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International Shirt & Collar Co., Geo. P. Ide & Co., The Manhattan Shirt Co., are among the users of the products of these mills. The mills weave a large amount of mercerized yarns, the use of which Mr. E. C. Barnhardt, the Treasurer, tells me, is greatly on the increase, being used even in the manufacture of "all wool" suitings, worsteds, etc. The manufacture of this class of goods requires more skilled operatives all the way through than are ordinarily found in the South. The dye-house is a scientific laboratory and a look through the new weave room, with its bright colors and beautiful patterns of fabrics is a seven days delight. The original mill was built in 1901. Large additions were made in 1903 and 1906.

Just outside the corporate limits are the mills of the Brown Manufacturing Company and the Young-Hartwell Mills Company. The Brown Manufacturing Company has a capital stock of \$100,000 paid in. They make outings and "gun cotton," a very fine quality of white cloth. They have 8,500 spindles and 200 looms. The Young-Hartwell Mills Company. These mills have 10,000 spindles and manufacture yarn for the trade. They employ a capital stock of \$100,000. The Franklin Mill is owned by J. W. Cannon & Sons. It operates about 7,000 spindles and makes yarns for the trade. Capital involved about \$100,000.

CONCORD MILLS. Concord is one of the pioneer towns in the cotton mills industry. The more recent history of the mill industry begins in 1877 by the buying of the old McDonald mill in Concord by Capt. J. M. Odell and a few associates. The Odell Manufacturing Company was incorporated in 1879 with \$35,000 paid in and the privilege of an increase to \$150,000. J. M. Odell was elected President and W. R. Odell Secretary and Treasurer. From this small beginning, the company has increased its business until it now has a capital stock of \$500,000, has six mills, 43,000 spindles and 1,800. These mills manufacture tickings, towels, hickory shirtings, sheetings, etc.

Next in order of establishment were the Cannon Mills, which now have a capital stock of \$650,000, and operate three mills and a bleachery. These mills have 28,000 spindles and 1,000 looms and make one line of sheetings, towels, "Cannon Cloth," etc.—a "diversified crop." Superintendent Robinson says. The Cabarrus Mills come next in order of establishment. They consist of two mills with 27,500 spindles and 842 looms. These mills, which are among the most prosperous in the community, have created their prosperity out of one line of sheetings. The Gibson Mills are among the newest of the mills. They have 10,500 spindles and 520 looms, and are arranging now to install 10,000 more spindles. They make cotton blankets, madras and shirtings. They make the finest goods made in the South with the exception of one other mill. Cluett, Peabody & Co., the

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THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS. The public schools have recently been housed in new buildings, and few of the towns in the State have more comfortable and better appointed quarters. \$45,000 would be a conservative estimate on the value of the school property. Twenty-two teachers are employed in the white schools and six in the colored. Walter Thompson is superintendent. In addition to this, there is the Morris High School and Mrs. Erwin's primary school. The Laura Sunderland Industrial School is located just a mile from the corporate limits.

CHURCHES. She various denominations are well represented in Concord. The Presbyterian have four churches, the Methodists four, the Lutherans two, the Baptists two, the German Reformed, the Episcopal and the Associate Reformed Presbyterian, one each. Our people are a church-going people. Enough has been said to show that in the discussion of the cotton industry Concord must be reckoned with. Concord was not only a pioneer town in this industry, but in the quality of goods manufactured and in the general prosperity of her mill people, she has maintained a long lead over most of the towns in the State. What she needs now is more of the same kind of people that she now has. Any persons who would like to cast in his lot with 11,000 good people, and would like to join with them in making, rather than watching, Concord grow, will be entirely welcome.

A Board of Trade has recently been organized with J. W. Cannon, President, and J. F. Hurley, Secretary. These gentlemen will be glad to correspond with those looking for a location among good people in a fine climate, where it is neither too cold for comfort or too hot to conserve his energy. The omission of mention of many and prosperous mercantile establishments is due only to lack of space. Concord not only takes care of trade properly here, but also draws business from other and remote localities. This is due to the quality of goods tendered for the low price asked. Concord is bound to grow, live long, and prosper.

THE PRIVATE'S REVENGE. "We had a private in our regiment," said the old army officer, who took a great notion to own his gun. The gun cost about \$14. We couldn't understand why he wanted to pay so much money for a thing he could have right along as long as he needed it for nothing. Finally one of his friends said to him: "What in the world do you want with the old gun, anyway? What are you going to do with it?" "I'll tell you what I'm going to do with it," he answered. "When this dashed war is over I'm going to take it home and stand it up in the back yard, where the rain will rain on it and the snow will snow on it, and every little while I'm going out and say, 'Now, rust, darn ye, rust!'"

INSANE MAN MURDERS SIX. SAN FRANCISCO, May 7.—Walter Charles Davis, a carpenter in a fit of insanity to-day shot and killed six persons in this city. Davis and his victims all resided with the family of Orson Bush, who conducted a boarding house. Davis' home was in Farmersville, near Visalia, this State. Where he has a wife and six children. He had been working as a carpenter since the fire. The shooting was done with a double-barrel shotgun. Davis, who slept in the same room with young Orson Bush, and W. E. Beard, rose shortly after 5 o'clock and shot his two room mates. After killing Bush and Beard, Davis took a box of shells from a shelf and walked down the hallway, where he met Mrs. Lillie Carothers, a boarder, who had heard the first two shots, and had come to her doorways to find out what was the matter. He shot her and, with the remaining shell shot Mrs. Orson Bush. M. E. Vinton, a government surveyor who had recently come here from New York, was killed as he lay in bed.

CHICAGO, May 8.—The last week on the Chicago board of trade has seen a revival of the activity which prevailed there several years ago, and it is predicted by the more optimistic traders that this will continue at a higher level for some time to come. The cold weather conditions which have prevailed so continuously throughout the west and southwest have been the chief cause of the increased volume of trade. Never in the history of the weather bureau has such severe weather existed at this time of the year. The result has been a growing conviction on the part of many traders and commission men that the crop of winter wheat has been seriously damaged, and one excellent authority has made the prediction that the crop will be about 100,000 bushels below that of last year. Conflicting reports have been received from all sections regarding the damage inflicted by the "green bug," and from Oklahoma especially have the reports been of a contradictory character. By some it has been asserted that the crop has been greatly impaired, and by others that the injury has been slight. The result has been, however, a renewal of something like old-time activity on the board of trade.

THE SURGICAL BUTCHER. A Liverpool lady had given her butcher her daily order over the telephone, and later in the day she decided to change it a little and countermand an order she had given for some liver. Ringing up her butcher she said: "You remember that I gave you an order for a pound of liver a while ago?" "Yes," was the reply. "Well I find that I do not need it, and you need not send it." Before she could put down the receiver the butcher said to her: "Take out some one of your liver. She says she can get along without it."

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BUSINESS WORRY. Not many years ago a man in this county was said to have declared that it was his highest ambition to leave an estate worth a hundred thousand dollars. He's dead. Business cares killed him and he didn't leave as much property as he wanted to leave. He died in the prime of life—or what, no doubt, would have been his prime if he had taken time to enjoy comfort and ease. There are young men in this county—that is, comparatively young men—whose heads are getting white from business worry. Some of them haven't made enough yet to retire from business. In fact, some of them possess very little property, but the money craves them finely in its grasp just the same. They can't enjoy a great serenity, they can't enjoy reading. They don't know how to get pleasure from their natural surroundings. The little things of nature have no charms for them. Their minds, hearts and souls are centered on money getting. They'll probably die by the time, or soon after, they reach middle life. If men indulge an excessive appetite for money it will kill them just as it will kill them to indulge an excessive appetite for whiskey.

THE SADDEST STORY OF THE GREAT CONFLICT. Young Confederate, Returning Home Unscathed, Shot Dead by His Father. Perhaps the saddest story of the civil war is that told of a Confederate family directly after the great conflict. Mrs. Chestnut mentions it in her "Diary From Dixie," and a man who heard it at first hand tells us as follows in the New York Sun. "The soldier had enlisted in Georgia from his home, where his father remained undisturbed during the struggle. The young man had fought through the war without a scratch, save a slight wound which had left him partially deaf. This affliction he had never referred to in any of his letters. "After the surrender he communicated with his father, saying he would reach home on or about a certain date. Travel then was uncertain, and he was not positive as to when he would arrive. His father prepared to receive him. Believing that his son would come as promised, he arranged a spread such as the conditions of his surroundings at that time would permit. He had brought out his best plates that had been secured for a long time, and with gold which had been exhumed he brought such delicacies and substantial as the southern market at that time afforded. "As many of the old time neighbors as were living in the vicinity were invited to the home coming of the returning soldier. The ex-Confederate arrived on the old plantation the night before the earliest date he had mentioned in his last letter. It was late, and his father and the family had retired. The only creature on the old place that seemed to be awake was a dog. As the soldier entered the gate of the grounds the dog began barking. The man around the owner of the manor. The country was overrun at the time with stragglers, some of whom had not hesitated to commit burglary. The father of the boy arose. He stood in his doorway with his shotgun and challenged the approaching stranger, as he supposed. "The young man, being deaf, made no reply, but continued on his way. The man in the doorway raised his gun and fired. The stranger fell dead. The father summoned his family and the few remaining servants of the plantation. An investigation was held, and the tragic truth was revealed. "The father, of course, was inconsolable. He returned to his house, while the servants carried the lifeless form of his boy to the home that had been awaiting his coming. The next day the invited guests began to arrive. The father had given orders that the tragedy should not be mentioned until he himself told it. "I do not know what explanation was made to the guests as to the absence of him whom they were to honor, but after the repeat they were told, and then the filed past the dead. The body had been wrapped

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