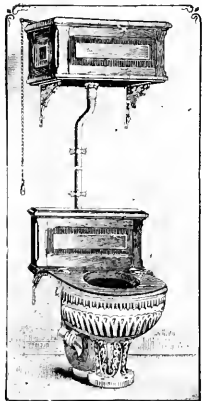
Monument Square. - MIDDLETOWN.

Although Middletown and vicinity have long enjoyed first-class banking facilities, it was not until the Orange County Trust and Safe Deposit Company began business that the banking service could be pronounced really complete, for this company supplement the service afforded by banks of discount and deposit and savings banks, by a service such as nothing but a carefully organized and ably managed Trust and Safe Deposit Company can possibly afford. Hence it is not surprising that the enterprise should have been a great success from the start, especially as among those identified with it are some of the most widely known business men of this section. The company has a capital of \$100,000; a surplus of \$25,000, and stockholders are personally liable for \$100,000 more, so that depositors are almost absolutely insured against loss. The service includes the reception of money deposits subject to check at sight without notice, the issuance of certificate of deposits and drafts and the payment of interest on time deposits, the rate being two per cent. per annum on sums payable on demand, and four per cent. per annum on sums to be held six months. Interest commences from date of deposits and is compounded in July and January. The company issues interest bearing certificates of deposit on which special rates for definite periods will be arranged. Loans will be made on real and personal securities and on approved collaterals. This company is a legal depository for trust funds and for moneys paid into court, and is legally authorized to act as

executor, administrator, guardian, trustee, fiscal and transfer agent. The new banking house is conveniently situated in Monument Square, and connected with it are safe deposit vaults second to none in the State as regards safety against burglary and fire and as regards convenience. The boxes vary in size and in yearly rental, and every facility will be given their holders for using them during banking hours. The officers and trustees of this representative company are as follows: Officers, M. D. Stivers, president; Geo. N. Clemson, vice-president; Frank Harding secretary and treasurer; W. F. O'Neill, attorney. Trustees: Henry Bacon, M. D. Stivers, Henry S. Pound, George N. Clemson, William Martin, W. D. Stratton, Frank D. Youngblood, I. C. Jordan, James G. Harding, Charles J. Eversen, James E. Matthews, J. Chas. Schwartz, Edward Canfield, William F. O'Neill, Thomas Watts, Frank Harding.

CHARLES H. BRINK, (Successor to VanDuser Bros.) dealer in

Lead and Iron Pipe, Water-closets, Bath Tubs, Boilers, Steam, Water and Gas Fittings, Pumps and all Plumbing Material, all Orders for Plumbing, Steam and Gas Fitting Promptly Attended to, No. 14 King Street, Middletown, N. Y.—As comfort, health and even life itself are endangered by improper plumbing, too much care cannot be exercised in the placing of orders for work of that kind, and hence we need make no apology for calling the attention of our readers to the service rendered by Mr. Charles H. Brink, of No. 14 King Street, for although it would be absurd to claim that Mr. Brink is the only thoroughly competent and reliable plumber in Middletown, it is a fact that no one is prepared to do better work, to do it more promptly, or to quote more reasonable prices—quality, of course, being duly considered. Mr. Brink was born in this city and has a large circle of friends here. He has been identified with his present enterprise since 1889, at which time he succeeded Messrs VanDuser Brothers. The premises utilized by him have an area of 1,700 square feet and contain a carefully chosen stock of lead and iron pipe, water-closets, bath tubs, boilers, steam, water and gas fittings, and plumbers' materials in general. Competent assistance is employed and all orders for plumbing, steam and gas fitting, and general jobbing are assured prompt, skilful and painstaking attention.



**E. A. TICE,**

**BAKER** © AND DEALER IN ©

**Bread, Cake and Pastry,**

**116 NORTH ST.,**

**MIDDLETOWN.**

A prominent physician is reported to have said during a recent interview:—"A man is what he eats,"—his meaning being, of course, that the physical part of a man is influenced largely by the character of the food consumed in sustaining it, and as the body has great influence over the mind, the whole man—physical and mental—is healthful or diseased, according as the food is wholesome or the reverse. Like all general statements, this is not to be accepted too literally, but it is true in principle and there is no doubt that at least one-half the sickness among civilized man is due to the poor quality or the excessive quantity of the food eaten. Bread being the staff of life, it naturally exerts a decided influence over the general health, and that is one reason why we wish to call especial attention to the establishment carried on by Mr. E. A. Tice, at No. 116 North Street, for this is devoted to the sale of bread and bakers' goods in general, of a quality unsurpassed if not unequalled in this city. Mr. Tice was born in Sullivan County, is a member of the Board of Health and is well and favorably known in business and social circles. He uses carefully selected material, employs skilled and trustworthy assistants, and proposes in the future as in the past to turn out goods that shall have no superiors in their special line. His prices are uniformly moderate, and callers are at all times assured prompt and courteous attention.



**THE NEW YORK STAR SPRING BED BOTTOM MANUFACTURING COMPANY,** Manufacturers of Spring Beds, "Best in the World," Room 5, Casino, Sign of the Red, White and Blue, Henry Street, Middletown, N. Y.—There is as much difference between the spring bed of to-day and the rude and clumsy contrivance that was called a spring bed a score of years ago, as there is between an electric light and a penny candle; and yet there are persons who formed a prejudice against spring beds away back in the seventies and so refuse to believe that the modern spring bed is the only really comfortable thing to rest upon that can be found. Of course, even now, there are spring beds which are worthless, that are apt to get out of order or are too stiff, or are not stiff enough, or have some other serious defect. But it is easy to avoid buying such, by using a little care in your choice, and one sure way to get a thoroughly satisfactory article is to purchase that made by the New York Star Spring Bed Bottom Manufacturing Company, for this bed is the best in the world. It is strong, durable, absolutely clean in every part, and it will give satisfaction every time; and the longer you use it the better you'll like it, for it is one of those things that not only make a favorable impression at first sight, but grow in favor day by day, and for the invalid or tired person it is worth its weight in gold. The company was incorporated in 1889, with a capital of \$8000 and have met with excellent success in introducing their goods among the best class of trade despite the almost innumerable spring beds on the market. The premises utilized are located on Henry Street in the Casino, Room No. 5, sign of the red, white and blue star, and callers are assured prompt and courteous attention. Mr. C. M. Winchester, the secretary and treasurer of the company, is a native of Hill, N. H., a veteran of the late war, having served as lieutenant in Company B,

Twelfth Rhode Island Volunteers. He is prominent in society work, being connected with the "Masons"—"E. O. U."—"B. T. of T."—"Solon" and Phoenix Engine Co., of which he is chaplain. He is also largely interested in real estate, having built several houses and is also the founder and a large owner of the new and beautiful "Columbia Park" in the western part of the city. In addition to his other duties, he finds time to conduct the Free Christian Church of which he has been pastor for fifteen years. It is a favorite saying of the Dominie, "that if Paul's tent were as good as the Star Spring Beds, no wonder he preached so well after doing honest work." He has many friends in Middletown and his straightforward and enterprising methods are a powerful factor in the constant advancement of the company's interests.

# ANDREW BROWN,

Wholesale and Retail Dealer in

MEATS, FISH, OYSTERS, CLAMS, FRUIT AND VEGETABLES,

82 North Street, Middletown, N. Y.



Some very marked changes in the methods of doing business have occurred of late years, and in no line of trade, perhaps, has more change been brought about than in the handling of fish, oysters and sea food in general, for a few years ago a fish store was hardly supposed to be kept even neat in appearance, whereas at the present time a first-class establishment of this kind is supposed to be not only neat, but even handsome in its appointments. As an example of what we mean let us call attention to the store conducted by Mr. Andrew Brown, at No. 82 North Street. This store covers some 1400 square feet in dimensions and is so nicely fitted up and admirably kept as to be one of the most attractive in this vicinity. Mr. Brown is a native of Suspension Bridge, Niagara Falls, and established himself in business here in 1876. He is both a wholesale and retail dealer in meats, fish, oysters and clams; also handles fruits and vegetables of every kind in their season. His stock is always varied and tempting, his prices are invariably low, and sufficient assistance is employed to assure immediate and careful attention to every caller. Mr. Brown is treasurer of Hose No. 2 of the Fire Department.

**THE COLUMBIA DYE AND PRINT WORKS,** Proprietor, J. H. Abegg, Nos. 90 and 94 Grand Street, New York City, Railroad Avenue, Middletown, N. Y.—Middletown is an important manufacturing centre, and numbers among her industrial establishments many extensive and finely equipped factories, but it is safe to say that not one of them is more perfect in its way than is that known as the Columbia Dye and Print Works, for this is really a model establishment of the kind, and the quality of the work turned out commends it especially to those who hold to the old adage, "handsome is that handsome does." The premises utilized are located on Railroad Avenue, and have an area of 25,000 square feet; and the plant of machinery is correspondingly extensive, it comprising one steam boiler of 100 and another of 104-horse power; two steam-engines of 64- and 14-horse power respectively; besides costly silk printing machinery of the most improved type. Employment is given to sixty operatives, and the product is large in amount, excellent in quality, and great in value. Mr. Thomas Hutchinson is superintendent of the works, and the proprietor is Mr. J. H. Abegg, of Nos. 90 and 94 Grand Street, New York City. Mr. Abegg is extremely well and favorably known in business circles, and the trade generally admit that the Columbia Dye and Print Works offer inducements unsurpassed if not unequalled.

**MADISON HOUSE,** S. M. Nash, Proprietor, Strictly First-class, Middletown, N. Y.—It is all very well to speak of a hotel as being "first-class" but nowadays that term has but little significance unless it is accompanied by specifications of the equipment and management of the house referred to, for the title of "first-class" is so loosely applied that it means little or nothing. But the Madison House may honestly and accurately be called strictly first-class, for first-class it is in every respect,—in capacity, in arrangement, in situation, in equipment, in cuisine, and in management. The hotel contains fifty guest rooms, together with bathrooms, parlors, reception-rooms, reading-room, dining-rooms, wine-room, billiard hall and other apartments usually found in a high grade city hotel. The house is thoroughly heated by steam, fitted with electric lights and electric bells, equipped with a drainage and general plumbing service, embodying the most advanced principles of sanitary science, and, in short, nothing is wanting to ensure so far as may be the health, comfort and convenience of guests. The hotel is but one minute's walk from the Erie R.R. station, and is very convenient to the business centre and to the principal points of interest throughout the city. The rates are wonderfully low considering the accommodations, being but \$2.00 per day. Mr. S. M. Nash, proprietor, formerly of the Wyoming and Valley House, Saratoga, Penn., succeeded Mr. A. H. Russell in 1890, and has already made the Madison one of the most popular hotels in New York State by his excellent accommodations, low rates and liberal policy. He carefully supervises the various details of the enterprise, employs an adequate corps of assistants and maintains the service at a very high standard of excellence.

# J. C. FISHER,

Successor to J. D. BROWER.

*Manufacturer of and Dealer in*

"Original and Improved Stover," "Our Zenith" and the "Lamb Long Stroke"

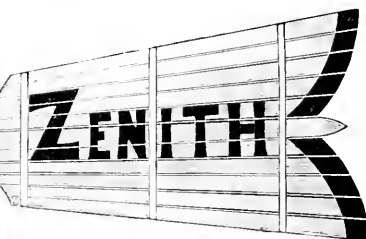
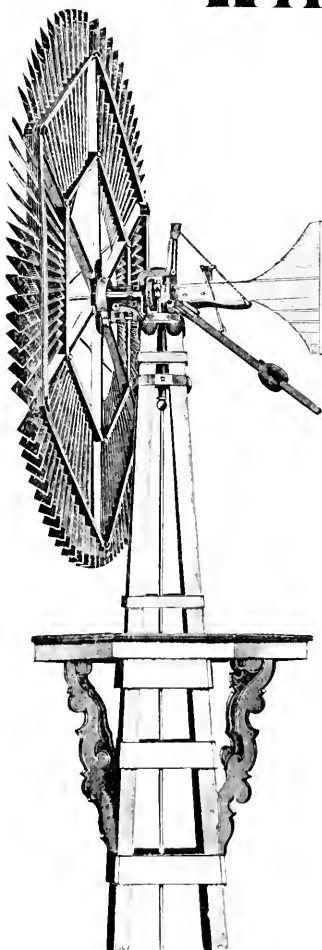
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Factory, - 246 North Street,

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The "Zenith" is a solid wheel, has straight wood runs, metal lock clips and automatic governor for regulating and turning the wheel out of a gale or tornado, also has a potent eccentric brake attachment operating as complete as the brake on a railroad car.

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BRANCH OFFICE OF

## The Prudential Insurance Co.

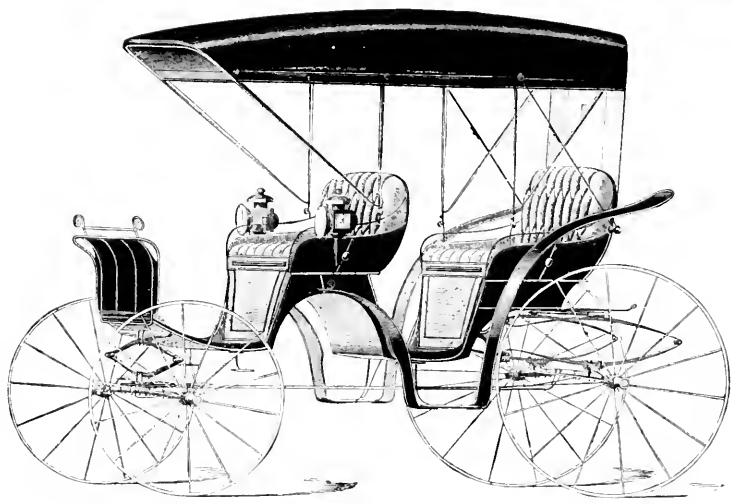
OF AMERICA.

*C. P. SADLIER, Superintendent.*

33 and 35 North St., Middletown, N. Y.

*Main Office, Newark, N. J.*

It is often said that figures make dry reading, and so they do as a general thing, but the figures showing the standing and the progress of the Prudential Insurance Company should be interesting to every man who really appreciates what they represent, for they point the way to the getting of what is second to nothing in importance,—absolutely dependable insurance. This company has never made extravagant claims and has always been rather conservative in its methods, but its business has increased rapidly and steadily from the start, and some idea of its present magnitude may be gained from the fact that more than \$77,000,000 of new insurances was written in 1891. The sixteenth annual statement of the company is as follows: Investment and Resources—bonds and mortgages, \$3,876,497.00; real estate, \$1,375,780.28; railroad bonds, \$817,655.00; cash in banks and office, \$512,376.01; United States Government bonds, \$117,000.00; City of Newark, term loan bonds, \$40,000.00; interest and rents, due and accrued, \$61,236.31; loans on policies, \$3,934.77; deferred premiums, and premiums in course of collection, \$90,194.95; total, \$6,889,674.32. Distributed as follows: legal and special reserve on policies, \$3,438,520.00; premiums paid in advance, \$2,067.26; capital, and surplus to policy-holders, \$1,449,057.06; total, \$6,889,674.32. Record of 1891: increase in assets, \$1,804,779.30; increase in premium receipts, \$776,407.02; increase in interest and rents, \$106,114.59; new insurances written, over \$77,000,000.00; claims paid, over \$2,000,000.00; total claims paid to date, over \$9,000,000.00; policies in force, nearly 1,400,000. Amount paid in dividends during April, May and June, 1892, \$9,293.52; amount paid in dividends January 1, 1891, to July 1, 1892, \$21,544.68. The Prudential's popularity is most forcibly emphasized by its army of policy holders which now numbers 1,250,000. In the State of New York alone the company has nearly 400,000 persons insured. The confidence placed in the company's management by the public can best be judged from the following comparative table showing the annual income at intervals of three years from 1876: Annual income, 1876, \$14,543.10; annual income, 1879, \$123,646.00; annual income, 1882, \$585,393.16; annual income, 1885, \$1,509,663.08; annual income, 1888, \$3,757,084.15; annual income, 1891, \$6,763,631.63. The decisive test by which to judge an insurance company is the manner in which it pays its claims. The Prudential was the first company to institute the practice of paying all claims on the day satisfactory proofs of death are received and accepted at the home office. The thorough manner in which the company observes its rules in this respect can be judged when it is made known that although it has paid claims amounting to "over nine million dollars," not a single claim has remained unpaid on its books at the close of any calendar year. The company's record in this respect is the best possible guarantee that can be offered for the fulfillment of its promises. The Middletown office was not opened until 1886, but it soon became of importance and is the main office for this district, the branches being at Goshen and Port Jervis, Walden and Ellenville. In 1891 this district stood second on the list of all the districts maintained by the company, which is additional evidence that the people of this section know a good thing when they see it. The office is at Nos. 33 and 35 North Street and callers are always sure of prompt and courteous attention, mail communication also being attended to promptly and carefully. The Prudential issues policies adapted to the wants and circumstances of persons in every walk of life. In its industrial branch policies are issued for sums not exceeding \$1,000, with premiums payable weekly at the home of the person insured. The ordinary branch of the company issues all the popular forms of Life and Endowment Policies, in sums from \$1,000 to \$25,000, with premiums payable annually, semi-annually or quarterly at the local offices of the company. During 1891, about \$14,000 was paid out in claims benefiting sixty-two families in this vicinity. C. P. Sadlier, Superintendent, Nos. 33 and 35 North Street, Middletown, N. Y. Branch offices and officers: E. W. Cotton, agent, Farnum's Building, Port Jervis, N. Y.; H. B. Levy, agent, No. 34 West Main Street, Goshen, N. Y.; Louis Kiefer, agent, Church Street, Walden, N. Y.; Graham De Witt, agent, Ellenville, N. Y.



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# BRYANT BROTHERS,

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## Carriages, Sleighs, Wagons, Trucks, Carts, Etc.

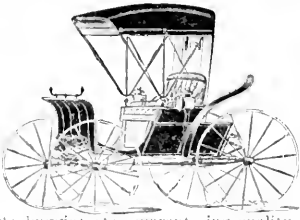
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**MIDDLETOWN, N. Y.**

If all roads were good and all horses kind and steady, and all drivers experienced and careful, the danger from the use of cheap vehicles would of course be reduced, but even then it is doubtful if they would be cheap in anything more than name. As things are it is simply foolish to buy them, for no matter how low their first cost may be the expense of keeping them in repair will soon amount to enough to buy a first-class carriage, and besides the danger of using them on our New York roads and Messrs. Bryant Bros. give particular and sleighs, wagons and trucks, carts well-earned reputation, for standing This is not surprising, for first-class bound to wear well, and no more than those turned out at the Shop Avenue. This business was established early achieved an enviable work and the moderate scale of his taxed to the utmost and eventually admitted to partnership, under the gentlemen have grown up in Orange factory is well equipped and they are wagons, sleighs, carriages, trucks, carts, buggies, etc., guaranteeing quality of material, style, elegance, workmanship and durability. Their prices (the fine work considered) cannot be duplicated elsewhere. They make a specialty of repairing, and are justly famous for the elaborate character of their work in all its branches. The premises comprise two floors 55 x 70 feet, a blacksmith shop 20 x 30 feet, beside a large storeroom for stock. Both gentlemen are well and favorably known in this vicinity and have on hand for sale at all times a variety of first-class goods, among them the Milburn farm wagons, H. H. Babcock Co.'s fine carriages, Columbus Co. carriages, and many other popular makes of fine goods.



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