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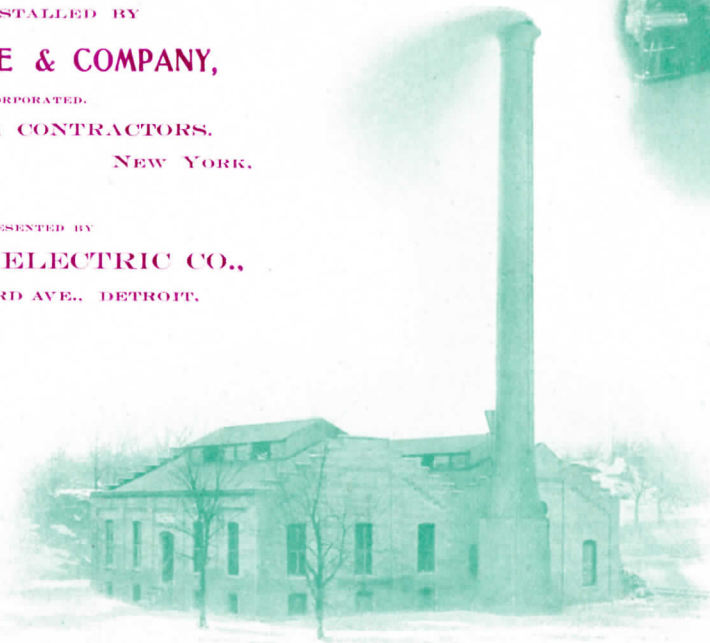
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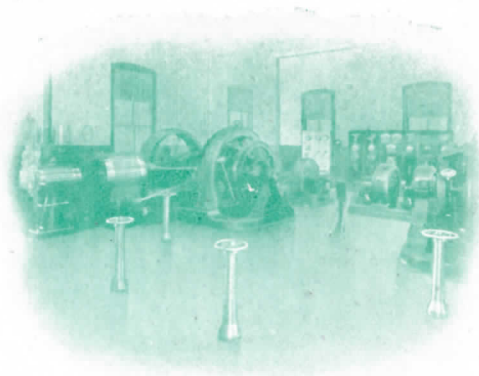
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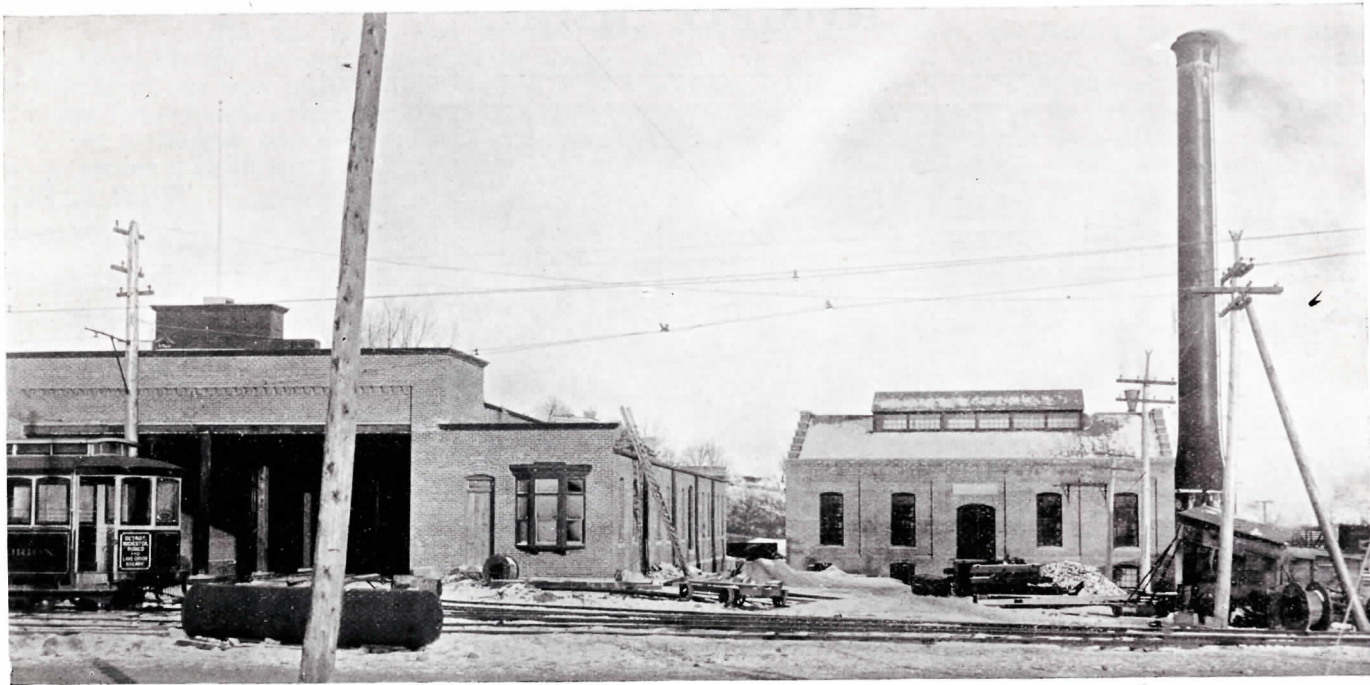
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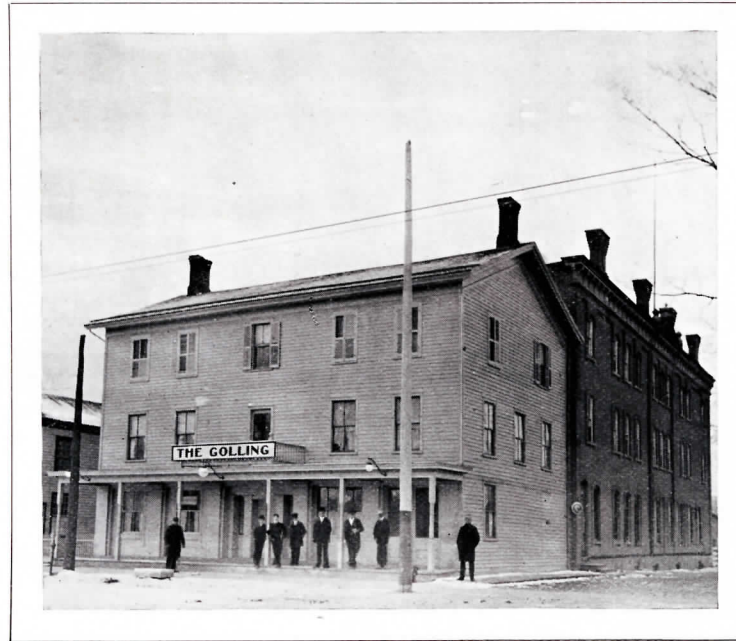
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ROMEO was originally an Indian village, and was so called for some time after white settlers came here. It was called Indian Village until 1826, when its prominent citizens called a meeting to give it a more consequential name. They met at the house of Mr. N. T. Taylor, and not being able to agree on a name Mrs. N. T. Taylor proposed the name of Romeo, which was adopted.

The first settler was Jeremiah Allen, who came here in 1821, and built a log house on the northeast corner of Main and St. Clair streets. Asahd Bailey bought his claim in January, 1822, for \$50.00. The Hoxie family came here eleven months later, and built the first installment of what was known for many years as "The Old Red Tavern."

The first frame building was the thirty and forty foot barn that now stands just back of the old Ewell Homestead.

The first postmaster was Gideon Gates. Mail arrived once a week, and letters cost 25 cents each. The mail was so light that he carried it in his hat.

The first church was the Congregational. It was also the first Academy, and was opened and kept for several years by Ornan Archer.

The first foundry was erected by a Mr. Wilkinson, and was a potash kettle lined with brick, and turned over with a lever to pour out the molten iron.

The first Band was organized in 1843, Wm. Hulsart, leader.

Wolves were plentiful up to 1836. In that year sheep were killed by them about where M. I. Brabb's barn now stands.

It would take a large book to go into all the particulars of Romeo's history for the past 76 years.

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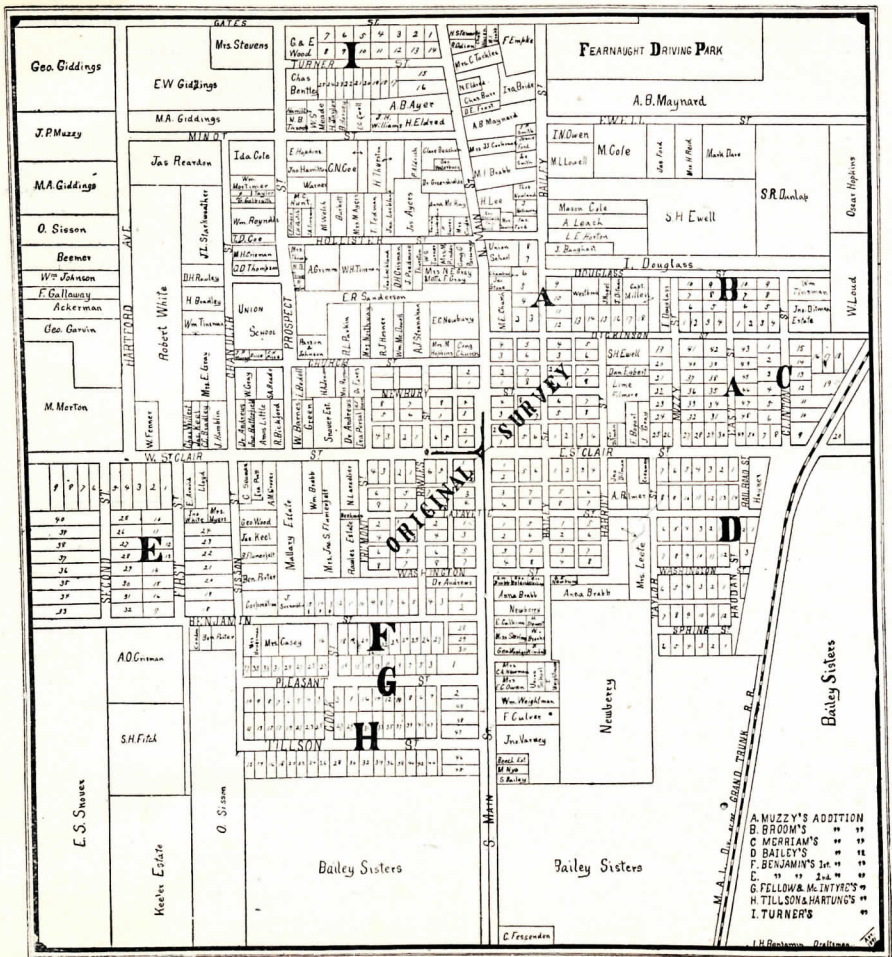


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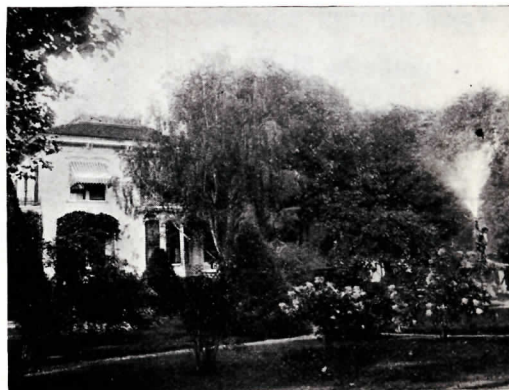
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IF indications were correct, long before the sound of the settler's ax rang in the "sea-like solitude" displayed amidst this handiwork of nature, the red man held undisputed sway; but the advanced guard of civilization, ever pressing onward and forcing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

The next year John Hersey made the first entry of land. Wm. Russell, Benjamin Woodworth and Hersey building the first saw mill and subsequent grist mill.

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

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On the 1st of February, 1847, Hosea B. Richardson and Isaac Adams surveyed and platted an addition east of the original, and Lysander Woodard platted one on the north side of the same. The original plat is most eligible and beautifully located on a high plateau lying between the Clinton river on the south and Paint Creek on the north, the latter also winding its sinuous way along the eastern side of the plat. The conformation of the natural surface is interesting in a geological point of view as well as to the sense of vision. The bluff sides of the plat on the south show the former channel of Paint Creek, as in the glacial and immediate succeeding days its much heavier floods undoubtedly cut its channel through the morain, seeking its present level. In this wearing away process it has left two or more conical shaped mounds, which, at first appearance, might seem to some to be the handiwork of man, but by closer inspection the architect stands revealed, and is the apparently modest little creek that winds along their base. In cutting its way through the morain, and wearing it down to the present level that lies between the mounds and the plateau of the village, the floods of the creek found their level before the entire morain was demanded, and the mounds are simply the remains left by the receding floods, as they found another channel. The bluffs on the north and east side of the creek, and along the Clinton, add picturesqueness to the otherwise beautiful prospect. In fact "beautiful for situation" are the hills round about and the valley of the Clinton that embrace the plat of one of the most lovely villages in Michigan.

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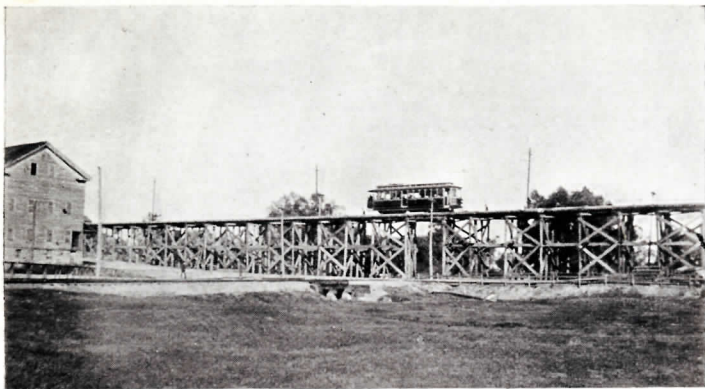
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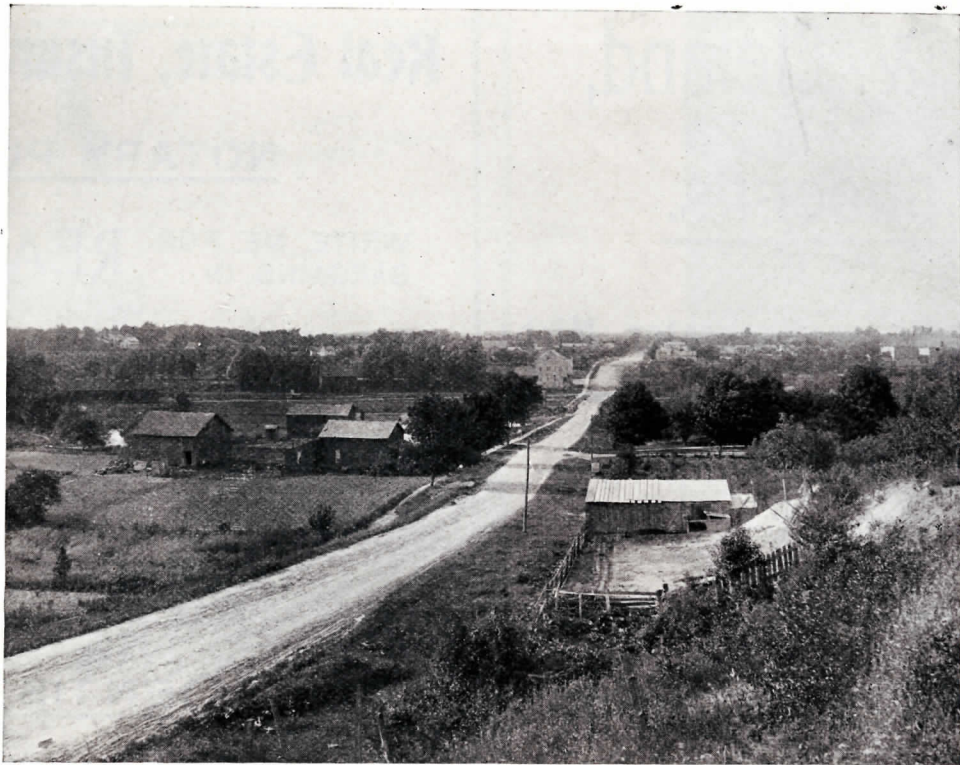
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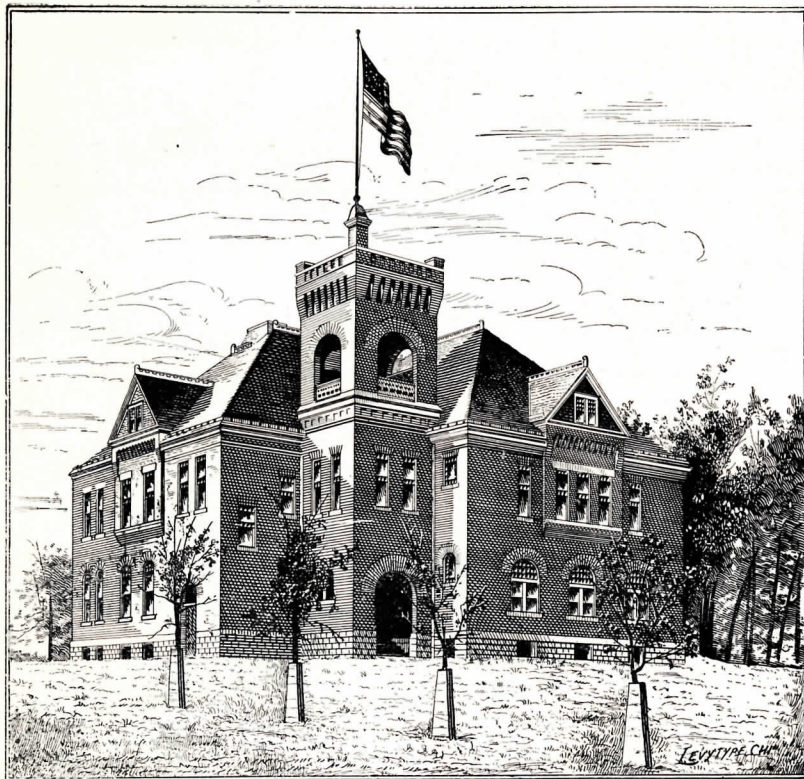
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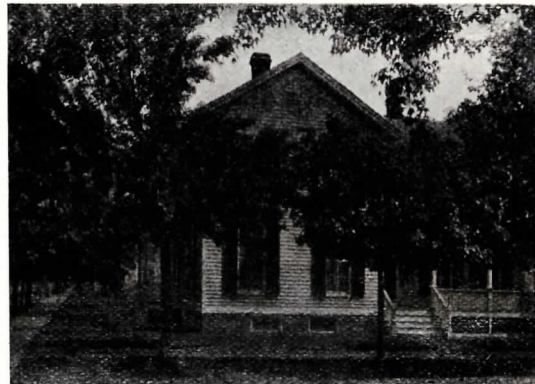
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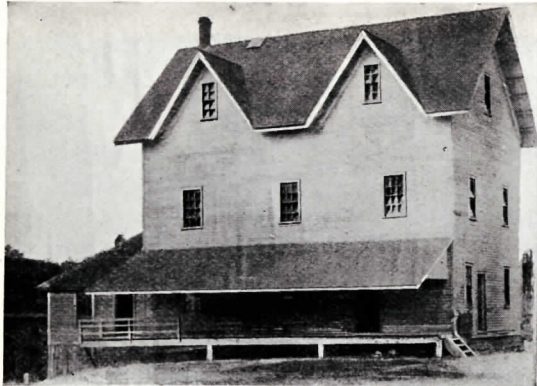


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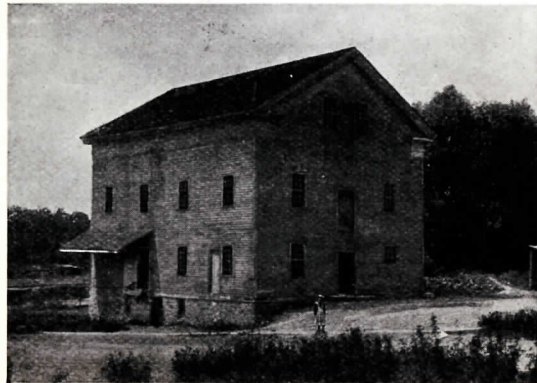
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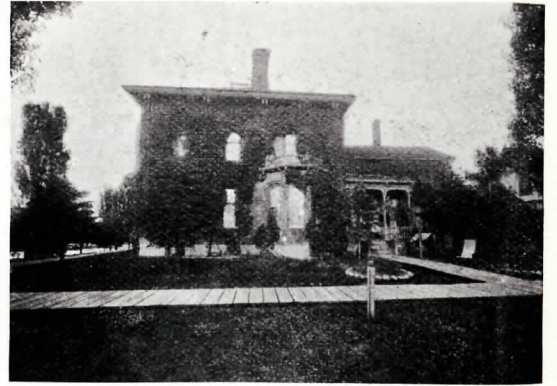
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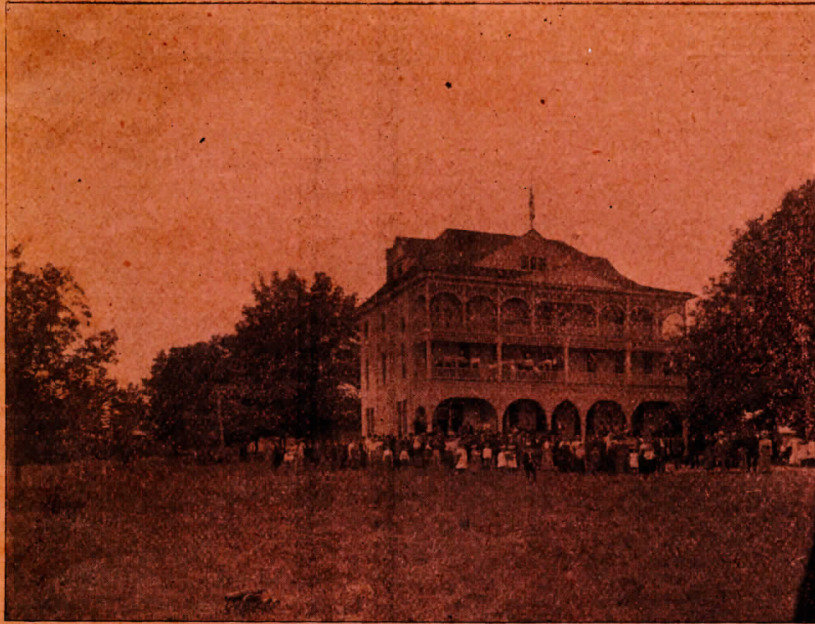
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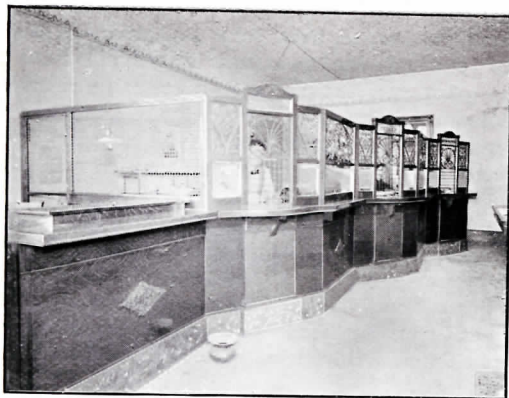
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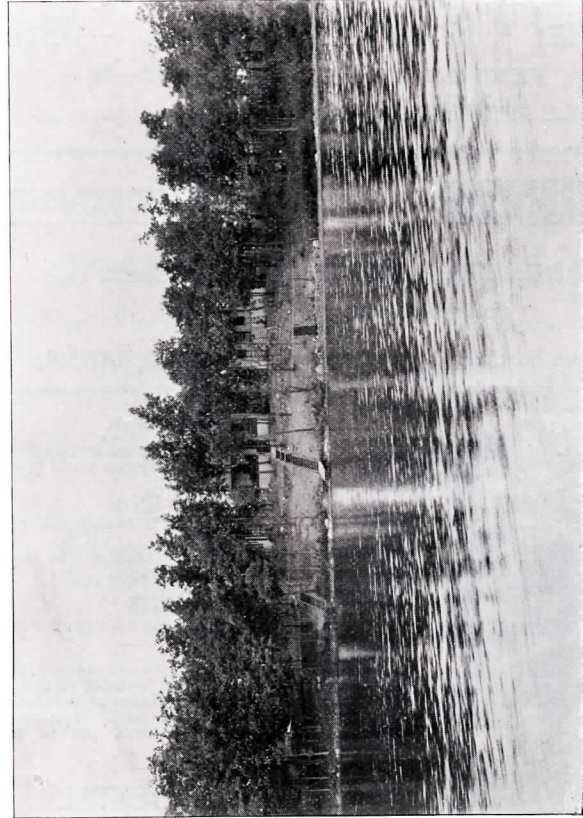
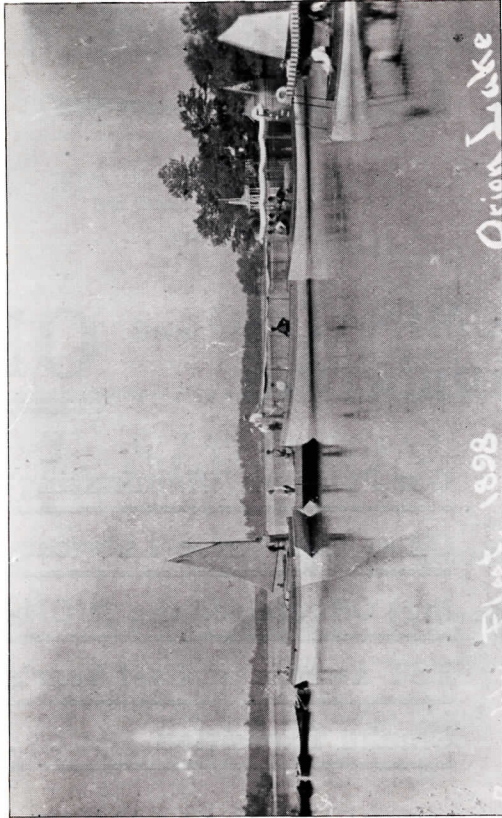
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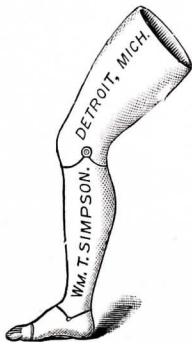
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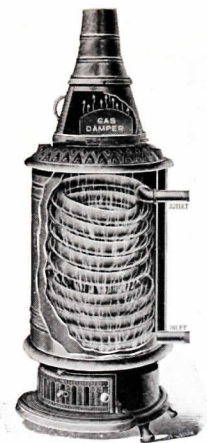
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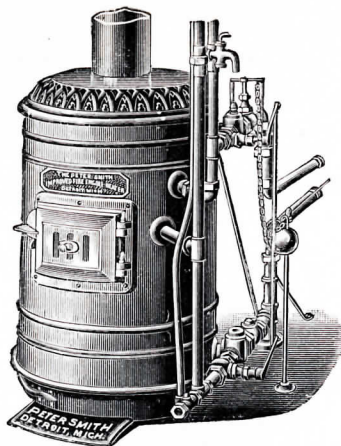
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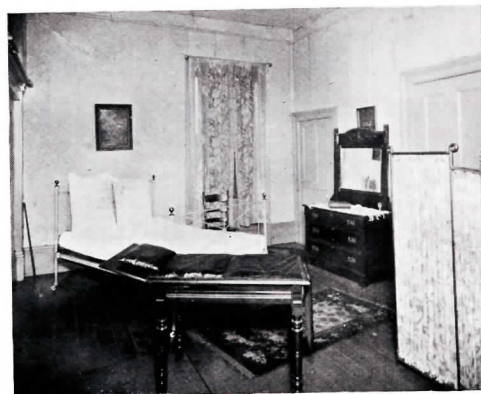
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