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PULLMAN, #COMPANYTOWN

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* 1880-1904
* USA
* Manufactured railway cars
* After a worker’s strike demanding that the company take the wellbeing of the employees into consideration, Pullman built a company town in order to attract superior employees and elevate employees through the exclusion of baneful influences.
* 4,000 acres, 14 mi from Chicago, 8,600 inhabitants
* Construction of the town strove to minimize costs and maximize construction efficiency by adopting mass production techniques
* Included a library, theatre, hotel, church, market, sewage farm, park, and residential buildings.
* Town agent was in charge of street and building maintenance, gas and water works, fire protection, also oversaw hotel, sewage farm, nursery, and greenhouse.
* Media praised the town as the “youngest and most perfect city in the world”
* 1893, Pullman closed part of his manufacturing, laying people off, reducing wages while cost of living remained the same, caused a strike: The Pullman Strike. 30 people died.
* 1904, court order mandated that the company town be sold.

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