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CHARTER

OF HOME ICE AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, PARISH OF ORLEANS, CITY OF NEW ORLEANS.

Be it known, that on this, the seventh day of February, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and eleven, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and thirty-fifth, before me, Alexis Brian, a Notary Public, duly commissioned and qualified in and for the City, Parish and State aforesaid, and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter named and undersigned, personally came and appeared the several parties whose names are hereunto subscribed, who severally declared that, availing themselves of the provisions of the laws of this state relative to the organization of corporations, they have covenanted and agreed, and do, by these presents, covenant, agree and bind themselves, and those who may become hereafter associated with them, to form themselves into a corporation for the objects and purposes with the name and under the stipulations following, to-wit:

ARTICLE I.

The name and style of this corporation shall be "HOME ICE AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY," and by said corporate name it shall have and enjoy succession for a period of ninety-nine years, unless sooner dissolved, and shall have all the rights, privileges and immunities granted by law to corporations, and under said corporate name it shall have power and authority to contract, sue and be sued, to make and use a corporate seal, to hold, receive, purchase, convey, hypothecate, lease, mortgage or pledge property, either real or personal, rights, credits, stocks and bonds, to issue bonds, notes and other evidences of debt, to endorse notes, to have and employ such managers, directors, officers, agents and other employees as the interest and convenience of the corporation may require, and to make rules and regulations for its corporate management and control.

ARTICLE II.

The domicile of this corporation shall be in the City of New Orleans, State of Louisiana, and all citations and other legal process shall be served upon the president, or in case of his absence or inability to act, upon the secretary-treasurer.

ARTICLE III.

The objects and purposes for which this corporation is organized are hereby declared to be to engage in the manufacture of ice and in the storage and sale by wholesale or retail of ice, coal and wood; to preserve in cold storage and to buy, sell, store, import and export, fruit, fish, oysters, wines, liquors, beer, carbonated drinks and ice cream, and to generally deal in all kinds of food products, whether animal or vegetable, or of a perishable nature or otherwise; to construct, purchase, lease or otherwise acquire, and maintain and operate waterworks for the purpose of supplying manufactories, corporations and individuals with water and water power for domestic, fire, or business use; to develop, control and generally deal in and dispose of, to individuals or corporations, electrical and other power, and to generate, distribute and supply electricity for light and heat and for any other uses and purposes to which the same is adapted; and to erect, build, purchase, lease or otherwise acquire and operate and maintain stores, buildings, warehouses, depots, wharves, power houses, plants, water works, water mains and pipes and necessary dams, machinery, fixtures and apparatus of every sort for the carrying on of any of the aforesaid lines of business.

ARTICLE IV.

The capital stock of this corporation is hereby declared to be the sum of twenty-four thousand ($24,000.00) dollars, divided into two hundred and forty (240) shares of the par value of one hundred dollars ($100) each. Said stock shall be issued only for cash, or in payment for land or other property actually purchased and conveyed to said corporation, or for labor done or services rendered. No transfer of the capital stock shall be binding upon the corporation unless recorded on the books thereof and made in accordance with tis charter and by-laws. Said capital stock shall be full paid at the time of its issuance and non-assessable and the capital stock may be decreased or increased, in the manner provided by the laws of this state. This corporation shall commence doing business when three thousand ($3,000.00) dollars of the stock shall have been subscribed for.

ARTICLE V.

All the corporate powers of this corporation shall be vested in and be exercised by a Board of two directors, and the presence and concurrence of both shall be necessary for the transaction of any and all business.

The first officers of this corporation shall be Erwin E. Hanmer, President; Clifford T. Hitcalngs, Vice-President, and Sol. J. Drapekin, Secretary-Treasurer, and the first board of directors shall consist of the said Erwin E. Hanmer and Sol. J. Drapekin. Said officers and directors shall hold office until the first Tuesday in February, 1912, or until their successors are duly elected and installed. On the first Tuesday in February, 1912, and annually thereafter, a meeting of the stockholders shall be held for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year. Said election shall be by ballot, at the domicile of the corporation, and the stockholders receiving a three-fourths majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected. Each share of stock shall be entitled to one vote. The directors, when so elected, shall elect from their number a President and a Secretary-Treasurer. They shall have power to appoint such other officers, agents and employees as may be necessary and proper for the proper conduct of the business of the corporation. In case of vacancy on the Board of Directors or among the officers, from death, resignation, removal or any other cause, the vacancy shall be filled at a special meeting of stockholders called for that purpose. The Board of Directors shall have power to enact such by-laws rules and regulations as may be necessary and proper.

ARTICLE VI.

Notice of all meetings of stockholders for election of directors or for any other purpose shall be given in writing by the Secretary-Treasurer to be deposited in the mail, at least ten days before such meeting is held, and directed to each stockholder, to his name and address, as the same shall appear upon the books of the corporation, unless said notice is waived in writing by all of the stockholders appearing as such upon the books. At all such meetings, every stockholder, whether present in person or by proxy, shall be entitled to one vote for each share of stock standing in his name on the books of the company, and a three-fourths majority of the votes so cast shall be sufficient to elect or decide all questions voted upon.

ARTICLE VII.

No stockholder shall ever be held liable or responsible for the contracts or faults of this corporation in any further sum than the unpaid balance due to the corporation on the shares of stock owned by him, nor shall any mere informality in organization have the effect of rendering this charter null or of exposing a stockholder to any liability beyond the unpaid balance due upon his stock.

ARTICLE VIII.

No stockholder may sell, assign or transfer his stock in this corporation without giving to the company through its Secretary-Treasurer thirty days prior notice in writing of such intention, and the other stockholders shall have the first privilege of purchasing the said stock at the book value thereof for a period of thirty days from said notice, after which thirty days notice the said stock may be sold in the open market.

ARTICLE IX.

This act of incorporation may be altered, amended or modified, or the corporation dissolved by a vote of three-fourths in amount of the capital stock, represented at a general meeting of the stockholders called for that purpose, after giving notice thereof as provided in Article VI of this act, and, in case of dissolution, at least a majority of the entire stock must be present or represented at such meeting, and the stockholders at such meeting shall elect two liquidating commissioners who shall have entire charge of such liquidation, with authority to sell and dispose of the assets of the corporation, and to fill any vacancy occurring in their number. The subscribers hereto have respectively written opposite their names the amount of stock in this corporation subscribed by each of them, so that this act of incorporation may also serve as the original subscription list of said corporation.

Thus done and passed, in my office, at the City of New Orleans, on the day, in the month and year first hereinabove written, in the presence of Messrs. I. R. Saal and E. L. Szabary, competent witnesses, who have hereunto signed their names, together with said appearers, and me, notary, after a due reading of the whole.

(Original signed):
S. J. DRAPEKIN, 10 shares.
C. T. HITCHINGS, 1 share.
ERWIN E. HANMER 19 shares.
IG. R. SAAL,
E. L. SZABARY.
ALEXIS BRIAN Notary Public.

I the undersigned Recorder of Mortgages, in and for the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, hereby certify that the above and foregoing act of incorporation of the Home Ice and Manufacturing Company was this day duly recorded in my office, in book 1018, folio —.

New Orleans, La., February 8, 1911.
(Signed) EMILE LEONARD, D. R.

I certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the charter of the Home Ice and Manufacturing Company and of the certificate of the Deputy Recorder thereto attached.

New Orleans, Feb. 8, 1911.
ALEXIS BRIAN, Notary Public.
Feb 9 16 23 mch 2 9 1911

CHARTER

OF THE WIDOW JOHN HEFFRON COAL COMPANY.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, PARISH OF ORLEANS.

Be it known, that on this twenty-sixth day of January, nineteen hundred and eleven, before me, J. Zach Spearing, a notary public, for the Parish of Orleans, and City of New Orleans, State of Louisiana, and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter named and undersigned, personally came the several persons whose names are hereunto subscribed, who severally declared that availing themselves of the provisions of the general laws of the State of Louisiana, providing for the organization of corporations, they have covenanted and agreed, and by these presents covenant, agree and bind themselves, as well as all such persons, as may hereafter become associated with them, to form and constitute a corporation and body politic in law, for the objects and purposes, and under the agreements and stipulations following, to-wit:

ARTICLE I.

The name and title of said corporation shall be, "Widow John Heffron Coal Co.," and said corporation shall have power and authority to exist and enjoy succession by its said corporate name for the full period of ninety-nine years from the date hereof; to contract, sue and be sued; to make and use a corporate seal, and the same to break and alter at pleasure; to hold, receive, purchase, lease, and convey, as well as mortgage and hypothecate, and pledge, under its aforesaid corporate name, property both real, personal and mixed, together with any or all such rights, privileges and franchises as said corporation may possess or acquire; to name and appoint such managers, directors and officers, employees and agents as its interests and convenience may require, and to have, possess and acquire all such other rights, powers and privileges, as, by the general laws of Louisiana are, or may be, granted to corporations.

ARTICLE II.

The objects and purposes for which said corporation is established and the nature of the business to be carried on by it are declared to be to engage in the business of buying and selling coal and coke, wood and all kinds of fuel, as principal or on commission; to carry on a general coal and coke and wood business; to carry on the business of drayage of coal and coke and other commodities, and to do any act or thing that may be necessary or proper to promote and further the interests, and to accomplish the objects, and to carry on the business of said corporation.

ARTICLE III.

The domicile of said corporation shall be in the City of New Orleans, Louisiana, and all citations and other legal process shall be served on the president of said corporation, or in his absence upon the vice-president, and in the event of the absence of both, upon the secretary of said corporation.

ARTICLE IV.

The capital stock of said corporation is hereby fixed at the sum of three thousand dollars ($3,000.00) to be divided into thirty (30) shares of the par value of one hundred dollars ($100.00) per share, which said stock shall be full paid and non-assessable. Said stock shall be paid for in cash, or in property, or in work done for, or services rendered to, said corporation, as may be decided by the Board of Directors, and upon such terms, and at such time, and in such manner, as may be fixed by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V.

All the corporate powers of said corporation shall be vested in a Board of Directors composed of three stockholders, to be elected at an annual meeting of the stockholders to be held on the fourth Thursday of January each year. All such election shall be by ballot. Of such elections ten (10) days previous notice shall be given in a newspaper published in the City of New Orleans, State of Louisiana. A majority of the votes cast shall elect, and each share of stock shall be entitled to one vote to be cast by the owner either in person or by proxy. All directors shall continue in office until the fourth Thursday in January next following their election, or until their successors are elected and qualified. A failure to elect directors on the date above specified shall not dissolve the corporation, but in such event, the existing Board of Directors may cause another election to be held at any time thereafter, whereof ten days previous notice shall be given in a newspaper published in the City of New Orleans. Vacancies occurring in said Board of Directors, from any cause whatever, shall be filled by the remaining directors. The officers of this corporation shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, but the offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be filled by one and the same person. A majority of directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The Board of Directors, at their first meeting following such annual election, shall elect from their number a president, vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer, who shall continue in office during the term of the then existing Board of Directors, or until the successors of such officers are elected and qualified. Said Board of Directors shall have full power and authority to borrow money, execute mortgages, issue notes and bonds, to pledge the same, and generally to do all things pertinent to, or necessary for, the objects and purposes of said corporation, or which are, or may be, permitted by the laws applicable to corporations. Said Board of Directors shall have power to make and alter, or amend, suitable by-laws for the government of said corporation.

ARTICLE VI.

Whenever this corporation is dissolved, either by limitation or from any other cause, its affairs shall be liquidated by three commissioners to be appointed from among the stockholders at a general meeting of the stockholders convened for such purpose, of which meeting thirty days previous notice shall be given by advetrisement in a newspaper published in the City of New Orleans. But any such meeting may be held without any delay and without advertisement and notice, if all delay and advertisement and notice of the proposed meeting be waived in writing by all the stockholders. A majority in amount of three-fourths of the outstanding stock of said corporation, present or represented, at such meeting, shall be requisite to elect such commissioners. Such commissioners shall remain in office until the affairs of said corporation shall have been fully settled and liquidated; and in case, from any cause, a vacancy or vacancies occur among said commissioners, the remaining commissioner or commissioners may fill the vacancy or vacancies.

ARTICLE VII.

This act of incorporation may be changed, modified, or altered, or said corporation may be dissolved, with the assent of three-fourths of the outstanding stock of said corporation, present or represented at any general meeting of the stockholders convened for such purpose, after thirty days previous notice of such meeting shall have been given by advertisement in a newspaper published in the City of New Orleans. But any such meeting may be held without any delay and without advertisement and notice, if all delay and advertisement and notice of the proposed meeting be waived in writing by all stockholders.

ARTICLE VIII.

No stockholder shall ever be held liable or responsible for the contracts or faults of said corporation in any further sum than the unpaid balance due on the shares of stock owned by him, nor shall any mere informality in organization have the effect of rendering this charter null, nor of exposing a stockholder to any liability beyond the amount due on his stock.

ARTICLE IX.

This corporation shall commence business as soon as thirty (30) shares of its stock have been subscribed for. The following named three persons have been named as, and shall constitute, the first Board of Directors of said corporation and shall serve as such until the fourth Thursday of January, 1912, or until their successors are elected and qualified, to-wit: Mrs. Rebecca Love Heffron, Joseph Love and James E. O'Donnell, with said Mrs. Rebecca Love Heffron as president, said James E. O'Donnell as vice-president and said Joseph Love as secretary and treasurer.

Thus done and signed in my office, in the City of New Orleans, in the presence of Alexander Bugdahl, Jr., and Byron L. Pond, competent witnesses, both of this city, who have hereunto signed their names with the said appearers and me, notary, on the day and date first above written.

SIGNATURES of Subscribers and Witnesses.
(Signed) J. ZACH. SPEARING,
Not. Pub.

I, the undersigned, Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing act of incorporation of the "Widow John Heffron Coal Co." was this day duly recorded in my office, in book 1018, folio —.

New Orleans, February 2, 1911.

I, J. Zach Spearing, a notary public in and for the Parish of Orleans, and City of New Orleans, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy from the original act of incorporation of the "Widow John Heffron Coal Co.," as well as of the certificate of the Recorder of Mortgages thereto appended, the whole on file and of record in my office.

In faith whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal, at New Orleans, La., this second day of February, 1911.
(Signed)
J. ZACH SPEARING, Not. Pub.
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AMENDMENT TO CHARTER

LAWRENCE AND HAMILTON FEED COMPANY, LIMITED.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, PARISH OF ORLEANS, CITY OF NEW ORLEANS.

Be it known, that on this sixteenth day of the month of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and eleven, and of the independence of the United States of America, the one hundred and thirty-fifth, before me, William F. Brewer, a Notary Public, duly commissioned and qualified, in and for this city and the Parish of Orleans, Louisiana, therein residing, and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter named and undersigned, personally came and appeared: Ernest Roger, Jr., President of the Lawrence & Hamilton Feed Company, Limited, a corporation organized under the laws of this State of Louisiana, by act before W. F. Brewer, Notary Public, of date July 16, 1906, who declared, that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of said corporation, held at its domicile, in this city of New Orleans, on December 2, 1910, a resolution was adopted that a special meeting of the stockholders of said corporation be called, for the purpose of amending Article 1 of its charter and changing the name of said corporation.

That in pursuance to said resolution a special meeting of the stockholders of said corporation was held, at its domicile, in this city of New Orleans, on January 12, 1911, after due and legal notice had been given to each stockholder, by written notices mailed to them, on December 10, 1910, and by notice published in the Times-Democrat, a daily newspaper published in this city of New Orleans, on December 12th, 19th, 1910, and January 2nd, 1911.

That at said meeting the stockholders owning the majority of the stock were present or represented; and it was unanimously resolved, that the name of this corporation be changed and Article I of its charter be amended so as to read as hereinafter set forth; and that Ernest Roger, Jr., President of said corporation, appear before a Notary Public and have put in authentic form the resolutions of said stockholders, all as will more fully appear by reference to a duly certified copy of said resolutions annexed hereto as part hereof.

And said Ernest Roger, Jr., acting in his aforesaid capacity, declared, that in pursuance to said resolution he does, by these presents, change the name of said corporation and amend Article I of its charter so as to read as follows, to-wit:

ARTICLE I.

The name of this corporation shall be STAFOLIFE FEED & MILLING COMPANY, Limited; and under its said name it shall have power and authority to have and enjoy succession for the full period of ninety-nine years from and after the date hereof; to contract, sue and be sued, to make and use a corporate seal, the same to break and alter at pleasure; to hold, receive, lease, purchase and convey, as well as mortgage and hypothecate property, real, personal and mixed, corporeal and incorporeal; to appoint such officers, managers and agents as its business interests and convenience may require; and to make and establish, as well as alter and amend, such by-laws, rules and regulations for the proper government of the said corporation as may be necessary and proper.

Thus done and passed, in my office, in the City of New Orleans, on the day, month and year herein first above written, in the presence of Messieurs L. C. H. LeCarpentier and John B. Fisher, competent witnesses, who have hereunto signed their names with said appearer and me, Notary.
(Original signed):
ERNEST ROGER, JR.
L. C. H. LeCARPENTIER,
JNO. B. FISHER.
W. F. BREWER, Notary Public.

I, the undersigned Recorder of Mortgages, in and for the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing act of incorporation of the Lawrence & Hamilton Feed Company, Ltd., was amended and was this day duly recorded in my office, in book 1018, folio 277.
(Signed) EMILE LEONARD, D. R.
New Orleans, Jan. 17, 1911.

A true copy of the original on file and of record in my office.
W. F. BREWER, Not. Pub.
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CHARTER

J. THOMSON & BROS., LIMITED.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, PARISH OF ORLEANS, CITY OF NEW ORLEANS.

On this twenty-fifth day of January, 1911, before me, John Alonzo Woodville, Notary Public, in and for the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, personally came and appeared, W. B. Thomson, George H. Thomson and Jennie Thomson, all three of this parish, who severally declare that they do hereby form and organize themselves into a corporation, for a term of fifty years from this date, under the name of J. THOMSON & BROS., LIMITED, and under its corporate name it shall have power and authority to hold, receive, have, purchase, improve, alienate, convey, sell, borrow, pledge, mortgage and hypothecate property real, personal and mixed, the domicile whereof is fixed in the City of New Orleans, Louisiana, and its objects and purposes and business being the buying, selling and dealing in carriages, wagons, carts, farrier's supplies and vehicles of all descriptions and the material and materials used in the manufacture of vehicles of all kinds, to manufacture carriages, wagons, carts and vehicles of any and all kinds and to repair same. Citation shall be served on the President or in his absence on the Secretary. The capital stock shall be five thousand dollars ($5,000.00) divided into fifty shares of one hundred dollars ($100.00) each, which said stock shall be paid for in cash at the time of subscription or the same may be issued at not less than par in payment or exchange for property or rights actually received or purchased by said corporation.

The affairs shall be managed by a Board of Directors composed of three stockholders to be elected by the stockholders annually by ballot, on the first day of January, of each year, or any subsequent day fixed by the Board in case of no election taking place on day. Each share of stock shall be entitled to one vote. Said Board shall have the right to make all by-laws and change and alter the same at pleasure. The company shall begin business as soon as five thousand dollars ($5,000.00) shall have been subscribed.

The first Board shall be composed of W. B. Thomson, George H. Thomson and Jennie Thomson, and shall hold office until the first day of January, 1912, or until their successors are elected and take their place. They shall elect from among themselves a President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer.

At the termination of the charter or dissolution of the corporation the affairs shall be liquidated by the members of the Board of Directors as liquidation commissioners. Any stockholder may sell, assign or transfer his stock in this corporation, provided thirty days' prior notice of such intention to sell, assign or transfer the same be given the company and the stockholders thereof shall have the first privilege of purchasing same within the said thirty days.

Thus done and passed, at my Notarial office in the City of New Orleans, on the day, month and year herein first above written in the presence of J. L. Warren Woodville and George H. Kent, competent witnesses of lawful age and residents of this city, who hereunto sign their names, together with the said parties and me, Notary, after reading of the whole.

Original Signed: W. B. Thomson, G. H. Thomson, Jennie Thomson, J. L. Warren Woodville, Geo. H. Kent.
J. A. WOODVILLE, Notary Public.

I, the undersigned, Recorder of Mortgages, in and for the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing act of incorporation of the J. Thomson & Bros., Ltd., was this day recorded in my office, in book 1018, folio 292. New Orleans, Jan. 26, 1911.
EMILE LEONARD, D. R.

A true copy:
J. A. WOODVILLE, Notary Public.
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CURIO TO BOWSER

His Bid Gets the Louis XVI. Sideboard.

FOR AN ANNIVERSARY GIFT.

Too Big to Get Through the Gate. Bowser Enraged, Chops It to Pieces. Mrs. Bowser Weeps—A Divorce Suit on the Horizon.

By M. QUAD.

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WHEN Mr. Bowser walked into the house at 4 o'clock the other afternoon Mrs. Bowser's first thought was that he had come home ill. He didn't look it, however. On the contrary, there was a healthy grin on his face.

"It—it isn't a holiday?" she queried.

"Not for the public," he answered, "though I'm making it one for us. Just a small holiday, you know—one for a cent or two."

"But what is it? What's going on?"

"Ha, ha, ha! I thought you'd forgotten all about it. Talk about sentiment, but I believe that husbands have more than wives. Mrs. Bowser, thirty-five years ago today I asked you to be my little wifey. It's the anniversary of a most happy event, and I thought to celebrate it in a fitting manner."

"But how came you to remember the day?" she asked.

"Oh, I ran across it in an old letter some time ago and carefully preserved the date. Trust a loving husband to keep track of such things."

"How good of you! I'm ashamed that I did not remember it myself."

"That's all right, little one. Thirty-five years ago today and about this

WHEN BOWSER PROPOSED.

hour we were sitting together in your father's house. All of a sudden I asked you to be mine, and you said you would."

"But I didn't say so at once, did I?" she asked as a blush showed on her cheeks.

"I guess you waited a minute or two before making me the happiest man on earth."

"And you haven't been sorry?"

"I have thanked heaven every day since and shall till I die. This evening we will go out to dinner, and then it's the theater. We'll just have a jolly time. Meanwhile I came home to say that I have purchased a trifling memento of the occasion—something we can look at daily and recall those old days."

"You good man! What is it?"

"You couldn't guess in a hundred years, but I know you'll be tickled half to death. I was the most fortunate man in the world to get it. If I had been fifteen minutes late it would have been gone."

"Then it isn't jewelry?"

"No."

"Anything to wear?"

"No."

"Is it a patent rocking chair for me?"

"No. Here it comes, and you won't have to do any more guessing!"

Curio Draws a Crowd.

A big truck had driven up and was backing to the curb. On it was a bungalow. At least, Mrs. Bowser took it for one and exclaimed:

"Why, we are not going camping in the winter, are we!"

"Don't you know what it is?"

"A bungalow, or something of that sort. Shall you set it up in the back yard?"

"Hardly," laughed Mr. Bowser. "Come out and take a look at it."

There were three men with the truck, and by the time Mrs. Bowser reached the gate a dozen more and a score of children had gathered. They were saying to each other that it was a bungalow, a monkey house, a moving picture show, a photograph gallery and other things, when Mr. Bowser said, with a smile and a flourish:

"Mrs. Bowser, let me introduce you to the grandest piece of furniture which ever had a place in the palace of a king."

"But I can't quite make out what it is."

"It is the favorite sideboard of Louis XVI., and antiquarians have called it almost priceless. It is said to be the last thing his eyes rested on before his head dropped into the basket of the guillotine. I bought it at auction yesterday. There were fifty bidders, but I beat them all. What do you think of it as a souvenir of our engagement?"

Before she could answer the boss truckman called out:

"Now, then, how are we going to get this thing into the yard? I have just measured, and it won't pass through the gate by two feet."

"Then it must be lifted over the fence."

"All right, but you'll have to hire three more men to help lift, and if your fence breaks down you can't blame me."

Mrs. Bowser made her escape into the house and sank down in a chair and burst into tears. Mr. Bowser had tried to be good, but he had made a mess of it. Outside she could hear teams and autos stopping and the crowd increasing and the truckmen swearing.

Helpers and the Police.

Five more men were hired to help boost.

Mr. Bowser waved his arms and shouted directions.

Two policemen arrived and wanted to know what the devil was the matter.

Several excited women living on the block wanted to know why some men in the crowd didn't have brains enough to ring for the ambulance.

"Up she goes! Boost her! There she is!"

The famous sideboard rested on top of the fence for a moment, and then the fence gave way with a crash.

Cheers from the enthusiastic patriots.

Swear words from the nonenthusiastic truckmen.

Threats of life imprisonment from the two cops.

Orders and gestures from Mr. Bowser.

Of course there were various suggestions of more or less practical value. A civil engineer suggested that the house be moved out over the sideboard to solve the problem.

A plumber suggested that if he were given a chance to stop a few leaks and send in his bill the sideboard would move on of its own accord.

A woman with a small mutton roast in a big basket suggested that wings be attached and the thing be given a chance to fly.

The boss truckman suggested that the thing be left where it was till another day, when he would come with a band of experienced men and rope and tackle and "snake" her along.

The two cops suggested that the crowd disperse and went to pushing and clubbing to encourage it to do so.

Amid the numerous suggestions Mr. Bowser entered the house to see what Mrs. Bowser might have to say.

"Just a slight accident, you know," he said as he noticed the tears in her eyes. "I give you my word the precious relic is not even scratched."

"I'm—I'm so sorry!" she said as she fell to weeping again.

Tears, Hacks, Threat.

"Sorry, sorry! What in thunder ails you? Isnt' it a Louis XVI. sideboard?"

"I—I guess so."

"Isn't it the last thing he looked at on earth?"

"Maybe 'tis."

"And won't we have it in the dining room shortly?"

"But how are you going to get it there? It's wider than the gate and it's wider than any door or window. Are you going to tear the front of the house out?"

"Woman!"

And then he went out and peered and peeked and squinted and measured with a tapeline and said to the boss truckman:

"She won't go into the house."

"Who said she would?" was the reply.

"But I—I"—

"You ought to have bought a warehouse instead. I've fooled around here long enough!"

There were just two things for Mr. Bowser to do, and he did them. He got the ax and chopped and split and splintered and hacked until that sideboard was reduced to kindlings and his audience tired of applauding, and then he went into the house and said to Mrs. Bowser:

"Woman, this is the dead line—the end! You consult your lawyer and I'll consult mine, and we'll have the thing over with!"

No More Getaways.

"Wardens of state prisons are contemplating the proposition to hold a convention."

"What's the prop?"

"To put hobble trousers on prisoners and do away with the lockstep."

"Plant Dat Christmas Tree."

Lissen, folks, ter me:
Plant dat Chris'mus tree!
Make de light
All roun' shine bright—
Plant dat Chris'mus tree!

Don't keer whar you be,
Plant dat Chris'mus tree!
Make de woods
Show Chris'mus goods—
Plant dat Chris'mus tree!
—Frank L. Stanton.

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