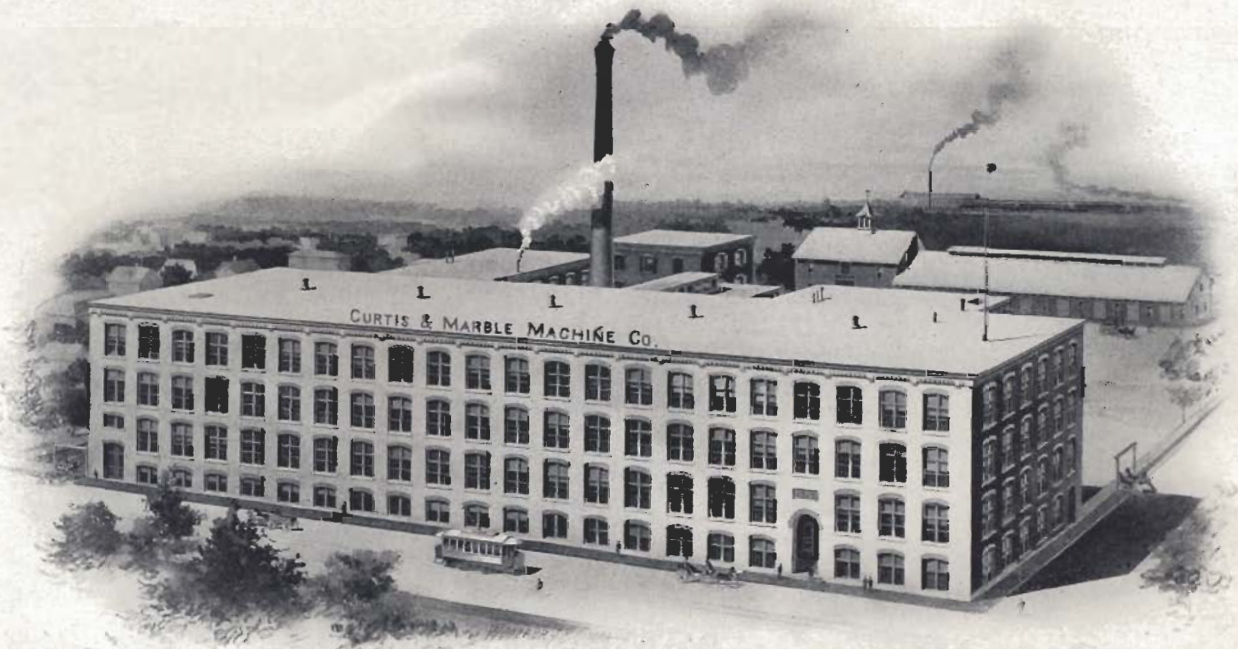


Curtis & Marble Machine Company

The history of the Curtis & Marble Machine Company dates back more than three-quarters of a century, its founder, Albert Curtis, with John Simmons and Abel Kimball, having begun the manufacture of cloth-finishing machinery in Worcester in 1831. Hon. Edwin T. Marble, its present president and treasurer, entered the employ of Albert Curtis in 1845, and in 1863 was admitted to partnership, which connection lasted until 1895, when Mr. Curtis retired and the Curtis & Marble Machine Company was formed to take over the business.

A tour of its stock-room is almost like visiting a textile exposition. Here one may find, in their season, all kinds of wool-preparing machinery, including wool dusters, Fearnought pickers, mixing pickers, Goddard & Parkhurst burr pickers, picker feeders, steel-ring burr cylinders, steel-ring feed rolls for woolen and worsted cards.

Shearing machines for all kinds of cotton, woolen, worsted and felt goods, velvets, plushes, carpets, etc., teasel gigs, wire nappers, single and double-acting brushing machines, cotton



The plant was originally on Webster Street, next to the old engine-house near the bridge, and the company began in 1863 with eight men. No less than six additions to the plant were made there in order to care for its ever-increasing business, and on Sept. 1, 1897, the company moved into its present quarters, 72-88 Cambridge Street.

The company makes a standard line of cloth-finishing machinery to be used in the manufacture of all kinds of cotton and woolen goods, worsteds, felts, carpets, rugs, velvets, plushes and corduroys. They make finishing machinery, in fact, for everything from a handkerchief to sailcloth, from the costliest and most delicate material to the coarsest and heaviest product.

In addition to that, they enjoy a well-deserved reputation for the superiority of their wool-burring, picking and mixing machinery, the manufacture of which was begun in 1875. Up to 1905 the Atlas Foundry & Machine Company, New Jersey, made burr pickers, mixing pickers, burr cylinders and burring machinery generally of a rather high order. In that year the Curtis & Marble Machine Company took over the Atlas Company and since then it has added this to its already large line of textile machinery. In addition the company has incorporated into its business the Miller Press & Machine Company of Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

brushing machines, gas-singeing machines and steam-finishing machines, doubling and tacking machines, dewing or spraying machines, worsteds, sanding and pumicing machines, Gessner and Miller rotary cloth presses, reversible flock cutters, rag cutters, cloth winders and measurers, folding machines, railway sewing machines, shear grinders.

The concern has always enjoyed the highest reputation in the textile industry because of the first-class nature of its output. Mr. Marble, the founder of the company, is a thorough mechanic himself, and he has always prided himself on putting out a machine that would bear the closest scrutiny of mechanics and manufacturers alike. The company's business is not confined to the United States, although it is very large in this country, particularly in the textile centers in New England and the South, but it also markets its product in Canada, Mexico, Russia, India and Japan. The company is capitalized at \$75,000, and employs 120 men. Hon. Edwin T. Marble is president and treasurer; Edwin H. Marble, vice-president; William C. Marble, secretary; Charles F. Marble, cashier, and Albert C. Marble, superintendent. A picture of its plant, which is a model of its kind, of brick, comprising 66,000 square feet, accompanies this article.