

Remember those pictures showing what the well dressed autoist (male) used to wear—the linen duster, trick cap and leather gauntlets—in the days when little boys yelled "Why don't you get a horse?"

Those leather gauntlets were made by the Hansen Glove Corporation in Milwaukee, whose first plant had been established there in 1871. The company still uses leather in making dress gloves at its Ironwood, Michigan, factory.

The three other plants of the company are located in Merrill, Clintonville and Kiel, Wisconsin, with the main office still in Milwaukee. Operations here started in December 1943.

Three grandsons of the founder operate the company today. They are Edward Gerhardy, president; Walter Bliedung, vice president; and Carlton Bliedung, treasurer.

Today, all types of fabrics, old and new, are used in making the fine dress gloves for men, women and children turned out by the Hansen Glove Corporation.

The Merrill factory, a three story brick structure, employs an average of 100 persons and makes close to a million pairs of gloves in a year. In 1953 the company's 700 workers in the four factories manufactured three million pairs of gloves.

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