

OUR GREATEST INDUSTRY.

The chief products of the territory that is made directly tributary to Kansas City by its matchless system of seventeen great railroads, are wheat, corn, oats, flax, cattle, hogs, sheep, horses and mules. While the grain interests reached and controlled by the Kansas City market are large, rapidly growing and destined to become of enormous proportions, the live stock interest is at present by far the greatest. Coupled with the importance of the market which brings here the products of the pastures and ranges of Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Indian Territory and Texas, is the enormous industry by which 9,000 cattle, 40,000 hogs and 4,000 sheep can be converted into food products daily.

Natural advantages were the primary inducements that determined the Missouri river as the marketing base for the greatest live stock trade of any single locality in the world. The great system of railroads centering at Kansas City determined this as the particular point for that market. Already it stands second in the world with no rival, and year by year it is pushing on with resistless certainty to the first place. It is not necessary to tell the intelligent reader who has taken the trouble to consider the matter why this can be stated as a fact. But it is a fact, and it is because the territory in hand comprises the greatest pastures in the world on which stock can be raised and afterwards fed for the market. This industry cannot be removed from the greatest cornfield of the world.

The live stock product of the states named above has not largely increased in the few years past, but Kansas City's market has grown with astonishing rapidity. It has grown because it has been found to be of material benefit to the large concerns engaged in the packing industry to buy as near the source of supply as practicable and to do as little shipping on the hoof as possible. They have, therefore, multiplied their facilities

for the manufacture of the many products of the trade, and thus made preparation to curtail through shipments to other localities. The live stock and packing concerns have employed the pen and the camera to illustrate some of these facts in a handsomely printed pamphlet, which can not fail to interest and instruct those who are in any way concerned in the great industry.