

plaids, as mostly servants are clothed with them; in my opinion more is sold of other hand loom fabrics than the Penitentiary's, they being lower priced. I sold more of other hand-loom plaids and stripes than the Penitentiary's.

"55. I have formerly, but at the present time do not sell much of either for the reasons above. Penitentiary goods rise and fall. I have bought plaids and stripes of the same quality at 11½ cts. and 17 cts. at different times.

"56. I do not think that the fabrics of the Penitentiary come into injurious competition with the hand loom weavers; both fabrics have been wanted and used to suit the various climate of our country and prejudices of the people; having both affords a variety and gives a better assortment to induce merchants to purchase in our city." (Testimony, p. 246.)

7. Daniel Cobb (a commission merchant for the sale of manufactured goods) replies to interrogatories 45, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 58, 59 and 60.

"In answer to the 45th query, viz: "In what manner do the manufactures of the Penitentiary conflict with the private manufactures of this city?"

"I cannot think that, during a full and prosperous business, they do conflict with them; for, by extending the assortment in the domestic houses, greater inducements are offered to the country dealers to make their selections in this market; and such has been the demand for a number of years past, that all the goods in the market have been taken up generally at fair rates, conformably to the quality.

"48. The amount of sales of domestic cotton and woollen goods in this city, for the last five years, I think, would average at least six millions of dollars per annum.

"49. The manufactures of power-looms have nearly displaced those of hand looms, in consequence of a person being able to weave four to five times as much in the same time by the former as can possibly be done by a hand-loom. Also the use of printing machines has had a great effect.

"50. Although there has been a great increase in the trade of the city in the last five years, I do not think the amount of hand loom goods has increased.

"51. The Penitentiary goods have been in good demand, and generally sold promptly. Sometimes the demand exceeded the amount of supply.

"52. I think the prices of Penitentiary goods have been quite as uniform as those of any other description of goods, and more so than of most kinds.

"53. Very few hand loom goods have been received from other cities during the last five years.

"54. Penitentiary cotton goods generally bring 10 to 20 per cent. more than most other hand-loom fabrics of similar style. There is