

For example: They buy a lot of stuff from the Grange, more than they need, goods of all sorts, "because they are cheap," and then come sneaking around to merchants for goods on credit, which, if they can get them, will be paid for no sooner than the buyers possibly can help, in order apparently that they may use their cash in the Grange.

TRADER.

Muskoka, 10th Jan.

[If they give their cash to the Grange and come to you for credit, don't grant it.—Ed. M. T.]

#### A NEW AND CHEAP FUEL.

Editor of the MONETARY TIMES:—

SIR.—I have read nothing of late which has surprised me more than the claims made as to the results reached, in economy of fuel, by the "Boeklen Crude Oil Water Gas Process." I understand that the "Boeklen System" was patented in the United States and Canada during the past year and includes the process of making illuminating gas of high candle power at about one-half the cost of making gas by any other known process and at the same time utilizing the very same plant, grounds, buildings, and works for producing the cheapest fuel gas known to the world.

What is of special interest, however, to Ontario manufacturers is this system of making

fuel gas which is produced so cheaply that it will, some day, be the universal fuel in all large manufacturing centers, for generating steam, for heating, cooking and drying. It is even cheaper than natural gas and its adoption must be general as soon as it is within the reach of the consumers of fuel.

I have now in constant use a gas cooking range by which all the cooking, baking, washing, ironing, and heating water of bath for a family of nine is done by gas at \$1.00 per thousand cubic feet of Toronto gas and it costs me \$4 per month, which is cheaper than coal or wood. But if I had the fuel gas, made under the Boeklen system I could run my gas range at less than one half the cost, for at the same price per cubic foot I should have three times as many thermal units of heat from it as I get from illuminating gas, thus reducing the cost of my fuel in that proportion. Instead, however, of paying \$1.00 per thousand and I should get the fuel gas at fifty cents per thousand to make it. This gas can be supplied to steam users by alterations in the furnaces, at a cost of only about \$5.00 per 10 H.P. The immense heat from this gas, is centered, at once it is lit under and through the tubes of the boiler and a steady heat is kept as long as it is required and put out instantly when not wanted. There is here, it seems to me, a

means of doing away with large chimneys with their danger and smoke nuisance besides the saving of a fireman and all the dirt of coal and a saving of at least fifty per cent. in cost of fuel.

The company controlling this system is now open, I am told, to erect works in Toronto or other parts of the Dominion, provided companies are organized to take it up. The works are described as simple and of moderate cost. I have seen the patent papers, plans, drawings &c. relating to the process and am so convinced of its utility that I will take stock in a company to purchase the right for the Dominion and know two other parties who will take stock to the extent of \$75,000 at once in it. If fuel can be produced at the figures shown it is clear that the advantages to manufacturers in a city like Toronto would be immense.

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