Glimpses

of and about BIRMINGHAM

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The men who build steel prod-

ucts from the ore of the earth, as

they parade the scenic beauties of

the country, are often overlooked

by the public. Yet these men are

just as proud of their homes as any

citizen of the community.

The homes of these steel workers

are as varied as the homes of any

other town. Some are modern and

conveniently located, while others

are modest and rural. But all of

them are a reflection of the Ameri-

can spirit of progress.

Just previous to the writing of

these lines, a committee of the

Steel Workers' Union in Birming-

ham, consisting of 10 members, was

sent to the Southwestern states to

study the conditions of steel work-

ers in those areas. They reported

back to the local union that the

conditions prevailing in the South

were quite similar to those in

Birmingham.

In many cities, steel workers live

in small sections of the town, and

they often form their own clubs and

societies. This is true in Birming-

ham as well, where the steel work-

ers have their own social clubs and

organization.

Steelmaking is a dirty business,

and it is not easy to strike the

right balance between the two. But

the steel workers of Birmingham

are determined to improve the con-

ditions of their homes and make

their city a better place to live in.

The men who build steel prod-

ucts are proud of their homes, and

they are working hard to make

Birmingham a better place to live.

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