

Birth and Death Records and Parents of Joseph Harris and Martha Martin

Massachusetts, Death Records, 1841-1915

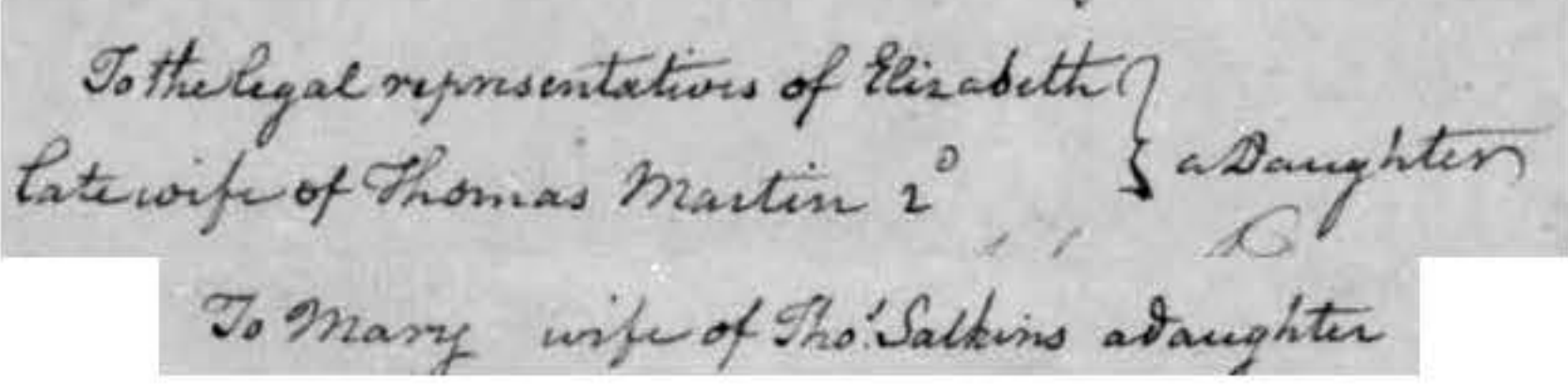
Name	Joseph Harris	Name	Martha Harres Harris
Gender	Male	Gender	Female
Age	75	Age	67
Birth Date	abt 1795	Birth Date	abt 1799
Birth Place	Marblehead	Birth Place	Marblehead
Death Date	30 Jan 1870	Death Date	27 Mar 1866
Death Place	Marblehead, Massachusetts, USA	Death Place	Marblehead, Massachusetts, USA
Father	John Harris	Father	Thomas
Mother	Ellen GridlerGirdler	Mother	Elizabeth SalbertAdams

Massachusetts, Town Vital Collections, 1620-1988

Name	Joseph Harris
Event Type	Marriage
Birth Date	abt 1796
Marriage Date	30 Jan 1820
Marriage Place	Marblehead, Massachusetts
Marriage Age	24
Father Name	John
Mother Name	Ellen Girdler
Spouse Name	Martha Martin
Spouse Marriage Age	21
Spouse Father Name	Thomas MartinAdams
Spouse Mother Name	Elizabeth Salkins

Information about Lineage of Martha Martin

From the will of John Adams, the father of Elizabeth Adams Martin, Martha's mother, whose sister was married to Thomas Salkins.



Thomas Martin was married to Elizabeth Adams, who died when Martha was very young. Her sister, Mary, was married to Thomas Salkins.

Marblehead

Births

Martha, d. Thomas and Elizabeth, bp. Feb. 3, 1799.

Information about the Joseph Harris (& Sons) Shoe Manufacturing Firm

History of Essex County, Massachusetts: With Biographical ..., Volume 2, Part 1

edited by Duane Hamilton Hurd

Mr. Joseph Harris, the founder of the firm of Joseph Harris & Sons, began business in the year 1841. His workshop was an upper chamber of his dwelling-house in Harris's Court, where for years he conducted his business. The sons of Mr. Harris, of whom he had a large family, entered heartily and with the utmost sympathy into all the plans he projected. With untiring industry they toiled, making all the shoes manufactured by their father until, by rigid economy and self-denial, they laid the foundation of a successful business. As the business increased a large number of workmen were employed and a factory was erected on Pleasant Street. This building was enlarged from time to time until it became one of the largest shoe manufactories in the town.

On the night of February 5, 1867, the town narrowly escaped a destructive conflagration. A fire broke out in the shoe manufactory of Joseph Harris & Sons, on Pleasant Street, destroying the building, together with the Baptist Church and the dwelling-house of Increase H. Brown. The flames were communicated to several other buildings in the vicinity, but the fire was fortunately controlled before doing further damage.

The work of rebuilding began early in the spring. A commodious factory was erected by Messrs. Harris & Sons, on Elm Street, and the Baptist Society erected a new church

MARBLEHEAD. Destructive Fire—Large Shoe Manufactory, Church and other Buildings Destroyed.

A fire broke out in the extensive shoe manufactory of Joseph Harris & Sons, on Pleasant street, Marblehead, between 12 and 1 o'clock this morning. The building was entirely consumed, together with its contents, nothing being saved but the books. The loss of Harris & Sons is estimated at over \$100,000; insured for \$65,000.

The fire then extended to the Baptist Church, which was likewise consumed, the furniture alone being saved. There was \$6000 insurance on the church. The fire also destroyed the dwelling house, barn and out-buildings of Increase H. Brown, and the residence of Joseph Harris, in Harris' court. Mr. Brown succeeded in saving his furniture. His loss was \$4000; insured for \$1800.

Other buildings adjoining and opposite, including that of the Odd Fellows, took fire but were saved by great exertions of the firemen and citizens, aided by a heavy rain. The steam fire engine from Salem did good service, and one came from Lynn, but owing to the bad state of the roads, the latter did not arrive till the fire was nearly subdued.

The burning of Messrs. Harris' shoe manufactory was most unfortunate. It was one of the largest in the State, employing some 600 or 800 hands, all of whom are, by the calamity, thrown out of work. The fire is supposed to be the work of an incendiary, as the establishment was heated by steam, and no fire was used in the part of the building where the fire originated.

Date: 1867-02-05; Paper: Boston Journal

The Harris Shoe Factory was the largest shoe factory ever built in Marblehead. Fires in 1877 and 1888 destroyed most of the shoe factories, but the Harris Factory was located outside of what was known as the 'burnt district.' It was on Elm Street near Roosevelt Avenue and survived until 1894. - FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE MARBLEHEAD MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Joseph Harris & Sons shoe factory, Elm Street, built 1867 (photographed c. 1870s). Joseph Harris' Second Empire-style shoe factory was one of the largest businesses of its type in town. The wealthy entrepreneur employed hundreds of "Headers" at various tasks in the manufacture of shoes. The man driving the delivery wagon may be "H. Davis," as painted on the side of the vehicle. Fire destroyed the vacant building on July 17, 1894. (Courtesy McGrath collection.)

Marblehead

John Hardy Wright  
Arcadia Publishing, Nov 1, 1996 -

The Harris Home after 1856

The History and Traditions of Marblehead

By Samuel Roads 1881

Having visited all the houses of especial interest on Washington Street, let us pass to the Sewall Mansion, situated on Pleasant Street. This house was built a few years previous to the Revolution, by "King" Hooper, for his son Joseph, who resided there a short time. This was probably the same Joseph Hooper who was a loyalist during the Revolution, and in the year 1775 fled from Marblehead to England, where he became a paper manufacturer. He died in that country during the year 1812.

For some years after the close of the war, the house appears to have had several occupants; but in the year 1795 it was purchased by Chief Justice Samuel Sewall, who resided there until the time of his death.

In 1815 the estate was bought by the Hon. William Reed. Mr. Reed was born in Marblehead, June 6, 1776. He was for many years an eminent merchant in the town, and throughout his life was highly esteemed for his benevolent and religious character. In 1811, he was elected a representative in Congress, and remained in office until the year

1815. He was president of the Sabbath-school Union of Massachusetts, and of the American Tract Society, and a member of many other religious and educational organizations. He was so deeply interested in the cause of temperance that he was styled the "Apostle of Temperance." He died suddenly at Academy Hall, February 18, 1837, while preparing for a celebration by the Sabbath-school of the North Congregational Church. For many years after the death of Mr. Reed, the house was occupied by his widow, who "was always engaged in works of charity, and was regarded as a most accomplished lady and eminent Christian."

In 1856, the estate was bought by Mr. Joseph Harris, a prominent shoe manufacturer, and has since remained in the possession of his family.



Record of Joseph's Second Marriage

Massachusetts, Marriage Records, 1840-1915

Name	Joseph Harris
Age	74
Birth Year	abt 1794
Birth Place	Marblehead
Marriage Date	1 Jul 1868
Marriage Place	Salem, Massachusetts, USA
Father	Joseph Harris
Mother	Ellen Harris
Spouse	Jenn Mc Kelvie Brooks

Report of the Death of Joseph Harris

Date: Friday, February 4, 1870 Paper:

Cape Ann Advertiser (Gloucester, MA) Page: 2

MARBLEHEAD.—Mr. Joseph Harris, of the firm of Joseph Harris & Sons, died very suddenly on Sunday last. He has been unwell for some time past, but was not considered seriously ill. On Saturday last he fell down stairs, which sad occurrence was probably the cause of hastening his death, which transpired on the next day. He was one of the oldest and most respected citizens, as well as one of the most enterprising business men of the town. He was 76 years of age.



Vital Statistics for the Children of Joseph and Martha Martin Harris

Citation Information:

Massachusetts Vital Records to 1850 (Online Database: NewEnglandAncestors.org, New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2001-2008).

Name	Joseph Harris
Gender	Male
Age	61
Birth Date	abt 182404 Jan 1824
Birth Place	Marblehead
Death Date	4 Aug 1885
Death Place	Marblehead, Massachusetts, USA
Father	Joseph Harris
Mother	Martha Martin

Name	George Harris
Gender	Male
Race	White
Age	34
Birth Date	abt 18287 Jun 1827
Birth Place	Marblehead
Death Date	18 Feb 1862
Death Place	Marblehead, Massachusetts, USA
Father	Joseph Harris
Mother	Martha Harris Martin

Year	Family Name	Record
182125 Jun 1820	HARRIS	Elizabeth Ellen, <a href="#">d.</a> Joseph and Martha, <a href="#">bp.</a> Oct. 21, 1821, <a href="#">a.</a> Iorn. C.R.2.
182228 Feb 1822	HARRIS	Thomas Martin, <a href="#">s.</a> Joseph and Martha, <a href="#">bp.</a> Sept. __, 1822, <a href="#">a.</a> 5 <a href="#">m.</a> C.R.2.
184320 May 1839	HARRIS	Calvin Briggs, <a href="#">s.</a> Joseph and Martha, <a href="#">bp.</a> May 7, 1843. C.R.1.
184312 Mar 1843	HARRIS	Mary, <a href="#">d.</a> Joseph and Martha, Mar. 21, 1843.
184325 Dec 1833	HARRIS	Peter Martin, <a href="#">s.</a> Joseph and Martha, <a href="#">bp.</a> May 7, 1843. C.R.1.
18431830	HARRIS	Rich[ar]d Pedrick Adams, <a href="#">s.</a> Joseph and Martha, <a href="#">bp.</a> May 7, 1843. C.R.1.
184310 Dec 1836	HARRIS	Rob[er]t Girdler, <a href="#">s.</a> Joseph and Martha, <a href="#">bp.</a> May. 7, 1843. C.R.1.
18431832	HARRIS	Tho[ma]s Martin, <a href="#">s.</a> Joseph and Martha, <a href="#">bp.</a> May 7, 1843. C.R.1.

Name	John F Harris
Event Type	Death
Birth Date	abt 182624 Oct 1825
Death Date	26 Jul 1896
Death Place	Marblehead, Massachusetts
Death Age	70
Father Name	Joseph
Mother Name	Martha Martin

Name	Martha W Harris
Event Type	Death
Birth Date	abt 184217 Oct 1841
Death Date	1 May 1870
Death Place	Marblehead, Massachusetts
Death Age	28
Father Name	Joseph
Mother Name	Martha Martin

Name	Harriet S Harris
Event Type	Birth
Birth Date	24 May 1845
Birth Place	Marblehead, Massachusetts
Father Name	Joseph Harris
Mother Name	Martha Harris

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Name	Elizabeth E Harris
Event Type	Marriage
Marriage Date	13 Jun 1837
Marriage Place	Marblehead, Massachusetts
Spouse Name	John H <del>Gass</del> Goss

Name	Joseph Harris Junior
Event Type	Marriage
Marriage Date	14 Oct 1848
Marriage Place	Marblehead, Massachusetts
Spouse	Juliet <del>Heman</del> Homan

Name	John F Harris
Event Type	Marriage
Marriage Date	8 Dec 1850
Marriage Place	Marblehead, Massachusetts
Spouse Name	Ann Ashton Brown

Name	George S Harris
Event Type	Marriage
Marriage Date	9 Sep 1858
Marriage Place	Marblehead, Massachusetts,
Spouse	Mary H <del>Bowden</del> Bowden

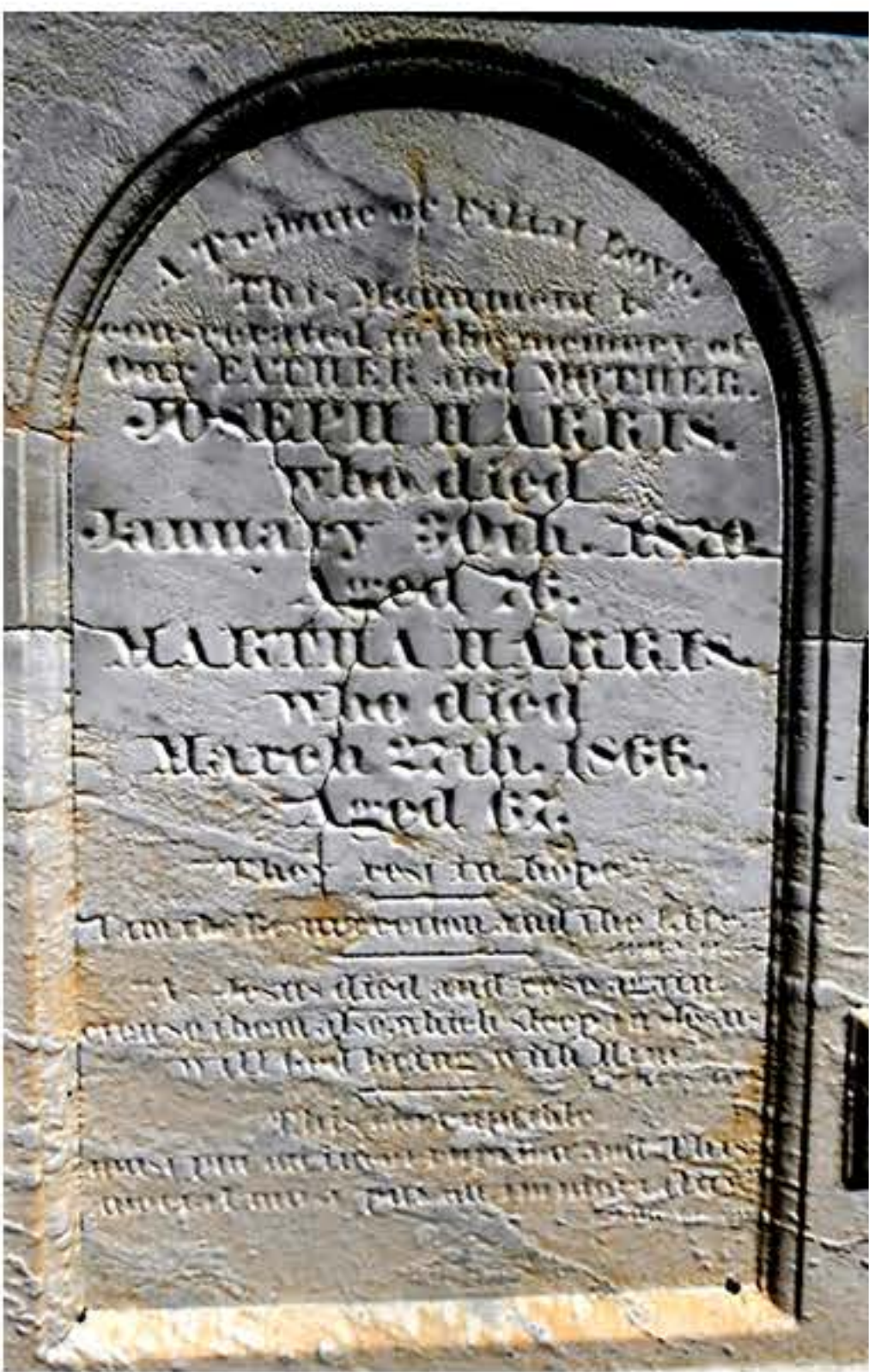
Name	Richard P A Harris
Event Type	Marriage
Marriage Date	28 Nov 1860
Marriage Place	Marblehead, Massachusetts,
Spouse	<del>Soucy</del> M Clemons Lucy

Name	Mr Thomas M Harris
Event Type	Marriage
Marriage Date	24 Apr 1867
Marriage Place	Marblehead, Massachusetts
Spouse Name	Mary O Alley

Name	Mary A B Harris
Event Type	Marriage
Marriage Date	14 Jan 1874
Marriage Place	Marblehead, Massachusetts
Spouse	William Neilson



All of Joseph and Martha Martin Harris's Children are Buried With Them at Waterside Cemetery Except for Joseph, Jr. and the 2nd Thomas Martin Harris, Our Direct Ancestor



Inscription:  
A tribute of filial love.  
This monument is consecrated in the memory of our FATHER and MOTHER.

Joseph Harris  
died aged 76.

Martha Harris  
died aged 67.



George S. Harris  
Died Feb. 18, 1862  
Aet. 34 yrs., 8 mos., 11 dys.

Thomas M. Harris  
Died Sept. 20, 1830  
Aet. 8 yrs., 6 mos., 23 dys.

Harriet S. Harris  
Died Aug. 31, 1846  
Aet. 1 yr., 2 mos., 23 dys.

Peter M. Harris  
Died Dec. 13, 1872  
Aet. 38 yrs., 11 mos., 18 dys.

George S. Harris  
1859 - 1946

Mary A. B. Neilson  
Died Nov 14, 1904  
Aet. 61 yrs., 7 mos., 24 days.

Elizabeth E. Goss  
Died Sept 22 1906  
Aet. 86 yrs., 2 mos., 2 dys.

Mary Blanche Neilson  
(1874 - 1912)

William Neilson  
1840 - 1915

Gertrude A. Neilson  
(1879 - 1973)\*



Martha W. Harris  
Died May 1, 1870  
28 yrs., 6 mos., 14 dys.

Robert G. Harris  
Died Sept. 13, 1856  
Aet. 19 yrs., 9 mos., 3 dys.

Calvin B. Harris  
Died Aug 17 1845  
Aet. 6 yrs., 2 mos., 23 dys.

Richard P.A. Harris  
Died Jul 12 1880  
Aet. 50 yrs., 6 mos.

Lucy M.C. Harris  
1838 - 1918



History of the Military Company of the Massachusetts, Now Called the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts. 1637-1888, Volume 3

John F. Harris (1859), shoe manufacturer, of Marblehead and Boston, was born in Marblehead in 1825. He was associated with his father and brother in business, under the firm name of Joseph Harris & Sons. Mr. Harris (1859) was educated in his native town, and became one of the most enterprising and successful men of business. He served in the executive council under governors Claflin and Washburn. He was a life-long director in the Marblehead National Bank, and its president for ten years. For sixteen years he was a director in the National Bank of the Commonwealth in Boston. He "began at the very bottom of the ladder of progress, . . . but in a few years his firm was enabled to report to the commissioner of internal revenue a profit of seventy-six thousand dollars in a single year." Mr. Harris (1859) died at his residence in Marblehead, July 26, 1896.



The Philadelphia Inquirer (Philadelphia, P... • 29 Apr 1913, Tue

HARRIS.—Atlantic City, N J. 28th Inst. THOMAS MARTIN, husband of Mary Oliver Harris, aged 82. Relatives and friends invited to services, Thurs. 10.30 A M. residence, 38 S Trenton ave. Atlantic City, N J. Interment private.

The Philadelphia Inquirer (Philadelphia, P... • 14 Jul 1880, Wed •

HARRIS.—On Monday morning, July 12, RICHARD P. A. HARRIS, firm of R. P. A. Harris & Co., in his fifty first year. Funeral services from his late residence, No. 315 8. Seventeenth street, this afternoon, at 3 o'clock. Friends invited to attend without further notice. Interment at Marblehead, Mass.

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NEW SHOE MANUFACTORY IN PHILADELPHIA. R. P. A. Harris, formerly of Joseph Harris & Sons, shoe manufacturers, of Marblehead, Mass., has lately fitted up a shoe factory at Philadelphia, for the purpose of manufacturing a full line of misses', children's and infants' shoes. The factory is situated on the north side of Marble street, above Tenth, is a new brick building, four stories high, and has a front of 44 feet with a depth of 65 feet, and is in every particular suited for the purpose, with plenty of light in every part of the building, both front and rear. The steam engine, of ten-horse power, is in the cellar, and built expressly for this factory by the Haskins Machine Company, of Fitchburg, Mass. The first floor is used entirely for stock, samples, sale and packing rooms; in the rear of the stock room is all of the heavy machinery used for cutting bottom stock, including one of Hawkins, Clay & Brett's dieing out machines, with one stroke of which twenty pairs of soles can be cut; this machine can also be used for cutting linings, etc. The second floor is devoted to the fitting department; some forty-five machines are here doing the work of fitting, etc., employing some ninety girls. The third and fourth floors embrace the healing, burnishing, buffing, sewing, lasting and finishing departments, there being four McKay's, two welt and two turn machines, two buffers, two heelers and two Tapley burnishers, besides other machines used in the manufacture of fine goods.

The full working capacity of the factory is about 200 cases per week, of which 175 will be machine sewed, and the remainder hand sewed. The working force will consist of about 250, including both men and women.

Mr. Harris has long been connected with the New England shoe trade, and is well known to leading shoe dealers throughout the country, and has won the esteem of all those who have had dealings with him. In starting a shoe factory in the Quaker City, it is his object to produce a better article than that generally produced in the New England towns, and he has adopted the same styles as those previously made in that city.

J. L. Cross will be general superintendent of the factory; this gentleman has had considerable practical experience, and is the originator of a style of shoe without any seam in the back, which is likely to become popular.

F. E. Pedrick, the foreman of the finishing department, has been connected with the old house for the past ten years and brings with him a practical knowledge of all the most improved machinery in the trade.

Thos. Levic, for many years a member of the jobbing trade of Philadelphia, will do the selling of the house. From this, one can surmise that those connected with this new enterprise are men of energy and well acquainted with their several departments. The samples, of which there are 200, are ready for inspection and, judging from those we have seen, bid fair to uphold the standard of the shoes made in Philadelphia.—Shoe & Leather Reporter.