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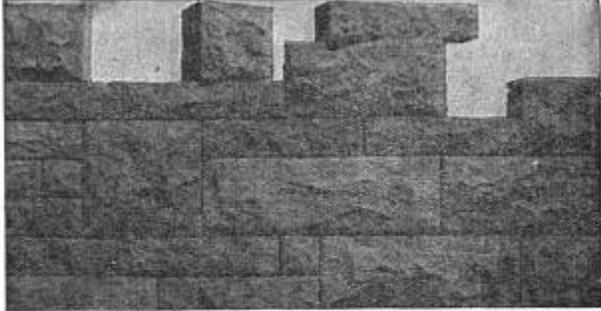
George M. Fiske

of Fiske, Coleman, & Co.

BOSTON FIRE-BRICK WORKS. **The Boston Brick Ashlar.**

FRONT BRICK
BUFF, BROWN, MOTTLED YELLOW,
GRAY, OLD GOLD AND
OTHER COLORS.

**BOSTON
TERRA-COTTA
COMPANY.**
Architectural Terra-cotta
In all its varied colors and forms.



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This new and unique form of Brick or Terra-cotta Work is furnished
in all colors known in clay manufacture, and in great variety
of form and finish, by the following

FISKE, HOMES & CO., Boston, Mass.; New York Office, Times Building
THE NORTHWESTERN TERRA-COTTA CO., Chicago, Illinois.

FISKE, HOMES & CO.,
MANAGERS,
Factories on Federal Street and
at South Boston.
Office, 164 Devonshire St., Boston.
Times Building, Park Row, New York,
927 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

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George Mann Fiske

(1842-)

Born: 1842, Medfield, Massachusetts

Died:

Married: Sarah W. Wilder, daughter of Silas W. & Caroline E. Wilder, 1864

Children: Their children are J. P. B. Fiske, a prominent electrical engineer, and Amy Plympton Fiske

Parents:

Education:

Public schools of Medfield, MA

Work:

1862 Forty-second Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, he served one year under General Banks, in the Department of the Gulf

After the war Farming in Medfield, MA area

1871 James Edmond & Co.

1877 Co-partner of Fiske & Coleman

Honors/Societies:

Commander, Moses Ellis Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Medfield

Member of Charles Ward Post, of Newton

"He has frequently delivered most eloquent Memorial Day addresses to the people in the different towns and cities of the State, and is very popular with the veterans."

Patents:

"...inventor of the Boston brick ashlar, a new and unique form of building material, upon which he has secured several patents"

The following was found at <https://brickfrog.wordpress.com/2011/05/25/boston-fire-brick-company-no-1/> on June 23, 2020.

Bacon, Edwin Monroe. *Boston of To-day: A Glance at Its History and Characteristics*. Compiled by Richard Herndon. Boston, Post Publishing, 1892.

GEORGE MANN FISKE, a son of George Fiske, a prominent citizen of Medfield, Mass., was born in that town in 1842, receiving his education there. In 1862, enlisting in the Forty-second Regiment, Massachusetts

Volunteers, he served one year under General Banks, in the Department of the Gulf. For several years after the close of the war he was engaged in farming at Medfield, and in 1871, coming to Boston, became connected with Messrs. James Edmond & Co., manufacturers of fire brick and importers of sewer pipe, etc. He entered at once into a practical study of the business, and in 1877 the firm of Fiske & Colman was formed. In 1880 Mr. Fiske merged his business with that of the Boston Fire Brick Company, owners of the wharf and factory formerly occupied by Messrs. James Edmond & Co., and, becoming a stockholder and director therein, assumed the management of the whole concern.

The Boston Terra Cotta Company was formed in 1881, the stockholders being practically the same as in the Boston Fire Brick Company, and of that also Mr. Fiske became treasurer and manager. Putting his whole energy into the manufacturing department, he has taken a leading part in the development of clay building material in this country, and has secured several United States and British patents on new and unique forms of brick and terra-cotta work. The two factories, one located on Federal Street, Boston, and the other on K Street, South Boston, employ about two hundred and fifty men, and produce large amounts of architectural terra-cotta and specialties in building brick.

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Massachusetts of To-day: A Memoir of the State (...issued for the Chicago World's Fair 1892)

GEORGE M. FISKE.

Mr. Fiske is also a pioneer in the successful production of constructive faience for interior and exterior work. This department was entered upon in 1890, and among the notable pieces of work already executed may be mentioned the corridor of "The Charlesgate," on Beacon Street, Boston, and the waiting-room in the Philadelphia & Reading terminal station in Philadelphia. The firm of Messrs. Fiske, Homes & Co. have prepared a fine exhibit for the World's Fair, which will show to what a degree of perfection their productions have been brought. Mr. Fiske is widely known and recognized as a leader and authority in his line of business, and his success is due to his thorough mastery of all the details of his calling, his broad, progressive ideas and his fertility in anticipating the public requirements.

Amid his multitudinous cares, Mr. Fiske finds time to take an active part in civil affairs, having served in the city government of Newton, where he owns one of the finest residences of the "Garden City," and in other positions of trust and of honor. He married, in 1864, Sarah W. Wilder,

daughter of Silas W. and Caroline E. Wilder. Their children are J. P. B. Fiske, a prominent electrical engineer, and Amy Plympton Fiske. Mr. Fiske is past commander of Moses Ellis Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Medfield, and a prominent member of Charles Ward Post, of Newton. He has frequently delivered most eloquent Memorial Day addresses to the people in the different towns and cities of the State, and is very popular with the veterans.

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The Evolution of Brick and Brickmaking in the United States a Related to Building Construction.

Unpublished manuscript of a book prepared for Theodore Randall, editor of the Clayworker.