O. HENRY'S STORIES

I.—Makes the Whole World Kin

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THE burglar stepped inside the window quickly, and then he took his time. A burglar who respects his art always takes his time before taking anything else.

The house was a private residence. By its bearded front door and untrimmed Boston ivy the burglar knew that the mistress of it was sitting on some oceanside piazza telling a sympathetic man in a yachting cap that no one had ever understood her sensitive, lonely heart. He knew by the light in the third story front windows, and by the lateness of the season, that the master of the house had come home, and would soon extinguish his light and retire. For it was September of the year and of the soul, in which season the house's good man comes to consider roof gardens and stenographers as vanities, and to desire the return of his mate and the more durable blessings of decorum and the moral excellencies.

The burglar lighted a cigarette. The guarded glow of the match illuminated

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his salient points for a moment. He belonged to the third type of burglars.

This third type has not yet been recognized and accepted. The police have made us familiar with the first and second. Their classification is simple. The collar is the distinguishing mark.

When a burglar is caught who does not wear a collar he is described as a degenerate of the lowest type, singularly vicious and depraved, and is suspected of being the desperate criminal who stole the handcuffs out of Patrolman Hennessy's pocket in 1878 and walked away to escape arrest.

The other well known type is the burglar who wears a collar. He is always referred to as a Raffles in real life. He is invariably a gentleman by daylight, breakfasting in a dress suit and posing as a paperhanger, while after dark he plies his nefarious occupation of burglary. His mother is an extremely wealthy and respected resident of Ocean Grove, and when he is conducted to his cell he asks at once for a nail file and the Police Gazette. He always has a wife in every state in the Union and fiancees in all the territories, and the newspapers print his matrimonial gallery out of their stock of cuts of the ladies who were cured by only one bottle, after having been given up by five doctors, experiencing great relief after the first dose.

The burglar wore a blue sweater. He was neither a Raffles nor one of the chefs from Hell's Kitchen. The police would have been baffled had they attempted to classify him. They have not yet heard of the respectable, unassuming burglar who is neither above nor below his station.

This burglar of the third class began to prowl. He wore no masks, dark lanterns, or gum shoes. He carried a 38 caliber revolver in his pocket, and he chewed peppermint gum thoughtfully.

The furniture of the house was swathed in its summer dust protectors. The silver was far away in safe deposit vaults. The burglar expected no remarkable "haul." His objective point was that dimly lighted room where the master of the house should be sleeping heavily after whatever solace he had sought to lighten the burden of his loneliness. A "touch" might be made there to the extent of legitimate, fair professional profits—loose money, a watch, a jeweled stick pin—nothing exorbitant or beyond reason. He had seen the window left open and had taken the chance.

The burglar softly opened the door of the lighted room. The gas was turned low. A man lay in the bed asleep. On the dresser lay many things in confusion—a crumpled roll of bills, a watch, keys, three poker chips, crushed cigars, a pink silk hair bow, and an unopened bottle of bromo-seltzer for a bulwark in the morning.

The burglar took three steps toward the dresser. The man in the bed suddenly uttered a squeaky groan and opened his eyes. His right hand slid under his pillow, but remained there.

"Lay still," said the burglar in conversational tone. Burglars of the third type do not hiss. The citizen in the bed looked at the round end of the burglar's pistol and lay still.

"Now hold up both your hands," commanded the burglar.

The citizen had a little, pointed, brown and gray beard, like that of a painless dentist. He looked solid, esteemed, irritable and disgusted. He sat up in bed and raised his right hand above his head.

"Up with the other one," ordered the burglar. "You might be amphibious and shoot with your left. You can count two, can't you? Hurry up, now."

"Can't raise the other one," said the citizen, with a contortion of his lineaments.

"What's the matter with it?"

"Rheuma'ism in the shoulder."

"Inflammatory?"

"Was. The inflammation has gone down."

The burglar stood for a moment or two, holding his gun on the afflicted one. He glanced at the plunder on the dresser and then, with a half embarrassed air, back at the man in the bed. Then he, too, made a sudden grimace.

"Don't stand there making faces," snapped the citizen bad humoredly. "If you've come to burgle why don't you do it? There's some stuff lying around."

"'Scuse me," said the burglar, with a grin, "but it just socked me one too. It's good for you that rheumatism and me happens to be old pals. I got it in my left arm too. Most anybody but me would have popped you when you wouldn't hoist that left claw of yours."

"How long have you had it?" inquired the citizen.

"Four years. I guess that ain't all. Once you've got it, it's you for a rheumatic life—that's my judgment."

"Ever try rattlesnake oil?" asked the citizen interestedly.

"Gallons," said the burglar. "If all the snakes I've used the oil of was strung out in a row they'd reach eight times as far as Saturn, and the rattles could be heard in Valparaiso, Ind., and back."

"Some use Chiselum's pills," remarked the citizen.

"Fudge!" said the burglar. "Took 'em five months. No good. I had some relief the year I tried Finkelham's extract, Balm of Gilead poultices and Potts' pain pulverizer, but I think it was the buckeye I carried in my pocket what done the trick."

"Is yours worse in the morning or at night?" asked the citizen.

"Night," said the burglar, "just when I'm busiest. Say, take down that arm of yours—I guess you won't— Say, did you ever try Blickerstaff's blood builder?"

"I never did. Does yours come in paroxysms, or is it a steady pain?"

The burglar sat down on the foot of the bed and rested his gun on his crossed knee.

"It jumps," said he. "It strikes me when I ain't looking for it. I had to

"Ever try opodeldoc?"

give up second story work because I got stuck sometimes halfway up. Tell you what, I don't believe the bloomin' doctors know what is good for it."

"Same here. I've spent a thousand dollars without getting any relief. Yours swell any?"

"Of mornings. And when it's goin' to rain—great Christopher!"

"Me too," said the citizen. "I can tell when a streak of humidity the size of a tablecloth starts from Florida on its way to New York. And if I pass a theater where there's an 'East Lynne' matinee going on the moisture starts my left arm jumping like a toothache."

"It's undiluted—hades!" said the burglar.

"You're dead right," said the citizen.

The burglar looked down at his pistol and thrust it into his pocket with an awkward attempt at ease.

"Say, old man," he said constrainedly, "ever try opodeldoc?"

"Slop!" said the citizen angrily. "Might as well rub on restaurant butter."

"Sure," concurred the burglar. "It's a salve suitable for little Minnie when the kitty scratches her finger. I'll tell you what! We're up against it. I only find one thing that eases her up. Hey? Little old sanitary, ameliorating, lest we forget booze. Say—this job's off—'scuse me—get on your clothes and let's have some. 'Scuse liberty, but—ouch! There she goes again!"

"For a week," said the citizen. "I haven't been able to dress myself without help. I'm afraid Thomas is in bed, and"—

"Climb out," said the burglar. "I'll help you get into your duds."

The conventional returned as a tidal wave and flooded the citizen. He stroked his brown and gray beard.

"It's very unusual"— he began.

"Here's your shirt," said the burglar, "fall out. I knew a man who said Omberry's ointment fixed him in two weeks so he could use both hands in tying his four-in-hand."

As they were going out the door the citizen turned and started back.

"'Liked to forgot my money," he explained. "Laid it on the dresser last night."

The burglar caught him by the right sleeve.

"Come on," he said bluffly. "I ask you. Leave it alone. I've got the price. Ever try witch hazel and oil of wintergreen?"

Letters From a Contented Man.

The editor of the Louisiana Twice-a-Week Times recently received a letter from a contented man: "I have no domestic troubles and no financial troubles to speak of. I am not in love with anybody else's wife and nobody else's wife is in love with me. . . . No one has swindled me and my neighbors don't keep chickens or goats. I have no fault to find with you. I thought it might be a pleasant surprise to you to get a letter of the other sort as a change from the eternal whine."

Elater Fire-Fly.

Another remarkable insect found in Mexico is the Elater fire-fly, which the Indians use as miniature torches. The men fasten them to their ankles in going through the forest, and the women wear them in their hair under a thin gauze veil. Tiny little cages are constructed in which three or four are kept for lighting purposes. The insects congregate by the thousands in many forest trees and, as if by preconcerted agreement, simultaneously flash their lights, then darken them and flash them again.

Nurse Was Holding a Cigar.

I am a trained nurse, and one day while out with my patient he left me standing on the pavement holding his half-smoked cigar and his cane while he entered a store. The most embarrassing moment of my life was when the pastor of my church walked up and quietly bade me "good morning."

A Beginner.

"Are you a socialist?" "I am." "What do you understand by socialism?" "I haven't got as far along as the understanding part. I picked socialism because I don't like any of the regular brands of politics."

ECCENTRICITIES OF O. HENRY.

A True Bohemian, Loving Life and Laughter Better Than Work.

William Sydney Porter, who as "O. Henry" introduced to American literature a new type of short story, was a "man's man," stalwart, fun loving, pose hating and was as popular with his associates in the literary field as his stories were with the public. He was forty-three years old when death closed his promising career.

He was at work just before he died on a play called "The World and the Door" and on his first long novel, "The Dream." He had intended doing "serious writing" henceforward, his former crisp, snappy, amazingly dramatic short stories having been mere play to him. Brilliant as they were, he wrote them in slapdash fashion when the ideas struck him—or when he needed funds, for he was a true bohemian, systemless, improvident and loving life and laughter better than work.

Only a few days before the end came the editor of one of the big magazines was handed a note in his sanctum by a messenger, who waited for an answer. The editor read it, laughed and said, "It's Syd Porter up to his old tricks." The note was to this effect: "Please send me $25. I invited a man to dine with me and thought he'd pay. From the looks of him I don't think he will—and I can't. O. Henry." The money was sent. The writer could have anything he wanted—and almost any price for his stories—so well was he liked and so great the demand for his work. He received for, tales of 2,000 or 3,000 words (three or four magazine pages) as much as $750 and even $1,000.

But he wasn't "easy" despite his financial regardlessness. His friends narrate an incident showing the man's shrewdness. A magazine noted for "slow pay," they said, contracted with him for a three part story, for which he was to receive $1,500. He got a $500 advance before starting to work, and when he turned in the second installment (none of it has been printed yet) got $500 more and asked for the third $500 as an advance before finishing the tale. The editor, in an effort to save money apparently, declared that, after all, the story didn't appear to be worth more than $1,000—this when he had the two installments in his office.

"All right," said O. Henry. "I won't write the third one then." And he didn't. He laughed at the editor. "Well, then," said the latter, "I'll run the two parts and then let our readers have a guessing contest as to how the story ends and put up perhaps a $500 prize to the winner." For a moment the author thought he was outwitted. Then he said, "Go ahead, and I'll win the prize." He intended to win it too.

Essay on the Waist Line.

The waist line is an imaginary ring around Rosie. For many years it lay in a dormant state. So quiet and demure it was that Rosie herself hardly knew of its existence. Of late, however, the waist line has deported itself in a reckless and shocking manner. It has twisted itself into curious shapes. It has soared to Rosie's shoulders and swooped to her feet. It has coyly hidden in folds of bouffant drapery, suddenly to reappear and spread itself all over creation. We predict that such frivolous conduct on the part of the waist line, this self appointed architect, can bring only sorrow and degradation. In fact we shall not be one bit surprised if it is forced to spend its old age in the bread line.—Kansas Industrialist.

An Exception.

"People turn pale when they faint, don't they?" asked a counsel who was severely cross examining and badgering a witness.

"No, not always."

"Did you ever hear of a case of fainting where the party did not turn pale?"

"Yes, sir."

"Did you ever see such a case?"

"Yes, sir."

"Who was it?"

"'Twas a negro, sir."—Exchange.

Getting Results.

A colored woman was arguing and arguing with her husband, and when she had finished he said: "Dinah, yo' talk don' affect me no mo' than a flea bite." "Well," she answered, "I'se gawna keep yo' scratchin'."

Muskrat Skins.

The muskrat is the most important fur-bearing animal of North America. In one year alone 5,500,000 muskrat skins were put on the market, realizing to the trappers a sum approximately $1,700,000.

CHARTER

OF THE POLO DUCK CLUB.

United States of America, State of Louisiana, Parish of Orleans, City of New Orleans.

Be it known, that on this first day of the month of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen (1914), and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and thirty-ninth, before me, Arthur B. Leopold, a notary public, in and for the parish of Orleans, city of New Orleans, state of Louisiana, duly commissioned and qualified, and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter named and undersigned, personally came and appeared: the several persons whose names are hereunto subscribed, who severally declared that availing themselves of the provisions of the laws of this state relative to the organization and formation of corporations, they do by these presents, for themselves, their associates, successors and assigns, as well as for such other persons who may hereafter become associated with them, form and organize themselves into and constitute a corporation under the laws of the state of Louisiana for the purpose and under the stipulations and agreements hereinafter set forth and expressed, which they hereby adopt as this charter or articles of incorporation, to-wit:

Article I.—The name and title of this corporation shall be the Polo Duck Club; and under that corporate name, it shall have and enjoy corporate existence and succession for the term of ninety-nine years from and after the date of this act; to contract, sue and be sued; to make and use a corporate seal, and the same to break or change at pleasure; to hold in fee or otherwise, receive, lease, purchase, sell and convey, as well as mortgage, hypothecate and pledge property, real and personal; to issue stock and bonds therefor; to borrow money and to issue notes or bonds therefor; to name and appoint such managers, directors, officers or agents as the interests of said corporation may require; to establish such by-laws, rules and regulations for the proper management of the affairs of this corporation as may be necessary and proper, the same to alter at pleasure; and generally to do and perform all such acts as may be proper and necessary to carry out and execute the purposes of this corporation.

Article II.—The objects and purposes for which this corporation is established are declared to be to promote and foster athletic and other like exercises, gun practice, hunting and fishing and social intercourse and to that end and purpose, to buy, sell, erect, own, lease and otherwise acquire and alienate, and to maintain and operate one or more clubhouses with appurtenances, including game preserves, grounds, outhouses, boats, bathhouses, wharves, boathouses, walks, ponds, wells, etc., provided that the aggregate value of the property so established shall not exceed the sum of three hundred thousand dollars ($300,000.00).

Article III.—The domicile of this corporation shall be at the city of New Orleans, in the parish of Orleans, state of Louisiana.

The president of this corporation, and in his absence, the vice-president, and in the absence of both of them, the secretary is designated as the officer upon whom service of citation or any other legal process shall be made.

Article IV.—The capital stock of this corporation is hereby fixed at twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000.00), divided into one hundred (100) shares of a par value of two hundred and fifty dollars ($250.00) each, which shares of stock shall be paid for in cash, at such times, and in such amounts as the governing committee may determine. Each share of stock shall be liable to a pro-rata assessment at the discretion of the governing committee, for the purpose of paying the necessary running expenses of the club, and the taxes, insurance, repairs and necessary expense for the proper care of the property of the club, provided that the assessment so made shall not exceed the sum of fifty dollars ($50.00) upon each share of stock in any one year. In addition to the assessment of $50.00 per year in any one year, the governing committee with the consent of fifty per cent (50%) of the capital stock of the club may levy and collect a further assessment in any one year of not exceeding twenty-five dollars ($25.00) per share of stock. The regular assessment and the special assessment shall be due and paayble on such terms and under such conditions as the governing committee may fix, and upon the failure of any stockholder to pay any assessment levied by the governing committee aforesaid, on the share or shares of stock held by him, the governing committee shall have the right to sell such share or shares of stock after thirty days written notice to the shareholder, at public sale, for his account and risk, and the net proceeds thereof shall be applied to the payment of any unpaid assessments due on said share or shares of stock, and all assessments or dues levied by the governing committee, shall constitute a lien upon the stock upon which said assessment remains due and unpaid.

The whole of said stock, or any part thereof, may be issued and delivered to any person, firm or corporation for the acquirement of rights, privileges, franchises and property, or any part thereof leased or controlled by the Polo Duck Club or to any other person or corporation having property rights and franchises, etc., purchased by the corporation, also for cash; or in installments of such amounts as the governing committee may determine.

The governing committee, by this charter created, is specially authorized to dispose of the stock for any of the purposes above stated, as in its judgment seems fit, and such sale shall as far as possible or practicable, in the opinion of the governing committee, be made to non-resident subscribers, the governing committee shall be authorized to sell the remaining shares of said stock to residents.

The shares of the capital stock of this corporation shall be paid for in money, or for labor done or services rendered, or such shares as may be issued or delivered for other property rights and franchises to be taken, accepted and received by the corporation for its corporate purposes at such valuation and upon such terms for said shares as the board of directors may determine and direct from time to time to be expedient. The capital stock of the corporation may be increased or reduced by proceedings taken in the manner prescribed by law.

The shares of the capital stock of this corporation may be issued for money, for labor done or services rendered or for other property rights and franchises, which may be thus paid for or exchanged and made over to the company. The valuation of any and all rights, contracts, labor or services and property, movable, immovable and mixed, corporeal or incorporeal, accepted and received by the corporation for its corporate purposes in payment, exchange or otherwise for any of the shares or capital stock of this corporation, and fixed by the board of directors upon such terms and conditions for the issuance of such shares of stock shall be conclusive evidence of such valuation; and any and all persons, partnerships, associations, corporations, stockholders or creditors dealing with this corporation are concluded thereby, and any and all persons, partnerships, associations, corporations, stockholders or creditors dealing with this corporation hereby waive any right or cause of action against the original or subsequent owner or owners of such shares of the capital stock issued to it, him, her, or them, in payment or exchange for labor done or services rendered, or for such rights, franchises, credits, contracts and property valued by the board of directors as aforesaid; and each, every and any and all contract, contracts, or undertaking made by or entered into with this corporation shall be subject to this provision of this charter.

Article V.—All of the powers of the said corporation shall be vested in and exercised by the governing committee, composed of a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, a captain and two stockholders, who, with the aforesaid officers, shall be elected annually on the 15th day of July in each year. All such elections shall be by ballot and conducted under the superintendence of a commissioner of election to be appointed by the governing committee and of such elections as well as of all meetings of stockholders, except as otherwise named by law, ten (10) days written notice shall be given by mailing to each stockholder, who appears as such on the books of the company, at his last known address or in default thereof at the General Delivery at the New Orleans post office, an announcement stating the time and place of the meeting and the purposes thereof. Each stockholder shall be entitled to one vote for each share of stock standing in his name on the books of the company to be cast in person or by proxy and a majority of the votes thus cast shall elect; the governing committee shall have the power to fill all vacancies that may occur on said governing committee.

A failure to elect officers and governing committee on the date above specified shall not dissolve the corporation, but the officers and governing committee, then in office shall remain in office until their successors shall be elected and qualified. Due notice of any election shall forthwith be given as provided and such notice of election shall continue to be given until an election is held. A majority of the governing committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business. A majority of the shares of stock, present or represented, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business at the stockholders' meeting. No persons shall be eligible to any of the offices enumerated herein or to any membership on the governing committee unless he owns and has registered in his name, on the books of the company, at least one share of the capital stock. The governing committee may make and establish, as well as alter and amend any and all by-laws, rules or regulations necessary and proper for the support and management of said corporation and for the regulation of the conduct of members and the cause of expulsion, not inconsistent with this charter.

Said governing committee shall have the power and authority to borrow money, and through the president or some other duly authorized agent or agents, to execute mortgages, issue notes or other obligations, and generally to do all things reasonable and necessary for the proper carrying out of the objects and purposes of the corporation. As also to issue and deliver full paid shares of stock or bonds or obligations of said corporation in payment of labor, or of money borrowed, or for property actually received by said corporation.

Article VI.—The officers of this corporation shall be a president, a vice-president, secretary, treasurer and a captain. In the by-laws of this corporation, the governing committee may provide for such other officers as they may deem necessary. The following named persons are hereby declared as members of the governing committee and officers until the election and qualification of their successors, to-wit: Renee F. Clerc, president; R. Batson, vice-president; W. H. Williams, treasurer; W. H. Williams, secretary; Paul Doullut, captain; M. B. Doullut and C. Mercier. The powers and duties of the said officers shall be such as are customarily enjoyed and exercised by those holding like positions and such as may be prescribed by the by-laws of this corporation.

Article VII.—Certificates of the capital stock shall be executed by the president and secretary, under the seal of the corporation. No certificates shall be issued until the stock evidenced thereby shall be fully paid. Certificates of said stock may be transferred on the books of the company under such terms and conditions as the by-laws shall provide. There shall be printed or engraved across the face of each certificate of stock the following words: "This certificate has been issued and shall be held subject to the provisions of the charter and by-laws of the corporation."

No transfer or sale of stock shall be made by any stockholder until the corporation shall have been offered said stock for sale, and refused to purchase same. The corporation shall have the first right to purchase all stock offered for sale, which option to purchase in favor of the company shall exist for a period of fifteen days, after such stock shall have been offered in writing to the corporation as being for sale.

Article VIII.—Whenever the said 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 to be convened for that purpose, after thirty days' prior notice by publication in one of the daily newspapers, published in the city of New Orleans, and with the assent of a majority of the capital stock. The said commissioners shall remain in office until the affairs of the corporation shall have been fully liquidated, and in the case of the death of one or more of the said commissioners, the survivor or survivors shall elect a successor or successors from among the stockholders. The compensation to be received by the said commissioners shall be fixed by the stockholders at the time of their appointment.

The said commissioners shall have full power and authority to collect any and all moneys, obligations, bills and accounts due the said corporation and receipt for the same; to sell at public sale after legal advertisement by publication in at least one newspaper, published in the city of New Orleans, parish of Orleans, Louisiana, any and all of the assets of the said corporation whether movable or immovable, and upon such terms and conditions as they may deem proper, and to execute a good and valid title therefor, without the intervention of a court of justice, or without being thereby empowered; to pay the debts of the said corporation and distribute the residue of the funds which may remain in their hands among the stockholders in proportion to the interests of each and to make a final report of their administration at a meeting of said stockholders to be called by the said commissioners or by the stockholders themselves in the event of the failure of such commissioners to call such meeting. Ten (10) days' notice of such meeting shall be given to all parties in interest by publication in a newspaper, published in the city of New Orleans, Louisiana, and written notice thereof, shall be delivered to each stockholder, either in person or by mail to his last known post office address, as shown by the books of the company, the said publication and written notice giving the place and date of such meeting.

Article IX.—This act of incorporation may be changed or modified, the capital stock may be decreased or increased or the said corporation dissolved with the assent of the three-fourths of the capital stock represented at a special meeting of the stockholders called for that purpose, after thirty days' prior notice by publication in one of the daily newspapers published in the city of New Orleans, Louisiana, and after observance of all statutory requirements of the state of Louisiana in connection therewith.

Article X.—No stockholder shall ever be held liable or responsible for the acts, contracts or faults of this corporation, in any further sum than the unpaid balance due or that may be due the company on shares of stock held by him. Nor shall any informality of its organization render this charter null or have the effect of exposing any stockholder to any liability beyond such unpaid balance due on his stock. Stockholders, who are members of this club, shall be liable for the annual dues as fixed and determined by rules and regulations to be adopted by the governing committee. This liability for annual dues shall continue until such members shall have resigned from membership in accordance with rules, also to be established by the governing committee.

Article XI.—The ownership or possession of a share of stock in this club shall not entitle the holder or owner to enter upon the premises or enjoy the benefits of this club. In order to become a member of this club, each person other than the original incorporators, must be first elected to membership in the club under such rules and regulations as the governing committee shall adopt, and any subsequent stockholder not so elected shall not enjoy the benefits or enter upon the premises of the club.

Article XII.—In all matters and things relating to this act of incorporation, Act No. 254 of the general assembly of the state of Louisiana for the year 1914, shall govern.

Article XIII.—This charter shall serve as the original subscription list, the undersigned being the original subscribers to the capital stock of this corporation, in the amounts and for the number of shares opposite their respective names.

The names and post office addresses of the subscribers hereto are contained herein.

Thus done and passed in my notarii office, on the day, month and year first hereinabove written, in the presence of C. A. Herrmann and L. P. Bryant, Jr., competent witnesses of lawful age, who have signed this charter, with said appearers and me, notary, after reading of the whole.

Signed: William H. Williams, ten shares, 3318 Coliseum, N. O., La.; C. B. Mercier, ten shares, 3819 Carondelet, N. O., La.; Milton Paul Doullut, ten shares, 400 Egania, N. O., La.; Rene F. Clerc, ten shares, 1123 Octavia, N. O., La.; R. Batson, per N. P. Hatten, ten shares, Hillsdale, Miss.; Paul Doullut, ten share, 500 Egania, N. O., La.

Witnesses: C. A. Herrman, L. P. Bryant, Jr.

ARTHUR B. LEOPOLD, Notary Public.

I, the undersigned deputy 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 "Polo Duck Club" was this day duly recorded in my office in book 1127, folio ——.

New Orleans, La., October 2, 1914.

EMILE J. LEONARD,
Deputy Recorder of Mortgages.

A true copy of the original.

ARTHUR B. LEOPOLD, Notary Public.

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CHARTER

OF THE OLGA REAL ESTATE CO., INC.

United States of America, State of Louisiana, City of New Orleans, Parish of Orleans.

Be it known, that on this twenty-ninth day of the month of October, in the year one thousand, nine hundred and fourteen, before me, Robert Legier, a notary public, duly commissioned and qualified in and for the parish of Orleans, state of Louisiana, aforesaid, therein residing, and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter named and undersigned: personally came and appeared the persons whose names are hereunto signed, who 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, bind, form and constitute themselves, as well as such other persons as may hereafter join or become associated with them, into 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 style of this corporation shall be the Olga Real Estate Company, Incorporated, and under that name it shall have and enjoy all the rights, advantages and privileges granted by law to corporations; it shall exist for a period of ninety-nine years from the date hereof; it shall have power and authority to sue and be sued in its corporate name; to make and use a corporate seal and the same to break or alter at pleasure; to hold, receive, purchase, convey, mortgage and hypothecate property, real, personal and mixed; to issue bonds, notes and other obligations; to have and employ such managers, directors, officers, agents and other employees as the interest and convenience of said corporation may require or demand, and to make and establish such by-laws, rules and regulations for the corporate management and control of the business and affairs of the corporation as may be deemed necessary or expedient.

Article II.—The domicile of said corporation shall be in the city of New Orleans, state of Louisiana, and all citations and other legal process shall be served on the president and in his absence on the vice-president of said corporation. In the absence of both of said officers, then said process shall be served on the secretary of said corporation.

Article III.—The objects and purposes for which this corporation is formed and the nature of the business to be carried on by it are hereby declared to be: to deal in, buy and sell, for its own account or for the account of other, all real estate, lands, tenements, etc., mortgages, mortgage notes, bonds, shares of stock and all other securities; to lend money on property, both real and personal, and to make leases; to act as broker, or commission agent or trustee or depository for individuals, firms or corporations; to guarantee titles to land or other real estate, and to issue guarantee or other bonds; to reclaim and improve landed property; to lay out town lots or suburbs, pave streets, construct sidewalks and alleys; to put down sewer, drainage, water and gas or other trenches or pipes and to connect the same with the municipal plants or for the sole use of such sub-division; to contract or erect, or to contract for the construction or erection of buildings, workshops, mechanical plants, and generally to do and engage in any and every other kind of business or undertaking or enterprise connected with, or growing out or germane or incidental to any of the purposes hereinabove set forth and not prohibited by the laws or Constitution of the state of Louisiana.

Article—IV. The capital stock of this corporation is hereby fixed at the sum of Ten thousand ($10,000.00) Dollars (which may be increased to a sum not exceeding Twenty-five thousand (25,000.00) Dollars), divided into one thousand (1,000) shares of the par value of Ten ($10.00) Dollars, each, which shall be paid for in cash or installments on the call of the Board of Directors, or may be issued at not less than par for property purchased by or services actually rendered to said corporation. All shares of stock shall be full paid and non-assessable. No transfer of stock shall be binding upon the corporation, and all certificates of stock shall be signed by the President or Vice-President and the Secretary of this corporation.

Article—V. All the corporate powers of this company shall be vested in and the management and control of its business and affairs shall be exercised by a Board of Directors, composed of three stockholders, which number may be increased to no more than seven, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business. The directors shall be elected annually on the first Tuesday of the month of January of each year, by ballot of the stockholders. Each stockholder shall be entitled, in person or by written proxy to one vote of each share of stock owned by him and standing in his name on the books of the corporation. All elections shall be held under such rules and regulations as may be determined by the Board of Directors, but after at least ten days' notice of such election shall have been given to each stockholder by mail sent to his last known address, or by publication for at least ten days preceding such election in one of the daily English newspapers published in the City of New Orleans. The directors thus elected shall continue in office for one year or until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified. No failure to hold an election shall be regarded as a forfeiture of this charter. Any vacancy occurring on said Board of Directors shall be filled by the remaining directors for the unexpired term. Said board shall likewise elect the additional members in case they should determine to increase the number of the Board, as above provided. Said Board shall, at its first meeting, elect from among its number, a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. It may combine any two of said offices into one, and may even elect a Secretary who is not a stockholder or director. Said Board of Directors shall have the right to appoint and dismiss such clerks, managers and other employees of the corporation, including the Secretary who is not a stockholder or director, as conditions may justify or the business of the corporation may require. The tenure of office of all employees of the corporation shall be during the pleasure of the Board of Directors.

The President, or the Secretary of this corporation, acting in his stead, shall have the power and authority, without a special authorization or resolution to purchase and sell property, both real and personal, and to institute and defend all suits in the name of the company, acting in their official capacity in transacting the business of the said company and shall have power and authority to receipt and give acquittance for sums due it in settlement of loans or otherwise, and to release mortgages and vendor's lien thus settled in the name of the company.

Article VI.—No stockholder shall ever be held liable or responsible for the contracts, faults or debts of said corporation, nor shall any mere informality in its organization have the effect of rendering this charter null, or of exposing a stockholder to any liability beyond the unpaid balance due on the shares owned by him.

Article VII.—This act of incorporation may be changed, modified or altered, or this corporation may be dissolved as provided for in Act No. 267 of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana for the year 1914. And in the event of the dissolution of this corporation by the expiration of its charter or otherwise, its business and affairs shall be wound up by three liquidators elected by the stockholders at the meeting which decides to liquidate. Said liquidators to be elected from among the stockholders of the Company. In case of the death or inability of any of said liquidators the survivor or survivors shall appoint a successor or successors to him or them from among the stockholders.

Article VIII.—Until the election to be held on the first Tuesday of January, 1915, the following named stockholders shall constitute the first Board of Directors, viz: Ernest Dionne, Henry J. Ledoux and Chester W. Brown, with the said Ernest Dionne as President, the said Chester W. Brown as Vice-President, and the said Henry J. Ledoux as Secretary-Treasurer.

Thus done and passed at my office in the City of New Orleans, on the day, month and year, herein first above written, in the presence of Theodore A. Beck and Miss Odile Musson, both of this city, competent witnesses who have hereunto signed their names with the said appearers and me, Notary, after due reading of the whole.

(Original Signed)

T. A. Beck, Odile Musson.

Ernest Dionne, 10 shares, Chester W. Brown, 185 shares, H. J. Ledoux, 185 shares, Brown Realty Co., Ltd., per C. W. Brown, Pres., 120 shares, Robert Legier, 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 Olga Real Estate Company, Incorporated, was this day duly recorded in my office, in book 1127, folio ——.

New Orleans, La., October 29th, 1914.

EMILE J. LEONARD, D. R.

A true copy from the original act.

ROBERT LEGIER,
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