CHARTER

BUILDING REVIEW PUBLISHING COMPANY, INCORPORATED.
STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF ORLEANS
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

BE IT KNOWN, that on this Fifteenth day of January, in the year one thousand, nine hundred and fifteen,
BEFORE ME, WILLIAM WALLER YOUNG, NOTARY PUBLIC, in and for the Parish 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, all above the full age of majority,
WHO SEVERALLY DECLARED, that, availing themselves of the provisions of the laws of this State relative to the organization of corporations, and particularly Act No. 267 of the Legislative acts of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, for the year 1914, approved July 9, 1914, they have covenanted and agreed and do by these presents, covenant, agree and bind themselves, as well as such other persons who may hereafter become associated with them or their successors, to form and constitute a corporation or 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 this corporation shall be "BUILDING REVIEW PUBLISHING COMPANY, INCORPORATED," and under this corporate name it shall have power and authority to have and enjoy succession for the full term and period of ninety-nine years from and after the date hereof: to contract, to sue and be sued, to make and use a corporate seal; and the same to break or 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 name and appoint such managers, agent, directors and officers as its business interests and convenience may require, and to make and establish, as well as alter and amend from time to time, such by-laws, rules and regulations for the government of the affairs of said corporation, as may be necessary and proper.

ARTICLE II.

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

ARTICLE III.

The objects and purposes of this corporation, and the nature of the business to be carried on by it, are hereby declared to be: to acquire, print, publish, conduct and circulate a newspaper, magazine or otherwise deal with newspapers, journals, magazines, books, and other literary works and undertakings, and especially to publish and circulate a magazine to be known as "BUILDING REVIEW;" to carry on, if, and when it shall deem desirable, the trade or business of general printers, lithographers, engravers and advertising agents,; to build, construct, erect, purchase, hire or otherwise acquire or provide any buildings, offices, work shops, plant and machinery or other things necessary or useful for the purpose of carrying out the objects of the corporation.

ARTICLE IV.

The capital stock of the corporation is hereby fixed at the sum of Five thousand ($5,000.00) dollars, to be divided into and represented by Two hundred (200) shares of stock in the sum of Twenty-five ($25.00) dollars each. Said stock shall be paid for, when and in such installments as directed by the Board of Directors. The capital stock may be increased or diminished as provided by law. All shares of stock shall be issued as fully paid and non-assessable, and no transfer of stock shall be binding on the corporation unless recorded on its books.

The capital stock of this corporation may be increased to the sum of Twenty-five thousand ($25,000.00) dollars.

ARTICLE V.

All the corporate powers of said corporation shall be exercised by a Board of Directors, consisting of three stockholders, two of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The Board of Directors shall elect annually from their number a president, a vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer. The Board of Directors shall have power to combine the offices of secretary and treasurer. The Board of Directors shall appoint from time to time, such officers and clerks and agents and employees as they may deem necessary for the purposes and business of the corporation, who shall hold office at the pleasure of the Board. Said board may make, alter and amend any and all by-laws and regulations proper for the conduct and management of the business and affairs of the corporation. The Board of Directors shall have power to apply the profits of the corporation to the promotion of the business and affairs thereof, or to the declaration of the dividends, or to both of such purposes, if such profits shall be sufficient to that end.

The following persons shall constitute the first Board of Directors: Walter F. Jahncke, at 816 Howard Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana, Edwin E. Crozat, No. 1519 North Villere Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, and Oscar J. Forstall, No. 121 South Clark Street, New Orleans, Louisiana; with Walter F. Jahncke as president, Edwin E. Crozat as vice-president, and Oscar J. Forstall as Secretary-Treasurer.

The annual meeting of stockholders of this corporation for the election of directors shall be held on the second Monday in January of each year, and the Directors now chosen to represent this corporation, shall hold their offices until that date, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. In case vacancies occur during the year, same shall be filled by the remaining Directors or Director.

ARTICLE VI.

Whenever this corporation may be dissolved, either by limitation or from any other cause, its affairs shall be liquidated by three commissioners to be appointed from amongst the stockholders at a general meeting of stockholders called for such purpose, and notice of which shall be given in the manner and as provided for stockholders' meetings by Article IX. of this charter, and a two-thirds majority in amount of the capital stock of said corporation represented at such meeting shall be requisite to elect. Said commissioners shall remain in office until the affairs of the corporation shall have been fully liquidated. In case of death of one or more of said commissioners, the vacancy shall be filled by election of the surviving commissioners.

ARTICLE VII.

No subscribers for stock shall ever be held liable for the contracts, faults or debts of said corporation in any further sum than the unpaid balance, if any, due the corporation on the stock for which he has subscribed, nor shall any mere informality in organization have the effect of rendering this charter null, or rendering any subscriber or stockholder liable beyond the unpaid amount, if any, remaining due on his stock.

ARTICLE VIII.

This corporation is organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana and especially Act No. 267 of 1914, and the subscribers hereto, for themselves and said corporation and for its officers, directors and stockholders, hereby adopt, as part of this charter and as conditions of this incorporation, all the rights, powers, privileges and immunities granted to corporations, and granted to and conferred upon officers, directors and stockholders of corporations, by said laws and said act—such adoption being as full, complete and binding as if said rights, powers, privileges and immunities were set forth at full length in this instrument.

ARTICLE IX.

This charter may be modified, changed or amended, or said corporation may be dissolved, by the assent of stock holders owning two-thirds of the entire capital stock, at a general meeting of the stockholders convened for that purpose, after 15 days notice shall have been given to each stockholder, mailed to his last known address.

ARTICLE X.

The subscribers hereto have respectively opposite their names the amount of stock in this corporation subscribed for 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 Notarial Office, at the City of New Orleans, aforesaid, in the presence of Ferdinand E. Zimmer and Walter B. Hamlin, competent witnesses of lawful age and residing in this City, who hereunto subscribed their names, together with said parties and me, Notary, on the day and date set forth in the caption hereof.

ORIGINAL SIGNED:
F. E. ZIMMER,
W. B. HAMLIN.
WALTER F. JAHNCKE, 80 Shares
816 Howard Ave., New Orleans, La.
E. E. CROZAT, 10 Shares.
1519 N. Villere St., New Orleans, La.
O. J. FORSTALL, 10 Shares.
121 S. Clark St., New Orleans, La.
(Signed) W. W. YOUNG, NOT. PUB.

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 "BUILDING REVIEW PUBLISHING COMPANY, INCORPORATED," was this day duly recorded in my office, in Book 1127, folio 739. (seal). (signed) Emile J. Leonard, DR.
A true copy of the original:
(signed.) W. W. YOUNG, NOT. PUB.
(Seal.)
May 6 13 20 27 june 3 10

CHARTER
HIGGINS ENGINEERING COMPANY, INC.

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

Be it known, that on this 12th day of May, 1915, before me, Herbert W. Kaiser, a Notary Public, duly commissioned and qualified in and for the Parish and State aforesaid, and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter named and undersigned, personally came and appeared the persons whose names are hereunto subscribed, who declared that, availing themselves of the provisions of the laws of the State of Louisiana and particularly of Act No. 267 of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana for the year 1914, 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 and become associated with them, into a corporation and body politic in law, for the objects and purposes and under the agreement and stipulations, following, to-wit:

ARTICLE I.—The name and style of this corporation shall be "Higgins Engineering Company, Inc.," 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 to break the same at pleasure; to hold, receive, purchase, convey, mortgage and hypothecate real, personal and mixed property; to issue bonds, notes and other obligations; to have and employ such managers, officers, agents and employees as the interest and convenience of said corporation may require; 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 and expedient.

ARTICLE II.—The domicile of this corporation shall be in the City of New Orleans, State of Louisiana. All citation and other legal process shall be served on the President and in his absence on the Secretary-Treasurer.

ARTICLE III—The objects and purposes for which this corporation is organized and the nature of the business to be carried on by it are hereby declared to be: to engage in the buying, selling and manufacturing of oil burners, pumps, steam specialities, patterns and machinery; and generally to do and engage in any other business, undertaking or enterprise connected with or growing out of and incidental to the objects and purposes set forth or contemplated by this charter.

ARTICLE IV—The capital stock of this corporation is hereby fixed at the sum of Five Thousand ($5,000.00) Dollars, which capital stock may be increased in the manner provided by law to the sum of Fifty Thousand ($50,000.00) Dollars. Said capital stock shall be divided into fifty shares of the par value of One Hundred Dollars each. Of said capital stock Two Hundred Dollars thereof shall be paid for in cash immediately after the signing of this act of incorporation. The remaining Forty-eight Hundred ($4,800.00) Dollars of the capital stock of this corporation, viz: the capital stock subscribed to by James F. Higgins shall be paid for as follows: for Thirty-one (31) shares of said capital stock the said James F. Higgins does transfer, assign, convey, setover and deliver unto the corporation all his right, title and interest in and to the following patents with reference to Hydrocarbon-burners: No. 724,008, dated March 31st, 1903, No. 816,470, dated March 27th, 1906, No. 792,205 dated June 13th, 1905, No. 834,203 dated Oct. 23rd, 1906, and No. 705,530 dated July 22nd, 1902, all granted by the United States Government and issued by the United States Patent Office: and Patent No. 5401 of the Republic of Mexico, which said patents and patent rights are appraised and valued by the Board of Directors hereinafter named as worth the sum of Thirty-one Hundred Dollars ($3,100.00); and for Seventeen (17) shares of said capital stock the said James F. Higgins does transfer, convey, setover, and deliver unto the corporation the following named burners, pumps, and machinery, to-wit: 8 No. 1 burners, 8 Perfect burners, 6 No. 2 burners, 15 No. 3 burners, 10 No. 4 burners, 32 No. 5 burners, 2 cast iron receivers, 18 cast iron pans, 30 cast iron nozzels, 2 pump governors, located at 922 Magazine street, New Orleans, La., which said burners, pumps and machinery are appraised and valued by the Board of Directors hereinafter named as worth the sum of Seventeen hundred ($1,700.00) Dollars. All shares of stock shall be non-assessable, and no transfer of stock shall be binding upon the corporation unless made upon its books and all certificates of stock shall be signed by the President and the Secretary-Treasurer of the corporation.

ARTICLE V—No stockholder of this corporation may offer for sale, sell, assign or transfer his stock in this corporation without giving to the other stockholders thirty days prior notice of such intention, which notice shall be given in writing to the President of the corporation and shall by said President be made known to the Directors of the corporation, and the other stockholders shall have the privilege of purchasing said stock at the book value thereof for a period of thirty days from the delivery of said notice to the president.

ARTICLE VI—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. A majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business. At any meeting of the Board of Directors at which there are only two members of the Board of Directors present, the absent Director may give to either of the two Directors present at said meeting a written proxy to vote in the name, place and stead of the absent Director upon any question that may come before the said Board of Directors at that particular meeting. The Directors shall be elected annually by a ballot beginning on the first Wednesday of the month of January in the year 1916. All elections shall be held nuder such rules and regulations as may be determined by the Board of Directors but after at least ten days notice of such election shall be given to each stockholder by mail sent to his last known address or by publication for at least three times in ten days preceding such election in one of the daily English newspapers in the city of New Orleans. No failure to hold an election shall be regarded as a forfeiture of this charter. Any vacancy occurring in said Board of Directors shall be filled by the remaining Directors for the unexpired term. The first Board of Directors of this Company shall consist of James F. Higgins, residing at 2120 Milan Street, New Orleans; Joseph Kaufman, residing at 1669 Robert street, New Orleans; and Carl C. Hechinger, residing at 1631 Octavia street, New Orleans; with James F. Higgins as President and Joseph Kaufman as Secretary-Treasurer. The three above named shall constitute the first Board of Directors and shall serve until their successors are duly elected. The Board of Directors shall after each election select from their number a President and a Secretary-Treasurer.

ARTICLE VII—No stockholder shall ever be held liable or responsible for the contracts, faults or debts of this 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 of stock subscribed for by him. This act of incorporation may be changed, modified or altered, or this corporation may be dissolved in accordance with the provisions of Sections Nos. 6 and 28 of Act No. 267 of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana for the year 1914. In the event of the dissolution of this corporation by the expiration of its charter or otherwise, its business and affairs shall be liquidated and terminated by three liquidators to be selected by and from among the stockholders at the meeting which shall decide to liquidate. Such liquidators shall have full power and authority to settle all the business and affairs of the corporation. In case of death or disability 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—The subscribers hereto have respectively written opposite their names the amount of stock in this corporation subscribed for by each of them so that this act of incorporattion may also serve as the original subscription list of said corporation.

Thus done and passed in my notarial office, No. 317 Hennen Building, New Orleans, Louisiana, in the presence of Meyer S. Dreifus and Lloyd P. O'Dowd, competent witnesses who have hereunto signed their names with the said appearers and me, said Notary Public, after due reading of the whole.

Signed: J. F. HIGGINS, 48 shares; JOE KAUFMAN, 1 share; C. C. HECHINGER, 1 share, by J. Hechinger, Agt. Witnesses: L. P. O'DOWD, MEYER S. DREIFUS.
H. W. KAISER, 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 "Higgins Engineering Company, Inc.," was this day duly recorded in my office in Book 1157 Folio 236. New Orleans, La., May 12th, 1915.

EMILE J. LEONARD, Deputy Recorder.
(Seal) A true copy—H. W. Kaiser, Not. Pub.
May 20-27 June 3-10-17-24, 1914

CHARTER
OF FRIJOLILLO OIL COMPANY, INC.

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

Be it known, that on this 7th day of the month of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, and of the independence of the United States of America, the one hundred and thirty-ninth, before me, William John Hennessey, a notary public duly commissioned and qualified, in and for the parish of Orleans, state of Louisiana, therein residing, and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter named and undersigned, personally came and appeared: Arthur McGuirk, whose post office address is No. 70 Audubon Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana; Lavoisier L. Lamar, whose post office address is Monteleone Hotel, New Orleans, and Southern Hotel, Tampico, State of Vera Cruz, Mexico; William P. Flower, whose post office address is No. 421 Carondelet street, New Orleans, Louisiana; Edouard Laguerre, whose post office address is corner of Flood and Levee streets, New Orleans, Louisiana; Zebulon E. Benton, whose post office address is No. 619 Poydras street, New Orleans, Louisiana. Being all of full age of majority, who declared that they agree to form, and do by these presents form a corporation under the laws of Louisiana, for the objects and purposes hereinafter set out.

Article I.—The name of this corporation shall be the "Frijolillo Oil Company, Inc." It shall exist for thirty years. Its domicile shall be in New Orleans, parish of Orleans, Louisiana. Citation, or other process, shall be served on the president or upon the vice-president, or upon the secretary-treasurer.

Article II.—The objects and purposes of this corporation are to acquire to the extent of two hundred and sixty-three (263) hectares, (equal to about five hundred and seventy-eight acres) the lease upon the property described in a contract of lease granted by Robert F. Willy and Edward A. Goff, in favor of Lavoisier L. Lamar, per act passed before Pedro N. Tinoco, notary public, office No. 2 of the parish of Frijolillo of Tuxpam, State of Vera Cruz, Mexico, on the fifth day of April, 1914, a certified copy whereof is annexed to and made part hereof for reference and proof; to exploit the said lands for oil, gas and other minerals under the terms of said lease; to dispose of the products thereof, either in the crude or refined state; to refine said minerals; to transport the same by all modern methods, and to establish, own and maintain and operate all agencies of transportation, and generally to conduct the business of producing, refining, transporting and marketing oil, gas and other minerals and their products; and to mortgage, sell or dispose of all property belonging to the corporation.

Article III.—The capital stock of this corporation shall be one hundred and twenty-five thousand ($125,000.00) dollars, divided into one hundred and twenty-five thousand (125,000) shares of one ($1.00) dollar each. Sixty-two thousand, five hundred (62,500) shares of said capital stock shall be issued to the said Lavoisier L. Lamar and his associates, subscribers hereto, for the purchase price of said lease, and the remainder of said stock shall be paid for in cash, or in the manner and at the time fixed by the board of directors. All stock shall be of equal dignity and entitled to the same rights in this corporation.

The capital stock may be increased to two hundred thousand ($200,000) dollars. The lease acquired by this corporation comprises the lands referred to as follows in the annexed contract:

(1) In paragraph "I" a lot of land known under the name of Colonia Americana, situated in that part of the old Hacienda of San Isidro, known as Frijolillo of said municipality, having an area of forty-five (45) hectares, bounded on the north and south by land of Mr. Willy, east by the Tuxpam river and west by property of the succession of Drayton.

(2) In paragraph "II," a lot of land situated in that part of the Hacienda of San Isidro, called Frijolillo, having an area of eighty-three (83) hectares, bounded on the north by land of Mr. Collins, on the south by property of Mr. Smith; on the east by the Tuxpan river, and on the west by land of Mr. Drayton.

(3) In paragraph "III," two lots of land in the same hacienda, situated where the American colony was, one of them with an area of forty-five (45) hectares, two thousand, four hundred and seventy square meters, bounded on the north by land of Mr. Smith; on the south by land of the succession of Drayton; on the east by the Tuxpam river, and on the west by lands of the succession of Drayton. The other lot has an area of ten hectares, bounded on the north by lands of Mr. Smith, on the south by lands of Mr. Willy, on the east by lands of Mr. Collins and on the west by lands of the succession of Drayton.

One-third of the half of a lot of land in the parish of Frijolillo, comprising twenty hectares, eight thousand three hundred, thirty-three and one-third of a square meter, bounded on the north by the Tuxpam river; on the south by property of Mr. John Drayton; on the east by the property of Mr. Edward Goff, and on the west by property allotted to Mrs. Louisa Thomas de Gandara.

(4) In article "Tenth" of said lease, a lot of land containing approximately sixty hectares, in the same hacienda San Isidro, more fully described in the annexed lease. And the said paragraphs of said lease, containing a fuller and more detailed description of said lands are marked "A," "B," and "C" respectively, for further identification.

And the said lease is valued by the subscribers hereto at the price and sum of sixty-two thousand, five hundred ($62,500) dollars, aforesaid.

Article IV.—All the corporate powers herein conferred by law upon corporations, including the power to sell any or all the property of the corporation, shall be exercised by a board of directors, composed of five stockholders, but the board of directors may be increased to eleven members by resolution adopted at any meeting held by said board.

A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum. The first board of directors shall be:

Arthur McGuirk, whose post office address is No. 70, Audubon Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana, president.

Lavoisier L. Lamar, whose post office address is Monteleone Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana, and Southern Hotel, Tampico, Mexico, vice-president.

William P. Flower, whose post office address is 421 Carondelet street, New Orleans, Louisiana, secretary-treasurer.

Edouard Laguerre, whose post office address is Flood and Levee streets, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Zebulon N. Benton, whose post office address is 619 Poydras street, New Orleans, Louisiana; who shall serve for two years, or until their successors are elected and qualified, the present board to serve until the third Monday in May, 1917.

Article V.—A meeting of stockholders shall be held annually on the third Monday in May, for the election of a board of directors, and if for any reason said meeting is not held on said day, then less than a quorum of stockholders may adjourn said meeting to any other day and until a quorum is present and a board elected.

Article VI.—The names and post office addresses of the subscribers to these articles of incorporation and the amount of shares which each agree to take are:

Arthur McGuirk, whose post office address is 70 Audubon Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana, for ten thousand, five hundred shares, to be paid by and through the transfer and sale to the corporation of the lease aforesaid, and one hundred shares to be paid in cash at the time of subscription.

Lavoisier L. Lamar, whose post office address is Monteleone Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana, and Southern Hotel, Tampico, State of Vera Cruz, Mexico; forty thousand, three hundred (40,300) shares, to be paid by and through the transfer and sale to the corporation of the lease aforesaid, and one hundred shares to be paid in cash at the time of subscription.

William P. Flower, whose post office address is 421 Carondelet street, New Orleans, Louisiana, one thousand shares, to be paid by and through the transfer and sale to this corporation of the lease aforesaid, and one hundred shares to be paid in cash at the time of subscription.

Edouard Laguerre, whose post office address is corner of Flood and Levee streets, New Orleans, Louisiana, ten thousand, five hundred shares to be paid for by and through the transfer and sale to this corporation of the lease aforesaid, and one hundred shares to be paid in cash at the time of subscription.

Zebulon N. Benton, whose post office address is 619 Poydras street, New Orleans, Louisiana, for two hundred shares to be paid for by and through the transfer and sale to this corporation of the lease aforesaid, and fifty shares to be paid in cash at the time of subscription.

Article VII.—Whenever this corporation is dissolved from any cause, its affairs shall be liquidated by three commissioners, appointed by the stockholders, at a general meeting, called for that purpose, after twenty days' notice. The commissioners shall be stockholders, shall remain in office until final liquidation of the affairs of the corporation, and vacancies in their number shall be filled as in case of original appointment.

Thus done and passed, in my office, in the city of New Orleans, on the day, month and year first above written, in the presence of William J. Hopper and Albert H. Bittenbring, competent witnesses, who hereunto sign their names with the said appearers, and me, notary, after due reading of the whole.

Original signed: Arthur McGuirk, 70 Audubon Boulevard, New Orleans, La., ten thousand six hundred (10,600) shares; Lavoisier L. Lamar, Monteleone Hotel, New Orleans, La., Southern Hotel, Tampico, State of Vera Cruz, Mexico, forty thousand four hundred shares; Zebulon N. Benton, 619 Poydras street, New Orleans, two hundred shares; Ed Laguerre, corner Flood and Levee, N. O., La., per F. Rouge, ten thousand six hundred shares; W. P. Flower, 421 Carondelet street, one thousand shares.

WM. J. HENNESSEY, Not. Pub.

State of Louisiana, Parish of Orleans, City of New Orleans.

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 "Frijolillo Oil Company, Inc." was this day duly recorded in my office in book 1157, folio 240. New Orleans, La., May 14, 1915.

(Signed) EMILE J. LEONARD, D. R.

I, the undersigned notary, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original act of incorporation of the "Frijolillo Oil Company, Inc.," together with the certificate of the recorder of mortgages thereunto appended on file and of record in my office. In faith whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this 17th day of May, A. D. 1915.

WM. J. HENNESSEY, Notary Public.
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Verhaeren's Love of Finery.

A love of gorgeous raiment, such as characterized Emile Verhaeren, the noted Belgian author, in his youth, has been common to many famous writers. Disraeli as a young man startled the town by an evening dress comprising green velvet trousers, a canary colored waistcoat and a coat with lace cuffs. Dickens, likewise, was fond of a certain bright green waistcoat, which he wore in accompaniment with a vivid scarlet tie, and he turned up at Frith's studio one day in a sky blue overcoat with red cuffs. Even more fearful and wonderful was Dumas' appearance at an ambassador's reception in "a shirt on which were depicted a number of little red demons disporting themselves amid flames of yellow fire." "My costume was a great success," he wrote. "Every one thronged round and made much of me."—London Graphic.

Superfluous.

"I understand they have a curfew law out there now?" he said.

"No," his informant answered. "They did have one, but they abandoned it."

"What was the matter?"

"Well, the bell rang at 9 o'clock, and almost every one complained that it woke him up."—Chicago News.

After a Good Bargain.

"This suit will cost you $300 per day."

"Do you find people willing to pay such prices?"

"Plenty of them."

"In that case what will you take for the hotel?"—Judge.

How a Zeppelin Is Made.

The building of a Zeppelin is not the work of a day. The mere work on the vessel takes an entire year, and when that work is done another three months must be spent in testing. Stretched on a framework of girders there are from seventeen to twenty-five balloonettes from end to end. Over these and over the girders is an outer skin of proofed canvas. Slung under the great length is a series of cabins.

Right in front is the station of the lookout man, who is in charge of the starting and the landing. He has anchors slung beneath him. In the first boat, which is entirely covered in, are two petrol engines. Behind this boat is the gangway, fitted up with sleeping berths for the crew. In the center is the observation station. It is from here that the bombs are dropped, and it is in here that the marvelous steering and sighting apparatus is installed, as well as the wireless plant.—St Louis Republic.

Swine In Old London.

We hear much today of the dangers of the London streets, but the inhabitants are spared some of the perils of an earlier age. The calendar of coroners' rolls for the city tells how the many swine wandering about the streets were once London's greatest nuisances. In 1322 an inquest was held on a child who was attacked in her cradle by a pig which had wandered in through the open door of her parents' shop. And a little earlier letters patent were issued to an infant who lost an ear from the same cause. The letters certified the cause of the accident, lest later on the uncharitable should say that the ear had been cut off in the pillory by the knife of the law.—London Spectator.

A Long Popular Vegetable.

Asparagus has evidently been known during a considerable period, for it figures in the title of a seventeenth century play. Richard Brome, who started life as a domestic servant and in that capacity had Ben Jonson for a master, became a popular dramatist, and one of the most successful of his comedies was "The Sparagus Garden," acted, according to the title page of the edition published in 1640, "by the Company of Revels at Salisbury Court." One of the characters in this play expresses a wish to have "sparagus at every meale all the yeare long."—London Globe.

Russia's Immensity.

The Russian empire is as compact as the British empire is scattered. It is one great mass with no parts, except possibly a few islands along the coast, separated from the main body. There are no distant possessions, no oversea territory, and the czar claims no dominion over any land not in the northern hemisphere.

Its area is what astonishes. It is larger than all of North America from the canal north and with the islands of the Caribbean thrown in. One-sixth of the land area of the globe is under the czar's flag and within its bounaries is a population greater than that of Great Britain, Germany and France combined. And this population of between 160,000,000 and 170,000,000 is increasing at the rate of 2,000,000 a year by birth. The population of the empire has doubled in forty years.

Of the many strange things about Russia perhaps the strangest is that this immense empire has no salt water port which does not freeze up in the winter. No big nation in the world is so circumscribed in this respect.—Brooklyn Standard Union.

The Literal Jamaican Mind.

During the early period of the work on the Panama canal many persons were injured by jumping on and off trains in motion on the Panama railroad. There were on the zone police force many West Indians who were trained and capable men, but incurably literal. An order was issued to the force to arrest any person found jumping on or off a train in motion, and the next day two West Indian policemen brought into a police station a white man who was struggling fiercely to break away from them.

"What have you arrested him for?" asked the police sergeant who was on duty.

"For jumping on and off the rear of a train, sah," one of the policeman replied.

"The blamed fools!" cried the arrested man. "I'm the brakeman!"

On one occasion a Jamaican boy who was a switch tender in Culebra cut was found asleep with his head resting on the rails of the switch. "Dat's all right, boss," said the boy when waked. "No train can get by here widout me knowin' it!"—Youth's Companion.

One Is Enough.

"Before she married him, you know, she used to say there wasn't another man like him in the world."

"Yes, and now she says she'd hate to think that there was."

Ambition.

Contented, unambitious people are all very well in their way. They form a neat, useful background for great portraits to be painted against, and they make a respectable if not particularly intelligent audience for the active spirits of the age to play before. But do not, for goodness sake, let them go stalking about, as they are so fond of doing, crying out that they are the true models for the whole species. Why, they are deadheads, the drones, the street crowds that lounge about gaping at those who are working.

They never know the excitement of expectation nor the stern delight of accomplished effort, such as stir the pulse of the man who has objects, hopes and plans. To the ambitious man life is a brilliant game—a game that calls forth all his tact and energy and nerve; a game to be won in the long run by the quick eye and the steady hand and yet having sufficient chance about its working out to give it all the glorious zest of uncertainty.

And if he be defeated he wins the grim joy of fighting; if he loses the race he at least had a run. Better to work and fail than to sleep one's life away.—Jerome K. Jerome.

Appearances Deceptive.

"You can't allus judge by facial expression," said Uncle Eben. "An oyster dat's jes' bein' opened mus' be mis'able, an' yet it looks like it's laughin'."—Washington Star.

Few Have the Opportunity.

"Never look a gift horse in the mouth" may be good advice to the one man in a million who is fortunate enough to have a horse given him.

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