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The Merrill Glove, Mitten & Tanning Company began in 1900 as a private concern under the ownership of Robert Kurtz. It was so operated until March 1, 1922, when it was incorporated under the Wisconsin laws with \$15,000 capitalization of which \$9,000 was paid up stock. Under this organization Mr. Kurtz is president, his wife vice president, and his daughter secretary and treasurer.

The plant operates along the lines indicated in the title of the company, tanning some shoe leather in addition to that used in the manufacture of gloves and mittens.

The tannery has a capacity of 40 sides per day and employs three men and three women. Heavy gloves and mittens for working and driving are manufactured almost exclusively and are sold to jobbers and, to a small extent, to retailers. The glove factory is equipped with a cutting machine and eight electrically driven sewing machines. It employs three girls and has a capacity of 160 pairs per nine-hour day.