

# Industrial Covington at Dixie's Gateway

**K**ENTUCKY is the richest of all Southern states in natural resources and is destined to become the greatest industrial state. With its great undeveloped resources of all kinds, including water power, Kentucky has wonderful industrial possibilities.

COVINGTON—the hub (and not the rim) of a wheel whose spokes reach out to all parts of the country as to freight traffic, is certain to rise to great heights in the industrial world. Already she is commanding a prominent place as a manufacturing city, and her finished products are shipped to all parts of the world.

## COVINGTON, THE X-RAY CITY

The X-Ray adds to the industrial fame of the City of Covington from its early small beginning to its present high standing as a producer of quality-made products. This X-Ray factory, the Kelley-Koett Manufacturing Company, was established in Covington, March 1903, and incorporated under the laws of Kentucky, June 13, 1905. The organization consists of J. Robert Kelley, President; Albert B. Koett, Vice-president and G. E. Geise, Secretary and Treasurer.



Where X-Ray machines were once made in Covington.

The firm started its career in a small shed in the back yard of Koett's cottage in Covington, Kentucky. Its rapid growth caused various changes in buildings until in 1917 a large modern factory building was built. It covers an entire city block.

At the present time new lines of X-Ray apparatus, capable of producing twice as much current as previously, tend to aid greatly in the advancement of the science of rad-

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iology. This new Kelley-Koett line of appliances makes it possible to take pictures instantaneously (in a fraction of a second) whereas it formerly took very long exposures. Already this new method of taking pictures, introduced by the Kelley-Koett Company only a short time ago, is meeting with world-wide approval, being used by the leading roentgenologists of the world.

## THE LIBERTY CHERRY & FRUIT CO.

You know those beautiful maraschino cherries smiling on top of ice cream sundaes, sparkling in fruit salads, lemonades, and on cakes, or pleasing the palate when you bite into a chocolate cherry—well, the best are "Liberty Brand" packed by The Liberty Cherry & Fruit Company, at Covington, Ky.

In their clean daylight factory in Covington on L. & N. delivery, the packing of cherries is completely carried out. The cherries arrive in carloads, then are washed, the stems pulled and the seeds skillfully taken out by experienced girls. Then the cherries are colored and preserved with pure cane sugar. Now, to the packing tables, where girls assort them for size, and throw out any spotted or torn cherries. Thus only the fairest cherries are selected for "Liberty Brand."

Besides cherries, the Liberty Company produces glace or candied fruits. First and foremost come the cherries, then pineapple from Hawaii and Porto Rico, apricots from France, plums from Italy, ginger from China, prunes from California, in fact, all kinds of fruits, from whatever lands produce the best.

## SAFES AND LOCKS

Situated at the portal of the gateway to the South, stands The Reliable Safe & Lock Co., in Covington, Ky. Occupying a favorable site on the main line of the L. & N. Railroad with a private siding to facilitate the handling of carload shipments, and located near the center of population in the United States, the safes of their manufacture are well distributed in every direction.

Organized in 1912 by men of long experience in the safe indus-

try, the company has grown from year to year until today it ranks as one of Covington's foremost industries. The factory buildings are bountied by the streets of Fourteenth, Russell Spring and Chesapeake, are of brick and steel construction and modernly equipped.

The product of The Reliable Safe & Lock Co., is universally known. Not alone are shipments made to every state in the Union, but their export trade, especially in Cuba, South America and the Philippine Islands, is of considerable volume.

## TEXTILES AND DYES

SEK is the trade name of a line of products that waterproof, protect and preserve shoes, leather, belting, automobile tops, clothing, etc., which is manufactured in Covington, Kentucky by SEK-Reliance Corporation (Inc.)

In addition to manufacturing the SEK products, they also operate



X-Ray apparatus made in Covington.

two other plants at Covington, one for waterproofing cotton goods and the other for dyeing and finishing cotton cloth that comes in large bales via the L. & N. R. R. from cotton mills all over the South. When these goods go through our plants they are rebaled and then shipped via L. & N. and its connections to all parts of the world.

## COVINGTON ALSO

Has the largest iron fence works in the world.

Largest tile works, and largest wood carving plant.

It has the finest inlaid furniture factory in the United States, and

one of the largest automobile truck manufacturing plants.

Covington is also the largest independent tobacco city in the world.

Has the largest sheet metal corrugating plant in the South, and the third largest engine and boiler plant is located here.

Other manufactures are: Lithographing, electro plating, ice, rosin, distillers, bottles, jails, machine tools, architectural iron, brass and bronze, glass, flour, cordage, planing, cigar and tobacco, toys, laundries, films, shoes, overalls, clothing, stoves, wagons, portable garages, soap machinery, sporting goods, boats, brooms, knitting mills, leather products, wire goods, inks, brushes and furniture.

The annual value of manufacturing products, approximately is \$30,000,000.00.

**TO PROSPECTIVE MANUFACTURERS** Covington offers you, among other advantages, exemption from taxes on raw materials for five years; improved and unimproved factory sites; ample skilled and unskilled labor; excellent railroad facilities; direct railroad to Panama Canal Ports, miles of river front, eleven strong banks and trust companies, with a national reputation for stability and progressiveness. Never, in the history of Covington, has a National or State Bank reported a failure.

The Great Kentucky and Southern coal, iron and timber fields are at our doors, and a market of over twelve millions of people within second day delivery shipping radius.

A polite man is one who listens with interest to things he knows all about when they are told him by a person who knows nothing about them.



Plant of the Liberty Cherry and Fruit Co., brought to fame through the nut sundae.