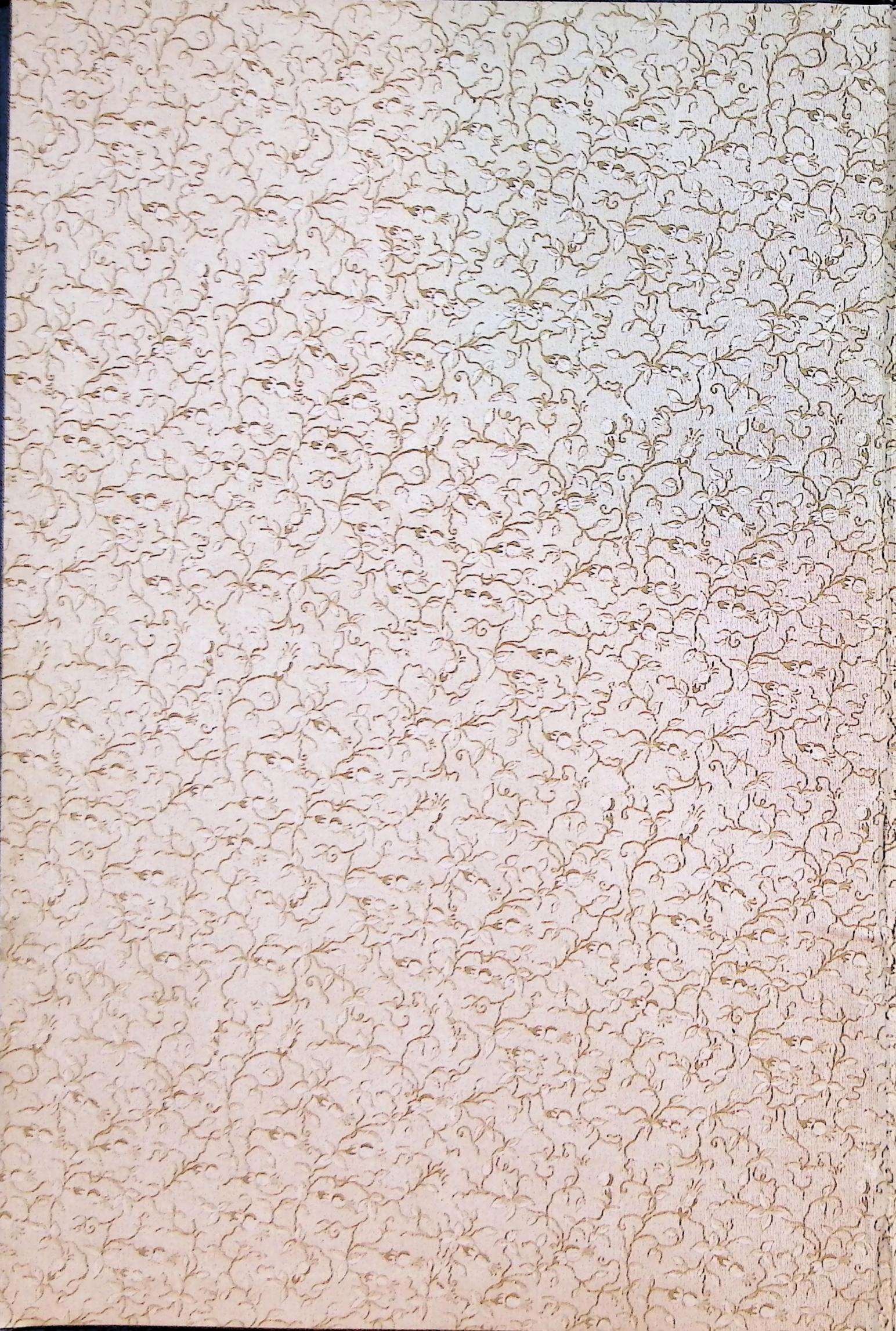
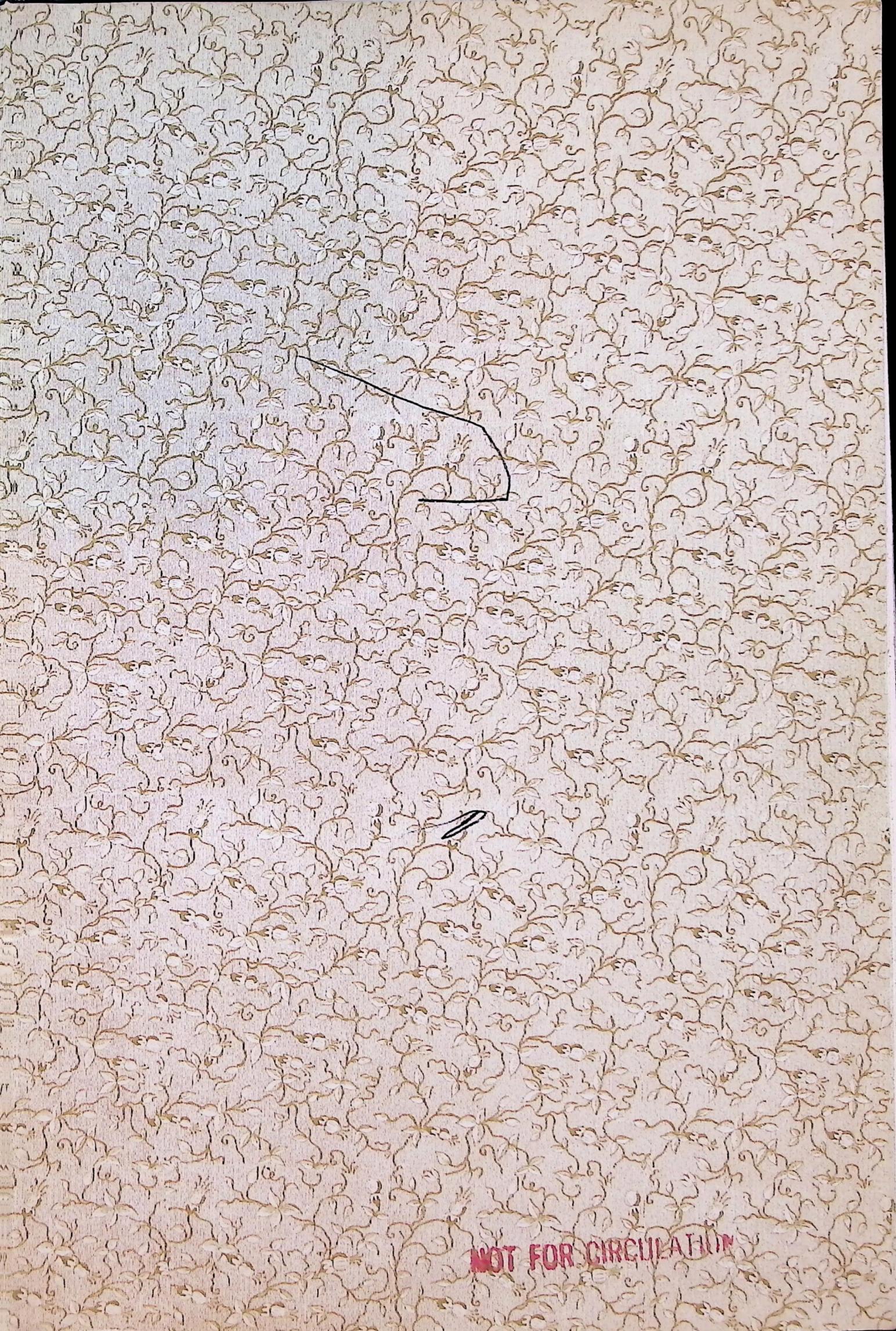


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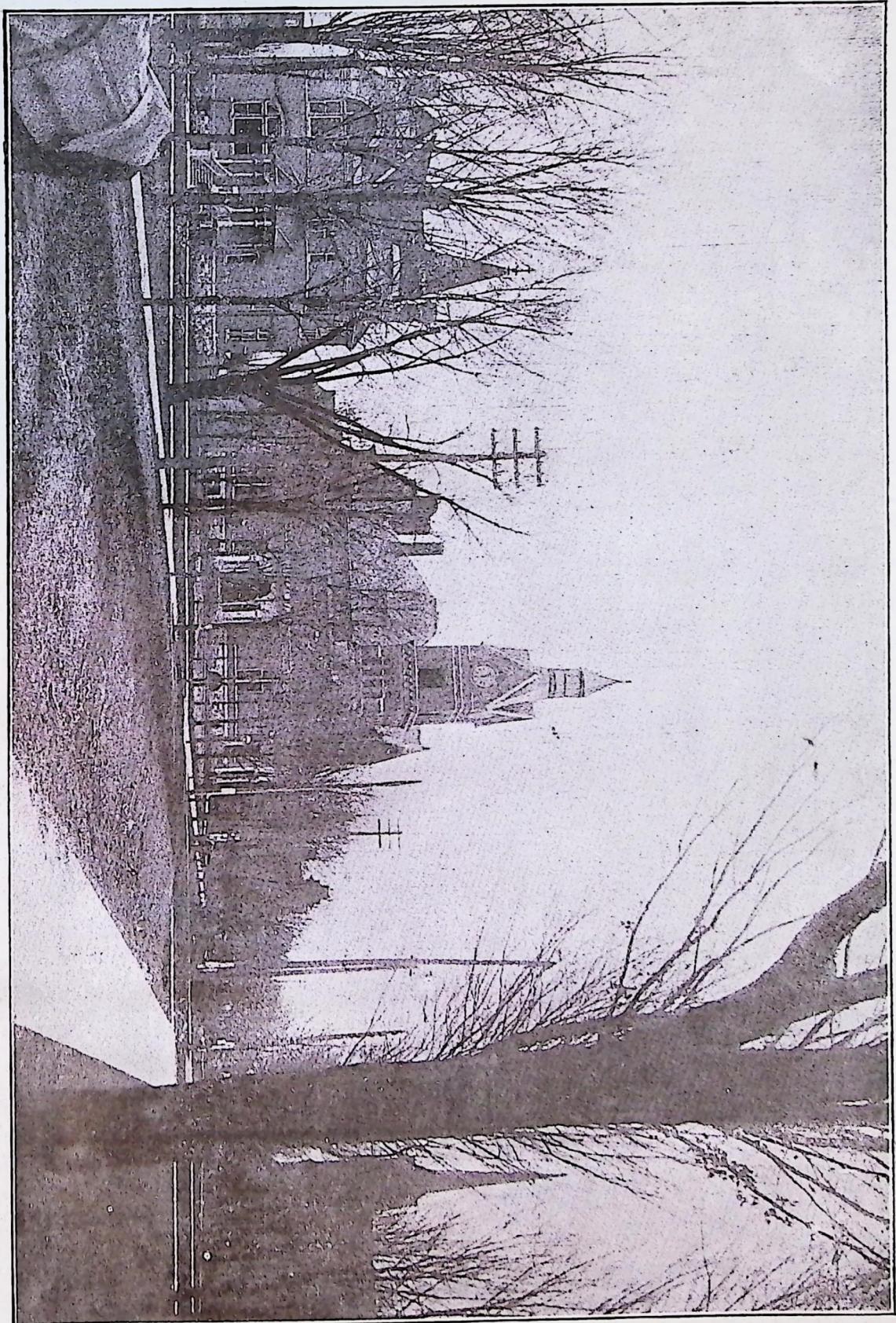
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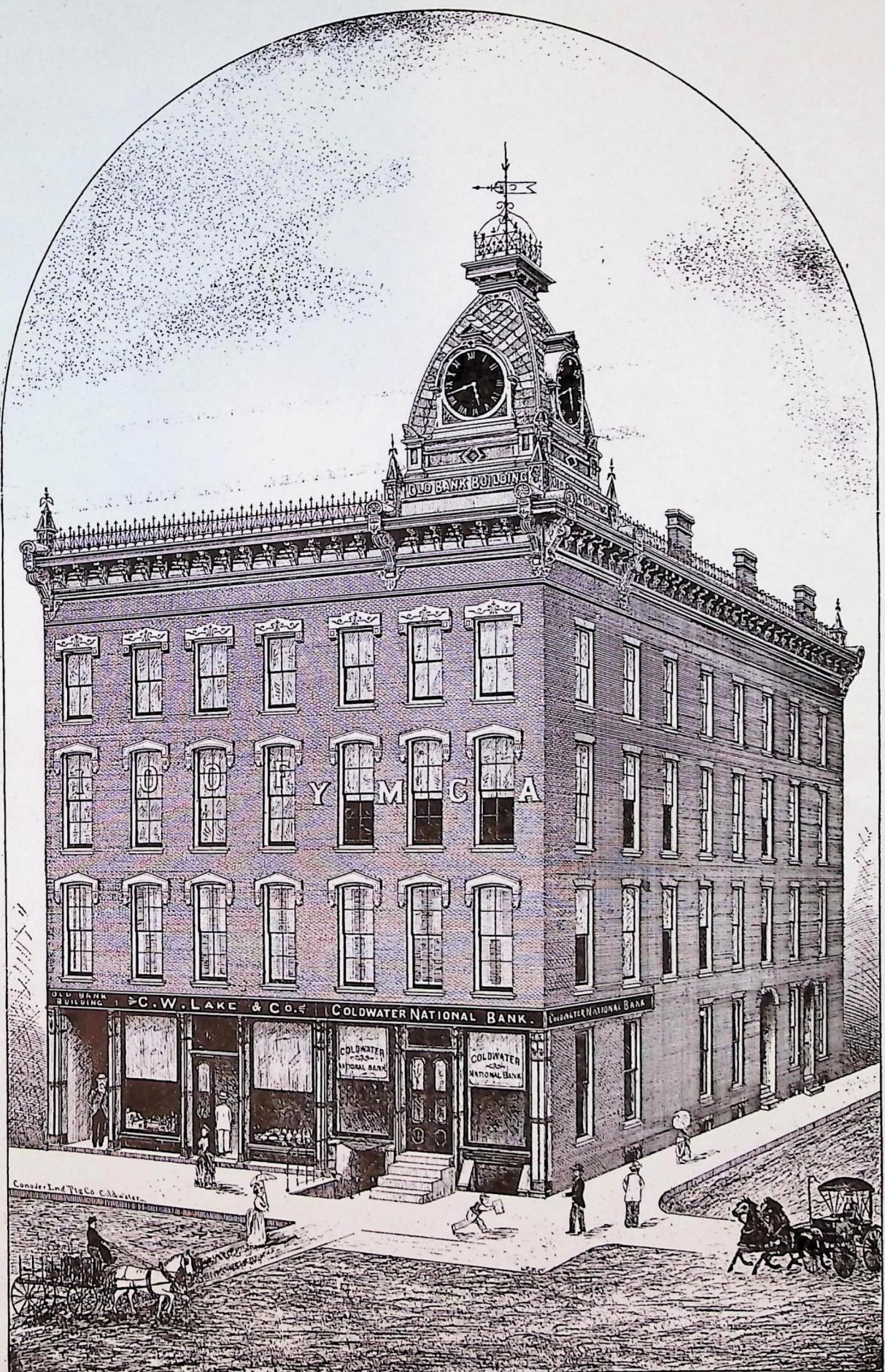
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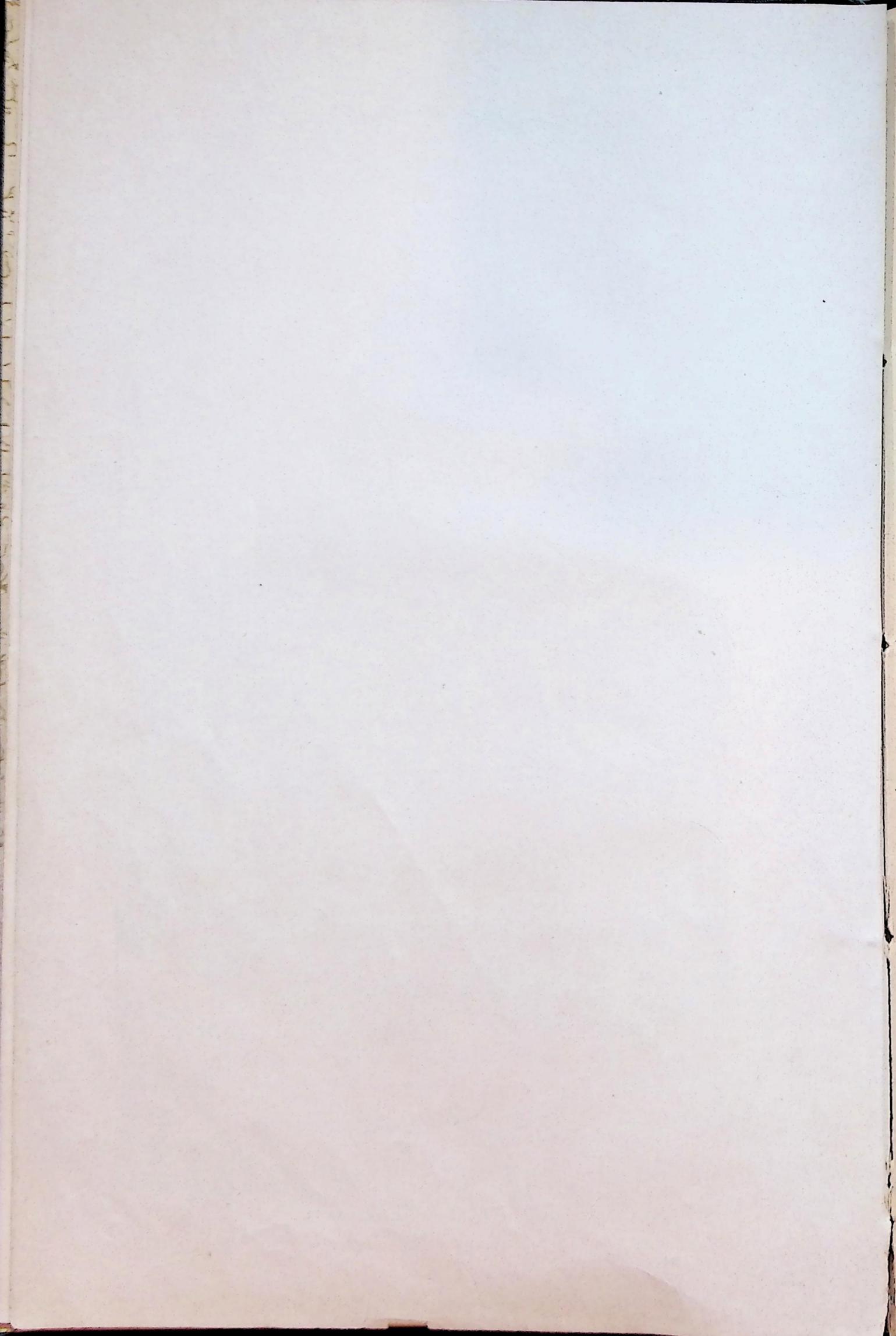


VIEW IN PUBLIC PARK, COLDWATER.





OLD BANK BUILDING—GEO. STARR, OWNER.



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## INTRODUCTORY.

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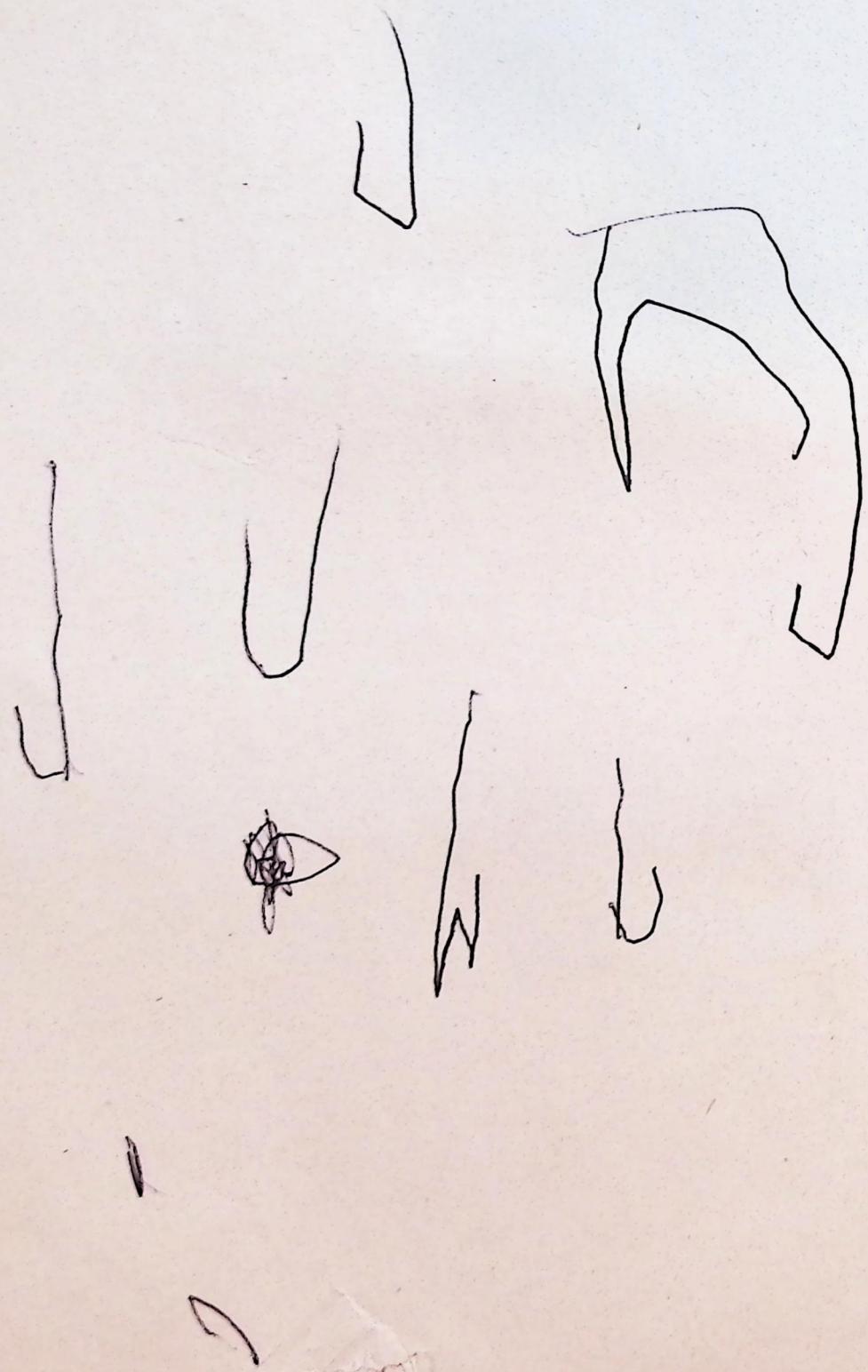
In presenting COLDWATER ILLUSTRATED to the public, I do not pretend to have supplied "a long felt want," as is modestly claimed by many publishers under similar circumstances, but I sincerely hope that this little work will not be devoid of some point of interest to its every reader.

It has been my aim to give, not so much a history of what our city has been in the past, as a correct representation in pictures of it as it appears to-day; and in doing this I believe I am furnishing you with a work which will not only be an interesting one to our citizens here at home, but will at the same time be the means of giving more practical information concerning our city as it really is, to persons in other parts of the country seeking to know something of us, than can be conveyed by other means.

If at the same time it shall so draw attention to our city as a desirable place of residence or business as to induce many other people to come and settle with us, I shall be content.

J. S. CONOVER.

*Coldwater, April 1, 1889.*



## COLDWATER.

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The city of Coldwater, with its many beautifully shaded streets, elegant residences, imposing business blocks, fine churches and schools, and its intelligent citizens, has acquired a reputation throughout the country as one of the most beautiful little cities in our land. It is on the main line of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway, 155 miles east from Chicago, 88 west from Toledo, and 128 southwest from Detroit. It is the center of a large and important trade, and is the central market for farmers' products for quite a large territory.

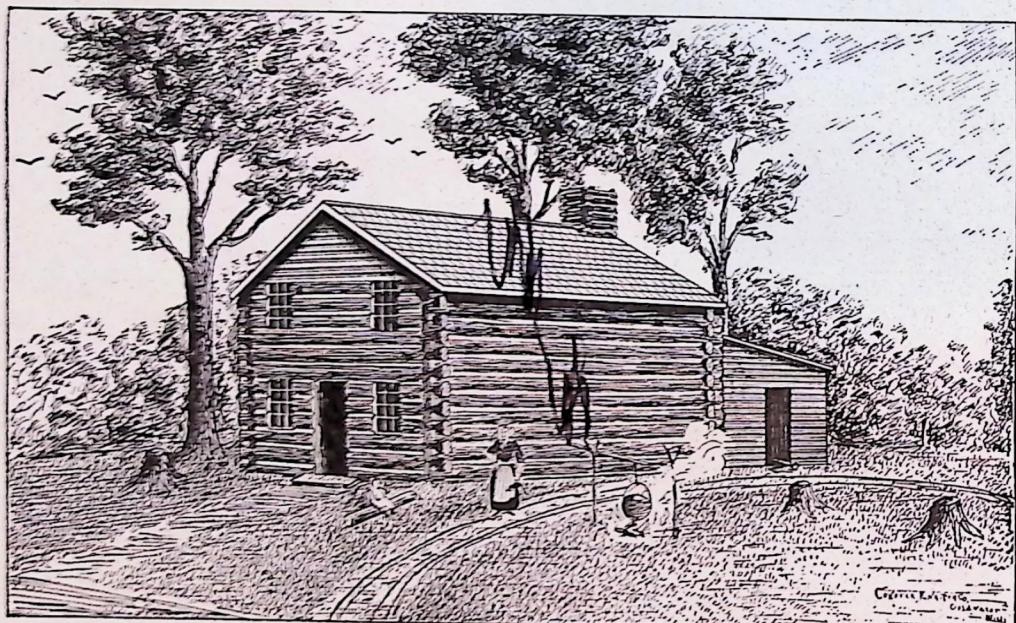
The city is finely laid out, most of the streets at right angles, and lined on either side with beautiful maples, giving a most delightful appearance during the summer. The residences are largely of a very fine order, many of them especially so, and very few indeed are of an inferior order; quite a number of them are illustrated in these pages, and give a fair idea of the taste of our people in this particular.

The present population is about 6,000, and there are several hundred business establishments of various kinds, all doing prosperous business.

A brief historical sketch of events in the earlier days of Coldwater, will not be out of place at this time.

## THE FIRST HOUSE IN COLDWATER,

Which is pretty fairly represented in the engraving below, was built by Joseph Hanchett, and was located just in the rear of the present store of E. R. Clarke & Co., and the stump where he and his neighbors pounded their corn is also shown in this cut. This log house, with one or two little shanties further east, was all that constituted



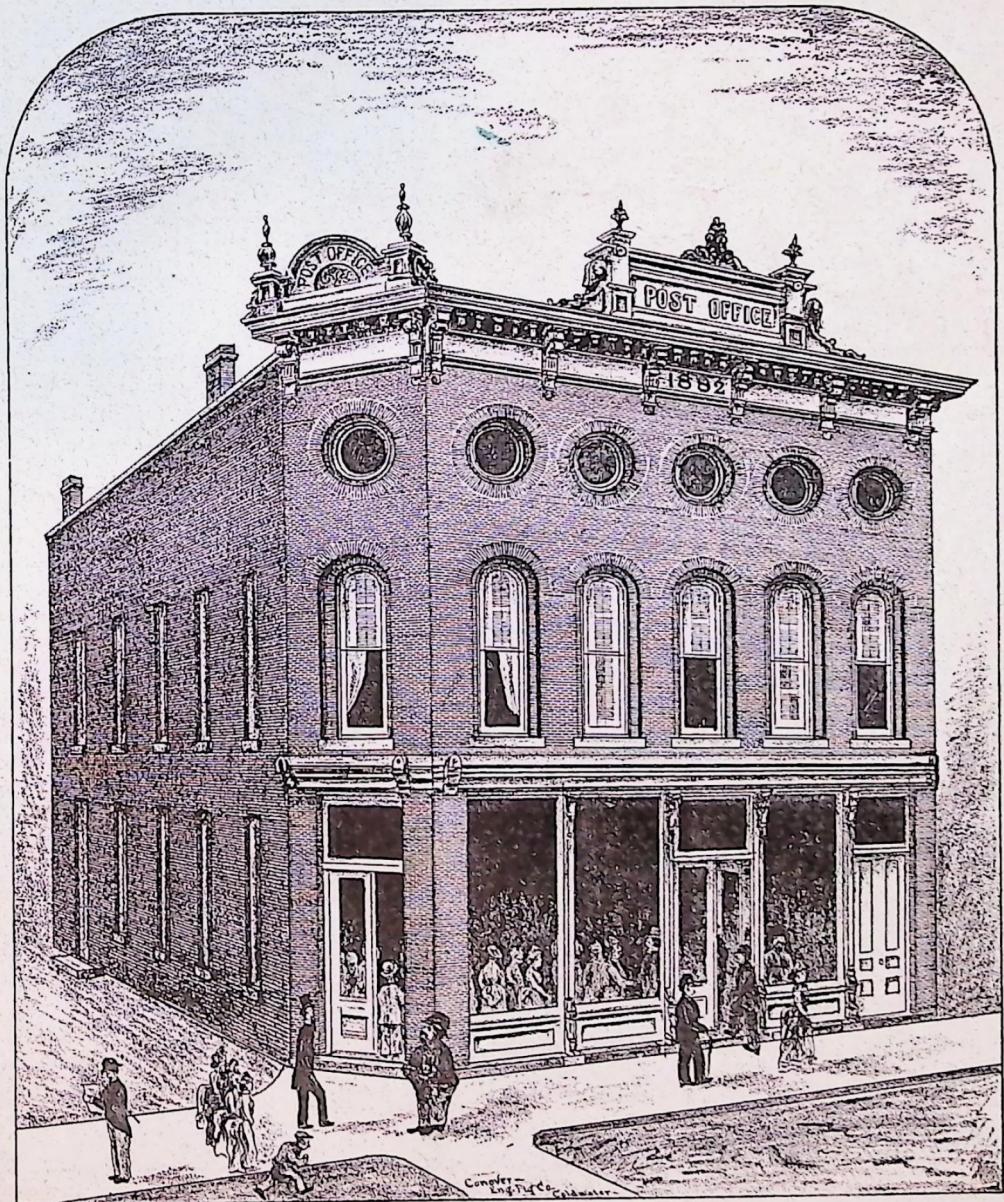
COLDWATER IN 1831.

Fifty-three years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo D. Crippen lived in this house, and to Mrs. Crippen's vivid recollection of the old house, with its every log and stick, is due the ability of the artist to here reproduce it for the benefit of our readers. What a transition from this pioneer dwelling, planted here in the wilderness, to the beautiful city we have to-day!

One of the first frame buildings erected in town was a part of the old "Oriental Hotel," still standing in the east part of the city. Another of the pioneer houses was built by Hugh Campbell on the spot where the north wing of the Lewis Art Gallery now stands.

The first sermon ever preached in Coldwater was delivered in July, 1831, by Allen Tibbits, who came to this county in that year, and in 1832 he, with Mr. Hanchett, laid out the village, naming it Lyons; but the following year the name was changed to Coldwater, from the little river near by, which the Indians had thus named — in their language "Chuck-sen-ya-bish." The removal of the county seat from Branch to this place in 1840 gave it a vigorous start, which was still further enhanced after the completion of the Michigan Southern railroad to the village, which was in 1851.

Among the first business men to locate in Coldwater was L. D. Halsted, who came here in 1836 and opened a tailor shop. He is still residing here, enjoying the fruits of a life of activity, and has seen Coldwater grow from the little hamlet of that day to the elegant city it is to-day.



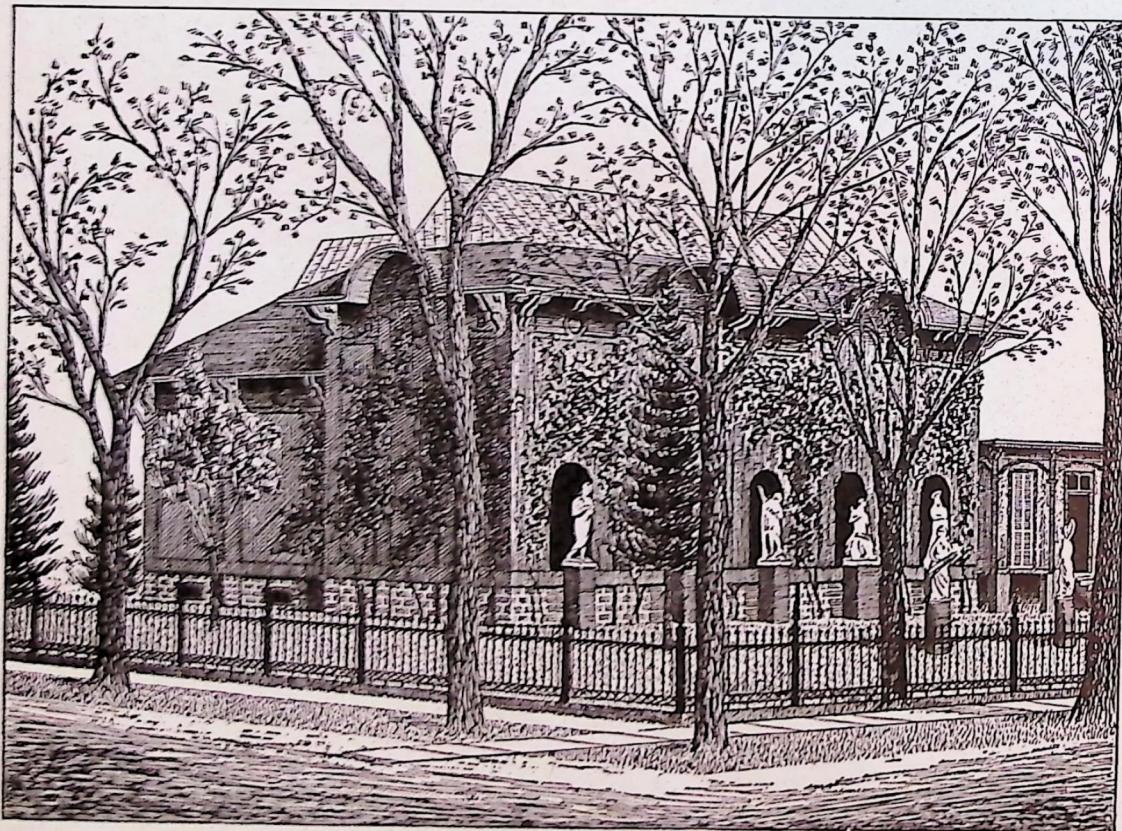
POST OFFICE, COLDWATER—OWNED BY D. B. DENNIS, POSTMASTER.

In February, 1837, the village was incorporated, and at the first election held thereafter, Hon. Hiram Allen was elected President; Hiram Shoudler, Recorder; William H. Cross, Silas A. Holbrook, Joseph Hanchett, Reuben J. Champion, Harvey Warner and John J. Curtis, Trustees.

A city charter was obtained in 1861, and ever since that time there has been a steady growth in population, business, and attractiveness, until to-day no city of its size in the country can surpass it.

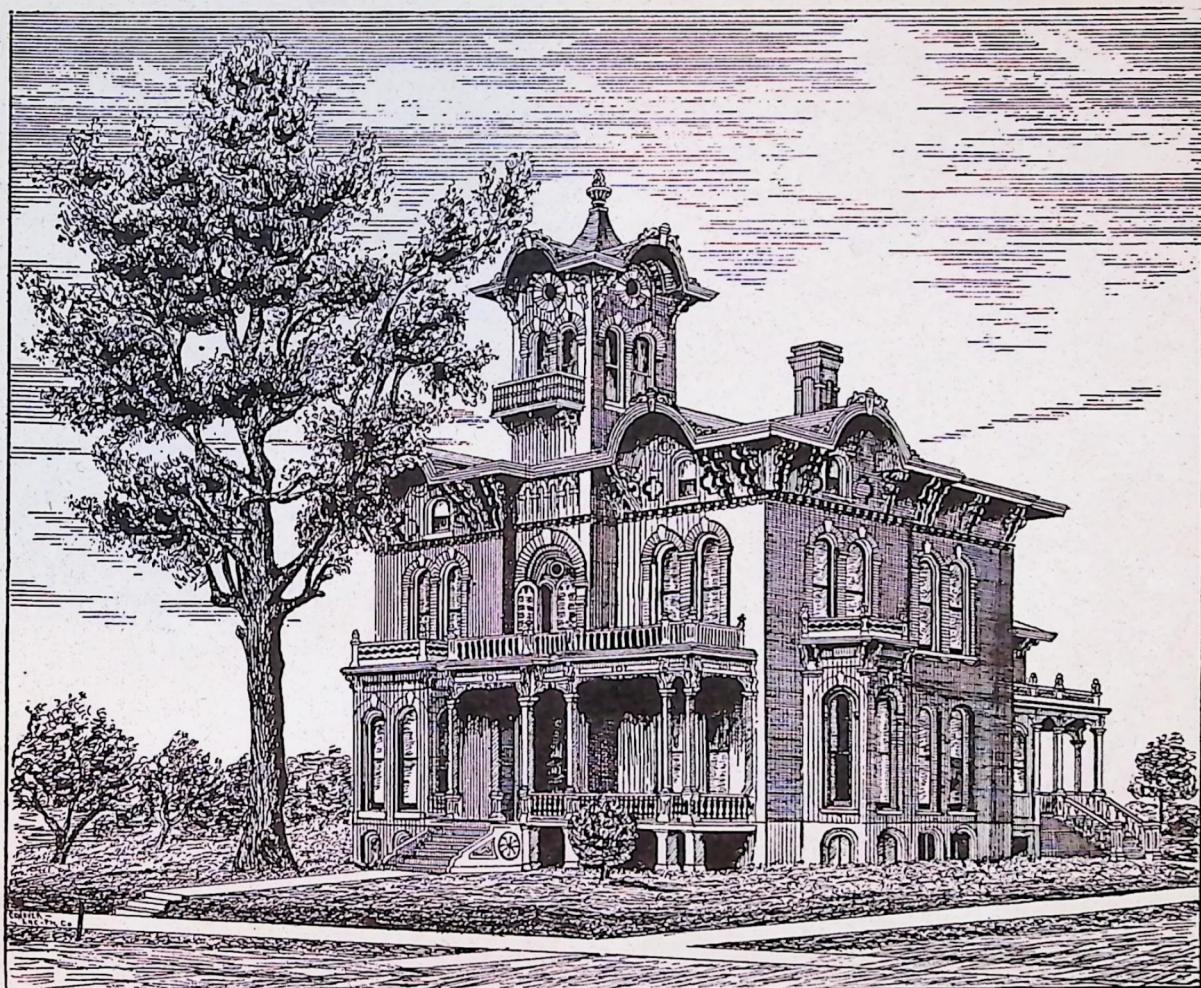
## THE LEWIS ART GALLERY.

Nothing has given to Coldwater a more enviable reputation with people of culture throughout this whole country than the possession of this celebrated gallery. The collection of paintings and statuary is said to be the largest on the continent; and in point of merit will compare favorably with any other. After having given special study to the subject of the fine arts, Mr. Henry C. Lewis, during a tour in Europe, purchased a large part of this collection, and on his return to this country he erected the south part of the present gallery, which he filled with that collection. He after-



LEWIS ART GALLERY.

wards purchased the larger part of the celebrated "Thompson collection," and erected for its accommodation the north addition, 40x40 feet. Both parts are finely lighted by sky-lights, with ceilings twenty-five feet high, and are filled in every available niche with rare and costly works of art. Every Saturday the gallery is thrown open free to the public, and the spacious rooms are thronged by people from far and near, who come to enjoy the artistic treat so generously furnished them. Mr. Lewis died in 1884, but his estimable widow has continued to give the public the same hearty welcome to this realm of art that characterized her husband.



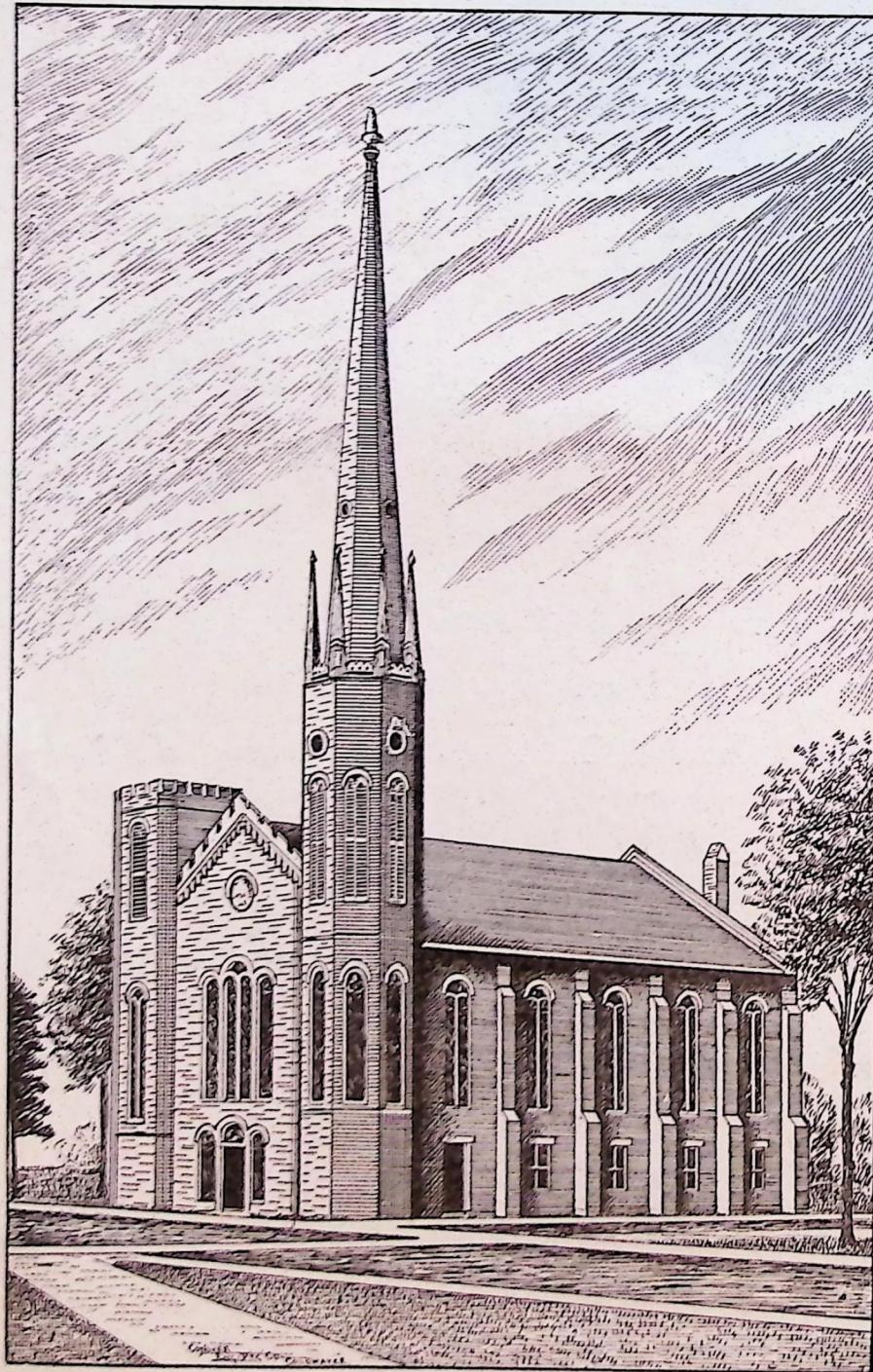
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## CHURCHES.

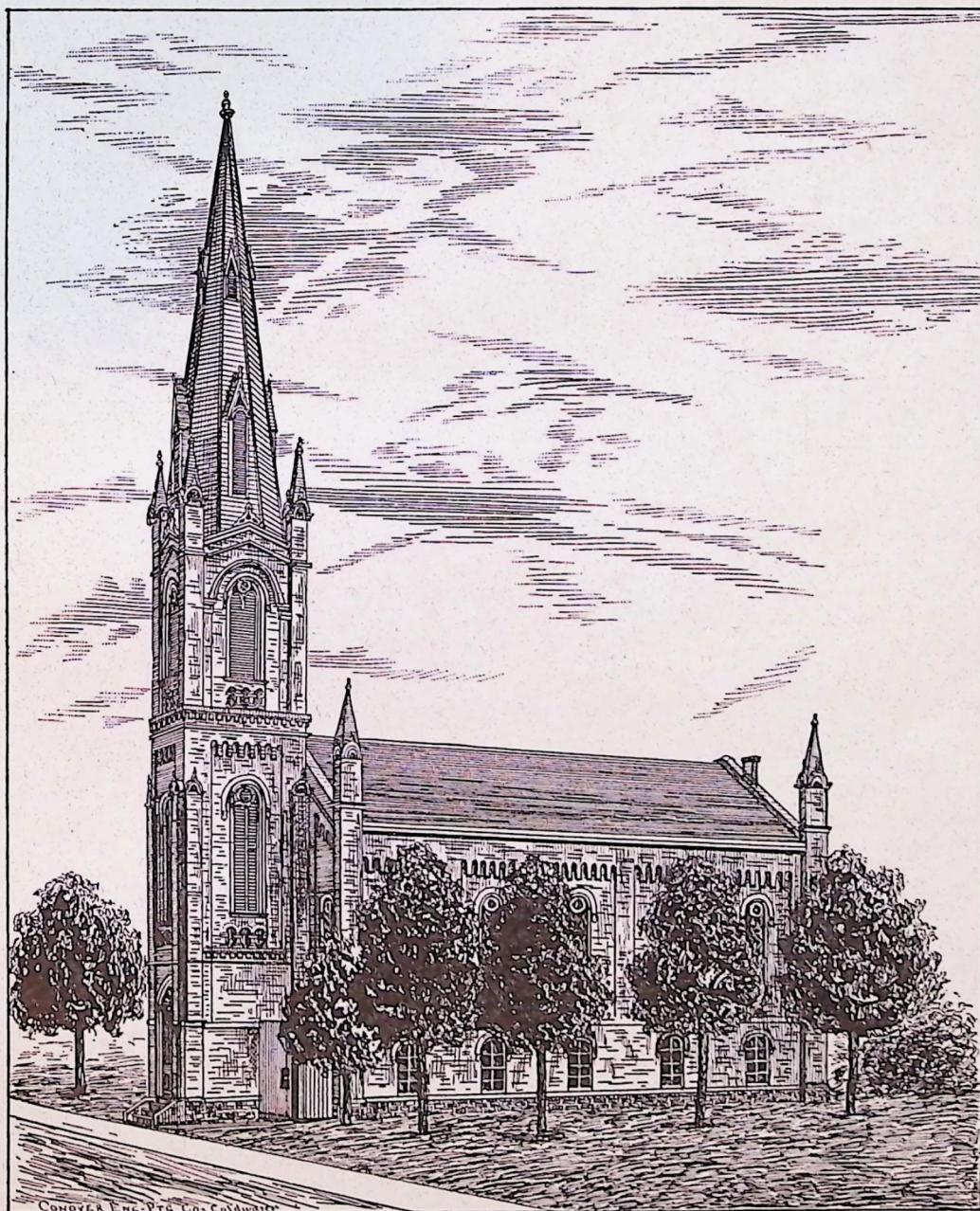
The city contains seven churches, representing the Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist Episcopal, Wesleyan Methodist, Episcopal, German Lutheran and Catholic denominations, each having pleasant and commodious houses of worship, several of which are of elegant style and proportions, and are here illustrated.



METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

On the 19th day of June, 1832, the Methodist Episcopal Church, of Coldwater, was organized by Rev. E. H. Pilcher, D.D. It consisted then of but four members, namely, Allen Tibbits, Caroline W. Tibbits, Joseph Hanchett and Nancy Hanchett.

The pioneer religious society of Coldwater. In 1835 this society received great accessions of strength by the immigration of James Fisk, Philo H. Crippen, L. D. Crippen and others, with their families. The first M. E. Church edifice was erected in 1836 on the ground occupied by the present edifice. This building of wood gave way, in 1865, to the present well furnished and commodious brick structure, which was erected at a cost of \$30,000.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

During its entire history the society has been prosperous. From a membership of four in 1832 it has passed to a membership, including recent accessions by probation, of about one thousand. Probably no religious society of the land, in a city of the size of Coldwater, has a larger membership. Its Sabbath school numbers over 500 and is constantly increasing. The present pastor is Rev. Wesley A. Hunsberger.

The First Presbyterian Church, of Coldwater, Mich., was organized Sept. 30, 1837, in a red school house, on the northeast corner of Pearl and Hudson streets. It was composed of eighteen persons at the beginning. From the day of its organization it has maintained a continued activity, and in 1887 the semi-centennial was celebrated with four days' meetings, from Sept. 29 to Oct. 2. Along with the Methodist and Baptist churches, the Presbyterian Church shared largely in infusing into the people, during the first twenty years of the city's life, that degree of religious and moral sentiment that has raised it above the average of Michigan towns of its size. The present membership of the church is about 300.

The first pastor of the church was the Rev. Charles W. Gurney, who began his work immediately after the organization. He died in the village in 1841, and his remains now lie buried in Mr. Samuel Denison's lot in Oak Grove Cemetery. The first house of worship, or "meeting house," was erected in 1844, on the lot just north of the present Baptist Church. A second much larger building was projected in 1864, and completed in 1869. Meanwhile, the first building was sold to the Lutheran Society, and with some changes is now used by them as their house of worship. The present church edifice, standing on the corner of Marshall and Church streets, is the largest church building in the city. It is a plain but imposing structure of brick, capable of easily seating 700 persons in the principal audience room, with large rooms for Sunday school and social meetings below. The present pastor is Rev. H. P. Collin.

#### ST. MARK'S CHURCH.

The first service of the Episcopal Church in Branch County, was held in the early springtime of 1832, in a log house, by the Rt. Rev. Philander Chase, D.D., first Bishop of Ohio, who owned and lived on a section of land on Gilead lake four years.

St. Mark's Parish was organized in Coldwater, February 29th, 1848. Services had been held from house to house during several years, and were continued, with the frequent use of the "Old Court House," until April 14th, 1863, when the "Old Church," a frame building on Hanchett street, erected at the cost of \$3,000, was consecrated. That church was extensively enlarged in 1866.

In 1876, a lot was purchased on Chicago street, and the chapel, which stands to the east of the church, was built.

In 1881, the present church, a beautiful and commodious brick structure, was erected at the cost of \$15,000, and opened in August of the same year.

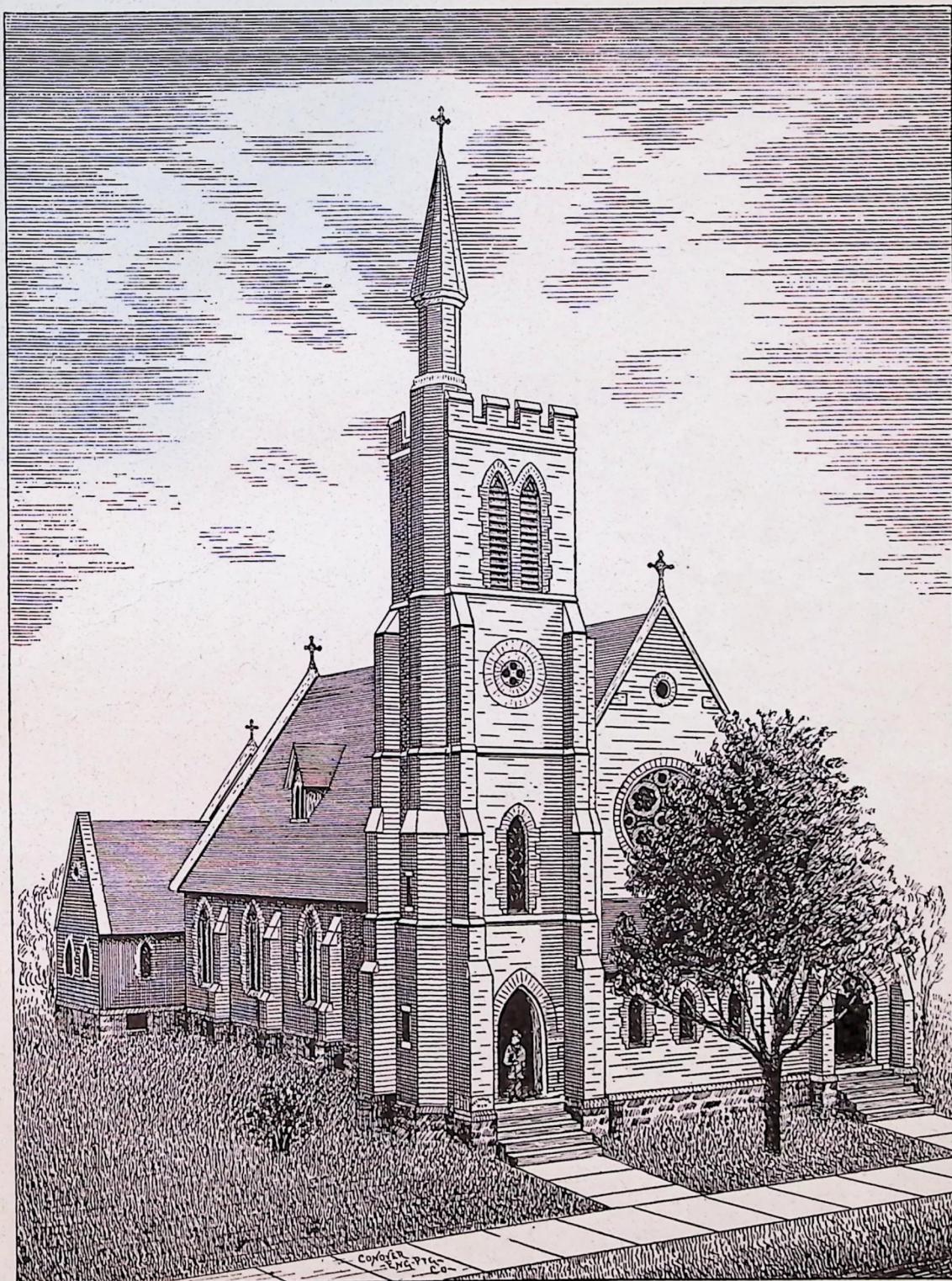
All indebtedness having been paid, the church was consecrated September 29th, 1886.

REV. HENRY HUGHES, *Rector.*

NOAH P. LOVERIDGE, }  
MOSES SMITH, } *Wardens.*

The BAPTIST CHURCH of Coldwater dates its organization from the 31st of December, 1834. It was formally recognized February 11th, 1835, with sixteen members. Meetings were held in private houses and school houses until the year 1844, when a commodious frame structure was erected on the lot now occupied by the "Old Bank Building." In the winter of 1852-53, the lot was exchanged for one at the northwest corner of Monroe and Pearl streets, to which place the building was removed, and the surplus money received in the exchange used to purchase a parsonage. In the year 1864, the present brick edifice was erected at a cost—including heating apparatus and furnishing—of over \$23,000, the site at northwest corner of Division and Pearl streets

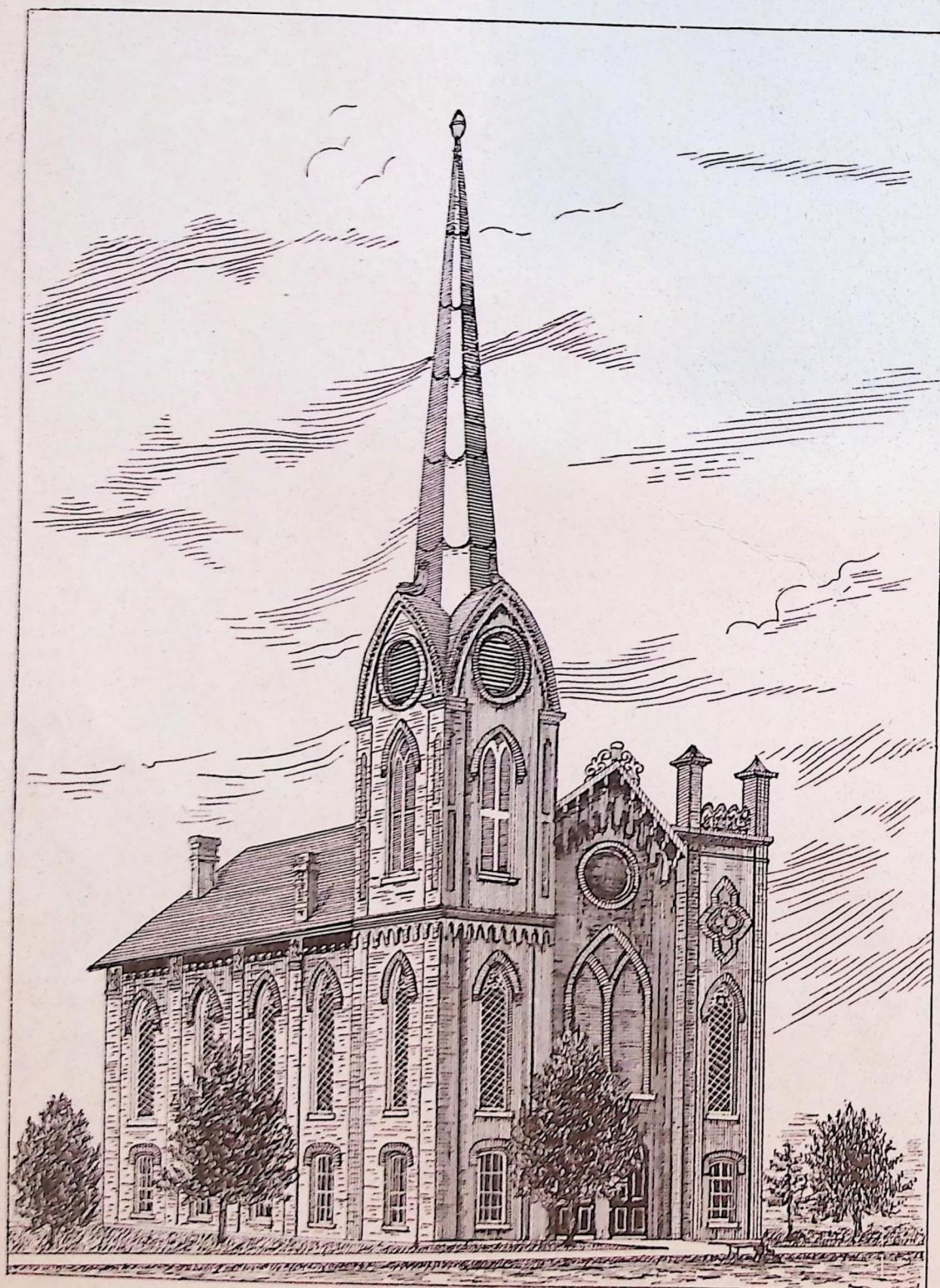
being a gift from Henry C. Lewis and Artemas Allen. A few years after the church was provided with a fine toned bell weighing 2,050 pounds, and one of Johnson & Sons'



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

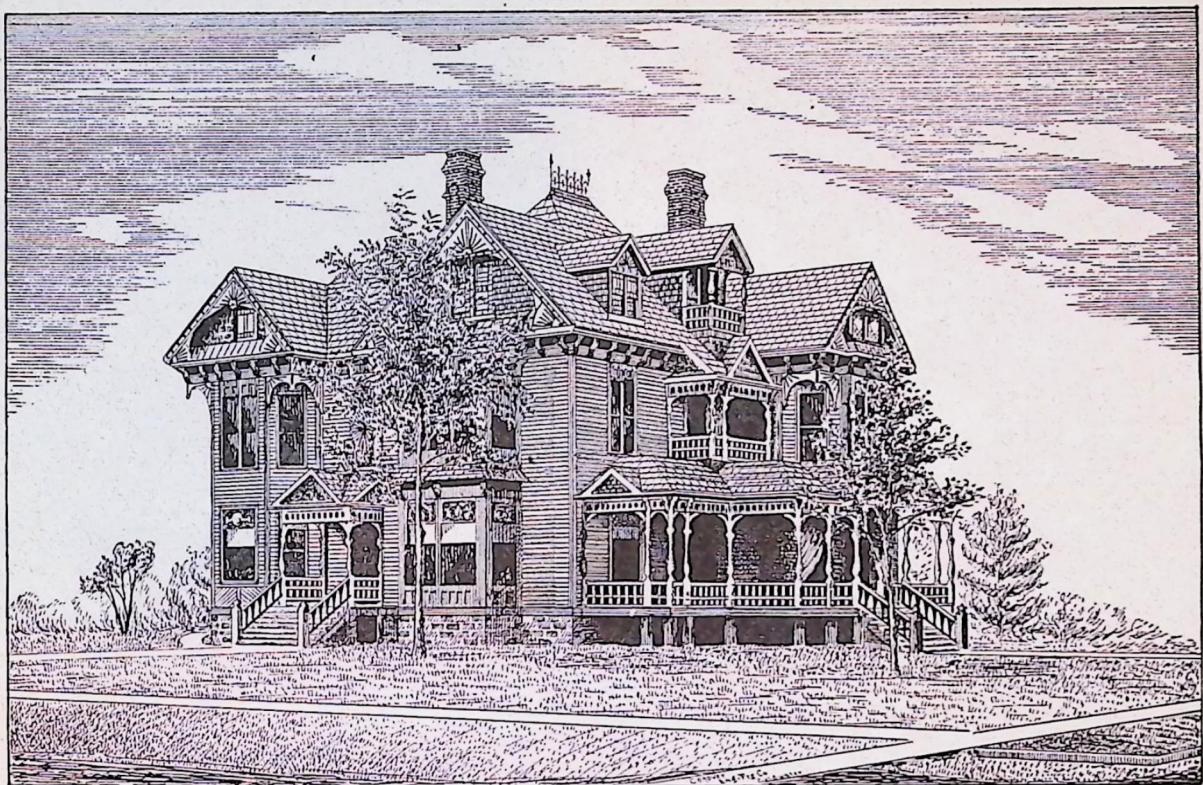
best pipe organs. Two years ago the vacant lot separating the church property from the public square was purchased at a cost of \$1,800, thereby securing a north, south, and east front.

The church has been favored with many able and devoted pastors. The first pastor was Rev. Reuben Graham. The present pastor is Rev. Joseph P. Philips. Present membership, 320.

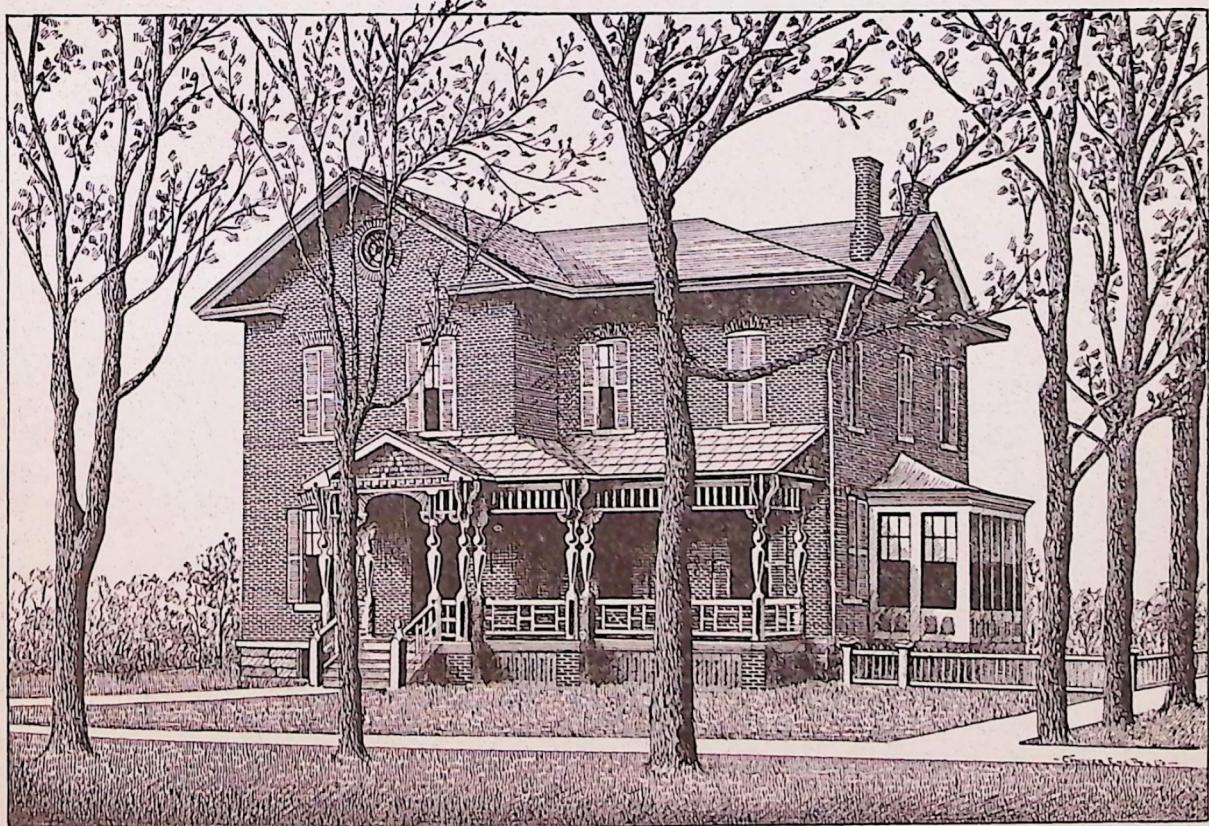


BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Sabbath School has an endowment of \$1,000, the gift of the late Henry C. Lewis, the interest on the money to be used to maintain the library of the school.



RESIDENCE OF F. L. SKEELS, ESQ., WEST PEARL STREET.



RESIDENCE OF D. B. DENNIS, COR. CHICAGO AND PIERSON STREETS.

## YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

The Young Men's Christian Association occupies pleasant and commodious rooms in the Old Bank Building.

The Reading Room on the second floor—pleasant and well lighted—is one of the best in the State. On file are the leading daily and weekly papers, and the best foreign and domestic magazines. In all, forty-two periodicals. Here is a library of 300 volumes also. Adjoining this room is the office of the General Secretary.

On the third floor is Association Hall, having a seating capacity of about 200. Connected with this room by folding doors is the Members' Parlor, nicely furnished, and supplied with various games, organ, piano, etc.

On the floor above is the Gymnasium, equipped with the best of modern apparatus for body-building, and in charge of a competent instructor.

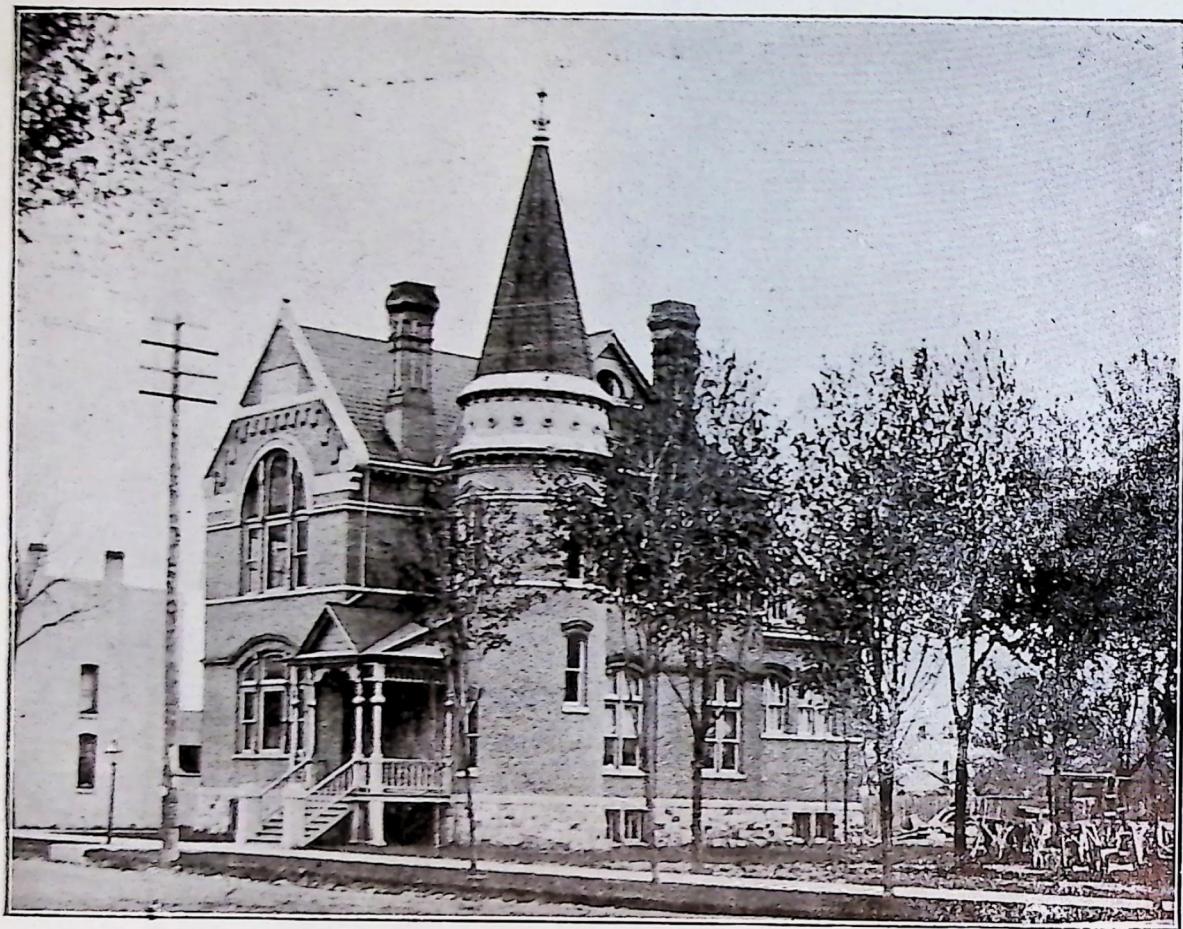
On the third floor, and reached from the second floor by a separate stairway, are the rooms of the Boys' Branch, a Reading Room well fitted up with boys' papers, a library, etc., and a game room in which are checkers, crokinole and other games.

The Association was organized June 15, 1884, with fifteen members. Now its membership, exclusive of the Boys' Branch, is 204, and steadily growing.

The work is divided into four departments: Spiritual, intellectual, social and physical, and in each is carried on such lines of work as will best develop well-rounded young men.

The work is conducted by committees, under the direction of the Board of twelve Directors, President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Association employs a competent General Secretary who is in charge of all the work.

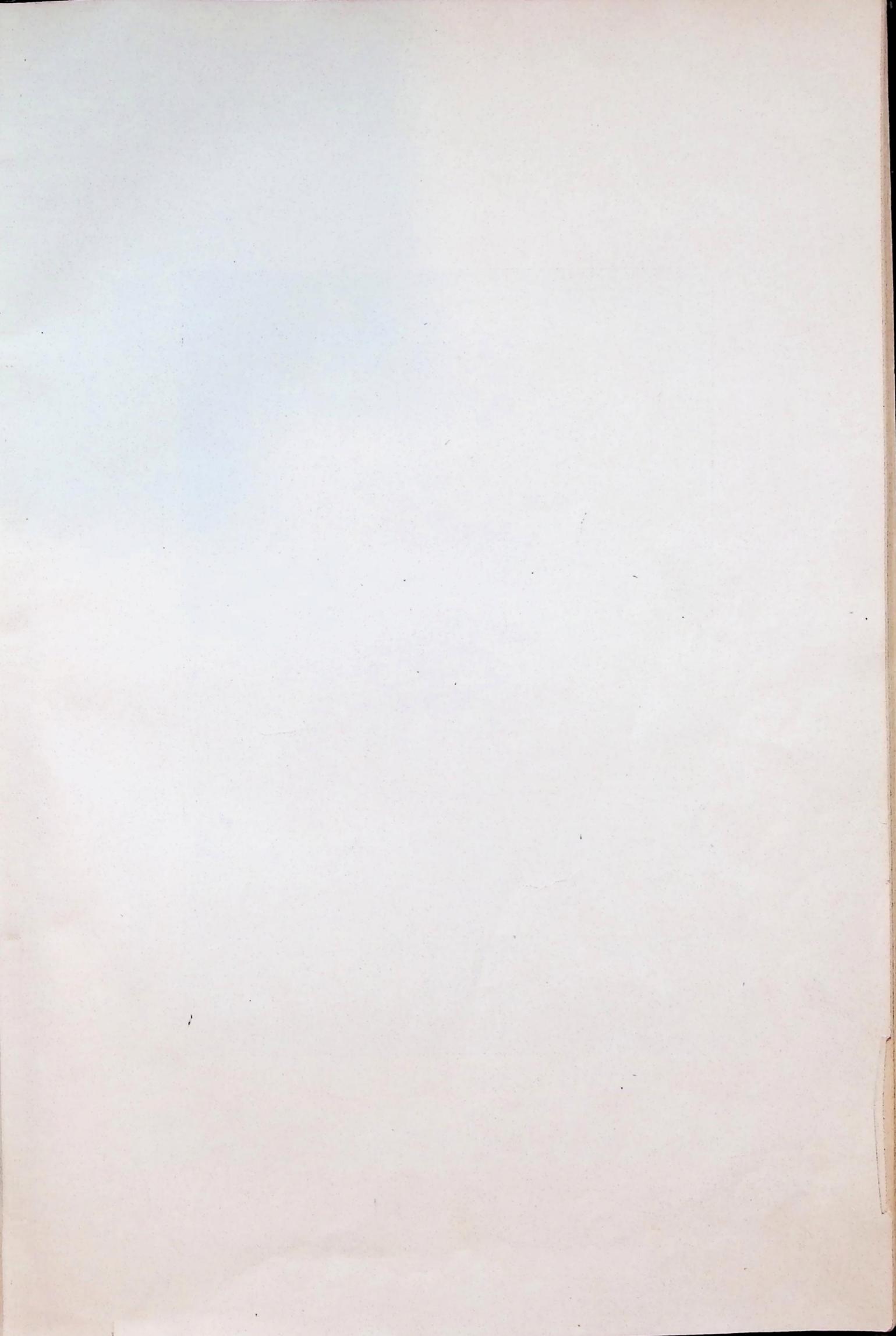
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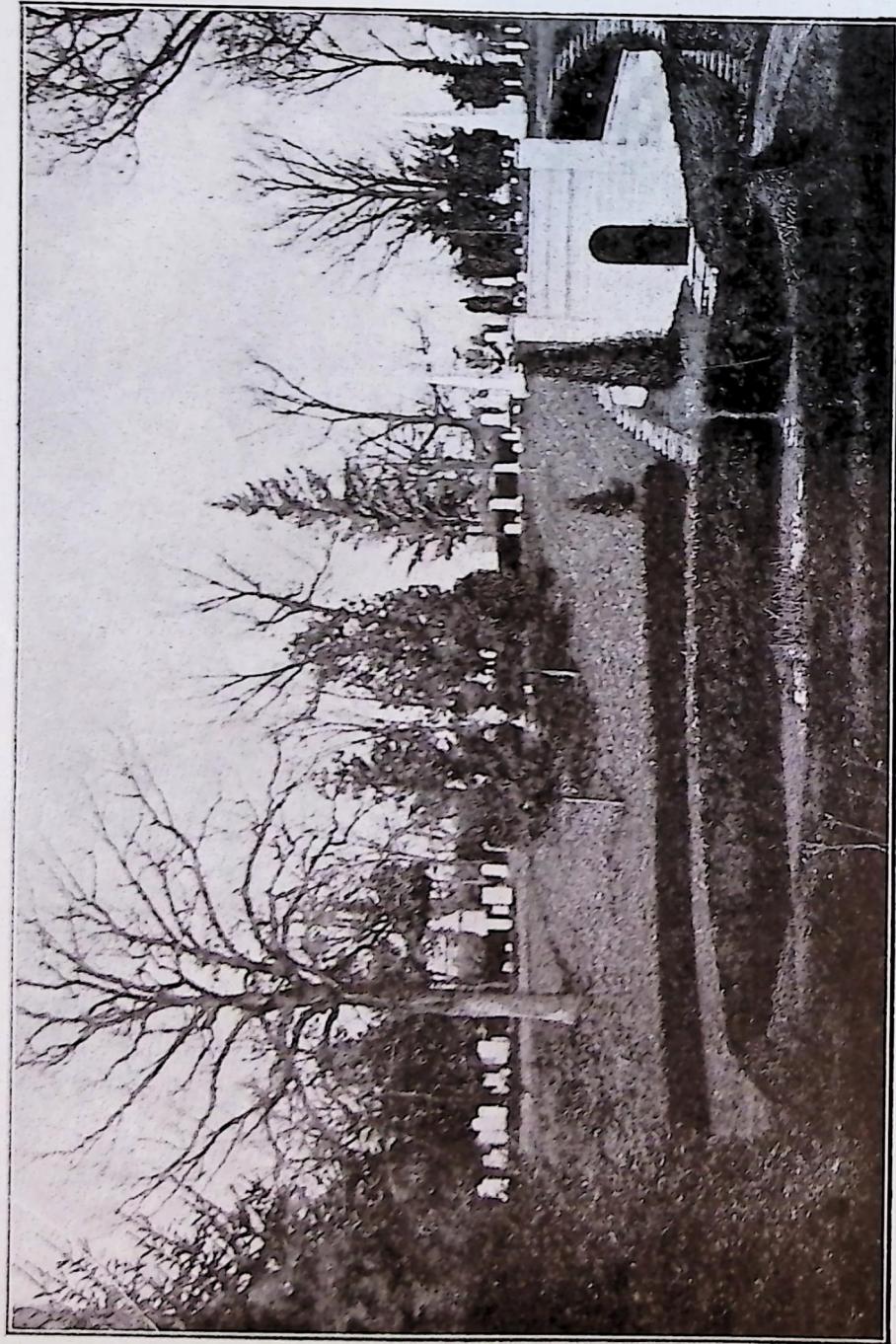


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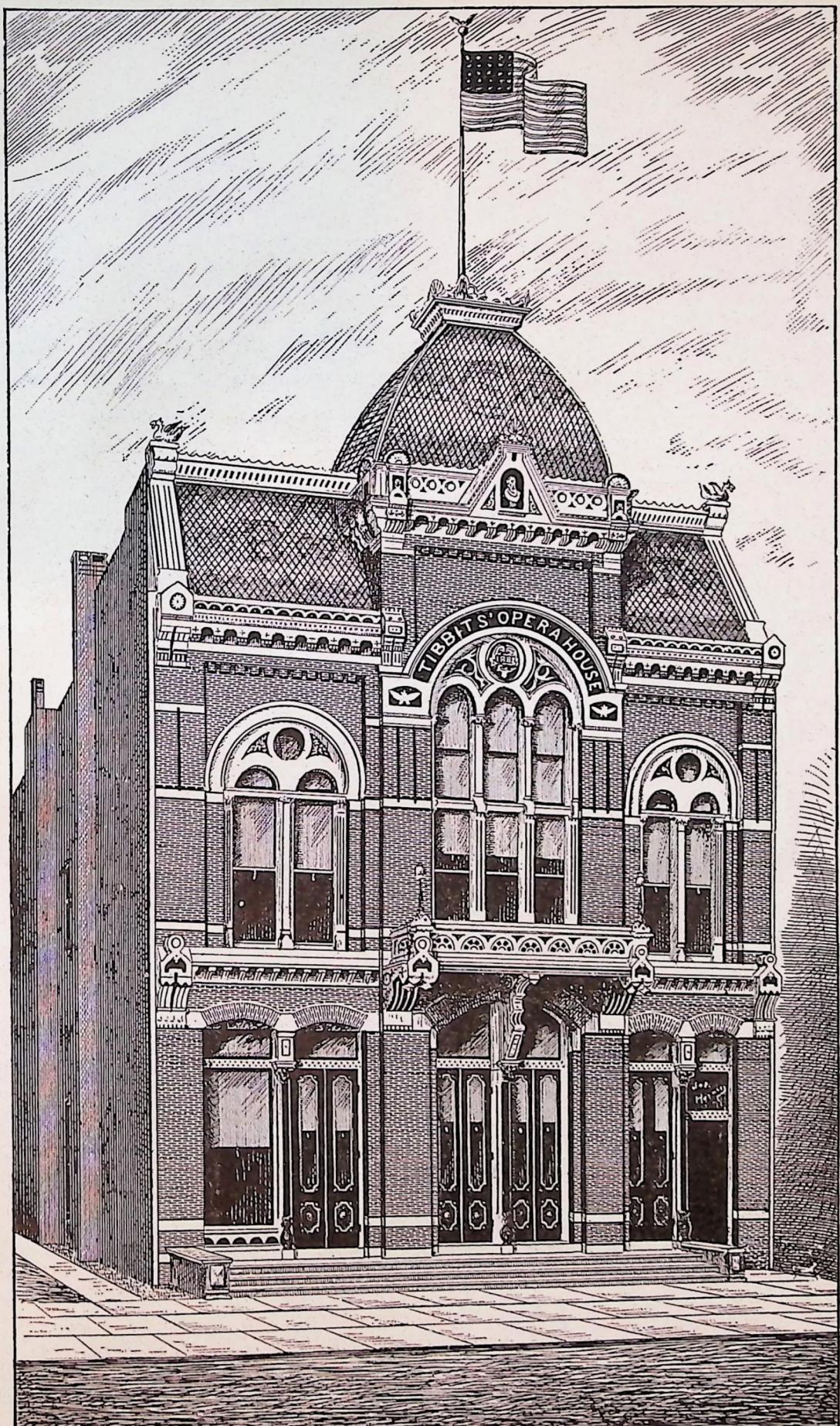


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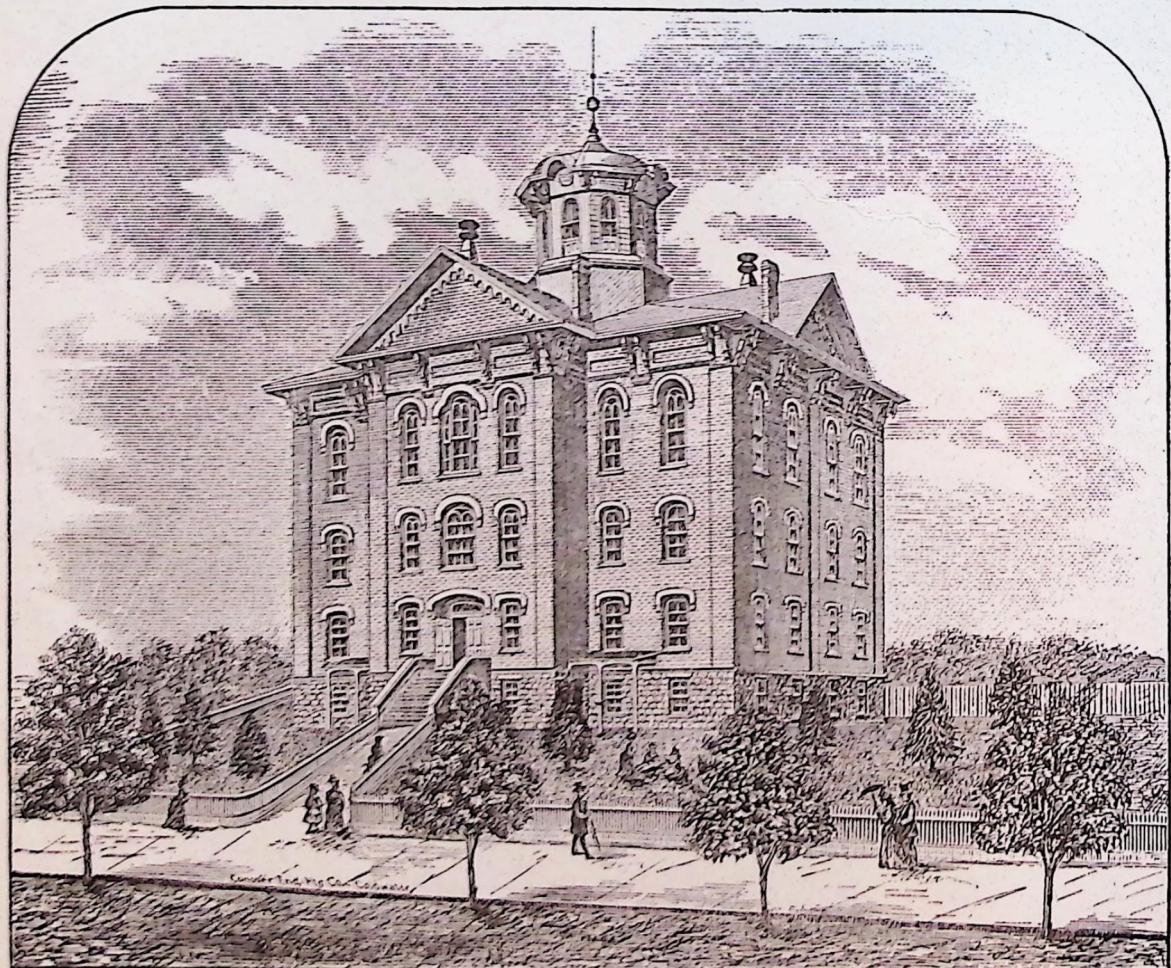


VIEW IN OAK GROVE CEMETERY, COLDWATER,



## COLDWATER CITY SCHOOLS.

The public schools of Coldwater have long ranked among the best in Michigan. In the year 1870 the authorities of the University of Michigan announced that the graduates of such high schools in the State as should satisfy the University Faculty as to the extent and thoroughness of their courses of study would be admitted to that institution without further examination.

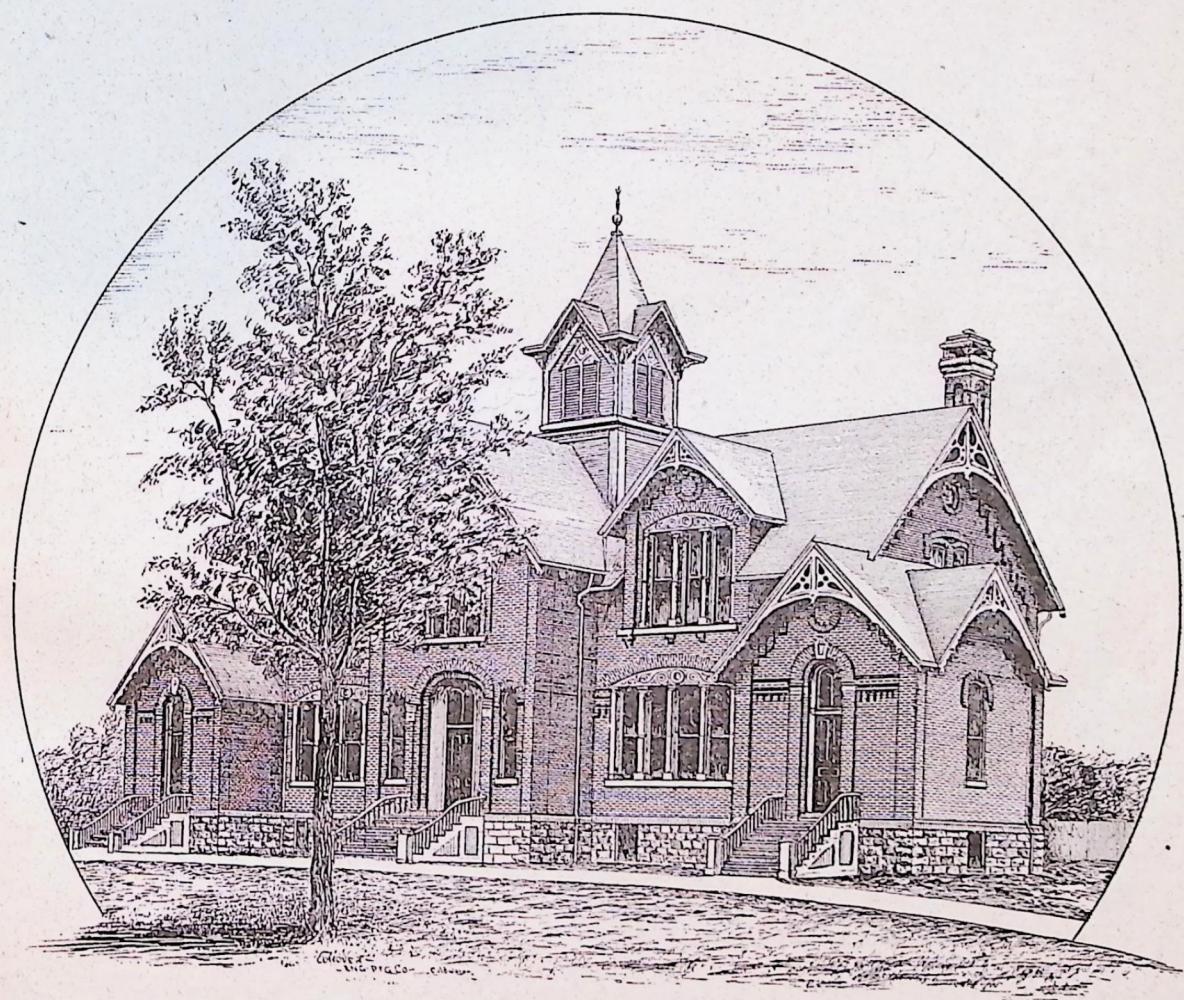


HIGH SCHOOL.

The Coldwater schools were among the first to obtain the benefits of this privilege, and a considerable number of the high school graduates have since been admitted to the University "on diploma." This advantage, and other merits of the school, have drawn students from without the city, and, at present, about twenty per cent. of those

enrolled in the high school are non-residents. The rates of tuition are reasonable, the cost of board moderate, and the social and religious opportunities unexcelled. A recent circular issued by the Board of Education contains the following :

"The High School offers four courses of study, viz.: Classical, Latin, Scientific, and English. Students who have completed any one of these *may be admitted to the University of Michigan without entrance examinations.* Those who, for good reasons,



SECOND WARD SCHOOL.

do not wish to enter on one of the regular courses as candidates for a diploma, will be permitted to select, from the different courses, such branches as they seem prepared to pursue profitably.

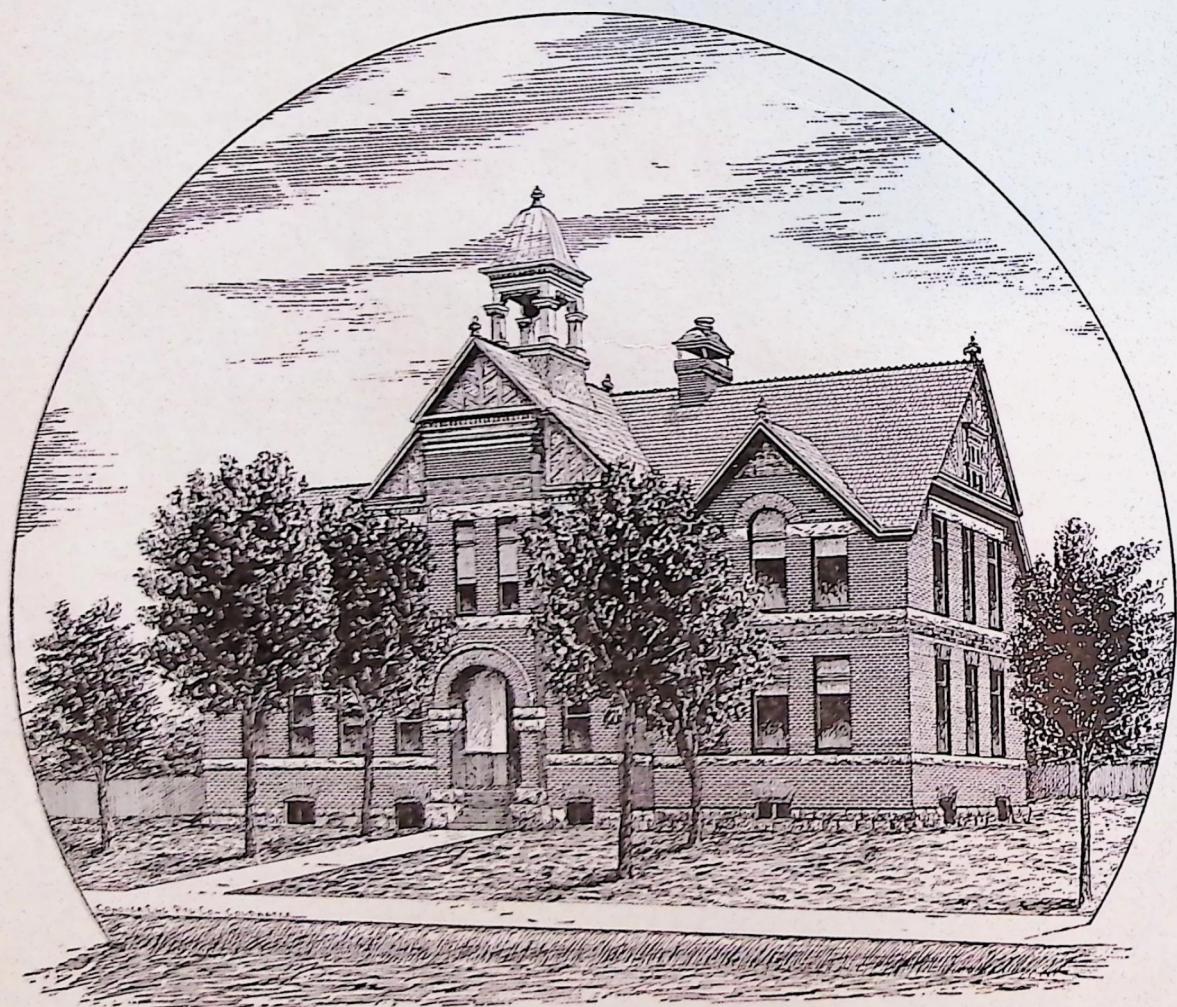
"It will be the general aim to make the instruction and work in all classes thorough and, in the highest sense of the word, practical.

"Students have access to the Coldwater Free Public Library, which now contains over 7,000 volumes, all of which have been selected with great care, and to which frequent additions will be made. Every possible effort will be made to lead students to an intelligent use of this library in connection with their school work.

"To those wishing to pursue any of the Natural Sciences, the high school now offers better facilities than ever before.

"The winter and spring terms will afford excellent opportunities for any who may wish to prepare for the county examinations. In the fall term of 1889 it is the intention to form *special classes for those who desire to prepare for teaching.*"

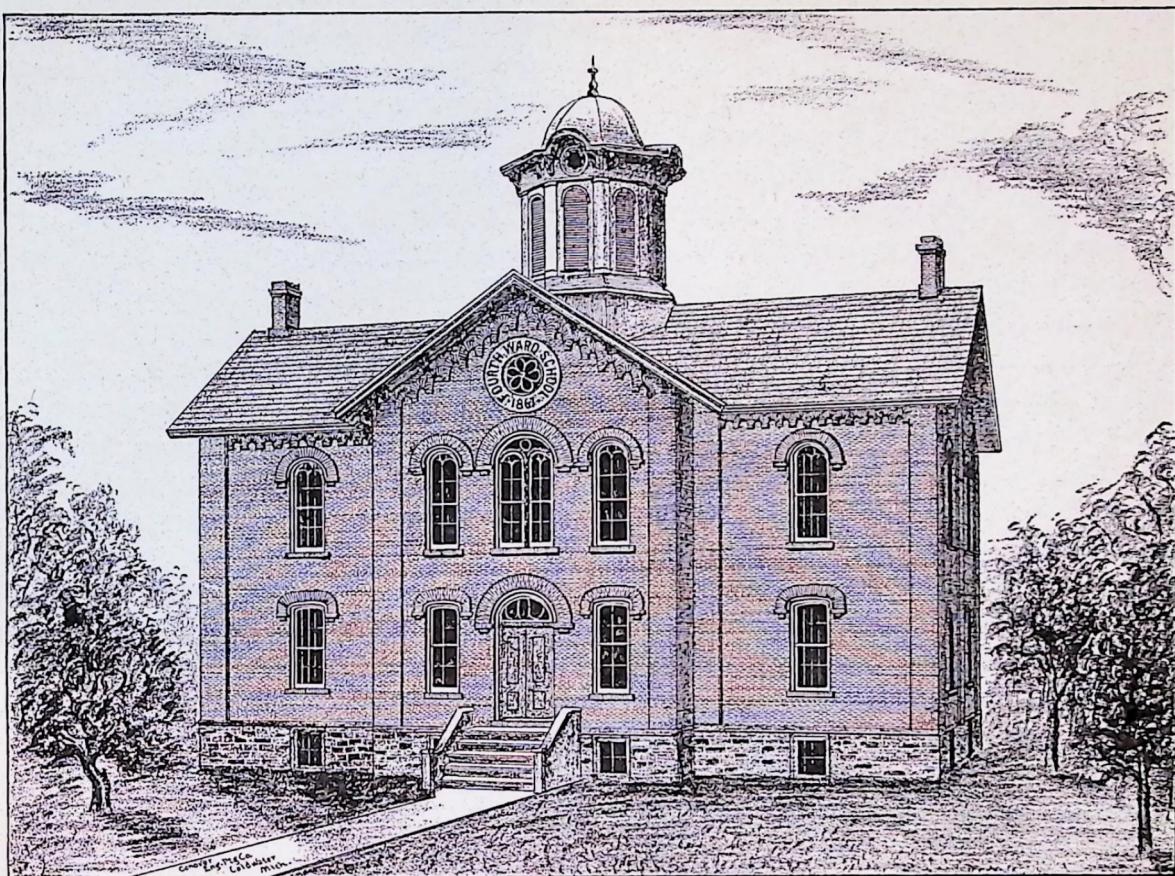
The teaching force of the Coldwater schools numbers twenty-three, including *special teachers of music and penmanship.*



THIRD WARD SCHOOL.

The schools occupy four handsome and substantial brick buildings, conveniently located in the several wards. Three of these are heated by steam and one by hot air apparatus. The session rooms are large, well lighted and well ventilated, and all are furnished with single sittings. Liberal appropriations for the purchase of apparatus are made from year to year by the Board of Education, and it is their policy to employ as teachers only such persons as have had experience or professional preparation.

Parents seeking educational advantages for their children may rest assured that all reasonable requirements may be met in Coldwater.



FOURTH WARD SCHOOL.

## THE COLDWATER FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

SEE ENGRAVING ON PAGE 22.

This institution owes its existence to a State law regarding the organization of public libraries by townships and municipalities, which was placed upon our statute books in 1877. The author of the law was Hon. F. E. Morgan, one of our own citizens, and it was framed after much correspondence with leading librarians in the country, like Mr. Poole, of Chicago, and Mr. Homes, of Albany, and after very careful study of the best laws on the statute books of other States. This law allows the Council in any city to adopt a resolution providing for the establishment of a public library, which shall be free to the citizens residing within the city limits, make appropriations therefor, and appoint a board of nine citizens who shall proceed under the law to organize such an institution, make purchases, appoint a librarian, establish all rules and regulations governing the library, and have general control of all its affairs.

The Coldwater Free Public Library was established by act of the Council in March, 1880. Without money and without books the Board began its work. There were in the city two moderate sized libraries — the Ladies' Library of 2,000 volumes and over, and the Public School Library of over 1,000 volumes. These had done good missionary work in creating an interest looking toward the establishment of something more useful and important. If these could be consolidated the Board felt that a fine nucleus was already provided. By special act of the Legislature this consolidation was effected with the consent of the trustees who had these separate libraries in charge.

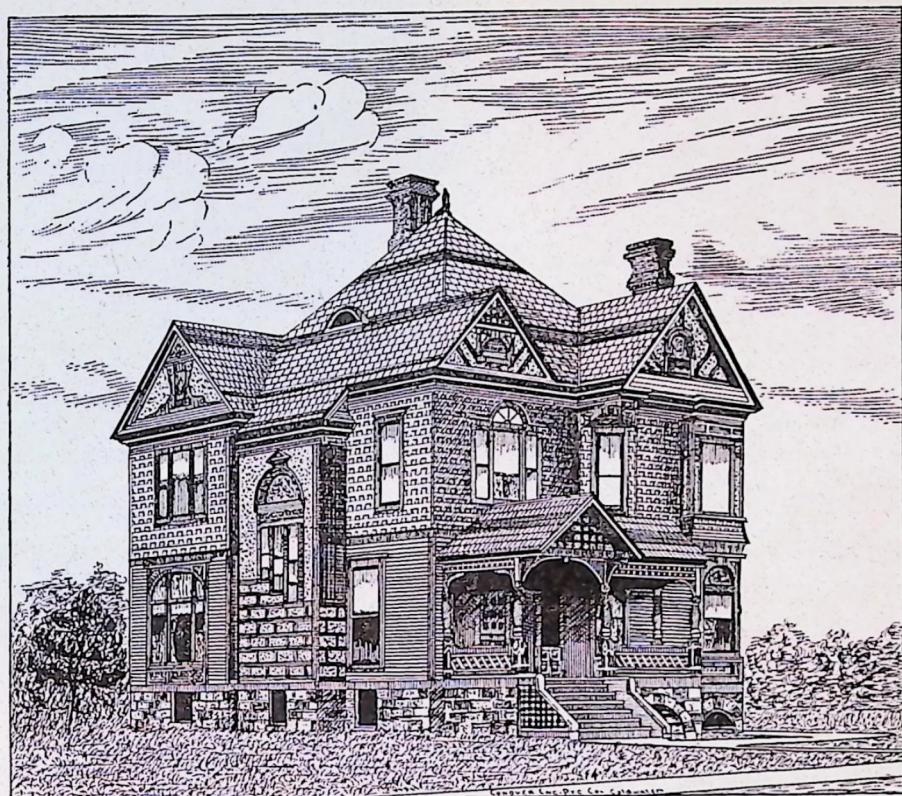
By this act of consolidation the fines appropriated to the School Library were transferred to the new library. The city Council each year assesses one-half mill on the taxable property of the city as a fund to meet the expenses of the library and purchase books. This with the fines above referred to creates an annual fund of nearly \$2,000.

For several years the library was confined to small quarters. The library comprised about 6,000 volumes, and it was rapidly becoming evident that the board must stop purchasing unless a suitable building was provided. The board had been anticipating this necessity somewhat by securing control of the most centrally located property in the city, but the means to erect a suitable building was a desideratum seemingly very distant in its realization. In the winter of 1885-86, however, Edwin R. Clarke, a leading business man in our city, and highly esteemed, quietly went to work, studied up the question of a library building, and before spring opened laid before the board plans and specifications, drawn by a local architect, M. H. Parker, and offered to erect such a building upon the library lot and fit it up for library purposes. The plan seemed so eminently appropriate for such use that the board accepted Mr. Clarke's very liberal offer, and to him was committed the task of constructing the building. While this involved a sacrifice of time as well as money on his part, he nevertheless gave it cheerfully, and the relations existing between him and the board were constantly of so pleasant a nature that to him the personal sacrifice became a real pleasure, as he has himself often testified. A cut of this building is shown on another page. It is needless to say that the public generally are grateful to Mr. Clarke for his generous gift, and the board but voiced this sentiment in naming the building the "Edwin R. Clarke Library Building," which thus becomes a fitting monument to an active, useful and honorable life.

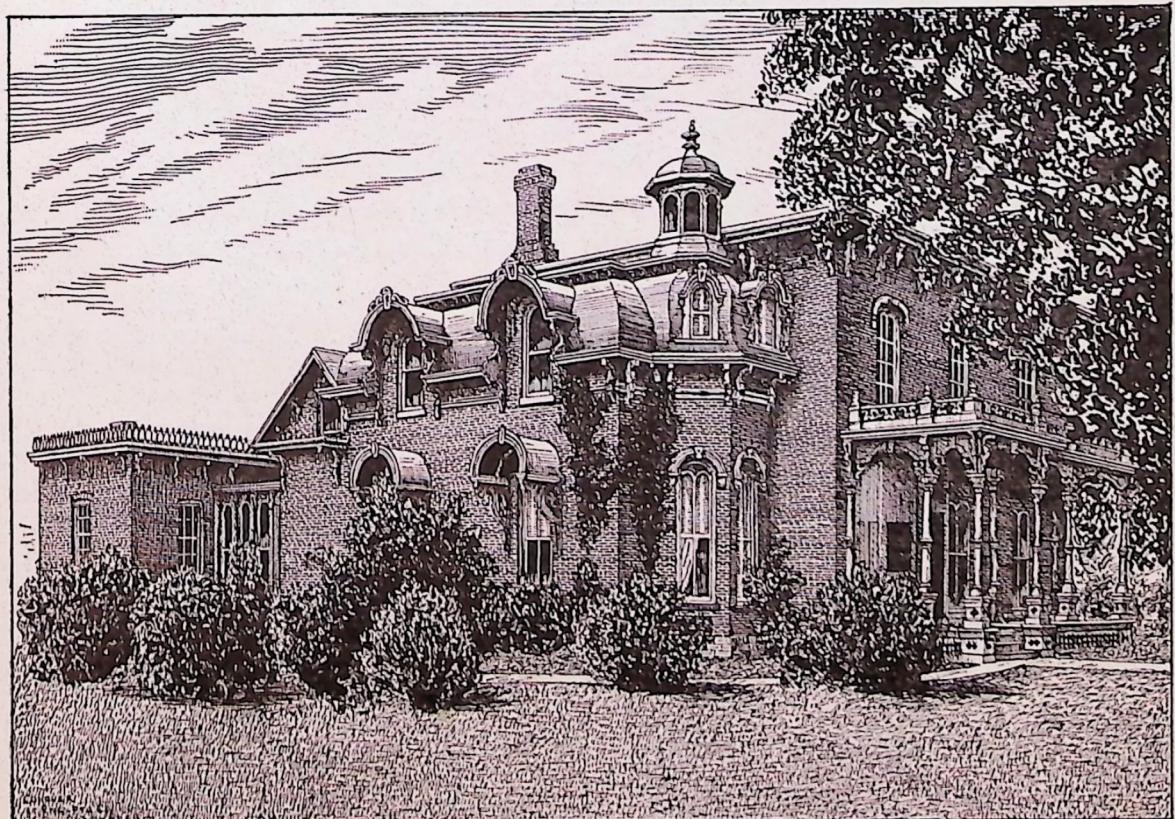
This building was dedicated during the holidays in 1886, and with the beginning of 1887 the new building became the home of the public library.

In the summer of 1884 one of Coldwater's prominent and public spirited citizens died, whose name is widely associated with the Lewis Art Gallery, also located in this city. In his will Henry C. Lewis left to the public library his own elegant collection of books, numbering about 3,000 volumes. These were not to be placed in the library so long as Mrs. Lewis should live, unless she so willed. When the new building was occupied, Mrs. Lewis released her claim upon 1,000 volumes, which were then placed in the library to be used in the building but not to be taken away. With this addition and later purchases the library now numbers 8,072 volumes. No city of the size of Coldwater, and even double the size, in Michigan, has such admirable library facilities as has this little city of less than 6,000 inhabitants.

The Library Board comprises the following: Gen. J. G. Parkhurst, President, and at present U. S. Minister to the Court of Belgium, at Brussels; A. J. Aldrich, Secretary; Hon. F. E. Morgan, Vice-President, and the framer of the State law under which the library is established; ex-Mayor John R. Champion, H. H. Barlow, Z. G. Osborn, Mrs. H. C. Lewis, Mrs. G. Van Volkenburg and Mrs. H. P. Collin, the last named lady being formerly preceptress in our high school. Miss Mary Eddy acts as librarian.



RESIDENCE OF JOHN T. STARR, EAST CHICAGO STREET.



RESIDENCE OF DR. J. M. LONG, WEST CHICAGO STREET.

## STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL.

This institution was organized by an act of the legislature at its session in 1871, and is a part of the common school system for which Michigan is so well and favorably known. Hon. C. D. Randall, then in the State Senate, was the author of the act, and has been the most active member of the Board of Control ever since its organization. This institution has a two-fold character, being both a home and a school for the children of the poor, and poverty alone is the price of admission. It is not in any sense a penal or reformatory institution, but through its merciful agency the State becomes the guardian of its dependent children and restores them to society and a permanent home under paternal influences.

The institution is located just north of the city, on an eminence overlooking the city and surrounding country. The buildings are on the cottage plan, and are represented on the accompanying cut. The cottages are the homes of the children, each accommodating about thirty children, and each presided over by a lady cottage manager, whose duties are very similar to those of a mother with a smaller family. It is made the special duty of the Board of Control to find homes in families for the children, as fast as practicable, and an agent is appointed to attend to this work, and to look after the welfare of the children after thus being placed in homes.

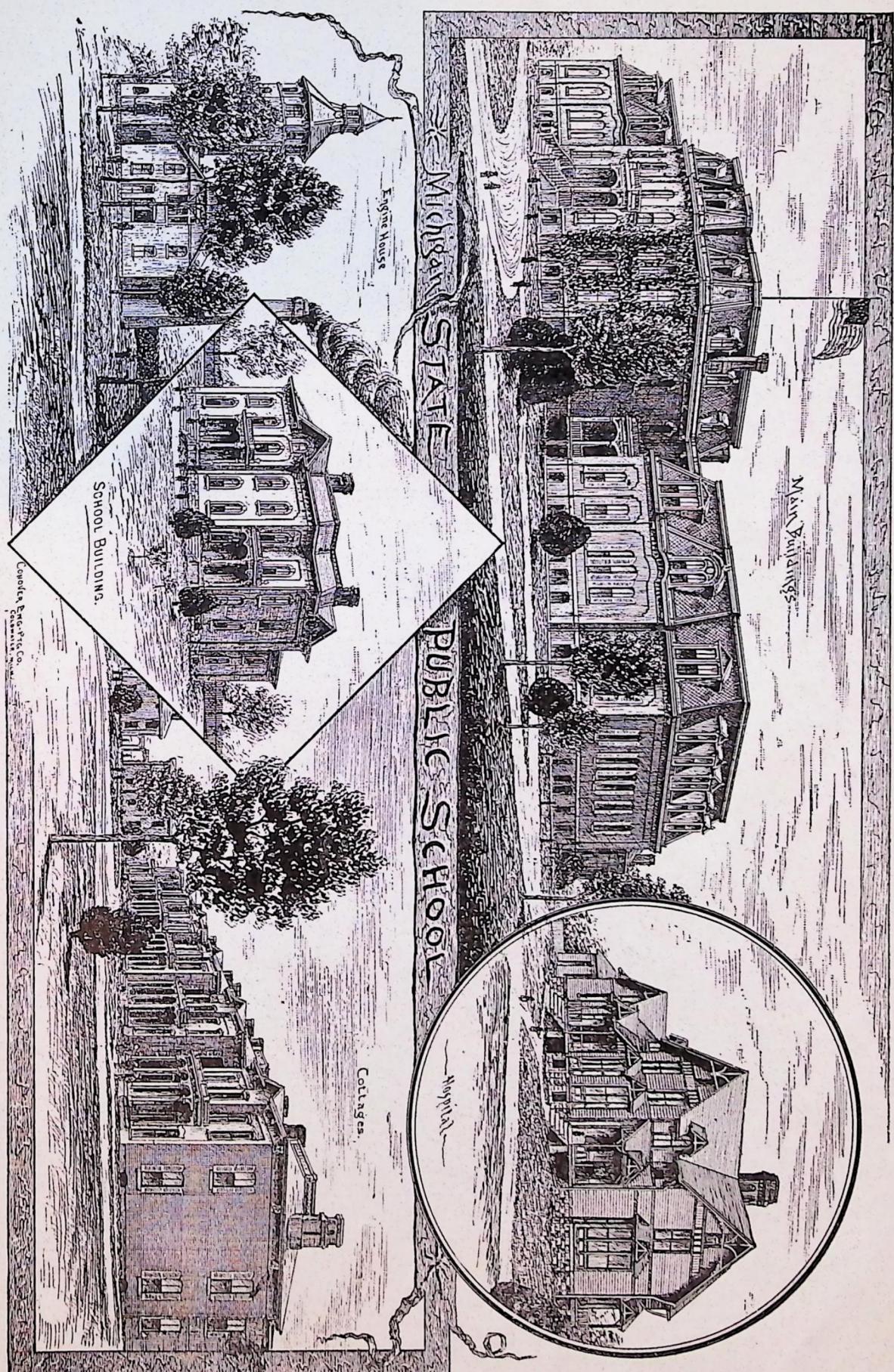
The institution is in charge of a Board of Control, appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, for a term of six years each. The present Board of Control consists of the following persons:

Isaac B. Fancher, President, - - - - Mt. Pleasant.

Richmond E. Case, - - - - Three Rivers.

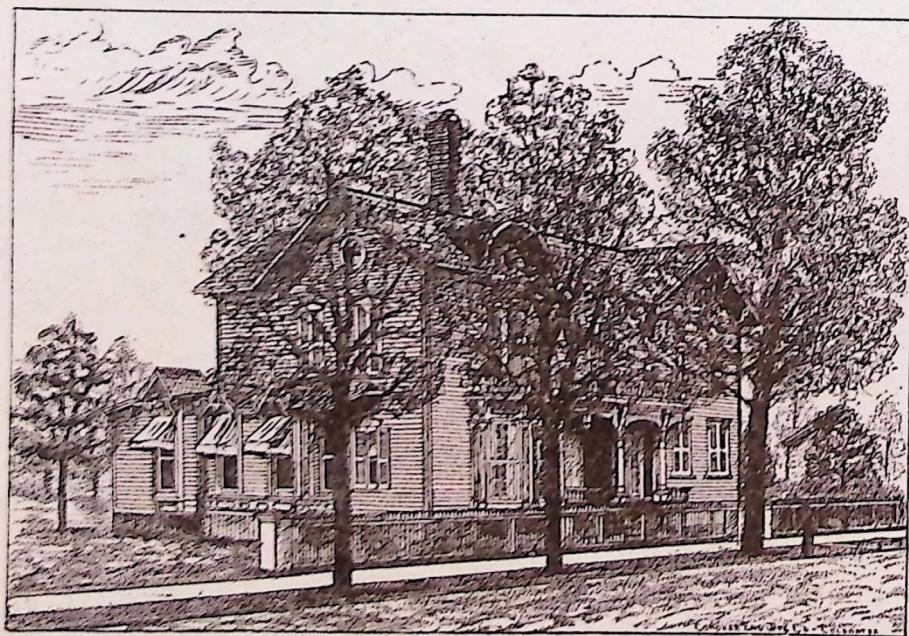
C. D. Randall, Secretary and Treasurer, Coldwater.

The administration of the ordinary affairs is in the hands of a Superintendent, who is delegated large discretionary authority by the Board, and in whom is principally the responsibility of success. Wesley Sears is now superintendent of the institution and Wm. B. Streeter is State Agent. There are about 300 children in the school, new ones being continually received, and the older ones being furnished with homes in families. Since the organization of the school, more than 2,500 children have been provided for, proving this to be one of the grandest public enterprises ever attempted by any state or country.



## NATURAL GAS.

Acting on a firm belief that our city was within the "gas belt," a few enterprising citizens went to work in 1887 and organized a company to prospect for gas, oil, or anything else of value that might be found. A well was drilled, and at the depth of a little more than twelve hundred feet a fine showing of gas was obtained, which continued to increase as the drill went down. Believing that a great supply was to be found a little further down, the company pushed ahead, and had the misfortune to have the drill become fastened in the well, and nearly a year's time and a large amount of money was spent in a vain effort to get it out, and finally the effort had to be abandoned and that well pronounced a failure as far as a supply of gas was concerned; but it demonstrated the fact that there is natural gas below our city, and it is probable that another and more successful effort will soon be made to secure this great boon.



RESIDENCE OF GEN. J. G. PARKHURST, CLAY STREET.

## MINERAL WATER.

While drilling a well for natural gas in this city, a very valuable vein of mineral water was found, which has been analyzed and found to surpass, in medicinal qualities, the far famed waters of Ypsilanti and Mt. Clemens, and in the near future there will probably be a Sanitarium built, which will enable this valuable remedial agent to be properly utilized. Already many cures have been effected by its use, which prove, beyond doubt, its wonderful healing power.



RESIDENCE OF R. G. CHANDLER, WEST PEARL STREET.

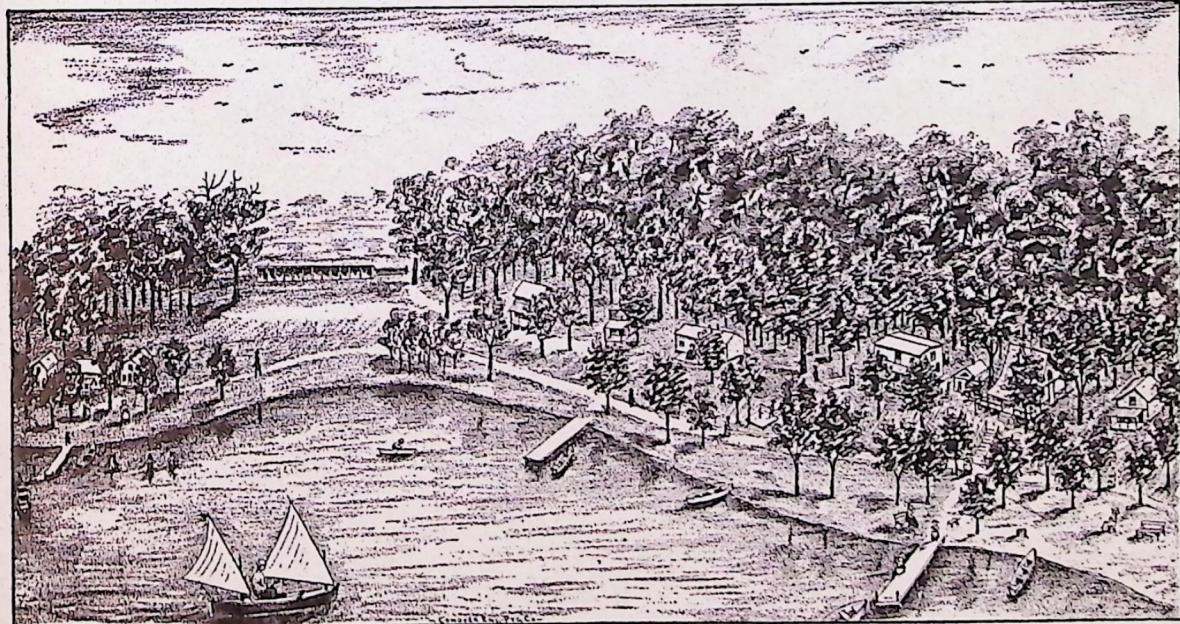


TIBBITS' PARK, MORRISON LAKE,

## RESORTS.

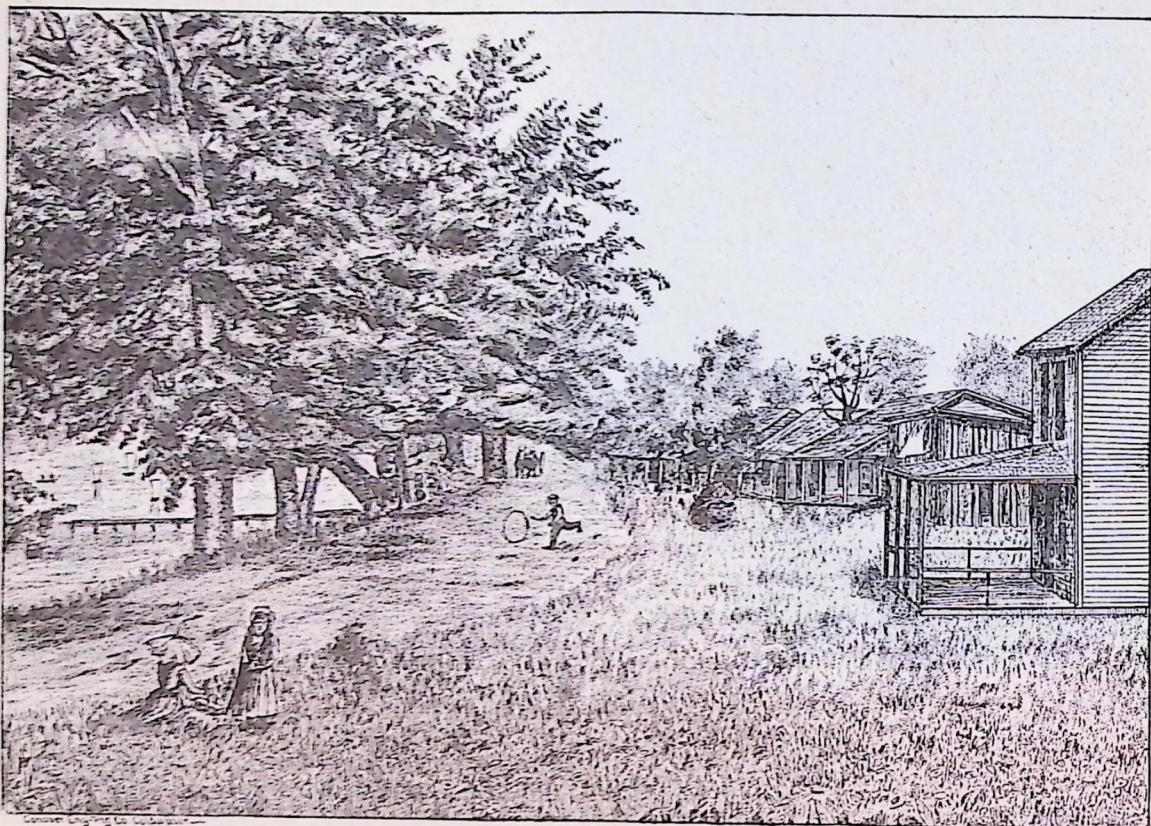
Coldwater is most fortunately situated with reference to pleasant resorts, where, throughout the season, our people can repair to enjoy the beauties of nature, and spend a little of their time in such recreation as is afforded by these pleasant places.

Tibbits' Park, an engraving of which is shown on preceding page, is a beautiful piece of woodland on a peninsula extending into Morrison lake, four miles north of the city. It contains twelve or more acres, nicely shaded, and is admirably adapted to the use it is being put to—a resort for pleasure and recreation. B. S. Tibbits, the proprietor, is fitting it up in fine style for the accommodation of the public. His new and commodious steamer, the *Scutanawbequon*, makes this its northern terminus, running from Pilot Knob, in the western part of the city, affording a delightful ride. This steamer will easily carry over three hundred people, and is built with particular regard to both safety and pleasure. The steamer will make regular trips to Tibbits' Park and the other resorts on the lake on Tuesdays and Fridays of each week during the season, at which times the general public can avail themselves of the charm of a delightful lake ride and a day of pleasure. Excursions and picnics can be accommodated on any other day by special arrangement.



TEMPLAR BEACH,

Here illustrated, is situated on the east side of Morrison lake, opposite Tibbits' Park. It is a beautiful beach, comprising about five acres, and is leased and controlled by the K. T. Social Club. Ten or twelve pleasant cottages have been erected, and the families of these valiant Knights Templar spend the summers here. This is not a public resort, but rather a summer home for the families of members of the club.



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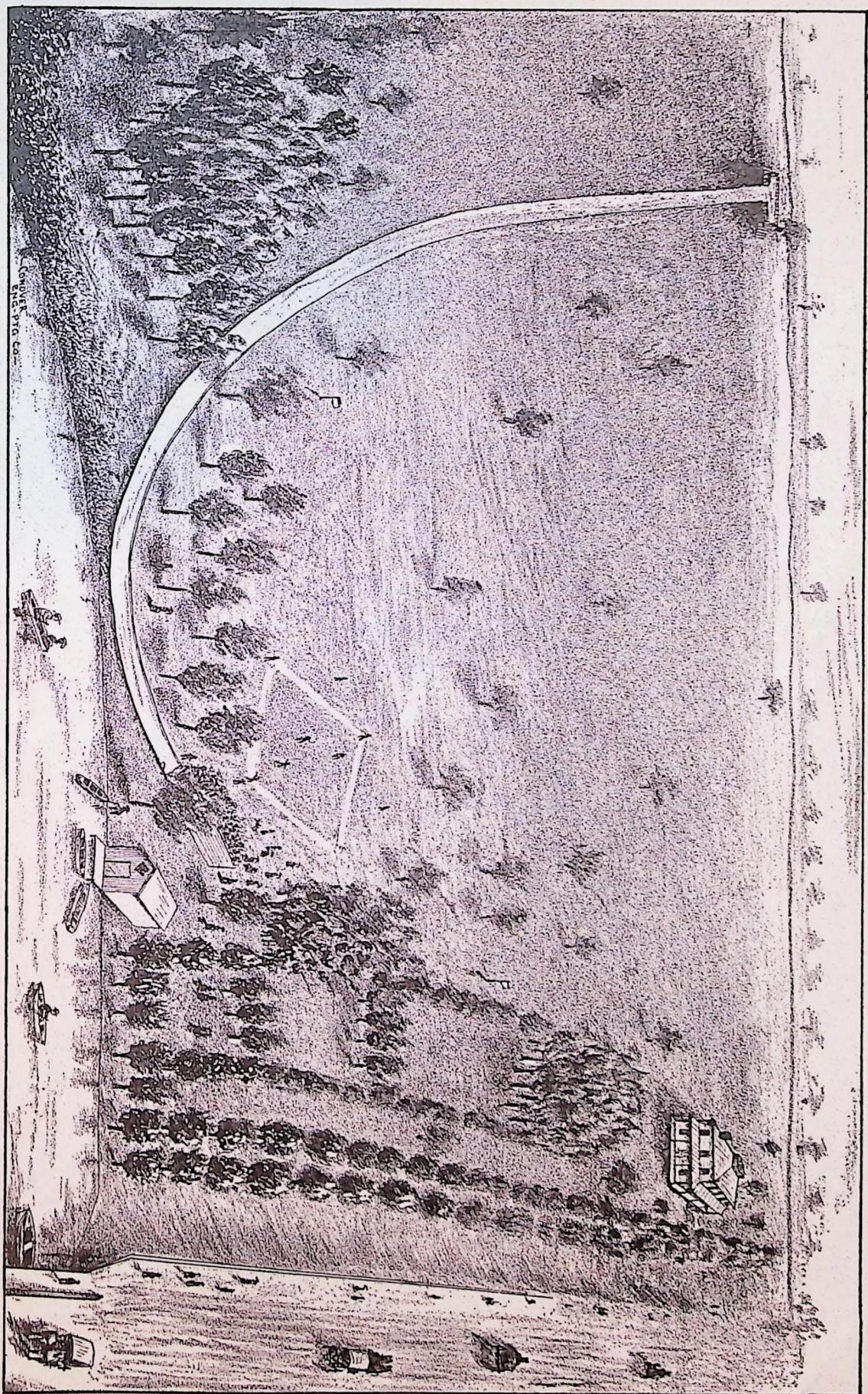
Which is shown above, is a beautiful resort on Coldwater lake, ten miles south from the city. About a dozen cottages have been erected there, and the families who pass the heated term out there declare that it is the loveliest spot on earth.

## PENINSULA GROVE

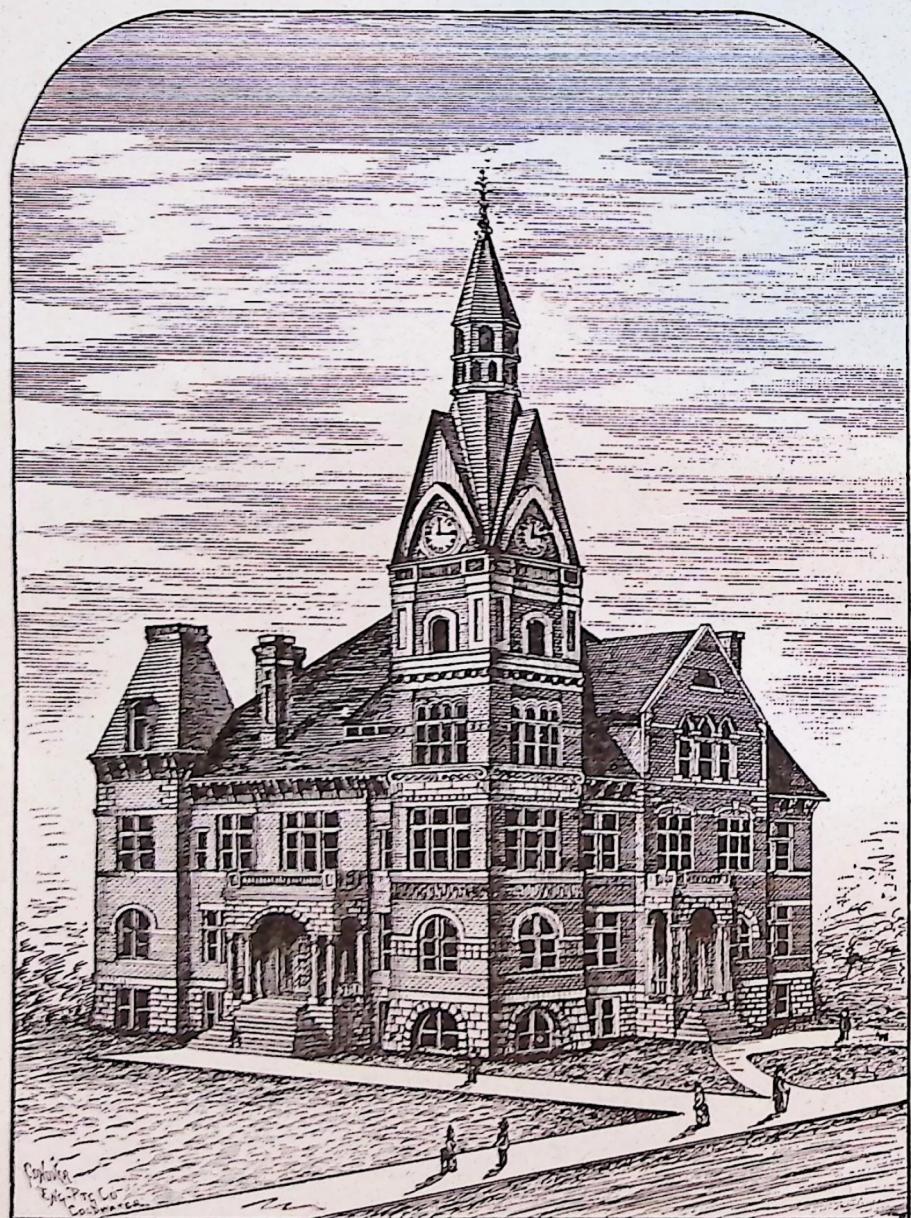
Is situated about three miles north of the city, at the narrows. This is the camp ground of the Coldwater District Camp Meeting Association of the M. E. Church, and like Tibbits' Park is situated on a beautiful peninsula, surrounded on three sides with water, and is nicely fitted up for the purpose for which it is used. It is also a pleasant place for picnics, etc. The steamer *Scutanawbequon* makes a landing here, affording people who come here the chance to "travel by water."

## RIVER PARK,

Shown on next page, is a new resort, just being fitted up at the river in the western part of the city. It contains about ten acres and is being graded and laid out in nice style. It is to contain base ball, tennis, croquet and archery grounds; a roller slide will afford enjoyment for those who love an exhilarating ride, while swings, row boats, etc., furnish other means of amusement. It is a fine place for picnics. A line of wagonettes at the park will carry you to or from the city for a nickel. There is a landing for the steamer, so people can go up or down the lake as they may desire. This park is owned by A. A. McLaughlin, and he will give a most cordial welcome to all who desire to visit this place. Mc. is quiet and unassuming, strictly temperate, and wishes people to understand that there is nothing of the beer garden style about his park.



RIVER PARK, WEST CHICAGO STREET, COLDWATER.



COURT HOUSE.

## HORSES.

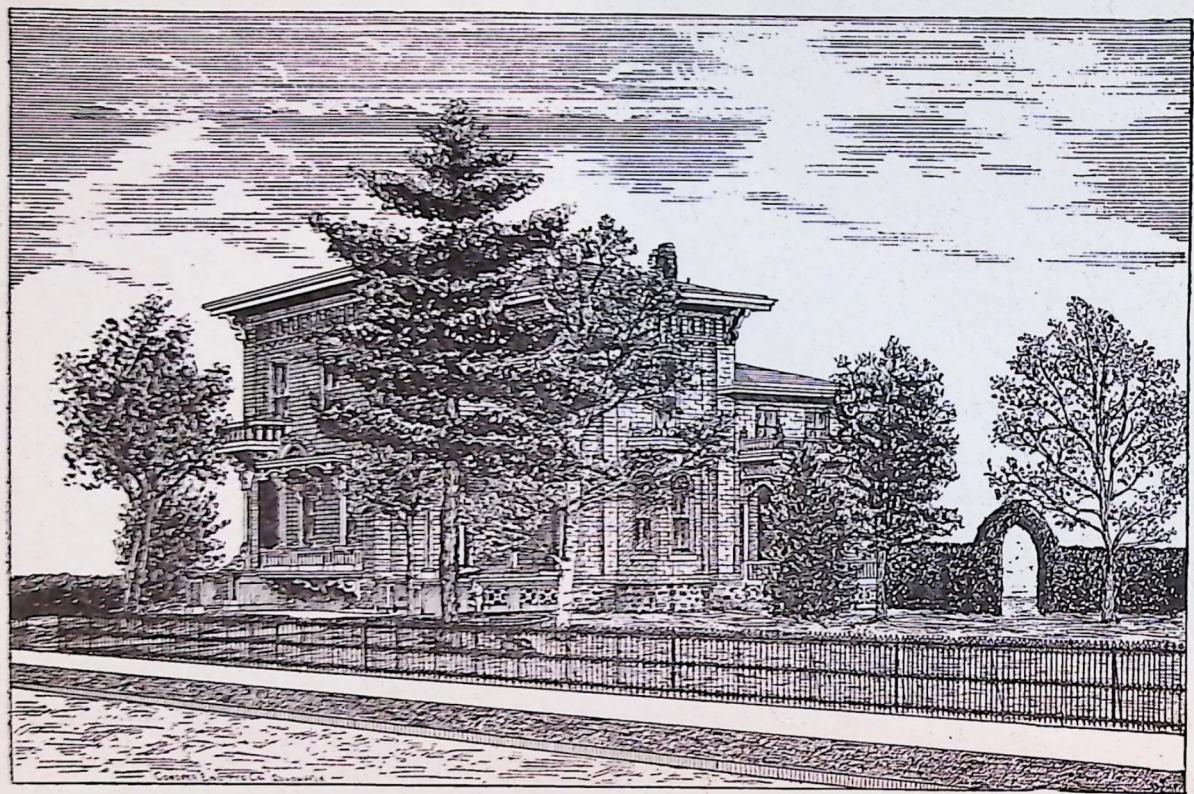
Plato having defined man to be "a two legged animal without feathers," Diogenes plucked a cock and bringing him into the school said, "Here is Plato's man;" whereupon there was added to the definition, "with broad flat nails." So the horse has been defined to be a species of quadruped with a certain number of erect or parallel teeth in the upper and a certain number less prominent in the lower jaw, and with an undivided hoof. To the definition so much should be added to convey any adequate idea of the horse of the period that this volume would scarcely contain it.

The recreative power of the fleet and stylish roadster to the business man, the professional man, and the brain-workers of the world is coming to be more fully understood and valued accordingly. A glimpse at the road-riders and drivers in any of the metropolitan cities will discover those high in social and business standing the most enthusiastic devotees. The pure, bracing air of the country, the woody smells, the beauty of brake and fern, the flora of the neighborhood, the fields of waving grain, the ever shifting panorama of life and beauty, renders the pursuit of this method of recreation not only pleasant but a health-giving duty.

From the earliest settlement of our city and county the breeding of fine horses has been a matter of intelligent, persevering effort, until Coldwater has become the center of the breeding interests of the State.

The eyes of the world have been turned toward Michigan by the performances of horses bred and raised in our immediate vicinity; and last year there was inaugurated an enterprise which resulted in the sale of a number of horses, aggregating about \$22,000. The present year, Ray Warner and Henry C. Clark, composing the firm of Messrs. Ray Warner & Co., held their second annual combination sale in this city, and propose making this an annual feature in the future. They had fifty per cent larger entries and perhaps a still larger percentage when the quality of the offerings are considered. The value of this enterprise to our city and our county can be scarcely over-estimated, for it makes this the distributing point for large sums of money and is advertising the city as widely perhaps as any industry in our midst.

So with the finest little city and the most intelligent population, we can add that we have the most fashionably bred and fleetest horses; and as all roads were said to lead to Rome, it may be said all horsemen come to Coldwater.



RESIDENCE OF HON. GEO. STARR, PEARL STREET.



RESIDENCE OF L. D. HALSTED, WEST PEARL STREET.

## NEWSPAPERS.

Coldwater has always been noted for the superior excellence of its local press. There are now six papers published here, as follows: The semi-weekly REPUBLICAN; the COURIER, SUN, and REPUBLICAN, weekly; KITCHEL'S PAPER, monthly; and COLDWATER'S YOUNG MEN, monthly; they are all extensively read, and their columns bear witness to the literary taste of our people.

## THE COURIER.

An eight-page, fifty-six column Republican paper, established November 4, 1882. Circulation equal to that of the combined circulation of any two papers published in the county, consequently the best advertising medium. Its excellence as a local paper the prime factor in building up its large circulation. \$1 per year, always in advance. Foster & Moore, publishers.

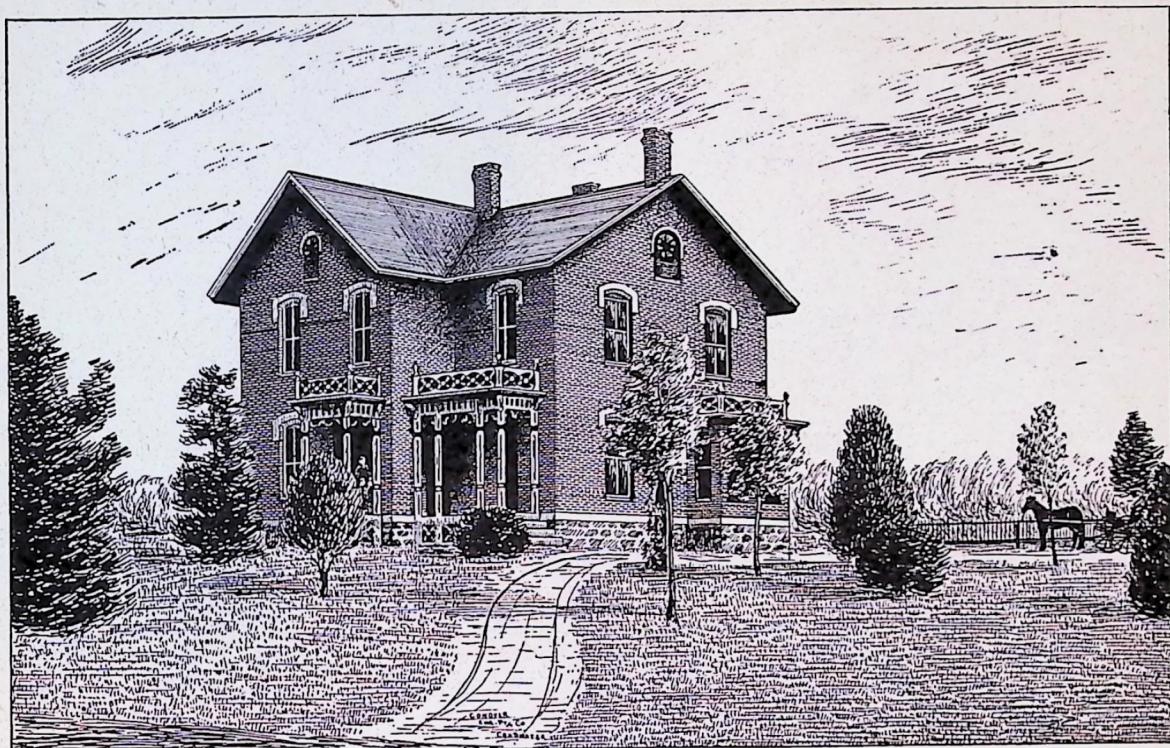
## THE COLDWATER REPUBLICAN,

By that name, was established in August, 1866, by David J. Easton, subsequently it absorbed all other Republican papers in the county, and thus became the direct descendant of the Branch County JOURNAL, which was established in 1851. It is, therefore, the oldest and most firmly established paper in Branch County. In 1875 the present publishers changed the REPUBLICAN from a weekly to a semi-weekly, and it has been issued twice each week ever since. A weekly edition is also published. The REPUBLICAN occupies a leading position in the State, and while in its political affiliations it is identified with the Republican party, it is noted for its fearlessness and its thorough independence in the discussion of questions pertaining to the public welfare. It has occupied an advance position on all questions pertaining to the reform of the civil service, temperance and taxation. As a local paper it is surpassed by none and equaled by few. It circulates among the most intelligent classes in the county, and is, therefore, a desirable advertising medium for all who seek to reach the well-to-do people in this community. The semi-weekly is published on Tuesdays and Fridays at \$2 per year; the weekly on Wednesdays at \$1 per year. A. J. Aldrich & Co., publishers. The REPUBLICAN office is also one of the best equipped job offices in the State in the line of commercial, poster or pamphlet printing.

## THE COLDWATER SUN.

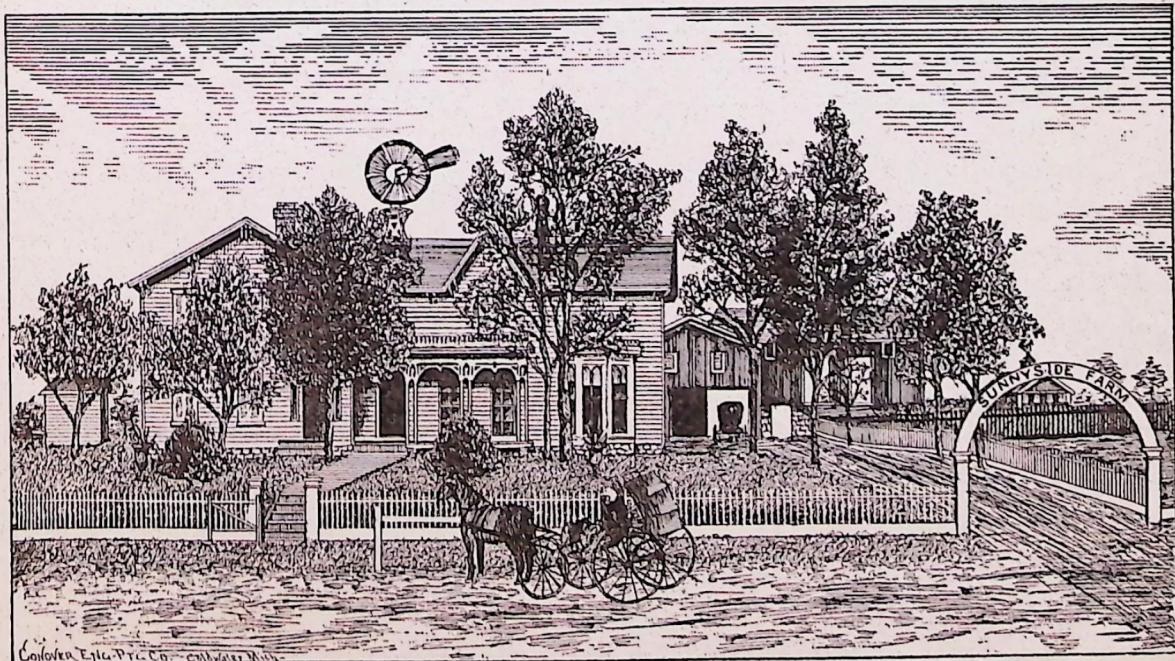
In July, 1882, the Branch County RECORD (published at Coldwater) and the COLDWATER SENTINEL were purchased by a stock company, consolidated, and a new paper started, called the COLDWATER SUN, the first issue appearing July 20, 1882. During its first year it did not meet with great popular favor, but in July, 1883, Mr. W. C. Bailey, who had been foreman of the office most of the time since it opened, became half owner and editor and business manager of the paper. From that time to the present it has grown steadily in prosperity, until it is now one of the finest advertising mediums in Southern Michigan, having a *bona fide* circulation of nearly 1,800 and steadily increasing; it is the only newspaper in Michigan which rigidly excludes advertisements of liquors, tobacco, patent medicines and every sort of objectionable matter, yet has a lucrative and necessarily high-class patronage in the advertising line. The SUN's specialty is local and county news, in which it, beyond any question, leads all its competitors. In politics it is independent, yet advocates without fear or favor temperance and other needed reforms. The office has a fine job printing outfit of both type and machinery and its work is always A 1. In the spring of 1888 Mr. Bailey purchased the interest of his partners in the business, and is now sole proprietor. The subscription price of the SUN, which is a nine-column weekly paper, is \$1 per year.

The COLDWATER DISTRICT MIRROR, devoted to the interests of the Methodist Church in Coldwater District, is an eight-page sheet, published monthly at 25 cents per year, and edited by Presiding Elder N. L. Bray. The SUN has the contract for printing it.



RESIDENCE OF MRS. ELIZA JEFFERDS.

This is one of the most desirable locations about Coldwater. It is the property of the widow of the late Dr. R. B. Jeffords, and situated one and one-half miles east of the court house, on Chicago street, and four and one-half miles west of the beautiful and thriving village of Quincy. It has ten acres of land attached, with good barn, well of water, orchard and all kinds of small fruits. Will be sold cheap, and time to suit the purchaser.

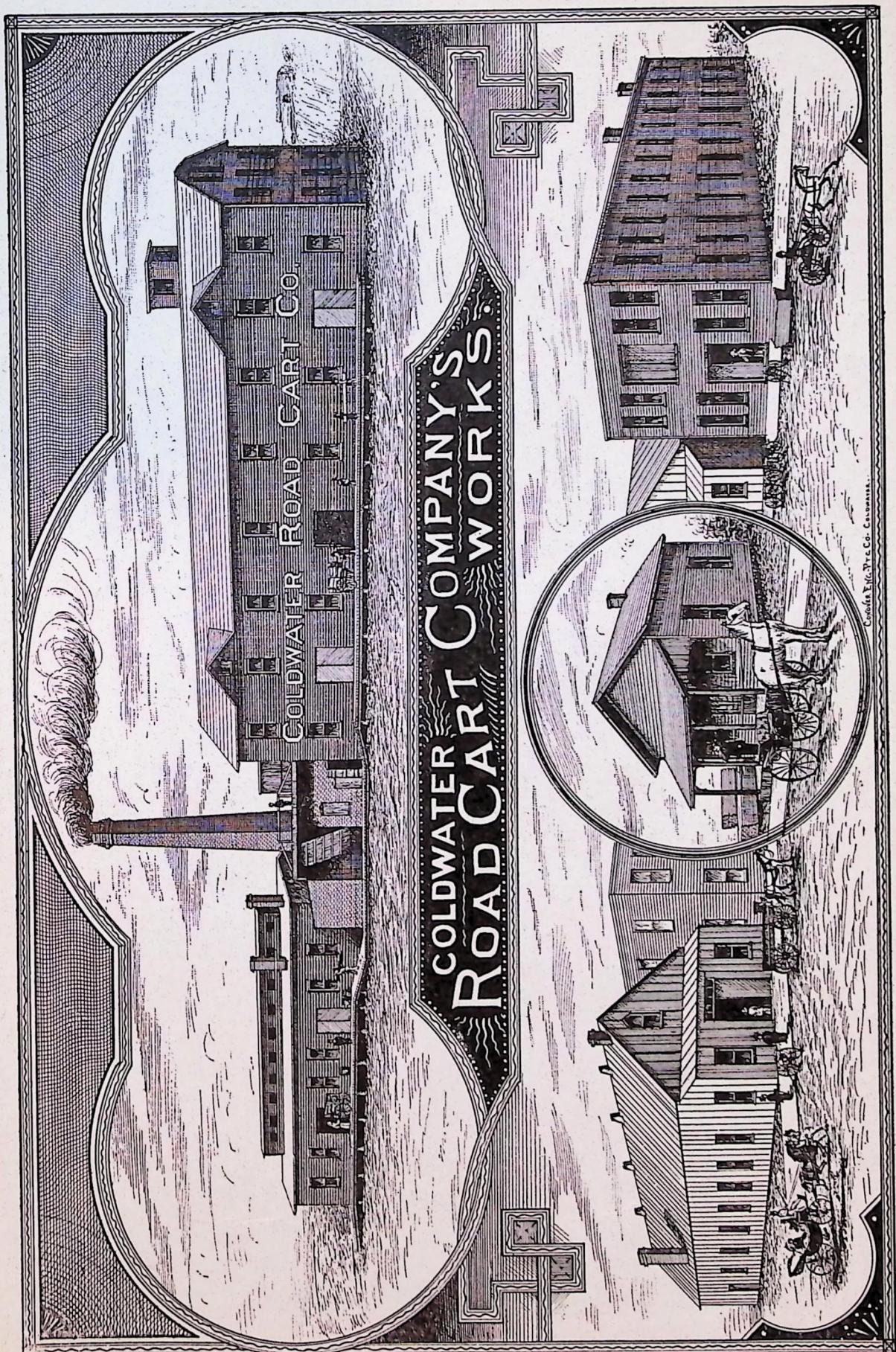


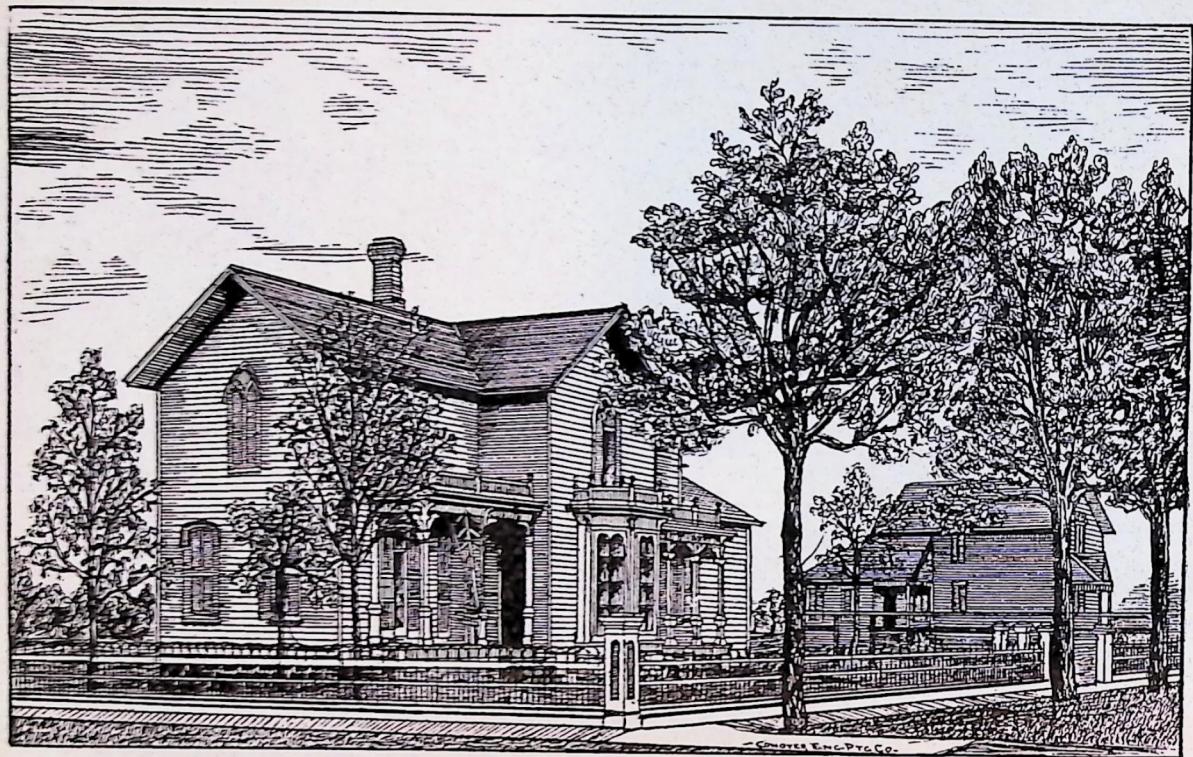
SUNNYSIDE FARM, IN WESTERN PART OF CITY; CONTAINS 113 ACRES. OWNED BY ALVIN HULBERT, OF LINDELL HOTEL, ST. LOUIS, MO.

## THE BUSINESS OF COLDWATER.

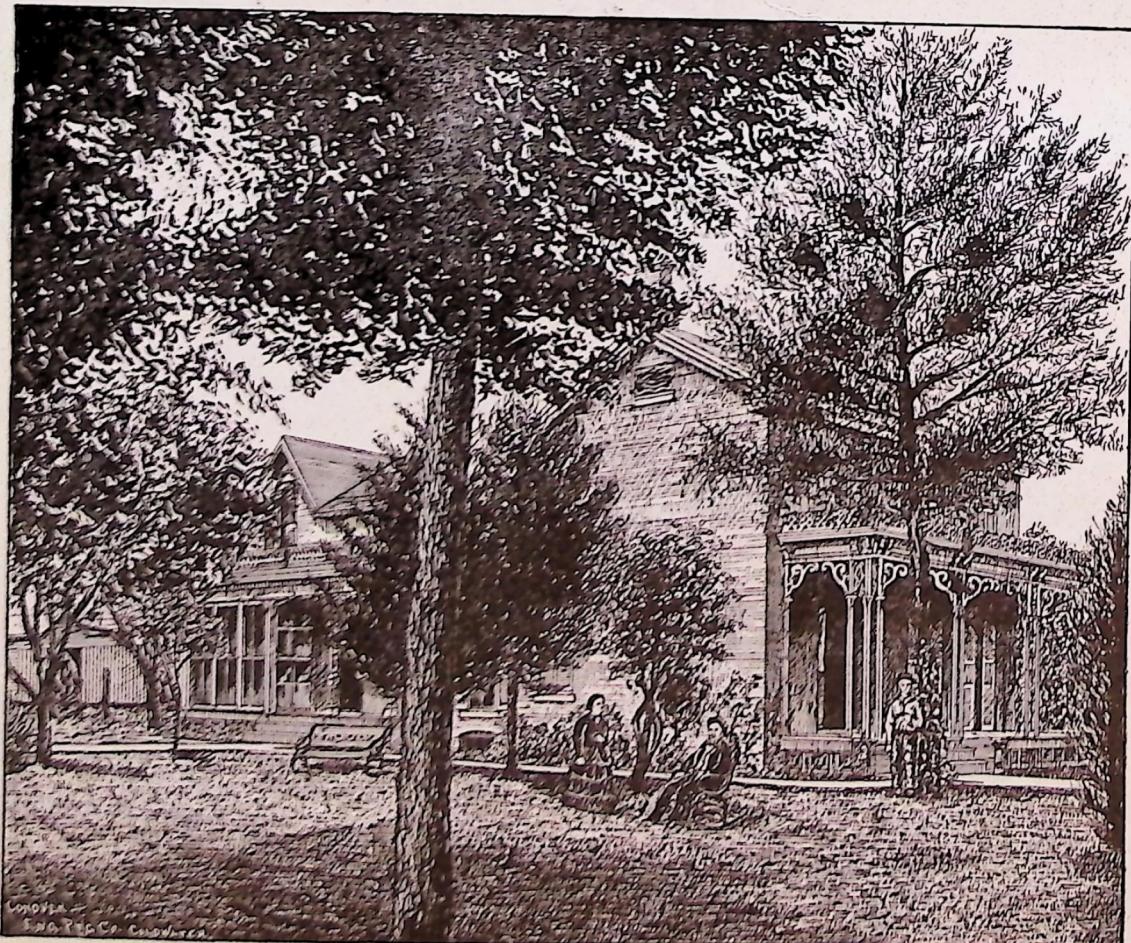
The following summarized statement of the amount of business in the various lines will give a pretty fair idea of the extent of the industries of the city.

KIND OF BUSINESS.	NO. HANDS.	YEARLY BUSINESS.
Dry Goods.....	46.....	\$ 313,000
Boots and Shoes.....	18.....	86,000
Drugs and Medicines.....	22.....	61,000
Groceries.....	69.....	317,000
Meats.....	20.....	84,000
Hardware, Tinware, etc.....	28.....	85,000
Clothing.....	31.....	94,000
Marble Works.....	12.....	21,000
Staves and Cooperage.....	83.....	74,000
Flouring Mills.....	35.....	600,000
Watches, Jewelry, etc.....	11.....	61,000
Sewing Machines, Musical Instruments.....	12.....	13,000
Gloves, Mittens, etc.....	6.....	8,000
Furniture.....	10.....	35,000
Furniture Manufacturing.....	35.....	44,000
Cigars.....	140.....	140,000
Patent Medicines.....	20.....	100,000
Road Carts, Carriages, Cutters, etc.....	155.....	210,000
Turning.....	9.....	10,000
Cigar Boxes, etc.....	15.....	18,000
Lumber.....	10.....	83,000
Bakeries.....	9.....	17,500
Planing Mills, etc.....	15.....	20,000
Notions and Fancy Goods.....	12.....	32,000
Photographers.....	8.....	7,000
Restaurants.....	19.....	20,000
Harness Manufactories.....	6.....	5,000
Agricultural Implements.....	8.....	25,000
Coal, etc.....	9.....	25,000
Printing and Engraving.....	30.....	37,000
Contracting and Building.....		100,000
Miscellaneous, not enumerated in this column.....		25,000
Total.....	903.....	\$ 2,770,500





RESIDENCE OF R. C. SAWDEY, COR. MORSE STREET AND CUTTER AVENUE.

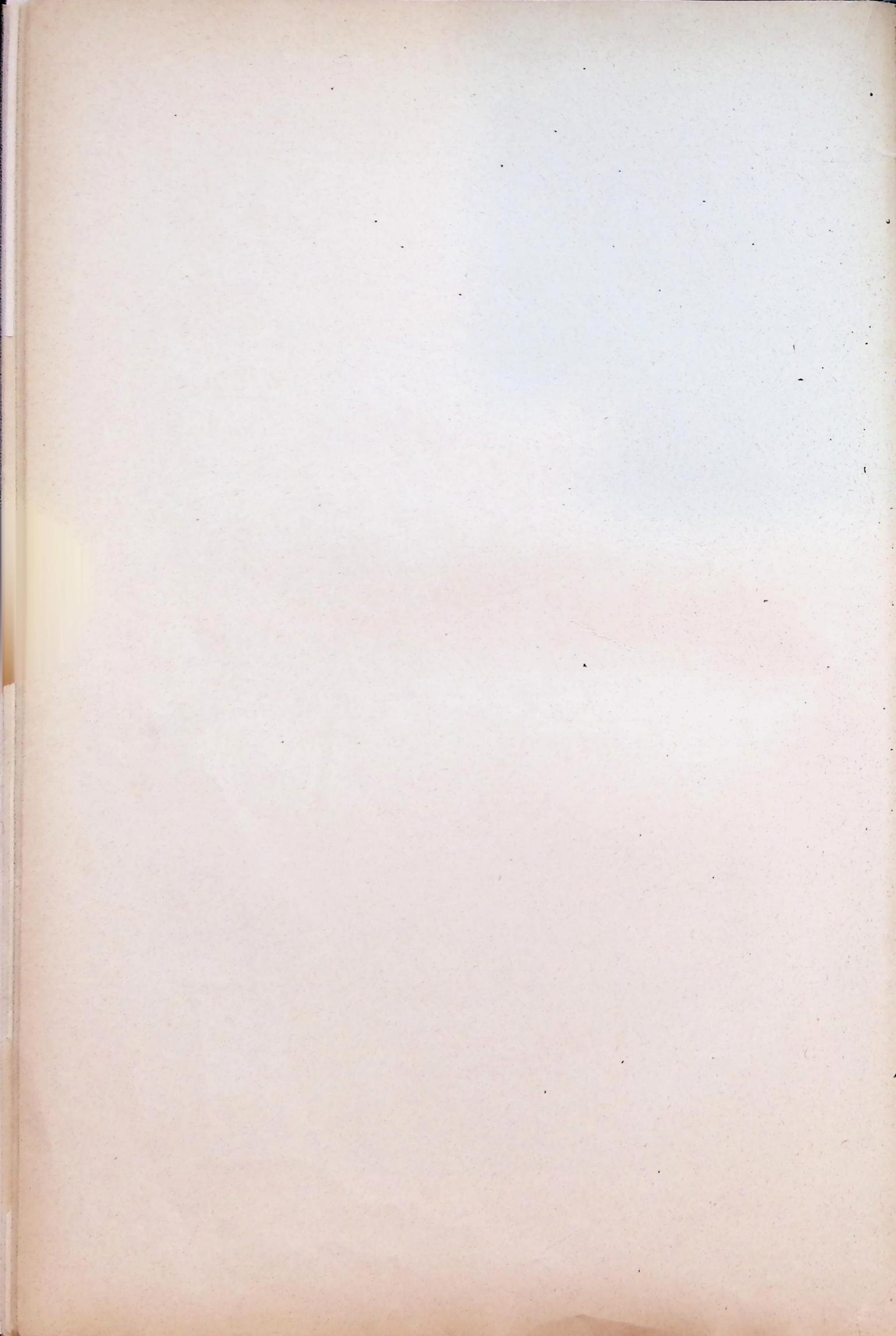


RESIDENCE OF J. WESLEY BROWN, EAST CHICAGO STREET.

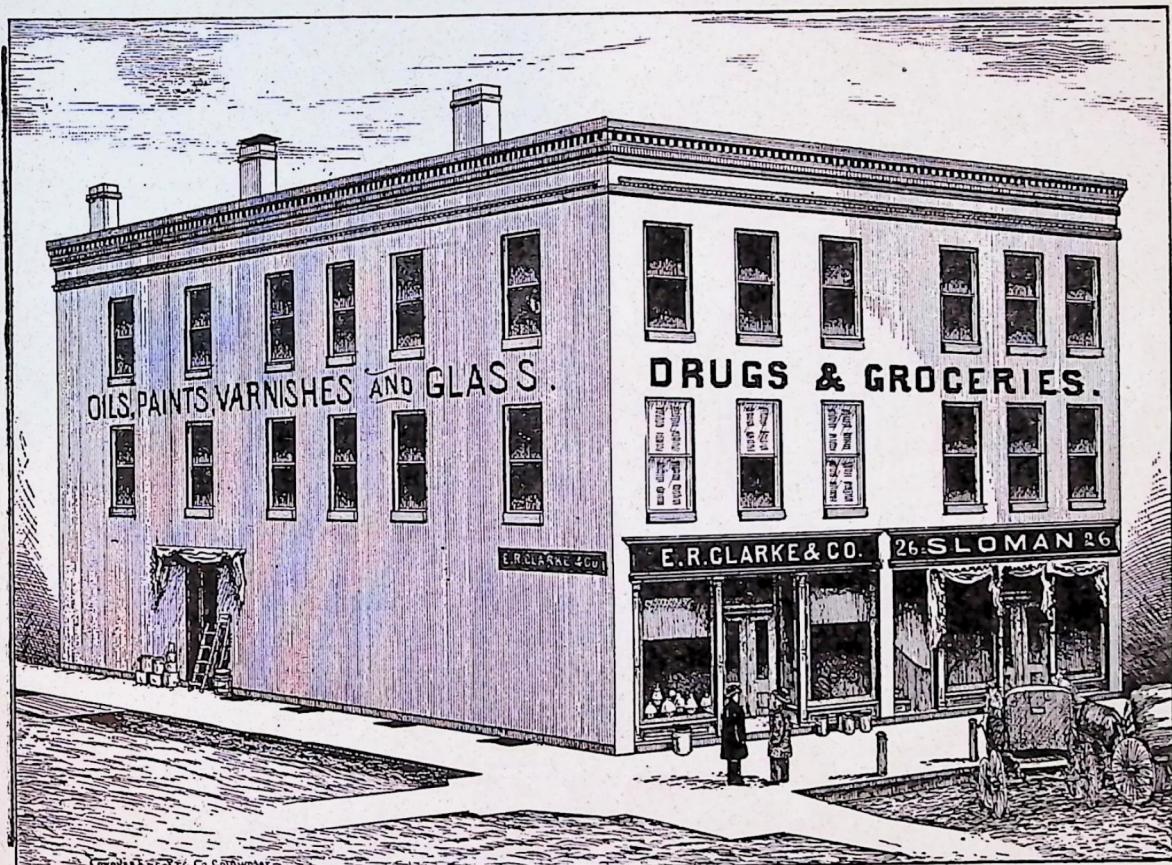
## THE INDUSTRIES OF COLDWATER.

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On the following pages will be found a review of some of the principal industries of Coldwater. The houses here noticed are all representative ones, and we most cordially commend every one of them.



# E. R. CLARKE & CO.



THIS BUSINESS WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1850.

We are, and have been for nearly forty years, Headquarters in Branch County for

## Pure Drugs and Choice Groceries

EVERYTHING SOLD BY US IS GUARANTEED TO BE AS REPRESENTED.

WE INVITE NEW TRADE.

E. R. CLARKE & CO.

**C. A. SPAULDING & CO.**—No. 41 Chicago street, dry goods, cloaks, etc. This firm, so well known throughout this and adjoining counties as one of the representative houses of Southern Michigan, was established in the year 1866, in its present location, and during all the years that have intervened since that time has constantly held the esteem of the community, and its honorable and expedient business methods have placed it in the van of trade.

Mr. Chas. A. Spaulding, the senior partner, has been the active manager of the business from its very start, and to his strict attention to the details of his business, and his thorough knowledge of all the various departments thereof, he has built up the large and profitable business the house now enjoys.

Their stock is very large and diversified, and contains everything in the line of dry goods, dress goods, cloaks, shawls, flannels, hosiery, notions, linens, etc., etc., and all selected by Mr. Spaulding with special reference to the wants of this community.

#### DRESS GOODS DEPARTMENT.

To cater successfully to the wants of the public on the subject of dress goods requires peculiar qualities in the manager and buyer, as fashion demands constant changes in texture and coloring. Mr. Spaulding seems to be favorably gifted in both of these requirements, as this department has been and is now the most popular one in Branch county. He has so educated himself in the selection of colors that you will find full lines of goods so shaded as to delight the most artistic taste, while the combinations of dress goods and trimmings here displayed can not be excelled. He proves himself to be a thorough student on all these subjects, and now offers to the public the most varied and artistic collection of dress fabrics and elegant novelties in dress trimmings that can be shown by any house in this section.

#### CLOAK DEPARTMENT.

Here is a study, and it is here that Mr. Spaulding shows himself to be possessed of the master mind. Styles change constantly; something new every season; yes, even every month. People demand novelties and yet staple garments that will look well two or three seasons. The selection of styles and qualities requires study, and the fitting and adapting of these garments requires still more. Quick to see and appreciate the needs and wishes of his customers, he continually places before them the most fashionable and stylish garments to be obtained; while a keen sense of what is becoming to the form leads him to make an especial study of the styles suitable for different figures, and to insist that no ill-fitting garment shall pass from under his hands. With such close attention to the needs of his customers, it is no wonder that C. A. Spaulding & Co. have become the acknowledged leaders in the cloak trade.

This department has grown to such an extent with this popular house, that to-day it is the leading department, most especially during the fall season, when everybody wants a cloak.

#### HOSIERY AND GLOVES.

This is a department in which Mr. Spaulding has taken a just pride.

In all probability there is not a house in Southern Michigan showing so complete a line of foreign and domestic hosiery. Buying largely from first hands enables them to show much better goods for the money than most competitors.

Their popular line of full regular hose at 25 cents has been the wonder of the people. Many goods are of quality usually sold for 35 and 40 cents. In children's

hosiery the assortment is just immense, showing the greatest variety of both styles and quality. We call special attention to goods in which the color is guaranteed not to crock or fade.

The corset department contains all leading popular makes,--Dr. Warner's "Health," "Coraline," "Four in Hand," etc.

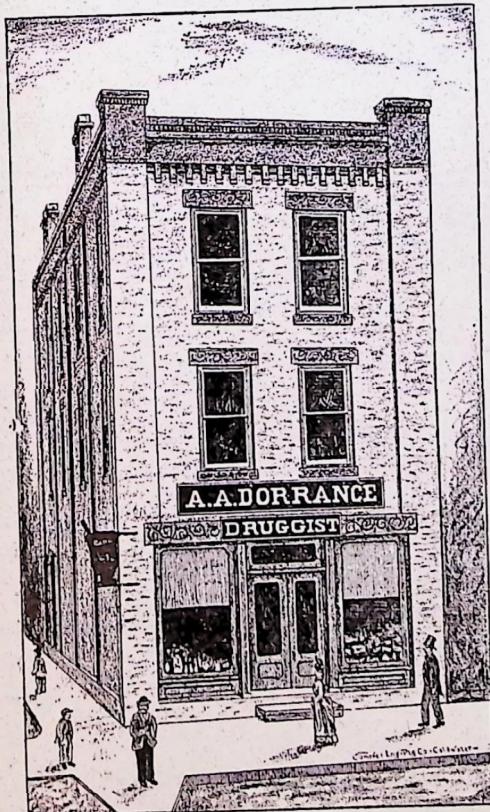
The celebrated Jackson corset waist, the most popular and healthful corset in the world.

Misses' and children's corsets, all sizes, 18 to 36, constantly in stock.

LADIES' UNDERWEAR of all kinds, in flannel and cambric; in fact, everything in this line that is needed for ladies, children and infants.

CURTAINS in large variety, either in patterns or by the yard. Their stock of this line of goods is particularly fine, and they invite careful inspection of it on the part of intending buyers.

Besides attending to the details of his large business, Mr. Spaulding has not been unmindful of the demands of the public in matters pertaining to the general welfare of the city, having been honored by positions of trust and responsibility, always discharging his duties with signal ability. He is now the efficient president of the Board of Education, and gives the duties of that office the same careful attention which has made his business enterprise so great a success.



MR. A. A. DORRANCE, the popular Coldwater druggist, has occupied his present place of business for the past sixteen years. He has endeavored to excel in his line of trade, and to merit the confidence and patronage he has so largely received. A competent, reliable, and responsible druggist is a necessity in every community. We take pleasure in calling attention to his large and well selected stock, embracing every variety of drugs, medicines, chemicals, perfumes, and toilet goods, also spectacles, trusses, crutches, and a fine line of choice groceries. Give him a call. You will be served with desirable first-class goods and by experienced clerks.

**BROWN & BURROWS.**—Furniture dealers and funeral directors, No. 43 Chicago street. This is one of the best known business establishments in the city. Mr. Brown has been engaged in the furniture trade here for twenty-five years, and any person in this county thinking of furniture, naturally associates his name with it. About four years ago, A. R. Burrows, who has made the furniture business his calling for forty-four years, became associated with him in the business, and both are now giving their whole attention to their business.

They carry a very large and extensive stock of all kinds of furniture, from the finest upholstered and richly finished work to the more common kinds. The four floors of their buildings are literally crammed full of goods, as is also the large addition in the rear, extending over and beyond the alley. People who have not been through their establishment can have no conception of the magnitude of their stock.

Their trade is not confined to this city, but extends all through the country adjacent to Coldwater, and their long and successful business career is evidence of their popularity with their customers.

In the department of undertaking and funeral directing they take the lead, making this a very special feature of their business. They are always in readiness to attend to calls in this line, either in city or country.

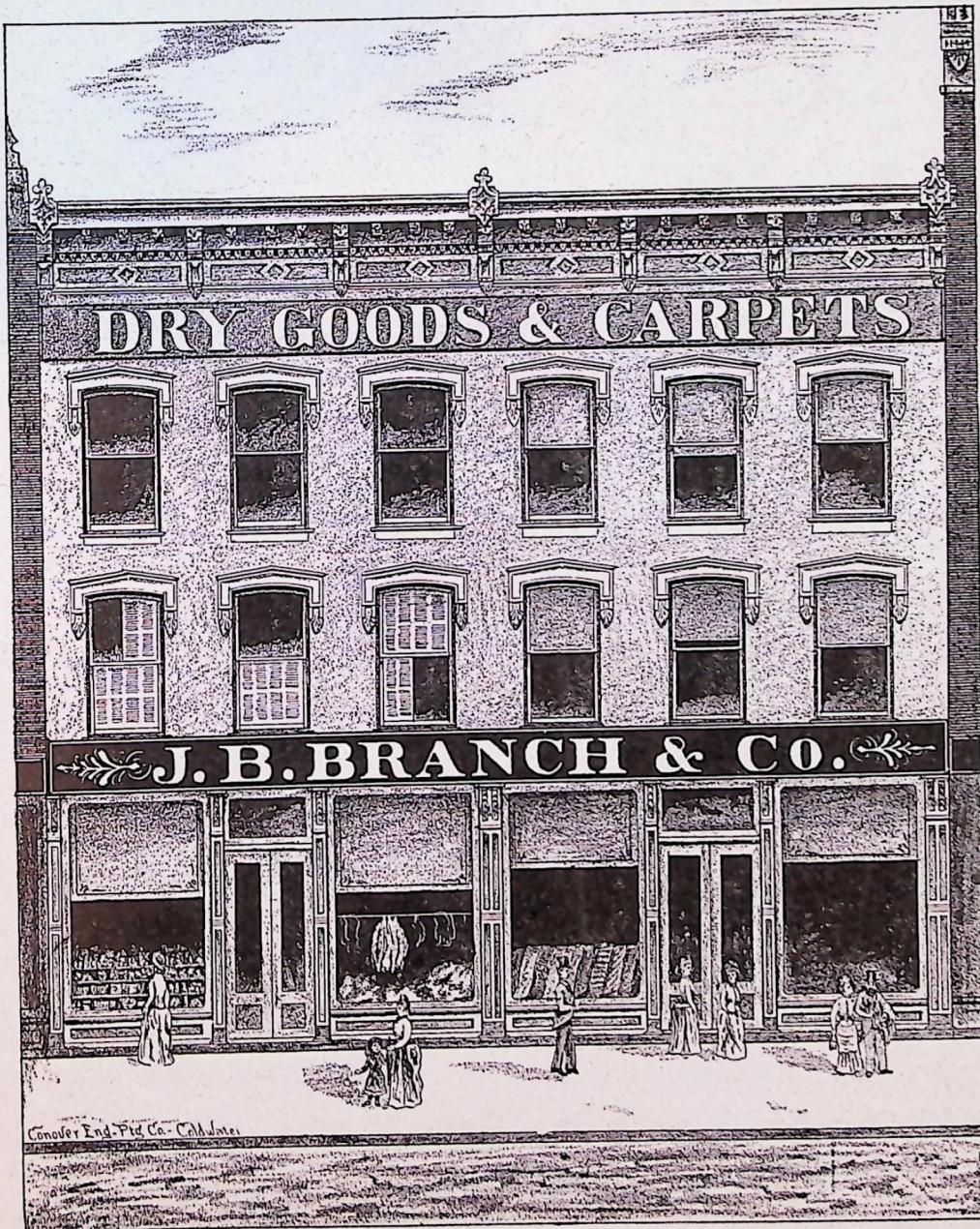
Both members of the firm have resided in Coldwater for many years, and are regarded as among the solid and substantial men of the community and have the esteem and confidence of their fellow-citizens. Both have served in the city council, and Mr. Burrows now represents his ward in that body, and is also chairman of the Board of Health of the city.

**C. J. STULTING.**—New York Bakery. This establishment is one that is well known to the citizens of Coldwater, having been established at its present location for many years. Mr. Stulting has been in charge of it for eleven years. He gives his own personal attention to all the details of his business, and has worked up a fine trade in all kinds of baker's goods, confectionery, etc. His lunch room is commodious and pleasant, and is the favorite resort of people from city and country, who appreciate a fine lunch, and they are sure to find all the delicacies of the season. His bread, cakes, pies, etc., are pronounced the very best, while his home-made bread stands high in the estimation of his customers. He invites all his friends to visit him when in town.

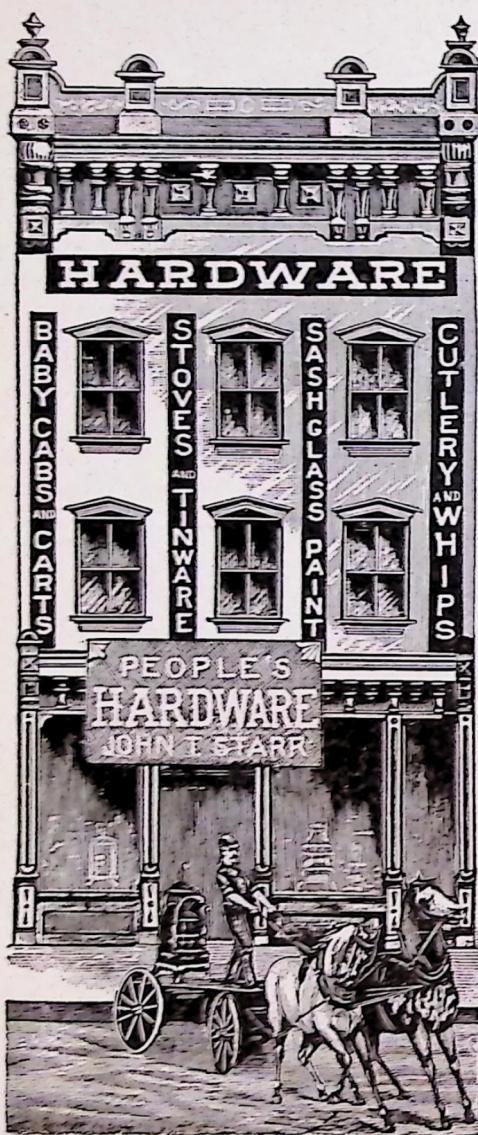
**MISS S. L. ETHERIDGE**—Millinery. No review of the mercantile interests of Coldwater would be complete without a reference to the millinery establishment of Miss S. L. Etheridge, at No. 44 Chicago street. Five years ago she began to cater to the trade of this community, and the fact that to-day she is the sole survivor of all the millinery firms doing business at that time is sufficient evidence that her enterprise, taste and styles have met with public appreciation, and it is now only a question of her ability to turn out all the work entrusted to her establishment. It is within the bounds of truth to say that she employs a greater number of skillful and high-priced assistants than any similar store in this section, and her trade, of course, receives the benefit. She has standing orders with the leading jobbers of the country for all the novelties in hats, bonnets, ribbons, laces, velvets, plashes and everything essential to carry in a first-class millinery store. Her stock is always new and fresh, her prices moderate, her styles recherche, and her work invariably satisfactory. Her trade is not by any means limited to this city or county, but she has regular customers in thirteen of the States and Territories.

Her store is a palace of fashion for everything in her line, and her city trade comprises all the devotees of society. If good goods, fair treatment and strict attention to business will assist in maintaining her position as the *leading milliner* of Coldwater, her place among the business houses of the county is one to be envied for years to come. She has adopted the exclusive cash system, which was considered a novel innovation for a millinery establishment, but it has proven a great success with her, and enables her to give her customers the benefit of the very lowest prices.

**S. C. BEEBE & CO.**—Located south side Chicago Street, No. 33, Starr Block, Coldwater, Michigan. This firm carries a large line of Gents' Furnishings, including all the latest styles in Neckwear, soft and stiff Hats, Shirts, Underwear, Overalls, Hosiery, Handkerchiefs, Suspenders, etc., etc. Also, at their place may be found Ladies' Furnishings, consisting of Corsets, Underwear, Collars, Cuffs, Hosiery, Laces, etc. They also make a specialty of Stamped Goods, Embroidery Silk, Rope Silk and other materials for fancy work. Their aim is to keep only first-class goods, and by doing business on the cash system are able to sell all their goods at a very small margin.



**J. B. BRANCH & CO.**—Coldwater, Michigan. Dry Goods, Carpets, General House Furnishing Goods, and Merchant Tailoring. One of the most complete stocks of goods in the State. Our house is filled to overflowing with goods adapted to the wants of all, whether the poor man or the millionaire. It will always pay to come to the Great Trade Emporium and see what we are doing.



**JOHN T. STARR.**—Hardware, stoves, tinware, etc., 17 Chicago street. This is one of the largest mercantile establishments in the city, and one that is deserving of more than a passing notice.

Mr. Starr is one of those energetic, hustling young men that infuse life and activity into a community, and whose natures naturally place them in the front rank among business men.

He carries one of the largest stocks of general hardware in Southern Michigan, occupying all four floors of the building here represented, together with a large two-story warehouse in the rear.

Among the articles to which he gives special attention may be mentioned Garland stoves and ranges, Paris range, Jewell gasoline stoves, Smith & Anthony furnace, Alaska refrigerators, carpenters' tools, mill and factory supplies, etc.

Mr. Starr gives his entire personal attention to the supervision of his business, and is enjoying a very large trade. Having always lived in this city, he has grown up with the place, and has the respect and confidence of the entire community, and will no doubt long continue to be one of the prominent business men of Coldwater.

**C. W. LAKE & CO.**—Groceries, lamps, crockery, etc., Old Bank Building, Coldwater. A visit to this store is sure to impress one at once with admiration. The proprietors seem to have acted on the maxim that "first impressions are everything." The remarkable taste that is displayed in the arrangement of the goods in the various departments of this store, is a great compliment to the proprietors, who certainly spare no pains nor expense to make their store attractive.

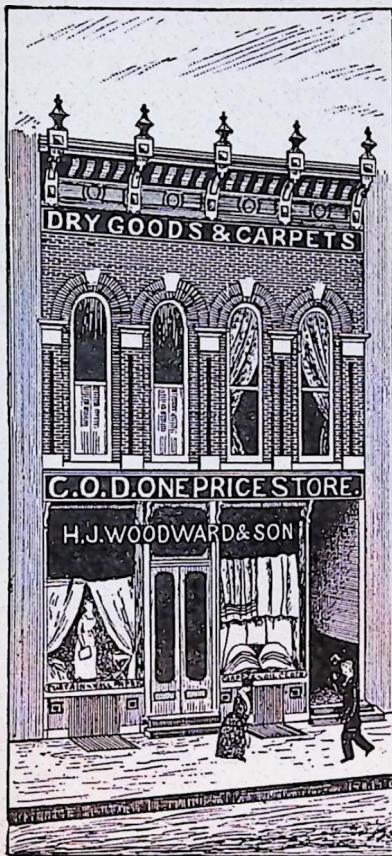
In the grocery department they keep a full line of all the staple and fancy goods, and by reason of their handling the best of goods and selling at low margins, they are enjoying a large trade.

Their crockery department is literally crammed with the different wares, from the common to the most elegant styles, and customers can always be sure to find just what they may want in this line. In lamps they lead the trade, and the various styles which they exhibit at once captivate their friends and speak volumes for themselves.

This house has an excellent reputation in the community for good goods and fair dealing, and is worthy of the respect and confidence of the public.

H. J. WOODWARD.

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## H. J. WOODWARD & SON.

"Nothing succeeds like success." So with the well known cash dry goods and carpet firm of H. J. Woodward & Son, doing business at 23 Chicago and 1 Monroe st. Eleven years of steadily increasing business under the plan of cash and uniform prices has brought them to the front as reliable and painstaking dealers. Their salesrooms, with high ceilings and plate fronts, covering 5,850 square feet of floor surface are among the finest, most attractive and modern in the city. One on entering is impressed, not only with the full and complete stocks, but the fine displays, general neatness and care which prevails. They employ from eight to fifteen people, and use the rapid cash car system, a great time and labor saving device for making change. Fifteen different departments are maintained and supplied with the choicest selections which the markets afford; we will enumerate them as follows:

1. Dress goods, silks and trimmings.
2. Table linens, napkins and towels.
3. White goods, embroideries and laces.
4. Wash dress goods.
5. Flannels and cassimeres.
6. Domestics.
7. Gents' furnishing goods.
8. Yarns and hosiery.
9. Corsets, fabrics and kid gloves, ribbons, ruchings, handkerchiefs and neckwear.
10. Cloaks, shawls and underwear.
11. Horse clothing and robes for summer and winter.
12. Carpets, rugs, mattings and oil cloths.
13. Lace, shade and drapery curtains and fixtures.
14. Wall papers and wall decorations.
15. Five and ten-cent counters.

Each department is complete in itself, and judging by their large number it would seem as though one could not fail at finding suitable goods for any want. Active preparations are now going on for the spring trade, and especially in their house furnishing departments.

**T. A. HILTON.**—Groceries and meats, Nos. 4 and 6 Monroe street. No house of its line within the past few years has made greater progress than this one. In many respects it is a remarkable concern. Established at its present location in 1884, it at once took front rank among the business institutions of the city, and has ever since enjoyed a very large patronage.

Mr. Hilton came to this country from England nineteen years ago, a boy thirteen years of age. He proved to have the elements of success in him, and from humble beginnings in the way of employment, constantly grew in favor as he advanced to positions of trust and responsibility, proving himself worthy of the success which has crowned his efforts in his present business. He has the largest and finest grocery house in the city, which is literally crammed with staple and fancy groceries of all kinds. In the fall of 1888 Mr. Hilton suffered a partial loss of his stock by fire, but with his characteristic energy he at once refilled his store with an immense stock of new goods, and at the same time adopted the exclusive cash system, which has proven another wise step, as, by enabling him to sell on smaller margins, he has largely increased his sales.

His meat department is a model one, and constantly stocked with the choicest meats, poultry, etc., to be found in the country, and justly entitles him to the large patronage he enjoys.

The great success which has attended his efforts is a compliment to the persistence and business tact which he has displayed, and a well deserved recognition of that infusion of young blood into the business community which strengthens it beyond dispute. If any house in the city can claim to be a representative one in its line of trade, it is this one, for it ranks with the foremost in every particular that goes to make up a complete and first-class establishment.

Mr. Hilton is a general grocer, and handles everything pertaining to the grocery business, and buys in such quantities as to insure ability to sell at the lowest prices. He has a stock of staple goods, such as sugars, syrups, provisions, etc., a large and well selected stock of teas of all grades, making a specialty of his famous Rose Leaf and Pan fired teas, which have had such large sales, and an excellent stock of the various kinds of coffees.

He also deals extensively in fancy groceries, always keeping in stock a large and desirable line of shelf goods and grocers' sundries. In fact, he keeps a fine assortment in all the lines of his trade, and his patrons are sure to be pleased with his goods and prices.

Mr. Hilton enjoys the respect and confidence of the community in which he resides. He is now ably representing his ward in the City Council, and devotes the same care and watchfulness to the affairs of the city that has characterized him in his own business.

Mr. Hilton runs a farm in the western part of the city, specially to help his business. There he receives and properly cares for the live stock intended for his market, and puts it in the very best condition before offering it to his trade. This is one of the secrets of his always having the finest meats in the county. On this farm he also makes a specialty of raising berries and small fruits, especially for his trade, and is thus enabled to furnish these luxuries in their season perfectly fresh and fine.

In his market he gives the utmost care to the curing of meats, such as hams, bacon, etc., as well as to rendering lard, and preparing such other articles as are called for in a first-class market.

In adopting the exclusive cash system, as noted above, Mr. Hilton felt that he was making an innovation; but he pushed right ahead, and has conquered a success, and is the only grocer in Coldwater doing business strictly on that basis.

**E. STROH.**—Boots and shoes, No. 16 Chicago street. This is one of the oldest and best known business institutions in the city. It was established by Mr. H. H. Flandermeier, who has been in the boot and shoe trade in Coldwater for about thirty years. A few years ago he was succeeded by Mr. Stroh, who has infused new life and energy into a business already long established and well known to our people. Mr. Flandermeier remains with the house, and by his thorough knowledge of the business, and extended acquaintance with the people of this county, is an invaluable assistant to the present proprietor. Mr. Stroh carries a very large and well selected stock of boots, shoes, slippers, rubbers, etc., for all classes and conditions of people. The finest ladies', misses' and children's shoes, in all the late styles; gents' shoes, in all grades of goods, from the finest to the more ordinary grade of goods; and all at the lowest living prices.

The farmer, also, can find at this store a stock of footwear just suited to his needs, and warranted to stand the hard wear and tear that is expected of them.

In every department his stock will be found full and complete, and customers can rely upon fair treatment, good goods and low prices.

This house has established a reputation of high character in the trade, and supplies the public with a class of goods that is unsurpassed as regards superior quality and lowest prices. If you are not in the habit of trading there, call and see them, and they will be glad to show you their stock.



**H. M. BURNELL**—Watches, clocks, jewelry, etc., 50 Chicago street. Mr. Burnell is an expert watchmaker and jeweler, and gives special attention to the repairing of fine watches. He guarantees all work done by him to be satisfactory, and his prices will be found the most reasonable.

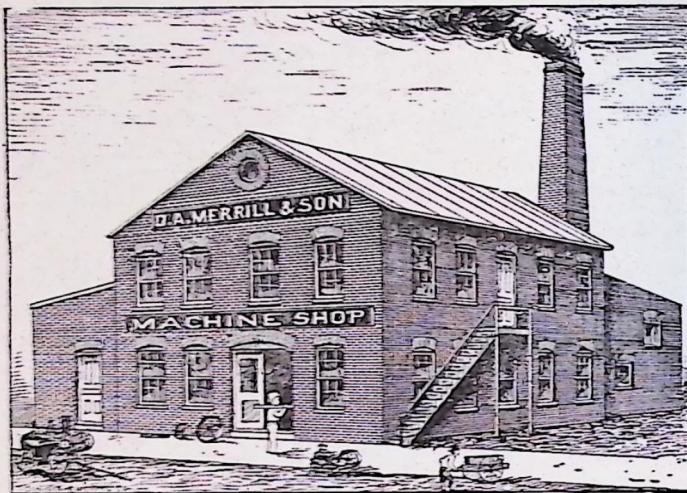
He carries a fine line of silverware, clocks, watches, jewelry and optical goods, and feels confident that he can suit the taste of everybody. The very best of standard goods and all the newest novelties in his line can be found at his store.

He specially invites all intending purchasers of goods in his line to call and look over his goods and prices, feeling assured that he can make it to their interest to make their purchases of him.

**V. L. NETTLETON**—Hardware, stoves, etc., 45 Chicago street. This business has been conducted for the past twenty-two years by D. Nettleton, the father of the present proprietor. Mr. V. L. Nettleton, who has just purchased the business, has spent many of these years in his father's employ, and thus brings into the business the advantages of a ripe experience in this line of trade and a thorough knowledge of the wants of the people of this vicinity.

His stock will at all times be found full and complete, and embraces everything required for a general hardware stock. The Peninsular stove is one of his specialties, and he is ever ready to show its merits to his friends. Besides this, he keeps a large line of stoves for coal and wood, in parlor, cooking and all other styles.

His stock of shelf hardware, cutlery, etc., is full and complete, and he asks the public to examine it carefully and compare his goods and prices with those of any other similar concern.

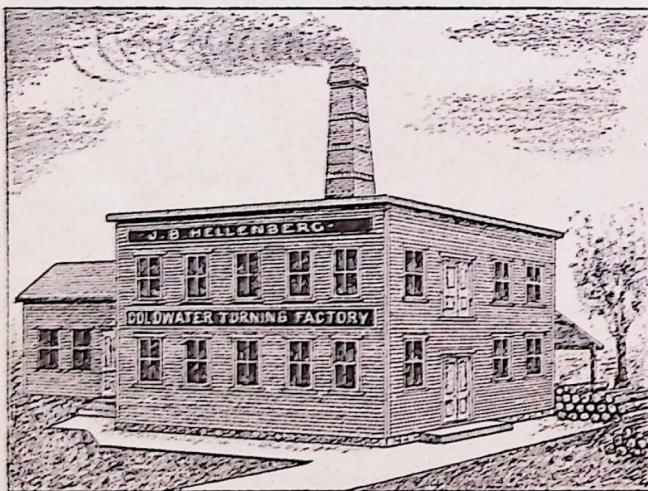


mill machinery, etc., and with a force of the most experienced workmen, and their own thorough knowledge of all the details of their business, they have no difficulty in giving the best of satisfaction to their many customers.

**D. A. MERRILL & SON.**—Machinists, Hudson street. This firm gives special attention to the building and repairing of all kinds of machinery. With the best and most approved machinery for their purposes, and their thorough knowledge of the business, they are prepared to undertake any job in their line.

They give special attention to the manufacture of steam engines, and are able to furnish machinery of this kind, fully warranted, at the lowest prices.

They also make a specialty of the repairing of steam engines,



dumb bells, ball clubs, mallets, etc., which he ships all over the country, supplying many wholesale dealers.

He gives careful personal attention to all the details of his business, and employs quite a force of experienced assistants, and his business is one of the growing industries of Coldwater.

**W. A. BLYE & CO.**—Millinery. This house justly deserves the reputation they have earned of being the leading millinery house in this section. Always at the front. Ladies can rest assured that no pains will be spared to meet their approval. Those connected with this house are with years of experience, and well and favorably known throughout Southern Michigan.

**S. POLLOCK.**—Lumber yard, Chicago street. This business was established about twenty years ago by H. T. Smith. Mr. Pollock purchased the business eight years ago, and by his thorough knowledge of the business, and the careful attention given to it, he has built up a very large trade.

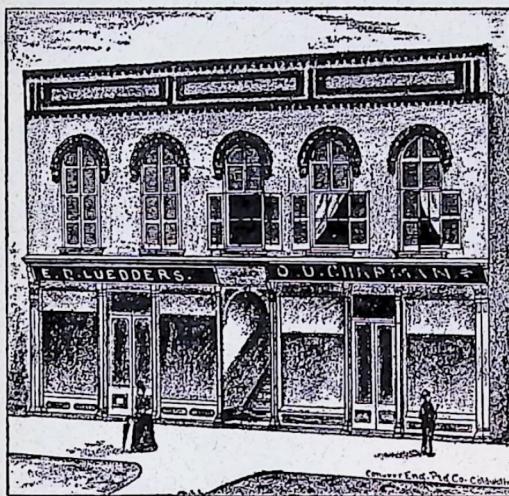
He handles all kinds, including the finest and best grades, as well as common stock of lumber, lath, shingles, pickets, posts, etc., etc., and also lime, roofing paper, plastering hair, etc., and sells at as low prices as any other similar concern.

He superintends his business in person, and by fair dealing and prompt attention to orders has won the respect and confidence of the community.

**J. B. HELLENBERG.**—Coldwater turning factory. This is an enterprise of considerable importance, and is the outgrowth of a very small beginning. Mr. Hellenberg commenced his business in a small way a few years ago, renting a small room in rear of Sherman & Chandler's planing mill. The increase of his business compelled him to make several removals to secure more room, and in 1887 he erected his present factory, where he now has facilities for getting out a very large amount of work.

He manufactures almost everything in the way of turned work, giving special attention to Indian clubs,

stocks all over the country, supplying



A SHORT HISTORY OF THE MOST NOTED BOOT  
AND SHOE MAN IN COLDWATER, MICH.

After having a short interview with E. D. Luedders, I find him to be a live, spirited business man, and that he came to Coldwater, Mich., in the fall of 1865, when he began to work for the firm of H. H. Flandermeyer & Bro., makers of men's boots and shoes. In the fall of 1867 he was sent to Quincy to help carry on his employers' business there. But Mr. Flandermeyer soon sold out his business in this place. From here I find that he went to Hillsdale, where he worked but a short time. He now returned to Coldwater, and went into the employ of Messrs. Flandermeyer & Bro. Here he worked until the spring of 1877, when he engaged in a boot and shoe business of his own, starting in the small frame building east of Mr. Jas. Anderson's marble works, but now occupied by Messrs. Gibbs and Hanley for a harness shop. Here his business increased so rapidly, and not having room for his stock, he removed to the H. N. Moore block, which place he now occupies. In examining his large stock of good goods, I find that he handles only the best makes both of the East and West. Some of his principal makes are E. C. Burt & Co., New York; D. Armstrong & Co., Rochester, N. Y.; Reynolds Bros., Utica, N. Y.; Pingree & Smith, Detroit, Mich.; G. W. Ludlow & Co., Chicago, and his principal makes of boots are Parks & Hazzard and S. R. Heywood & Co. He always has the latest styles in gentlemen and ladies' wear. You can always find a large assortment of W. L. Douglas and James Means \$3.00 shoes, and the Douglas \$2.00 shoe for boys, in button, lace and congress.

The principal features of his business are that all his goods are marked in plain figures, and that he has only one price on his stock. By his fair and square dealing, good goods and low prices, he has won the respect of the whole community, and is doing the largest retail business in the county. When you want goods that are good, try E. D. Luedders, of Coldwater, who leads them all in good goods at low prices.

**A LEAF FROM LIFE.**—They were both plainly but neatly dressed, a real sample of the thrifty and tidy housewife. They had just alighted from their carriage, and were preparing to go about their shopping, when the following conversation took place:

"Where are you going to sell your butter and eggs?" "Oh, to White & Brown, of course." "Are you not going to look around and see where you can do the best?" "Oh, no; I never have to do that, for they always pay the highest market price in cash, and I am sure of getting fair weight and honest count. Besides, I always buy my groceries of White & Brown, because their goods are nice, fresh, clean and cheap, and, do you know, they always have the nicest teas to be found in the city. And say, you just ought to try their coffees once. They have any kind you want, from a cheap, common Rio to a genuine Arabian Mocha, and the finest Old Government Java I ever tasted. Oh, they are just elegant!" "Well, well! I never supposed they kept such a nice stock, they are such quiet fellows, but I believe I will go there myself to-day"

The above is only a sample of what our customers say of us; now a few words for ourselves. We have not become rich in the grocery business, while our patrons are struggling along with the hard times and barely making a living. Oh, no; but we are dividing the profits with them, and trying to live and let live. And with this in view, we are enjoying life as well, perhaps, as our more prosperous neighbors, for our patrons seem to appreciate our endeavors to do them good, and so our interests are mutual. Please call at our place, No. 6 S. M. Hotel block, when in the city, and we will try to make your visit both pleasant and profitable to you.

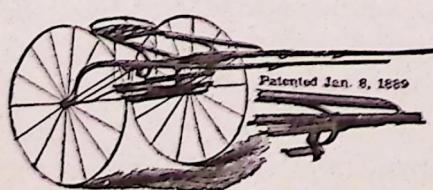
Very respectfully yours,

WHITE & BROWN.



**L. M. BASSETT & SON**—Watches, clocks, jewelry, etc., No. 48 Chicago street. Mr. L. M. Bassett has been in the jewelry trade in Coldwater for the past forty years, and from a small beginning has built up an extensive trade. His son, Harry, who is now associated with him, is also an expert jeweler, and fully understands all the details of the business. They carry a very large stock of all the best goods in their line, and the fact of their continuous business for so many years is evidence of the fact that they know how to please their customers.

**O'SHAUGHNESSY & CO.**—Cigar manufacturers. This firm has been engaged in the manufacture of fine cigars for several years, and have built up a reputation for their work which is insuring them a fine trade. They use the best stock, selected with the utmost care, and employ a force of competent and skillful workmen, and as a consequence, O'Shaughnessy's cigars are much sought for by those who love a good smoke.



**WM. H. SCHMEDLEN.**—Carriages, buggies and road carts, Monroe street. Careful attention to all the details of every department of his business enables Mr. Schmedlen to turn out a quality of work that is unsurpassed for durability and finish. He manufactures

all kinds of carriages, platform wagons, surreys, phaetons, etc., and warrants every piece of work. The Leader Road Cart, patented by him, is his specialty, and is most highly recommended by all who have used it. Being a practical workman himself, and fully acquainted with every part of the work, enables him to turn out the best of work, which he sells at as low a price as cheap made work usually brings. He also gives careful attention to repairing.



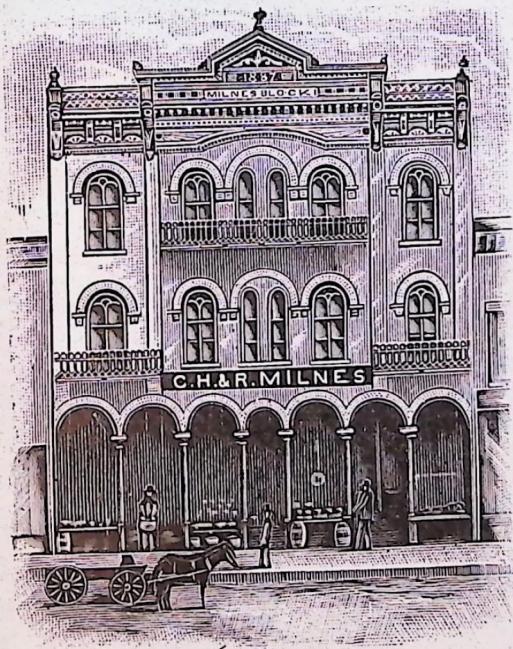
careful personal attention to the details of the business, and who fully sustain the well-earned reputation of the place.

They keep a large variety of first-class rigs, and are always ready to serve their customers' wants, whether for business or pleasure.

They keep a fine hearse and a number of hacks and carriages suitable for funeral purposes, and make a specialty of attending to that department of their business.

In addition to all this, they run a regular line of hacks and wagonettes to all trains, and also to all parts of the city, as their customers may desire. They have telephone connection for the convenience of their customers.

Being young and energetic men, fully acquainted with all the details of their business, they are enjoying a large patronage.



**C. H. & R. MILNES.**—Enterprise grocery and meat market, 52 and 54 Chicago street. This business was established by Henry Milnes, father of the present proprietors, twenty-eight years ago, on a very small scale, but gradually grew into one of the leading grocery houses of the city. He conducted his business successfully for many years, assisted by his sons, and in 1878 retired with a comfortable competence, and is now enjoying the results of his careful labors by a life of comfort, free from the cares of business.

The present proprietors succeeded to the business in 1878, and, from having grown up with the business, knew every detail thereof, and by infusing young blood and energy into it have increased the trade to such an extent that it is now one of the largest concerns of its kind in Southern Michigan.

Southern Michigan.  
THE GROCERY DEPARTMENT is under the management of Robert Milnes, and he devotes his whole personal attention to it, and to his efficient care and thorough knowledge of the business is due, in a great measure, the success of the house.

They carry a large stock of staple and fancy groceries, and in addition to their large retail trade do quite an amount of wholesale business. Their trade is not confined to the city, but also extends over the country adjacent to Coldwater. Their stock is select and complete in every respect, the goods of the best qualities, bought direct from first hands, and furnished to the many customers, locally and throughout the surrounding country, at the very lowest prices.

THE MEAT MARKET is under the care of Mr. C. H. Milnes, whose reputation as the best "meat man" in Southern Michigan has enabled him to keep this as the leading market in the city. It is at all times fully stocked with the finest meats the country affords, and kept so clean and inviting that people who come once cannot help

coming again. He keeps five competent assistants in this department, and is at all times ready to attend to the wants of the public.

In this department is also kept a large stock of canned goods, fresh vegetables, provisions, etc.

The two stores being connected, enables buyers to make all purchases in both departments at the same time, and have all delivered at once, thereby effecting a saving of time and trouble.

Being practical men of long business experience, and having the respect and confidence of the community, their success is a matter of course, and a successful business career is assured.

**D. H. DAVIS**—Bookseller and Stationer. I commenced the book business at No. 18 Chicago street, April 12, 1860, as successor to C. H. Thompson.

I am now the oldest bookseller in the county, and one of the oldest tradesmen in the city or county, having been continuously in the trade nearly twenty-nine years.

During all this period I have given my personal, undivided attention to the business, having been absent but few days by reason of ill health.

I removed to my present quarters at No. 52 Chicago street, Oct. 1st. 1872. The store was then new, and fitted up expressly for me by the proprietor, J. Wesley Brown.

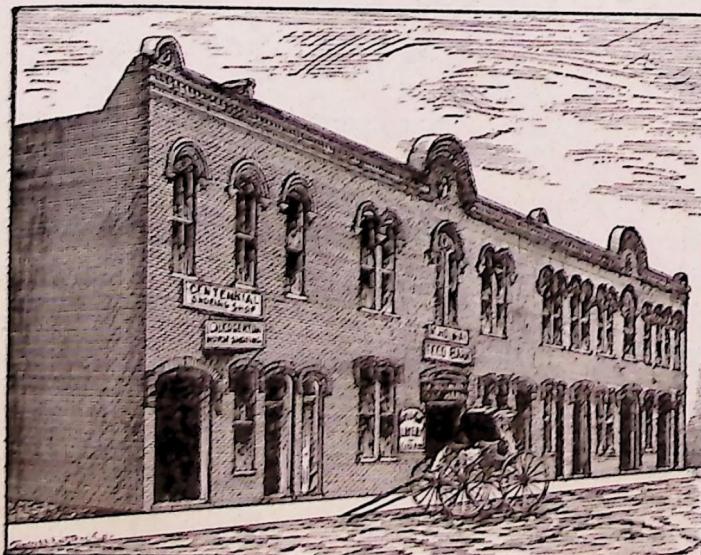
In all this labor of many years I have not amassed wealth, but with Heaven's blessing I have secured a comfortable support for my family, and feel thankful for the measure of prosperity which has attended my labors.

I have always enjoyed my business, and never felt disposed to exchange it for any other.

D. H. DAVIS,

BOOKSELLER AND STATIONER,

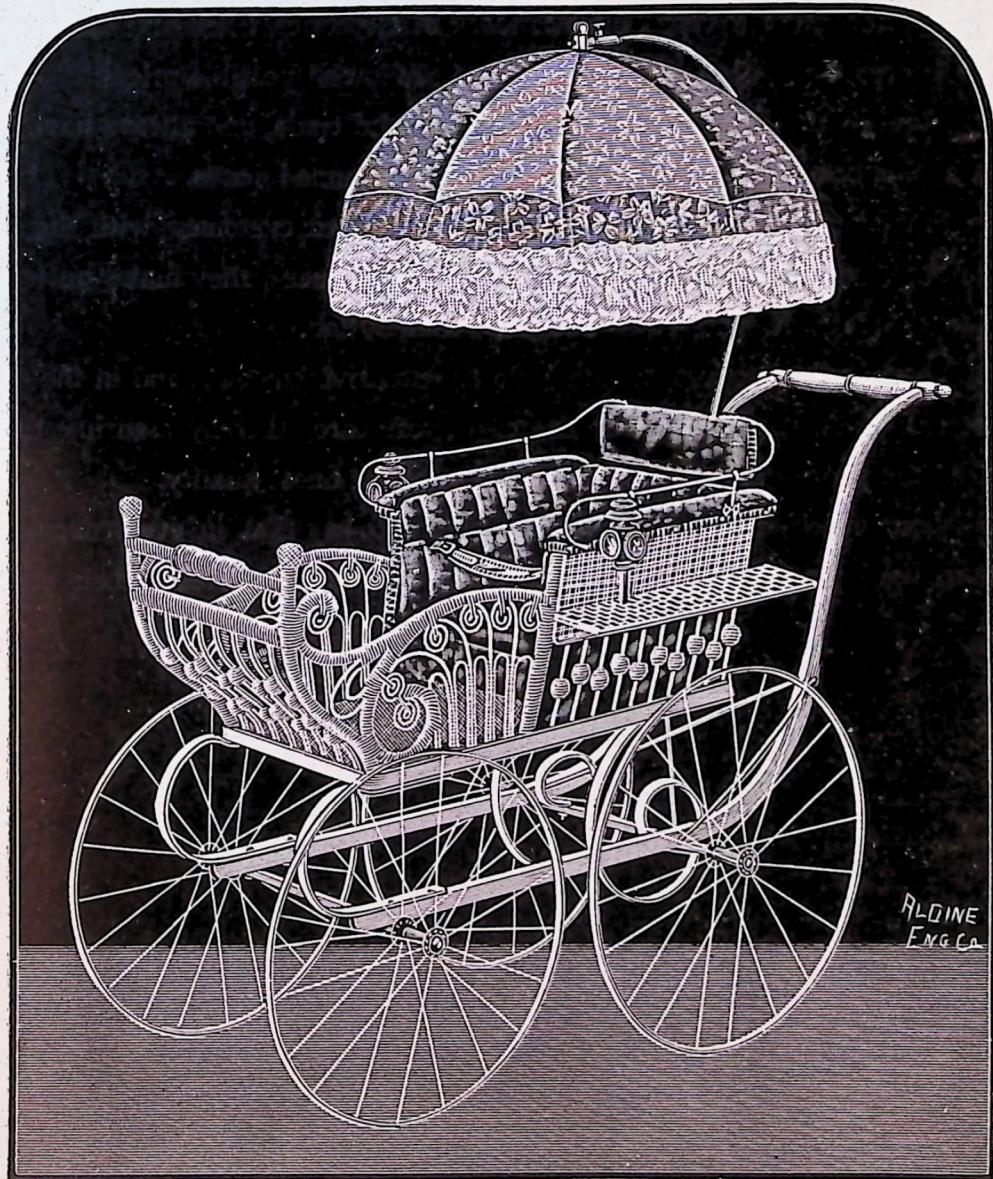
52 Chicago street.



**L. H. EDGERTON**—Centennial shoeing shop. The best work that men skilled in this line can do. Moore Block, Hanchett street.

**M. HOLWAY**.—Livery and feed stables. First-class rigs always in readiness. Moore Block, Hanchett street.

CHAS. E. BARLOW,



HARDWARE,

COLDWATER, = MICH.

**COLLINS & BROWN.**—Groceries and Provisions, No. 1. Masonic Hall Block. This enterprising firm stands among the very best in our city. The proprietors are both young men, full of energy and ambition, alive to the wants of their customers, and at all times ready to supply those wants. Their store is a marvel of neatness and convenience, and is at all times well stocked with all the staple and fancy goods in their line. They carry a very complete stock of Groceries, Shelf and Canned Goods, Cigars, Tobaccos, etc., all of which they sell at the lowest possible prices.

In Foreign and Domestic Fruits they lead the trade, and always have a choice selection in this line, in fresh, dried, evaporated and canned goods.

In Provisions they are always ready to supply their customers with the best the market affords; and among other articles in this department, they make quite a specialty of Cured Meats, on which they challenge competition.

In Teas, Coffees, Spices, etc., they do an extensive business, and in the purchase and selection of these articles they exercise great care, thereby assuring their customers that the goods purchased of them will be of the finest quality.

Without specifying further, it is sufficient to say that in every department of their trade they are fully up to the times, and ever ready to please their customers.

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## J. L. HAMILTON.

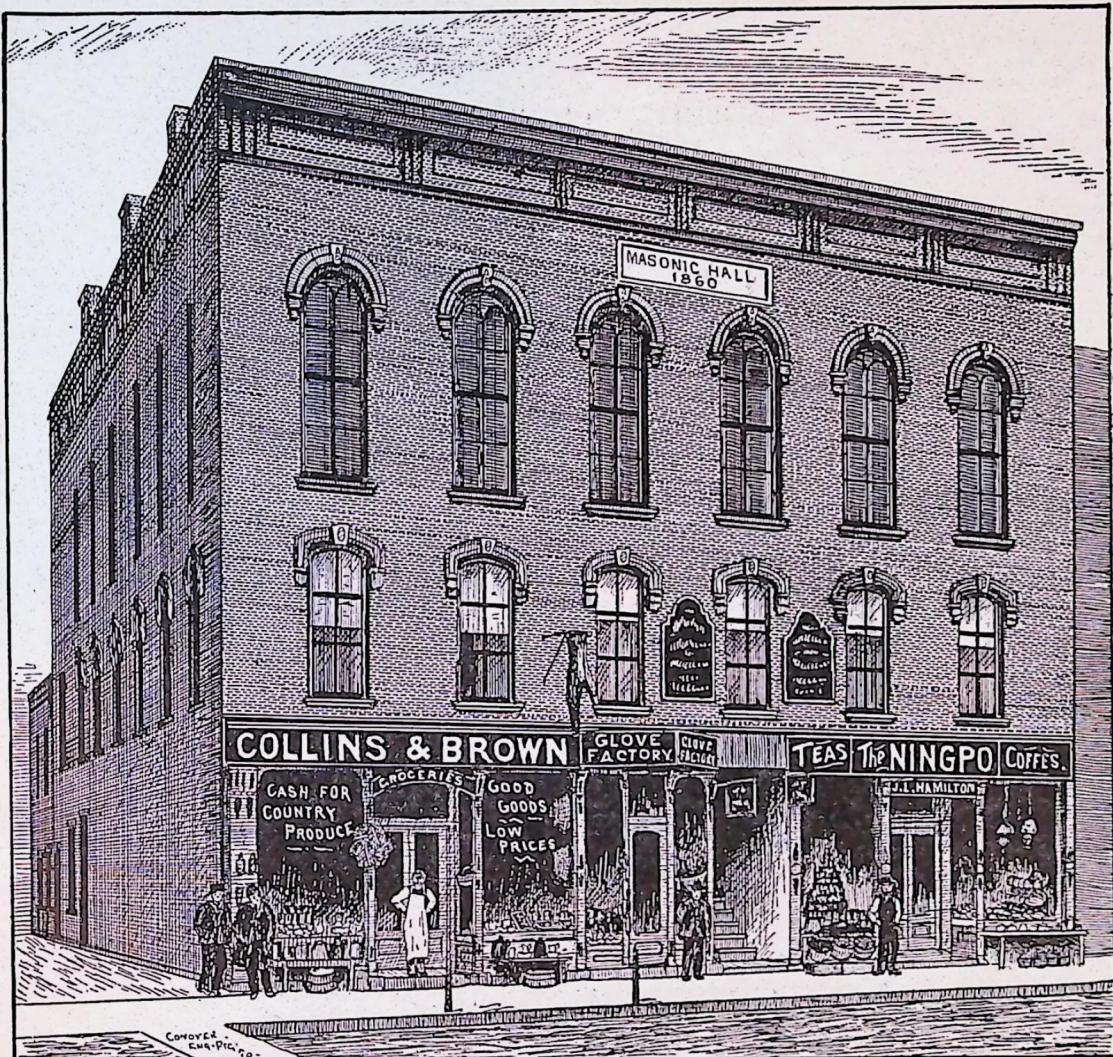
### The Ningpo wishes your attention for one moment.

For one year we have been with you and we have been met with a flattering trade. We have, without question, the largest and finest assortment of China, plain and decorated, English White Granite and decorated Stock Patterns, Chamber Sets in a dozen decorations, Tea and Dinner Sets in China and elegant English prints, Water Sets in fancy Glass and watered China, odd pieces in Havilands and Karlsbad China, Bohemian glass and Leeds goods, hanging and stand Lamps, Rochester and Banner, etc., etc.

Everything desirable in a Crockery stock at prices that defy competition will be found at this grand depot of supplies. Enormous sales in Teas and Coffees. Over three tons of Tea sold in one year. The largest and best assortment in the city. Foreign and Domestic Fruits a specialty.

We aim to keep the best groceries the market affords.

Give us a trial.



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Manufacturers of and Dealers in all kinds of

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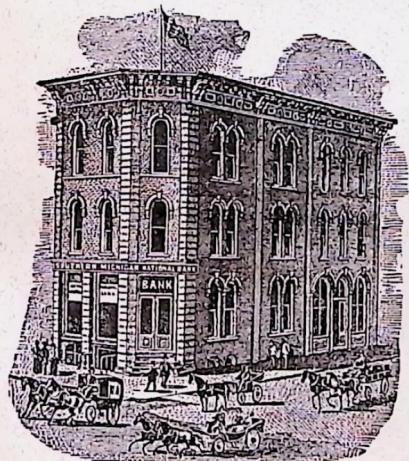
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L. A. JACKSON, ASSISTANT CASHIER.

Directors:—D. B. DENNIS, S. P. WILLIAMS, GEO. STARR, JNO. T. HOLMES, D. F. PARSONS,  
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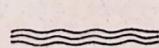
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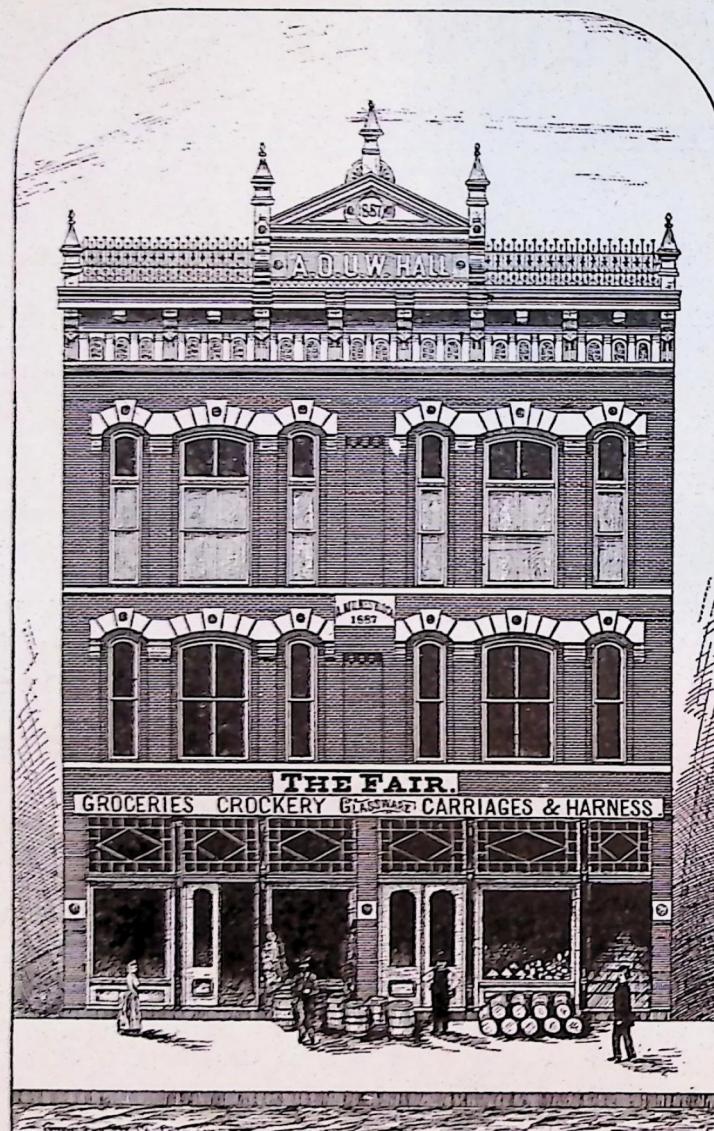
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Cloaks, Shawls and Draperies.

EAST CHICAGO STREET, - COLDWATER, MICH.



The above cut represents the Mammoth Double Store called

# THE FAIR.

A MILNES, - - - - - PROPRIETOR.

It is recognized by every person in Southern Michigan as Headquarters for

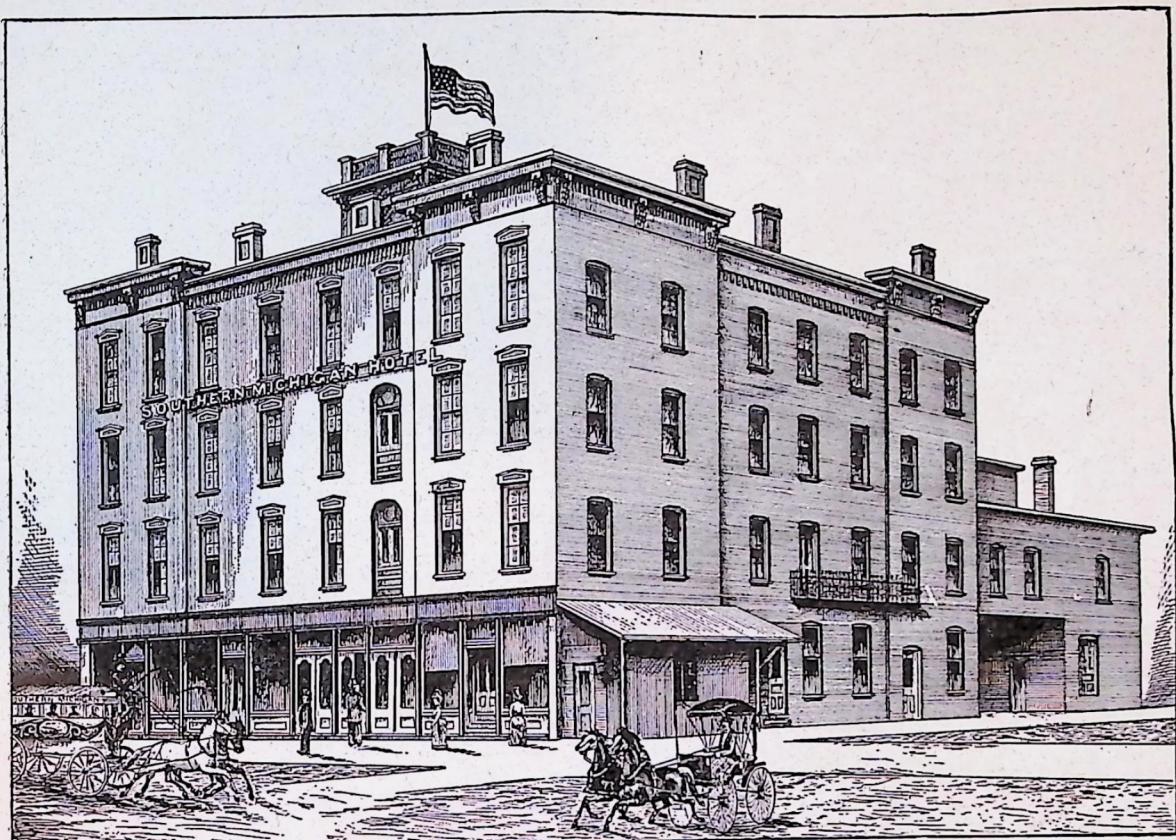
*Groceries, Crockery, Glassware, Tinware, Silver-Plated Ware, Buggies, Platform Wagons, Lumber Wagons; Road Carts, Road Wagons, Surreys, Phaetons.*

In fact, no one thinks of buying anything that runs on wheels until they have been to The Fair, because it is the only first-class

CARRIAGE REPOSITORY IN SOUTHERN MICHIGAN.

You are cordially invited to make THE FAIR your headquarters when in town.

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First-class Rigs at all times at reasonable rates. A specialty made of boarding horses. Finest Feed Barn in the State.

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No. 46 CHICAGO STREET, - COLDWATER, MICH.

An experience of forty-six years ought to satisfy the public that he is capable of doing satisfactory work. **HIS WORK SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.**

# MOSES SMITH'S LUMBER YARD,

Cor. Monroe & Pearl Sts., Coldwater.

HAVING bought out the entire business of E. D. CHAPMANN, and added his lumber to my stock, at my yard, at the railroad, insures me a large and complete assortment of

## BUILDING LUMBER,

PIECE STUFF, PLANED AND MATCHED, BARN BOARDS, SIDING, CEILING,  
SHINGLES, LATH, BARN STEPS, TIMBERS, FENCE POSTS,  
PORTLAND CEMENT, MARBLEHEAD LIME, HAIR, ETC., ETC.

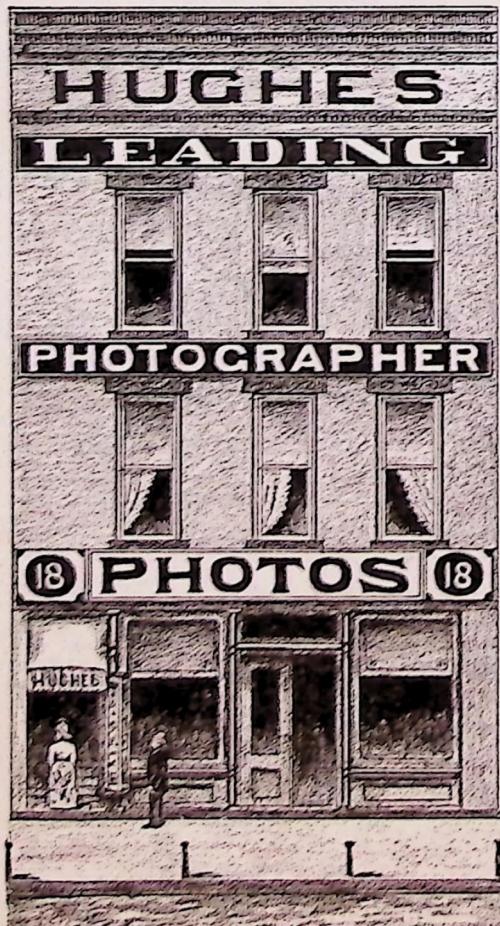
ALSO, AT MY YARD, AT THE RAILROAD, A FINE STOCK OF

Seasoned Black Walnut, Ash, Oak, White Wood and Red Elm.

ALL OF WHICH WILL BE SOLD AT REASONABLE PRICES.

ALL ARE INVITED TO COME.

MOSES SMITH.



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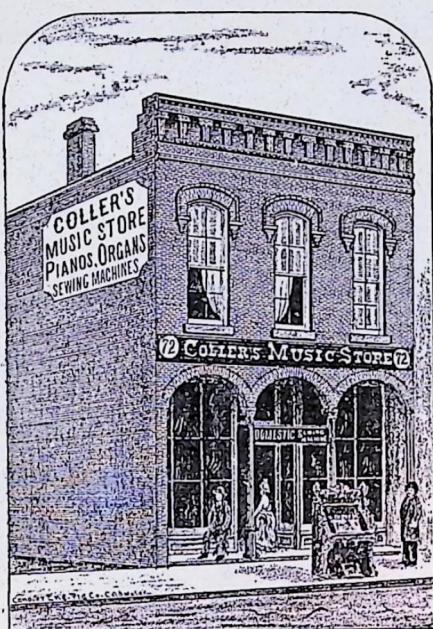
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Mr. Coller has also been General Agent for the Domestic and White Sewing Machines in the county for several years. All of these makes of goods simply speak for themselves.

All else we can say to our readers is, go to Coller's Music Store when you want a good Organ, Piano or Sewing Machine, and you are always sure to get the worth of your money.

**C. T. YAPP.**—Groceries and Provisions, Southern Michigan Hotel Block, Coldwater. Mr. Yapp is a representative of the young business men of Coldwater. Active, energetic, self-reliant, he has persistently worked his way to the front, and as a reward for his untiring efforts he now enjoys a fine trade in his line. His store is well stocked with a choice line of all the staple and fancy goods in his department of trade, and he has a happy faculty of making customers feel at home when in his store. He carries a full general stock of groceries and provisions, all of which he sells at the lowest living prices. He makes a specialty of pure teas, coffees, spices, confectionery, etc., and invites careful attention of his friends to his stock of these articles. In the heavier standard goods, such as sugars, syrups, fish, provisions, etc., he thinks he can furnish as good goods and as much of it for the money as any house in Southern Michigan.

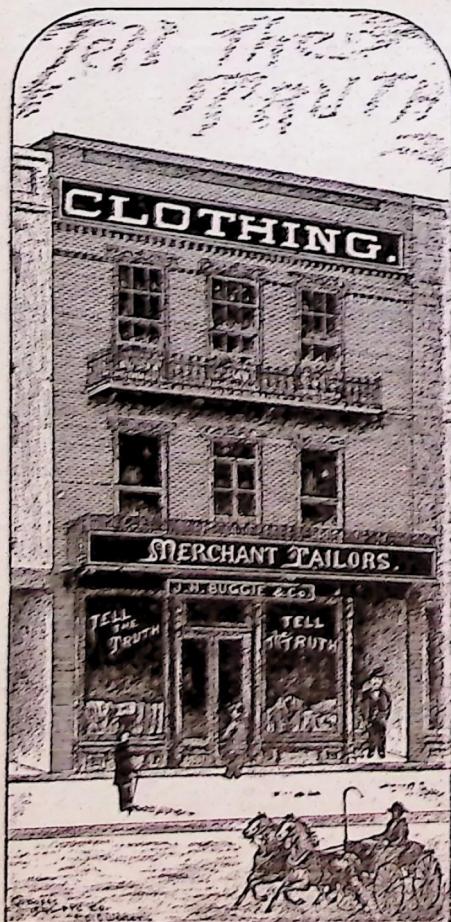
He keeps a force of pleasant and agreeable assistants, who are always ready to anticipate the wants of customers and are a great help to him in his business.

Mr. Yapp's untiring energy and fine business ability have brought him into such a prominent position among our business men, that a long and successful business career is assured to him.

**C**ON looking over the history of Coldwater since its foundation, we find no business institution that has had a more healthy and increasing growth than that of L. C. COLLER'S PALACE OF MUSIC AND SEWING MACHINE EMPORIUM. This music store is located at number seventy-two (72) West Chicago Street, and is known far and wide as the old reliable place to purchase anything in the music line, from a Jewsharp to a Piano, and in Sewing Machines his stock is always full and complete.

Coller's Palace of Music was established in 1883, and the thorough principles upon which it has been conducted is the full secret of its notoriety. It has always been the aim of the proprietor (Mr. Coller) to keep in his store and sell to his trade the best goods that the factories afford, and more than that, to sell old standard makes in either musical instruments or sewing machines, which are always more reliable and improved. His leading Pianos are the Haines, Sohmer and Steinway, and in Organs the celebrated Storey & Clark and Estey.

**DOWNER & HODGMAN.**—Dealers in Boots, Shoes and Rubber Goods. Commenced business March 14th, 1885, in the building formerly occupied by Dickinson & Whitley. Being a new firm they had their trade all to make. By paying spot cash for goods and buying from the best factories, they have been enabled to offer the **BEST** goods at reasonable prices. This, together with their **ONE PRICE** cash system and gentlemanly treatment to lookers as well as to buyers, have won for them a larger trade and greater success than they in their most sanguine moments expected. While this is comparatively a new firm in this city, both members of it are experienced men in the business. Mr. Downter having had several years' experience in the retail trade, and Mr. Hodgman has had fifteen years experience in the retail business and on the shoe bench making all kinds of Boots & Shoes from the finest custom work to coarse sale boots.



**J. H. BUGGIE & CO.**—Clothiers. This business was established in 1848 by the late F. V. Smith, who conducted it with signal success until succeeded by Messrs. Buggie & Co., who have increased the already fine trade to mammoth proportions for a city of the size of Coldwater. They make a specialty of high grade Merchant Tailoring, keeping the most extensive stock of goods for this department to be found in Southern Michigan. This stock of clothing comprises everything for Men's, Youths', Boys' and Children's wear, in all grades. The latest styles represented at all times.

Their motto is, "Tell the Truth," and by doing business on this motto is due in great measure the immense trade that comes to their store.



## F. W. FLANDERMEYER,

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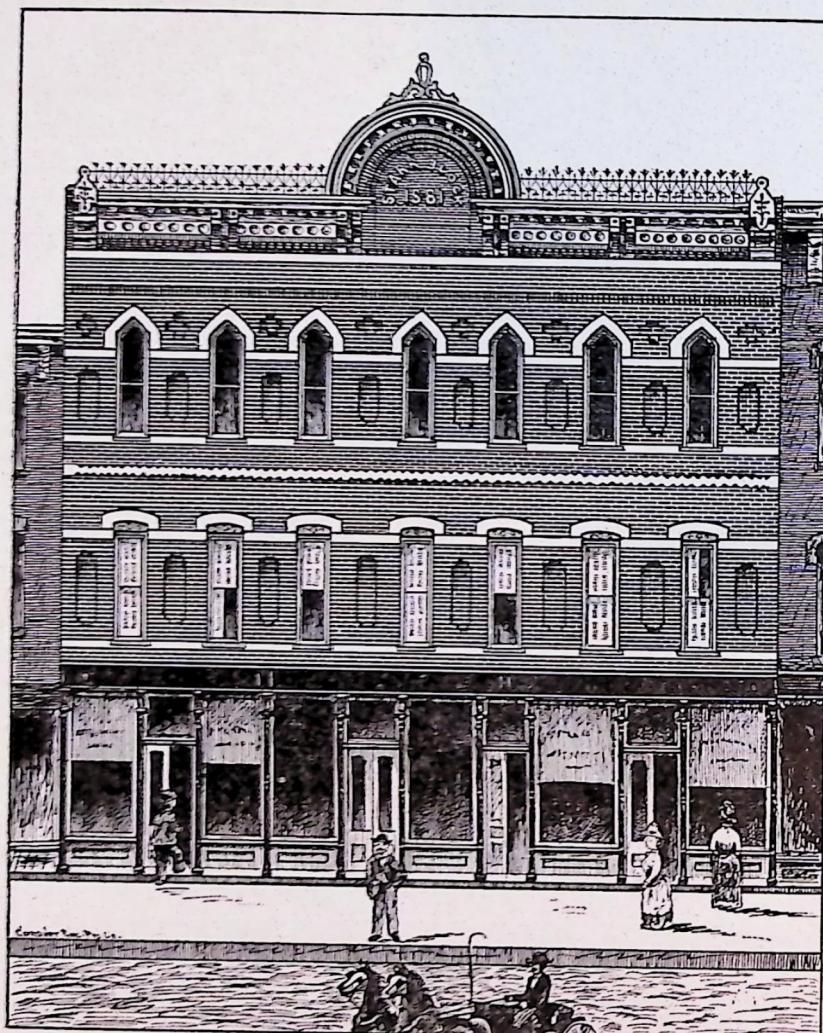
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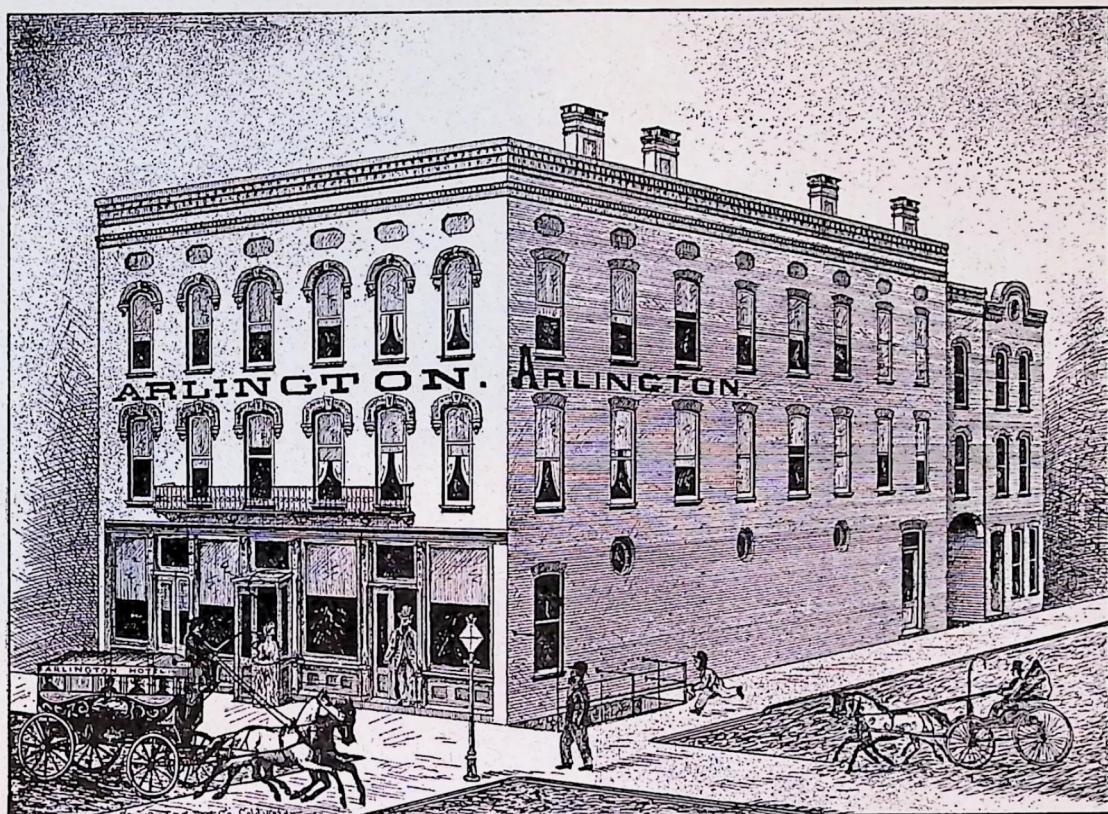
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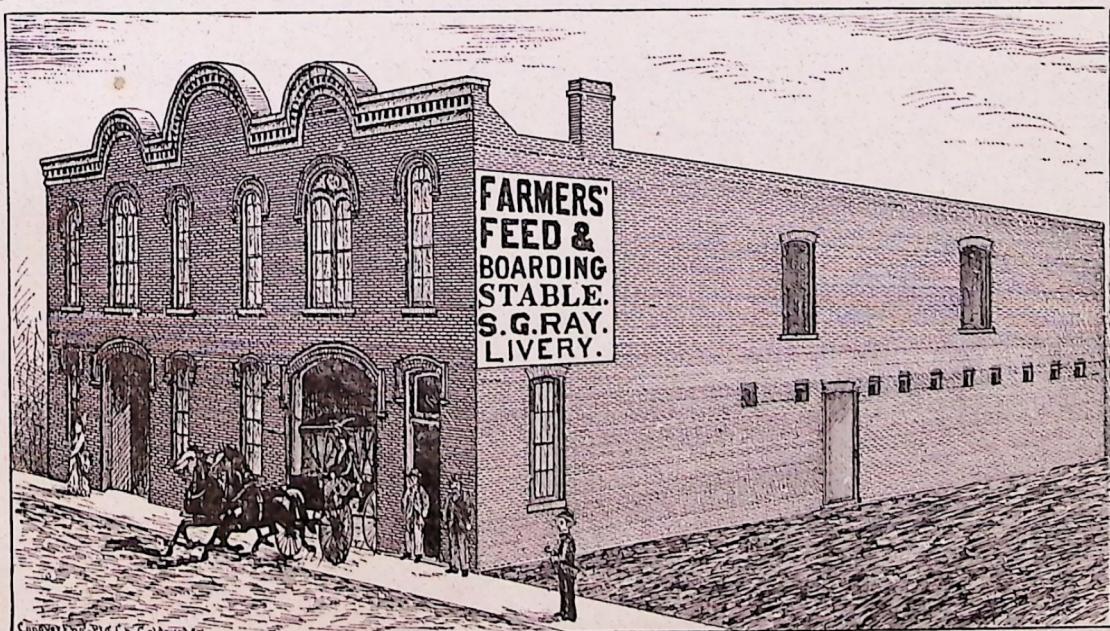
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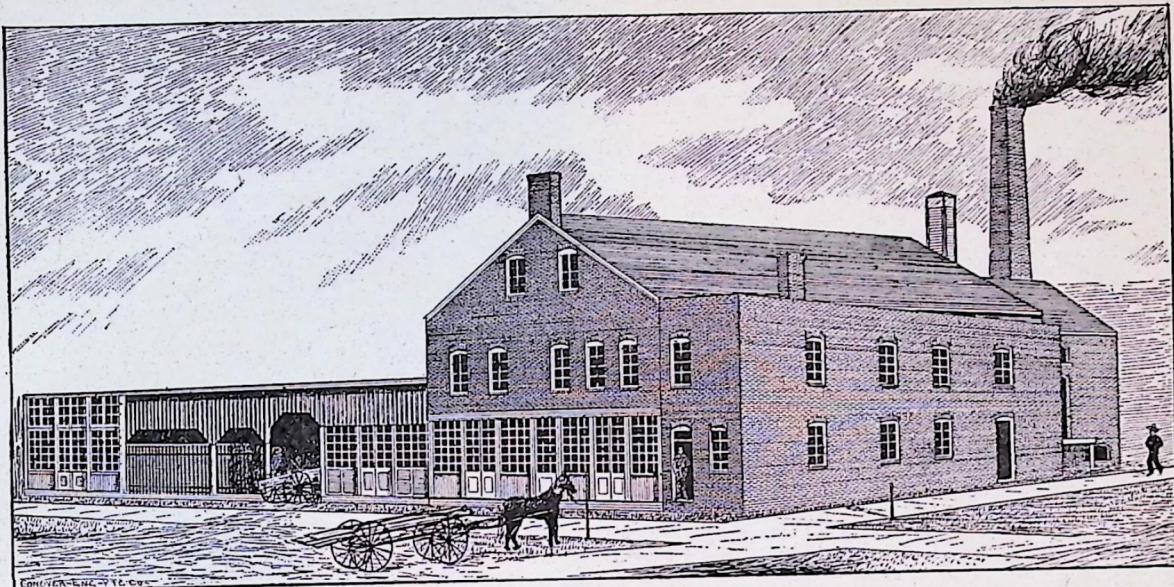
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**BALL BROTHERS.**—Planing Mill, Sash, Door and Blind Factory, corner Chicago and Clay Streets, Coldwater. This enterprising firm do a very large business in their line. With the latest and most approved machinery, and a force of competent and experienced workmen, they are fully prepared to undertake any job in their line, however large. They keep constantly on hand a large stock of the various kinds and grades of lumber, and are enabled to fill any orders without delay. They also do planing, matching, scroll and band sawing, etc., to order. The proprietors are both thoroughly skilled in all branches of their trade, and give their entire personal attention to the details of their business, and no work is allowed to leave their factory unless it is done in the "best manner.

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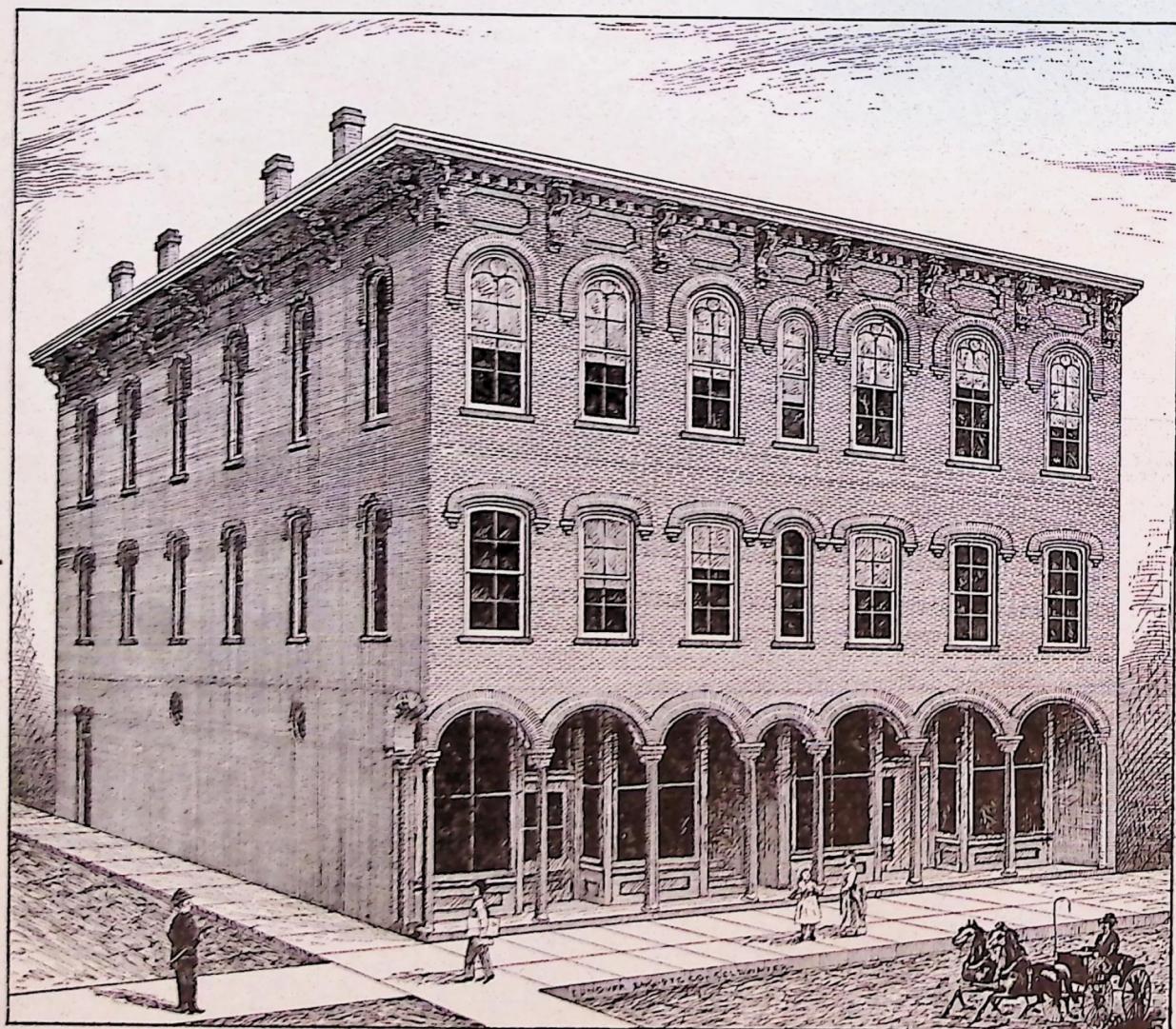
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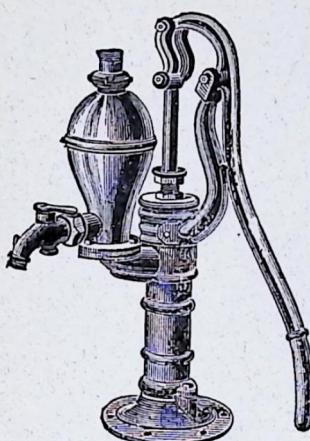
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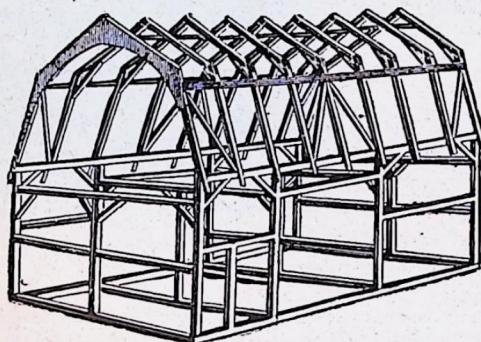
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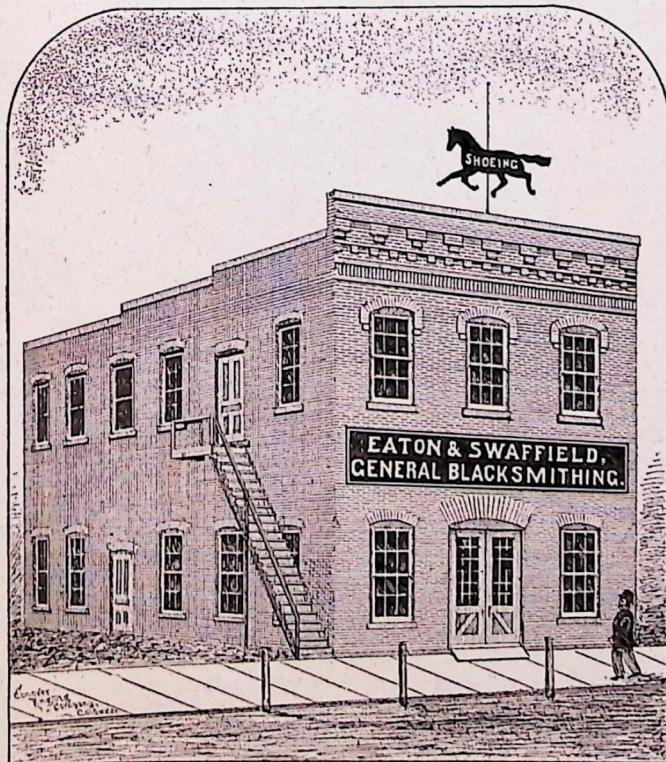
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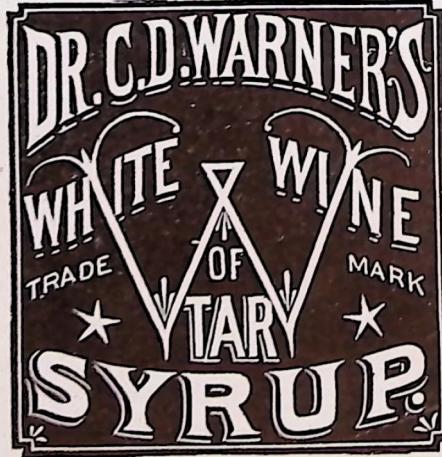
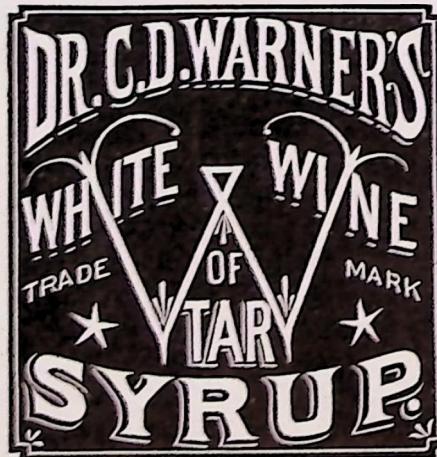
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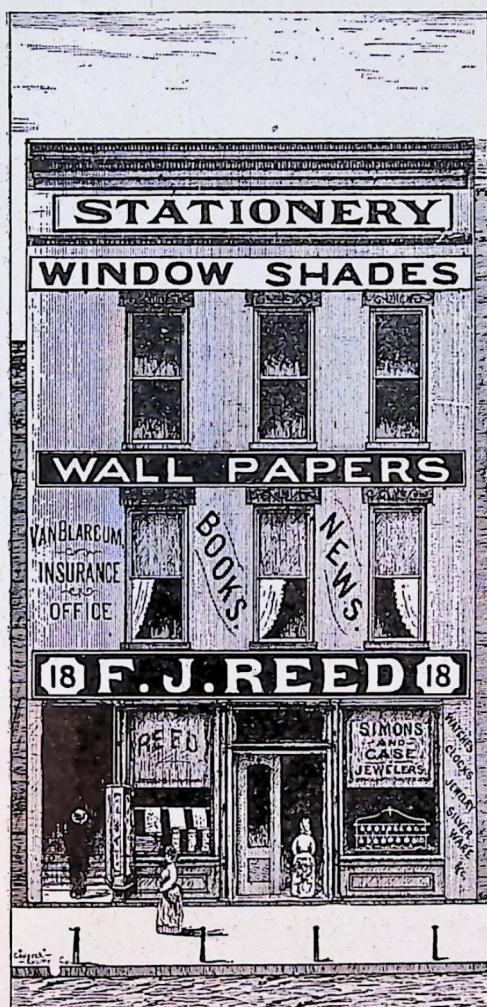
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FROM AN OHIO MINISTER.—I have used Dr. Warner's White Wine of Tar Syrup for sore throat, weak lungs, coughs, colds, or any diseases of the kind; it surpasses all other remedies I have tried. With many thanks to the doctor for his valuable remedy, I remain,

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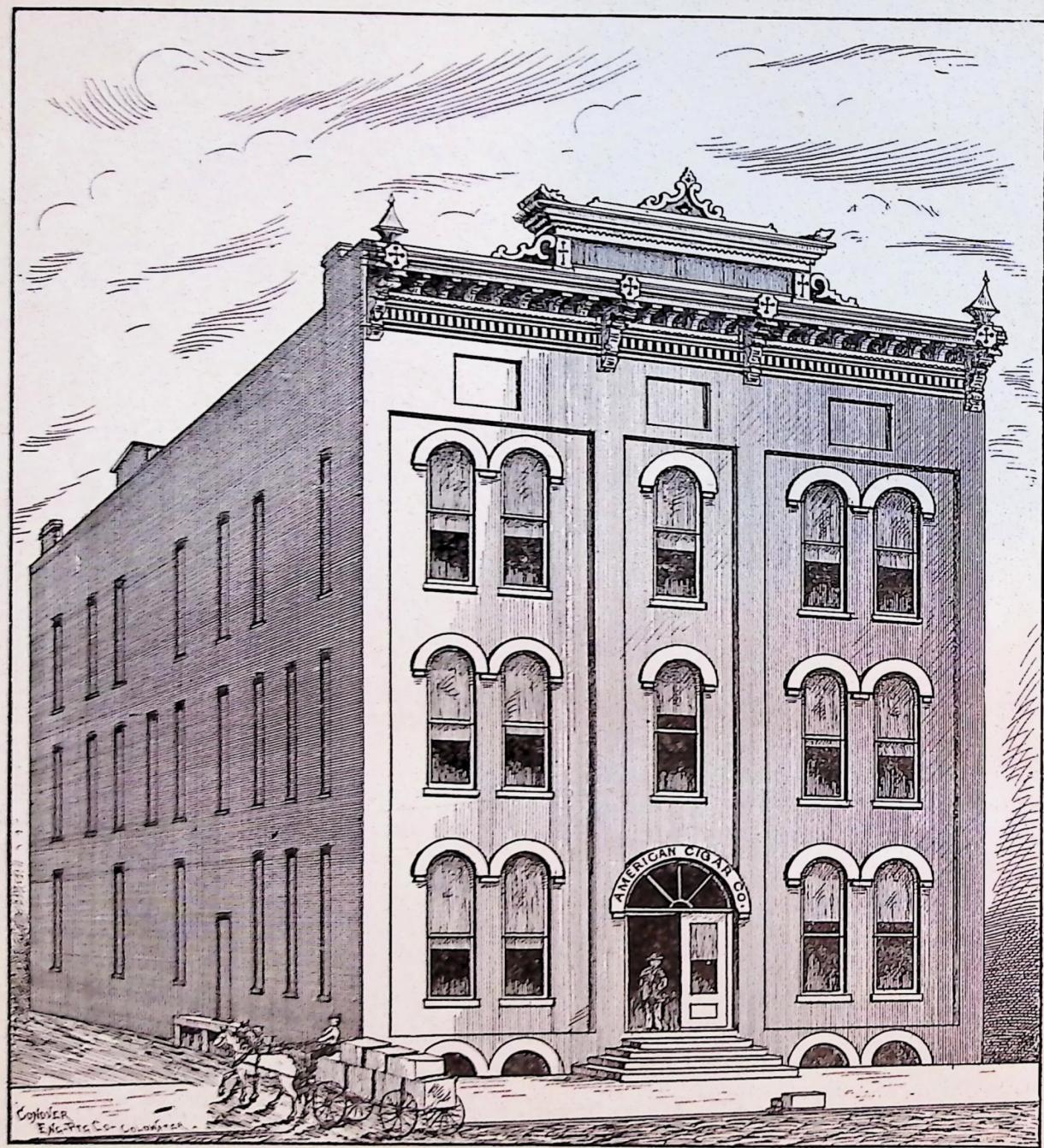
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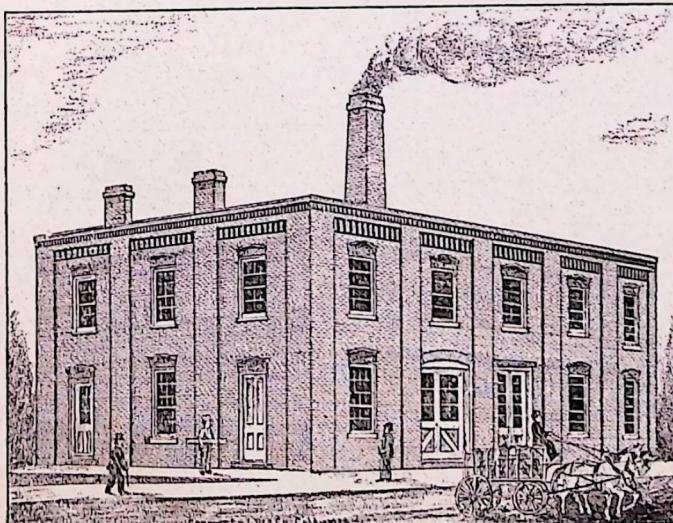
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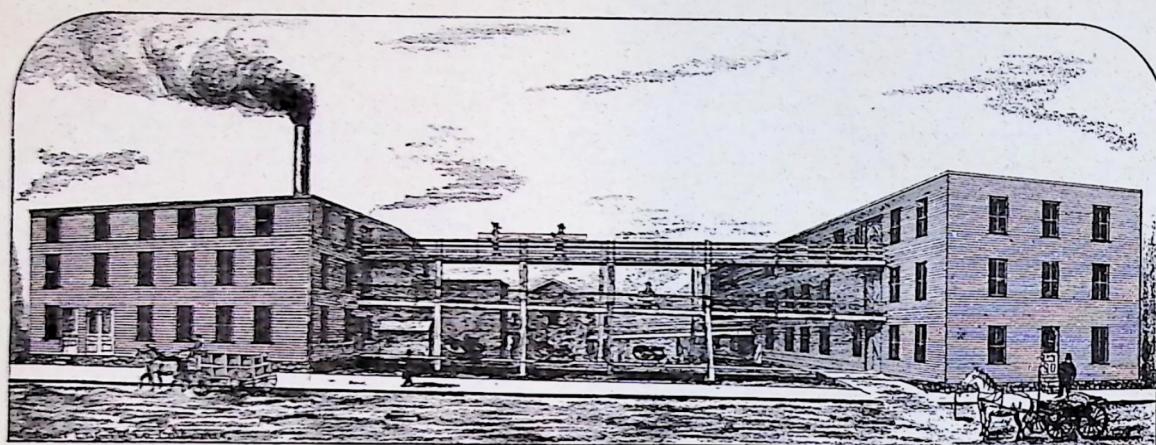
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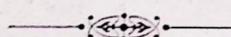


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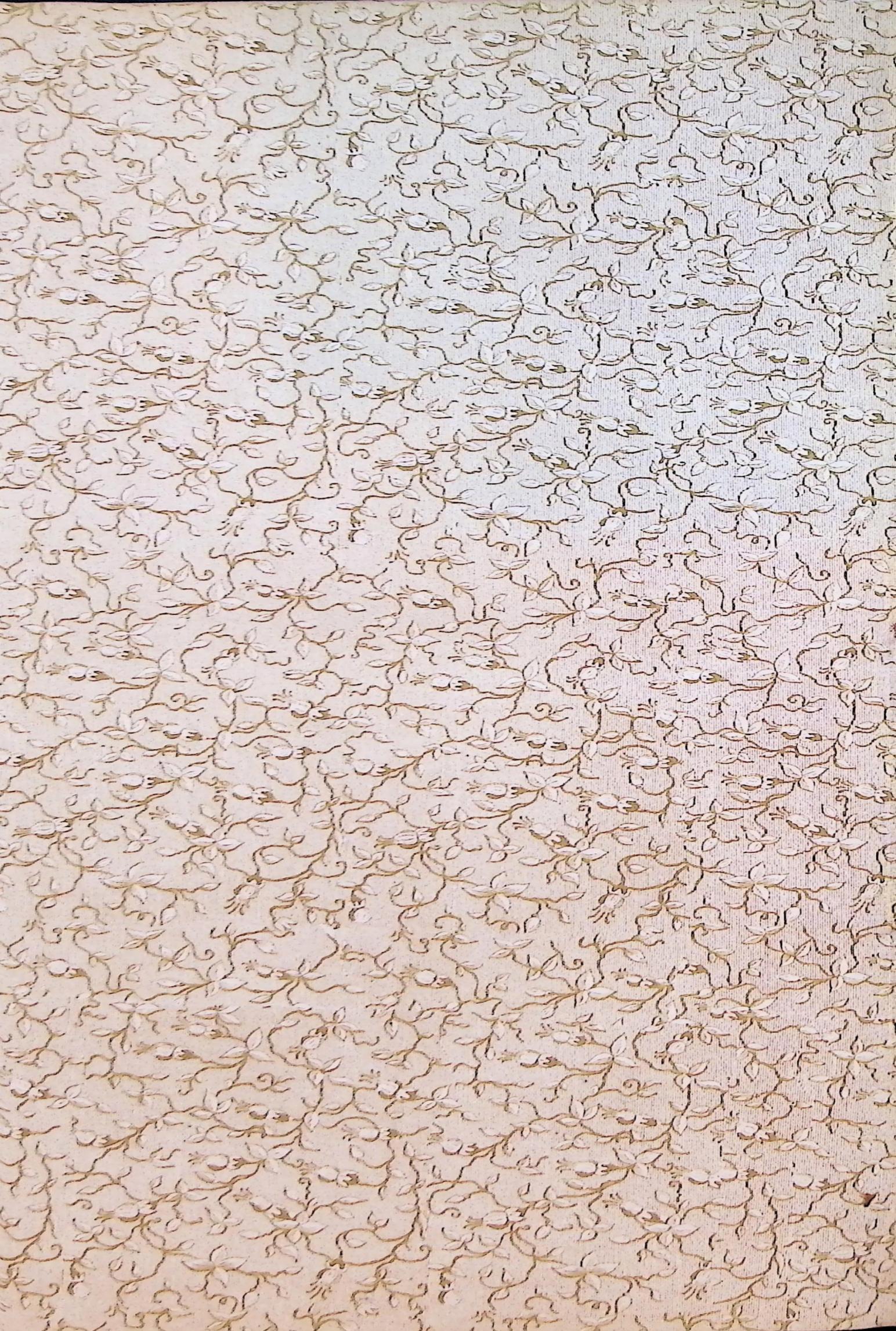
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