

# Beautiful Rochester.

A SKETCH  
OF A  
LIVE TOWN.



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# BEAUTIFUL ROCHESTER.

## INTRODUCTION.

In presenting this brochure of "Beautiful Rochester," the publisher has endeavored to present the advantages of a thriving community. There is no prettier village in the State of Michigan, and none which is more favorably situated as a residence and manufacturing town. Our schools, churches and literary advantages are of a fine order. We have the finest water-works and electric light plants in the state, and we would simply say, "if you desire a home-village with all that the name implies, locate in Rochester."

W. A. FOX, Publisher.

## History of Rochester.

IF indications were correct, long before the sound of the settler's ax rang in the "sea-like solitude" displayed amidst this handiwork of nature, the red man held undisputed sway; but the advanced guard of civilization, ever pressing onward and forcing its way through the wilderness, planted its tent on the site of the village of Rochester on the 17th day of March, 1817. It was but a handful of the host to follow and hold the conquest. This venturesome little band consisted of James Graham and his son Alexander and Christopher Hartsough and their families, who made their first stopping place on the banks of Paint Creek and rolled up the first log house erected in Oakland County, near the lot now occupied by Mrs. John Harger.

The next year John Hersey made the first entry of land. Wm. Russell, Benjamin Woodworth and

Hersey building the first saw mill and subsequent grist mill.

In 1826 Gov. Cass, Austin E. Wing and Charles Larned laid out the original plat of the village, nine houses being the nucleus.

On the 1st of February, 1847, Hosea B. Richardson and Isaac Adams surveyed and platted an addition east of the original, and Lysander Woodard platted one on the north side of the same. The original plat is most eligible and beautifully located on a high plateau lying between the Clinton river on the south and Paint Creek on the north, the latter also winding its sinuous way along the eastern side of the plat. The conformation of the natural surface is interesting in a geological point of view as well as to the sense of vision. The bluff sides of the plat on the south show the former channel

of Paint Creek, as in the glacial and immediate succeeding days its much heavier floods undoubtedly cut its channel through the morain, seeking its present level. In this wearing-away process it has left two or more conical shaped mounds, which, at first appearance, might seem to some to be the handiwork of man, but by closer inspection the architect stands revealed, and is the apparently modest little creek that winds along their base. In cutting its way through the morain, and wearing it down to the present level that lies between the mounds and the plateau of the village, the floods of the creek found their level before the entire morain was demanded, and the mounds are simply the remains left by the receding floods, as they found another channel. The bluffs on the north and east side of the creek, and along the Clinton, add

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WALNUT STREET LOOKING SOUTH.

picturesqueness to the otherwise beautiful prospect. In fact "beautiful for situation" are the hills round about and the valley of the Clinton that embrace the plat of one of the most lovely villages in Michigan.

Not until 1869 did the inhabitants seek for an independent government by being incorporated.

By sure degrees the foundation has been laid and by healthy growth, the village of Rochester has no peer in place of its size in Michigan. Located in one of the most productive and at the same time most delightful agricultural sections of the state, being a business center for a large tract of country where productions are constantly pouring in and always finding a first class market.

The advantages afforded by the two swift running streams have been to an extent utilized by men of enterprise in a paper mill, two flouring mills, a woolen factory and a saw mill, and yet there is abundance of room for the exercise of more capital, energy and skill.

No healthier location in the State than Rochester; no standing pools or miasmatic swamps are here found, but the air is salubrious, and with the best system of water works in existence, clear and pure and in abundance for man and the lawn; renders it a place in which to live from a sanitary point of view.

The nearness to Detroit (thirty-one miles) by rail



FIFTH AVENUE LOOKING WEST.

on the Michigan Central Railroad, together with the pleasantness of the location, must in time induce business men of that city to build family residences here, as that road makes the town almost a suburb of Detroit, and the Grand Trunk, running east and west, gives an outlet in these directions.



TOWN HALL.



MAIN STREET LOOKING NORTH.



MUNICIPAL BUILDING.



MRD'S EYE VIEW OF ROCHESTER FROM PUTTS' HILL.

## Churches of Rochester.



UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.

held in the Universalist Church by the Episcopalians, under the name of St. Philip's Mission with Rev. H. E. Ryerson as missionary.



M. E. CHURCH.

THE UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY was organized March 10, 1838. In 1868 a frame church was built at a cost of \$3,000. In 1878 this building burned, and in 1881 was replaced by the present brick church. The pastor is Miss S. Louise Haight.

Services are also

The German Lutherans also hold services in this church every two weeks.

THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOCIETY of Rochester, was formally organized July 7, 1866, and the school house, now occupied as a furniture

store by Woodworth & Lintz, was purchased as a meeting house, with Rev. R. McConnell as pastor. The parsonage was built in 1872, and the present brick chapel in 1876 at a cost of \$3,800. The pastor is Rev. D. C. Challis.

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, of Rochester, was formed July 1, 1827, and consequently is seventy years old. Their first place of worship was built of logs, and the first church building, which is now owned by Alex. Rose, was built in 1839. The first pastor was Rev. Isaac W. Ruggles, who resided in Pontiac. The present church edifice



REV. A. A. FORSHEE.



MISS S. LOUISE HAIGHT.



REV. D. C. CHALLIS.

was dedicated April 19, 1854, and cost, including furniture and bell, \$2,600, although at least \$1,500 have since been expended in repairs and additions. During the seventy years there have been forty-one pastors. The Society own a handsome parsonage.

THE BAPTIST CHURCH was formed in the old Stony Creek edifice June 1, 1854, and in 1855 the Society bought the unfinished Christian Church in Rochester, completed it and have occupied it up to the present time. An addition of church parlors has been made this season. The pastor is Rev. A. A. Forshee.

D. C. CHALLIS was born in 1845 in Chazy, Clinton Co., N. Y., and when three years of age removed with his parents to Bombay, Franklin Co., which was his home until 1868, when he entered the Michigan University. He graduated in 1874 and immediately joined the Detroit Conference of the M. E. Church, serving as pastor at Bay Port. In 1875 he was sent to Bulgaria as missionary.

At the opening of the Russo-Turkish war in 1877, the missionaries were recalled, and he remained in this country till the fall of '78, when he was again ordered to Bulgaria where he served as pastor, teacher and superintendent.



BAPTIST CHURCH.



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

dent of the mission until his return to America in 1892, since which time he has served three years at Caseville and two at Rochester.

S. LOUISA HAIGHT, the present pastor of the Universalist Church, was born in Union, Ontario, and is the daughter of the late James Wright Haight, of St. Thomas Ontario. Was educated at Alma College, St. Thomas, Ont.; Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa., and Meadville Theological School, Meadville, Pa. She spent two years in South Carolina teaching and lecturing as a missionary, before entering upon the work of the ministry. In April, 1897, she came to Rochester as pastor of the Universalist Church.

REV. ARCHIBALD A. FORSHEE was born in Superior township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, July 13, 1871. He spent the earlier years of his life in the city of Grand Rapids, where he attended the excellent public schools up to his seventeenth year. His father then moved to Cheyenne, Wyo. Here he was connected with the high school for one and one-half years. Returning to Michigan, Mr. Forshee was a student in the Ypsilanti High School for one year, taught a district school for two years, and is now a Junior in the Literary Department of the University of Michigan. He was called as pastor of the Rochester Baptist Church in November, 1894, and ordained in June, 1895. This is his first pastorate.

## Schools of Rochester.

The first school taught on the present site of the village of Rochester was in 1823 or 1824, and was

was built in Rochester in 1828 on the lot now occupied by the Congregational Church, which lot was

donated for school purposes by the proprietors of the village plat. Maria LeRoy was the first teacher in this school and had about ten pupils. A second school house was built in 1835, and afterwards destroyed by fire. During 1846 a third school house was erected on Walnut street, and after serving as school, town hall, and subsequently as a church, was removed to Main street, where it is now occupied by Woodworth & Lintz as a furniture store house. An outcome of the select schools which for some years had been supported, supplying a higher grade of education than the public school afforded, was the erection of a building for academic purposes in 1847, which was opened in the same fall by Prof. Robert Kedzie, now of Agricultural College. It was called the Lyceum, and under various instructors attained to a high grade of excellence, and numbered among its pupils, those from considerable distances, many of whom have since attained high eminence. The movement for this school was largely aided by Prof. Peter Moyers, a teacher at that time, but who died before the completion of the building. In 1857 the Lyceum, as a private school, ceased to exist, and the property was



ROCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING, ERRECTED 1889.

kept in the log house of Alexander Graham, the first house built in the county. The first school house

transferred to school district No. 5 of Avon township, and has since been known as the Rochester Union

School. This building was burned in 1888, and the following year the present handsome brick and stone structure was erected. The entire cost of the building, which is furnished throughout in first-class style, was \$8,000. At present five teachers are employed, and the schools are in a most flourishing condition and a source of pride to every citizen of the village.



PROF. W. W. GIFFORD

W. W. GIFFORD, for the past six years the efficient principal of Rochester schools, is a native of Farmerville, Seneca County, N. Y., coming to this village in 1891. His educational attainments were acquired at Pennsylvania State Normal and Michigan University. Was granted a Michigan State Life Certificate in January, 1896.

Mr. Gifford has taught with

great success for twelve years in Michigan; at Roscommon, Vermontville, Leslie and Rochester, and leaves to take charge of the Chelsea schools next year.

T. C. SEVERANCE, JR., was born in West Bloomfield, Mich., in 1863, and his present home is in Walled Lake. He graduated from the Pontiac High School in 1883, and from the University of Michigan in 1889, taking the degree of A. B., and in 1893 received the degree of A. M. from the same institution. He has been a most



PROF. T. C. SEVERANCE, JR.

successful teacher in the State Normal at Ypsilanti; also in other parts of the State and in Minnesota. Is engaged as principal of the Rochester schools for 1897-98.

## Rochester Water Works.

About 1894 Hon. J. H. Holman, and a few other Rochester gentlemen, conceived the idea that the village could be provided with water on the gravitation system. On the farm of Wm. Fox, two and a



THE WELLS.

quarter miles west and north of Rochester, is a spring, or rather a series of springs, 150 feet higher than the village. A competent engineer was engaged who pronounced the project of conveying the water from the springs to the village, feasible. After several weeks of agitation the question of waterworks was submitted to the people and carried overwhelmingly. A plat of ground, covering one acre, was purchased by the village and the work of developing the wells commenced. In the meantime Wm. H. Barnes, G. G. Lomason and Dr. P. C. Butts were appointed as water commissioners. Soon after Dr. Butts left town and J. H. Holman was elected to the place, a just tribute to the man who was largely instrumental in bringing about the result. A series of wells were sunk in the springy

soil to the depth of sixty feet or more, which were connected and run into a main twelve inch pipe, which was gradually reduced to eight inches. The contract for building the works was let to T. C. Brooks, of Jackson, who employed home labor. Over six miles of pipe was laid, and the pressure being sixty pounds gives the village one of the finest plants in the country. All this at a cost of less than \$26,000. Nearly 1800 feet of new pipe have been laid this summer. A reservoir containing 125,000 gallons is used and besides supplying nearly 200 water takers at a very low rate, a ten inch stream is constantly running out of the reservoir. The analysis of the water shows a purity unsurpassed by any water in the state. Rochester is proud of her waterworks system and well may she be. The present water board consist of A. E. Collins, G. M. Flumerfelt and J. G. Toles. A well equipped fire department of two companies is maintained to still further protect the property of the village against fire. The first public test of the system was July 4, 1895.



ARTHUR E. COLLINS, the prominent merchant and banker, has been in his present location for fourteen years, having a fine trade. He carries a large and varied stock of dry goods, furnishings, carpets and groceries. He was born in Wayne Co., in 1842 and came to Rochester in 1883. Mr. Collins was a soldier in the war, serving in the 22d Mich.



A. E. COLLINS.

and spent nineteen months in rebel prisons. Is an enthusiastic G. A. R. man, taking much interest in the local organization. Is a high Mason, member of the water board and chief of fire department. An upright and public spirited citizen, he takes an active interest in the welfare of the town.

ELMER J. LAMBERTSON is a native of Rochester where he was born in 1861. He was brought up in the dry goods business, his father having been for many years a merchant of the village. Twelve years ago Mr. Lambertson started in trade for himself and by his courteous manners and attention to business



INTERIOR LAMBERTSON'S STORE.

he has won for himself a large patronage, and is one of the most enterprising young men in town. Is a prominent Mason, also a Maccabee.

GEO. C. DENNIS was born in Hope, N. J., and twenty-five years ago came to Rochester, where in 1880 he began business in a well appointed drug store, carrying besides drugs and druggist's sundries a full line of groceries, stationery and school supplies. Mr. Dennis is one of Rochester's most respected citizens. Has served as town clerk also as town treasurer, and was village treasurer eight years.



G. C. DENNIS.



W. S. STARRING.

WM. S. STARRING was born in Independence Township, Oakland County, Michigan, in 1853, and has been identified with the business interests of Rochester for ten years. He carries a fine assortment of groceries, drugs, stationery and wall paper, and holiday goods in season. Mr. Starring is always interested in any enterprise for the advancement of the town, and is a Mason, Forester, A. O. U. W., and K. O. T. M., and a first-class citizen.

FRANK H. BURR was born in Sterling Township, Macomb County, Michigan, in 1865, and came to Rochester in 1883. Twelve years ago he began business as a general hardware merchant, also handling agricultural implements. In 1890 he erected a double brick store, one of which he occu-



INTERIOR WOODWORTH & LINTZ STORE.

pies. Has been township treasurer two terms and on village board from 1895 to 1897. Mr. Burr enjoys a fine trade and is rated one of Rochester's most successful business men.

WOODWORTH & LINTZ, although established but a comparatively short time, have become one of the substantial firms of the village. They carry a large and complete line of furniture, curtains, carpets and boots and shoes. Mr. Woodworth was born in 1838 and came to Rochester in 1886, and succeeded in building up a fine business, until his death in 1896,



when Mrs. Woodworth succeeded him. Mr. Lintz, who carries on the undertaking department, was born in Ohio, in 1847, and entered into partnership in this firm in 1892, and by his enterprise and integrity has acquired a liberal patronage. Besides his business interests here he has also a fine farm, in Shelby, of 234 acres.



INTERIOR TAYLOR'S STORE.

**HARVEY J. TAYLOR** has been a Rochester business man for nine years. He was born in Oakland Township, Oakland County, Michigan, and came to Avon Township in 1879, where he followed farming. He carries a large stock of general hardware, farming implements, paints and oils. Has been supervisor ten years and was again elected last spring. Also for six years on the school board and member of village board two terms. Has a large probate business, settling estates, etc., and is in demand



H. J. TAYLOR.



E. J. LAMBERTSON.

wherever clear headed, honorable dealing is necessary.

**FRENCH, HALE & CO.**, who are doing a successful banking business, started their present bank in 1893, and since that time have enjoyed the confidence of the public and have ample capital upon which to work. The members of the firm are Chas. W. French, Frank Hale, S. W. Webber and J. H. Ruel.

Frank Hale was born in Rochester in 1866, but did not begin his business career in this village until 1893, when he became cashier and manager of French, Hale & Co.'s bank, coming here from Carson City.



**ELBERT L. TORREY**, the popular Michigan Central agent, first saw the light in Smith's Mills, N. Y., in 1861. Came to Rochester in 1882 and has been in the employ of the M. C. R. R. Co. fifteen years.



FRENCH, HALE & CO.'S BANK.

Is an enthusiastic Maccabee, being Commander of Rochester tent, and is also captain of R. A. Alger Camp, 235, S. V. Mr. Torrey takes a deep interest in public affairs. Is also member of township board of review.

**JARED VOST** is a native of Bath, N. Y., where he was born in 1861. He spent twelve years in the railroad employ, eight years of which he has been the reliable agent of the Grand Trunk Railroad at Rochester. Is a prominent Forester.



E. L. TORREY.



J. VOST.



E. S. BARNES.



A. ROSE.

EDWARD S. BARNES was born in New Jersey in 1857 and came west with his parents, settling in Rochester in 1861. For seven or eight years was employed in Barnes' paper mill, but for fifteen years has given his attention to railroading and for the past twelve years has had charge of the station at Rochester junction. Mr. Barnes has shown much ability as an inventor, among other things inventing a steam inspection car for use on railroads. Is a good citizen and member of village board.



RESIDENCE OF J. W. HAWKEN.

ALEXANDER ROSE is of Scottish birth and was born in that country in 1847; came to Rochester in 1877 and for twenty years has been employed as an expert tinner, first by the late Jos. Reimer and subsequently by H. J. Taylor. Is a member of the village board, master of Rochester Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 5, Past Master of Lodge 35, A. O. U. W. and for eleven years has been Finance Keeper of Rochester Tent, No. 96, K. O. T. M.



RESIDENCE OF W. F. FLUMBERGUT.

MARY E. HOLMAN is a native of Ypsilanti, Mich., where she was born March 4, 1842. Has been in business in Rochester thirty-one years, carrying a fine and complete selection of millinery goods. Mrs. Holman has also given considerable attention to literary work, writing for publications upon various topics and also through her ability giving the public some very pleasing entertainments. Has done some work along the line of portraiture, doing highly creditable work in crayon.



RESIDENCE OF H. J. TAYLOR.

JOHN H. HAWKEN, 2nd, was born in Ontario in 1871 and with his father's family came to Rochester in 1880, where at an early age he became employed in the Woolen Mill. Here he has spent thirteen years and by his industry and ability has pushed to the front until at present he is the assistant superintendent of the Western Knitting Mills, and one of the rising young men of the village.



MRS. M. E. HOLMAN.



J. W. HAWKEN, 2ND.



DR. WILSON'S DENTAL LABORATORY.

Geo. A. Wilson, D. D. S., is a native of Ontario and graduated from the dental department of the Detroit College of Medicine in 1895. In January, 1896, he purchased the dental business of Dr. Wolvin and enjoys a large and increasing practice. His genial manner and professional skill have won for him a large share of popular favor.

Elmer L. Richmond was born in Waterford Township, Michigan, in 1867. The first business he engaged in was school teaching, which he followed



G. A. WILSON, D. D. S.



E. L. RICHMOND.

successfully for nine years. He has also served several terms as school inspector. Came to Rochester in 1888 and for the past two years has been engaged in buying produce and grain. Mr. Richmond has always identified himself with the best interests of the town and is at present, and has been superintendent of Congregational Sunday School four years.

Chas. A. Burr was born in Utica, Mich., and came to Rochester in 1883, where he has been actively engaged in business for fourteen years. Was



DR. WILSON'S DENTAL RECEPTION ROOM.

appointed postmaster under President Cleveland, which office he has held with satisfaction to all, in addition to which he sells furniture and is undertaker and funeral director.

Theodor Dahlmann was born in New York City in 1852 and came to Rochester with his parents in 1858 and succeeded his father Frederick Dahlmann in the jewelry business in 1889, having been connected with his father since 1873 to the latter's death. Is serving his second term as village clerk, was also for several years town clerk and village



C. A. BURR.



T. DAHLMANN.

assessor. Was postmaster under Harrison's administration. Has fine clerical ability and his services are in constant demand.

Thomas W. Hacker was born in Utica, Mich., and came to Rochester in 1884, since which time he has been one of the hustling business men of the town. He built a fine brick block in 1890 and constantly carries a large and select stock of groceries and provisions, as well as keeping a well equipped meat market. Has served as deputy sheriff and also as town treasurer.



T. W. HACKER BLOCK.



B. F. HOIL.



EMIL HOIL.

BENJAMIN F. HOIL, came to Rochester fifteen years ago from the State of New York, where he was born in the town of Amherst. He immediately opened a store, carrying general merchandise, including groceries, provisions, crockery, etc., in which under the firm name of Hoil Bros., he is still engaged, doing a thriving business. He spent four years in the west, mining in Colorado, from 1873 to 1876. Has served on village board and is connected with several secret societies.



INTERIOR HOIL BROS.' STORE.

GEORGE HOIL, was born at Amherst, New York, and came to Rochester where he had been preceded by his brother three years before and entered the general merchandise business in which his brother was engaged, and with him forms the present firm of Hoil Bros. He also mined in the west one year, 1876.

B. A. HORVITZ was born in Suwalk, Russia, came to Rochester in 1879, where he embarked in the dry goods and clothing business. In 1890 he built one of the finest brick blocks in the village, which he occupies, and does a thriving trade. Was a



B. A. HORVITZ.



J. J. BLINN.

member of village board in 1895-'97 and is an extensive real estate owner and enterprising citizen.

JOHN J. BLINN was born in Ogden, New York, and came to Rochester thirty years ago, where for the past twenty-two years he has carried on a good business in the harness and trunk line, in which his son Clare is associated with him. Has served several terms as town clerk and village assessor and for ten years has been a member of the school board.

GEORGE W. GARDNER was born in Avon Township in 1872 and follows the business of farming



HORVITZ'S STORE.

and at present is running the Lambertson farm, two miles east and one mile south of Rochester, and it is evident he is a wide-awake, practical farmer, as this is the fourth year he has had charge of the same.

ROBERT CASSIDY, V. S., is a native of Wingham, Ont., born in 1872. He came to Rochester in 1892 and is an honorary graduate of Ontario Veterinary College, this being his first field. His thorough knowledge of the horse and his diseases has enabled him to work up a fine practice.



G. W. GARDNER.



DR. CASSIDY.



MR. AND MRS. H. F. STONE.

H. FRANK STONE, county treasurer, has been a resident of Rochester and Avon for nineteen years. He occupies a beautiful farm, two and a quarter miles south-east of the village, driving to the county seat every day rain or shine. He

was elected county treasurer in 1894 and again in 1896. Is a native of Vermont and he received his education from the public schools. Is one of the best known men in Oakland County, and is popular with all. Mr. and Mrs. Stone are well-known for their hospitality and at their beautiful home, Meadow Lawn, their friends are royally entertained.



"MEADOW LAWN."

JAMES W. SMITH, the genial hotel man, was born in Dublin, Ireland, and came to Avon in 1880, where for ten years he followed farming. He then came to Rochester, and buying the Lambertson House re-christened it Hotel St. James, and made it one of the most inviting hostleries to be found. The house contains twenty-one rooms, all in first-class order and is well known as the "Traveler's Home" and Mr. Smith as one of Michigan's most popular landlords.



HOTEL ST. JAMES.

JOHN S. HARTWELL, the genial tonsorial artist, first saw light in Rochester, fifty years ago. He worked at his trade there for some time, then in other parts of the State, finally returning to the place of his birth two years ago, he opened a barber shop and later a laundry, in both of which he is doing a lucrative and thriving business, in which he is ably assisted by Mrs. Hartwell.

COL. A. A. MONROE is a native of Virginia, was a soldier and officer in the Union army during the war of the rebellion. The Colonel carries many scars of honorable wounds incurred in the line of



J. W. SMITH.



J. S. HARTWELL.

battle and is an energetic, patriotic gentleman. He is the patentee of the Monroe Cart, which is manufactured in Rochester.

THE ROCHESTER LAUNDRY, Mrs. F. A. Monroe proprietress, has been established several years and enjoys a fine patronage, not only from the village, but from the surrounding country. The work turned out is of a superior quality, a specialty being made of shirts, cuffs and collars. All work intrusted to Mrs. Monroe is promptly attended to and delivered inside the corporation.



HARTWELL'S BARBER SHOP.

# Rochester Woman's Club.

One of the organizations of which Rochester can justly be proud is the Rochester Woman's Club. Although still in its infancy it bids fair to rival any club of its kind in the State for the literary work accomplished and the system and order maintained in all its deliberations. Its membership is limited to thirty, and has been full from the first. It was organized May 1st, 1896, with Sarah M. B. Fox as president; Jane A. Barwise, vice-president; Hattie S. Wilson, secretary, and Emma M. Bennett, treasurer. The work is planned and given out in its annual announcements by the Program Committee, and from this each lady is ready when the time comes for her allotted theme, which is followed by discussions by the members. The club lost by death in the first year its vice-president, Mrs. Barwise, who was succeeded by Irene L. Challis. The officers were re-elected this year. The club members are all bright women and enthusiastic in their work. The club expect to join the State Federation of Clubs soon.



1 Mrs. E. Bennett	4 Mrs. Case	7 Mrs. Torrey	10 Mrs. C. Lomason	13 Mrs. Hawley	16 Mrs. Fox	19 Miss E. Barwise
2 Mrs. E. Mackin	5 Mrs. Brownell	8 Mrs. Newberry	11 Miss S. Potter	14 Mrs. Starring	17 Mrs. Challis	20 Mrs. Gifford
3 Mrs. M. Bridges	6 Mrs. Snook	9 Mrs. Fisher	12 Miss Swain	15 Mrs. M. E. Holman	18 Mrs. Woodworth	21 Mrs. Chapman
						22 Mrs. Gillette



"OVERLOOK"

OVERLOOK FRUIT FARM, John J. and Ella D. Snook, proprietors, consists of one hundred and seventy acres beautifully and conveniently situated over one hundred feet above the lovely Clinton Valley, one mile south of Rochester, on the gravel road to Pontiac, and main road to Detroit. Soil and location particularly adapted to fruit culture, fifty to seventy pickers employed. Has a reputation for general and successful farming. Stock and water

arrangements unsurpassed. Mr. and Mrs. Snook have a wide reputation in agricultural and horticultural circles, and have contributed largely for publication on these and other topics. Both were born in Macomb County, Michigan, and purchased their present home in 1883. Mr. Snook was Sergt. Major of the 22d Mich. Vol. Inf., and has attended every reunion since. Has been active in public doings, and held the office of Justice of the Peace for 12 years.



J. J. SNOOK.



C. W. UFTON.

CHARLES W. UFTON is a native of Sterling, Macomb Co., and was born in 1862. Served apprenticeship on his father's farm until twenty-one, and afterwards became the recipient of a one hundred acre farm, in Washington Township, upon which he moved; lived there until 1897, when he purchased a home in Rochester, where he now resides. Is engaged in the aermotor windmill business; has also worked up a first-class reputation as an auctioneer, and his services are in constant demand during the season; conducts the cyclone insurance business and is a wide-awake, all-round hustler.



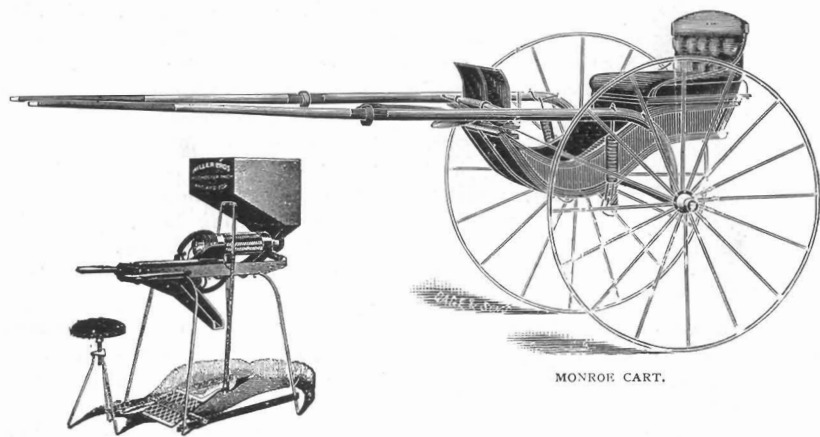
RESIDENCE MRS. A. C. GOODSON.



ROCHESTER FLOURING MILLS.



CAMP CHAIR.



MONROE CART.



BEAN PICKER.



MONROE CART CO., Edwin E. and Frank A. Miller proprietors. This company has been in active operation in Rochester since 1890, and its products are well and favorably known. Its trade is confined to Monroe carts, farm wagons and vehicles. They have an extensive sale in carts in the United States, South America and other foreign countries. This firm also carries on general blacksmithing and repair work. Miller Bros. are also large manufacturers of bean pickers, lawn and camp chairs and camp stools. Their Scientific Bean Picker has met with the unqualified endorsement of bean handlers in general and its sale is gaining ground constantly. The output of lawn chairs and stools in 1897 was double that of 1896.

J. E. CURTIS & SON have been established in business in Rochester for ten years in flour and feed and general grinding. The mill is one of the land marks of the village, being built in 1837, has been extensively repaired and in 1890 was, by the present firm, converted into a fifty barrel roller mill. They manufacture the "Superior" brand of flour and have a fine outside trade in addition to a flourishing home market.



MONROE CART FACTORY.



J. S. PETERS.

JULIAN S. PETERS was born in Troy, Mich., in 1841, and came to Rochester when eight years of age. In 1864 he enlisted in the 22nd Michigan Infantry, afterwards transferred to the 29th. For five months he was in the court martial's office at Murfreesboro, Tenn., and before this was at Gen. Thomas' headquarters at Chattanooga, Tenn., his clerical ability being in constant demand. After the war for many years was engaged in moulding and pattern making. For many years he was township and village clerk. From 1880 to 1897 he carried on a successful carriage painting business, when continued ill health caused him to give it up. Is serving his second term as Justice of the Peace and has also a successful pension, insurance and collection agency.

"WOOD DAWN," the handsome country home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Schermerhorn, comprises three hundred and twenty acres, the greater part of which is in a high state of cultivation. The property was formerly known as the Wilcox farm, and joins Rochester on the north and west. Mr. and Mrs. Schermerhorn removed here from Detroit in 1896.

The residence is one of the finest in this section and the many improvements added have given the place all the advantages of a beautiful country home.



"WOOD DAWN" (EAST)



"WOOD DAWN" (SOUTH)

ABRAM HORN, one of Rochester's oldest and most successful merchants, was born in Northampton County, Penn., in 1823. He came to Rochester in 1853 and for thirty-four years has been in business here. He carries a large and varied stock of groceries, provisions, crockery, glassware, and enjoys a good and profitable trade.

IDA E. JONES is a native of Rochester, and for the past seven years has catered to the wants of the ladies of this vicinity, in the line of fashionable millinery. Miss Jones has accomplished all that deft fingers and an artistic taste can do, and her ability in this direction has won for her a liberal trade.



ABRAM HORN



MISS IDA JONES



JACKSON & CO.'S FOUNDRY.

JACKSON & CO., J. F. & S. B. Jackson, proprietors, came to Rochester in 1877, their father, W. H. Jackson, buying the Jennings foundry. Since his death in 1889 the business has been carried on by the sons. The old building was burned in 1884, and the present brick foundry was immediately built. Is the only foundry in the village and besides doing a steady business in that line, the firm also handles farm implements. J. F. has served several terms as town and village clerk; is Record Keeper K. O. T. M. and Secretary of Lodge No. 5. F. & A. M. S. B. is a first-class machinist and Lieutenant of Hose Co. 1.



OLD FOUNDRY.



KRESSLER'S MILL AND RESIDENCE

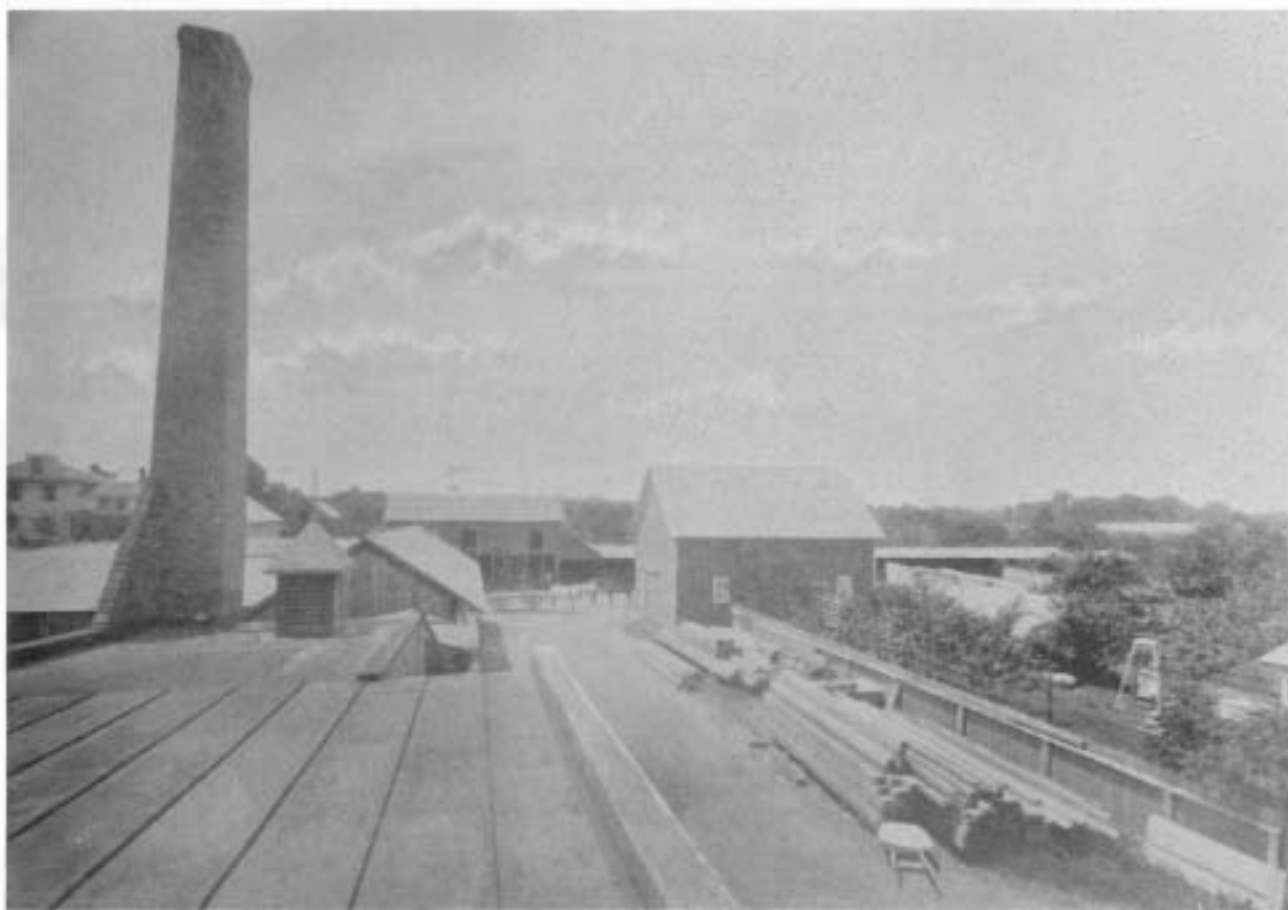
DANIEL B. KRESSLER is a native of New Jersey. He came to Rochester in 1874 and worked several years with his father-in-law, John Ross, succeeding to the business in turn. Mr. Kressler carries on an extensive business in lumber, coal and building supplies, also is a large contractor and thorough business man. Is up-to-date in every line in which he deals, and many of the best houses in the town were built under his supervision. Is well-known and energetic and has built up a large trade. Is a high Mason.



D. B. KRESSLER.



RESIDENCE S. B. JACKSON.



KESSELER'S PLANT.



DR. S. C. H. SPENCER.

BENNE C. H. SPENCER, M. D., is an Avon boy, born in 1859. Came to Rochester with his parents at seven years of age. He early evinced a taste for the profession of medicine and spent many years fitting himself for his life work. In 1881 he graduated from the Michigan College of Medicine. He spent nearly two years practising in Arkansas, when he came north and located in Orion where for twelve years he maintained a successful practice. In 1894 he went to California, returning to Oakland township one year ago. In the spring of 1897 he located in Rochester and is rapidly building up a large practice.



RESIDENCE MRS. A. M. B. FOX.

SARAH M. B. FOX was born in Phelps, Ontario County, New York. When three years of age her parents removed to Leoni, Jackson County. Here she received her education in the district school and the Michigan Union College, teaching several terms to help her on the way. After leaving school she taught two years in the high school of Saginaw, E. S. and one year in Mason, where she was married to T. B. Fox of Saginaw. In 1873 Mr. Fox established the *Era* and Mrs. Fox gave much of her time in assisting her husband to

MISS ANNA SHOEMAKER although born in Avon Township, has made Rochester her home for the last fifteen years and carried on the business of dressmaking and fancy goods. She employs a number of hands and her taste, as well as her ability to turn out the latest style of costume, are so well recognized that her establishment has long been known as the best in this vicinity. She also keeps the latest novelties in laces, ribbons and fancy goods.

LUCIUS H. BITTERS is a native of Rochester and for the past ten years has run one of the leading barber shops of the village, receiving a large share of public patronage. He occupies a pleasant home on West Third street, an engraving of which is given herewith.



RESIDENCE L. H. BITTERS.

make it a success. Since his death, four years ago she spent nine months in Lansing, doing acceptable work in the Census Bureau. She is still interested in the *Era* and contributes to its columns from time to time. Mrs. Fox is a member of the Michigan Woman's Press Association, having served as Vice-President, Secretary and Member of the Executive Board. Is President of the Rochester Woman's Club, is identified with the W. C. T. U., and is a valued member of the M. E. Church.



MRS. S. M. T. FOX.



RESIDENCE C. H. GREGG.



L. H. BITTERS.



MRS. A. E. SHOEMAKER.



RESIDENCE J. M. ASFORD.



"MEADOW BROOK" LANDSCAPE.

MEADOW BROOK FARM, lying three miles west of Rochester, consists of three hundred and twenty acres, and was formerly known as the Hubbel farm. Mr. James L. Higgins, of Detroit, purchased the property in September, 1896, and since that time has had a large force of men at work clearing up, fencing and otherwise beautifying the premises, and no expense has been spared in making the estate one of the finest in the country. New barns and out buildings have been built and old ones remodelled, while miles of wire fencing have been put up giving the place an entirely new appearance, and one who knew the place a year ago, is struck with the manner in which Mr. Higgins has carried out his plans to beautify it. The farm residence has also been enlarged and completely overhauled, making it an abode worthy the estate. It contains

fourteen rooms, hall, parlors, dining room, etc., and large commodious chambers, all beautifully furnished and equipped. Being situated on the highest point, a magnificent view of the surrounding country for miles is seen. The owner is giving considerable attention to the raising of blooded stock, and has some of the best breeds of horses, cattle and sheep. The house is bountifully supplied with water from a twenty-four foot spring, while Meadow Brook runs through the farm, and is plentifully stocked with trout. Mr. Higgins is a native of Massachusetts, came to Detroit from Cleveland 20 years ago. He is engaged in insurance. Although he has varied interests in different places, among them a ranch in California, property in Detroit, Minneapolis and other places, he esteems Meadow Brook one of his best possessions. Several engravings of views on the estate are given herewith.



RESIDENCE W. S. STAFFORD.

WILLIAM HULSIZER was born in Lebanon, N. J., in 1818, and settled on his present home near Rochester, in 1859. Has followed farming for thirty-eight years and by constant improvement and

sizer celebrated their golden wedding in 1890, and are the parents of twelve children, seven of whom are living: Mrs. Sarah Smith, Manistee; Mrs. A. Hamlin, Mrs. G. W. Sipperly and Wm. H. of Avon; Mrs. W. H.



"MEADOW BROOK" FARM HOUSE. SOUTH VIEW.

much work has made a beautiful country home, consisting of eighty-six acres, of Maple Villa Farm. The house burned in September, 1894, but was rebuilt on the same foundation in 1895. Mr. and Mrs. Hul-

Judson of New York City; Mrs. C. L. Sheldon, Bay City and Mrs. F. L. Davison, Texas City, Texas.

GEORGE M. FLUMERFELT has thus far spent his life near the place of his birth, Oakland Township,



WM. HULSIZER.



MRS. HULSIZER.

Oakland Co., Mich., where for many years he operated a fine farm, as at present, giving a great deal of his attention to fruit raising. He came to Rochester in 1894 and erected one of the finest residences in the village, where he still resides. He owns and cultivates a large farm four and a half miles northeast of Rochester, also one in Clarkston, and is one of the largest peach growers in this section. Is member of the Water Board and also of the Board of Review.



"MAPLE VILLA."



RESIDENCE R. IRMICK.

REUBEN IRMICK was born in Lower Mt. Bethel, Pa., in 1852, and came to Rochester in 1876, and for twenty-one years has been one of Rochester's best carpenters. He has built for himself and occupies one of the handsomest residences in town. Has served several terms on the village board and is considered a man of excellent judgment.

In September, 1830, the village of Rochester gained an inhabitant who for fifty-six years went in and out before the people, either

in a public or private capacity, honored and esteemed. This person was the Hon. Almon Mack, who opened the second stock of goods for sale in the village on September 1st, 1830, and continued in active trade until 1853. He was born in Tunbridge, Ver-



"MEADOW BROOK," FRONT VIEW.

mont in 1806 and obtained his military education at Norwich, in the same state, which made him a prominent officer in the militia of Michigan in after years. He was a member of the legislature in 1848, was a prominent public man in the county and held many positions of honor and trust. He died on January 20, 1886.

L. E. ADAMS, the artist, is a native of Rochester; has been located here ten years, and the majority of the portraits and engravings of this brochure are from his studio. He not only takes a first class photograph, but executes orders in oil, pastel, crayon, or India ink.



ALMON MACK.



L. E. ADAMS.



"MEADOW BROOK" BARN.



ENTRANCE TO "MEADOW BROOK."



WM. LEMP'S BLACKSMITH SHOP.

WM. LEMP was born in Canada in 1864 and came to Rochester in 1890. Has been engaged in a general blacksmithing business for seven years, and during the past year (1897) has built a commodious and convenient shop. During the past three years he has also carried on a bakery and ice cream parlors, keeping everything usually found in a first class place.

THE NEELY FLOURING MILLS, T. E. Neely, proprietor, were built by Drs. J. E.

and J. C. Wilson in 1868. Mr. Neely came to Rochester from Brown City, Mich., and acquired full control of the mills about one year ago, having had extensive experience as a miller. The mill was converted into a fifty barrel roller mill two years ago, and Mr. Neely takes great pride in his celebrated "Vigilant" flour, which ranks among the best. Feed grinding is also done, in fact the wants of the farmers and all customers are carefully catered to.



NEELY FLOURING MILLS.



"MEADOW BROOK" BARN.



RESIDENCE G. G. LOMASON.

G. G. LOMASON is one of the old settlers, having come to Rochester in 1847. He is well-known to the traveling public, having been landlord of the Lambertson House from 1861 to 1880. Was member of the water board in 1896 and is a Mason.

WM. S. BROWNELL, M. D., was born in Utica, Mich., where his father for many years was a well-known and successful physician. He graduated from the Detroit College of Medicine and has been



W. M. FLUMERFELT.



DR. W. S. BROWNELL.



RESIDENCE OF DR. J. C. WILSON.

actively engaged in his profession for six years, coming to Rochester two years ago he gained a large and constantly increasing practice. He is health officer of the village and also is examining physician of many of the benevolent organizations.



RESIDENCE OF G. M. FLUMERFELT.

JESSE E. WILSON, M. D., one of the pioneer physicians of Eastern Michigan, was born in Canada January 31, 1829, and located in Rochester forty-two years ago. Through a long and successful practice Dr. Wilson has shown rare ability as a physician and surgeon and is a man of sterling integrity and strong personality. Was first president of the village of Rochester, and for twenty-four years has served as member of the school board and for four years was director and also a projector of the D. & B. C. R. R.



DR. J. C. WILSON.



DR. J. E. WILSON.

JEREMIAH C. WILSON, M. D., a twin brother of the foregoing and likewise one of the pioneers of this section, located in Rochester in 1857, and began the practice of medicine in partnership with his brother, which has been continued through forty years. Both attended the University of Michigan, and graduated from Castleton Medical College, Vt. Dr. Jerry was a member of the Michigan State Legislature in 1867 and has been in extensive and successful practice ever since his first location in the village.



RESIDENCE A. F. NEWBERRY.

ARTHUR F. NEWBERRY was born in 1858 in Rochester, being descended from some of the earliest settlers of the place. Has for the past twenty years done a large business in groceries and provisions and is also insurance and express agent. At present is member of the village board and has served several years as president of the same. Is well-known and for his judgment and integrity holds a high place in public esteem.



RESIDENCE H. B. SMITH.



MR. E. P. HARRIS.



MRS. E. P. HARRIS.

EDWARD P. HARRIS was born in Massachusetts and graduated from Dartmouth College in 1826. He was admitted to the bar in 1832 and through many years was an honor to his profession. He came to Rochester, Mich., in 1837, where he lived until his death in 1868. Was a prominent factor in the early history of the village, having legal ability and judgment of a high order. Appointed postmaster in 1849 by President Taylor. Married Sarah Sunborn Gillett, a native of Vermont, who died in 1877. Mr. and Mrs. Harris were the parents of Edward W. and Samuel, portraits of whom are given elsewhere.



A. F. NEWBERRY.



A. G. GRIGGS.



FARM RESIDENCE A. G. GRIGGS.

ALBERT G. GRIGGS was born in New York State in 1835, and came to Avon in 1866. All his life has been engaged in farming, and for the past twenty-one years has been in the grain buying business with his brother C. K. Griggs, under the firm name of Griggs Bros. Was supervisor of the township for four years. Is a man of fine ability and will always be found on the right side of every question. Has a fine farm and residence two miles west of Rochester.



RESIDENCE L. C. AXFORD.



COM. GEORGE NEWBERRY.

and commodore for seven years. Is now a member of the Citizens' Yachting Association of Detroit, being commodore of the fleet in 1896. Is one of Rochester's most enterprising citizens.

JOHN M. NORTON, is a native of New York State, where he was born in 1820, and came with his parents to Michigan in 1824. At the age of twelve years he was thrown upon his own resources and wrought as a farm laborer. Has resided on his pres-



RESIDENCE J. M. NORTON.

ent farm since it was purchased, in 1865, and has improved it until it now is one of the best homesteads in the township. Mr. Norton is a most systematic farmer, and as a result, a highly successful one. Is interested in all questions of the day and keeps himself fully abreast of the times. Was a member of the legislature in 1883, representing the 15th Senatorial District, and took an active part in the proceedings of that body.

EDWARD W. HARRIS was born May 4, 1831, at Bradford, Orange County, Vermont. In 1837 he came to Rochester with his parents, where he lived until the fall of 1853, attending the district School

State and National Law School at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., spending the winter at Manchester, N. H., in the office of Judge Daniel Clark. He returned to Rochester in the fall of 1854, and was admitted to the Bar at Pontiac, after being for a time in the office of Baldwin & Draper, and in December, 1854, removed to Port Huron, where he has since resided. Former presiding judge of St. Clair Circuit and is prominent in K. O. T. M. matters.



HON. J. M. NORTON.



E. W. HARRIS.

and later the Academy, with such teachers as Peter Moyers, Dr. Kedzie, now of the Agricultural College at Lansing, Rev. S. N. Hill, E. P. Clisbee, Miss Antoinette L. Brown and Byron G. Stout. Four winters he spent in teaching, first in the Bromley District, four and a half miles west of Rochester on the Pontiac road, second in the Swan District near Birmingham, third in the Jack Hamlin District two or three miles south of Rochester, and lastly at Royal Oak. In 1853-4 he attended the



RESIDENCE C. W. CASE.

CHARLES W. CASE was born in Brandon township, Oakland County, Mich., in 1870, and came to Rochester in 1889, where he entered the hardware store of H. J. Taylor and has remained since. Is serving his second term as both town and village treasurer, also handles bicycles and is a reliable young business man.



C. W. CASE.



WESTERN KNITTING MILLS.



OFFICE WESTERN KNITTING MILLS.



MACHINE ROOM WESTERN KNITTING MILLS.



STOCK ROOM WESTERN KNITTING MILLS.



KNITTING ROOM WESTERN KNITTING MILLS.

WESTERN KNITTING MILLS—A railroad journey of forty-five minutes, a distance of twenty-six miles from Detroit, will bring the traveller to the new and modernly equipped plant of the Western Knitting Mills, situated at Rochester, Mich., where their Yarn Mill has always been located, which is two hundred feet long, sixty feet wide, two stories and a basement. A side track from the Michigan Central, five hundred and twenty feet long, where freight is loaded and unloaded, runs directly into the mills.

Most of the wools that are used by them are purchased from the farmers in the immediate vicinity. Altogether the mills, including two large warehouses, occupy a space of 111,000 square feet.

The mills are built of stone and brick. The machinery is of the most modern type. The company have over four hundred sewing, knitting and tufting machines, and when in full operation employs upwards of five hundred people. The mills possess every facility for the manufacture of goods in its line, and produce over five hundred different styles of woolen gloves, mittens, half-hose and lumbermen's socks, and are



SPINNING ROOM WESTERN KNITTING MILLS.

acknowledged to be one of the largest manufacturers of these goods in the world. Their products are sold exclusively to the jobbing trade, and have an output of 100,000 dozen pairs of gloves, socks and mittens, annually.

Their leading specialty is the Esquimaux Knit Boot which is made on a patent machine that they own and control.

They doubtless sell more dozens of this

than any one style of knit boot that is manufactured in the United States. Same being handled by all the leading jobbers who sell this class of goods.

The factory is driven by water, steam and electricity, the company controlling one of the best water powers in the state. The mills have a complete system of electric lights, over five hundred incandescent lights, and in fact is equipped with every modern convenience.

The Western Knitting Mills are incorporated: W. C. Yawkey, President; C. S. Chapman, Vice-President and General Manager, and W. C. Chapman, Secretary and Treasurer.

William C. Chapman, Secretary and Treasurer of the Western Knitting Mills was born at Proctorsville, Vt., March 11, 1856. Removed with his parents to Detroit, Mich., in 1880. There he attended business college, from which he graduated in 1881, entering the employ of W. C. Yawkey as bookkeeper, remaining with him until 1887, when he left his employ to engage in the lumber business in Rhineland, Wis.; remained there three years when he sold out and returned to Detroit, Mich.



KNITTING ROOM WESTERN KNITTING MILLS.



CARD ROOM WESTERN KNITTING MILLS.

In 1891 he purchased an interest in the Western Knitting Mills, removing to Rochester, Mich., at that time to take charge of their Yarn Mill. Mr. Chapman served three years very acceptably as President of the village of Rochester, Mich., and is a wide-awake and progressive citizen.

Charles S. Chapman, Vice President and General Manager of the Western Knitting Mills, was born in Proctorsville, Vt., in 1864. At the age of sixteen he left school and entered the employ of E. J. Vose & Co., retail clothing dealers, Ludlow, Vt., remaining with them one year, leaving them to enter the employ of Jordan, Marsh & Co., wholesale dry goods dealers, Boston, Mass.

Later, with his parents, he removed to Detroit, Mich., and there entered the employ of Edson, Moore & Co., wholesale dry goods dealers, where he remained for ten years, four years of which was spent in the house and six years as travelling salesman on the road.

In 1891 he engaged in establishing the house since known as the Western Knitting Mills, which can now boast of such a splendid plant. Personally he is well known to most of the jobbing trade who handle this class of goods throughout the United States.

William C. Yawkey, President of the Western Knitting Mills, a prominent lumberman and dealer in pine, farming and mineral lands, of Detroit, Wayne County, Mich., was born at Massillon, Stark County, Ohio, August 26th, 1834.

He began business life at an early age, without capital or financial assistance, and by good foresight, energy and close attention to every enterprise in which he became interested, has placed himself as one of the wealthy men of Detroit and the state.

Besides mining interests on the Mesaba Range, he is an extensive operator in and at the head of several industries in his own and other states, among the most prominent being that of manufacturing lumber, woolen yarns and knit goods. He entered into the latter business through his becoming a stockholder in a corporation known as the Western Knitting Company, soon after its organization, and continued with it until its effects were sold out to the Western Knitting Mills, and has been identified with this company as its president ever since.



HENRICH W. C. CHAPMAN.

SAMUEL HARRIS is a native of Vermont, where he was born in the village of Hartford, in 1836. He removed with his parents to Rochester, Mich., when one year of age. His whole bent from youth was mechanics, and at the age of twelve he made a model of a steam engine in brass. He worked at



SAMUEL HARRIS.

railroading, as machinist and engineer, for several years, and returning to Rochester started a small foundry and machine shop. He worked in it until 1862 when he raised Co. A in the Fifth Mich. Cavalry and went to the war, remaining until its close, when he opened a pension and patent office in Washington, D. C., and lived there until 1873. At the latter date he removed to Chicago where he is successfully engaged in the sale of steam engines, boilers and machinery, many of his own invention. Lieut. Harris is an enthusiastic G. A. R. man, and no reunion of the company is complete without his presence. Is active in church matters and impresses one as being an energetic christian gentleman.

FLORENCE LILLIAN GILLETTE FLETT is the only child of Hartson and L. Fidelia Woolley Gillette. She read her mother's little paper-covered copies of Shakespeare sitting among the cherry tree boughs, when she was five years old, and organized theatrical troupes of her large family of dolls. In her girlhood she was a teacher of schools and of music, and was successful with her pen. She entered the dramatic profession through correspondence with Edwin Booth and conversational encouragement from Charlotte Cushman. Her success was greater than she had hoped. Her strong sense of justice, together with her acute sympathies, manifest in her portrayals, caused them to be called natural. "Her Parthenia" it was said is "Ingomar's Parthenia; her Juliette is Shakespeare's Juliette; her Camille is Camille's self; her grandeur seems the unconscious outgrowth of her own nature, her personal beauty and grace the completion of her dramatic gifts." She visited England and the Dominion, and all the States of the Union. After her marriage with George A. Flett, of England, she retired to domestic life.



FLORENCE GILLETTE FLETT.



MRS. L. F. W. GILLETTE.



HARTSON GILLETTE.



MISS E. A. WOOLLEY.

MRS. L. FIDELIA WOOLLEY GILLETTE is the daughter of Rev. Edward Mott and Laura Smith Woolley, and was born in Nelson, Madison County, N. Y. Her ancestry was English and French. She was an extremely timid and sensitive child, but an enthusiast in her studies. Her father expected her when a mere girl to read books upon obtruse subjects and to be able to talk about them with himself and his friends; but the distinguishing characteristic of her childhood was a spontaneous sympathy for everything, and all her life it has kept her the help of the helpless and the friend of those who are in bonds. In 1847 her father removed to Michigan, which is yet her home. Mrs. Gillette's literary work has continued since her sixteenth year, under the pen names of "Lyra," "Carrie Russell" and her own. Her poems and prose articles have appeared in various magazines and papers. Her published works are her poems, entitled: "Pebbles From The Shore" (1879), "Editorials and Other Waifs" (New York, 1889) and a memoir of her father (Boston, 1855) who was a prominent Universalist minister.

Mrs. Gillette was for several years in the lecture field and received high praise. When about to give her first lecture her youngest brother wrote her the following words: "You know my thoughts that only a woman can complete the home, but you have done all, and more than daughter, sister, wife and mother should do, and now that you have decided to take up a new work in which I know you can do great good, you must be assured of all the encouragement that a brother can give." There is a faint suggestion of the dramatic in Mrs. Gillette's style of speaking that gives it an inexpressible charm; the elegance of her language, the richness of her imagery, the original character of her illustrations are as refreshing as they are entertaining. Her missionary and pastoral work has been of several years' duration.

HARTSON GILLETTE was a native of Hartford, Conn. He came to Michigan in his youth. In

after years, visiting Rochester with his wife, he was requested to examine the ruined mill property, owned by Gen. Griffin. He at once discovered its value and organized the company of Hartson Gillette, Baxter Gillette and Chas. Andrews. The mill was put in first-class order, and for many years this was one of the most prominent mill firms in the state. Mr. Gillette was a private in the 22d Michigan and his health was ruined in the service. He was a man of generous impulses, tender affections and metaphysical thought. He died at the home of his daughter in New York City, April 7, 1886.

ESTHER ALMIRA WOOLLEY, is the youngest daughter of Rev. Edward Mott and Laura Smith Woolley. When she came to Rochester she was a young woman of great personal beauty, with an animated, social manner, that won her many friends, to whom she gave an intense devotion. She was an earnest charter member of the Good Templar's Lodge; and she gave much attention to the sick. She was a prominent member of the Universalist Church, and it was to her large executive ability and her thorough and constant service to all of its interests, that the church greatly owed its prosperity. She has been unable to continue in these directions for several years by her infirm health.



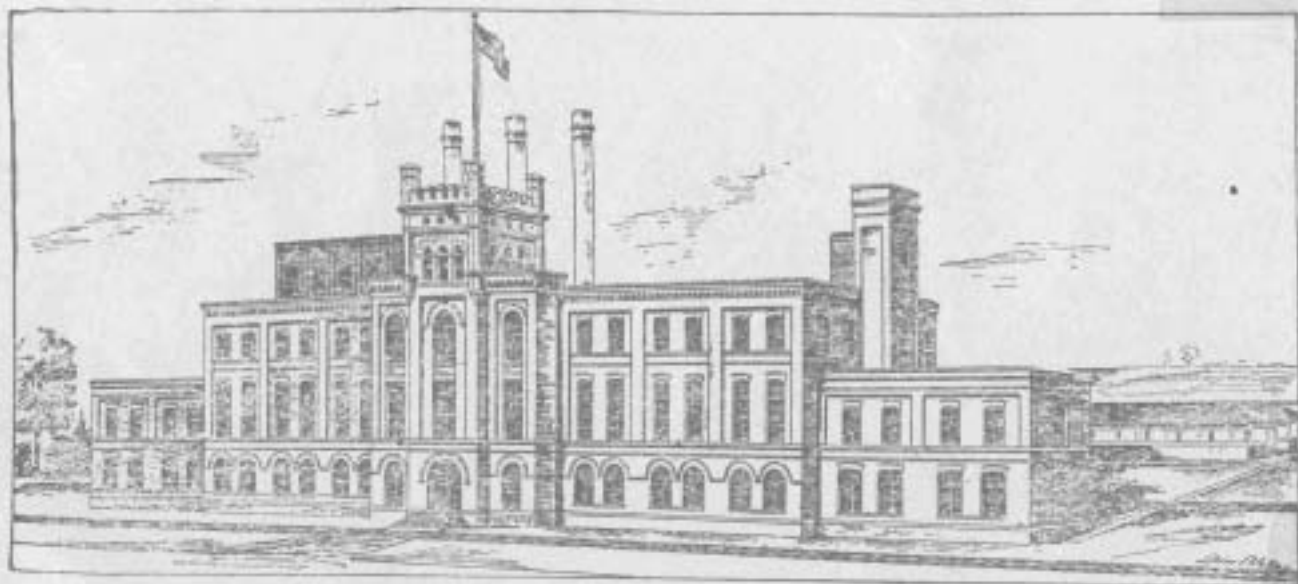
HAZEL AND LUCIA FOX.



THE DETROIT HOTEL, was erected in 1887 by the late R. O. Smith. The property was acquired in 1894 by Frank Andrews of Homer Warren & Co., of Detroit, who has made extensive repairs until it is now one of the handsomest and best equipped hotels in the state. There are thirty rooms in the house, including bath rooms for both ladies and gentlemen, heated by a furnace and supplied with both hot and cold water. Bowman Bros. are the proprietors, Wm. H. Bowman coming from Hillsdale, Mich., in January, 1895, to take charge of the house. Several engravings of the house are herewith presented.

THE ROCHESTER ERA was established May 13, 1873, by the late T. B. Fox, and at his death, in 1893, W. A. Fox, a son of the founder, assumed control of the paper. *The Era* is a seven column quarto and is devoted to the interests of Rochester and vicinity. It has in connection a well-equipped steam job department.





ROCHESTER SUGAR MILL, 1899--CAPACITY 500 TON PER DAY, COST \$500,000.