

DESCRIPTION.

Philadelphia, (City of Brotherly Love) the largest city in area in the United States, and second only to London in the world, was settled and laid out by William Penn in 1682. The original city was two miles long and one mile wide; the Delaware and Schuylkill Rivers being the Eastern and Western boundary lines. The streets, nine running East and West, and twenty-one North and South, crossing at right angles, which plan is still adhered to.

Philadelphia now covers an area of more than 129 square miles, 23 miles in length, and averaging $5\frac{1}{2}$ in width; with a population of over 800,000, living in 135,000 dwellings, thereby gaining the title of "City of Homes." It has 1,000 miles of streets and roads, beneath which run over 600 miles of gas main, and about the same of water pipe. The streets are crossed and re-crossed by over 250 miles of Street Railways, rendering the most distant point accessible these railways have in use some 2,000 cars.

The Public School system is the best in the country, numbering 467 schools, 108,631 pupils, with 1,991 teachers. It stands pre-eminent in Manufactories among the Cities of the Union, and here again rivals the great London. At intervals throughout the city, are Squares, set apart and planted with trees, shrubs and