

**JULIUS FECHT CIGARS.** Ottumwa was a center of cigar manufacturing, with half a dozen importers and processors of tobacco products. In addition to making cigars, Julius Fecht grew tobacco in Cuba. The Fecht factory was said to be the largest in the state, located in a five-story warehouse just west of downtown. This card was sent by a salesman to notify his clients of an upcoming sales call in 1907. (David Longdo collection.)

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OTTUMWA, IOWA

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Julius Fecht's Little Wild Rose  
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Julius Fecht's Clearhavana Cigars

224 S Market Ottumwa, Iowa

porch pillars, chimney caps, and kindred things. The plant has been in operation for eight years and extends its energies toward the building of houses in connection with its block work.

Ottumwa has long been a manufacturing center for cigars, which is one of the oldest lines of industrial endeavor in this locality. It would be a difficult task to mention the many different firms who have engaged in making cigars in Ottumwa, but Julius Fecht may be classed as the leader and pioneer, beginning the business here in 1884. He is an importer of foreign and native tobaccos and has long operated a large factory on South Jefferson Street.

Another cigar manufacturing firm is that of the Pallister Brothers, Thomas A. and William H., who began making cigars many years ago. The factory is one of the largest in this section of the state and is located on Market Street, a short distance above Second, where about fifty persons of both sexes are employed.

The Union Cigar Company, of which F. H. Ehrmann, a veteran cigar maker, is the head, has been in operation for the past several years in its factory on East Second Street. P. D. Queeney and A. P. Canny have for years been engaged in the industry.

Mention should also be made of the firms of F. J. Graves & Son, the senior member having been in the business here over thirty years; McKaig & Potter; Stentz & Bohe—R. L. Stentz and J. T. Bohe; and McKee & Potter, the largest cigar manufacturers in the city.

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**ATCHISON.**  
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Porter, Mrs. A. B.  
Seitz, Julius  
Stern, O.

was reached, and people came from many miles, awaiting their turn to use this hand mill.

William B. Wycoff was about five years old when he came to Jefferson county, Iowa, in 1846, and in 1853 he located in Wapello county, about four miles north of Ottumwa. He followed farming for some years, and now owns a farm one mile north of Ottumwa, where he resided much of the time, although his home

**E**MIL FECHT, who has been located in Ottumwa, Iowa, since April, 1892, is the well-known proprietor of the extensive manufacturing establishment of the Wapello Cigar Company.

Mr. Fecht was born in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan in 1853, and received his education in the German-American Seminary

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of Detroit. He learned the tobacco business with John J. Bagley & Company, of Detroit, Michigan, obtaining a complete understanding of its details. He moved to Ottumwa, Wapello county, Iowa, to associate in the manufacture of cigars with his brother, Julius Fecht, and the partnership continued until 1895. He then organized the Wapello Cigar Company and located at No. 106 East Main street, where the concern occupies two stories and a basement. Under capable management the business has increased wonderfully, and the capacity for 1901 is about 1,000,000 cigars. Mr. Fecht is an advocate of consistent and systematic advertising, and his business has in-

creased about 30 per cent in 1901, without an additional outlay of money. The basement of the building is used for storage of raw materials, about 60 cases of leaf tobacco being kept on hand. On the first floor, 60 by 26 feet in dimensions, are the shipping room and office. The second floor, 80 by 26 feet in dimensions, is where the cigars are manufactured. About 24 men are employed in the work altogether, under the superintendence of Frank Lewis. They produce many grades of cigars, the leading brands being "Gold Seal," "Twist Head" and "Little Yara," in the five-cent goods, and "Corona del Rey," in ten-cent goods. The Wapello Cigar Company is also the heaviest pipe jobber in the state of Iowa. Three men represent the house on the road, the territory being divided into north and south halves of Iowa and the north half of Missouri.

Mr. Fecht is married and has two children: Alfred E., who is in business with his father;

and Mrs. C. A. Braun, whose husband is a jeweler in Ottumwa. In politics Mr. Fecht is a Republican, and, especially, a protectionist. He has always taken an earnest interest in party affairs, and in Michigan took the stump in behalf of the party. At Ottumwa he has always favored municipal ownership of the water works, and is deeply interested in securing a public park, the lack of which is one of the most prominent deficiencies of the city. The fine natural waterway afforded by the Des Moines River offers some excellent sites for a public park, and Mr. Fecht is putting forth his best efforts to have a park established west of the city and within easy access. Fraternally

he is a member of the B. P. O. E.; Knights of the Maccabees; and Court of Honor. He is also a member of Lodge No. 69, A. F. & A. M., of Ottumwa.

**D**AVID COBLER, a prosperous farmer of Highland township, Wapello county, Iowa, whose portrait is shown on the opposite page, is living in section 20, range 13. He was born in Tippecanoe county, Indiana, October 28, 1837, and is a son of Lewis and grandson of David Cobler.

Lewis Cobler was a son of David and Nancy (Travis) Cobler, and was born in Adams county, Ohio, in 1810. His parents were natives of Pennsylvania and Maryland. In 1828 Lewis Cobler went to Indiana, where he located on a farm on the Wabash River, near Lafayette, and remained there about

