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**Fred R. Patch**

**This issue concerns the life of Fred R. Patch, his personal recollections, and the founding of the Patch-Wegner Company as documented by Elaine Purdy.**

**During his early years at the local mills, Patch developed an interest in the marble business which ultimately led him to innovate and invent new processes. As a result he became superintendent, chief engineer and eventually the head of the largest marble machine tool factory in the country.**

**His contributions to the community were many. He was an architect, builder, civic leader and historian. Illustrating the article are photographs of gang saws, the method of moving marble and a view of an early marble mill. In addition there is an illustration of the Proctor Union Church whose architecture was designed by F.R. Patch in 1890.**