

Memphis, the chief city of Tennessee, stands on the fourth Chickasaw Bluff, its wide esplanade overlooking the Mississippi river. The streets are broad and regular and lined with handsome buildings. It has ten converging railways, fourteen steamboat lines, and extensive cottonseed-oil mills. It is the most important point between St. Louis and New Orleans, and in spite of past pestilence and municipal bankruptcy, has developed into a great city. The great river that laps against its sandstone levee is very deep and free from ice. The costly railroad bridge built here across the Mississippi gives Memphis a vast southwestern trade.