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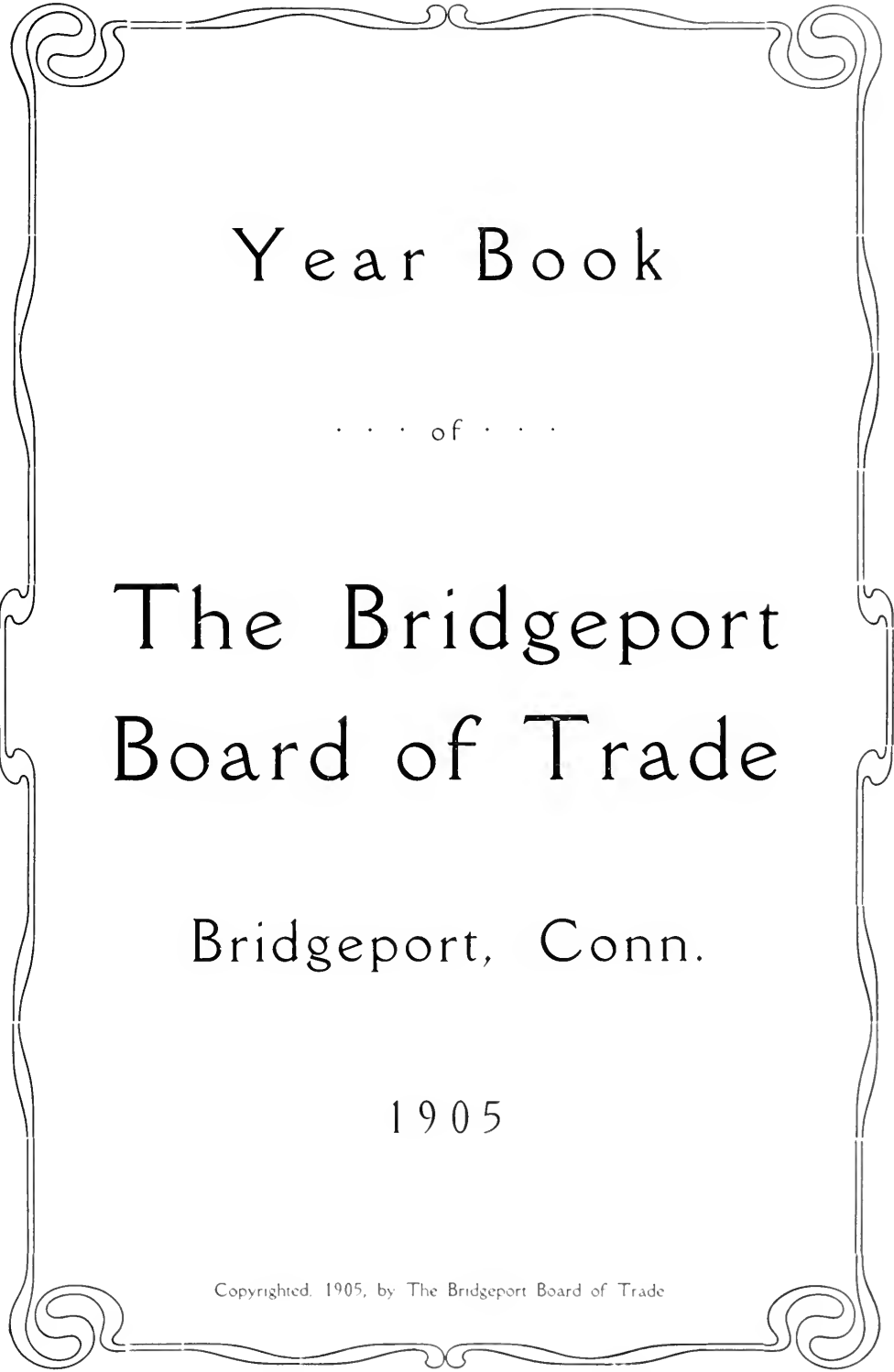
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PREFACE.

IN the preparation of this volume a vast amount of labor has been expended covering a period of eight months. While the task has been one to which those entrusted with its care have cheerfully set themselves, only the ones actively engaged in the compilation can fittingly estimate and adequately appreciate the exacting character of the work. For the painstaking and conscientious endeavors manifested during the period the book was being builded, Mr. Guy P. Miller, Mr. Thomas B. Lashar and Mr. Wallace A. Smith, the committee selected by the President of the Board of Trade to prepare this publication, deserve special commendation. These gentlemen from the outset have not hesitated to subject themselves to many personal inconveniences that the task they had undertaken might be brought to a successful end.

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The Bridgeport Board of Trade



LOCAL



PRIDE.



THE remarkable development of the spirit of Local Pride under the guidance of the Bridgeport Board of Trade has been a source of gratification to all who have a heart for the material well being of the city. Sentiment aside—reckoned simply as a commercial asset—this undoubted rejuvenation of the public conscience has done and is accomplishing more for the future of Bridgeport than can be computed in dollars and cents.

This quickening of the city's industrial pulse is not the outcome of any spasmodic movement designed to give force to a temporary assault upon public indifference. On the contrary, it is the natural sequence of a well conceived and carefully developed public sentiment, the success of which is in no small measure due to the application, industry and intelligence of the forces which have made the Bridgeport Board of Trade a powerful factor in the particular province to which its duties are confined. To tell what the Bridgeport Board of Trade has accomplished for Bridgeport would be to review the city's industrial development during the past quarter of a century, unparalleled as it is by any city of its size in the Union.

In 1875 the Bridgeport Board of Trade was organized. During the thirty years of its life it has labored with untiring energy that Bridgeport might achieve an eminence as a city of manufactories second to none in America. Its councils have reflected the wisdom of Bridgeport's most progressive citizens. A great measure of the commercial success which Bridgeport has attained is unquestionably due to the splendid work of its Board of Trade. On the

principle that two heads are better than one, Bridgeport has been enabled, through a concentration of the brains and energy of its public spirited citizens, to evolve a composite whole, unique of its kind, as a factor in developing the commercial and industrial resources of the city.

To narrate the most important public achievements of the Bridgeport Board of Trade would require more space than the limitations of this compilation will permit. The first of the great industries of Bridgeport whose coming here is directly traceable to the efforts of the Board of Trade is the Warner Brothers Corset Co. Two years after the incorporation of the Board of Trade the plant of this concern was in full operation here. At that time Dr. I. De Ver Warner, its head, said that his firm spent more than a month looking for a new location when they resolved to leave their former home in central New York. They were prejudiced against Bridgeport at first but through the able ministrations of the Board of Trade were induced to settle here. What seemed like draw-backs at the outset soon proved to be unrivalled advantages. Dr. Warner's own statement is that Bridgeport is not only the best location for manufacturing interests in America, but is also the finest place of residence, being healthy and desirable in every sense. He found that in Bridgeport operatives did more work for the same wages than in any place he had known. His prediction at that time that Bridgeport would have 100,000 inhabitants within twenty-five years is practically verified.

It is not the purpose of this work to eulogize the dead or to glorify the living. While the task would be indeed a pleasant one, space restrictions compel us to forego the credit due those early pioneers in the work of the Bridgeport Board of Trade, whose unselfish labors in behalf of their city have been crowned with such deserved success; but we feel that we should at least mention in this connection the names of the incorporators of the Board of Trade, many of whom have lived to see the grand results which thirty years ago appeared to be beyond the expectations of the most optimistic among them. The incorporators of the Bridgeport Board of Trade were Nathaniel Wheeler, David M. Read, Jarratt Morford, George Mallory, George W. Bacon, Robert T. Clarke, Morris W. Seymour, William H. Noble, T. R. Cruttenden, Nathan Buckingham, Frederick Hurd, David W. Sherwood, Edmund V. Hawes, James Staples, Blaise Soule, Charles B. Hotchkiss, Rowland B. Lacey, Zalmon Goodsell, William H. Stevenson, Thomas L. Watson, Morris B. Beardsley and William H. Adams.

It was the Board of Trade that in 1892 organized and successfully directed the famous Columbian celebration in Bridgeport in honor of the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America. It was the Board of Trade that threw its life into the movement and collected from the citizens of Bridgeport the largest subscription of all the cities in the State of Connecticut for the state building at the Chicago Exposition.

It was the Board of Trade that obtained from the legislature of Connecticut and from the Congress of the United States, permission to take a special census of the city in June, 1903, the result of which was to elevate the Bridgeport post office to the first class rank, thereby not only securing for the faithful postal



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employees increased salaries but gaining for the city such additional postal facilities as its increased population warranted.

It was the Board of Trade that secured for the City of Bridgeport the honor of a visit from the Honorary Board of Filipino Commissioners, a distinction conferred on only two other New England cities, Boston and Fall River.

Each year at its annual banquet, an event to which the city looks forward with rare pleasure, some of the foremost men in the country are heard.

It was the Board of Trade that secured the passage by the Connecticut legislature of the pure food bill, legislation similar to which has since been enacted in many other states.

It is through the Board of Trade that the Congressional Committee on Rivers and Harbors has visited this city biennially for many years in behalf of improved harbor facilities. Time and again representative citizens have been sent to Washington by the Board of Trade to appear before Congressional Committees in the interest of Bridgeport and her manufacturing industries.

It was due almost entirely to the efforts of a former president of the Board of Trade, the late Captain John McNeil, for many years harbor master, that the Bridgeport harbor project was placed under a continuous appropriation contract, ensuring a specific amount each year until the development of our harbors shall have been completed.

It is due to the efforts of a committee appointed by the Board of Trade that a suitable memorial, to cost about \$10,000, is to be erected to the memory of the late James W. Beardsley, through whose munificence the city received the beautiful park bearing his name. About one-third of the funds required are now in hand and it is expected that the work will be completed within a year and a half.

Another important achievement of the Board of Trade is the concession it recently obtained from the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co. When the plans for the new railroad station were prepared they made no provision for the protection of passengers taking east bound trains except in the waiting room on the west side of the tracks. Through the energies of a special committee appointed by the Board of Trade, the railroad company consented to a modification of its original plans which provides a comfortable waiting room 100 feet long, and the enclosing of 300 feet of the platform on the east side of the station. It is but fair to say in this connection that the officials of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co. treated the committee with consideration and manifested a commendable disposition in the matter of making the highly desirable changes suggested.

Want of space precludes reference to many other substantial public benefits secured through the instrumentality of the Board of Trade. It is sufficient to say that the spirit of Local Pride will continue with increasing vigor to labor unselfishly for the welfare of a Greater Bridgeport, the dawn of which is unerringly indicated in the growing prosperity of the vast and varied industries which have made Bridgeport, Conn., one of the most highly diversified manufacturing centers in the United States.



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INTRODUCTION

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., is a city unique in the variety and ramifications of its manufacturing industries among all others in the Union. To tell the story of Bridgeport from its humble origin antedating the War of the Revolution down to the present day is not the purpose of this undertaking. Its ancient glories have been splendidly set forth in many admirable histories dealing with its early struggles and tribulations by authorities ably adapted for that task. Without effort at ornamental writing, the chief aim of this work is to disseminate information among manufacturers, investors and capitalists of what Bridgeport holds and can offer to those who are seeking the most advantageous site for a permanent location.

The questions which we have sought to answer are :

Does Bridgeport offer exceptional opportunities to outside capitalists, manufacturers, etc., who are looking for the most desirable place to locate ?

What are Bridgeport's chief claims to distinction as a city of manufactories ?

Has the normal development of Bridgeport as a manufacturing center been consistently maintained and are its present industrial enterprises contented with their environments ?

Can Bridgeport guarantee to prospective industries reasonable charges with respect to those four great essentials for successful competition, to wit : skilled labor, freight, fuel and water rates ?

The foregoing are among the principal queries which concern investors and capitalists in search of desirable locations. It is for the purpose of giving such information that the Bridgeport Board of Trade has prepared for distribution this modest volume, and its further mission is to accurately depict to enterprising manufacturers and investors :

BRIDGEPORT AS IT IS TO-DAY.

BRIDGEPORT AS IT IS DESTINED TO BE.

In 1880 the population of Bridgeport was 27,643; the number of wage earners, 7,473; wages paid annually, \$3,326,000; invested in manufacturing, \$9,737,000.

In 1890 Bridgeport had a population of 48,866; the wage earners had increased to 12,116; yearly amount of wages, \$6,381,000; and the manufacturing investment was \$19,787,000, an increase of more than \$10,000,000 in a decade.

Note the remarkable development of Bridgeport's industries between 1890 and 1900. Its population jumped from 49,000 to 71,000; the number of wage earners from 12,116 to 19,301; wages paid annually from \$6,381,000 to



BARNUM INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND HISTORY

\$9,124,000; and capital invested in manufacturing from \$19,787,000 to \$33,067,000. In exact figures the increase in manufacturing investment between 1880 and 1900 was 240 per cent. The last federal census was in 1900. In 1903 a special census was taken under the direction of the Board of Trade and showed the increase in three years to be the difference between 70,996 and 82,128, —11,132.



SECTION OF EAST BRIDGEPORT



ARMORY

Between 1880 and 1900 Bridgeport's increase in population was 156 per cent. During the same period the number of wage earners increased 158 per cent., while in 1905 its manufacturers paid in wages approximately \$11,000,000, and the amount of invested capital in manufacturing industries approximated \$40,000,000.



BRIDGEPORT HOSPITAL



POST OFFICE

Few eastern cities can show such a development, and certainly results of this character bespeak not only satisfactory relations between employer and employee but afford incontrovertible testimony of the safety of Bridgeport as a permanent abiding place for invested capital.

There is no state tax imposed by Connecticut. The expenditures of the state are provided for by income derived from transportation companies, banks, and similar corporations.

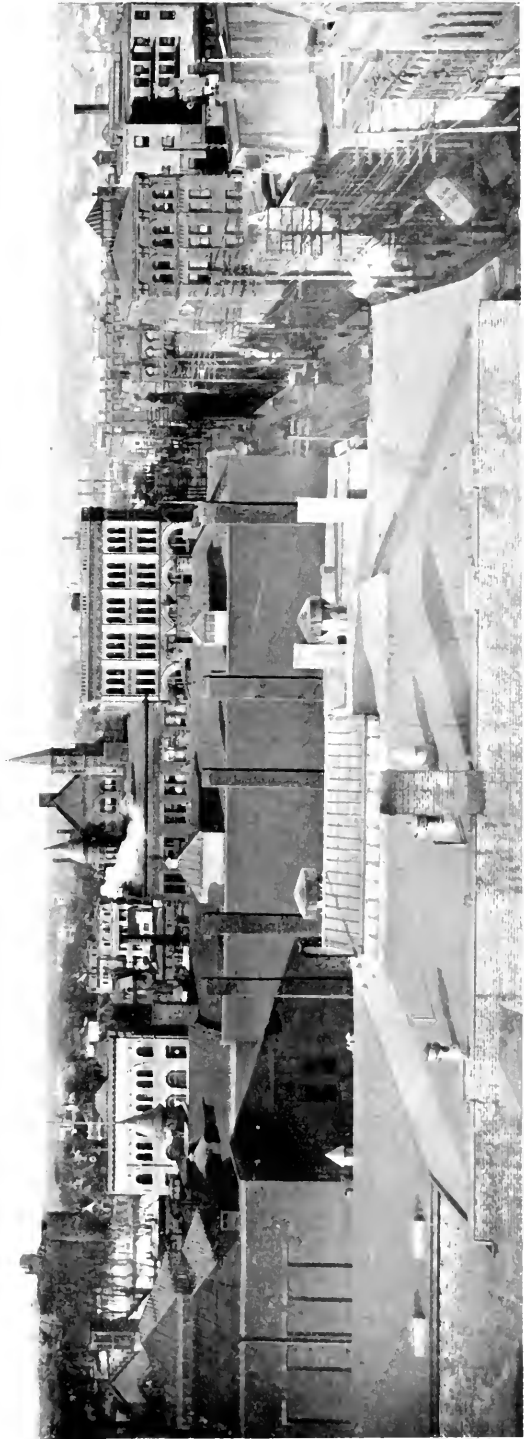
So strong a hold has the spirit of Local Pride taken upon the people that manufacturers desiring sidetrack facilities, industrial railroads, improved



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thoroughfares, additional sewage facilities, etc., are given every consideration by the municipal government.

Possessing unusual advantages by reason of its seaport facilities Bridgeport is endowed with still greater capabilities for self development. The splendid progress which has marked its forward march in the past decade is but a harbinger of what the future has in store. Favored by nature with the most valuable of municipal assets, navigable waterways, is it any wonder that industries in such variety have been attracted to its shores?

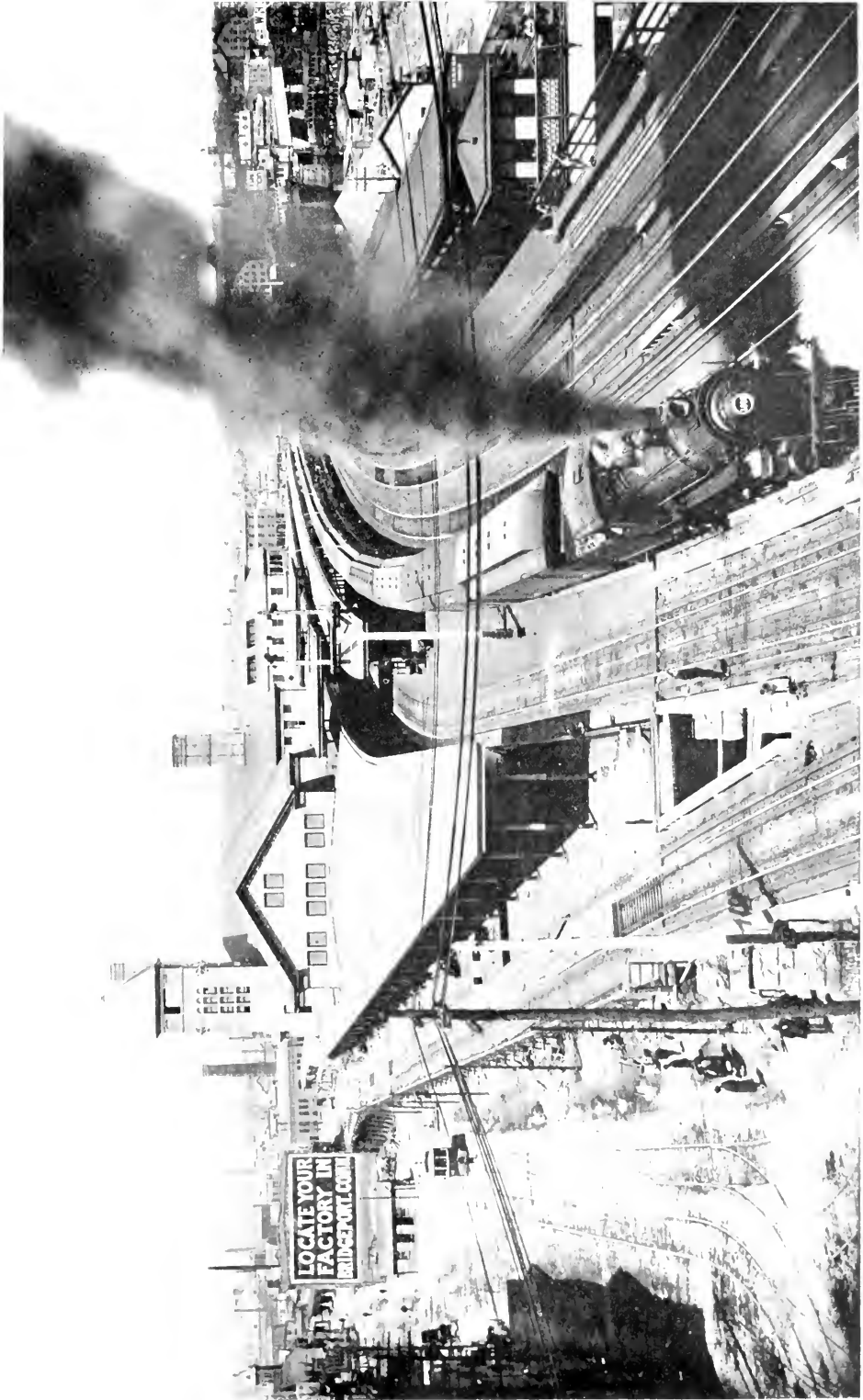


CENTRAL VIEW

Such information as is herein set forth is intended primarily to attract masters of industry ever alert for an opportunity to enhance the responsible trusts with which their interests are identified. If the Bridgeport Board of Trade shall, through the medium of this publication, succeed in attracting the eye of the industrial world to the many natural advantages which Bridgeport possesses as a manufacturing center, the labor thereby entailed will not have been in vain.



FAIRFIELD COUNTY COURT HOUSE



NEW HALF-MILLION-DOLLAR ELEVATED RAILROAD STATION



MASONIC TEMPLE

in the east end of the city in close proximity to the many thriving concerns located there; the other in the south end within easy access of the industries situated in that section of the city. Every reasonable accommodation is provided by the railroad company for manufacturers. Many sidetracks have been

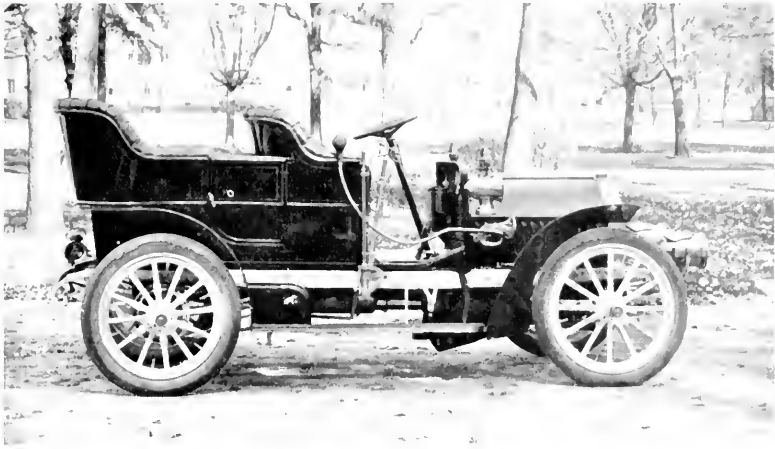
RAILROADS

Bridgeport has railroad facilities not surpassed by any commercial center in the East. It is the southerly terminal of the Berkshire and Naugatuck divisions of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company. Recently, at a cost of \$5,000,000 the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company has elevated its tracks through the city, thereby eliminating all crossings at grade.

Two large freight yards are maintained for the convenience of shippers, one



A VIEW ON FAIRFIELD AVENUE



MADE IN BRIDGEPORT, CONN.
(Locomobile Co. of America.)



BURROUGHS FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING



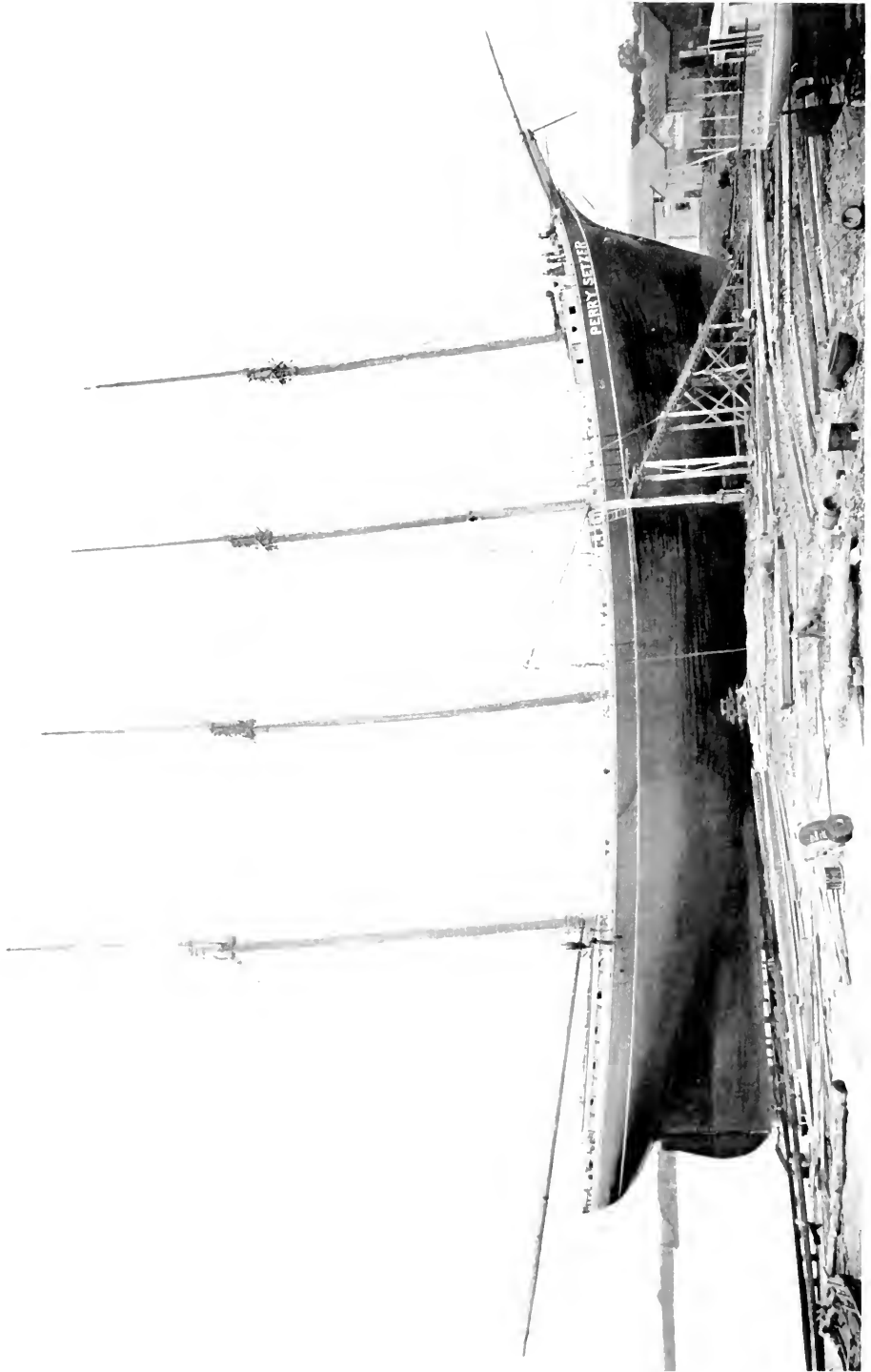
NEW ROLLING LIFT BRIDGE

constructed whereby direct transportation is possible between the plant and the freight yard. This applies to the freight depots in both sections of the city.

It is of course a distinct advantage for manufacturers to be placed in ready communication with the large and growing markets which are included in the Naugatuck and Berkshire valleys. A dozen trains leave daily over the two lines. On the Naugatuck division express and local accommodation trains are sent out with regularity, running as far north as Winsted. On the Berkshire division, the northern terminal of the direct route from this city is Pittsfield, Mass.



BRIDGEPORT BOYS CLUB



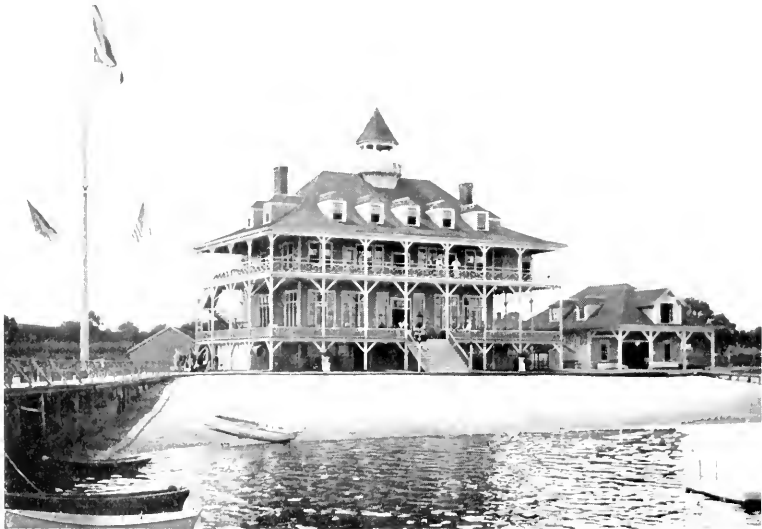
MADE IN BRIDGEPORT, CONN.



STERLING WIDOWS' HOME

A magnificent new station has been erected by the railroad company at a cost of half a million dollars. In all respects it is one of the most modern structures of its kind in New England.

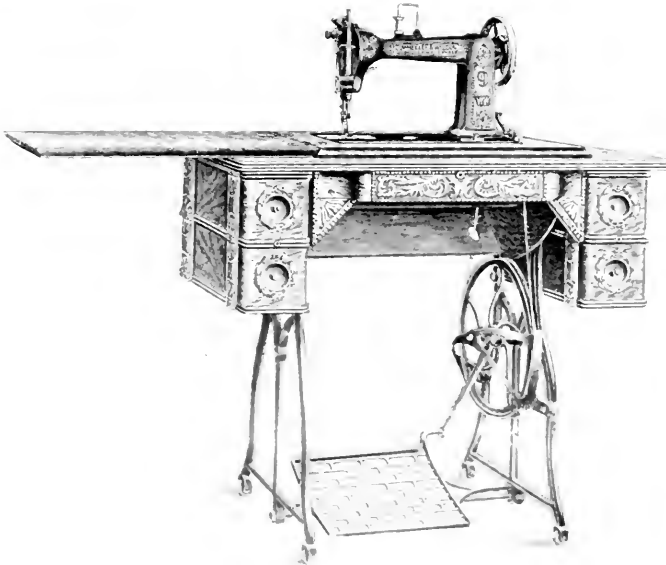
The demurrage laws of the state are more reasonable than any in this part of the country. Shippers are allowed four days from the time they receipt for



BRIDGEPORT YACHT CLUB



STEAMER NO. 1



MADE IN BRIDGEPORT, CONN.
(Wheeler & Wilson Mfg. Co.)

their bill of lading to transfer their merchandise, and not until after the fourth day is demurrage charged. The facilities of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company for quick transportation are so well known that little need here be said concerning them. Freight trains are made up during the day and night, and there is practically no delay in getting under way shipments consigned to any part of the country. For instance, if a cargo of sewing machines, graphophones, cartridges, etc., is placed on a car in the forenoon, the consignment is usually well on the way to its destination a few hours later.

New York rates are given on freight shipments to southern and western points.

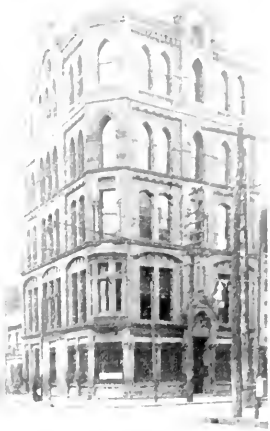
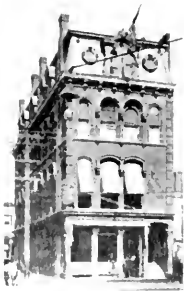


BURROUGHS HOME

In the matter of passenger service, the accommodations are all that could be desired. Express trains leave for New York and for Boston practically every hour, while in between local express and accommodation trains are run. One can alight in the Grand Central station, New York, 75 minutes after boarding a train in Bridgeport.

STREET RAILWAYS

Bridgeport is equipped with a first class street railway system. The road is owned by the Connecticut Railway & Lighting Company, which corporation controls the street railway systems in several of the large cities in the

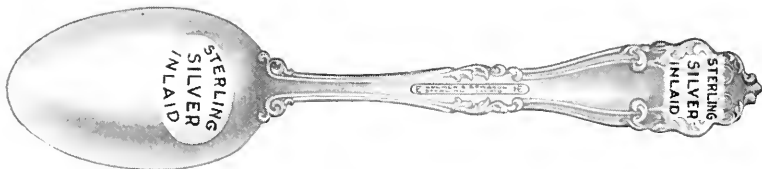


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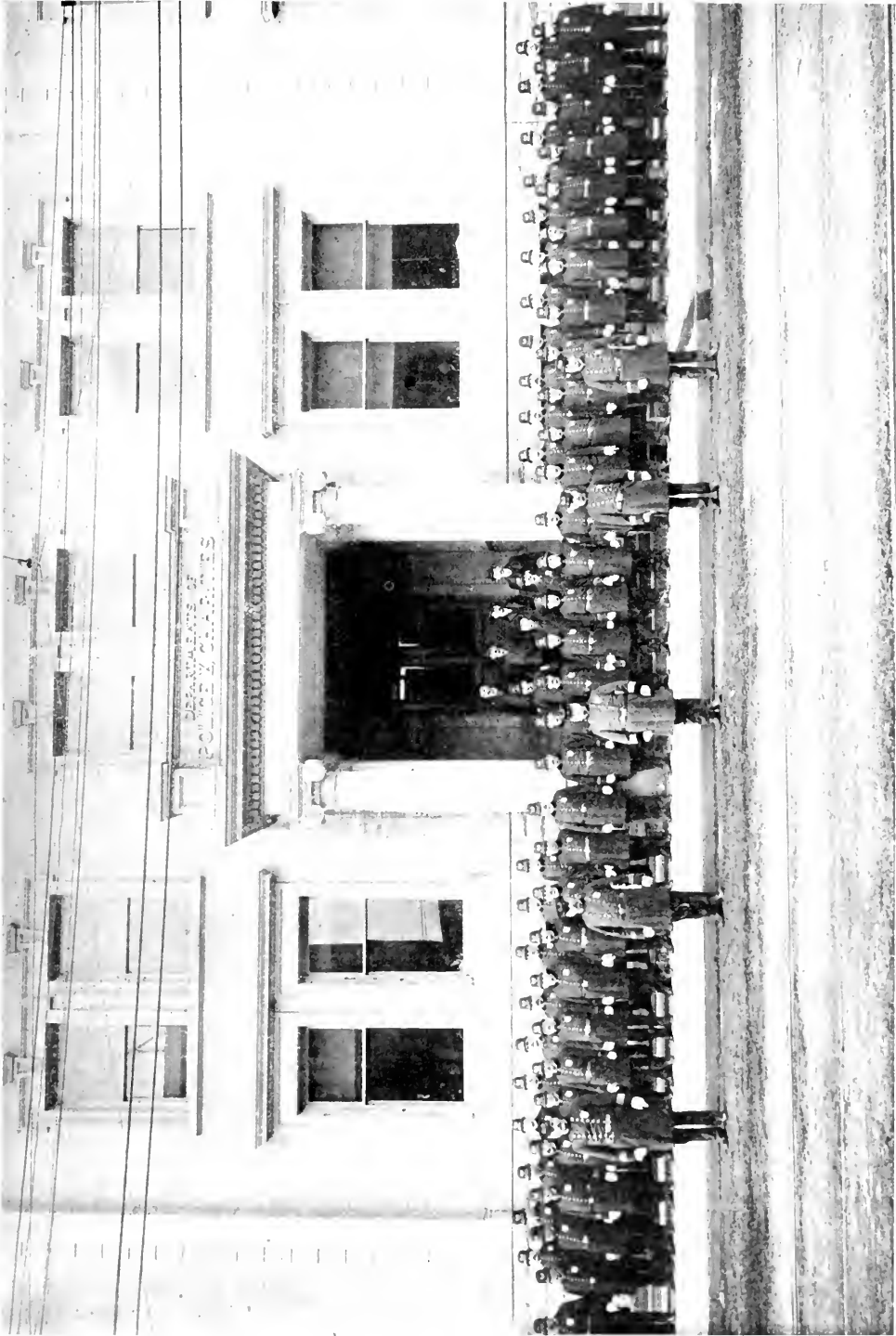
STEAMER NO. 2

state. The service is adequate, and satisfactory in all respects. It amply provides the needed accommodations for so thriving and busy a city as Bridgeport. All parts of the city can be reached in a comparatively brief period of time owing to the many sub-lines or separate divisions which the company maintains. Because Bridgeport is fortunately blessed with level streets, an exceptionally rapid schedule is made possible. The pretty suburban towns of Stratford and Milford on the east; Oronoque, Shelton, Huntington and Derby on the north; and Fairfield, Southport, Westport, Greens Farms and Saugatuck on the west are quickly reached by trolley, the suburban service being one of the finest provided by any street railway system in New England. Most of the streets are double tracked. A chartered company that carries consignments of packages and perishable freight operates a line of cars for that particular purpose which



"SOLID SILVER WHERE IT WEARS"
MADE IN BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

HOLMES & EDWARDS
STERLING INLAID



POLICE HEADQUARTERS



RESIDENCE OF HON. THOMAS P. TAYLOR

proves of great convenience to the business interests. A number of health giving pleasure resorts are reached by the trolley service. But one fare is charged to any part of the city or the immediate suburbs. A person boarding a car at Fairfield may ride to Bridgeport, a distance of four miles, and thence to Stratford, a total distance of eight miles, for one fare of five cents.



STEAMER NO. 3 AND TRUCK NO. 1



BARNUM-STAPLES BUILDING



"MARINA," HOME OF THE LATE P. T. BARNUM

SKILLED LABOR

Possessing as it does manifold natural advantages which have in the past and must continue to appeal with peculiar force to the observing manufacturer, in the important matter of skilled and handy help, Bridgeport is foremost



MEIGS BUILDING



SECTION OF THE HARBOR



COURT EXCHANGE BUILDING

among the municipalities of the Union. It prides itself on the fact that it is the home of a peaceful, intelligent and industrious working class. Because it is admittedly one of the most highly diversified manufacturing localities in the United States, it is but natural that within its confines the skilled mechanic as well as the handy and no less valuable helper should be found in greater number than elsewhere. Were it not for this very fact Bridgeport would hardly



RAILROAD BRIDGE ACROSS HARBOR



RESIDENCE OF MRS. NATHANIEL WHEELER



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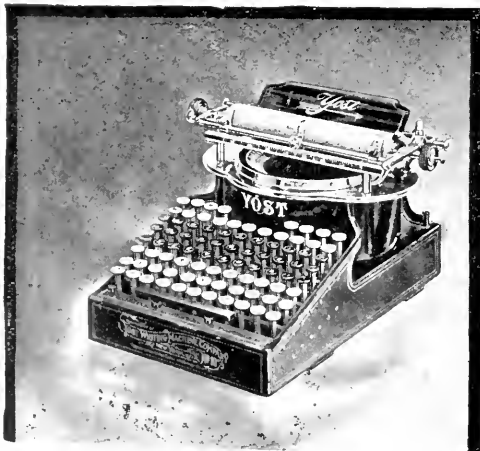


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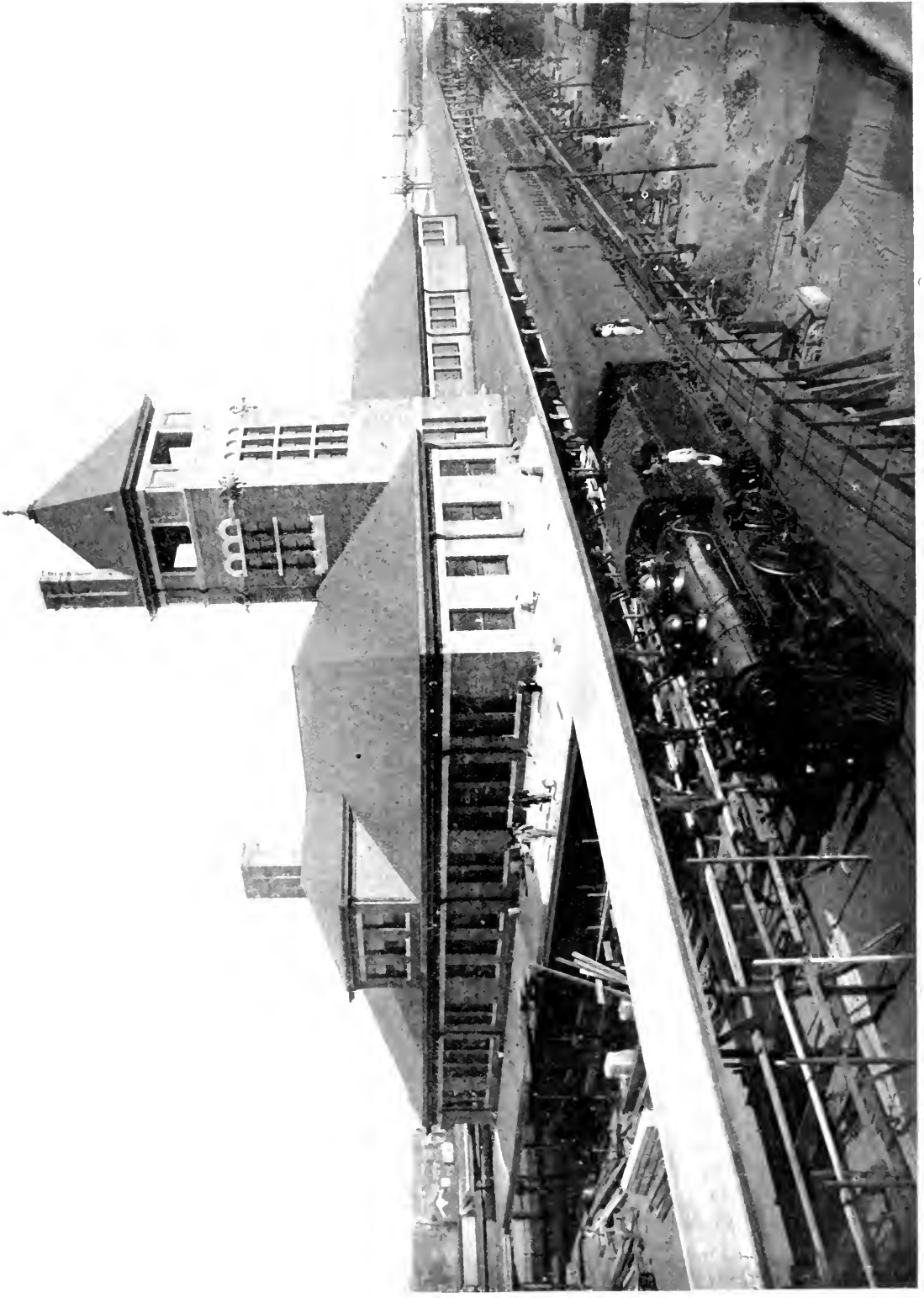
have attained the enviable reputation enjoyed by it wherever civilization has supplanted primeval conditions.

Labor difficulties are the exception here. There is a fine feeling between master and men. On the one hand we have the conscientious artisan laboring

with brawn and skill that the wares of his employer may become world renowned, reflecting alike credit upon the creator and the developer. On the other hand we find the generous, kind and appreciative master ever alert to embrace any reasonable opportunity that promises the material and financial advancement of his help. The very best proof of the adequacy of the labor market in Bridgeport is manifested in the slight difficulty entailed when its manufacturers wish to obtain craftsmen in any particular line of mechanics.



MADE IN BRIDGEPORT, CONN. (Union Typewriter Co.)



NEW RAILROAD STATION, LOOKING SOUTH



SEASIDE OUTING CLUB

Because of the diversified nature of its manufactured products dull times are little known in Bridgeport. Not a few of its industries are compelled, in order to keep pace with the growth of their business, to employ two "shifts," one working days and the other nights. Many of its thrifty toilers point with proper pride to the fact that they are included among its tax payers. Bridgeport is pre-eminently a city of contented home dwellers.



FAIRFIELD COUNTY JAIL



AS MADE IN BRIDGEPORT, CONN.



MADE IN BRIDGEPORT, CONN.
(American Graphophone Co.)



LIGHTHOUSE.

HEALTH

The health of a city is, after all, the most important factor in its life. It stands little that a city possess unusual natural advantages for manufacturers if statistics prove that within its confines disease finds a ready spreading place. Fortunately Bridgeport may be classed in the first rank of healthful cities.

Statistics show that Bridgeport is one of the exceptionally healthy cities in the Union. During the thirteen years from 1891 to 1903, inclusive, its average rate of mortality was less than seventeen deaths per thousand annually. The following is the official bulletin issued by Prof. Charles A. Lindsley, President of the State Board of Health:



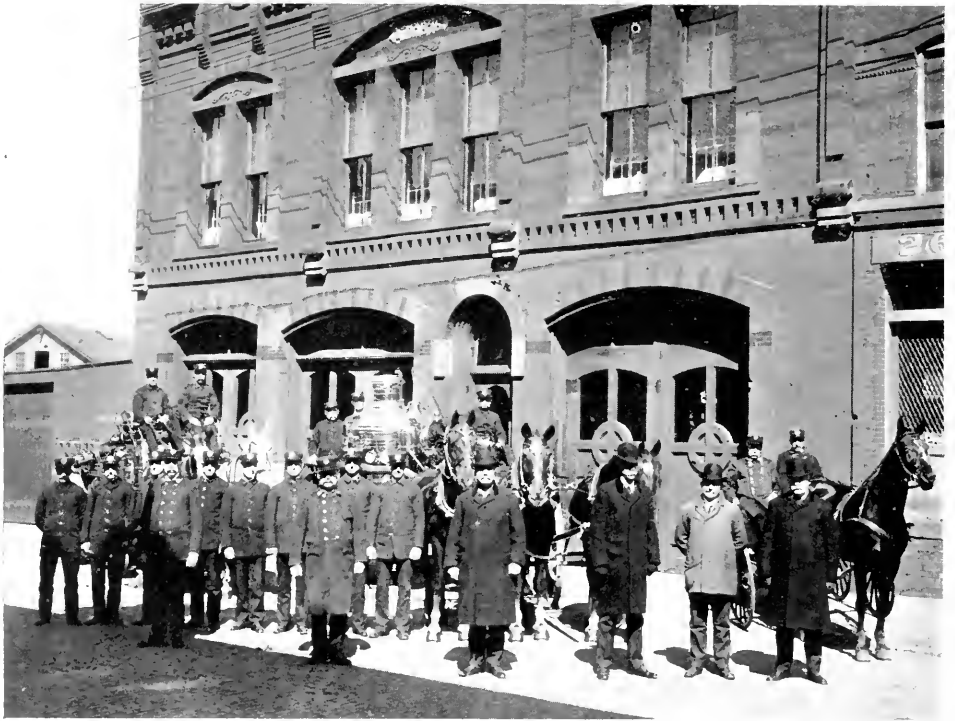
SEASIDE CLUB

	Death rate per 1,000 population.
Bridgeport, Conn., for 13 years.	16.8
New Haven, Conn., for 14 years.	17.0
Hartford, Conn., for 13 years.	18.2
Springfield, Mass., for eight years.	19.4
Providence, R. I., for ten years.	19.5
Worcester, Mass., for eight years.	19.9
Portland, Maine, for seven years.	20.1
Portsmouth, N. H., for five years.	20.3



MADE IN BRIDGEPORT, CONN. "PROTECTOR"
(Lake Submarine Torpedo Boat Co.)

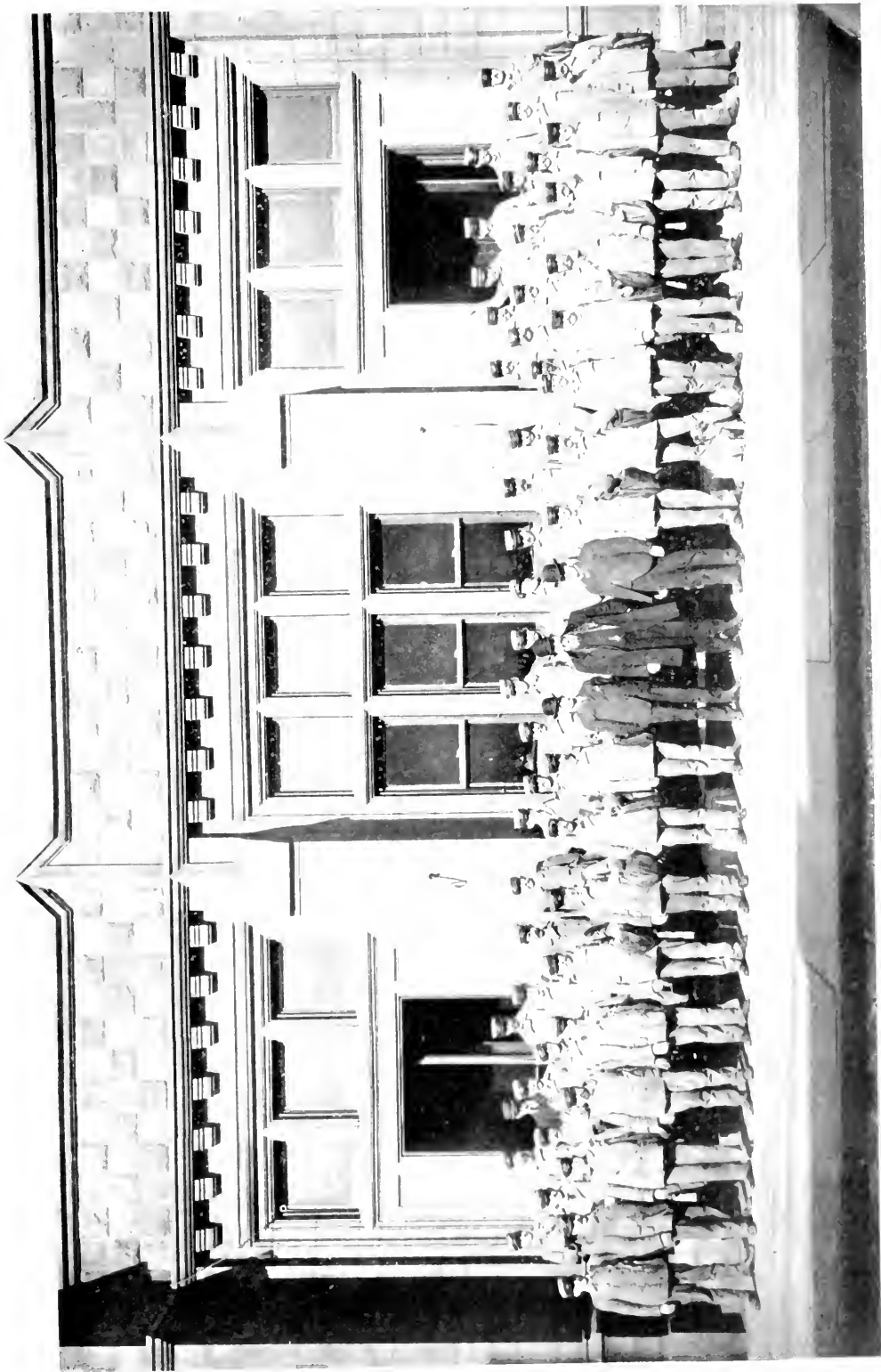
This gratifying showing speaks for itself. That strikingly expressive phrase the slogan of the Bridgeport Board of Trade, "Made in Bridgeport, Conn.," which appears upon wares wherever the "White Man's Burden" has been taken up, applies with singular force as far as Bridgeport is concerned, to the greatest gift of God to man—health. Epidemics of malignant diseases are practically unknown here. If Nature's laws are not abused good health may be regarded almost as a certainty in Bridgeport.



COMMISSIONERS, CHIEF AND STEAMER NO. 5

WATER

The water supply of Bridgeport is equaled by few and excelled by no city in the country. Bridgeport is furnished with water of exceptional quality from eleven reservoirs within a radius of eight miles of the city with tributary water sheds of about 54 square miles. The bulk of the supply is by gravity, drawn from storage reservoirs, but the gravity supply as at present developed being deemed insufficient by the officials to give complete service, the deficiency is made up by pumping. Chemical analyses from time to time show that the water furnished by the Bridgeport Hydraulic Company is remarkably pure, and almost wholly free from contaminating ingredients. Practically the entire city depends upon it for domestic purposes.



POSTMASTER AND LETTER CARRIERS

As a steam maker it is par excellence. Boiler inspectors in the employ of the State who have visited Bridgeport assert that they never find a corroded boiler here as is the case in most other cities. The Hydraulic Company is engaged in installing a mammoth filtration system which will further enhance the purity of the water. The total daily consumption is 18,000,000 gallons. The average per capita of daily consumption for the whole city exceeds 200 gallons, and the rates are very reasonable.



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INDUSTRIES

It has truly been said that Bridgeport, Conn., is one of the most highly diversified manufacturing cities in the United States. Bridgeport has over 900 manufacturing industries, many of them the largest, and others the most important of their kind, with a variety of products unsurpassed. Bridgeport affords unexampled opportunities to the manufacturer who desires to locate in a city offering facilities matched in many respects by no other locality. The invested capital in manufacturing factories located in Bridgeport is about \$40,000,000. In wages \$11,000,000 are paid annually. The population is \$5,000. During the ten years preceding,



RESIDENCE OF HON. ALLAN W. PAIGE



SUPPLICATION



SEASIDE INSTITUTE

Bridgeport showed the most rapid growth of all the cities in New England, and with very few exceptions, of all the cities in the country.

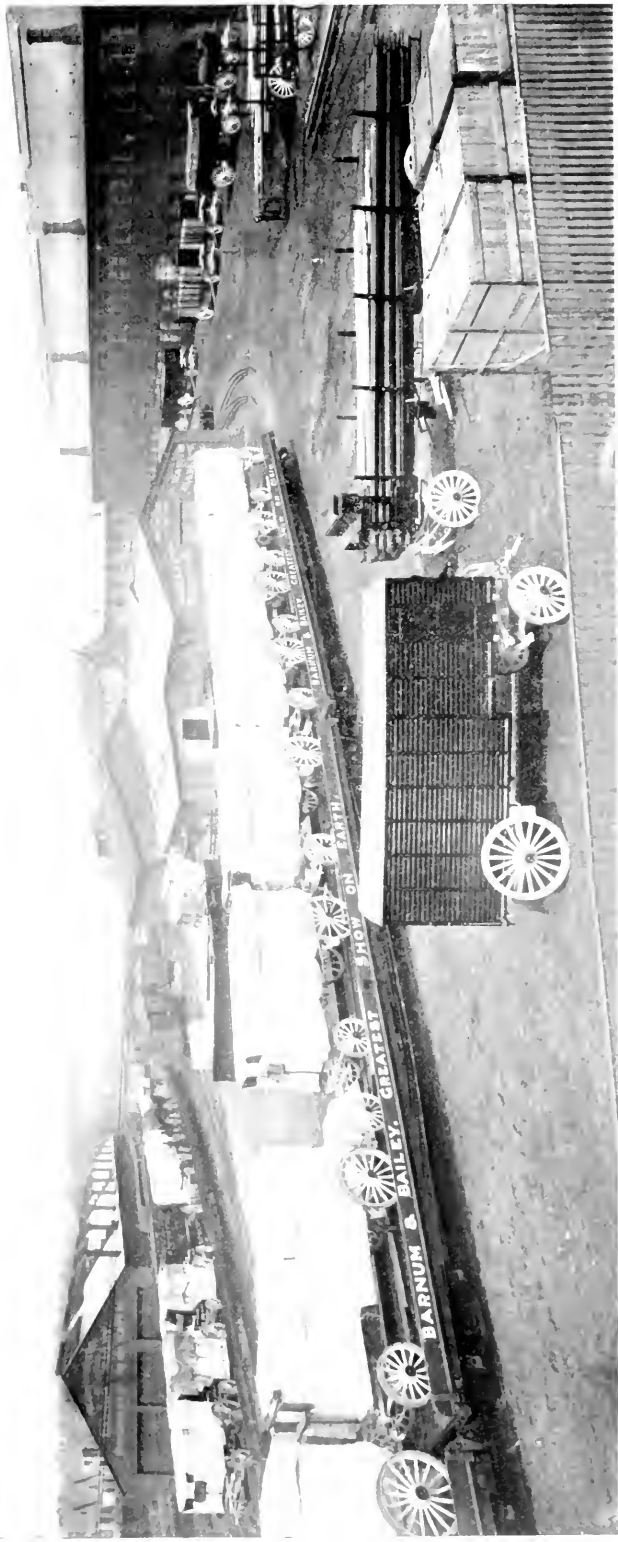
Perhaps more than any other agency exceptional maritime advantages have resulted in the manufacturing development of the city. There is a daily steamboat line to New York, two vessels, one by day and one by night, running the year round, while frequently, when the traffic demands, extra boats are provided. The steamer William G. Payne, one of the most delightful passenger boats that plies the waters of the Sound, leaves its dock near the railroad station daily at 8 A. M., and lands its passengers at East 31st street, New



AS MADE IN BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

York, at 10:45, making the run in two hours and 45 minutes. The commodious steamer, Allan Joy, known as the Faithful Watchman of the Sound, because it has never missed a trip since put in commission, leaves its wharf daily at midnight. While it has accommodations for passengers desiring to travel by night it carries thousands of tons of freight to and from the great Metropolis. A portion of the output of many of our manufactories is carried to New York nightly by water. The shipping rates are low and the service first class.

Bridgeport may truly be said to be a city of harbors. In addition to its main harbor, there are several large tributaries, or creeks, so-called, which are



WINTER QUARTERS OF BARNUM & BAILLY GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH



RESIDENCE OF ISAAC W. BIRDSEYE

now being dredged to a navigable depth by the United States government. Recently work was begun on the dredging of Yellow Mill Creek, so termed, both sides of which afford advantageous locations for manufactories. The same is true of Johnson's Creek further to the east, as well as Cedar Creek, Burr Creek, and other bodies of water abutting the mainland. When all of Bridgeport's harbor resources shall have been developed it can truly be referred to as a City of Harbors.



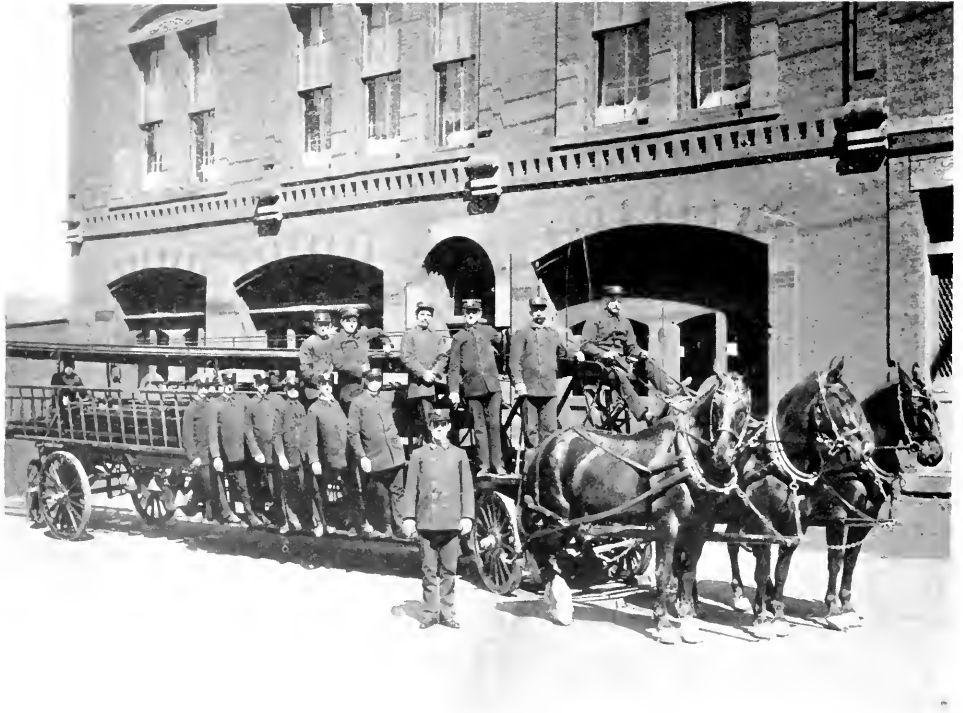
RESIDENCE OF COL. N. H. HEFT



VIEWS IN SEASIDE PARK

On the eastern shore, opposite Steeplechase Island, the famous amusement resort, are the ship building works of Greene Brothers. These works employ a large force of men and have turned out several first class schooners of the four master type.

The Bridgeport Towing Line has in constant use several tugs which are employed to bring cargoes in and out of the harbor. Because of these varied water facilities, Bridgeport is about the last city in the country to know anything of a coal famine. There are large and prosperous coal dealers here whose



TRUCK NO. 2

yards are located along the water front, thereby enabling them to have their supply brought to their bins at first cost. An example of what this means to our manufacturers and citizens is furnished by conditions which prevailed here during the past winter, when coal was retailed at from 50 cents to \$1 a ton less than in other cities in Connecticut. Manufacturers are sure of being kept supplied with the best fuel obtainable at the lowest cost.

It would be false modesty on the part of Bridgeport to attempt to hide its head under a bushel or to refrain from giving due prominence to the fact that many of its principal industries are likewise the largest of their kind in the world.



Howitzer of 1862

MADE IN BRIDGEPORT, CONN. (American & British Mfg. Co.)

When the late Judge John M. Hall, as president of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Co., on a visit to Bridgeport, publicly stated that within ten years it was destined to be the largest manufacturing city and would shelter more people than any other in Connecticut, and that within twenty-five years it would be the metropolis of New England, he but voiced a truism which has since found echo in the public expressions of many astute business observers.



STEAMER NO. 6

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Bridgeport's fire department is one of the most efficient. It is managed by a bi-partisan board of four unsalaried commissioners with the mayor of the city an ex-officio member. The Board of Apportionment and Taxation at its recent session provided for a substantial increase in men and equipment that the fire fighting force could be developed to a still greater efficiency. Authenticated statistics for the past twenty years show that Bridgeport stands among the first ten cities in the country in the minimum of fire losses. The chief engineer enjoys the confidence of the industrial interests because of his conscientious efforts to improve the service at all times.

By virtue of the improvements now being made in this department the underwriters have promised to make a reduction in the rates for fire risks.



BARNUM SCHOOL



HUNTINGTON SCHOOL



BRIDGEPORT HIGH SCHOOL



STERLING SCHOOL



SHELTON SCHOOL



WEST END TRAINING SCHOOL



SACRED HEART SCHOOL

PUBLIC BUILDINGS

The public buildings of Bridgeport are noted more for the substantial character of their construction than for the ornamental nature of their architecture. Perhaps the most conspicuous is the new railroad station, completed at a cost of \$500,000. The structure is of compressed brick with granite trimmings. Rising to a lofty height above the final story is a tower that overlooks the city and the sea. Exteriorly, the structure is one of beauty, and the interior arrangements may be truly said to be masterpieces of comfort and convenience.

The Burroughs Free Public Library Building, while not an imposing edifice in the sense the term is generally used, is a splendid structure situated in the



RESIDENCE OF DR. I. DE VER WARNER

business center. One of the finest public libraries in New England is maintained within its four walls. Thousands and thousands of volumes embracing practically every known work in the category of ancient and modern literature, are to be found upon its shelves. Large and exceptionally well ventilated reading rooms attract hundreds of toilers during the evening. Everything connected with this institution is free, there being no cost for membership. Part of its equipment comprises one of the finest lecture halls in the state. In this auditorium many of the leading philosophers and scientists of the day have addressed large audiences. Under its present administration our Board of Trade has given the public of Bridgeport a series of instructive lectures. It was



RESIDENCE OF THE LATE T. COOK WORDIN



STEAMER No. 7.

here that our manufacturers gave a public exhibit of their wares during the visit of the Honorary Board of Filipino Commissioners.

The new federal government building is one of the handsomest in these parts, its original beauty having been much enhanced by the recent alterations and additions.

Bridgeport being the seat of Fairfield County, contains the County Court House, an imposing structure, in which the Superior and Supreme court sittings are held.

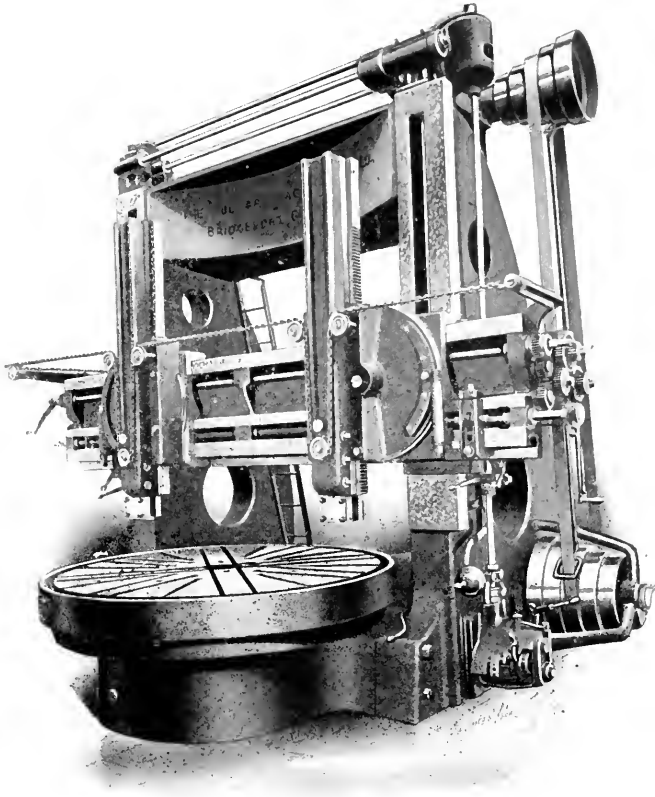
The handsome new building which is the permanent home of the Police and Charities departments would attract attention anywhere.



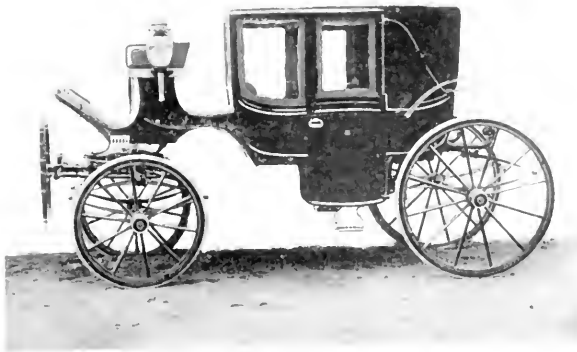
ORPHAN ASYLUM

BANKS

Although rigidly adhering to "safe and sane" financial precepts, the banks of Bridgeport are among the most progressive in New England. Besides the five National banks there are three private and four savings depositories, several private savings institutions, one trust company and a number of savings societies, uncounted. The aggregate deposits in the savings institutions referred to approximate \$25,000,000. Inasmuch as the directories of these corporations contain names of the city's leading manufacturers, liberal treatment is accorded business men to have paper to negotiate.



MADE IN BRIDGEPORT, CONN. (Bullard Machine Tool Co.)



MADE IN BRIDGEPORT, CONN. (Hinks & Johnson.)

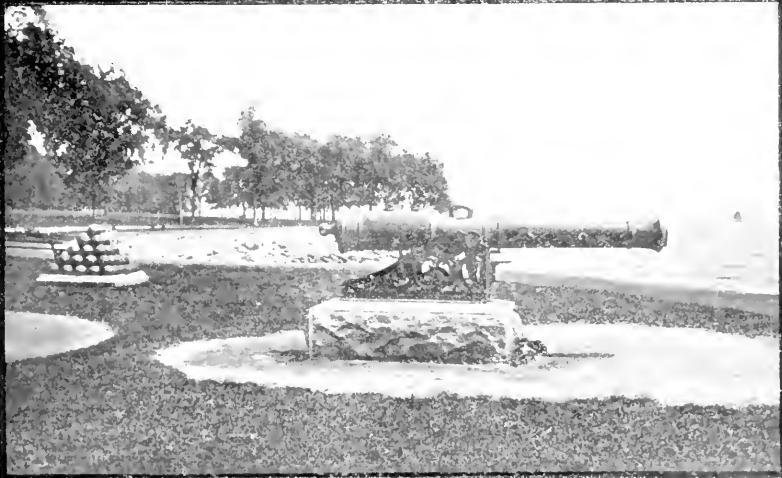
STREETS

The topography of Bridgeport is of such a character that, save for one section, it may be said to be a table land. Its streets are well built, permanent pavement of two varieties, asphalt and brick, being used upon the principal thoroughfares. The outlying or residential sections prefer the fine macadam construction. Most of the sidewalks throughout the city are of concrete, and the city ordinances regarding the keeping of such streets and walks in proper repair are impartially enforced, the result being that Bridgeport's public thoroughfares are at all times fit for travel.



TAYLOR BUILDING

The manufacturing and commercial districts of Bridgeport are singularly free from inclines and steep grades. Level streets mean a considerable saving to manufacturers. It is not an uncommon thing in Bridgeport to see two horses hauling drays carrying five tons of merchandise. From the various manufacturing establishments to the freight depots where shipments of goods are made there is not a single grade to overcome. This means much, permitting as it does uninterrupted teaming the year round. This, of course, applies only to those concerns not located in close proximity to the railroad, which plants have the benefit of sidings.



BARNUM MONUMENT, SPANISH CANNON, HOWE MONUMENT—SEASIDE PARK

HOSPITALS

Bridgeport has two large and splendidly conducted hospitals. The Bridgeport Hospital which occupies a site on Old Mill Hill, one of the finest locations in the city, is regarded as among the most ably managed institutions of its kind in the country. In dimensions it ranks with any of a like nature in Connecticut. A large and efficient corps of physicians and nurses is maintained throughout the year. Fortunately it has been much favored by private benefactions and yearly new additions in the shape of extra wings are being added.

St. Vincent's Hospital which occupies a favored site in the extreme northern section of the city is conducted by the Sisters of Charity. Although the Sisterhood is a Roman Catholic order the hospital is in no sense a sectarian one. Jew



RESIDENCE OF GEORGE C. EDWARDS

and Gentile, Protestant and Catholic, Atheist and Agnostic are alike welcomed. This Sisterhood has similar institutions in operation in nearly all of the larger cities in the country and has displayed rare administrative qualifications.

Bridgeport sustains an Emergency Hospital which of itself is unique. A corps of physicians with ambulance service and attendants is maintained. All emergency calls of whatever nature are accorded prompt attendance, the victims being removed from the scene of their distress to the Emergency Hospital where they are treated without expense. If their injuries are of a serious nature they are transferred to one of the larger Hospitals unless they prefer to be taken to their homes. There is no charge for any of the services connected therewith. In addition to these there are several private hospitals and sanitariums in the city.



Washington Park M. E. Church
First Baptist Church

St. John's Episcopal Church
St. Augustine's R. C. Church

First Presbyterian Church
South Congregational Church

CLUBS

The social life of the city is strikingly exemplified in the excellent clubs which flourish here. One of the finest institutions of its kind in America is the Brooklawn Country Club on whose famous golf links was developed the present Woman Amateur Golf Champion of America, Miss Georgianna M. Bishop. Expert golf players from many lands sing the praises of these links. The club's home comprises an expanse of most delightful territory adjacent to the suburbs of the city. Its clubhouse is equipped with all culinary conveniences and during the open season it is the rendezvous afternoons and evenings of the society folk of Bridgeport. There are several semi-social bodies whose mem-



OFFICES OF COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS



(Jacob Arnold & Son.)



RESIDENCE OF HON. ARCHIBALD McNEIL



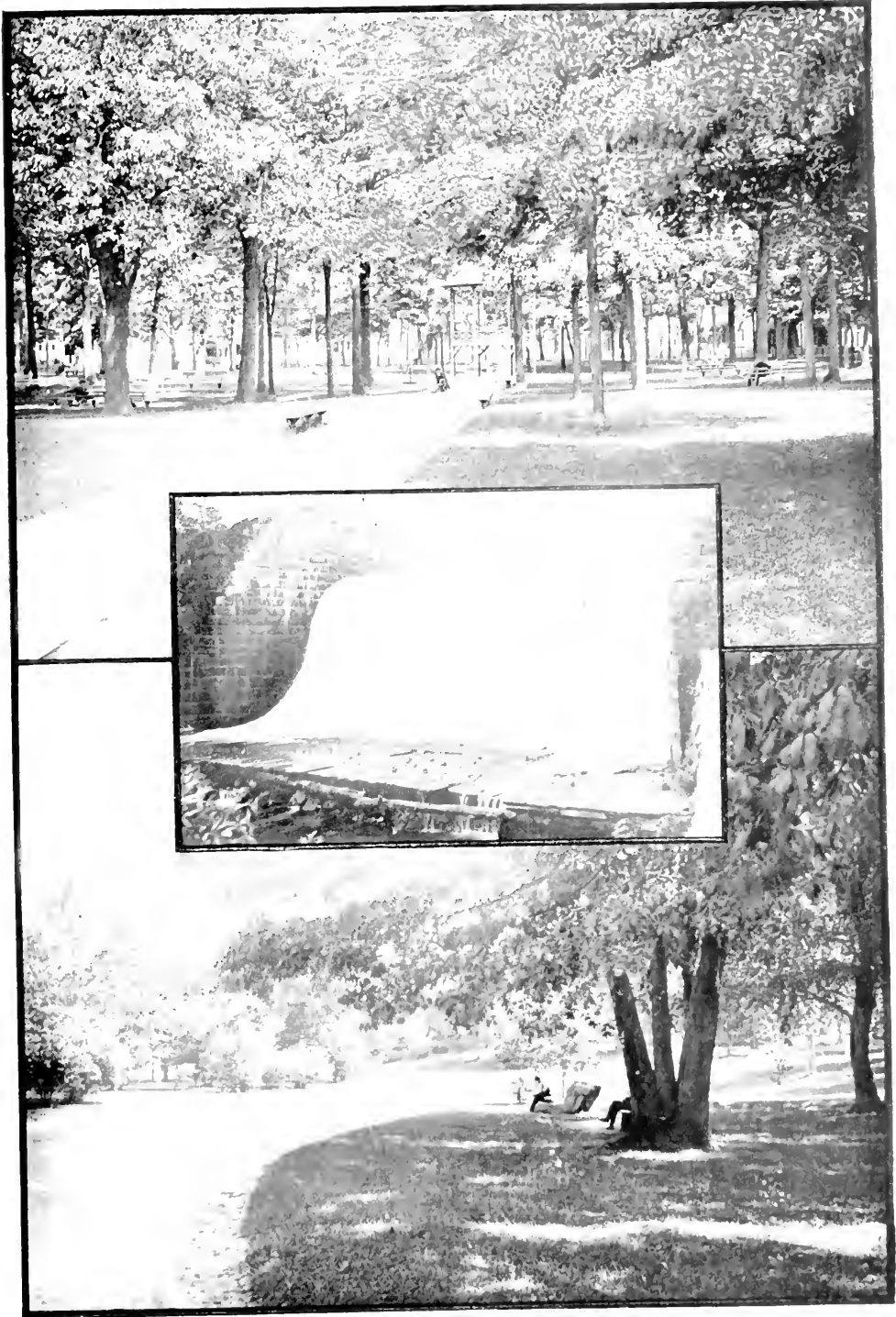
AS MADE IN BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

bership consists exclusively of women. Of the clubs for men the Seaside, Algonquin and Bridgeport are the most prominent. The first named is the owner of a handsome home fitted with all of the luxuries known to latter day clubdom. Like the Algonquin club its membership is recruited largely from the ranks of manufacturers and business and professional men. The Algonquin club derives its name from the aborigines whose hunting grounds, before the White Man came to claim his burden, extended from the coast of Labrador through New England to the Mississippi valley.



SANFORD BUILDING

Among the attractive features of the club life of the city are the Bridgeport Yacht Club and the Park City Yacht Club, one being located in the Eastern and the other in the Western section of the city. The Bridgeport Yacht Club whose handsome home is on the shores of Black Rock harbor, is one of the most successful organizations of its kind. Its waters are frequently the rendezvous for the fleet of the fashionable Larchmont Yacht Club of New York. The Park City Yacht Club, whose commodious quarters are on Yellow Mill harbor, enjoys a deserved prosperity, and each year witnesses many additional craft flying its burgee. The Roof Tree Club, a social organization of a rather secluded nature, has a cozy home in East Bridgeport. Its membership is largely recruited from residents of that section.



VIEWS IN BEARDESLEY AND WASHINGTON PARKS

PARKS

It is because of the exquisite charm of its parks that Bridgeport has been aptly termed the Park City. Nowhere in the East, if, indeed, anywhere throughout this broad land are the natural beauties of Seaside Park surpassed. No spot on God's green footstool is more ideally situated for the noble purposes to which it has been dedicated. Located at the southwestern extremity of the city its broad, tapering, sandy beach kissed by the waters of the sea, overlooks Long Island Sound as far as the eye can reach. The shades of its sheltering maples and elms are the Mecca sought by thousands during the summer season. Its broad walks, splendid driveways, and sequestered nooks are patronized alike

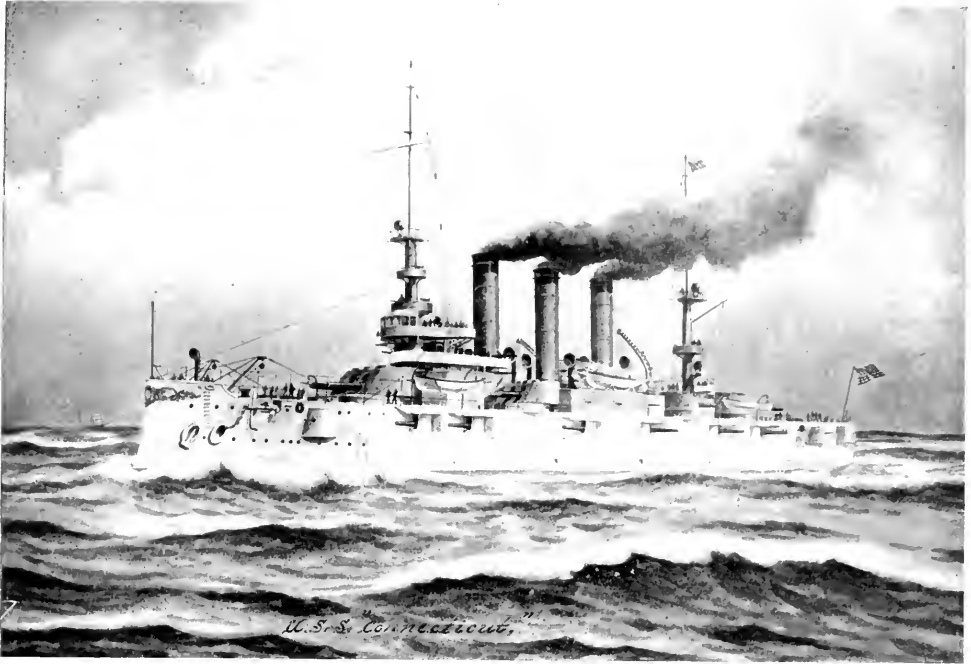


BROOKLAWN COUNTRY CLUB.

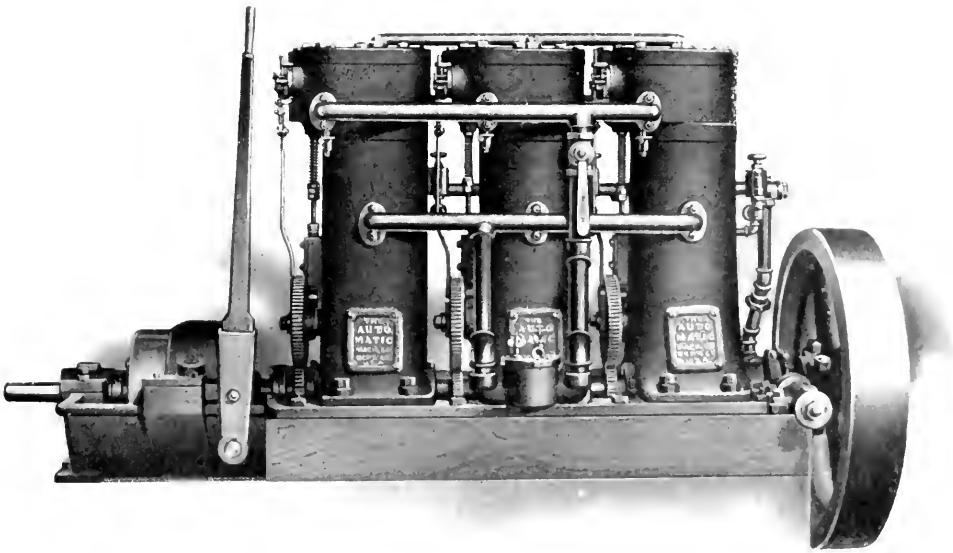
by plebeian and patrician. At either end of the beach salt water bathing may be enjoyed.

At the northern extremity of the city lies the beautiful Beardsley Park, one of the finest inland resorts of its kind in the eastern states. Comprising 122 acres, it affords an ideal place for those in search of quiet, health and rest. It is reached by the electric cars. Its horticultural display during the season has arrested the attention of many landscape artists. From its highest point a magnificent view of the city and Long Island Sound is obtainable.

Scattered through the city are a number of smaller parks which are largely patronized by those living adjacent to them.



U. S. BATTLESHIP "CONNECTICUT"



MADE IN BRIDGEPORT, CONN.
Automatic Machine Co.

POLICE

The police department of Bridgeport is widely known as a force of great efficiency. The present capable superintendent has in his possession communications from the heads of various police departments of America thanking the Bridgeport police for invaluable aid in ferreting out desperate criminals who have hid themselves here after daring depredations. The city is equipped with the Gamewell police signal system.



ALGONQUIN CLUB

LIGHTS

There are no dark spots in Bridgeport. An exceptionally well equipped electric lighting plant is maintained by the United Illuminating Company. Hundreds of arc lights are scattered throughout the city. Especially is the business and mercantile section well lighted. In the outlying districts the Welsbach gas light, which affords a brilliant illumination, is used, but in the main the large globe electric lights are utilized.



ROBERT COX TROPHY

WON BY MISS GEORGIANNA M. BISHOP,
WOMEN'S AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPION OF
AMERICA



GEN. TOM THUMB AND WIFE



BERGH FOUNTAIN

SCHOOLS

The public school system of Bridgeport is admirable from all view points. It has been the rule for the past dozen years or more to erect and equip at least one school house a year. It has been found necessary, however, during this period to provide for the remarkably consistent growth in attendance by the construction of numerous portable buildings. The grammar school system in Bridgeport compares favorably with any in New England.

The curriculum at the Bridgeport High School, to which scholars are matriculated after successfully passing the examinations of the ninth grade, is deemed one of the best in New England. It has been Bridgeport's boast in the past, and it will continue to be its pride in the future, that the first care and consideration



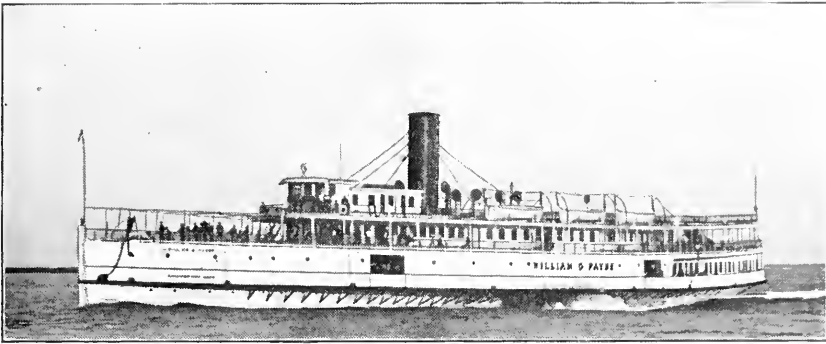
RESIDENCE OF DE VER H. WARNER

for the children is ample educational advantages. In the matter of private institutions of learning Bridgeport is well equipped. There are also several parochial schools the total attendance of which is about 4,000 scholars.

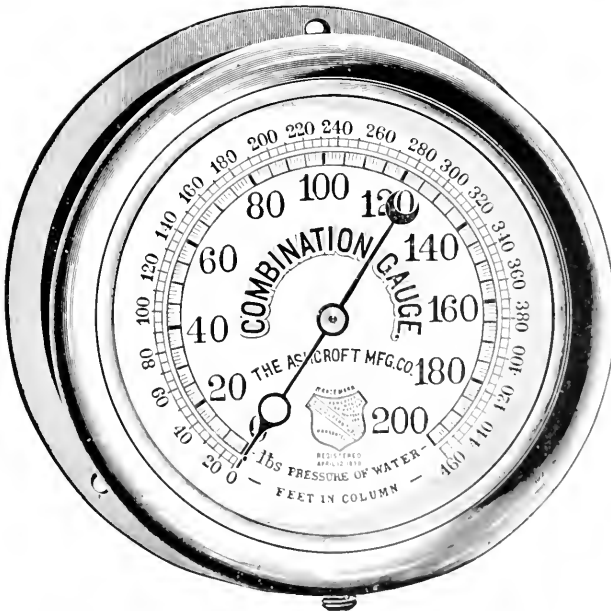
Visitors to Bridgeport make favorable comment on the architectural beauty and substantial character of its school buildings. Unlike other cities, no two designs are the same. Every district of the city is provided with ample facilities so that no child of eligible age is deprived of instruction. In the winter months night schools are maintained for the benefit of those who are compelled to work during the day. One of the advantages which the children of our public schools enjoy is free text-books, Bridgeport being one of the few cities in the country where this system prevails. The city also maintains a training school where its own teachers are prepared for their professional duties.



MADE IN BRIDGEPORT, CONN.
(Bridgeport Brass Co.)



WILLIAM G. PAYNE, MAKING DAILY TRIPS TO NEW YORK



MADE IN BRIDGEPORT, CONN. Ashcroft Mfg. Co.

CHURCHES.

Perhaps one reason why Bridgeport is so free from crime is because of the religious sentiment of its inhabitants. No city of its size can boast of more successful church organizations. Practically every denomination has a distinct home for divine worship. The people of Bridgeport contribute most generously to the support of their churches and their clergymen.



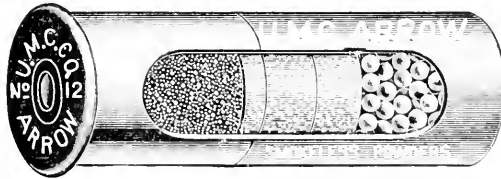
SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' MONUMENT

OYSTERS.

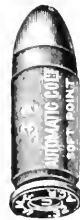
One of the industries in which Bridgeport takes a great amount of pride is the planting, cultivation and dredging of oysters. As is well known the waters of Long Island Sound along the Connecticut coast rise and fall over hundreds of thousands of acres of the finest oyster fields in America. The



ALGONQUIN CLUB



U.M.C.



MADE IN BRIDGEPORT, CONN.
(Union Metallic Cartridge Co.)

oyster industry is one of rare importance to Bridgeport. There are fully 1,000 oystermen, to say nothing of their families, engaged in oyster dredging in and about this port. Several prosperous companies maintain fleets comprising anywhere from eight to fifteen steamers each. Inasmuch as the public beds are located off Bridgeport harbor, the city is the home of hundreds of independent oyster workers. Excepting in the event of an occasional bad season these workers find the vocation a very profitable one. Sea foods of all kinds are to be found in the waters hereabouts.



RESIDENCE OF GEN. HENRY A. BISHOP

GARBAGE DISPOSAL.

The "*Bridgeport way*" for disposing of garbage is destined to be the way of the world. Unlike many of its sister cities who still cling to antiquated methods, Bridgeport has adopted a thoroughly modern and sanitary system by means of which all the table refuse of its population is subjected to an incinerating process, the operation of which is characterized by the complete absence of all unpleasant odor. Each day collectors call at the various homes and remove the offal, which is carried to the reduction plant situated in a sequestered section of the city, in water-tight steel carts. Three hours after the arrival of the refuse at the plant the hitherto homogeneous assortment has been reduced



RESIDENCE OF MRS. E. C. BASSICK



BROOKLAWN COUNTRY CLUB

to a pure distilled water and a finely granulated substance that is in big demand as a fertilizer for delicate plant life. Its system of collecting and reducing garbage is in line with the other commendable means Bridgeport has adopted for the purpose of enhancing the health of the community.



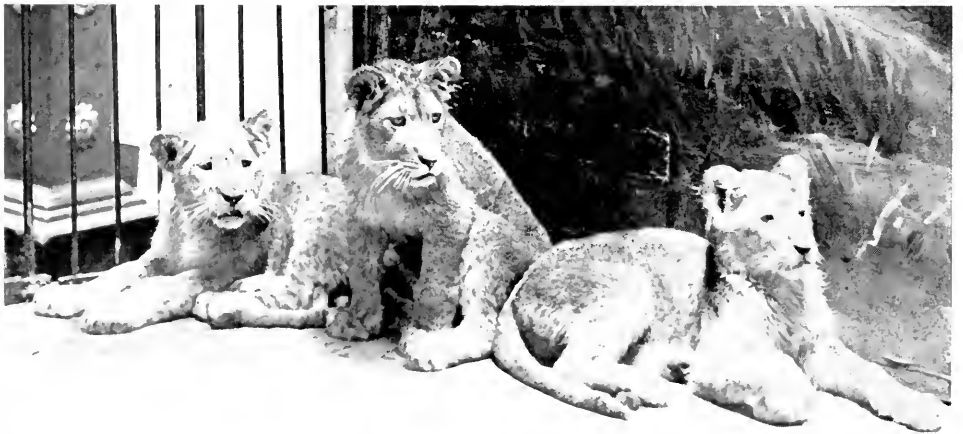
BIRTHPLACE OF GEN. TOM THUMB



YELLOW MILL BRIDGE

WINTER QUARTERS.

As Bridgeport was the home of the greatest showman of any age, P. T. Barnum, it is but meet that it should continue as the headquarters of the great Barnum & Bailey circus. Each fall at the close of the circus season the mammoth paraphernalia of this gigantic enterprise, including animals of every known species, return to this city for the winter. The property embraces many acres upon which have recently been erected a number of fine brick buildings.



ALSO, MADE IN BRIDGEPORT, CONN.



HON. P. T. BARNUM

NATHANIEL WHEELER



NATHANIEL Wheeler, son of David and Sarah (DeForest) Wheeler, was born in Watertown, Connecticut, September 7th, 1820. He was a descendant in the seventh generation from Moses Wheeler, who came from Kent, England, in 1638, and in 1643 settled in Stratford. David Wheeler, the father of Nathaniel, was a farmer and carriage manufacturer, and during his younger years the son followed the business of his father.

In 1848 Nathaniel Wheeler formed a co-partnership with Alanson Warren and George Woodruff, under the firm name of Warren, Wheeler & Woodruff, for the manufacture of small metallic wares, and assumed the management of the business, which was successful.

In 1850, Mr. Wheeler's attention was attracted to Allen B. Wilson's earliest sewing machine. He contracted for his firm to manufacture these machines under the style of "Wheeler, Wilson & Company". In October, 1853, the "Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Company" was organized under the general law of the State of Connecticut, and Nathaniel Wheeler was chosen general manager and president, positions he held until the time of his death. In 1856 the works of the company were moved to this city, and Nathaniel Wheeler became a resident of Bridgeport. His life work was intimately connected with the origin and development of the art of sewing by machinery.

In recognition of his genius and ability, he was decorated at the World's Exposition, Vienna, 1873, with the Knight's Cross of the Imperial Order of Francis Josef. At the Exposition Universelle, Paris, 1889, he was made a Chevalier of the Legion of Honor of France.

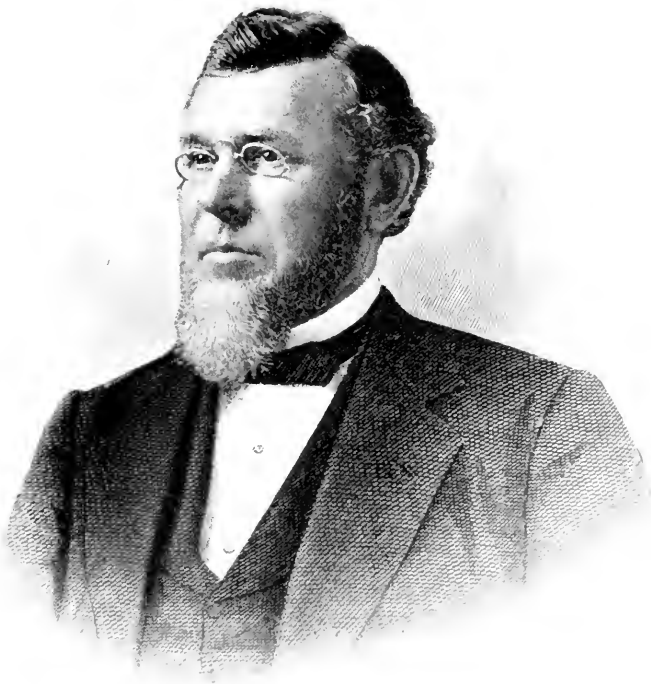
As an inventor, he secured patents in wood filling compounds, power-transmitters, refrigerators, ventilating cars, heating, and a multitude of devices in the construction of sewing machines.

In 1842 Nathaniel Wheeler married Huldah Bradley of Watertown. She died in 1857. They had four children. Those living are Samuel H., now President of the Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Co., and Ellen B., wife of Edward W. Harral of Bridgeport.

Nathaniel Wheeler's second wife, still surviving him, was Mary E. Crissy, of New Canaan. By this marriage were four sons, Archer Crissy and William Bishop, still living, and Harry DeForest and Arthur Penoyer, both deceased.

Philanthropic, far-seeing and with active intelligence, Nathaniel Wheeler was acknowledged a leader among men. He was one of the incorporators and a trustee of the Peoples' Savings Bank; a director of the City National Bank; the Bridgeport Hydraulic Co.; the Bridgeport Horse Railroad Co.; the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co.; the Fairfield Rubber Co.; the Willimantic Linen Co.; one of the founders of the Seaside Club and its first president; a member of the Board of Education; always an active member of the Board of Trade; a director of Mountain Grove Cemetery Association; a commissioner and one of the chief donors of Sea Side Park; a member and supporter of the Scientific and Fairfield County Historical Societies; and a member and liberal supporter of St. John's Episcopal Church. He served in the Common Council, and also with distinction in the General Assembly and State Senate. He was a commissioner for the building of the State Capitol at Hartford. In public affairs of the City, State and Nation, he took a deep and hearty interest, contributing to all, thought, labor and money. Unostentatious, his dignity, geniality and steadfast devotion to the interests of humanity won for him the respect and regard of all. His artistic tastes, his social qualities and his strong individuality, together with his love for his fellow townfolk and the City's welfare, will be remembered as long as memory lasts. The work he did is the world's heritage.

Mr. Wheeler died at his residence, Golden Hill, December 31st, 1893.



A. Wheeler

WILLIAM D. BISHOP



WILLIAM D. Bishop, although left in affluent circumstances, soon wearied of a life of idleness, and devoted himself to railroad work. The Schuyler fraud, which was discovered about this time, and which threatened ruin to all the stockholders of the New York & New Haven Railroad, was a strong stimulant to young Bishop at the inception of his career. He was consecutively engaged in various capacities on the New York & New Haven Railroad and Naugatuck Railroad until 1857, when he was elected to Congress. He was the youngest man in the House of Representatives while there, and, as those who were associated with him while there say, one of the ablest and most eloquent. His speech in favor of the so-called McCompton bill was considered one of the ablest efforts of the session, and so appealed to the leaders of the opposite party in the House and Senate that every effort was made to make him change his political creed, which, however, he refused to do. On the expiration of his term as congressman he was defeated on the second trial, and was subsequently appointed Commissioner of Patents under President Buchanan. On the expiration of his term of office he returned to his home and his chosen work, and became President of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, also President of the Naugatuck Railroad Company, and Director of the Housatonic. He held the office of president until 1880, when failing health, the result of unremitting labor, compelled his resignation, which was accepted with the deepest regret by his associates, and deepest sorrow by his subordinates, who found that he was always ready to listen to any one of them who had been a victim of any injustice. Shortly after his resignation he became the President of the so-called Eastern Railroad Association, an organization formed by the railroads of the East for mutual protection against patent suits. This had been a pet project of Mr. Bishop, and he filled the office of president uninterruptedly until the time of his death. He retained his interest in the New Haven Road and its allied lines until the time of his death, attending all meetings of the Board of Directors which it was possible for him to reach, and from November 11, 1899, until the time of his death he acted as vice-president of that organization and a member of its standing committee.

In 1850 Mr. Bishop married Julia A. Tomlinson, daughter of the Hon. Russell Tomlinson, President of the Bridgeport Spring & Axle Company.

For four or five years prior to his death Mr. Bishop had been in rapidly failing health, but in spite of his physical infirmity he devoted himself even more strenuously to railroad work, using every effort in his power to secure the construction of the new depot in Bridgeport and the elimination of grade crossings in this city. This extensive labor to his then frail physique resulted in his death, which occurred on the 4th of February, 1904. He was survived by his widow and five children, Russell T., William D., Henry A., Nathaniel W. and Mary F. Bishop.

Mr. Bishop possessed to a marked degree many of the characteristics of his father, lacking, perhaps, his progressive ideas. He, however, administered the properties with which he had become identified, and which his father had built, with splendid ability.

He possessed to a great degree his father's eloquence in argument, adding to it a kindly sense of humor.



HON. WILLIAM D. BISHOP

DAVID M. READ



THE Honorable David M. Read was born in Hoosac Falls, N. Y., October 12, 1832, and died at Bridgeport, Conn., December 5, 1893.

He was president of The D. M. Read Co. and The Read Carpet Co., director of the Bridgeport National Bank, and vice-president of the City Savings Bank. He was for fifteen years president of the Bridgeport Board of Trade, held many local offices, was appointed a member of the Board of Apportionment and was chairman of the Board of World's Fair Commissioners of the State of Connecticut at the World's Fair Exposition at Chicago.

Mr. Read represented Bridgeport in the General Assembly in 1881, and was Senator from the 14th district in 1889 and 1891. He was president pro tem of the Senate during the gubernatorial "deadlock" in 1891.

In legislative work Mr. Read was especially active in the bills for consolidation of town and city government of Bridgeport, also for abolishing toll-gate system in Fairfield County.

He was a delegate from the 4th district to the Democratic National Convention in 1884, delegate at large in 1888, and a member of the Electoral College in 1892.

Mr. Read was Lieutenant in the Second Connecticut Battery A, organized in 1861, Brigade Commissary in Connecticut National Guard for eight years, and Acting Commissary General at the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia.

In 1855 Mr. Read married Helen Augusta, daughter of Philo F. and Sally Barnum. The remaining members of the family at Mr. Read's death were, Mrs. Read, Charles B., David F. and May Louise.

Mr. Read was especially interested in the Boys' Club and everything pertaining to the poor children of the city.

The following editorial expresses the estimate of the character of Mr. Read:

"Hon. David M. Read was a man from whom his fellows rather expected than otherwise a word of encouragement, a glance of affection, a touch of sympathy, a warm grasp of the hand. His kindly presence, radiant with good-fellowship, has frequently seemed a contradiction to the intensity of partisan debate in which he was officially a frequent participant. Not that Mr. Read lacked moral courage, or shrank from the full exercise of convictions which were deliberately formed and tenaciously clung to. He was a partisan in politics and a determined man in business, but there was so much sunshine in his point of view, so much natural cheerfulness of temperament, that his atmosphere was charged to a greater degree than most men's with the brighter influences of life, and it was to that phase of his character that attention was naturally and affectionately drawn. He was a loyal citizen of Connecticut and a useful man of affairs in Bridgeport."



HON. DAVID M. READ

JAMES STAPLES



NAME closely identified with the Bridgeport Board of Trade from its birth in the year 1875, until his death in 1903. He was diligently and public-spiritedly devoted to the "greatest good of the greatest number" of Bridgeport's citizens, and nothing so quickened his acute business instincts as a rumor, however vague, that some distant industry, struggling along under more or less adverse local conditions, was casting about in quest of a new and more suitable location for its plant.

"Well, what do you want?" was the first query by Mr. Staples. Upon receipt of their answer, jointly with his capable associates of this board, he set about offering these would-be Bridgeporters, if possible and advisable, just what they wanted—in the way of sites, cash or other encouragement. It is furthermore recounted to his credit, that as a Chairman of the Executive Committee, he never took even "fair" advantage of his position as a member of the Board of Trade to "feather his own nest" by selling to such location seekers properties in which himself, or his firm of bankers and real estate dealers, were interested.

James Staples came of sturdy English stock, tracing in direct line an ancestry back to 1640. The original Staples settlers located on lands at present known as the town of Kittery, Maine. James' father, Captain Hezekiah Staples was a sea-faring man for more than thirty years. He was born in Swanville, Me., on the 19th of January, 1824, being one of twelve children. His education was acquired by diligence and a perseverance characteristic of him as boy and man, in the public schools of Searsport and at the academy at Belfast. Young Staples taught school from the age of seventeen till his removal to Bridgeport in 1854. Here he first engaged in the lumber trade, and was very successful 'till the financial crash of '57 overtook him, when, in common with many others, he went to the wall. The blow was a severe one; but adversity and hard knocks, like the storms and buffetings his sailor-captain father, Hezekiah, encountered along the "rock-bound coast" of Maine, seem only to have strengthened his will and nerved him for the fray. He next engaged in the insurance and real estate business, with his brother George. Later, the present large banking house of James Staples & Co., was established, with his son Frank T. Staples and Philip L. Holzer in the company. The large, fine Staples Building, corner State and Court Streets, was completed in 1892. This year Mr. Staples was elected Treasurer of the Bridgeport Board of Trade, in which capacity he served until his demise in 1903, when the board elected Frank T. Staples to be his honored father's capable successor. Many years an active member of the Seaside Club, regular in attendance, his interest in its welfare never waned to the day of his death.

All his life, from his school-teaching at the age of 17, back in old Maine, to his final taking off, James Staples was deeply interested in educational matters, and served many years on Bridgeport's Board of Education. As a member of the House of Representatives his activity in behalf of all measures affecting his own city was remarkable; and although the oldest among the State's legislators, his voice was raised and his influence felt when questions bearing on the public schools arose for consideration.



HON. JAMES STAPLES

JAMES WALKER BEARDSLEY



ALTHOUGH James Walker Beardsley was not a native of Bridgeport, as he was born and resided across the line in the Town of Monroe, he always evinced a lively interest in its welfare and regarded the Park City as his real home.

James and his uncle, Eli Walker, were bachelors, residing till their demise, in the old Monroe homestead.

Mr. Beardsley was not a man of large means, though possessed of much non-productive real estate, so that at times he regarded himself as "land poor." Viewed in this light it must be conceded that in proportion to his available means, his benefactions o'ertop those of more pretentious millionaires.

There is a pretty incident connected with the inception of the project of donating the large tract of uncultivated, rocky, and shrubby, hilly and level lands for a rural park to this city, that shows how warm and sunny was the big heart of this man of large physical and mental proportions. It all came of seeing some thoughtless farmer driving before him a flock of little girls because they had "trespassed" on his pasture land.

"If the Lord spares my life a few more years," said he, "you shall have a public park to romp and run in and no one to shoo you away!"

Of the lands that now make Beardsley Park our city's glorious heritage, Mr. Eli Walker, uncle of James Walker Beardsley, the donor, was the original owner; the latter inheriting it from him.

This thought of a public park, incited by the little girls and the burly farmer incident, grew upon him as the years went by until it became a life's ambition to the accomplishing of which his best energies were devoted, even to the day of his untimely and cruel taking off.

Mr. Beardsley's first move was the acquisition of the high hill in the centre of this tract, known as "Walker's Concourse," at that time owned by the Thompson Brothers, Edmund and George. The latter, though long-time importuned to sell it, had refused ever to part with it at any price, but on being appealed to by Mr. Beardsley, for the commendable purpose to which he desired to dedicate it, they at once consented to allow him to have it at a much less price than any other man could have bought it for any other purpose than a public park. After considerable manipulation and much opposition by some short-sighted citizens, these lands, and all that Mr. Beardsley had acquired by inheritance and by purchase were accepted by the Common Council.

Beardsley Park is now complete from within a few feet of the Trumbull line to the entrance at the head of Noble avenue, and contains about 121½ acres; 104 acres of which was the direct gift of James W. Beardsley, the city's great benefactor; the remaining 17½ acres, known as the "Hathaway Tract," were purchased from other parties by the city.

On March 25, 1878, about 15 years before his death, Mr. Beardsley deeded to the City of Bridgeport, the first tract of land, for park purposes, containing 25 acres, more or less.

On May 24, 1881, he also deeded to said city, for the same purpose, three separate tracts of land, containing 29 acres 53 rods, 2 acres and 35½ acres, respectively.

On October 1, 1887, he also deeded to said city, for park purposes, 3 acres, more or less.

By his last will, dated December 20, 1892, he also conveyed to said city, for park purposes, 9 acres, 1 quarter and 28 rods.

Said will contains this proviso:

That should said city, at any time, see fit to erect buildings on said property to be used as an Old People's Home, an Orphan Asylum, or for any benevolent or charitable use, that should not be sectarian, reformatory or penal, it shall have full power so to do.

Had Mr. Beardsley been the owner of sufficient means to do so, much that has been expended by the city in perfecting and beautifying this natural park would have been expended instead by its generous donor in his own lifetime. The present well advanced project of the Board of Trade to erect a suitable monument to the honor and memory of the noble man who gave us the park that bears his name, is gratifying. At the same time, the park itself will ever be and remain a living, growing testimonial to the man who could not endure to see a swarm of happy children driven from the green fields and the shady hillsides into the sun-searched dusty highways.



JAMES W. BEARDSLEY

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

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PRESIDENT FRED ENOS

on Occasion of Reception by Board of Trade to
the Honorary Board of Filipino Commissioners

To the Honorary Board of Filipino Commissioners, Distinguished Guests, and Gentlemen of the Bridgeport Board of Trade:

We welcome you, gentlemen of the Honorary Board of Commissioners, to America the land of your political adoption, to the United States of whose government you are now a part, to the American republic the home of the freeman, to the country whose doctrines of individual, political and religious freedom were proclaimed by Washington and perpetuated by Lincoln, Grant and McKinley.

We welcome you to Connecticut, rock-ribbed and sturdy in the principles of the American spirit, famous for its institutions of learning, for its mechanical genius, for the patriotism of its inhabitants, and for the wisdom of its founders in so moulding the early Connecticut laws that they afterwards became the model for the indestructible American constitution.

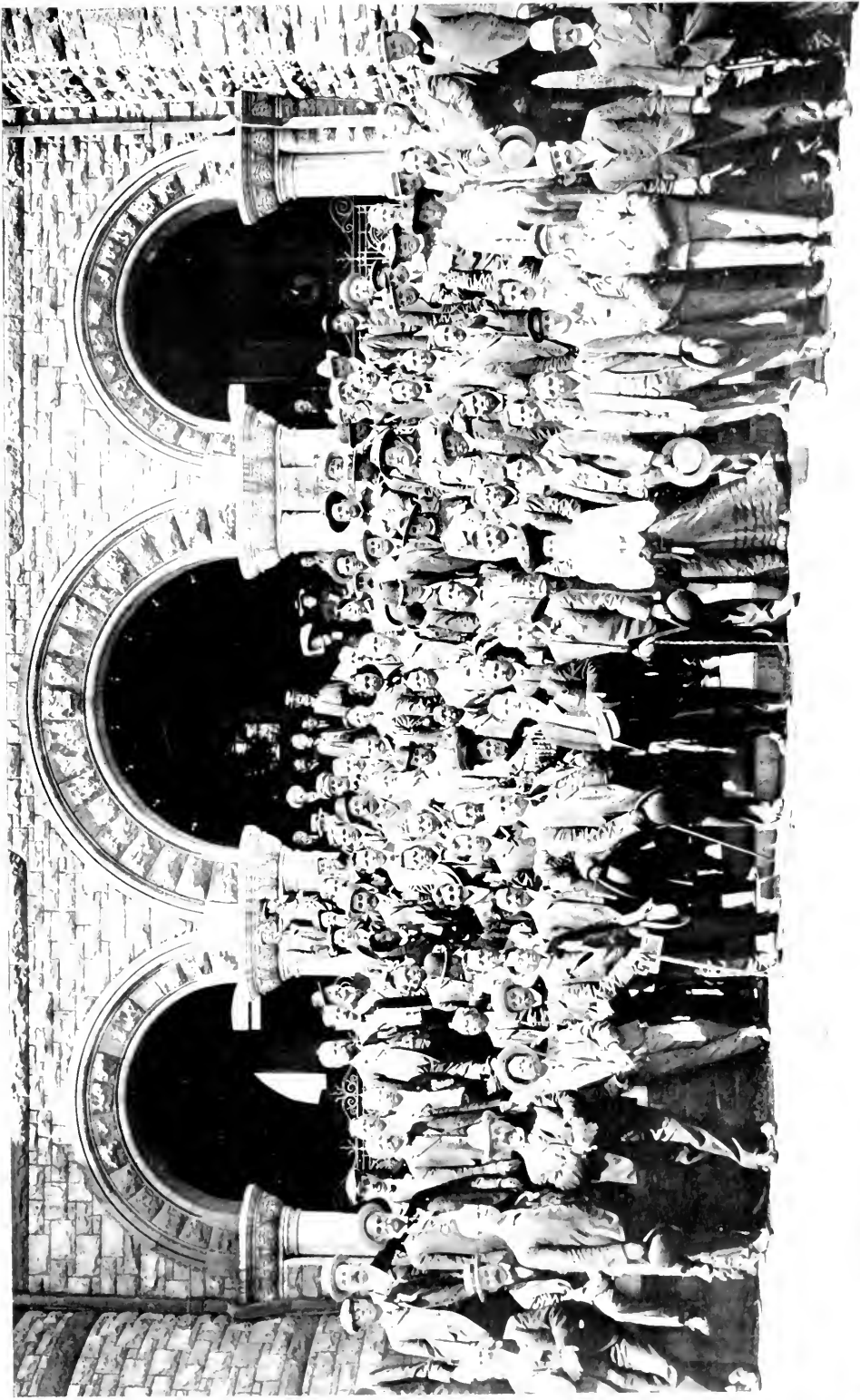
And we welcome you to Bridgeport, one of three cities in all New England designated by the War department in Washington for you to visit; Bridgeport, the most highly diversified manufacturing city in the United States. Almost everything is made in Bridgeport; from the tiniest needle to the mightiest forging; articles of brass and silver, silks and velvets, carpets and rugs; things which sew and those which reap; from things inanimate to those which talk; emblems of peace and implements of war. "Made in Bridgeport, Conn.," can be found on wares sold in every city in the world.

Bridgeport is an ideal New England city, composed of great industries and beautiful homes, famous for its parks, its public schools, its churches and its conservative people. A population of 85,000 inhabitants, with \$35,000,000 invested in 900 industries, paying \$10,000,000 annually in wages to 22,000 employees.

Bridgeport is one of those great industrial communities which constitute the progressiveness of the American people; which designates the United States as the foremost nation of the earth, and which has caused it to grow from the thirteen original states occupying a narrow strip along the Atlantic coast until it has spread to the Pacific ocean. And through the agricultural and industrial pursuits of its people it has extended its flag and its commerce to the West Indies, to the Hawaiian Islands and to the Philippine Archipelago, and now shares with Great Britain the proud distinction that the sun never sets upon its possessions; and because of its wealth, its power and its humanity, enjoys the prestige of being the dean of the nations of the earth.

The wonderful growth of the commerce of the Philippine Islands in the past five years is a further tribute to American thrift and genius. During the five years of our administration of your islands your export and import trade has increased nearly 100 per cent., from \$31,000,000 to \$66,000,000 annually. And may this prosperity ever continue; may your fields of hemp and sugar and tobacco respond in abundance to the hand of the tiller in your fertile valleys for which your country is so famous.

Go back to your native land you gentlemen of the Honorary Commission; take with you the trophies we bestow upon you; tell your people that the door of American civilization is open to them; that our mechanical arts and educational institutions are at their disposal; that that flag which has never known defeat is their protector; and say to them that the benediction of the great American people is peace, liberty and prosperity.



HONORARY BOARD OF FILIPINO COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF TRADE. COMMITTEE OF FORTY. JUNE 18, 1901

PERTINENT POINTS SHOWING WHEREIN BRIDGEPORT EXCELS

It is one of the most highly diversified manufacturing cities in the United States.

It is a port of entry.

It is the county seat.

It is a city of homes.

Its population is 85,000.

It has over 900 successful industries.

It has a number of parochial schools.

It has nearly 250 miles of fine streets.

It has a most efficient fire department.

It pays \$11,000,000 annually in wages.

Its tax rate is the lowest in proportion.

It is only 56 miles from New York City.

It is the healthiest city in New England.

It has a first class street railway service.

It has \$40,000,000 invested in industries.

It is remarkably free from labor disputes.

It is noted for its hospitality to strangers.

It is remarkably free from crime and vice.

It was the home of the late P. T. Barnum.

Its wares are known throughout the world.

It is 75 minutes rail travel from New York.

It is lighted all night by electricity and gas.

Its death rate is the lowest in New England.

It is the birth place of General Tom Thumb.

It has several private institutions of learning.

It furnishes free text books to school children.

It has nearly 100 miles of paved thoroughfares.

Its parks are the most beautiful in this country.
 It has two large theatres giving daily performances.
 It has a day and night steamboat line to New York.
 It has many organizations devoted to art and culture.
 It has one of the finest Masonic buildings in the East.
 It enjoys one street railway fare to all parts of the city.
 Its municipal government is economically administered.
 Its suburbs are easily reached by trolley for a single fare.
 It is the home of the Lake Submarine Torpedo Boat Co.
 It is the home of the largest cartridge factory in the world.
 It has 40 passenger trains to and from New York City daily.
 It has many other virtues appreciated only by its inhabitants.
 It is the largest corset manufacturing city in the United States.
 It is the home of the Barnum & Bailey Greatest Show on Earth.
 It was the home of Elias Howe, Jr., inventor of sewing machines.
 It has four daily, twelve weekly and several monthly newspapers.
 It has the finest passenger station between New York and Boston.
 It is the home of Miss Bishop, amateur golf champion of America.
 It is only two hours and forty-five minutes from New York by boat.
 It enjoys the lowest freight rate by rail and water in New England.
 It contains the largest body of skilled artisans of any city of its size.
 It has the best harbor facilities between New York and New London.
 It has no dangerous grade crossings, the railroad tracks being elevated.
 It has the largest and best equipped free public library in Connecticut.
 It has the largest area of free working (natural) oyster beds in the world.
 It was the home of Hiram Maxim, inventor of the celebrated Maxim gun.
 It was the home of Nathaniel Wheeler of the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing

Machine.

It was the home of Benjamin B. Hotchkiss, inventor of the famous Hotchkiss gun.

It has two Boys' clubs with membership of 2500, one club owning its own building.

It shows an increase in manufacturing establishments of 106 per cent. in the last decade.

It caused President Roosevelt to exclaim on his visit here, "One of the most marvelous cities I know of."



ORGANIZED 1854.

THE CITY NATIONAL BANK

Numbers 101, 103, 105 Wall Street, ~ Bridgeport, Connecticut



Capital
\$250,000

Surplus and
Profits
\$273,600

President
E. G. Sanford

Cashier
C. E. Hough

Asst. Cashier
H. B. Terrill

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David B. Booth
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FIRST NATIONAL BANK,

MAIN ST., COR. OF BANK, BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

JANUARY 11, 1905.

Capital, \$210,000.

Undivided Profits, \$252,000.



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O. H. BROTHWELL, Cashier.

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EDWARD W. MARSH,

EDWARD STERLING,

Treas. People's Savings Bank.

President of Spring Perch Co.

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HORACE L. FAIRCHILD,

ENOCH P. HINCKS,

of Hincks & Johnson.

CHARLES B. READ,

Treas. The D. M. Read Co.

ALEX. HAWLEY,

Treas. Bridgeport Savings Bank.

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Treas. Cornwall, Patterson & Co.

"Made in Bridgeport, Conn.," can be found on wares sold in every city in the world.



INCORPORATED 1806.

The Bridgeport National Bank

DEPOSITORY OF

The United States, the State of Connecticut, the City of Bridgeport.

T. B. DEFOREST, *President.*

F. N. BENHAM, *Cashier.*

Capital Stock, \$215,850.

Surplus and Profits, \$248,000.

DIRECTORS:

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Treasurer Warner Bros. Co.

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Of Wheeler & Howes, Coal Dealers.

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W. S. PLUMB,

Treasurer City Savings Bank.

GEORGE E. SOMERS,

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E. N. SPERRY,

President Monumental Bronze Co.

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THE Connecticut National Bank

CHARTERED in 1831 under the laws of the State of Connecticut, with a capital of \$3,321,100. It was chartered as a National Bank in 1865. Its Capital Stock remains the same with a Surplus and Earnings of \$238,896. The Bank offers every facility for the accommodation of depositors, and supplies every form of convenient money facilities for tourists, home or abroad.

DIRECTORS:

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THOMAS L. WATSON,
SAMUEL H. WHEELER,
HENRY A. BISHOP,

NATHANIEL W. BISHOP,
SILAS BURTON,
HAMILTON S. SHELTON.

President, S. W. BALDWIN.

Cashier, HAMILTON S. SHELTON.

Asst. Cashier, L. B. POWE.

Bridgeport Savings Bank,

INCORPORATED 1842.

Corner of Main and State Streets.

Deposits January 1st, 1905.	-	-	-	-	\$5,466,626.22
Surplus and Profit and Loss.	-	-	-	-	252,560.24
Assets at Market Value.	-	-	-	-	6,058,515.46



Deposits of \$1.00 to \$1,000.00 received from one individual in one year.

Interest commences the first of the month succeeding the deposit. Interest payable January and July.

OFFICERS.

President, T. B. DeFOREST

Vice-Presidents, EDWARD STERLING, F. B. HAWLEY.

Secretary and Treasurer, ALEXANDER HAWLEY.

TRUSTEES.

F. N. BENHAM,

ALEXANDER HAWLEY,

L. W. EATON,

FREDERICK TRUEEE,

CHARLES B. READ,

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CHARLES W. HAWLEY,

HOWARD H. KNAFF.

SAMUEL A. BURN^c,

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Bridgeport, Conn., is the most highly diversified manufacturing city in the United States.



CITY SAVINGS BANK

INCORPORATED 1899

BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT.

Deposits \$243,165.45.

Surplus and Interest \$336,257.09.

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EDWARD A. LEWIS,

EDWIN BANKS,

BENJAMIN FLETCHER

Secretary and Treasurer, WILLARD S. PLUMB

Directors,

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Executive and General Manager, RICHARD W. COGSWELL

Deposits 18 months at the rate of five per cent, and draw 10 per cent. Six months at the rate of four and one-half per cent.

Notice of withdrawal is not required. Withdrawal is added to the principal. All deposits made in accordance with the highest rate of interest consistent with law.

We will receive deposits of Real Estate—approved Collateral, at the rate of 5 per cent.

Accounts closed on business days at 12 o'clock. The City Savings Bank of you. Open on business days at 12 o'clock.

Mechanics and Farmers Savings Bank,

107--109 WALL STREET.

Deposits March 1st, 1905,	- - - -	\$3,325,656.62
Surplus and Interest March 1st, 1905,	- - - -	134,372.52
Assets,	- - - -	\$3,460,029.14



JOHN L. WESSELS, President
M. E. MORRIS, F. B. HALL, Vice-Presidents
L. S. CATLIN, Secretary and Treasurer

The Mechanics and Farmers Savings Bank receives deposits of \$1.00 to \$1,000.00, and allows interest from the 1st of each month.

Its convenient location on the *ground floor* of its *new building*, with its liberal and courteous treatment of customers has made its progress, the past year, remarkable.

People's Savings Bank,

INCORPORATED 1860.

BRIDGEPORT, - - CONN.

STATEMENT FEB. 1, 1905.

Amount due depositors, - - - -	\$3,945,412.21
Assets at book and par value, - - - -	4,124,310.67
Assets at market value, - - - -	4,405,720.67



WILLIAM E. SEELEY, President.

SAMUEL W. BALDWIN, 1st Vice-President. HENRY ATWATER, 2d Vice-President.

EDWARD W. MARSH, Secretary and Treasurer.

TRUSTEES.

ENOCH P. HICKS
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LEWIS B. CURTIS.

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GEORGE COMSTOCK,
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The People's Savings Bank, located at 105 Main Street, Bridgeport, affords a secure investment for your money, with interest and when you desire safety as the first consideration. It is a safe place for your savings. Deposits of one dollar are received.

Save your money. Start at once. Save your money. Start at once. It is not too late to begin. Save your money. Start at once. Save your money. Start at once.

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Locate your factory in Bridgeport, Conn.



THE progress of financial affairs in Bridgeport is forcibly illustrated by the rise of the firm of James Staples & Co., one of the oldest elements of the city's finance, and probably the best known house of its class here, or even the State itself. This business was established by James Staples in 1859, who commenced as a real estate broker and agent, and four years later the enterprise was broadened by the addition of an insurance underwriting department. Early in 1871 Mr. Staples added a banking branch to his affairs, dealing as a private banker, and performing the functions of a broker in all matters of investment or financial affairs. Steadily expanding in magnitude, the concern became a co-partnership in 1884, P. L. Holzer and the founder's son, Frank T.



Staples, joining the house, which thus became James Staples & Co., and in 1892 these built the handsome structure at 186 State street, equipped it with everything a modern office building should possess, added a safe deposit vault and entered upon the largest era of the staunch old concern's career. 1905 finds the business still known as James Staples & Co., the partners being Philip L. Holzer and Frank T. Staples, and with a record back of it of 46 years of careful, conservative and successful management. Either as real estate agents, writer of fire insurance, bankers, brokers, or in any fiscal capacity whatever, this firm is well prepared to give good service to the capitalist, the business man, the small investor, the borrower, landlord or tenant; and its facilities are ample in each and every department.

ESTABLISHED 1866.

T. L. Watson & Co.
BANKERS.

Stocks
and
Bonds.

Insurance.

979 Main St., Bridgeport, Conn.

Interest Allowed on Deposits.

OFFICE OF
THE BRIDGEPORT TRUST COMPANY,
 167-171 STATE ST., BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

CAPITAL, \$200,000.00
 SURPLUS AND UNDIVIDED PROFITS, 85,291.07

THIS COMPANY TRANSACTS A GENERAL
 BANKING BUSINESS IN ALL ITS BRANCHES.

RENTS SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES.

ACTS AS EXECUTOR, ADMINISTRATOR,
 TRUSTEE, OR IN ANY FIDUCIARY CAPACITY.

F. W. MARSH, PRESIDENT.
 EGBERT MARSH, SECRETARY.

ORANGE MERWIN, VICE-PRESIDENT.
 E. H. JUDSON, TREASURER



THE BRIDGEPORT LAND & TITLE Co.,
 169-171 STATE STREET.

CAPITAL, \$100,000.00
 SURPLUS AND UNDIVIDED PROFITS, 18,398.81

GUARANTEES TITLES TO REAL ESTATE.
 FURNISHES ABSTRACTS AND CERTIFICATES OF TITLE.
 TRANSACTS A GENERAL REAL ESTATE BUSINESS.
 COLLECTS RENTS AND TAKES CARE OF PROPERTIES.
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 NEGOTIATES LOANS.

ORANGE MERWIN, PRESIDENT.
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Bridgeport, Conn., has \$40,000,000 invested in industries.



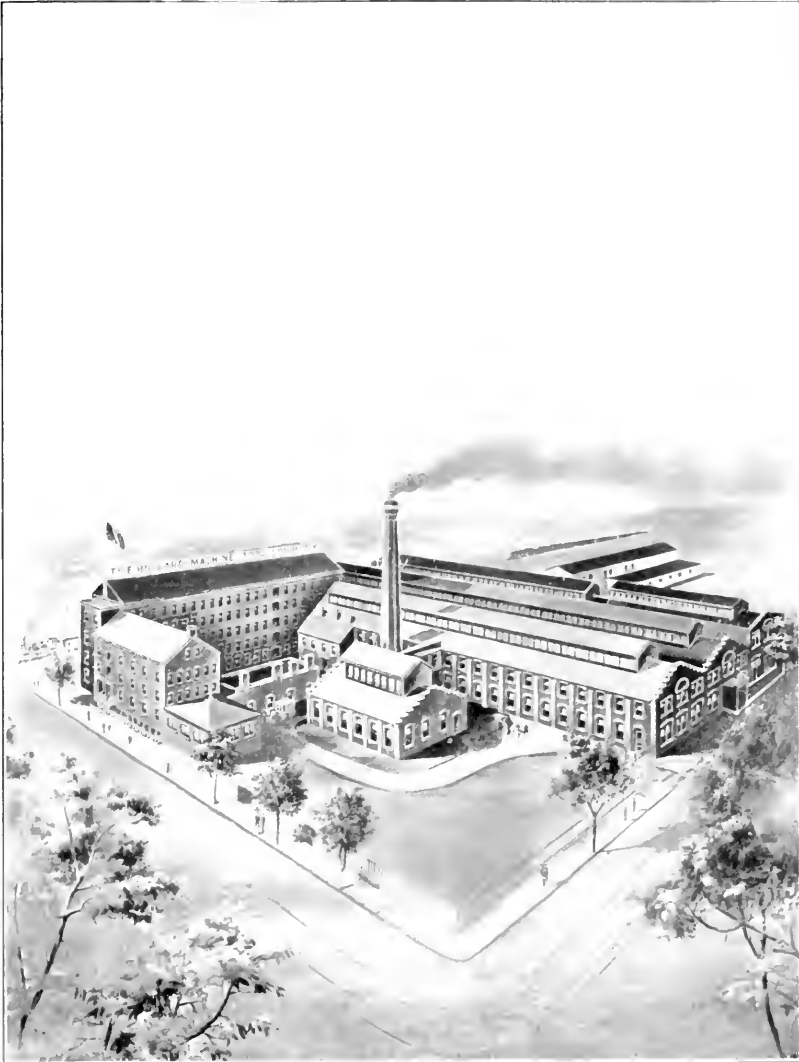
Boody, McLellan & Co. *Bankers & Brokers*

57 Broadway, & & New York

- This well known banking firm is represented in Bridgeport by F. A. WHITNEY, and have very handsome offices in the Bridgeport Savings Bank Building, No. 187 State Street.
- Established in 1878, Boody, McLellan & Co. have a reputation for conservatism, strength, and reliability, and have the distinction of being the only members of the New York Stock Exchange, having an office in Bridgeport.
- They do a general banking and brokerage business, dealing in high grade stocks and bonds, for investment or on margin, and have a direct private wire to New York.

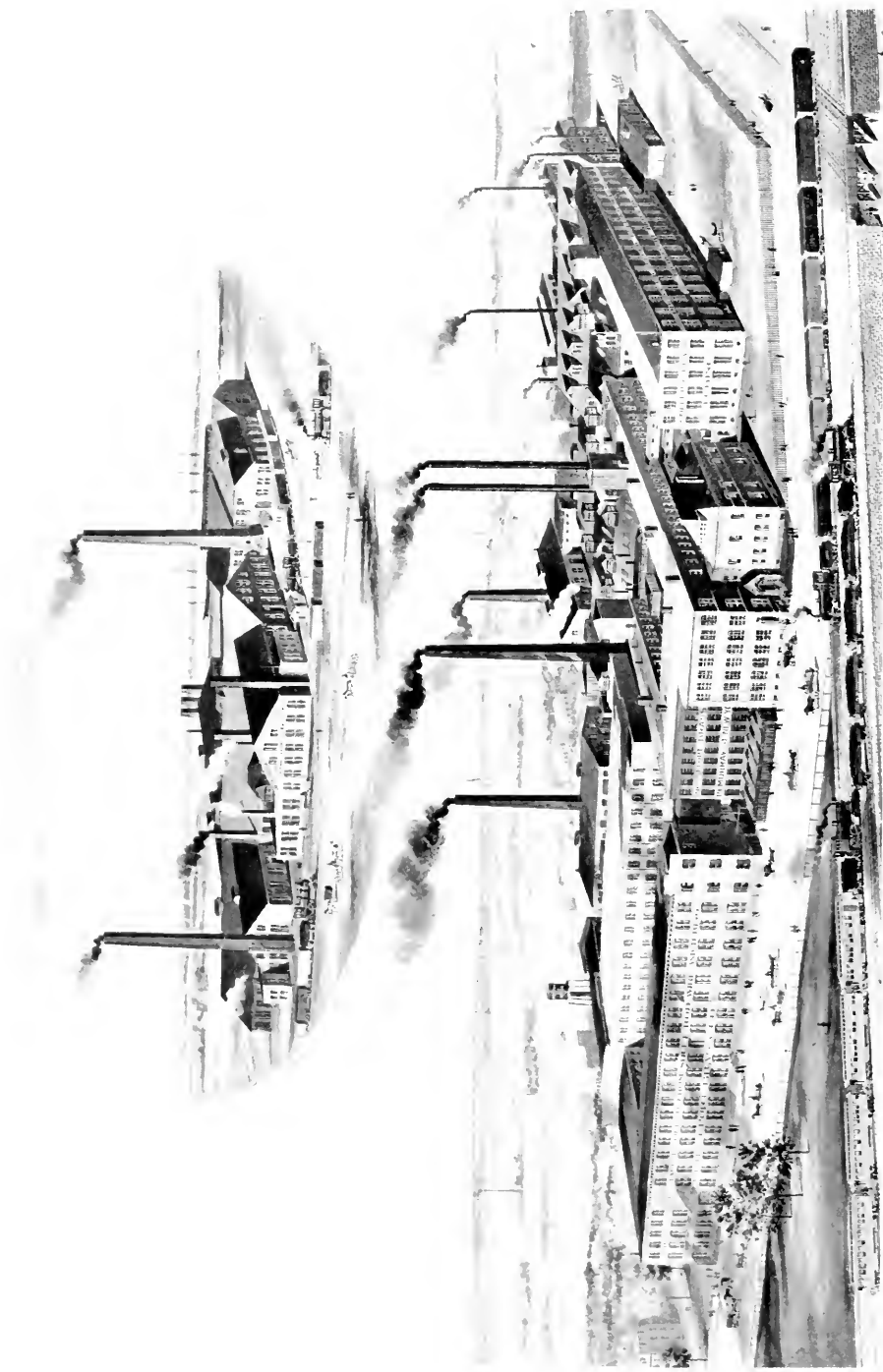


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ESTABLISHED IN 1837.



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MANUFACTURERS OF

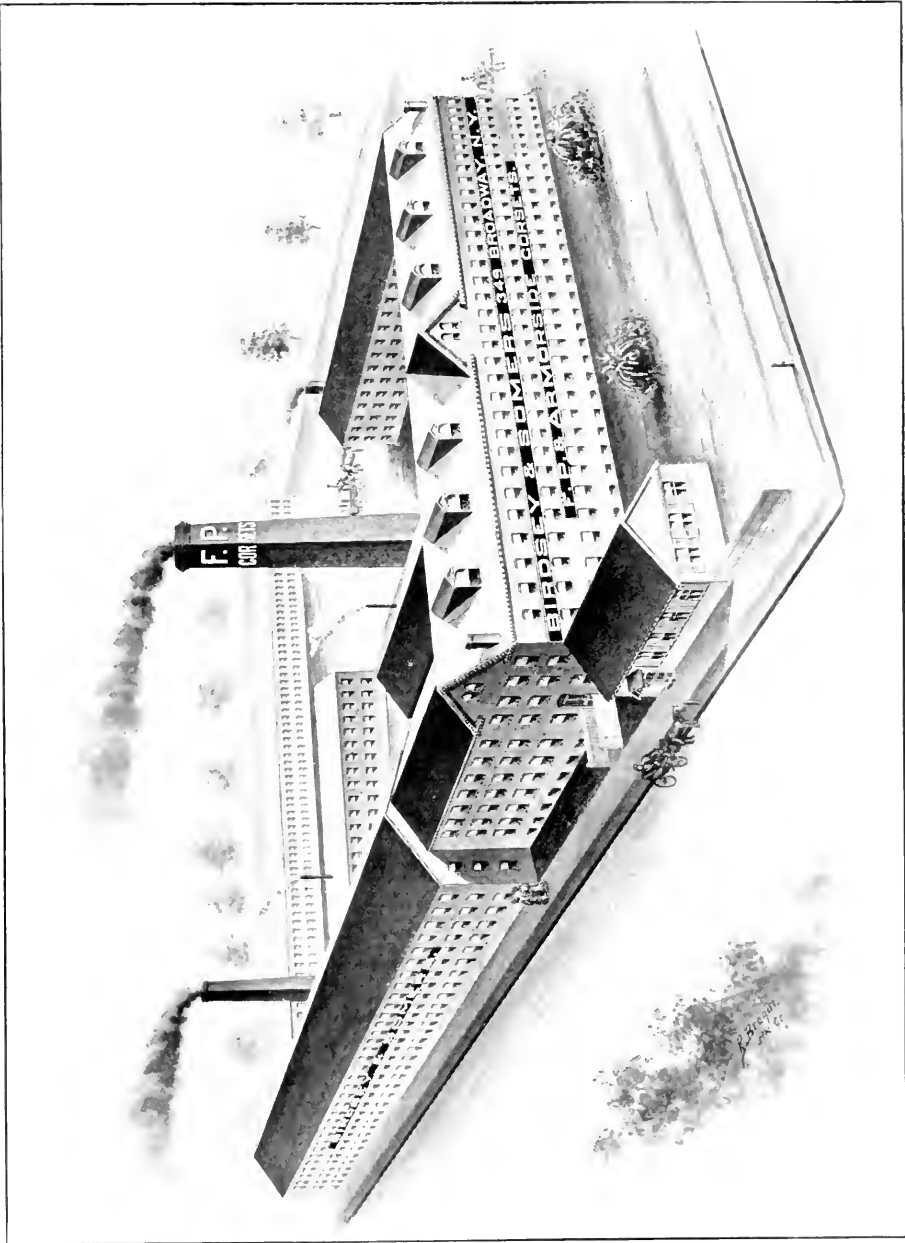
Coach Lace and Carriage Trimmings.



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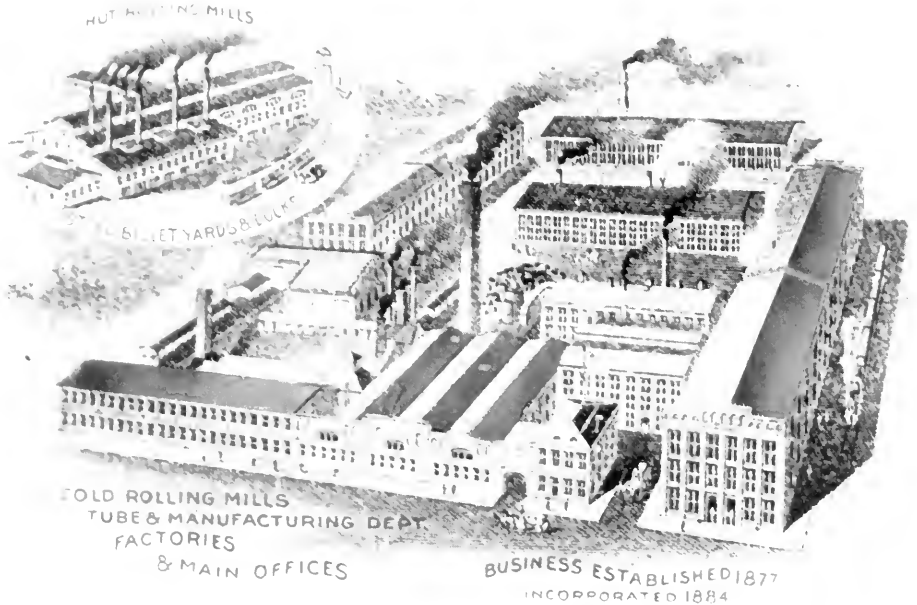
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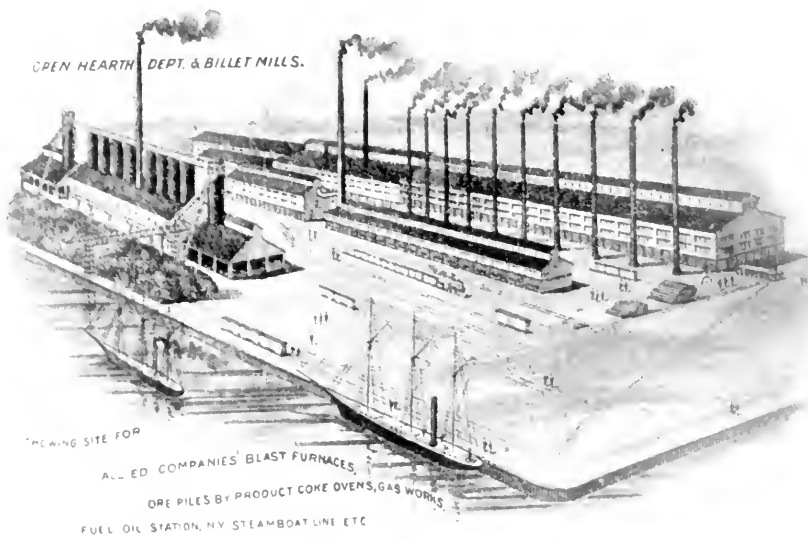
WE operate three plants. In one we produce Steel Billets by the Open Hearth process. We are thus assured of an unlimited supply of material and a close attention to the details of our requirements, which is absolutely impossible when dealing with an outside company. Skilled engineers, practical steel men, and chemists look after the physical and chemical qualities of each heat, which is carefully and systematically recorded.



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IN our *Stamping Department* we have a large force of skilled engineers, designers, tool-makers and machinists. All the dies and tools necessary for work done by us can be produced on our own premises. We have a magnificent equipment of Die and Tool Making, also Stamping Machinery, and mechanics trained in its use. ¶ We solicit your orders for Drawn or Stamped Steel Work, especially difficult work, involving deep drawing operations, and we are thoroughly sure we can give you entire satisfaction in regard to quality, delivery and price. The goods can be furnished in Nickel, Brass, Copper, or Zinc Plate, or Oxidized, Timed or Japanned. ❀ ❀ ❀



OUR Stamping Department Specialties are Copperized and Nickel Plated Steel Stove Trimmings, Nickel Plated Steel Bell Gongs, Copperized and Nickel Plated Steel Oilers (the old Wilmot & Hobbs Mfg. Co. brand), Steel Rims (Clincher and regular Crescent shape) for Automobiles, Steel Tubing of various styles and sizes, Steel Axle Boxes and Hubs for Wheels. ¶ A general line of Steel Stampings (with Enameled or Plated Finishes of all kinds). ❀ ❀ ❀ ❀ ❀ ❀ ❀ ❀

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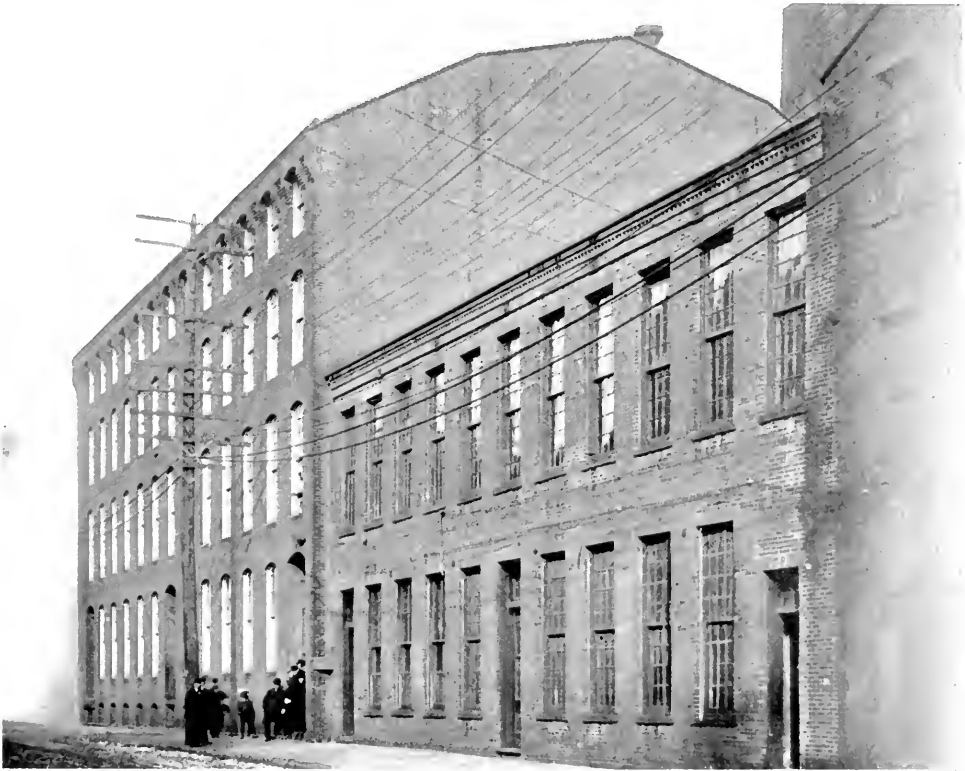
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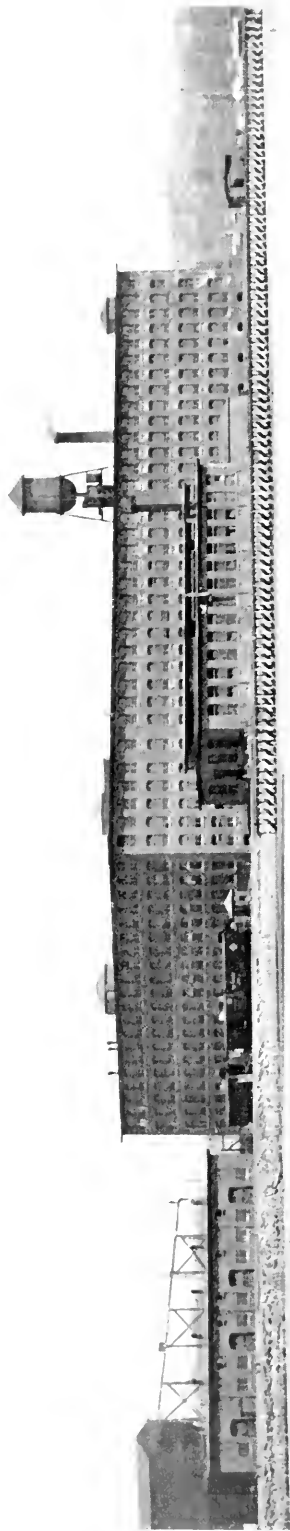
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Bridgeport, Conn., has Day and Night Boats to New York.



OUR policy, formed at the outset and strictly adhered to throughout three years of most successful manufacture, has been to build gasolene cars equal in the smallest details of design, material and workmanship, to the very finest makes of France and Germany, but to design them for American conditions, and thus make them, for our roads, preferable to the foreign cars. That we have fully succeeded in carrying out this policy is proven by the splendid reputation which our product has gained. Our cars have given absolute satisfaction to owners and drivers wherever used.

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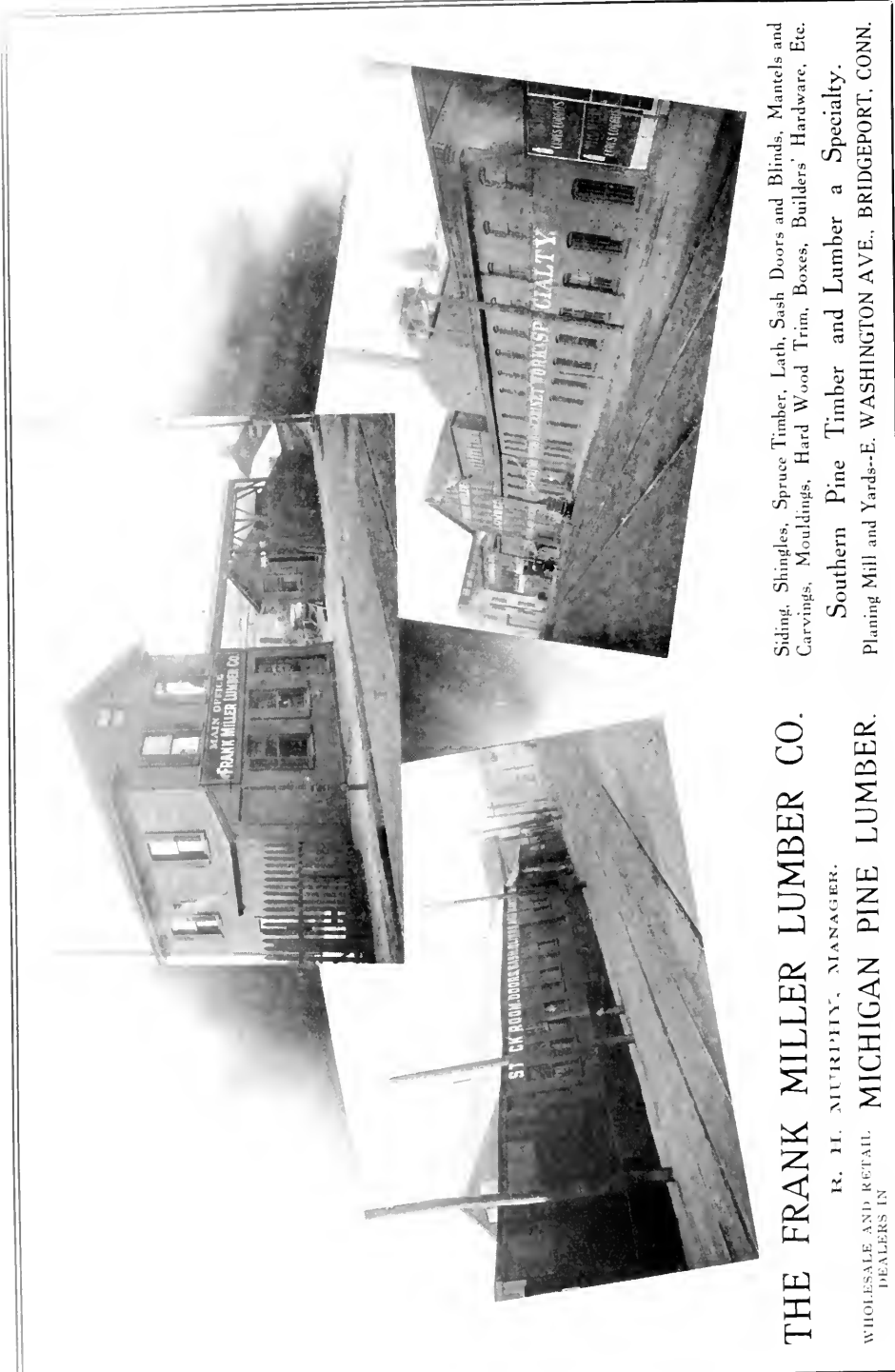
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Manufacturers of

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As Spofford, Ratchet, Drill, Angular, Corner and Corner Ratchet and Whimble or Double Crank Braces. Hand and Breast Drills of various kinds. Hollow Handle Tool Sets or Tool Pads. Combination Hafts, and like goods.



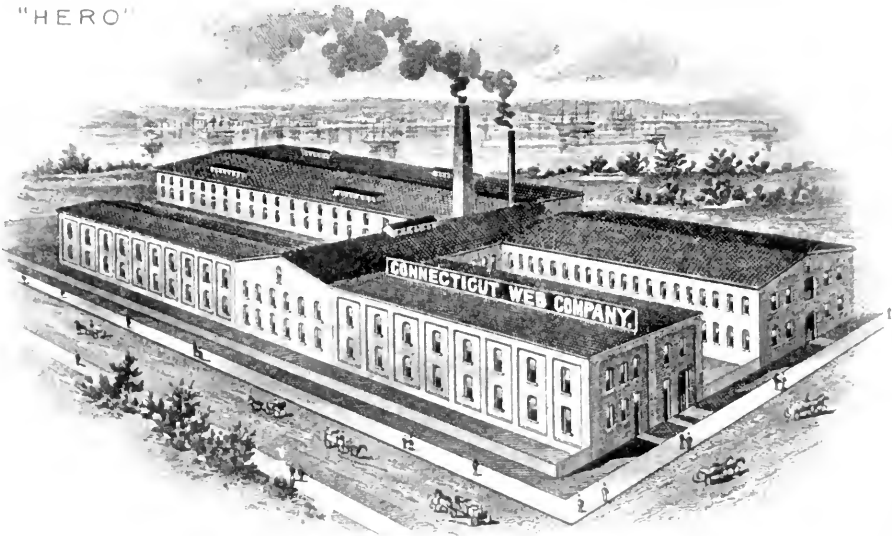
BUSINESS was begun in 1866 and for the greater part of the time, we have, in addition to our domestic trade, been favored with a very good export business, by which means our goods have become known as "*Made in Bridgeport, Conn.*," throughout the larger portion of the world. ¶ During all of the time, it has been our object to produce goods of such quality that as the years go by, our friends both abroad and at home, shall have no occasion to question their being equal to any made. ¶ Our location in Bridgeport, Conn., so near New York City, gives facilities for obtaining material, domestic or foreign, used in our lines, as also permitting of goods finished to-day and being shipped by rail or boat, being in New York City next morning, if needed for export or for transshipment to any other port.

The Connecticut Web Company.



IN the foreground of Bridgeport's most conspicuous industries, is the Connecticut Web Company, in whose extensive plant on Knowlton Street, and reaching out to the harbor front, superior grades of Elastic and Non-Elastic Webbing and Metal Trimmings for Suspenders and Garters; Hose Supporters for Men, Women and Children, and Metal Novelties of great variety, including Clasps, Rings, Fancy Brass Goods, Belt and other sorts of Buckles, and Metal Trimmings for many uses, are manufactured on a large scale. ❀ ❀ ❀ ❀ ❀ ❀


CABLE ADDRESS:
"HERO"



FACTORY:
BRIDGEPORT CONN.

NEW YORK OFFICE
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 "Bridgeport," "A Motor That Motes,"
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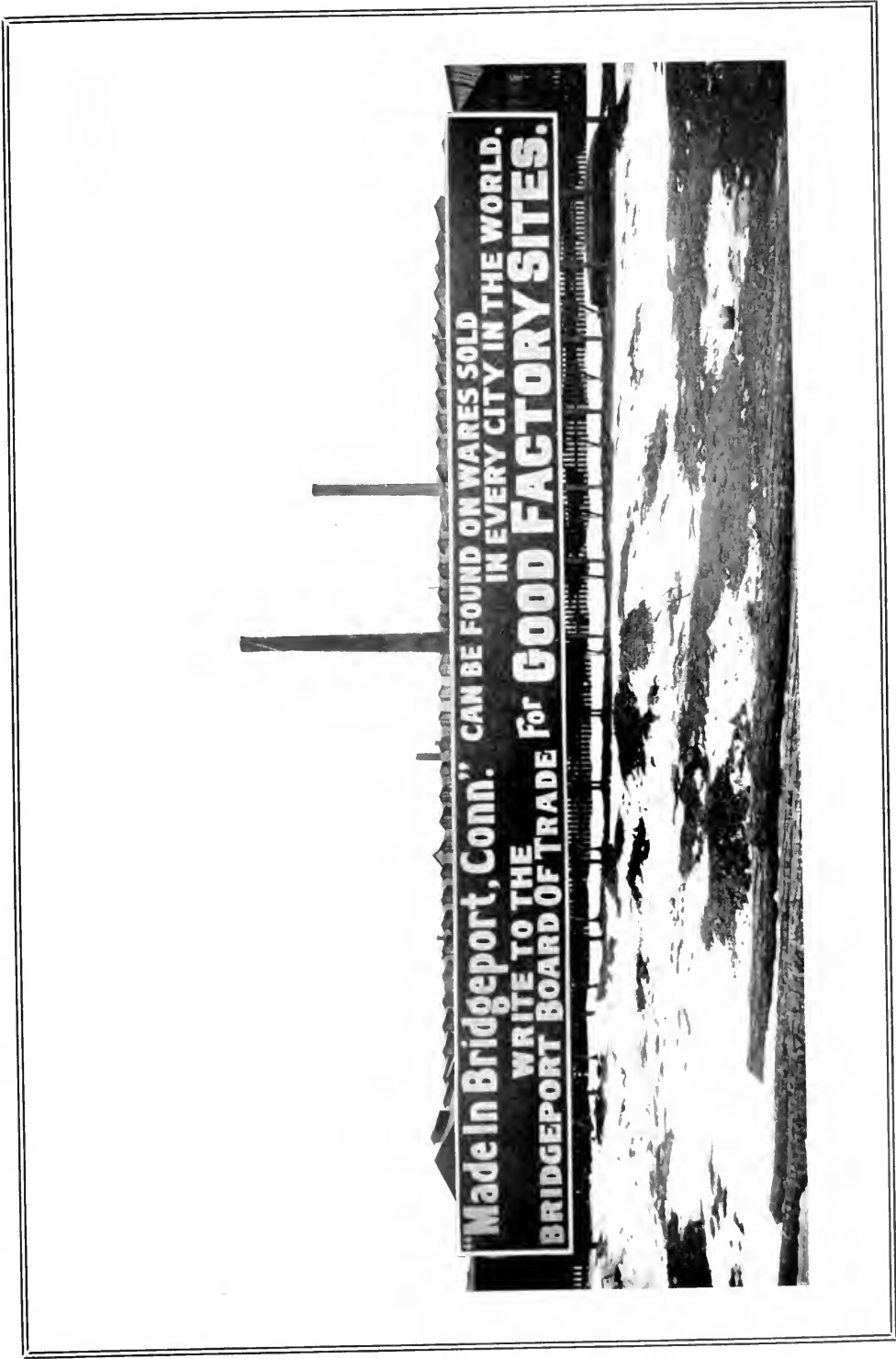


THOMAS P. TAYLOR is the largest manufacturer of his line of goods in the United States. He manufactures

*Hose Supporters, Belts, Bustles,
 Girdles, Collar Foundations,
 Corset Clasps, Corset Wires,
 Paper Boxes, Embroidery Hoops,
 and many other notions and novelties.*

¶ The business was started fourteen years ago with a total floor space of 7,000 square feet. At that time he had about fifty employees. The present factory has a floor space of over 100,000 square feet, and is modern in all its equipments. From five to six hundred hands are employed, according to the season. ¶ The main office is in Bridgeport, with branch offices in Chicago, New York, St. Louis, and Boston. Twenty travelling salesmen are employed. The factory is under the supervision of H. H. Taylor, F. M. Hammond and M. B. Hammond.

“Made in Bridgeport, Conn.,” can be found on wares sold in every city in the world.



The Bridgeport Hydraulic Company

THE water supply of Bridgeport, furnished by the Bridgeport Hydraulic Company, in point of purity, quantity, pressure and the absence of substances that cause the corrosion of boilers, is equal to that of any other city in the country of approximate size, and with the completion of the improvements now in progress, will surpass most of them.

All of the water now being distributed, is surface water, absolutely free from carbonates, metallic impurities and acids, and it escapes the pollution of villages and the detrimental effect of being used for mill power. Its source is from numerous small streams rather than one large river or stream that is more likely to be contaminated. A significant



fact is that boilers which have been in constant use in this city for twenty years show no signs whatever of scaling or corrosion.

Bridgeport to-day has an abundance of pure water for all its needs when many surrounding cities have been in dire want, in consequence of the recent protracted dry weather. The present storage capacity of the Bridgeport Hydraulic Company's system is over three billion gallons, soon to be increased by the construction of another large reservoir, work on which is now under way, to over

four billion gallons. Hence a water famine in Bridgeport is practically a physical impossibility.

• The system is divided into four independent supplies, from which pipes extend into the city. One of these supplies is held in reserve to be used in the event of a break in any of the other three. Should a great fire occur at any time the water supply would be found adequate for any size conflagration.

• It is the constant aim of the Bridgeport Hydraulic Company to give Bridgeport, and the surrounding towns, the purest water possible. The water sheds of the several reservoirs are regularly subjected to a most careful inspection and every other precaution known to hydraulic science is taken to make and to keep the water supply free from the impurities that are objectionable. Analyses are frequently made of samples of water from the different reservoirs and these invariably show a total absence of bacilli which causes intestinal troubles.

• In this connection it is interesting to note that a report recently published in book form, prepared by a commission of experts employed by the City of New York to investigate the water conditions throughout the country, gives Bridgeport the lowest death rate of all cities in the United States of 50,000 population



and upwards. A copy of this report, the preparation of which entailed the expense of over one quarter of a million dollars, is available to consumers at the office of this company, corner of Main and Gilbert streets. Improvements are constantly being made in the different reservoirs and no expense is spared to keep them in the very best condition. The new reservoirs now being built will add greatly to the present facilities.

• The following is an analysis of a sample of water taken from Bridgeport's largest supply, made by Prof. H. E. Smith, Dean of Yale Medical Faculty, the figures given are in parts per million:

Turbidity,	0	Nitrates,	0.88
Sediment,	very scant	Alkalinity,	14
Color,	17 (Silica Standard)	Bacteria,	28 per cubic centi-
Chlorine,	2.70		meter)
Free Ammonia,	.012	Metallic impurities,	86

The Bridgeport Gas Light Co.



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Main Street

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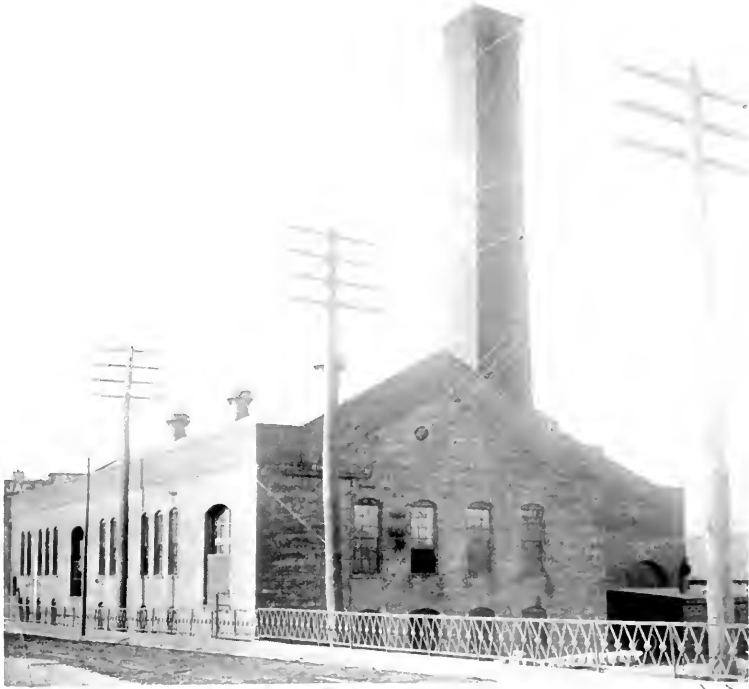
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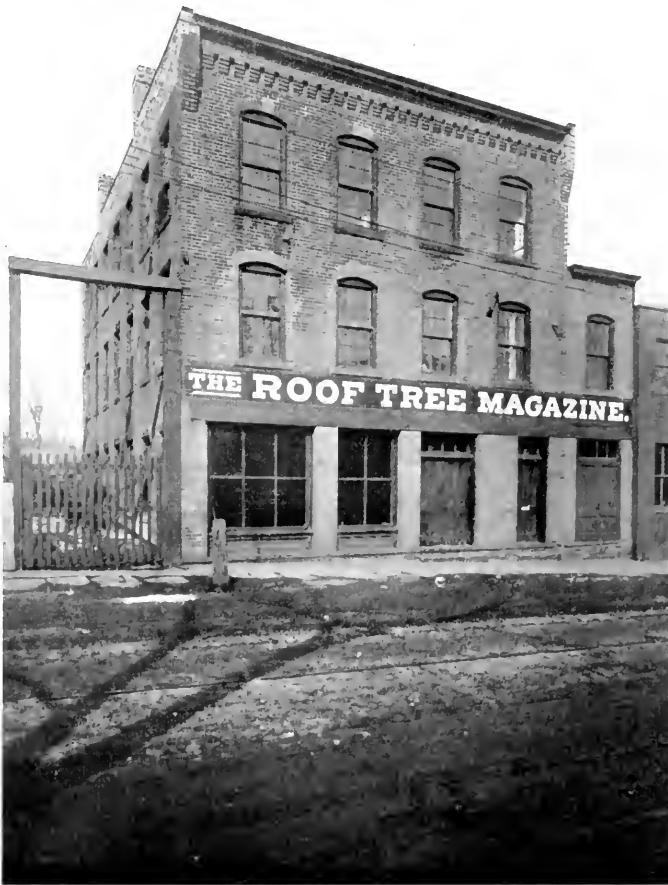
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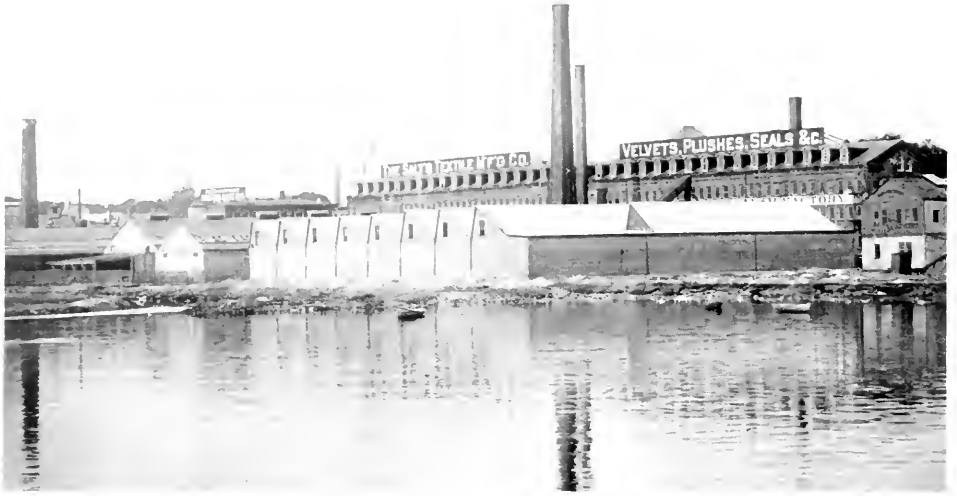
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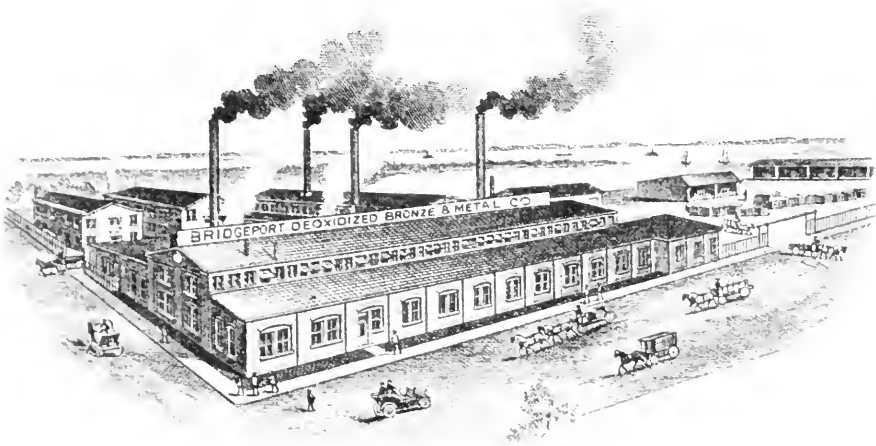
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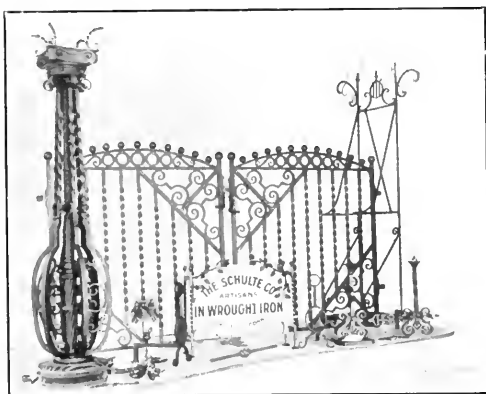
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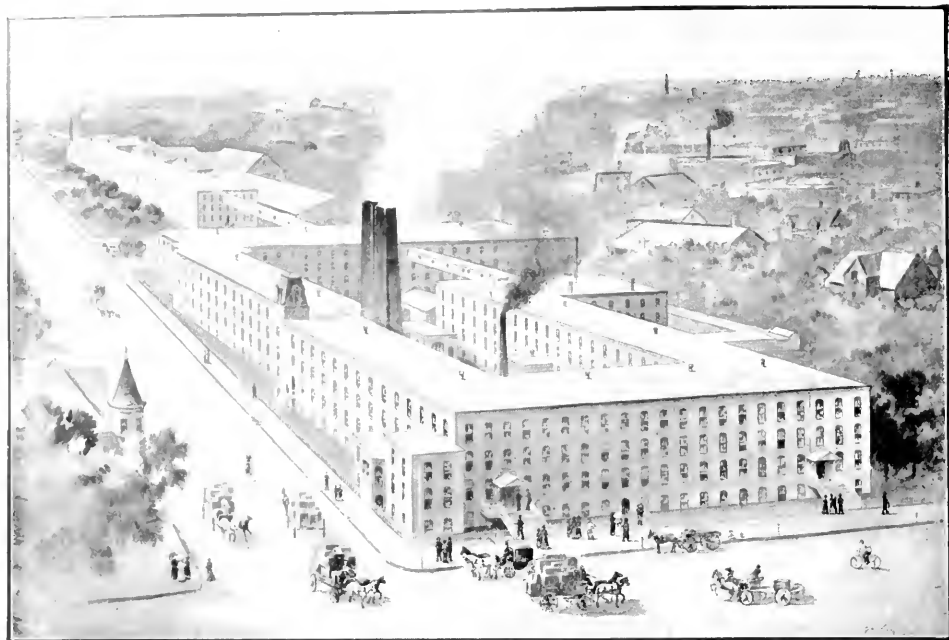
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SECURITY RUBBER BUTTON HOSE SUPPORTERS

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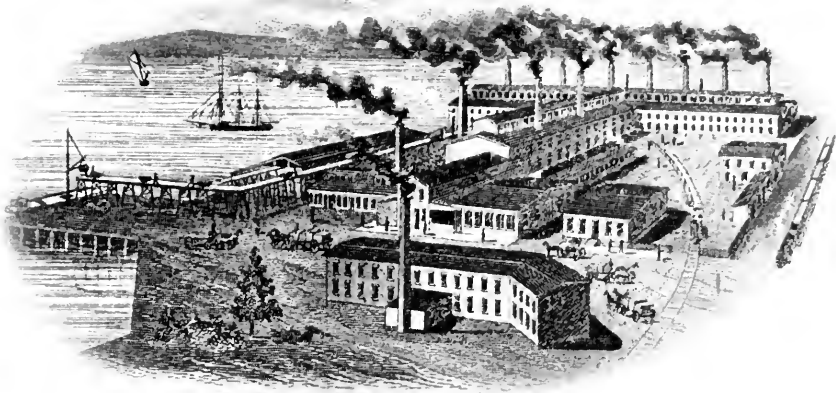
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THIS Company has an extensive trade all over the United States, and the mark "CHALLENGE" stamped on cutlery has become recognized as a guarantee of the highest quality and finish. ¶In former years, merchants and consumers gave preference to English and German cutlery, but the high standard, uniform quality and fine workmanship of American cutlery has changed conditions, and they now largely call for "CHALLENGE CUTLERY," "MADE IN BRIDGEPORT, CONN." ¶The growth of the business has been so rapid that it has out-grown its present quarters, illustrated above, and plans for the erection of a large, modern, brick building, as shown elsewhere, have been made, and will be carried into execution during 1905.



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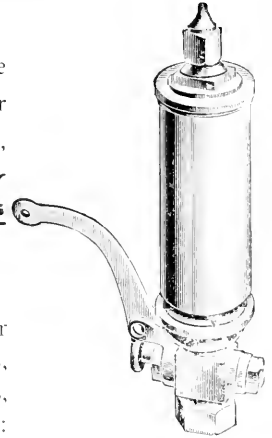
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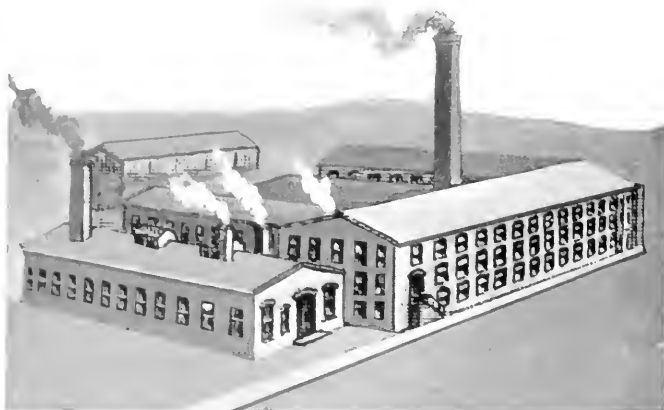
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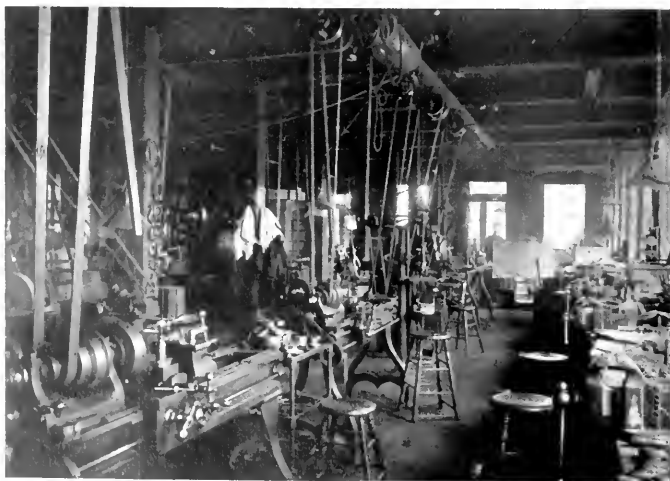
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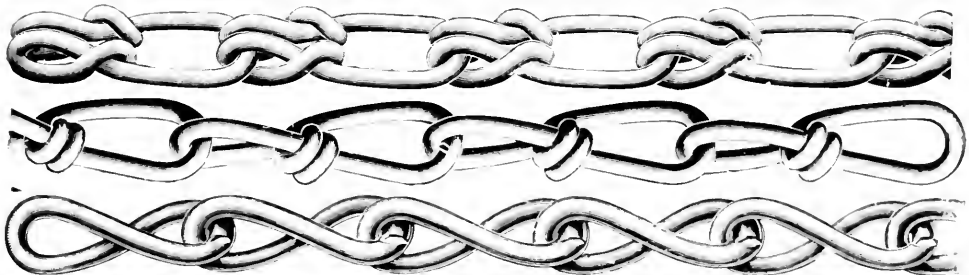
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- The great success which has followed the introduction of this line shows that the public fully appreciates quality and justifies the claim that "HUBBELL" goods are the best.
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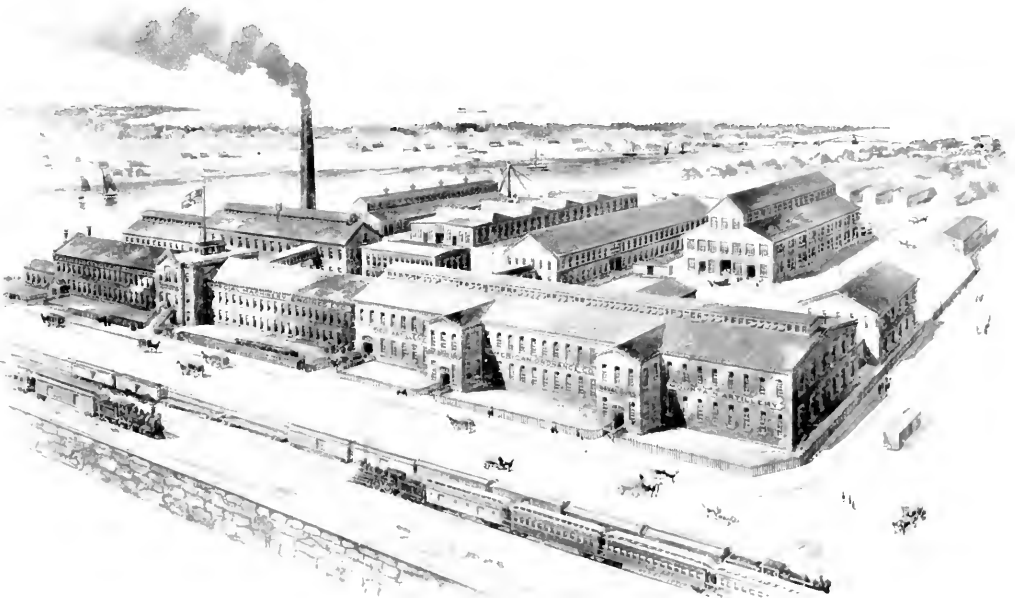
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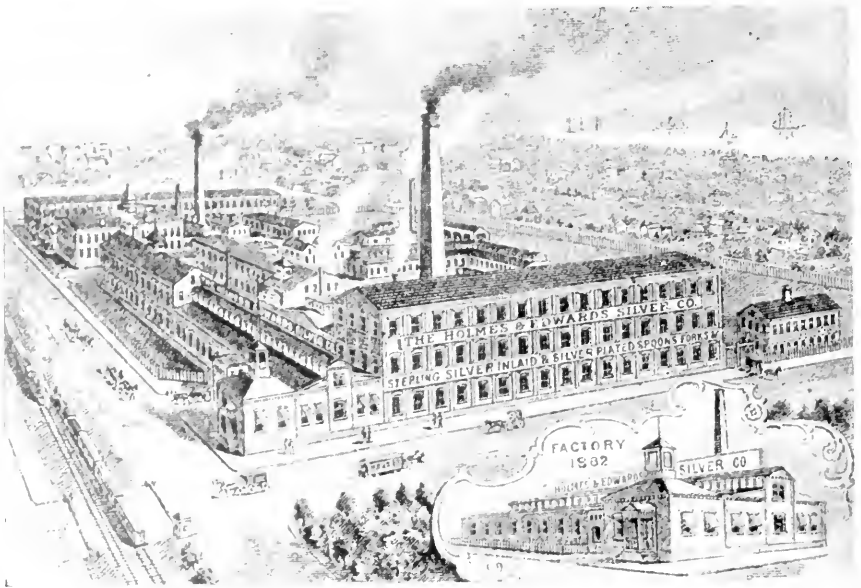
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THE Factory of *The Holmes & Edwards Silver Co.*, located in East Bridgeport, and known as *Factory "C," International Silver Co.*, is the largest plant devoted exclusively to the manufacture of Spoons and Forks in this country. It is operated by 400 horse power engines, and over 500 hands are employed in the manufacture of their goods. The total annual production reaches over 10,000,000 pieces every year.



Their Sterling Silver Inlaid Ware is admittedly the finest grade of spoons and forks produced.

The goods are exported to Europe, Asia, South America, Japan, Philippine Islands, and Mexico.

The rapid growth of this industry in Bridgeport may be realized by comparing the two cuts of the plant shown in the illustration. The cut of 1882 shows but a small building, while the one taken in 1902, twenty years later, displays a mammoth string of imposing brick buildings.

President, EDWARD R. IVES. Secretary, JAMES M. SAXTON. Treasurer, HARRY C. IVES.

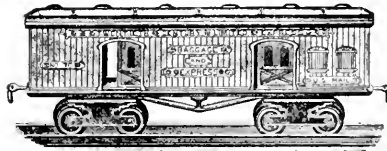
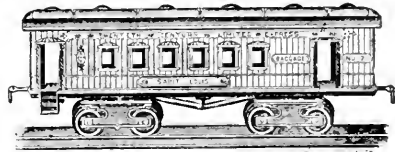
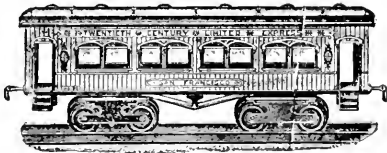
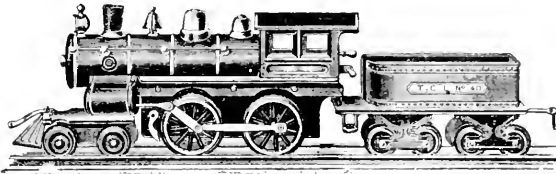
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FACTORIES BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

CHAS. A. MOORE, *President*.
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The Eaton, Cole & Burnham Co.



THE recent opening of the chain of massively constructed factory buildings in the West End, known as "Plant No. 2," marks an important epoch in the development of The Eaton, Cole & Burnham Company. Until late years its work has been carried on at the old site still used by "Plant No. 1," and the main Bridgeport office, at the triangle between Main Street and Railroad Avenue; but with the accession of new capital and additional associates, its activities are being vigorously extended.

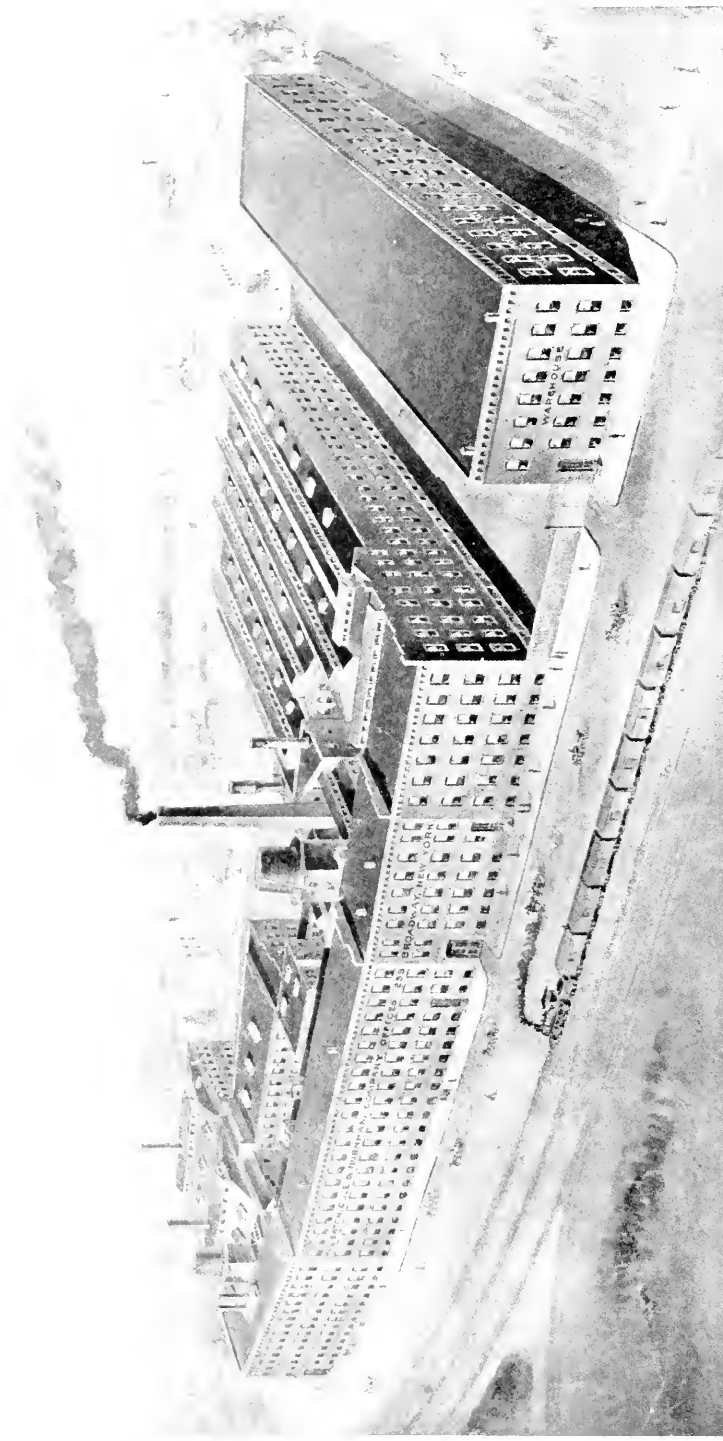
From a modest beginning in the early 60's, this progressive and enterprising concern has risen to a foremost position in the manufacturing world; and by the excellence of its goods has developed for them a wide market both in this continent and abroad. No little credit for this is due to the unlagging industry, business sagacity and successful management of its venerable founder, Mr. E. G. Burnham, who has recently retired from the active management of the Company.

Beginning its remarkably successful career as Belknap & Burnham, the expansion of its operations soon necessitated a New York connection, and the firm name was temporarily changed to the Belknap & Burnham Manufacturing Company. A little later The Eaton, Cole & Burnham Company was formed, which was incorporated in 1874. From that period the Company's growth has been steady and pronounced as demonstrated publicly from time to time by the construction of new buildings and the gradual increase in the number of its employes, which now aggregate over 1,700.

About three years ago the limit of the extensive ground area of its Main Street plant was reached, and the congestion of its many buildings, together with the continued increase in the volume of business, created an urgent demand for even greater facilities and increased capacity.

Property located on both sides of South Avenue, reaching from Iranistan Avenue to the Barnum Dyke, was then acquired, and work was begun upon the erection of ten spacious factory buildings of modern construction, constituting one of the largest and most modernly equipped manufacturing plants in all New England. This plant is a most valuable acquisition to the industrial interests of the city, and in it is said to have been invested considerably over \$1,000,000.

In the West End plant, which is about three times the size of the old establishment, over 1,000 men are now at work, and when fully



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THE EATON, COLE & BURNHAM COMPANY WEST END PLANT.

equipped it will require the employment of 3,000 hands. No. 2 plant consists, at present, of ten brick and steel frame buildings, four of which are one story high, and six are two stories high, and utilized for the casting and machining of gray and malleable iron and steel work. Electricity is the motive power, furnished by two 530 horse power steam turbines; there is over 1,000 feet of wharfage on Cedar Creek and an industrial railway running through the premises and connecting with the main line of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad.

Raw materials are brought to the West End plant by both rail and water, and after being converted into finished products are shipped away by either route. The land on which the ten structures stand consists of 75 acres of ground, and is splendidly situated. This great acreage is indicative of what may be expected in the future in the way of further development. The producing capacity of The Eaton, Cole & Burnham Company, is, to-day, twice that of a year ago, and the number of its employes is being continually increased as the natural result of increased business.

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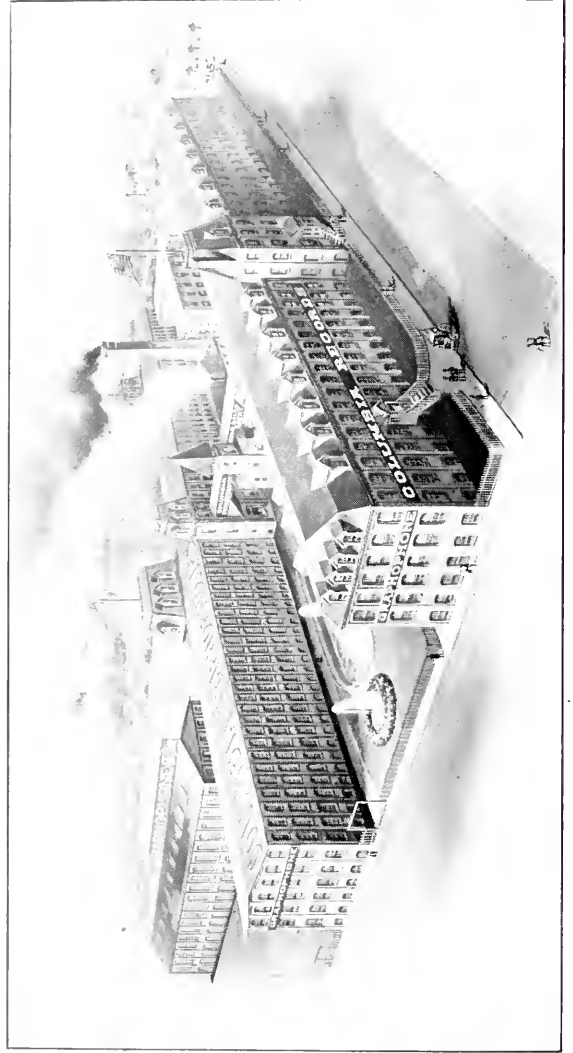
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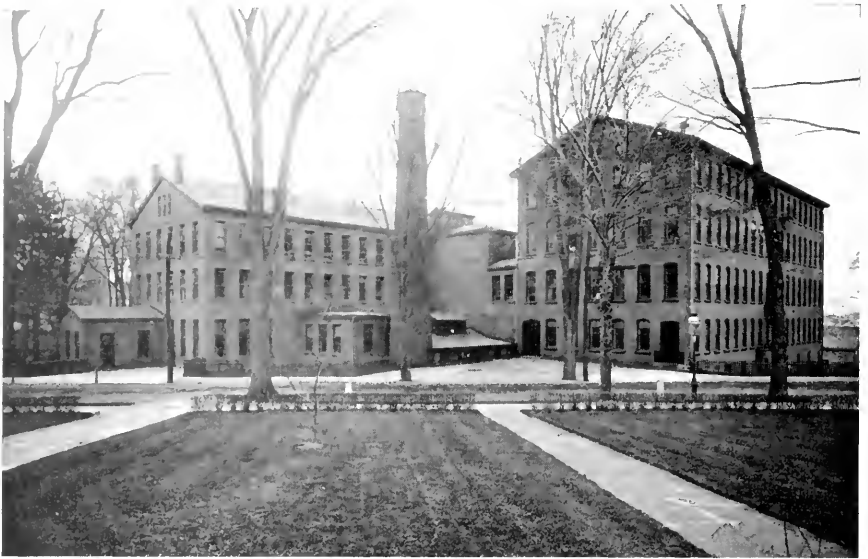
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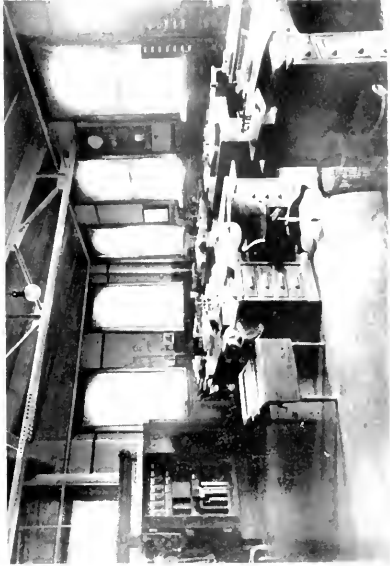
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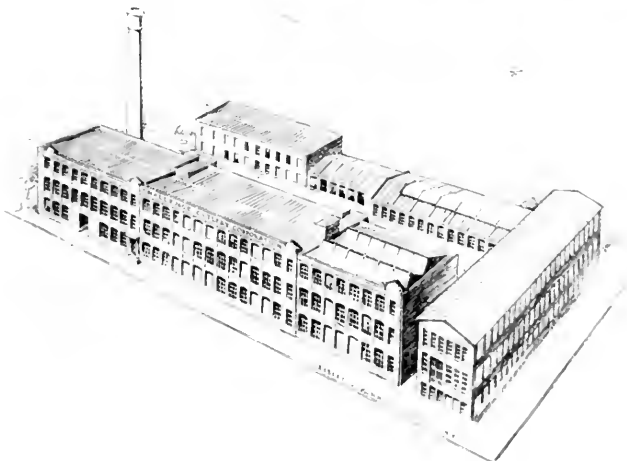
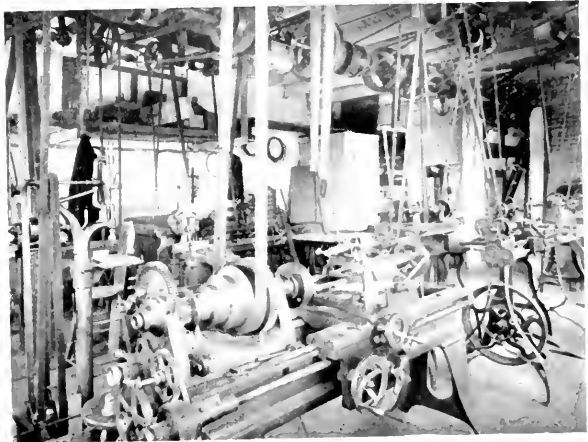
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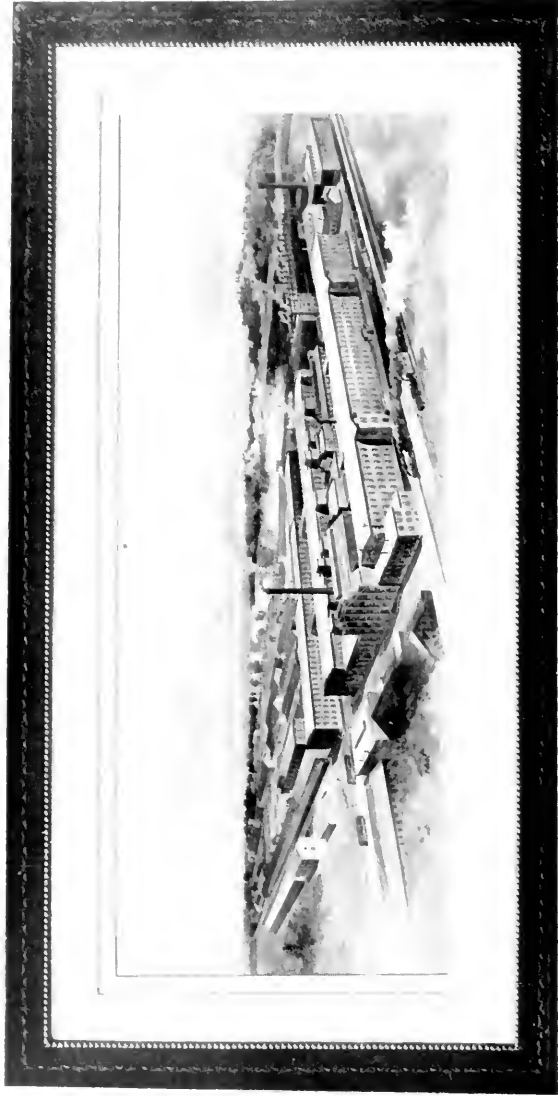
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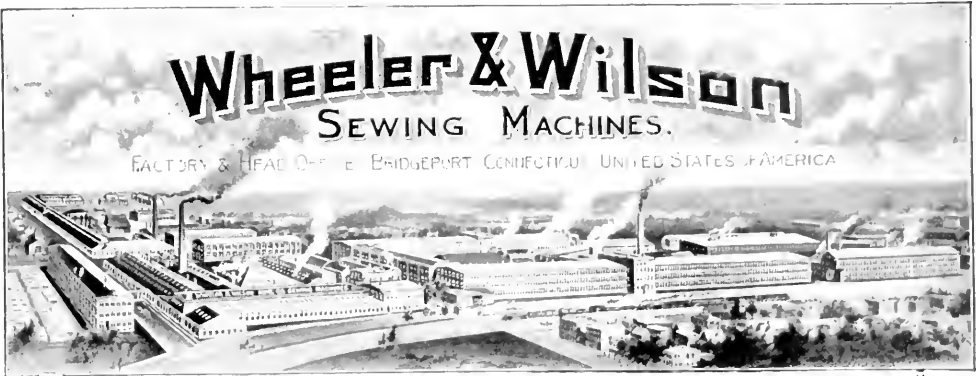
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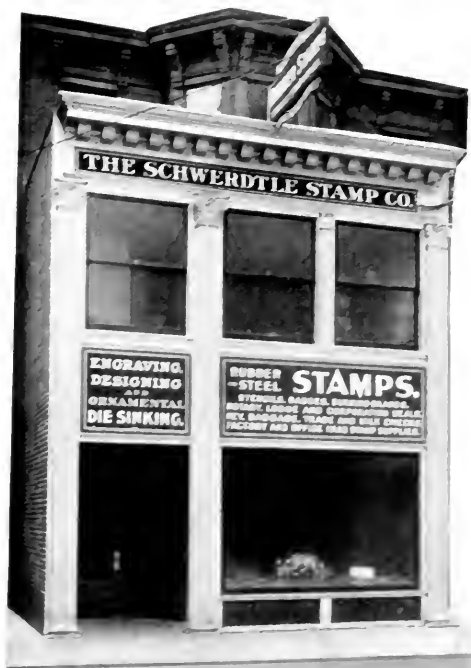
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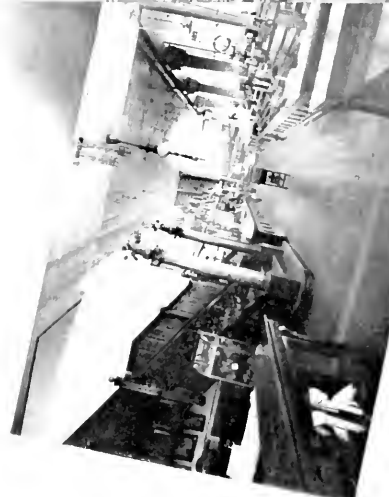
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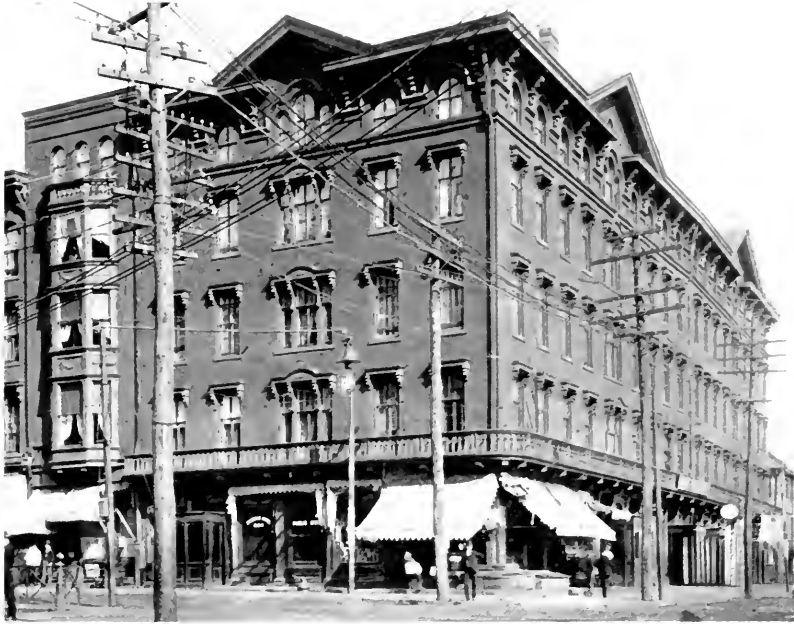
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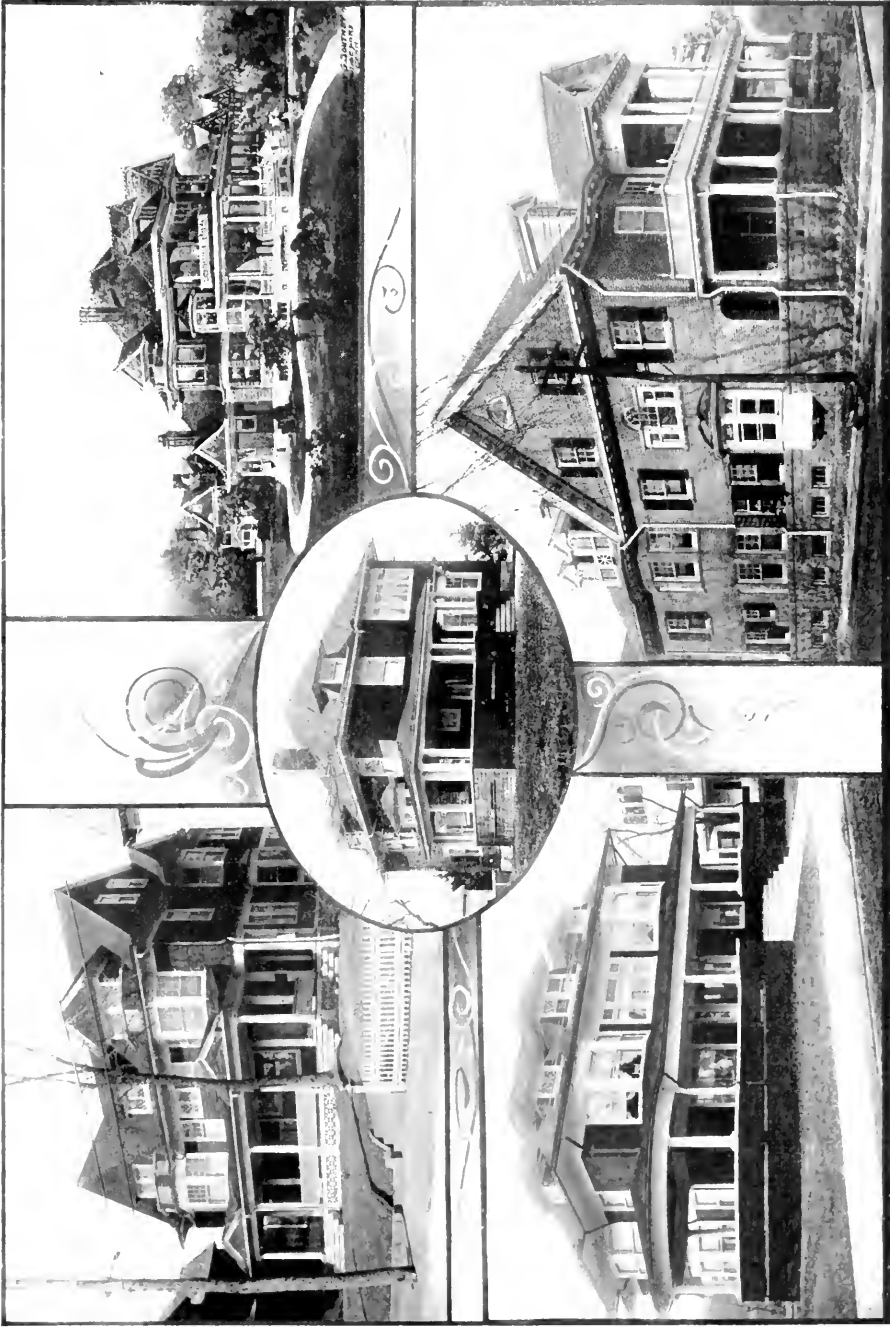




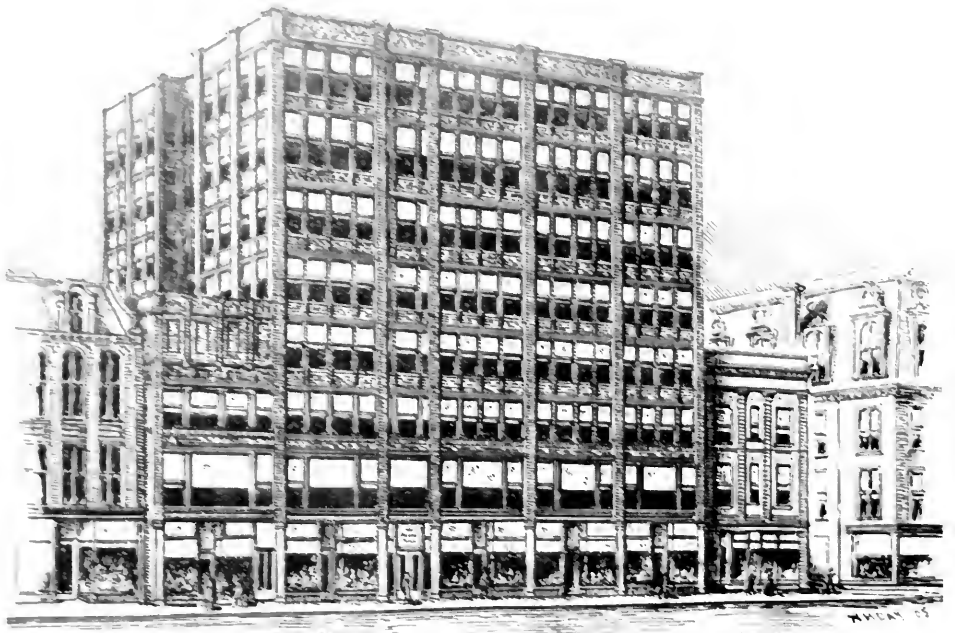
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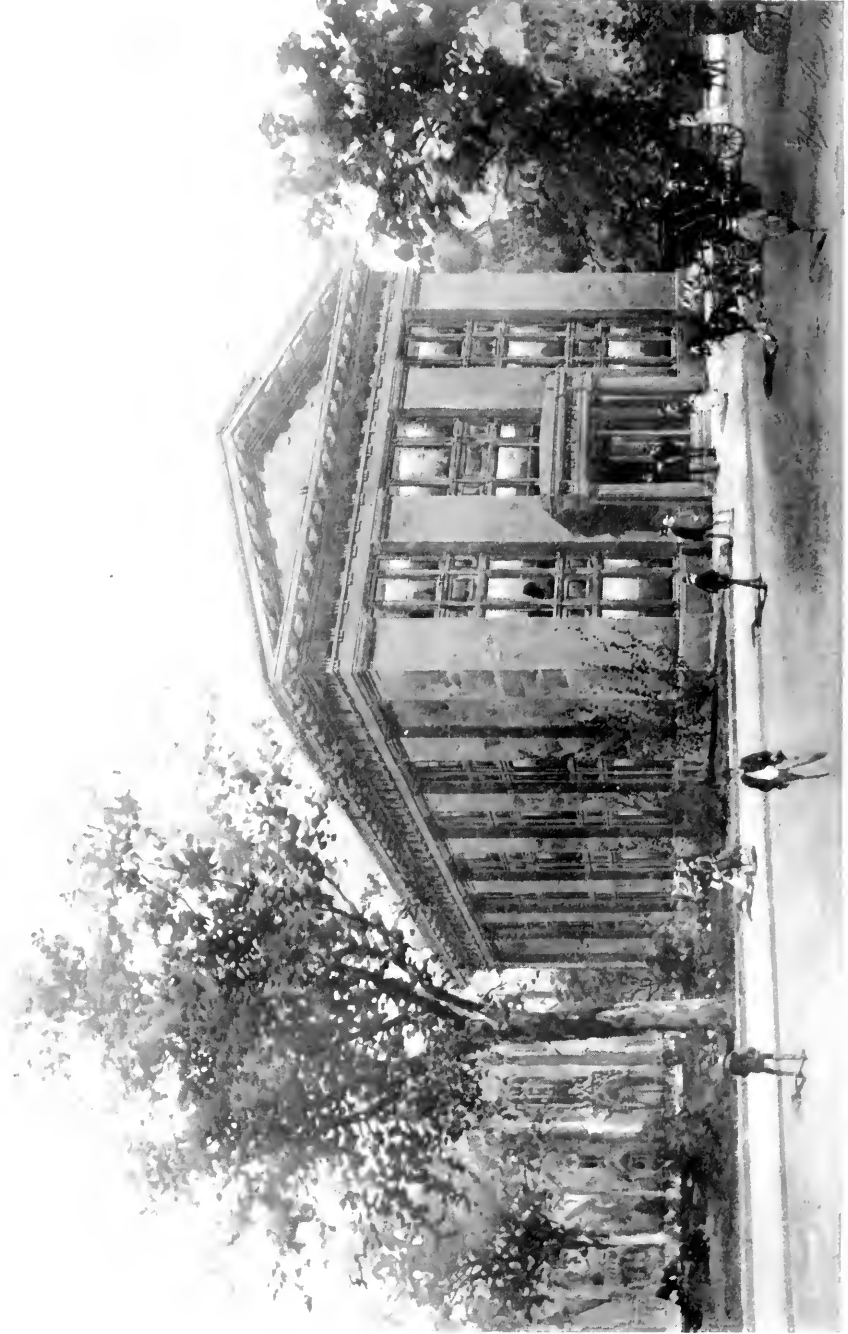
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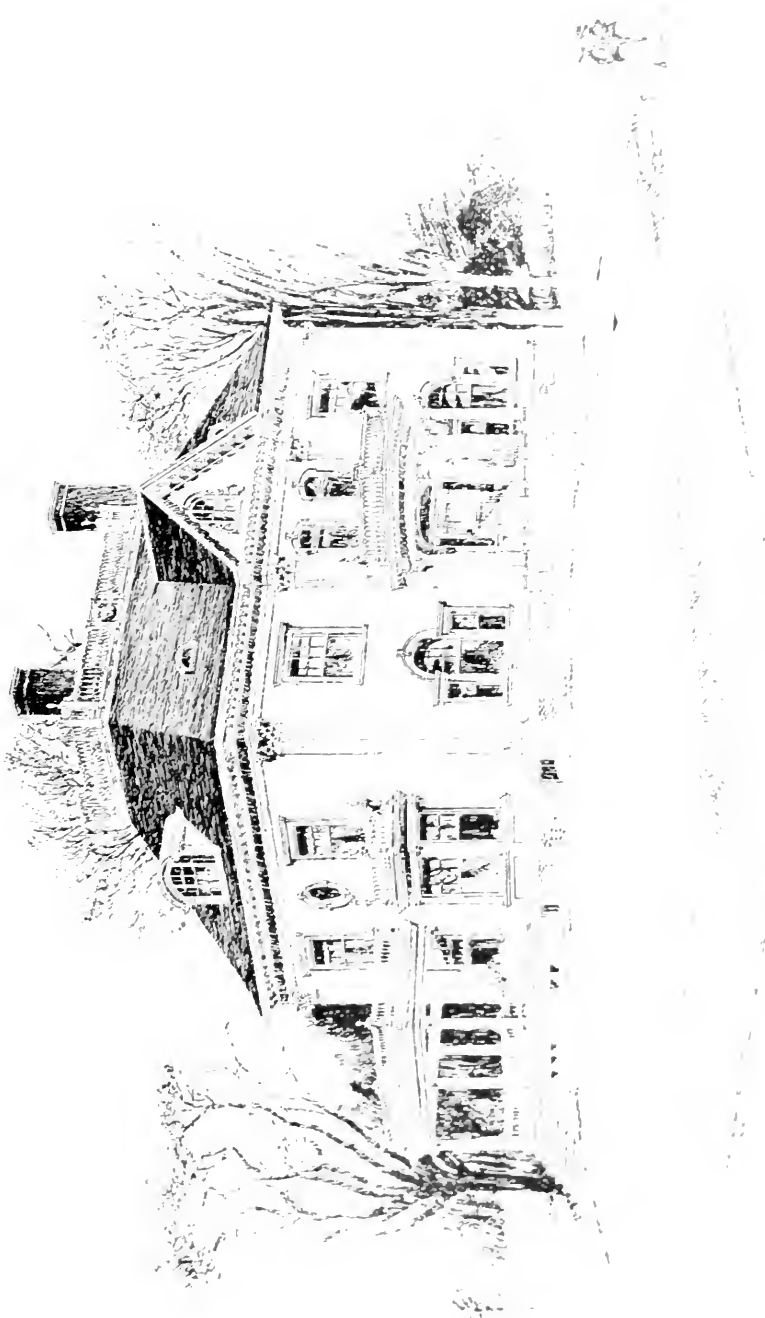
IN this city of progression, no business has been called upon to advance with greater strides, or to make more radical changes, than that of The Southern New England Telephone Co., which has operated the Bridgeport Telephone Exchange since the year of 1879. At the beginning of this period there were in use in this city approximately 200 telephones; in 1890 this number had increased to 700; and in 1900 the figures stood at 1,600. During the last five years the growth has been even more rapid, until there are at present 3,600 telephones operated in this exchange. To the most disinterested observer, it is evident that to accommodate such a growth, and to meet the ever increasing needs of Telephone users, constant changes of service, equipment, methods of operation, etc., have been effected—in short, the system itself has been revolutionized many times during this period in order that Bridgeport might at all times include among its other progressive industries a Telephone Exchange of the most modern and improved type.



In the year 1903, the local offices and plant having entirely outgrown their former accommodations, were removed to a new building, erected for this special purpose, at No. 184 Fairfield Avenue. Coincident with this removal came the most important change of recent years, when the magneto service was entirely discarded and in its stead there was installed the common battery system, by which the operator is signalled whenever a subscriber removes the telephone from the hook. The new switch-board for this style of service has a capacity for operating 8,800 lines, and is so constructed that additions to accommodate a larger number of subscribers can be made from time to time. Thus the plant is thoroughly equipped to handle without difficulty the increasing amount of service which will result as the Telephone Company continues to expand its system. The operation of the switch-board is extremely interesting, and visitors to witness it are always welcome.



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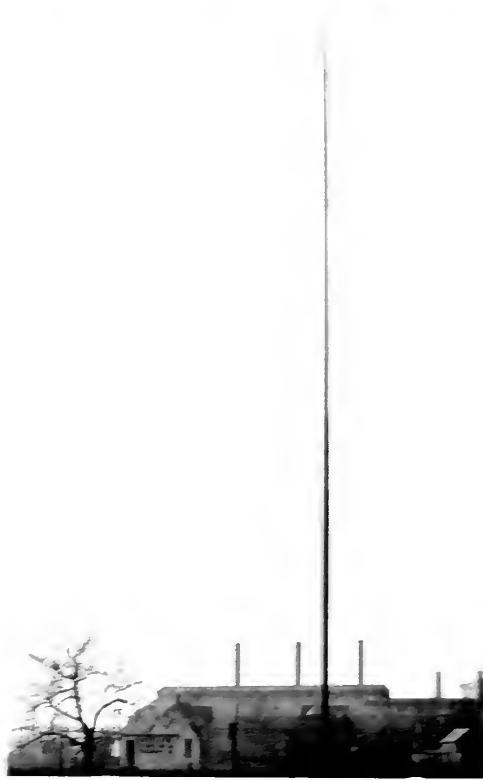


The Theatre is situated in the heart of the city, and is one of the most beautiful and comfortable places for the entertainment of the public. The building is of the most modern style, and is well adapted for the performance of the most brilliant and interesting plays. The scenery is of the most magnificent order, and the acting is of the most excellent quality. The Theatre is open every evening, and is well attended by the public. The prices of the seats are very reasonable, and the service is of the most attentive order. The Theatre is a most desirable place for the entertainment of the public, and is well adapted for the performance of the most brilliant and interesting plays.



THE facade here is a masterpiece of architectural art. The name is set out to the street in a sign bearing over a dozen languages in England. The chain of picture shows in Waterbury, open in Hartford, and rumors of further extensions. Waterbury largely composed of Yale. The success in all parts of the United States is a testimony to say that the name of Phyllis is a success is due to merit. That is, the man that makes him a failure, and that, in support, he is on the way, and, in consequence, his well-known name of the performance, and the fact that he is

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“DURING THE LAST YEAR, THE WIRELESS TELEGRAPH HAS
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 Jersey, and all the other means of con-
 tinental communication have been ques-
 tioned. The wireless telegraph has been in-
 vented by the late Professor Marconi of The American
 Academy of Science, Italy, and the operator
 telegraphing is able to make the transmission of sound. In
 fact, the wireless telegraph sets up vibrations in the
 ether, which travel through it until they strike the ear. The
 ether is responsible for the transmission of wireless telegraphy, and
 the ether is the ether instead of air. Ether is believed to fill all space,
 and to be the most elastic and the most penetrable of all substances. Accordingly,
 wireless telegraphs are able to go through solid sub-

stances, and thus it is that wireless messages are sent through the air, instead of through walls. In wireless telegraphy it is necessary to get up a sufficient number of vibrations of sufficient quantity and to prepare a receiving instrument sensitive enough to record the vibrations."

"When a guitar string gives out a note it does so partly by itself, causing the air to vibrate similarly. In *condensator tubes* an oscillating electric condenser is made to discharge back and forth *about* three thousand times per second across a small air gap. The current causes vibrations produced travel in every direction from the actual space attached to the sending apparatus, and supported by the magnets and coils of the receiver strike the corresponding wires attached to the receiving instrument. The wires being good electrical conductors, a number of the ether waves, called Hertzian waves, will be collected and led down to the receiving instrument. Similarly the ear collects the air vibrations and carries them down to the ear drum."

As in all things progressive, Bridgeport has lived up to its reputation in wireless telegraphy, and with the completion of this volume sees the local station completed. Bridgeport always aims at the best, but in this instance it has had the best aimed at her. The De Forest system of "wireless" has made tremendous strides in the past year, and has left all competitors far in the rear. Part of its great success may reasonably be ascribed to the fact that the system is distinctively American. Dr. Lee De Forest, the inventor, is an American boy, and behind the company is a combination of American grit and energy and American capital. As fast as hands can turn out the apparatus, stations are being constructed and equipped in all parts of the country, and in many places a commercial business is being conducted with big returns and absolute success. Endless ships are being equipped and the service extended in every line. The United States Government has put its stamp of approval on the De Forest system, both in the army and navy, and is daily sending messages over a thousand miles overland. The government station at Key West is in communication with Kansas City and Chicago, and all records eclipsed.

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Bridgeport's Superb Electric Railway System.



THE lines of the Connecticut Railway and Lighting Company comprise approximately one hundred and seventy miles of track in the State of Connecticut, the Southern or Bridgeport District extending from Woodmont on the east to Stamford on the west.

¶ Some four years ago this Company acquired its present holdings in Bridgeport and vicinity, and early perceiving the tremendous possibilities for improving the service, the management inaugurated a policy which involved the outlay of vast sums in the purchase of much new and modern rolling-stock, heavier rails, better road-bed, improved over-head



construction, greater shop facilities, improvements in power houses, etc. The natural and logical outcome of this spirit of enterprise and progressiveness has resulted in placing at the disposal of the people of this vicinity, a railway system surpassed by few, if any, in this vicinity. ¶ The remarkably rapid growth of Bridgeport, and of its suburbs, of late, has been due in no small measure to the excellent railway service rendered by the Connecticut Railway and Lighting Company, which has also contributed largely to the development of Bridgeport as the shopping centre of South-western Connecticut by giving to the residents of the surrounding country railway service which places them within easy communication with the city. Low fare rates and a liberal transfer system have proved of the greatest advantage to thousands of employees of the many great industrial concerns of Bridgeport, rapid transit and a frequent service enabling them to live at some distance from their places of employment without inconvenience. ¶ Limit-



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To the eastward, skirting picturesque Long Island Sound for miles, extends the route to Millford and New Haven, while westward, through rich and fertile farm country dotted here and there with quaint old Connecticut towns, each replete with its points of historic interest, extends the direct route to the Norwalks, Stamford, and thence to New York. Various city lines reach the numerous pleasure resorts and public parks, for which Bridgeport is famed, chiefly among which is Seaside Park, extending along the water-front for some miles, and conceded to be the finest marine park on the North Atlantic coast. The



STATION AT PINE ROCK PARK.

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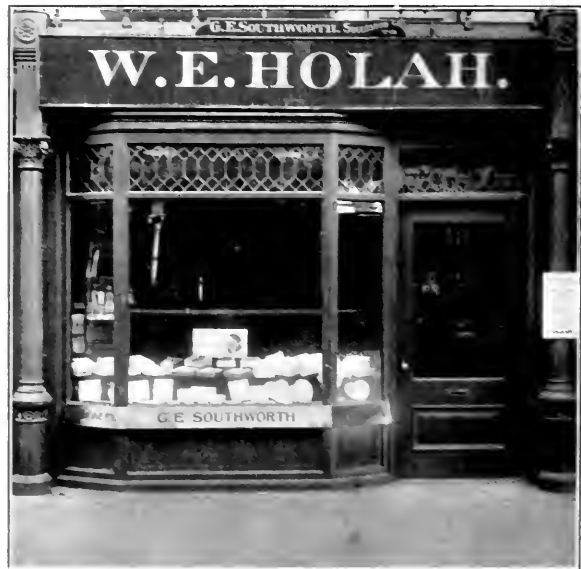
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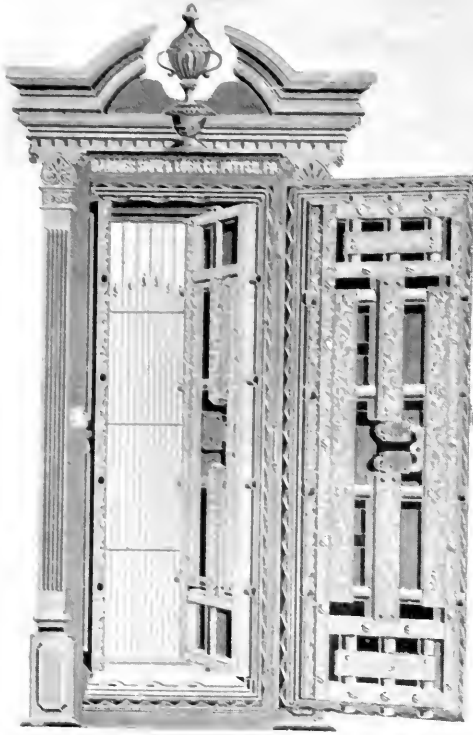
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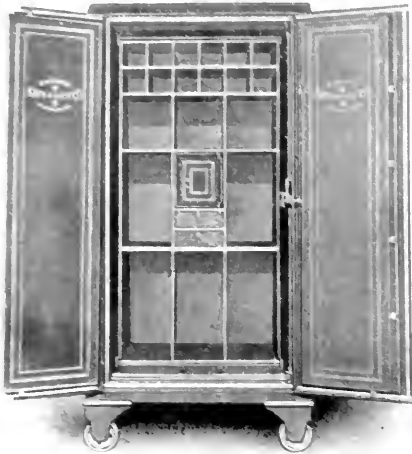
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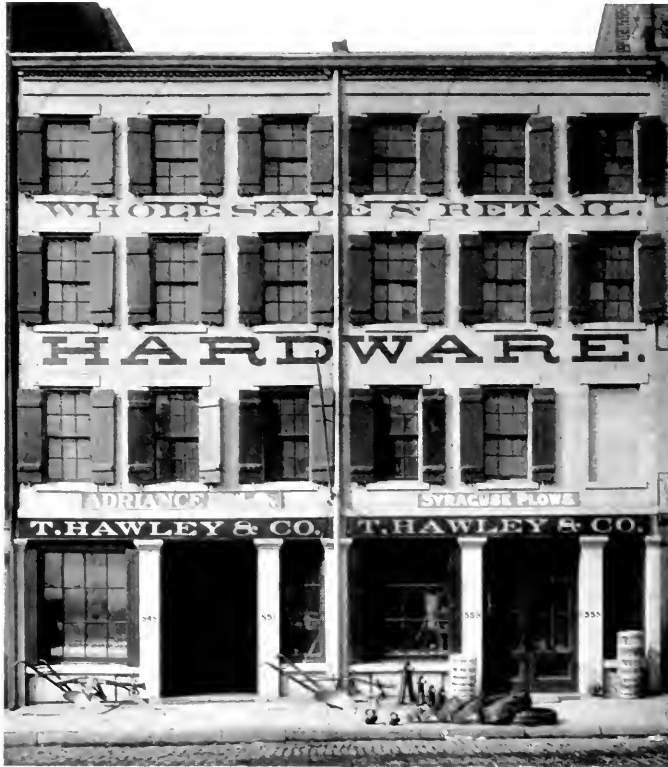
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WHEN the present proprietors of the Bridgeport Bill Posting Co. took possession two years ago, they found a task before them. The plant had been run in a decidedly unsatisfactory service, and the reputation of the town in Bill Posting circles was not an enviable one. Thomas J. Murphy, Jr. and Joseph W. Murphy, took hold with the vigor and energy of youth, and begirt with the experience of their father, Bill Posting, and in a short time the news went abroad to the four corners of the globe, that Bridgeport had as good a plant, and a more complete Bill Posting service, as any city in the land. New locations were sought for Bill Boards in prominent places, iron boards replaced the old wooden ones, and visiting agents for the numerous concerns dealt with by Bill Posting and Painted Sign Boards, found the Bill Posting office in the back room of Adams Express office, but in 1906, it was re-appointed, in their own modern brick building on Stratford Avenue, near Kossuth St., three minutes walk from the new depot.

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Visitors are always welcome to our office, which is located on Stratford Avenue and Kossuth Street, where the manager will be glad to discuss the details of a poster campaign, or to call on you at your place of business, or on the bill board. The office is open from 9 o'clock in the morning to 6 o'clock in the evening.

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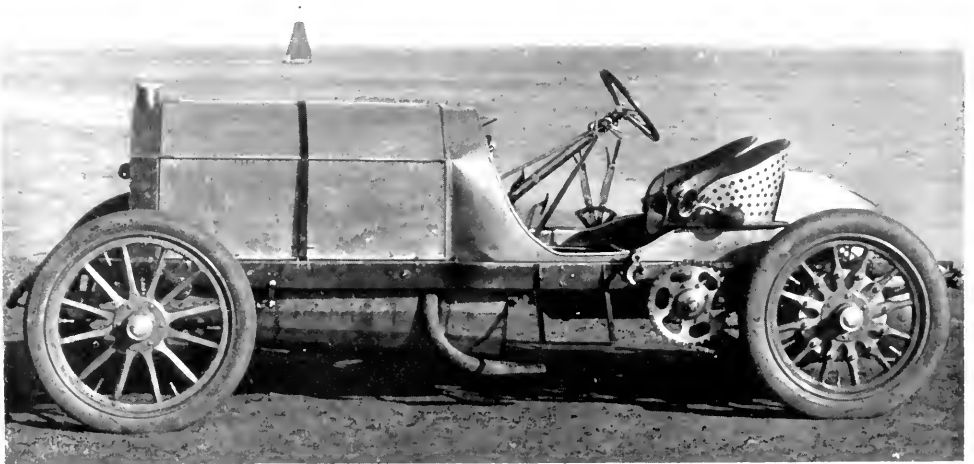
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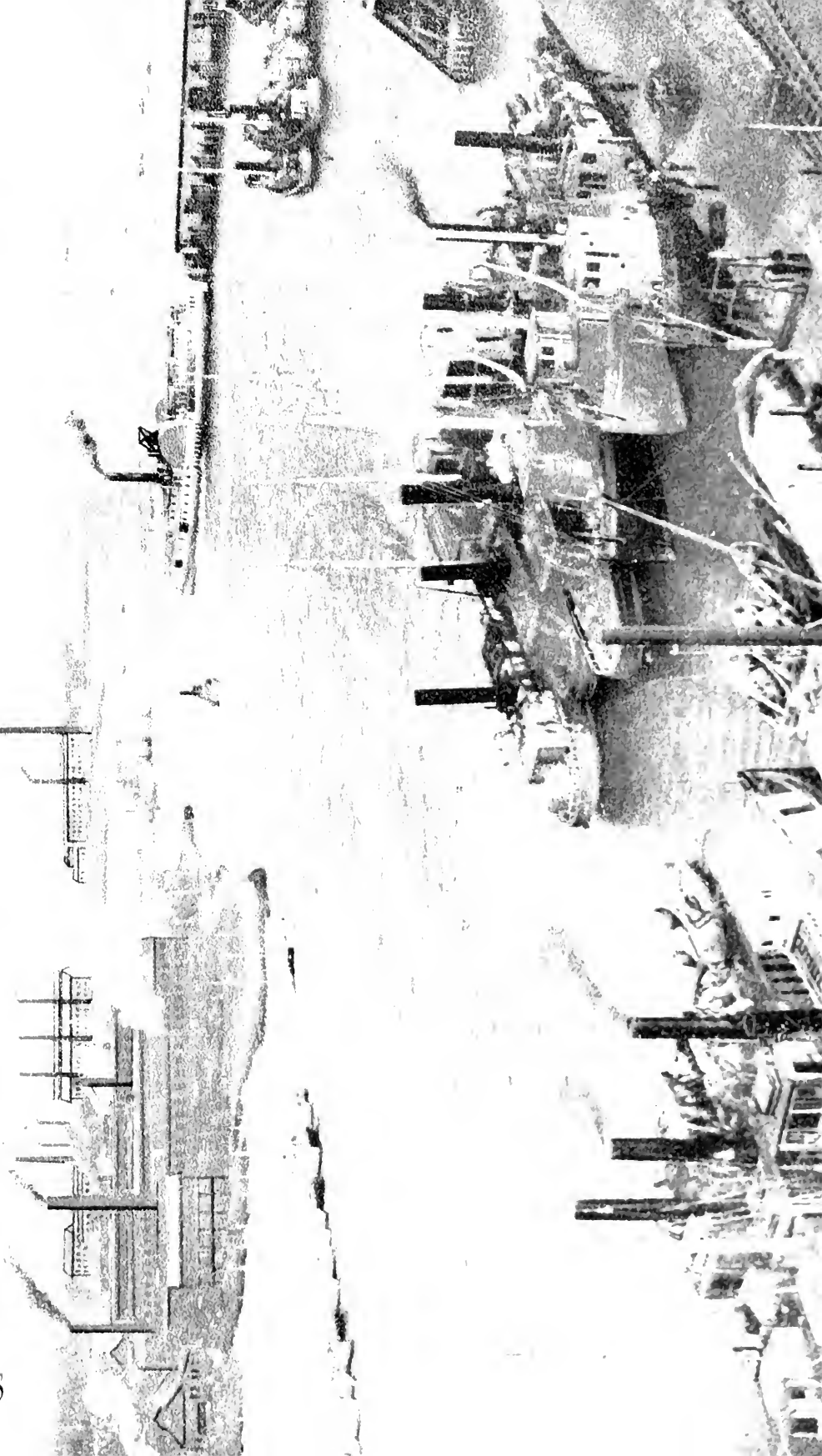
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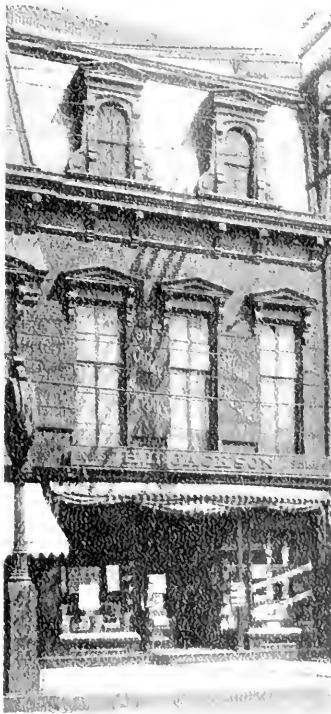
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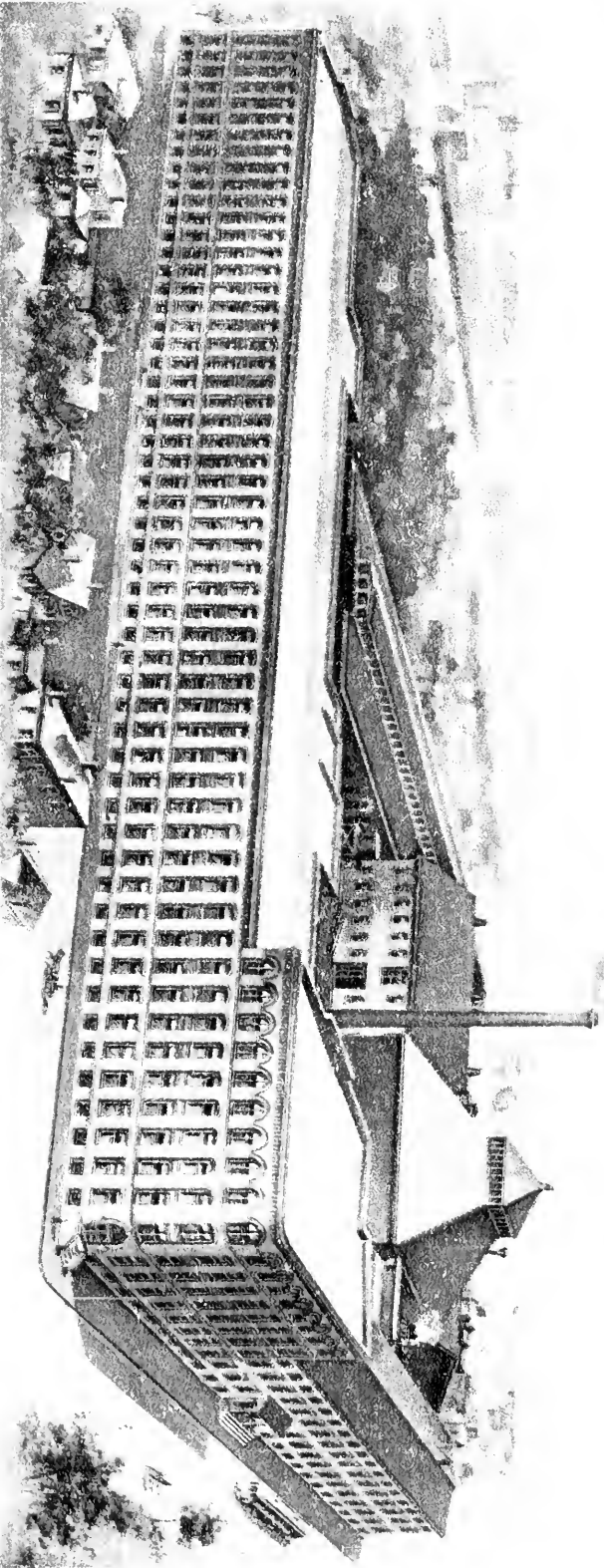
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