

# EXPLANATORY KEY TO RATINGS.

LEFT-HAND COLUMN.			RIGHT-HAND COLUMN.			
ESTIMATED PECUNIARY STRENGTH.			GENERAL CREDIT.			
			<i>High.</i>	<i>Good.</i>	<i>Fair.</i>	<i>Limited.</i>
AA	Over	\$1,000,000 .....	A1	1	1½	2
A+	\$750,000 to	1,000,000 .....	A1	1	1½	2
A	500,000 to	750,000 .....	A1	1	1½	2
B+	300,000 to	500,000 .....	1	1½	2	2½
B	200,000 to	300,000 .....	1	1½	2	2½
C+	125,000 to	200,000 .....	1	1½	2	2½
C	75,000 to	125,000 .....	1½	2	2½	3
D	40,000 to	75,000 .....	1½	2	2½	3
E	20,000 to	40,000 .....	2	2½	3	3½
F	10,000 to	20,000 .....	2½	3	3½	4
G	5,000 to	10,000 .....		3	3½	4
H	2,000 to	5,000 .....		3	3½	4
K	1,000 to	2,000 .....			3½	4
L	Less than	1,000 .....			3½	4
M	Less than	500 .....			3½	4
			1½	2	3	4

The absence of a Rating indicates those whose business and investments render it difficult to rate satisfactorily to ourselves. We therefore prefer, in justice to these, to give the detailed reports on record at our offices.

## KEY FOR GAZETTEER.

Signs and abbreviations used in Gazetteer information: X Nearest R.R. Stat'n. Δ Banking Town. Tel., Telegraph. Ex., Express. Pop., Population. M., Miles.

## EXPLANATORY KEY TO CLASSIFICATION OF TRADES.

GENERAL HARDWARE, HOUSE FURNISHING, TIN, STOVES AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS, GUNS AND SPORTING GOODS.....	■
FOUNDRIES, STEAM FORGES, MACHINERY, ENGINES, BOILERS, CAR WHEELS, MACHINISTS' AND RAILROAD SUPPLIES.....	V
PLUMBERS, PLUMBERS' SUPPLIES, LEAD PIPE, STEAM AND GAS FITTERS, AND GAS FIXTURES.....	O
CARRIAGES, WAGONMAKERS, WHEELWRIGHTS, AND BLACKSMITHS.....	S
CLOTHS, CLOTHING, TAILORS, GENTS' FURNISHING, AND HATS & CAPS.....	+
DRY GOODS, CARPETS, SMALLWARES AND NOTIONS, AND MILLINERY.....	A
FURNITURE, UNDERTAKING, AND UPHOLSTERING.....	▲
LUMBER, SAW & PLANING MILLS, CARPENTERS, CONTRACTORS, AND BUILDERS.....	C
COAL AND WOOD.....	J
BOOTS & SHOES, TANNERS, HIDES, LEATHER AND FINDINGS.....	I
SADDLERY HARDWARE, HARNESS AND TRUNKS.....	B
GROCERIES, CONFECTIONERS, PROVISIONS, SHIP CHANDLERS, TEAS, COFFEES, AND SPICES.....	T
JEWELERS, WATCHMAKERS, AND OPTICIANS.....	◆
BREWERS, MALTSTERS, AND DISTILLERS.....	D
DRUGS, PHYSICIANS, PAINT AND OIL DEALERS, PAINTERS, AND PAPERHANGING.....	R
FLOUR AND GRIST MILLS, HAY, GRAIN, FLOUR AND FEED DEALERS, AND BAKERS.....	N
CIGARS AND TOBACCO.....	H
BOOKS, PAPER, STATIONERS, PRINTERS, PUBLISHERS, LITHOGRAPHERS, AND BOOKBINDERS.....	/
NURSERYMEN, FLORISTS, FERTILIZERS, AND SEEDS.....	S
LIQUOR DEALERS, HOTELS, AND SALOONS.....	E
CROCKERY, CHINA, AND GLASSWARE.....	#
PIANOS, ORGANS, MUSIC, AND MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.....	V
FANCY GOODS, VARIETIES, AND TOYS.....	A
GENERAL STORES.....	*

NOTE.—In several lines of trades but little use of THE REFERENCE BOOK is, we find, made for circular purposes, and these, after consultation with subscribers, have been left unclassified.