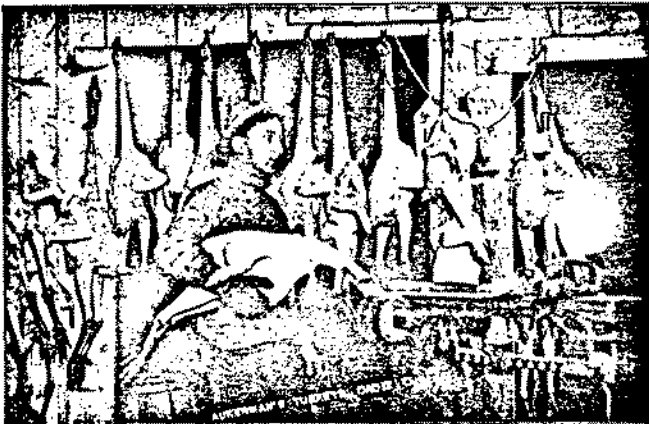


The Village Blacksmith

S. B. McCONNELL

This gentleman enjoys the distinction of being the oldest smith in Cadiz. He was born here in 1839, worked at painting and chairmaking till 20 years of age, then learned the blacksmith trade with his brother, and on the very spot where his shop on Ohio street now stands and where Mr. McConnell has plied his vocation for 50 years and has used the same anvil block, which is said to have been there nearly a century. In '64 he enlisted in Company K, 170th O. V. I., and served in the Shenandoah alley. Was mustered out the same

year and returned to his forge. He married Mary Jarvis in 1868. Six children, five boys and one girl bless the union. Two of the sons are now with him in the shop. Mr. McConnell has been shoeing horses for 50 years and was never kicked or injured. At 70 he is still at work. The "Village Blacksmith" shown in the picture is his grandson, Charles, six years old, and a handy farrier already.



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