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H. A. BOYNTON, one of Atlanta's wholesale grocers, is a native of Lumpkin, Stewart Co., Ga. He was born Oct. 12, 1842, and resided in that city until thirty-three years of age, when he came to Atlanta, where he has since lived. His early education in the schools of Stewart county, and attended these until 1858, and then accepted a position as clerk in a retail
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store. During May, 1862, he entered the Confederate service, enlisting in Company K of the Third Georgia cavalry as a private, but in 1863 was appointed sergeant-major of the regiment and occupied this office throughout the war, frequently acting in the capacity of adjutant. Mr. Boynton fought bravely in the following battles: Munfordville, Ky.; the skirmishes around Murfreesboro and Chattanooga, Chickamauga, the campaign of East Tennessee with Gen. Longstreet, Knoxville and Dandridge; the engagements in Virginia; then back into Georgia, at Dalton; Resaca, Rocky Fall, Calhoun, Kennesaw Mountain, Atlanta, and then followed Sherman in his memorable march to the sea, fighting at Griswoldville and Waynesboro, Ga. After his first battle Mr. Boynton was taken prisoner and held in confinement for thirty days. This was the greatest mishap that befell him during the four years' conflict. With the surrender of the Confederates and the cessation of hostilities, he returned to his home in Lumpkin and entered the general merchandise business, which he conducted until 1875, and then moved to Atlanta, where he established a large wholesale grocery house, of which he is still owner and manager. Shortly after his locating in Atlanta he married Miss Louise, daughter of the late Lucius Mansfield of Lumpkin, Ga. In 1888 Mr. Boynton was elected to the city council of Atlanta from the second ward and held this office with credit for two years. In the same year he was honored with the appointment by the county commissioners of tax collector of Fulton county, to fill an unexpired term of six or eight months. Mr. Boynton's father and mother were natives, respectively, of New Hampshire and Virginia. The former was Hollis Boynton, a gallant soldier in the war of 1836, and died in 1847. The latter was Clara M. Rawson. To this tie were given four children: William W., lieutenant of Company K, Second Georgia infantry, who was killed at Sharpsburg; Charles E., a lieutenant in Company E of the Third Georgia cavalry, who survived the war and died in 1890; George H., of Atlanta, and I. M. Boynton, the subject of this sketch. Mr. Boynton is a member of Trinity Methodist church of Atlanta. He is a broad-minded, experienced business man, and stands at the head of one of the oldest and most reliable grocery houses in the city.