

larger than the famous elm on Boston common. Of birds and wild fowl, that frequent Newbury at different seasons of the year, there are between one and two hundred species, of which more than half are edible. Wild turkeys were abundant in Newbury, as late as 1707. Fish, from the ocean, and the rivers Merrimac and Parker, are caught in abundance, and oysters of a large size once abounded in the latter river, and there is not a day in the year, in which the inmates of the almshouse, situated on its banks, cannot obtain a sufficient supply for their own use. In addition to the agricultural and maritime advantages, possessed by the citizens of ancient Newbury, with the facilities of conveyance and transportation, may be mentioned the impulse given to all kinds of business, by the erection of manufactures.

Since 1836, four cotton factories have been erected, and a fifth incorporated. The Essex mills, 1836, contain six thousand and seven hundred spindles, one hundred and seventy-three looms, which manufacture one million and six hundred thousand yards of No. 29 printing cloth, uses one thousand and one hundred bales of cotton, one thousand tons of coal, and pays to its one hundred and forty-five operatives, about thirty thousand dollars per annum. The Bartholomew mills, No. 1 and 2, 1836 and 1840, contain seventeen thousand one hundred and thirty-six spindles, three hundred and sixty-seven looms, and with four hundred operatives, who receive about six thousand dollars per month, manufacture about two million yards of No. 40 sheetings and shirtings, from one thousand and one hundred bales of cotton, with one thousand tons of coal. These two buildings are one hundred and fifty-six by fifty, and two hundred and sixty by fifty feet in length and breadth. The James mills, 1842 and 1844, will, when completed, contain seventeen thousand and one hundred spindles, three hundred and fifty looms, four hundred operatives, who will receive about five thousand dollars per month, manufacture about one million and eight hundred thousand yards of No. 40 and 60 cloth, from one thousand bales of cotton, and use one thousand tons of coal per annum. Its length is three hundred and twelve by fifty feet. The Globe mills now in process of erection, are calculated to contain twelve thousand and five hundred spindles, three hundred and twenty-five looms, and with two hundred and seventy-five operatives, to manufacture seventy thousand yards of No. 11 and 20 cloth per week, use four thousand bales of cotton, and one thousand tons of coal per annum, at an expense for wages of about four thousand dollars per month. The goods manufactured at these mills are of the first quality, and furnish employment in various ways, for several thousand persons.

As much has been asserted, concerning the abduction of a certain bell by certain persons unknown, and much said that is rather apocryphal in its character, I have been requested to state the facts concerning it, which, as near as I can ascertain, are these.

On Monday morning, October fourteenth, 1839, a bell was found on the front door steps of the Belleville church, and, near to it, a sealed letter, of which the following is an exact copy.

Know all men, to whom these presents shall come.

I was born in the year —, in London, England, was soon after transported to this country and presented to queen Anne's chapel in Newbury, state of Massachusetts, (as my label shows,) by the lord bishop of London. After remaining quietly in the belfry of said chapel for many years I was taken by force and secretly buried. After the lapse of a few years I reappeared and was placed in the belfry of a schoolhouse in this vicinity. Soon after I was taken down and placed in the belfry of *this church*, where I called together the congregation for many years—but in the year 1838 I was taken down to make room for a larger personage—in a few moments after reaching the ground I was stolen—by whom? no one knows—and placed in the belfry of the same schoolhouse now in another street, where I remained until last Saturday evening, when I received a call from some friends, which I gladly accepted, and have treated me well and placed me where you now find me.

Restore me to my lawful owners or beware!