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When the great Gibbon contemplated the history of Rome he sat on a broken shaft and gazed upon her shattered shrines, her ruined columns, her defaced and deserted temples. With quite a different purpose and different feelings I sat on the summit of Red mountain and gazed upon the towers and spires of Birmingham as they glowed in the purple flush of the morn and watched her busy, moving people in their wild, mad rush for money, their almost insane desire for material progress. Facile and fluent pens have often, with vivid coloring, described this magic city. Representatives of all the great American newspapers have portrayed its rapid and almost incredible growth and its great and wonderful possibilities. Every adjective synonymous with the romantic, fabulous and unreal has been applied to Birmingham; and yet it loses none of its charm of fascination for either the press or the public. In her hotels and on her streets are people of all hands and faiths and creeds; gone their for the purpose of investing or making money or simply as "lookers-on in Venice." There you see the coal king, the iron king, the railroad king, the real estate king; there also the Italian, Pagan, Jew, pauper and the beggar.

Unfortunately it is the modern Mecca to which the laboring men of the country are constantly making a pilgrimage—a pilgrimage of often fruitless, often full of bitterness. About 16 years ago the Alabama Great Southern and the Louisville and Nashville Railroads intersected at Birmingham. About the crossing the town was laid off on a liberal scale, with broad streets crossing broader avenues at exact angles. In '71 it was incorporated with less than 1,000 inhabitants. A visitation of cholera in '73 greatly chilled and blighted its prospects. The capacities of the district for the purposes of manufacture were never seriously considered till some time in '80. From that time onward it has grown beyond the dreams of the wildest enthusiast. In '85 the population reached 20,000, and now it reaches over 30,000. It is located in a valley, near ridges of richest iron ore and in the midst of a great coal area. Ten years ago there were only two coke furnaces; now there are ten in full blast and twelve more under construction. Near and overlooking the furnaces is Red mountain, with its inexhaustible supply of red hematite ore, about 70 per cent. of which is metallic iron. Seven miles off, and connected with the furnaces by its own railway, is the great Pratt mine of coal, a coal excellently well adapted for coking. Add to this untold acres of limestone for fluxing, and you have all the necessities for making iron. Another thing: the coal around Birmingham is much nearer the surface than the coal of other sections, hence the cost of getting it is much cheaper. The question of making pig-iron in the South has at last been solved, and the people of Alabama can find other occupations than raising cotton. A State that produces both iron and cotton cannot help becoming rich and great.

Birmingham is in the centre of the coal and iron belt, on the very rim of the cotton belt, with great lines of railroad converging to her as their terminal point. Courage, perseverance and labor, added to her natural advantages, have in ten years well-nigh made her the eighth wonder of the world. Railroads have been a very important factor in the growth of Birmingham and she is rapidly being placed in communication with every conceivable market. New roads from many points are reaching out to her in order to carry her untold tons of coal and iron. The city is full of all kinds of manufacturing establishments: wagon works, chain works, agricultural implements, bridge works, and most important of all an ice factory. Many others of various kinds are springing up to increase the industry and wealth of the town. Of course she has her places of amusement. O'Brien's Opera House, with a capacity for seating 1200, is one of the prettiest in the South, while the Casino Theatre, with its cheap rates, is generally packed.

There the newspaper has an abiding place. The *Daily Age* represents the young, vigorous sentiment of Alabama, is deeply Demo-

cratic and thoroughly protective in its tariff views. The *Weekly Sentinel*, able, sturdy and inflexible, is the organ of the Knights of Labor, while the *Evening Chronicle* is a great favorite with the city folks. The schools are numerous and said to be conducted on a high plane of scholarship, while all the different denominations have their churches with priest, pastor and parson. There are no hotels worthy the name. The creature comforts of "bed and board" are plentiful, but the houses themselves are of a shabby and ungainly style of architecture, none of them looking as if they were built for hotel purposes. The Florence and Metropolitan are the best, the menu of the former being especially good. Dr. H. M. Caldwell is building a splendid \$250,000 hotel of granite and brick, which when completed will be called "The Caldwell." It is sorely needed.

This much for Birmingham historically. Let us glance at another side of the picture:

Well-nigh every man in Birmingham is a real estate agent. There is a constant struggle between those who want to purchase for speculation and those who want to purchase for settlement, and the speculators generally win. The prices are fabulously high, beyond the range of financial sense or reason. That there must be a tumble and a serious tumble, no sane man can deny. Everybody is speculating in real estate, and already the prices are declining. Already there is a nervousness, a financial tremor along the line of real estate agencies. Small fish are getting too far from shore. Men with small capital pay their all down on real estate, give their notes for balance on 60 and 90 days, with the hope that the prices will go up. Prices don't go up, but their notes go to protest and they go under. From \$1000 to \$1500 front foot in the centre of the city to \$60 and \$100 on the suburbs, is more than even Birmingham can stand. Too much prominence has been given to this kind of speculation and it has given the city a bad odor abroad. Thousands of dollars in notes are constantly going to protest and many men will surely be ruined. Reaction has begun and the collapse is not far off. If the Elyton and other land companies would turn their attention to a better system of sewerage, lighting the city and paving its streets and side-walks, they would confer greater and more lasting blessings than by their wild gambling in real estate.

Birmingham is threaded with street cars and girt with lines of dummy railway. I think I never saw, even in New York, these modes of travel better patronized than in Birmingham. There are perhaps 700 or 1000 houses, of all kinds and sizes, under construction, from the simple cottage to the palatial residence. This fact, and the general growth of the city, coupled with newspaper advertisements of the "Birmingham Boom," has brought to the city mechanics, brick layers, carpenters and all kinds of artisans, who hoped to get prices varying from \$3 to \$5 per day. The consequence is that the city is flooded, over-crowded with workmen of all kinds; prices are low, and many are compelled to work at the furnaces, in the mines or on the railroad to get the means by which to return to their homes. I talked with many men who had gone there, upon newspaper representation, in search of work in their line, and failed to find it, or rather they failed to find prices any better than they left at home. No workingman should go to Birmingham unless he has a job assured before he goes, for once there he is at the mercy of the "rats" and sharpers. What is true of the laborer is true of the professions, and all others who go there, unless they have means to hold their own with the "Bulls and the Bears."

Some persons are so wild as to declare that Birmingham will become a great popular summer resort. Whether this is baldheaded lying or splendid satire I am unable to determine. Birmingham a summer resort! Good Lord deliver us! It may be for people in some portions of Alabama, but to a man who has tasted North Carolina water and breathed North Carolina air the Dry Tortugas would be almost as refreshing as Birmingham in July and August. The city is supplied with water from Village creek; water that runs from "morn till noon, and noon till dewy eve" under the burning rays of an Alabama sun. The very idea is invigorating, chil-

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From personal observation, intercourse and reading, I have tried in an humble way to paint the past and present of Birmingham. Her future no pen can portray.

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