

way, save in quality, imitate their goods, that they may sell as American manufactured goods in the South American markets and in the islands of the Pacific.

"The appearance of order, cleanliness, and comfort which reigned throughout the whole was very striking, and greater, I think, than would be found in any similar establishment in England.

"We next visited the cotton mills recently erected by a company of capitalists here, and now in full and profitable operation. I had seen most of the large cotton mills in Manchester, Bolton, Stockport, Oldham, and Preston, as well as in Glasgow, and was familiar to all the processes used in them; and I expected to find everything used in the American mills inferior to what I had seen in the English ones. I was surprised, however, to find this in all things equal, and in many superior, to any similar establishment I had seen at home.

"The edifice was brick, but not wearing that prison-like appearance as the most of the factories in England; in fact, it looked more like some government offices, and formed more of ornament than deformity to the part of the city in which it is erected.

"In the interior we were conducted over every floor, from the base to the attic, and saw all the operations, from the hoisting in the bales of raw cotton, to the last finish of the finest thread; as well as the department in which all the machinery used in the works is made and repaired: everything appeared to us in the highest possible order, and the works to be conducted with the greatest skill and attention. In the several rooms in which the people were at work, more attention appeared to be paid to cleanliness, neatness, and ornament, than in English mills; while the persons employed were all better dressed, and evidently in a condition of greater comfort, than the same class of factory operatives in England. There are employed, in the whole, about three hundred persons, two hundred of whom are men and one hundred women, with very few boys.

"The wages of the smiths, &c., employed in making the machinery average a dollar and a half a day, though many receive two dollars, and some more. The spinners average a dollar a day, and the overseers a dollar and a half. The women average half a dollar, and some three quarters, and the more skilful will get a dollar. There were very few married women at work, as it is thought disgraceful to the husband that the wife should do anything but look after his domestic affairs, and attend to her children at home.

"The hours of work, exclusive of meals, are ten in the winter and eleven in summer; and as there are no very young children employed, the hours of labour are uniformly the same for all ages. Among the young girls of the factory the greater number of them were extremely pretty, and some were really beautiful; and all were as well dressed as milliners and mantua-makers in England.

"The greatest respect appeared to be paid to them by their employers, as well as by the overseers and others with whom they had to communicate; and this respect was the better secured by the females all working together in certain rooms, and the males in certain others, so as to ensure a general separation of the two sexes during their labour.

"I have reason to believe that the character and condition of this class of work people in America is greatly superior to that of the same class in Britain. For this there are a number of causes: one is the fact that the tariff of protecting duties enables the manufacturer to give better wages, and yet realize better profits than are made in England, out of which he can afford to bestow many ornaments and comforts which a more limited profit would oblige him to curtail. Another cause is, that the men and women are better educated, while children have more self-respect, are more temperate, more moral, and consequently more prudent.

"The result of this was, that these work people almost invariably did not draw the whole of their wages, but left a surplus in the hands of their employers till the year end, when they would draw very frequently a hundred dollars, and the women from sixty to seventy. These sums they invest at interest, and the accumulation of two or three years would enable young men to buy

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