

and Kilbourn, of nearly equal height and size! The first from Montreal, the second from Virginia, the third from Connecticut. The domains of the first lay north and east of the Milwaukee River; that of the second south of the Milwaukee and Menomonee rivers, that of the third north of the Menomonee and west of the Milwaukee—three grand divisions. Upon one point these men were agreed, and only one, and that was that neither of the others were to have a town on their lands. The Virginian said, behold the country at my rear, and the harbor at hand; certainly the town must be here. The Connecticut man said this river has two sides, and it's a meandered stream, and under the laws of Congress you cannot bridge it. The country is also behind me, and such a country! See the fine bluffs for residences, and the convenient valley for business, and the long line of docks along West Water street for shipping and other commercial purposes. Mr. Juneau said, all very good, gentlemen, but the people come and buy lots of me, and I sell them. Now, as I said, in the early days the two sides of the river were well-defined and there was no way of crossing them except by a ferry at Walker's Point, and one at Spring street. Those who had come and bought the Frenchman's lots at length insisted upon a bridge, and the Chestnut Street Bridge was built somewhere about the year 1839. This led to a long contention in the courts. How it ever came out I never knew, only that the bridge continued to stand until it fell over by its own weight. The County repaired it again, and gave to Mr. Jas. H. Rogers the broad sides of the clumsy superstructure which had fallen down. These sides were made of heavy pine plank, into a kind of lattice work. Mr. Rogers, in the summer of 1842, moved them down to Spring street, and made of them a kind of float bridge which was used for a while to cross upon by teams as well as footmen. It was so light that if a team did not move pretty lively it would sink. Several immersions were gained by this process. A freshet in the fall carried away the concern. In the