

ployed as a journeyman. By perseverance, industry and economy he was at length enabled to begin business on his own account, in November, 1858, and formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, George Lorenz, opening a brewery on a part of the site which is now occupied by his extensive plant. They were successful in the new enterprise, and the partnership was continued until 1866, when it was dissolved by mutual consent, Mr. Hensler buying out his brother-in-law's interest. He has since carried on operations alone and has met with most gratifying results. In 1891 he admitted his two sons to a partnership and the Joseph Hensler Brewing Company was incorporated with our subject as president, Adolph F. Hensler as vice-president, and Joseph Hensler, Jr., as financial secretary. The plant has been enlarged from time to time to meet the requirements of the constantly increasing trade and now ranks among the largest of the kind in the city.

Mr. Hensler was married November 4, 1858, to Magdalena, widow of David Jacquilliard, and a daughter of George Adam and Margaretta (Burger) Reis. They now have two children: Joseph, who married Amelia Rohrig, daughter of Charles Rohrig, and has one son, George Arthur; and Adolph F., who married Josephine Ender-son, daughter of James Enderson. Their children are Richard and Robert, pupils in the high school of Newark; Edward, Gilbert and Belle. By her first marriage Mrs. Hensler had two children: Sophia, wife of Jacob Kaiser, of Newark, by whom she has seven children,—Jacob, Andrew, John, Nicholas, Martin, Elizabeth and Annie; and Lena, wife of John Fauwald, by whom she has one son, George.

Mr. Hensler is a member in good stand-

ing in Schiller Lodge, No. 66, A. F. & A. M., of Newark; in politics is a Democrat, and in religious faith is a Roman Catholic.

THE TAYLOR FAMILY.

Every man who induces another to settle in the Oranges adds just that much to the wealth of the whole community. When it is considered that the combined efforts of Abraham C. and Ira M. Taylor—father and son—in this direction extend over a period of more than sixty years, it is safe to say that they have added hundreds of thousands of dollars to the wealth of the Oranges. Both are natives of Essex county and are identified by marriage with some of the oldest families in this vicinity. William Taylor, the American progenitor of this branch of the Taylor family, was the son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Eccles) Taylor, of Randall's Town, near Belfast, Ireland. Jacob was a linen manufacturer, a native of Scotland, the family being all staunch Scotch Presbyterians.

William Taylor, son of Jacob, was a millwright. He came to this country soon after 1800, in company with Deacon John Nichol, one of the pillars of the Brick church, East Orange. William Taylor settled in Bloomfield, where he married Gertrude, daughter of Colonel Thomas Cadmus, of that place, a descendant of one of the old Holland families who settled in east New Jersey. The house in which Colonel Cadmus lived, on Washington street, Bloomfield, was built by his ancestors about 1672. This house is mentioned in the history of Bloomfield as Washington's headquarters.

Abraham Cadmus Taylor, son of Will-

iam and Gertrude (Cadmus) Taylor, was born in Bloomfield, New Jersey, March 9, 1812, and died in East Orange, December 17, 1883. He lived with his uncle, Abraham Cadmus, from an early age until the latter's death, and inherited most of his property. His grandfather, Colonel Thomas Cadmus, served with distinction in the war of the Revolution and enjoyed the personal friendship of General Washington, who presented him with a sword, the broken parts of which are still in the family. At the age of eighteen years Abraham C. Taylor came to Orange, where he spent the remainder of his life. He kept a country store for some years and subsequently established a large clothing business in Mobile, Alabama, under the firm name of Taylor & Dickinson. Mr. Taylor remained north, attending to the buying, manufacturing, etc., while his partner attended to the southern branch of the business. He discontinued the business just before the panic of 1857 and thereby escaped financial disaster.

Mr. Taylor was among the first of the old residents to appreciate the possibilities of Orange as a place of suburban residence, and, with wise forethought, he purchased large tracts of land in Orange and Montclair. His first home property was located on Main, Baldwin and Harrison streets. He afterward purchased several acres on Washington street and built for himself a new house, in which he lived and died. He divided this property into building lots, and opened William street through the property, from Prospect to Washington streets, and made other necessary improvements. Among other properties he developed the Uzal Dodd tract at Doddtown; he also opened New street to Orange. He did not

wait for others to develop their property in order that he might reap the benefit, but with a worthy public spirit he spent his money freely in improving all his property, while many of his neighbors profited thereby. He was a whole-souled, enterprising business man, with large ideas which he was capable of carrying out. He was a leader in politics, although, with a single exception, he invariably declined to accept office. He worked earnestly for his friends, and whoever was fortunate enough to secure his influence was almost certain of an election. He managed all his own affairs with consummate ability, exercising wisdom and forethought in all his transactions. Though not a member of any church he led an exemplary life, and in all his intercourse with his fellow men endeavored to conform to the Golden Rule. He had large business interests and was connected with various organizations. He was a director in the Orange Savings Bank, and in the Essex County Mutual Insurance Company.

Mr. Taylor married Elizabeth Simmons Condit, daughter of Samuel Wheeler and Sarah (Brundage) Condit, residents of what is now West Orange. Samuel Wheeler Condit was the son of Joel and Sarah (Wheeler) Condit. Joel served in the war of the Revolution. He was the son of Daniel, son of Samuel, the Newark ancestor of the family. The children of Abraham Cadmus Taylor and his wife, Elizabeth, were: Mary C.; Harriet, who married Samuel G. Van Auken; William A., born November 17, 1840, and died January 9, 1856; Elizabeth, who married Marcus A. Gould, and is a practicing physician of the new school; Gertrude, who resides in Washington, D. C.; Ira M.; Samuel M., and Caroline died in infancy.

Ira M. Taylor, sixth child of Abraham Cadmus and Elizabeth (Condit) Taylor, was born in Orange, or what is now East Orange, October 31, 1846. He was sent to the best private schools in Orange, among these being the well known institution of Mr. Adams. Mr. Taylor's first business experience was in New York city, where he was first engaged in mercantile affairs and afterward in the manufacturing business. He was for some time connected with the Paragon Manufacturing Company, which made the first paragon umbrella frames in this country. After his father's death Mr. Taylor returned to East Orange to assume charge of the estate, which for a time required his undivided attention. In the settlement of his father's affairs he was gradually drawn into the real-estate business and began operations for himself and others. His pleasing and courteous manners drew people to him, and without any special effort on his part business increased. Strangers, as well as his personal friends, found that they could always rely on his representations, that he had no personal ends to serve. His aim has been to please the buyer as well as the owner of the property, and he has never failed to state the true conditions as to health, drainage, etc., even though it might be to the detriment of the owner and at a personal sacrifice of his own interests. His methods, which were actuated by a conscientious regard for the public welfare and for the good of his patrons, have yielded their legitimate fruits, and a large number of the most desirable class of business men have been induced to settle in the Oranges and build for themselves fine residences. These in turn have induced others to locate here, who invariably commend Mr. Taylor

as the best man to conduct negotiations. The fact of his individual success and prosperity is the best evidence of what he has accomplished in the development of the Oranges, and through his efforts hundreds of thousands of dollars have been added to the wealth of his native town, and without any pretense or assumption on his part he has proved one of the greatest of public benefactors. His conscientious regard for the truth, his honesty and perfectly fair dealings with all, have won him the confidence and support of both buyers and sellers of property.

It was Mr. Taylor's reputation for honorable dealing, as well as his good judgment and strict impartiality, that led the projectors of the New Orange Industrial Association to make him their representative and manager for this district for the greatest real-estate enterprise ever attempted in this country, viz., the purchase and immediate development of nineteen hundred acres of land lying between Millburn and Roselle and the immediate outlay of millions of dollars for improvements, etc. Mr. Taylor was one of the commissioners appointed to widen and straighten Second river in that part of the Doddtown district formerly known as Rattlesnake Plains. He organized and is secretary of the Penn Bluff Brick and Tile Company, an enterprising and successful corporation. He served on a commission for opening new streets in East Orange. Mr. Taylor is thoroughly domestic in his tastes and habits and has no interest whatever in club life. He is a member of Brick church and was formerly secretary and treasurer of the Sunday-school.

Mr. Taylor married Kate N. Seymour, of New York city, and they have one child, Catharine.