

centre table is a mammoth Japanese umbrella, which intercepts the glare from the skylight above. From this hall lead easy flights of stairs and other smaller hall-ways, carpeted and noiseless, to remote parts of the building. Two parlors en suite, and two reception rooms together with the dining room, opens into this writing room hall.

From the roof of the Chiquola a magnificent bird's-eye view can be had of the surrounding country for miles. Immediately surrounding you are the many busy industries of this little city. In the circle just beyond are the happy homes of her citizens, with here and there a church tower "bosomed high in tufted trees." To the north and northwest the Blue Ridge mountains are plainly visible, while to the south and southeast many beautiful farms can be seen, dotted here and there amongst the green foliage of oaks and pines like a huge checker-board.

Three hundred guests can be comfortably accommodated by the Chiquola. Mr. M. S. Dicken is the courteous and handsome proprietor, and is from Richmond, Va. Many will remember him as the manager of Ford's Hotel at that place.

Mr. Dicken has thoroughly identified himself with the people of Anderson. He is progressive and full of constant grit, push and energy. His summer home, the old Orr mansion, recently purchased by him, will soon under his care, become one of the most beautiful homes in the up-country. Mr. Dicken is his own steward, and with a country like this, where every incoming wagon is a portable market to supply the wants of the city, his board is at all times laden with plenty and in such variety as to satisfy even the worst "kicker" among the knights of the grip. It would be gratifying to say something nice of Mrs. Dicken, but—he is a bachelor.

The manager of the Chiquola is Mr. W. T. McFall, a native of Anderson. Everyone likes Walter. He is quiet, polite, obliging, always at his post, and the noiseless manner in which his orders are executed and the wants of his guests met impress you at once with the fact that he is the right man in the right place.

Many private boarding houses do a good business in Anderson, notably among them being the Keese House, which is presided over by Mrs. M. E. Keese and her beautiful daughters. Mrs. Keese owns this roomy building, which she keeps as tidy as an old maid's room, and her boarders say she sets the best table in the city. The front yard is filled with many rare flowers, while ivy clings and festoons itself in profusion over the fence enclosing the lot. A more home-like boarding house cannot be found in this or any other city.

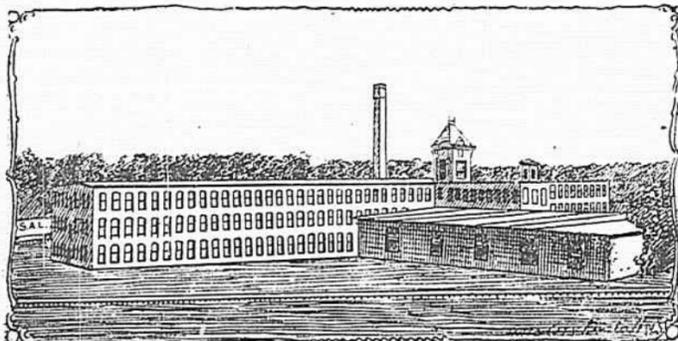
COTTON MILLS.

The position occupied by Anderson, S. C., among the cities of the South in manufacturing industries—a position which cities with much larger population should be justly proud—has not been attained by a sudden "boom." To the contrary, patient industry, close observation, caution and wisdom have characterized the development of her various industries. Solid financial basis and confidence of the people at home and abroad has been desired, worked for and attained.

These facts are fully illustrated, and a clear insight into the business methods of the Town of Anderson gained, by a record of its largest manufacturing enterprise—The Anderson Cotton Mill. This mill was organized in 1889, with a capital stock of \$100,000, and Mr. J. A. Brock, the moving spirit in the enterprise, was chosen President and Secretary, and Mr. R. E. Ligon Manager and Treasurer. The buildings were completed and work begun in 1890. Seventeen hundred bales of cotton were consumed yearly, and about 9,000 yards of "four-yard" sheeting manufactured daily. Every detail was carefully looked after by the President, and every point quickly caught and turned to account. At the end of three years, so satisfactory were the results that the capital stock was increased to \$250,000, and the working capacity of the mill increased three-fold. In 1893, 18,000 spindles and 600 looms were set in motion, 5,200 bales of cotton consumed yearly, about 30,000 yards of "four-yard" sheeting manufactured daily, (of such superior texture as to gain for it in the market the name of Sea Island sheeting,) and from 400 to 450 operatives were given employment, to whom was paid \$62,400 annually in bi-weekly payments of \$2,400. Success continued to crown the efforts of the efficient President. His agents in New York and Baltimore had been well selected, and orders poured in faster than they could be filled. The increase proved a success. Eight per cent. dividends were paid each year, and the surplus added to. The results were gratifying, confidence accumulated, and again in April, 1896, just passed, the stockholders voted an increase of the capital stock to \$500,000. Mr. J. A. Brock was again elected President, R. E. Ligon Manager, with

Messrs. J. N. Brown, J. W. Norris, S. M. Orr, Sylvester Bleckley, J. S. Fowler, E. B. Rice and D. S. Watson as Board of Directors. The increase, \$250,000, was immediately subscribed. Contracts for building and machinery let, contracts for Electric Power entered into, and as you read this article the consumption of 10,000 bales of cotton yearly is in active progress, 36,000 spindles and 1,200 looms are in constant, successful motion, 60,000 yards of "four-yards" sheeting are manufactured daily, steady employment is given to 700 operatives, and \$124,800 is paid them annually in bi-weekly payments of \$4,800.

The buildings are large, attractive three-story brick structures, 175 feet apart, with their complement of pickers, and fire-proof warehouses of considerable dimensions. The mill is conveniently situated near the Blue Ridge, Southern, and the Port Royal & Western Carolina Railroads, with



COTTON MILL, No. 1.

each of which it has rail connections for the purpose of receiving and delivering freights.

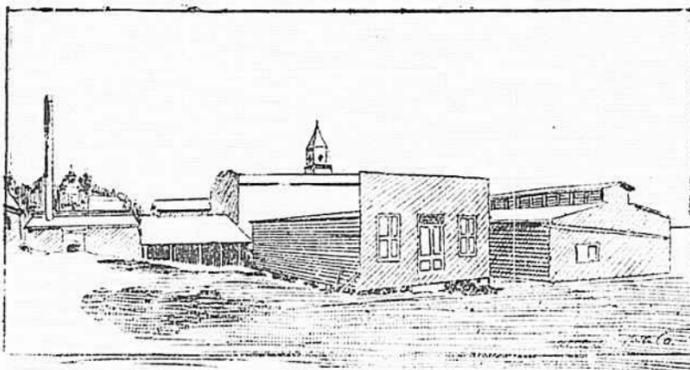
Up to the present time "four-yards" sheeting, only, has been manufactured, but with the finest grade of middling upland cotton produced by the Piedmont section growing at the very doors of the mill, the manufacture of goods of finer fabric is seriously contemplated.

The equipment of the mill, particularly in machinery, are UP-TO-DATE. Steam-power has been abandoned and Electric-power adopted, which also lights the building. This power is supplied by the The Water Supply and Electric Power Co. of this city. A complete system of water-works have been put in by the mill, with hydrants conveniently located, hose-reels conveniently placed, pipes run through every room of the building, which are provided with automatic fire-sprinklers, arranged at proper distances apart. Telephone connects the office of the mill with the Bank of Anderson, of which Mr. J. A. Brock is also President. No appointment of detail has been neglected or overlooked. The mill is unique in equipment, efficient in management, and is, perhaps, one of the most prosperous mills in the South.

Besides the benefits accruing to the stockholders, the indirect advantages accruing to the city in the large amount of money thrown into the channels of trade and to planters of the country around in having a market for their cotton, highly stimulated by the demands of the mill, and their other farms products, for which they now find ready sale, should not be lost sight of nor underestimated.

The present value of this plant is not less than \$600,000.

On a beautiful hill immediately beyond the Factory, on lands belonging to the mill, is situated the Factory Village. The streets are broad and well shaded by native oaks and pines.



EXCELSIOR OIL MILL.

A healthier spot cannot be found, probably, in the entire Piedmont region. The cottages are well built and neatly painted or whitewashed. Churches of different denominations have been erected and supplied with competent, Godly ministers. The Sunday Schools have efficient superintendents and teachers. A school-building has been erected, which is a part of the Graded School system of Anderson, and attendance made compulsory. The sanitary condition of the Village is carefully looked after, and the villagers, numbering about 1,500, are healthy and contented,

COTTON RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

Anderson County is the garden spot of the Piedmont section. Its farms are owned and cultivated by white men of intelligence and indomitable energy. Careful preparation of lands by deep subsoiling and high fertilization, together with scientific cultivation, has brought a special characteristic of Anderson County farmers. No other County in the State produces so high a grade of middling upland cotton. Its staple is from one inch to one and a quarter inches in length, and is well suited for the manufacture, even, of spool cotton up to No. 40. In color it is a cream white. Its market value is never less than one-eighth of a cent higher than adjacent markets. This is due to the fact that the staple is longer and stronger, and is the result of proper preparation, high fertility of soil, careful handling and intelligent cultivation, management and la-



C. A. REED MUSIC HOUSE.

nine miles distant, is subscribed by Anderson men, and the plant made a certainty. Other smaller industries have been contributed to, and store-rooms and dwellings built, and many permanent improvements made in all parts of the city. There is not, perhaps, a busier city in the South than is Anderson, particularly during the cotton season.

This does not complete the history of the cotton business of this remarkable little city. From forty-five to fifty thousand bales of cotton were bought, sold and shipped by her buyers this season. For reasons above given, many adjacent towns unload their cotton to the buyers of Anderson. A very inconsiderable portion of these purchases reach Anderson, but are shipped direct from points of purchase. Inasmuch as her buyers furnish the money and facilities for handling this cotton, Anderson deserves the credit for it.

In closing this article, it may be said that while the receipts for the season just closing fall somewhat short of the receipts of the preceding season, due to a decrease of acreage and unfavorable weather conditions, it is thought that, should the weather continue as favorable for the next sixty days as it has for the past ninety days, the receipts for the incoming season

The cotton seed hulls at that time had no value except as fuel for the furnace. In 1884 Mr. Townsend made an arrangement with B. F. Crayton and Sons for the sale of cotton seed meal and fertilizers, and, accordingly, manufactured that season 104 tons.

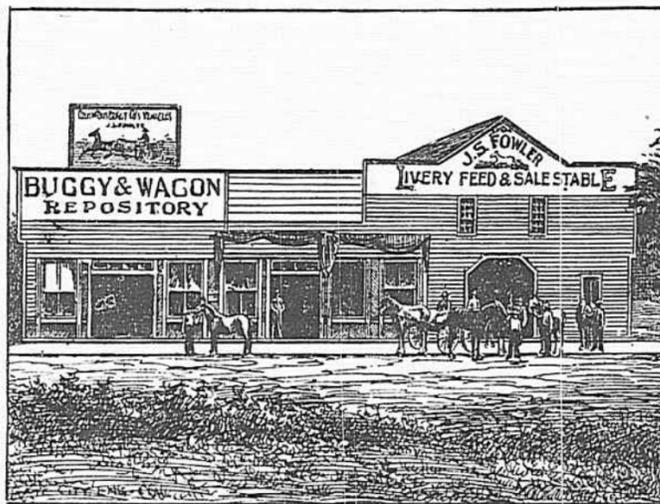
This disposition led to the establishment of the Anderson Oil and Fertilizer Co., with a paid in capital of \$13,000.

Mr. Townsend's plant was purchased, a more desirable site secured, new machinery bought and larger and more suitable buildings erected.

The officers of the company were: J. A. Brock, President; B. F. Mauldin, Secretary and Treasurer, and J. H. Townsend, Superintendent; all of whom have retained their respective positions up to the present time.

The mill has had a very successful career, and, while it has paid its stockholders good profits, it has at the same time been of great advantage to our farmers, bringing down as it did the price of commercial fertilizers from \$4 to \$5 per ton, and giving them a ready market for their cotton seed.

Of late years the hulls have been found excellent feed for stock; and this has greatly promoted the raising of cattle, which, indeed, is becoming



J. S. FOWLER'S LIVERY STABLE.

will aggregate not less than 40,000 bales, and the shipments be not less than 60,000 bales.

With these facts before you, the phenomenal success of Anderson and the financial solidity of its business men is easily accounted for.

ANDERSON OIL AND FERTILIZER CO.

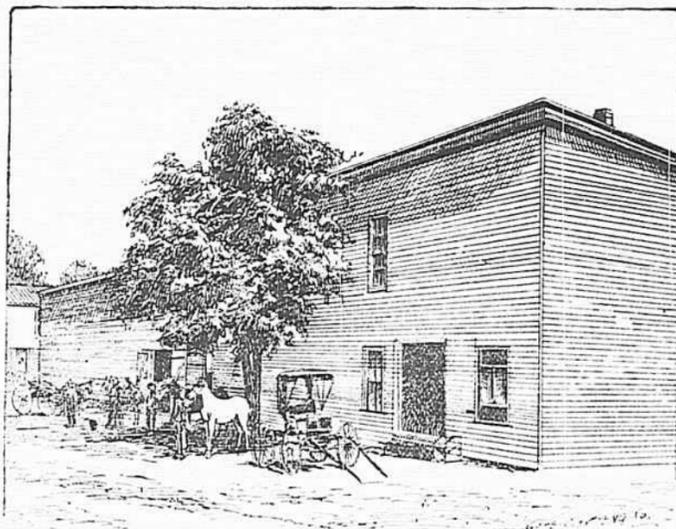
The credit of establishing this second cotton seed oil mill in this State belongs to Mr. J. H. Townsend. His mill was built and put into successful operation here in 1883, with a capac-

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