



In 1889 Henry Grau founded the Buffalo Brewing Company. A brewer from Buffalo, New York, he decided to use the name here in Sacramento. He built a large brewery building facing 21st Street between Q and R Streets. At the time it was said to have been the largest brewery west of the Mississippi. He started production in 1890 and reached a capacity of 420 barrels per brew. Photo c. 1900.

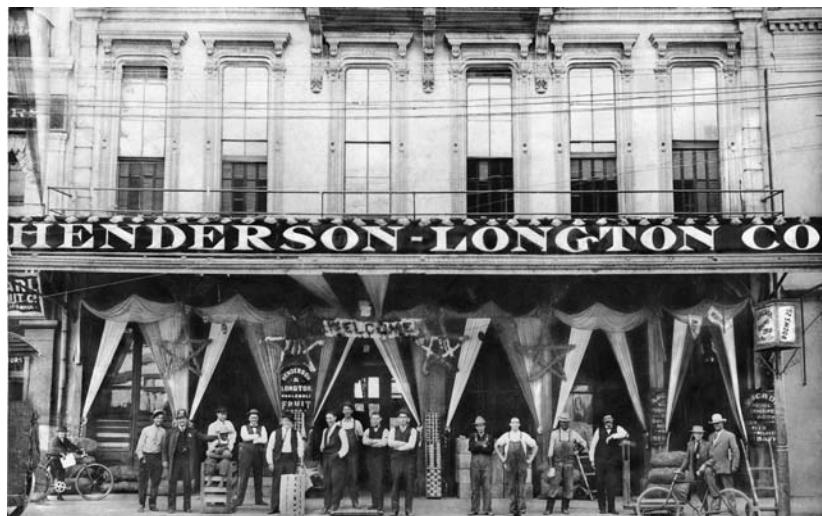
Chapter 9: Manufacturers of Sacramento

Sacramento being the geographical and railroad center of the State, its advantages and importance as a location for manufacturing enterprises and home industries were soon acknowledged, and are gradually increasing; on the advent of the railroads some industries suffered, while others received an impetus which is carrying them onward and upward. A condensed sketch of the inception, rise, progress and present condition of Sacramento's principal manufactures is here given.

ARTIFICIAL LIMBS — Dr. G. A. Stephenson's establishment, on the north side of K street, between Fifth and Sixth, is the only institution in the State which manufactures artificial limbs, trusses; and all kinds of orthopedic and surgical appliances. Dr. Stephenson himself manufactures the appliances, and

November 9, 1870, a shooting affray took place at the corner of Second and K streets, between John and Matt Greer on one side and William Dresser on the other. Dresser was instantly killed and Matt Greer mortally wounded.





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To-day we have made \$20 each. One of the conclusions at which we are rapidly arriving is, that the

chances of our making a fortune in the gold mines are about the same as those in favor of our drawing a prize in a lottery.

Daniel B. Woods,
July 9th, 1849

has orders from all parts of California and the State of Nevada. He is doing an excellent business in this city, a fact which he attributes to Sacramento's central geographical location. Established here, in 1876, he has done \$2,000 per annum.

ARTIFICIAL STONE — G. Meller & Sons' Artificial Stone and Cement Sewer-Pipe Factory, at the northeast corner of Q and Tenth streets, was established in 1876. It is doing a fine business, and the firm has orders a month ahead. Meller & Sons have just finished nearly 1,700 feet of pipe for the "Drainage Canal," and 100 feet for Burns' Slough, near the intersection of P and Twentieth streets. They also manufacture the Cement Flue; for which there is a great demand. They employ ten men the year through, and do an average annual business of \$10,000.

The artificial stone factory of L. T. Smith is on the west side of Fifteenth street, between C and D. It was established in 1876. In it are made sewer-pipe, fencing, caps and sills for doors and windows, burial caskets and coping for cemeteries, slabs for sidewalks, &c.

ARTIFICIAL INCUBATION — This is a new enterprise, inaugurated in the latter part of 1879, by Lewis Duck & Co., of the Quincy Market, 420 K street. The grounds are situated near the eastern line of the city, on the upper Stockton road, and are under the management of George W. Fitch. The area of the grounds is about five acres; commodious buildings have been erected, and the enterprise appears to be successful. It is claimed, that by the artificial process of hatching employed

by this establishment, seventy-five per cent of the eggs set are hatched and brought to a marketable age. The incubators used are Oxford's National Incubator patent.

BREWERIES — In the City of Sacramento there are now six lager beer breweries. In 1878 the eight breweries in Sacramento county made, in the aggregate, 530,200 gallons of beer, and in 1879, 560,000 gallons. In 1849 a German named Peter Kadell established the Sacramento Brewery, and in 1850 commenced brewing. In 1853 this brewery was rented by Philip Scheid, who purchased it in 1854, and who now owns it. In 1850 Zins & Weiser built a brewery near the corner of J and Twenty-ninth streets. In 1853 Louis Neseberg, now residing at Brighton, turned a bar-room, which stood at the southeast corner of M and Twenty-eighth streets, into the Phoenix Brewery, having a distillery attachment. The floods of 1861-2 carried away the greater portion of the buildings and filled the cellars with sediment even with the ground. In 1853 Philip Yager, long since deceased, established a brewery in Sam Brannan's old adobe store on K street, between Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth. This brewery was not dignified with any particular name; but it soon passed away, and Yager next erected the Franklin, afterwards the Tiger Brewery, at the corner of K and Thirty-first streets the western part of it is being used as a boardinghouse.

The Sacramento breweries are doing a profitable business, each manufacturing its own malt.

Inside the Buffalo Brewing Company.



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March 22, 1862, in
a street fight, on the
corner of Front and K
streets, Ed. Lloyd was killed
and George Lloyd wounded.

