

The J. A. SOMMERS Mfg. Co.,

Clothing Factory.

IN 1887 Mr. Sommers was a traveling salesman for a Dayton house engaged in the manufacture of certain grades of clothing, and in that year, under the name of J. A. Sommers & Co., he started the manufacture of overalls in Hamilton at 321 West Main Street. He had about two thousand dollars in cash and had a pretty hard row to hoe. But he was plucky and everything came out well and he added to the variety of goods manufactured. In 1891 he built the new factory at Seventh and Walnut and still further increased the line of products. The establishment was incorporated with a capital of twenty-five thousand dollars, since increased to fifty thousand dollars. Mr. Sommers is President and runs the shop. Mr. C. F. Funk is Vice President and does the traveling. Mr. J. W. Slonneker is Secretary and Treasurer. Five traveling salesmen are employed and one hundred and thirty hands are employed in the factory which is always full of work, running night and day.

The line of goods now manufactured includes overalls, outing cheviots and flannel shirts, pantaloons, coats, hunting cloths, knee pants, and childrens waist's.