

not count among themselves money princes like New York and Philadelphia. They carry on extensive business establishments and enjoy by the solidity of their transactions and their indefatigable energy, a high reputation among the natives. It is proper to state here that the Israelite portion of this class form not only a large fraction of it in numbers, but they are esteemed for keenness, business tact and wealth.

INDUSTRY.

Of all channels of industry there is none, which is not embarked upon more or less by German enterprise and some are nearly monopolized by them. Such are the fabrication of pianos, of smoking tobacco and cigars, of watches, &c. The manufacture of pianos occupies here five German establishments, one of which, that of W. Knabe & Co., is among the very largest and most renowned in this country. Its buildings four stories high, cover an area of 100,000 feet, with large work shops, which constantly contain 600 instruments in process of completion. This firm always employs over 200 German workmen, whose wages alone amount to \$250,000 per year, in which space of time they produce about 1,500 pianos. The fabrication of smoking tobacco engross, is divided among three German establishments, of which the firm of Gail & Ax., by far the largest house in this line in the United States, of course produces the lions share. To convey an idea of the extension of this establishment it is enough to state that an engine of 60 horse power, propels the presses, cutting and other machines, and produces combined with the handicraft of the workmen, fabulous amounts of smoking tobacco every day, which is best manifested in stating that the taxes alone of this establishment amounted in but two months of 1864, to over \$44,000. The next branch of German industry distinguished by large establishments is the manufacture of the favorite Teutonic beverage, lager beer. We can record 15 breweries in this city, some of which are equal in extent to the largest in this country. To speak of other branches of German industry, it will be enough to state that there are innumerable cigar makers, plenty of shoemakers, tailors, carpenters, barbers, coopers, jewellers, &c., of German birth, and yet there is room for plenty more of them to supply the demand of the market.

SOCIAL CONDITION AND INTERCOURSE.

As to the condition of the Germans in our city, a few words well express the real state of it. There is very little poverty among them, as their industrious habits soon lead them to a certain degree of prosperity, which not seldom surpasses that which they enjoyed in their native land. Among the commercial and industrial classes much wealth is even found. They are generally inoffensive, peaceable citizens and al-