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#### EFFECT OF COMPRESSION

#### AND TRANSMISSION ON

THE

ILLUMINATING AND HEATING VALUE OF

CARBURETTED WATER-GAS

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#### THE EFFECT OF COMPRESSION

#### upon the

#### HEATING VALUE AND ILLUMINATING POWER OF CARBURETTED WATER GAS

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The object of this series of tests was to determine the effect of compression upon the candle power of carburetted water gas, as made in the daily operation of a three piece water gas machine, cooled in condensers, passed through shavings, scrubbers and oxide material, and thence into a storage holder, ready for compression and distribution.

The apparatus consisted of a small Westinghous air compressor; nine storage tanks of six inch wrought iron pipe; transfer pump; pressure regulator; standard one hundred inch bar photometer, complete, with regulators, clock, meter, pentane lamp, etc., gas analysis outfit, complete; also gages, thermometers, etc.

The compressor was fastened to the wall of the Boiler Room, adjoining the building in which the tests were made, so that the gas was not exposed to cold. No outside pipe being necessary.

The gas supply line from the holder was two hundred feet of two inch pipe, well protected from frost. The line from the compressor to the storage tanks was of two inch pipe, reduced to one inch at the header for the nine storage tanks. This line was run indoors and protected from frost. The header for the tanks was made up as shown in Fig. I. All unions were ground joint; and all cocks were brass, of the high pressure type.

The nine storage tanks, which were of six inch threaded pipe, were designed theoretically so that the longest tank would held enough gas for all tests. This eliminated any possibility of variation of the gas supply which might have occurred had samples for different pressures been taken from the works Holder. The dimensions of the storage tanks are given in Table I.

The pump used for transferring the gas from one tank to the next, was a simple brass hand pump, having brass check valves, both inlet and outlet being below the piston. The piston was solid with large cup leathers, and had a diameter of three inches with a three and one-half inch stroke. A water gage was placed on the inlet of the pump and by slowly opening the stop cock, the relative pressure in the tank being exhausted could be seen. At no time was a negative pressure allowed; that a pressure below atmospheric. On the outlet of the pump was placed a pressure gage reading to fifty pounds by half pounds, and a thermometer. Any heating of the gas was corrected so that the desired pressure at 60° F. was obtained.

A Williamson Regulator was used to reduce the pressure

in the tanks from pounds to inches water. This was placed in the line to the photometer room as shown in Fig. II This regulator handled all pressures from five pounds to fortyfive pounds without variation.

The Photometer Room and Laboratory were situated on the same floor and convenient to the storage tanks, as shown in Fig. II. These rooms, as well as the room in which the tanks were located, were properly heated, so that a minimum temperature of  $60^{\circ}$  F. could be maintained.

In starting the Westinghouse Compressor, considerable variation was noted in the flame at the photometer. From Fig. II. it will be seen that this fluctuation was caused by the compressor. A water gage on the inlet to the compressor showed holder pressure before the stroke, but a pressure of one inch below atmospheric pressure during the stroke. As there was danger of air leaks, and to avoid the fluctuations of the flame at the photometer; a storage tank or reciever, made of a piece of eight inch threaded pipe eight feet long, was placed in the gas line at the inlet to the compressor. The water gage now showed not less than two inches water pressure above atmospheric. This receiver removed the danger of air leaks but only partially overcame the fluctuations of the gas flame. This variation of the gas to the photometer room was avoided by putting in a by-pass between the compressor outlet and the receiver. In this by-pass was placed a stop cock so that the amount of gas, returned from the compressor to the receiver, could be regulated. After the first full stroke of the compressor, no fluctuation of the gas was noted, when the by-pass was properly regulated. See Fig. II.

Much difficulty was experienced in making the storage tanks gas tight. When the nine tanks were assembled and subjected to fifty pounds per square inch air pressure, eighty per cent of the joints leaked. This was due to the fact that standard caps and couplings were used on threads cut by a local machine on which the taper was too great. The leaky fittings were removed and replaced with litharge and glycerine on the threads. The air test showed twenty per cent of the joints.still leaking. These were removed and put on with red lead and shellac. Live steam was admitted into the tanks and all joints baked for three hours. After cooling, the air test showed ten per cent of the joints leaky. A number of these were stopped with standard six inch leak clamps and the smaller ones were calked. Air test and soap suds showed no leaks other than a pin hole here and there after the last remedy.

The nine storage tanks were tapped in the center of each cap on the header end, and in the lowest point of the caps at the far end. The latter taps were used for purging. It was the intention to remove drip and condensation from

these openings but as the quantity deposited was so small, all efforts in that direction were abondoned.

After starting the compressor and regulating to about forty strokes per minute, all gas pipes, tanks, etc. were purged until an analysis showed no air present. All cocks opening to the atmosphere were closed and the by-pass at the compressor regulated so that in ten minutes, five pounds gage pressure at  $60^{\circ}$  F. was noted in each of the nine storage tanks.

During this period, photometric tests were made on the gas from the inlet side of the compressor,, and a sample taken for analysis. The corrected candle power thus found was taken as the value of the gas before compression.

A chart showing the relation between temperature and pressure was available so that any increase of temperature above  $60^{\circ}$  F. could be noted, and the increased pressure considered, so that the actual pressure desired would exist at  $60^{\circ}$  F.

When after ten minutes the pressure had reached five pounds, all stop cocks then open were closed, and the compressor stopped. The stops in the line to the photometer were now opened and the gas from the five pound tank (1) turned on. The gas passed through ten feet of three-quarter inch pipe to the regulator, thence through five feet of half-inch pipe to the low pressure regulator, the previous regulator being of

the high pressure type for reducing from pounds to inches. From the low pressure regulator the gas passed through a wet balance governor, test meter, and thence to the photometer flat burner, which was a seven foot/flame burner through which the gas flowed at the rate of five cubic feet per hour. No dry governor was used in the line between the meter and the burner; this might account for the slight variation in some of the readings of the Bar.

The gas was ignited at the burner and ten observations were made at intervals of thirty seconds. Previous to making these tests, the test flame was allowed to burn for ten minutes and the pentane standard regulated. The object in burning the gas ten minutes was to obtain the gas, from the tank, at the burner. The temperature of the gas at the meter, barometric pressure, rate of flow of gas, were noted. During this test a sample of the gas was taken for analysis.

The gas from tank (1) was now shut off, and the stop to the photometer closed. The plugs in the street tees to tanks (1) and (2) were removed and the connections for the transfer pump screwed in. The cocks on tanks (1) and (2) in Fig. III were opened slightly to purge the pump and fittings through the union - (26) Fig. III. The union was now closed and the cocks to tanks (1) and (2) opened wide. The transfer operation was now begun. During this operation the analysis of the gas sample taken from the previous test, was made. The transferring was continued until the gage on the ten pound tank (2) showed ten pounds at  $60^{\circ}$  F. All stops wer closed, pump and connection removed, and plugs replaced. The stops to the photometer were opened and the gas from tank (2) turned on. The line was purged for ten minutes as before, and ten, half minute readings taken of the candle power of the gas. A sample was taken for analysis as in the first test of the series.

This operation was repeated for each succeeding pressure or test in the series. For pressures above thirty pounds, tank (6) was used, the gas supply being obtained from tanks (7) - (8) - (9). The stops (10 -11) Fig. III, etc. were used for equalizing the pressure between tanks if necessary. The by-pass S. Fig II. was put in to help distribute the incoming gas more evenly.

After each series, all tanks were opened to the atmosphere through the header and cock (M), (Fig. II), whence the gas escaped into the open through the hose (V). Before beginning a next series, the entire system was purged as in the first series.

The gages and thermometers used during these tests were new and accurate.

The entire system of tanks was supported on six by six timbers. This clearance gave ample room to manipulate stop cocks, etc. All tests were made as soon after compressing as possible. That is, as soon as the gas had cooled to  $60^{\circ}$  F. As these tests were made during January and February (1909), no difficulty was experienced in obtaining as low as  $60^{\circ}$  F. in the test room.

### -- OBSERVATIONS --

### Candle-Power and Analyses of the Gases

Holder	5 lbs.	Pressure	10 lbs.	Pressure
23.9 Meter991	23.8	.991	23.3	•999
23.9 Temp. 690	23.5	69°	23.5	69°
23.7 Barom.29.85"	24.1	29.85"	23.4	29.84"
24.0 Tabular,972	24.2	.972	23.5	.971
24.0	24.0		23.1	
24.2 Corrected	23.6		23.1	
24.1 C. P. 24.87	23.8	24.70	23.4	24.02
24.0	24.0		23.5	
23.8 25 Candle	23.9		23.4	
23.9 Standard 23.95 25.00	23.87	24.83	<u>23.0</u> 23.32	24.14
Analysis				
co2 3.9%	co2	- 3.6	3.5	
Illts 11.6%	Illts	11.4	11.2	
02 1.0%	02	1.0%	1.0	
co 30.3%	co	30.4%	30.4	

15 lbs. 1	Pressure	20 lbs p	ressure	25 lbs.	Pressure
22.4	1.000	21.4	1.001	20.9	.994
22.5	690	21.5	69.5°	20.8	700
22.3	29.83"	21.3	29.81"	20.8	29.81"
22.5	.971	21.5	.970	20.5	.967
22.4		21.1		20.6	
22.5		21.4		20.5	
22.5	23.07	21.5	22.00	20.8	21.46
22.5	Negation of	21.5		20.8	
22.0		21.2		20.4	
22.4		21.4		20.3	
22.40	23.17	21.38	22.12	20.64	21.58
3	.3		3.2		3.1
11	.1	1	1.1	1.	1.0
' L	.0		1.0		1.0
30	•5	3	0.5	30	0.7
30 lbs.	Pressure	35 lbs.	Pressure	40 lbs.	Pressure
20.1	•992	18.8	.992	18.5	1.000
20.2	700	19.6	700	18.2	70°
20.3	29.80"	19.7	29.79"	18.8	
20.3	.967	19.4	.967	19.0	.966
20.5		19.8		18.5	
20.8		19.2		18.4	
20.4	21.11	19.2	20.02	18.6	19.27
20.8		19.0		18.4	20 m 1
20.4		18.7		19.0	
20.3		18.7		18.7	
20.41	21.22	19.21	20.11		19.38
	3.0	3.			2.9
	1.0	10.	•		0.9
	1.0	1.			1.0
	0.7	30.	C.	7	0.8

Holder		5 10s. P	ressure	10 lbs.	Pressure
24.2 24.0 24.5 24.3 24.2	.988 65° 29.60" .973	23.8 24.0 23.8 24.0 23.9	.979 660 29.62" .971	23.7 24.0 23.6 24.0 24.2	1.000 67° 29.63" .968
24.3 24.5 24.5 24.1 a 24.0	25.28	23.9 24.4 23.9 24.0 24.0	25.19	24.2 24.0 23.8 24.0 23.6	24.70
24.26	25.00	23.97	24.91	23.91	24.43
4 11 .1 30	.4 .4	1	4.0 1.2 1.4 0.5	11 1	.9 .0 .4 .6
15 lbs. 1	Pressure	20 lbs.	Pressure	25 lbs.	Pressure
23.2 23.2 23.0 23.0 22.9	.996 67.5° 29.62" .967	21.0 20.9 21.3 21.0 21.5	.982 680 29.61" .966	20.7 21.0 21.2 21.2 21.2 21.3	1.000 69° 29.61" .963
23.1 23.4 22.8 22.9 22.9	23.90	21.3 21.2 21.8 21.2 21.2 	22.33	21.3 21.0 20.7 20.9 20,7	22.01
23.04	23.64	21.29	22.09	21.00	21.77
3. 10. 1. 30.	9	1	3.5 0.7 1.4 0.7	10	9.3 0.6 1.4

11

30 lbs.	Pressure	35 lbs.	Pressure	40 lbs.	Pressure
20.1 20.0 20.4 20.5 20.5 20.2	.984 69° 29.61" .963	18.8 19.2 19.2 19.0 18.5 19.2	.989 69 <sup>6</sup> 29.61" .963	18.7 18.3 18.2 18.0 18.3 18.0	.988 70° 29.62 .960
20.1 20.1 19.9 20.0 20.18	21.28 21.05	19.0 19,2 19.0 <u>19.2</u> 19.03	20.00	18.6 18.3 18.3 <u>18.9</u> 18.36	19.37
10	.2 .4 .9	10	.1 .2 .4 0	3. 10. 1. 31.	1 4
45 lbs.	Pressure				
18.5 18.1 18.5 18.0 18.0 18.6	*992 70° 29.61" .960				
18.1 18,3 18.6 <u>18.3</u> 18.30	19.22				
18.30	19.00				
1	3.0 0.1 1.4 0.9				

	Series 3			
Holder	5 lbs.	Pressure	10 lbs.	Pressure
26.0 1.000 25.6 29.69 25.8 62° 26.0 .984 25.7 25.9		.988 68.5° 29.69 <b>"</b> .968	25.0 25.0 24.8 24.7 24.9 24.8	1.000 70° 29.69" .964
25.6 26.2 25.6 26.0 <u>25.6</u>	1 25.3 25.3 25.3 25.5	26.11	24.8 24.7 24.7 24.7 24.7	25.75
25.78 25.0		24.91	24.82	24.56
4.0 12.3 1.0 31.2	12	.9 .2 .0 .2	3. 12. 1. 31.	0
15 lbs. Press	ure 20 lbs.	pressure	25 lbs.	Pressure
23.8 .990   24.3 74°   24.3 29.   23.5 .95   24.2 .95	68" 22.5	•995 75° 29.67" •946	22.0 22.0 22.1 22.1 22.2 22.2	.996 75 29.67 .946
23.5 25.3 24.3 24.2		24.13	22.3 22.0 22.0 22.0	23.44
<u>24.0</u> 24.03 24.2	22.74	23.02	22.09	22.35
3.7 11.8 1.0 31.3		3,5 11.7 1.0 31.3	3. 11. 1. 31.	50

30 lbs.	Pressure	35 lbs.	Pressure	40 lbs.	Pressure
21.3 21.8 21.8	.992 74° 29.67"	21.0 20.8 20.9	1.000 72° 29.68"	21.1 20.8 20.6	.991 71.5° 29.68"
21.8 21.8 21.8	.953	20.9 21.4 21.1 21.0	.958	20.5	.960
21.7 21.6 21.3	22,86	21.2 21.4 21.0	22.00	20.6 20.7 20.6	21.60
21.3	21.81	21.0	20.98	20.2	20.60
1	3.2 1.4	3.		3	.0
	1.0 1.1	1. 31.		1 31	

45	lbs.	Pres	sure
21 21 21 21 21	0 2 2		1.014 70° 29.69" .964
	.9 .1 .00		21.58
21	.06		20.58
	1	3.0 1.2 1.0 1.0	

A			-	10 71.	D
Holder		5 TP8.	Pressure	TO PDB.	Pressure
25.3 24.7 25.0 24.9 24.9 24.9	.992 29.60" 69° .963	23.9 23.9 24.3 24.3 24.3 24.5 24.5 24.5	1.000 75° 29.41" .940	24.2 24.1 24.1 24.0 24.5 24.1	1.004 76° 29.41" .938
24.6 24.7 24.7 <u>24.5</u>	26.00	24.5 24.2 24.2	25.81	24.1 23.6 24.2 24.2	25.59
24.82	25.00	24.26	24.82	24.11	24.61
1:	3.8 2.0 0.4 0.4	3. 12. 30.	0 4	11	.4
15 Lbs.	Pressure	20 lbs.	Pressure	25 lbs.	Pressure
23.4 23.5 23.3 23.3 23.3 23.3 23.1	1.000 7 <b>6°</b> 29.41" .938	22.3 22.4 21.5 22.3 22.4 22.0	1.000 75° 29.38" .940	22.1 21.6 22.1 21.9 22.0 21.2	.996 75.5 29.38" .939
23.0 23.5 23.5 23.1	24.84	22.3 22.0 22.0	23.54	21.6 22.0 21.3	23.22
23.30	23.89	22.0	22.64	21.4	22.33
3 11 0	.7 .2 .4 .6	11	3.7 1.1 0.4	3 11 0	.5 .1 .4

30 16.	Pressure
20.8 20.7 21.2 21.2 21.2 21.1 21.0	•994 77° 29•36" •933
20.8 20.9 21.0	22.58
20.9	21.72
ο.	2 .0 .5 9

Holder		5 Lbs. 1	Pressure	10 lbs.	Pressure
24.0 24.7 24.7 24.5 24.6	1.000 69.5° 29.44" .955	24.8 24.0 24.4 24.0 24.3	1.000 69.5° 29.44 •955	23.6 23.8 23.5 23.2 23.0	•990 69° 29.44" •958
24.3 24.3 24.5 24.5 24.5 24.5 24.46	25.61	24.6 24.5 24.3 24.0 24.6	25.49	23.4 23.0 23.0 23.5 23.1	24.58
24.46	25.00	24.35	24.90	23.31	24.01
3. 12. 0. 30	0	12	.9	3 12 0 30	.0 .9
15 1bs.	Pressure	20 lbs.	pressure	25 lbs.	pressure
22.1 22.6 22.9 22.5 22.4 22.4	•994 69° 29.44 •958	21.7 21.4 21.4 21.6 21.7 21.6	•994 29.44" 69° •958	21.8 21.1 21.1 21.2 21.2 21.2 21.4	1.000 69° 29.44" .958
22.1 22.8 22.6 22.5	23.62	21.4 21.4 22.0 21.4	22.64	21.4 21.5 21.8 21.6	22.25
22.49	23.08	21.56	22.12	21.41	21.74
3. 12. 0. 30.	.0 .9	11 0	•9 •8 •9 •7	2.9 11.1 30.	5 9

Holder		5 lbs. p	ressure	10 Ibs,	pressure
24.0 24.0 23.9 23.8 23.8	1.000 69° 29.60" .963	23.5 23.6 23.6 23.7 23.4	.996 690 29.60 .963	23.4 22.7 22.7 22.7 22.8	1.000 72° 29.56" .953
23.8 23.8 23.9 24.0 24.4	24.86	23.8 23.7 23.6 23.4	24.63	23.0 23.0 23.0 22.8 22.6	24.00
23.94	25.00	23.9	24.78	22.87	24.14
12	.0 .9 .9	12.	.9	11	.0 .6 .0
15 lbs.	pressure	20 lbs.	pressure		
21.4 22.0 22.1 22.2 22.2 22.2 22.2 22.3	1.000 72° 29.56" .953	21.2 21.0 21.1 21.2 21.0 21.0 21.0	1.000 71° 29.49" .954		
22.0 21.8 <u>21.5</u> 21.97	23.05	21.0 21.1 21.1 21.1 21.08	22.10		
11	23.18 5.0 1.6 1.1 0.8	3 11 1	22.23 .0 .6 .1 0.9		

Series	7

	Sei	ies 7			
Holder		5 1bs.	pressure	10 lbs.	pressúre
21.4 21.6 21.2 21.0 22.0	1.000 72° 29.36" .947	21.2 21.4 21.0 21.2 21.2	•993 72.5° 29.34" •945	21.5 21.4 21.3 21.4 20.7	•997 72•50 29•34" •945
22.0 21.9 21.0 21.0	22.65	21.1 21.0 21.4 21.3	22.58	20.7 21.0 20.9 20.4	2230
21.45	25.00	21.2	24.92	20.8	24.62
11 0	•3 •7 •7 •8	l C	2.3 1.7 9.7 9.8	11 0	.3 .7 .7 .9
15# pre	ssure	20# pre	essure	25# mes	sure
20.6 20.0 20.5 20.3 20.4 20.2	•995 72.5° 29.34" •9 <sup>1</sup> 45	20.0 20,6 19.9 20.6 20.7 20.2	1.000 72.5° 29.34" .945	19.7 19.8 19.4 19.4 19.4 19.0 19.5	•994 72 <b>0</b> 29•351 •946
20.6	21.73	20.3 20.5 20.5 20.0	21,51	19.8 19.6 19.8 19.5	20.82
20.4	23.99	20.33	23.75	19.55	22.99
	2.3 11.7 0.7 29.8	1 (	2.3 1.6 0.7 9.8	11	2.2 1.5 0.7

30# pressure		35# pre	35# pressure		saure
19.5 19.3 19.2 19.4 19.1	•994 72° 29.36" •947	18.5 18.2 19.2 18.5 18.4	.986 72° 29.36 .947	19.0 18.9 18.7 18.8 18.5	1.000 71° 29.37" .950
19.7 19.1 19.2 18.9 19.2	20.50	18.5 18.5 13.5 19.0 18.5	19.89	19.2 18.8 18.7 18.8 18.7	19.80
19.26	22.63	18.58	21.96	18.81	21.86
	2.1 11.5 0.7 31.0	1	2.0 1.4 0.7 1.1	11 C	2.0

45# pressure

18.5 18.4 18.6 15.7 18.5	•996 72° 29•36" •947
18.4 13.4 18.4 18.6	19.73
18.7	21.78
11	.7

Holder		5# pres	ssure	10# pres	ssure
19.6 19.4 19.3 19.4 19.4 19.4 19.5	1.000 28.74" 67.5° .937	19.3 19.3 19.6 18.7 18.7 19.0	1.000 67.5° 28.74" .937	18.6 18.2 18.0 18.3 18.0 18.5	1.000 67.5° 28.65" .933
19.3 19.2 19.2 <u>19.7</u> 19.40	20.71	19.3 19.3 19.3 <u>19.2</u> 19.17	20.46 24.70	18.2 18.7 18.0 <u>18.0</u> 18.25	19.56 23.62
10	+.9 3 4 7	10	.4	10	.8 .2 .4 .8
15# pre	esure	20# pr	essure	25# pre	saure
17.8 17.5 17.6 17.0 17.3 17.0	1.000 67.5° 28.65" .933	16.8 16.4 16.0 15.8 15.2 16.4	-998 67.5° 28.68" .934	16.1 15.5 15.5 15.2 15.3 16.1	.990 67.5° 28.64" .933
16.8 17.0 17.0 <u>17.3</u> 17.23	18.47 22.30	15.9 16.1 16.2 <u>16.0</u> 16.08	17.25 20.83	15.6 15.7 16.2 <u>16.2</u> 15.74	17.04 20.57
10	+.6 0.1 1.4 0.9	1	4.4 0.0 1.4 0.9	4 10 1	.3 .0 .4

30# pre	essure	35# pre	essure	40# pres	ssure
16.6 15.8 15.3 15.8 15.5 15.4	1.000 67.5° 28.64" .933	15.2 15.3 15.5 15.6 15.4	1.000 67.5° 28.64" .933	15.0 15.6 15.2 15.0 15.0	1.000 67.5° 28.64" .933
16.2 15.1 16.0	16.87	15.0 15.8 16.0 15.6 15.0	16.55	15.6 15.3 15.3 15.0 15.6	16.36
<u>15.7</u> 15.74	20.37	15.44	20.00	15.26	19.85
10	4.2 0.0 1.4 1.1		4.1 9.9 1.4 1.1		.0 .9 .4 .1

45# pressure

15.8 15.5 14.5 14.6 15.0	1.000 67.5° 28.64" .933
15.0 15.4 14.4 14.5	16.08
<u>15.3</u> 15.00	19.42
4.0 9.9 1.4 31.1	

	5# pres	sure	10# pres	seure
1.000 72.5 29.23" .940	21.8 21.6 21.3 21.2 21.2	.987 73.5° 29.19" .938	20.6 20.5 20.3 20.4 20.4	.990 73° 29.20" .940
23.50	21.2 21.5 21.4 21.6 21.6	23.15	20.3 20.1 20.6 20.5 20.1	21.90
25.00	21.44	24.63	20.38	23.30
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•990 73° 29.22" •940	19.0 18.8 18.7 19.0 19.0 19.0	.990 73° 29.22" .940	18.3 19.0 18.4 18.3 19.1 18.2	.990 73° 29.22" .940
20.74	19.2 18.7 18.6 19.1	20.32	18.6 18.7 19.3 18.7	20.05
22.06	18.90	21.62	18.66	21.33
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30# pre	ssure	35# pres	sure	40# pres	sure
18.3 17.8 18.3 18.0 17.7 18.1	1.005 72.5° 29.23" .940	17.0 17.3 17.3 17.2 16.9 17.4	.996 72.5° 29.24" .941	17.2 17.1 17.0 17.1 17.4	1.000 72.5° 29.24" .941
18.1 18.0 17.8	19.07	17.0 17.0 17.5 17.1	18.33	17.3 17.0 16.8 17.5 17.0	18.22
18.0 18.01	20,29	17.17	19.50	17.14	19.38
1	4.2 0.7 1.1 0.7	10	.0 .6 .1 .7	10	+.0 0.6 1:2 0.7
45# pre	ssure				
17.0	1.006 72.5° 29.24" .941				
16.9 16.9 <b>1</b> 7.0 17.0	18.05				
17.05 4. 10. 1. 30.	6 2				

5# pressure	10# pr	essure
19.9 68.5° 19.9 28.59 19.3 .930 19.6	9" 19.0 9" 18.0 18.7 19.0	.991 68° 28.58" .930
19.2 21.1 19.7 20.0	11 18.5 18.5 19.3	20.35
	67 18.75	23.78
5.1 10.2 2.0 30.0		5.1 2.0 30.1
20# pressure	25# pi	essure
16.4 6 16.6 2 16.4 . 15.0	8° 15.9 8.56" 15.9 930 15.8 15.8	.988 67.5° 28.56" .932
16.6 1 16.0 16.0 16.3	7.78 16.0 15.5 15.7 15.8	17.18
16.40 2	15.82	20.08
4.6 10.0 2.0 30.2		4.5 9.9 2.0 30.2
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30# press	ure	35# pre	ssure	40# pres	sure
15.8 15.0 15.6 15.6 14.9	•985 67 28.56 •933	15.4 15.1 15.2 15.0 15.6	•990 67° 28.56" •933	15.3 15.0 14.9 14.9 15.1	•985 67° 28.56" •933
15.6 15.6 15.4 15.4	16.84	15.1 15.0 15.2 15.2	16.51	15.0 15.0 15.0 15.3	16.42
<u>15.8</u> 15.47	19.68	$\frac{15.6}{15.24}$	19.28	15.4	19.18
9	.9 .0 .2	9	.4 .9 .0 .3	9	.0 .8 .0 .4

45# pressure

15.0 14.9 14.8 15.0 15.2	.990 67° 28.56" .933
15.1 14.7 15.0 15.2	16.25
<u>15.1</u> 15.00 4.0 9.8 2.0	19100
30.5	

Series ll

Holder		5# pressure		10# pressure	
24.5 2 <sup>1</sup> +.8 24.6 24.6 24.5	1.000 77° 29.33 .933	24.4 24.5 24.0 24.4 24.1	•994 77° 29•33" •933	24.0 23.8 23.9 23.6 23.8	.995 79° 29.30" .926
24.2 24.2 24.2 24.2 24.6	26.24	24.2 24.1 24.3 24.2 24.2	26.14	23.5 23.8 23.7 23.9	25.79
24.6	25.00	24.23	24.91	23.5 23.75	24.58
3.4 12.5 0.6 30.0		3.4 12.4 0.6 30.0		3.4 12.4 0.6 30.6	
15# pressure		20# pr	essure	25# pre	ssure
23.7 23.3 23.4 23.6 23.5 .23.3	•995 79° 29 • 30 " •926	22.5 22.2 22.4 22.5 22.7 22.7 22.7	1.000 79° 29.30" .926	21.8 21.6 21.5 21.7 21.6 21.8	1.000 81° 29.33" .922
23.3 23.7 23.6 23.1	25.45	22.6 22.7 22.7 22.7	214.38	21.8 21.4 21.4 <b>21.6</b>	83.45
23.45	24.25	22.57	23.23	21.62	22.34
3.2 12.2 0.6 31.6		2.6 12.0 0.7 31.4		2.6 11.8 .0.7 30.5	

21.2 29.33"   21.1 .922   21.5 .922   21.5 .922   21.5 .922   21.5 .923.09   21.3 .91.1   21.3 .91.3	21.0	1.000
21.5 21.5 21.6 23.09 21.3 21.1 21.3	21.2	29.33"
21.5 21.6 23.09 21.3 21.1 21.3		.922
21.3 21.1 21.3	21.5	27-00
21.3	21.3	23.09
21.29 22.00	Contraction of the second s	
	21.29	22.00
		C
11.6	30	

Holder		5# pres	sure	10# pressure	
25.0 24.8 25.0 24.7 25.0	1.003 67 29.90" .979	24.5 25.0 25.0	1.000 67 29.90 .979	24.0 24.3 24.5 24.5 24.4	1.000 65 <b>°</b> 29.95" .986
25.0 24.9 24.7 24.5 24.9	25.37	24.9 24.9 24.7 24.6 24.5	25.28	24.5 24.4 24.5 24.5 24.4	24.78
24.85	25.00	24.76	24.92	24.40	24.42
2.5 11.4 1.0 30.2		2.5 11.4 1.0 30.3		2.5 11.3 1.0 30.3	
15# pressure		20# pressure		25# pres	saure
23.4 23.2 23.3 23.2 23.4 23.4 23.3	.996 67° 29.90" .979	22.5 22.6 22.4 23.1 22.4 22.4 22.5	.984 67° 29.92" .980	22.9 22.9 22.4 22.5 22.4 22.4	.986 67° 29.93" .980
23.5 23.5 23.4 23.7	24.00	22.8 23.1 22.6 22.6	23.50	22.4 22.5 22.9	23.36
23.39	23.65	22.66	23.16	22.57	23.02
2.5 11.2 1.0 30.4		2.4 11.2 1.0 30.4		2.4 11.2 1.0 30.5	

# 30# pressure

22.7 22.3 22.5 22.7 22.4	1.000 65° 29.95" .986
22.5 22.8 22.8 22.8	22.90
22.3 22.58	22.57
2. 11. 1. 30.	1

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		Series 13			
Holder		5# pressure		30# pressure	
25.8 25.1 25.6 25.1 26.2 26.2 26.8	1.000 580 29.90" 1.002	25.7 25.0 26.1 25.5 25.0 25.0 25.4	1.000 580 29.90" 1.002	22.9 22.8 22.5 22.5 22.5 22.5 22.5 22.5 22.6	1.000 59 29.90" .999 22.60
25.5 25.2 25.3 25.58	25.00	26.1 25.7 <u>25.2</u> 25.47	24.90	22.3 22.6 22.4 22.59	22.09
3.0 12.1 0.8 30.1		3.0 12.0 0.8 30.1		2.5 11.8 0.8 30.3	

#### Conclusions

The results obtained show that there is a loss of from 9.49 to 21.31 per cent of the candle power of the gas when compressed to 30 lbs. per sq. in. gage pressure. When compressed to 45 lb. per sq. in. the loss is from 12.88 to 24.07 per cent. Referring to Charts 1 and 2, we note that the greatest loss occurs between 5 and 20 lbs. pressure. Above 20 lbs. the loss decreases, until between 40 and 45 lbs. the drop in candle power per pound increased pressure is very small. Evidently compression may be carried to 45 or 50 lbs. without greatly increasing the drop in candle power over that noted at 30 lbs.

Referring to Table II, Series 7, we note a loss of 9.49%of the initial candle power when the gas is compressed to 30 lbs. When compressed to 45 lbs. the additional loss is only 3.39 per cent. The heats were good when this gas was made, the per cent  $CO_2$  is low, and the gas stands compression well. By "Good heats" is meant, proper heat in the generator to decompose the steam; heat enough in the carburettor to properly vaporize the oil; and a high and carefully regulated temperature in the superheater in order to thoroughly fix the gases.

Next consider Series 10, Table II. Here we have a gas made while the heats were poor. This gas contains considerable 60g and lost 21.31 per cent of its candle power when compressed to 30 lbs. When compressed to 45 lbs. the additional loss is 2.76 per cent. This gas is hardly suitable for compression for distribution at 30 lbs. although if distributed at 55 or 60 lbs. the total loss at 60 lbs would be only slightly greater than the loss at 60 lbs. of the gas in Series 7, Series 7 and Series 10 represent the extremes of observations. All other tests came within these limits.

Evidently, gas may be compressed to 45 lbs. for transmission without much additional loss above that lost in compressing to 30 lbs. There is an additional loss in candle power due to transmission which is not considered in this report. When gas is transmitted, two factors, low temperature and age, must be considered; as well as the factor of compression. In this series of tests the minimum temperature was 60° F. and candle power tests were taken immediately after compressing the gas.

The effect of transmission upon the candle power of the gas, may be great or little, depending upon conditions. Many precautions must be taken while making observations on high pre-sure distributing systems; that is, in systems where the gas is reduced to water pressure at the consumers house. A gas which tested 25 candles uncompressed at the works might give only half that amount at a point ten or twelve miles from the works under unfavorable conditions. An unfavorable condition would be one in which there was frost in the ground and the test flame, a flat flame burner, was supplied from the dead end of a long latteral say 2000 ft. of 2 in. pipe, supplying only a few consumers. Here the factors, low temperature and age, must be considered.

With a gas of the average quality and showing 25 candle power before compression, we may expect a loss of about 3.50 candles, when the gas is compressed to 30 lbs. If the only varying factor is the quantity of gas oil used, then the loss at any other initial candle power is proportional. Upon this theory is based Chart II.

Compression decreases the percentage of  $60_2$  in the gas. This  $CO_2$  probably dissolves in the vapor condensed. The decrease is small, however, ranging from 0.2 to 1.0 per cent as noted in the analysis, or from 5.7 to 23.5 per cent of the CO<sub>2</sub> present in the uncompressed gas, pressure 30 lbs.

The decrease in illuminants is not at all in proportion to the drop in candle power. No relation apparently exists. The greatest drop in candle power noted was 5.45 at 45 lbs. with a loss of only 0.6 per cent in illuminants. A gas which lost only 2.92 candles when compressed to 45. lbs. dropped 0.3 per cent of illuminants according to the analysis. Compressed gas constituents seem to be less active, chemically, than the same constituents in uncompressed gas. If we compare the illuminants with "dust or heavy vapor and say

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that they settle out more quickly in the more dense, compressed gas, causing the gas to "age" quickly, we might explain one point, but the high percentage of illuminants in the compressed gas is still unexplained.

The fact that the illuminants present in compressed gas do not burn with the same intensity as when present in uncompressed gas, should condemn candle power observations upon carburetted water gas. Calorific tests would be more reliable as a method of comparison.

All analyses contained in this report were made in a Morehead Gas Burette, under exactly the same conditions for all tests, so that the results obtained would be comparable.

The results obtained show almost conclusively that the loss in candle power due to compression can be reduced to a minimum by proper manipulation of the blast and steam in the gas machine. That is assuming the coke in the generator is low in sulphur and ash and high in fixed carbon; and that the checker brick in carburetter and superheater are clean. All perations which tend to increase the percentage of non-combustible gases in the finished gas should be avoided. When the percentage of  $CO_2$ , 0 and N is high, the loss due to compression is greatest, especially if the percentage of  $CO_2$  is high.  $S = c \operatorname{Chart} ^{\#} 3$ .

To obtain the maximum candle power efficiency from a high pressure system in which the gas pressure is reduced to inches water at the consumers house, the following points, if observed, would lead to high efficiency if not the They are: Good fuel in generator, proper manipmaximum. ulation of blast and steam in the gas machine so as to give lowest possible percentage of non-combustible gases, especially of CO<sub>p</sub>; purification at about 85°F. with a smallest possible amount of added oxygen; storage holder water at a temperature which will not give off vapor in cold weather; transmission in pipes well protected from frost; gas consumed in Bunsen burner or equivalent such as incandescent burner, etc. Rapid movement of the gas in the mains might overcome the so-called ageing effect due to gas remaining in pipes for a considerable length of time.

Chart 4 shows the comparison of Candle Power and heating value of the gas. These curves are the average of over two thousand observations. A few results were found to vary as

much as 20% from the curve, but the average is well represented (The original investigations for this subject were made by the undersigned during January and February 1909. The comparison of Illuminating Power and Heating Value was made in January 1915 and covers observations for a period of several years.)

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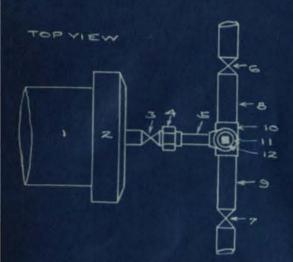
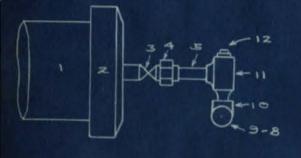


FIG. 1.

- Nº I STORAGE TANK (G" PIPE) 2- CAP (G") 3- CORPORATION COCK (1/2") 4- GROUND JOINT UNION (1/2") 5- NIPPLE (1/2" - 3" LONG) G- HIGH PRESSURE COCK (I") 7- " " " " 8- NIPPLE (I" -4" LONG) 9- " " "
  - 10- PLAIN TEE. (1"x1"x12)
  - 11- STREET TEE (1/2")
  - 12- PLUG (1/2)





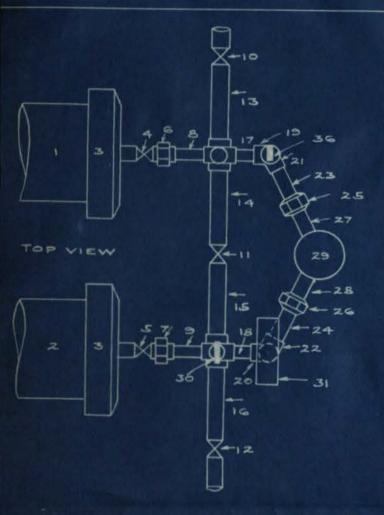
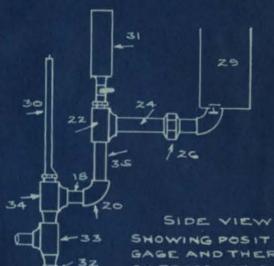


FIG. 111



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SHOWING POSITION OF GAGE AND THERMOMETER ON PRESSURE SIDE

1. TANK#1. 2. TANK#2. 3. CAPS (G') 4-5. CORPORATION COCKS G-7. GROUND JOINT UNIONS 8-9. NIPPLES. 10-11-12. HIGH PRESSURE COCKS 13-14-15-16. NIPPLES 17-18-NIPPLES. 19-20.-PLAIN ELLS. 21-22-PLAIN TEES 23-24 NIPPLES 25-26 GROUND JOINT UNIONS. 27-28. NIPPLES 29. TRANSFER PUMP 30. THERMOMETER 31. GAGE

32 PLAINTEE 33 STREETTEE 34 " " 35 NIPPLE 36 WATER GAGE

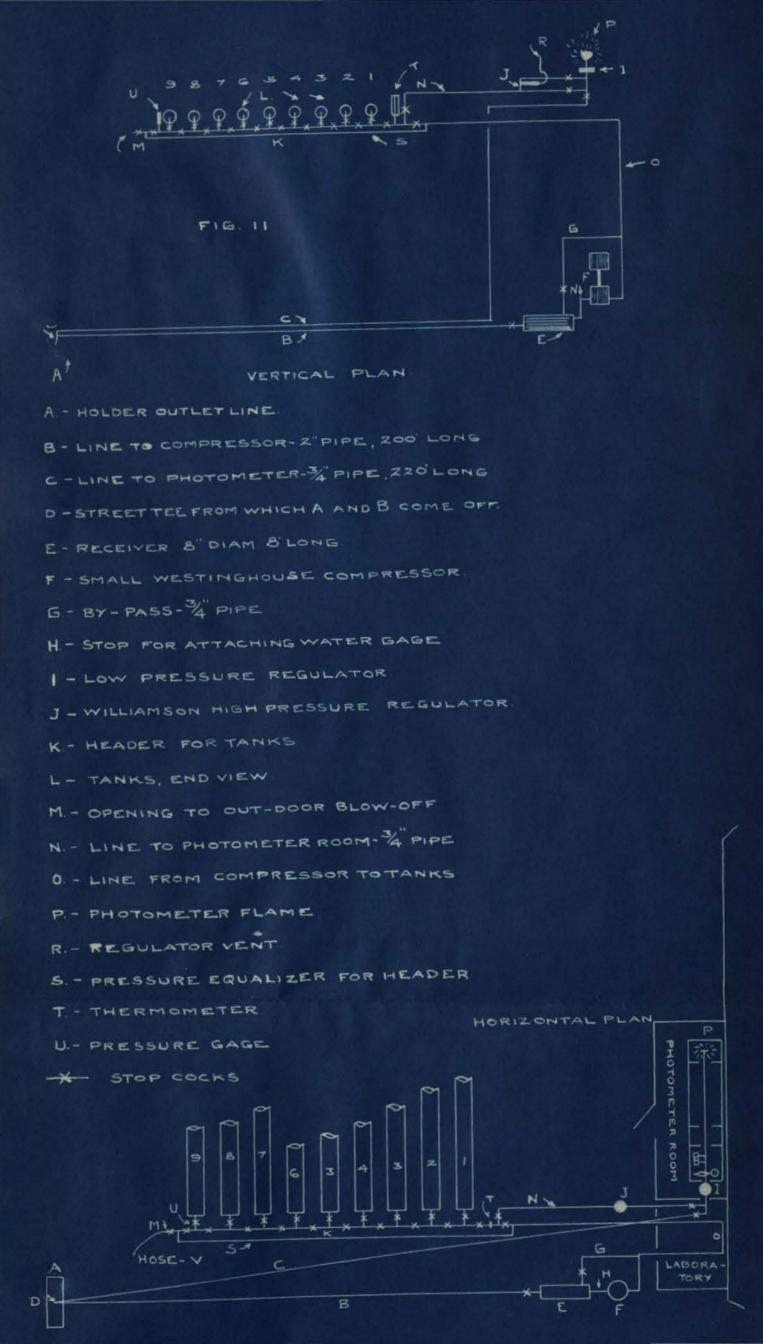
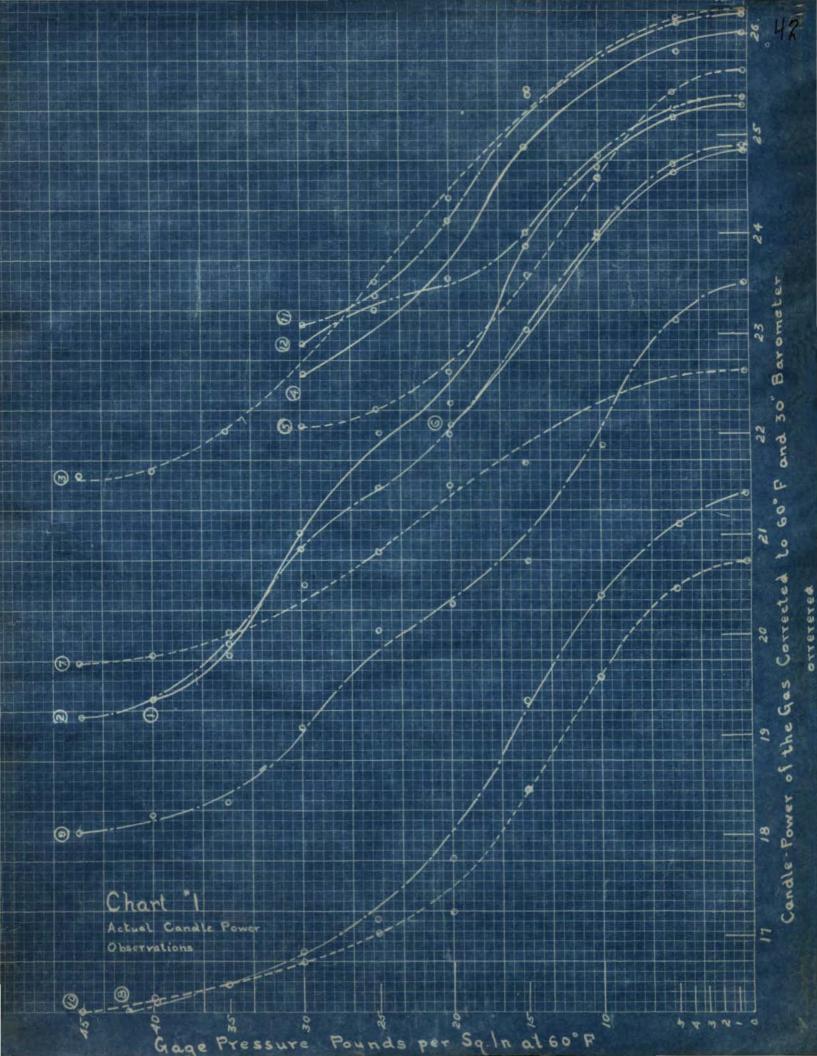
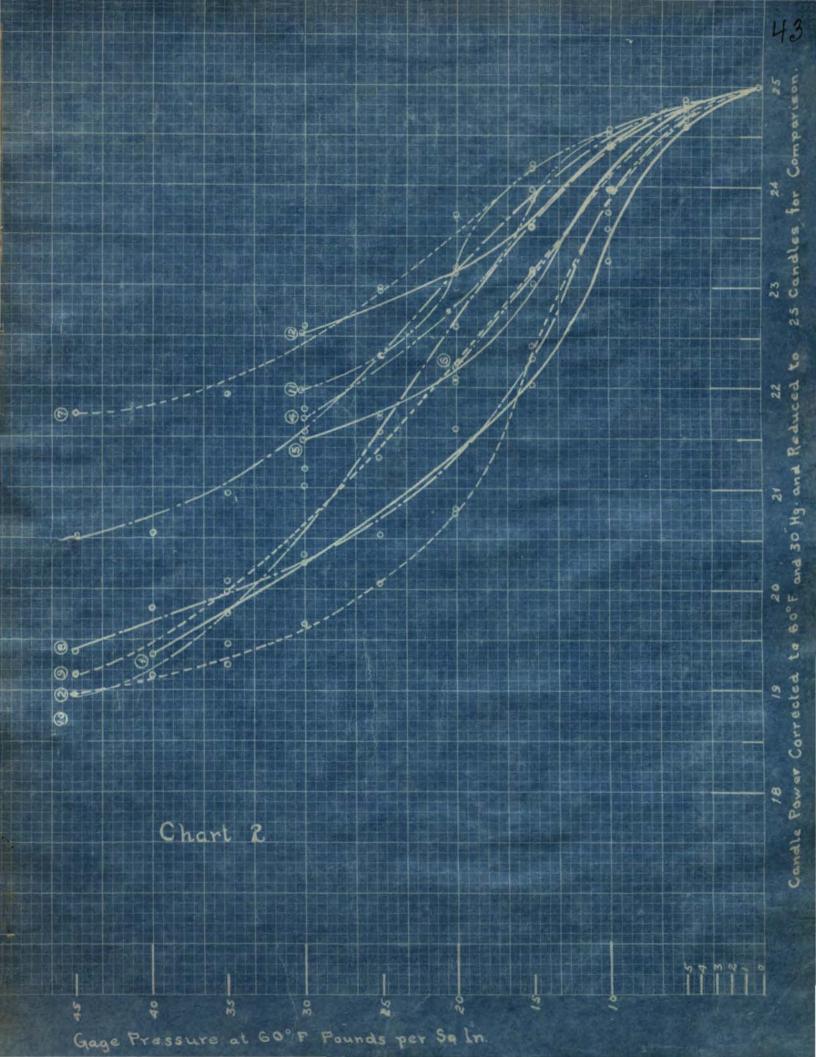
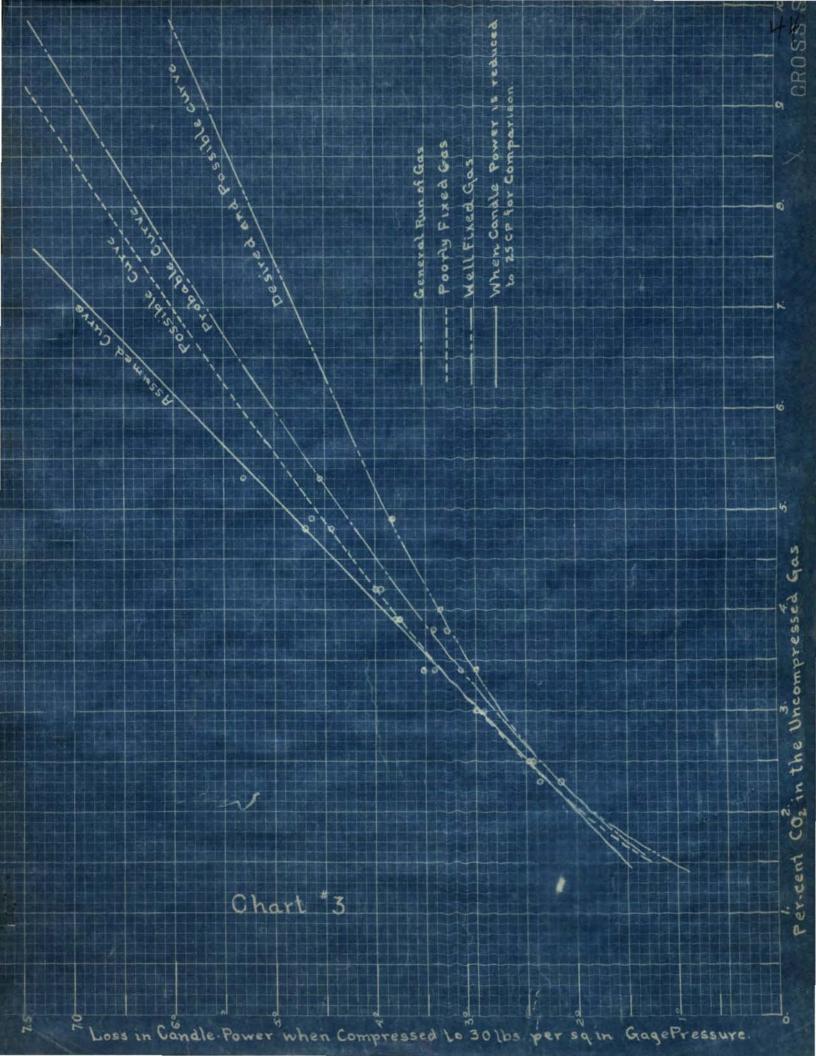


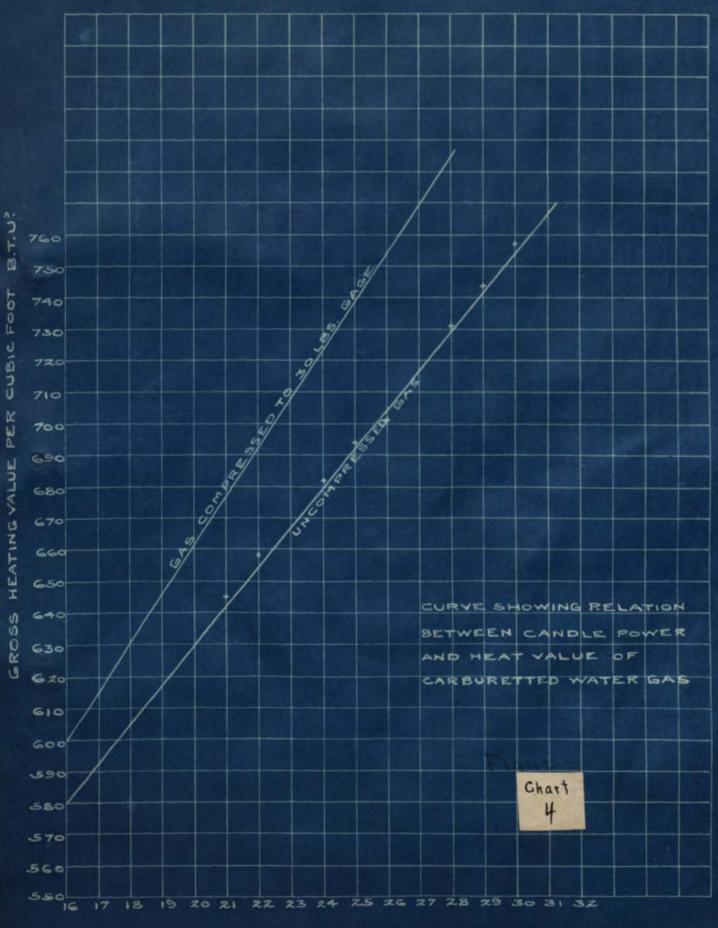
TABLE II

SERIES NO	CANDLE POWER BEFORE COMPRESSION	CANDLE POWER AFTER COMPRESSING TO 30 LBS. GAGE	LOSS IN CANDLE POWER DUE TO COMPRESSION	PERCENTAGE LOSS AT 30 <sup>4</sup> OF CANDLE POWER	PERCENT COR BEFORE COMPRESSION	HEATS IN 6AS MACHINE	CANDLE POWER WHEN COMPRESSED TO 45 LBS GAGE	LOSS IN CANDLE POWER	PERCENTAGE LOSS AT 45LBS GAGE
1	Z4.87	21,11	3.76	15.12	3.9	POOR			
2	25.28	21.28	4.00	15.82	4.2	POOR	19.22	6.06	23.98
3	26,21	22.86	3.35	12,78	4.0	GeeD	21.58	4.63	17.66
4	26.00	22.58	3.42	13,15	3.8	FAIR			
5	25.61	22.09	3.52	13.75	3.4	POOR			
6	24.86				3.1	600D			
7	22.65	20.50	2.15	9.49	2.3	GOOD	19.73	z.92	12.88
8	20.71	16.87	3.84	18.54	4.9	POOR	16.08	4.63	22.35
e	23.50	19.07	4.43	18.85	4.7	POOR	18.05	5.45	23.19
10	21.40	16.84	4.56	21,31	5.3	POOR	16.25	5.15	24.07
H	26.24	23.09	3;15	12,00	3,4	FAIR			
12	25.37	22.90	2.47	13.67	2.5	GOOD			
13	25,58	22.60	2.98	11.65	3.0	GOOD			
Ħ	в	С	P	E	Ŧ	G	н	1	L
	AVERAGE	••				•	н.	11	17
	24.45	20.98	3.47	14.19	3,78	GENERAL	18.48	4.81	20.6.S









CANDLE POWER AT S'HR RATE BY BRAY'S SPECIAL 7 BURNER.

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TEST NC	TANK NE	VOLUME OF GAS AT S.75 INS. WATER PRES. REQUIRED FOR THE TESTS. CU.FT.	LOSS ASSUMED DUE TO LEAKAGE ETC. CU. FT.	ALLOWED FORTEST	GAGE PRESSURE POUNDS PERSQ. IN.	LENGTH OF TANK INSIDE DIMENSION CAFTOCAP FEET	VOLUME OF GAS AT GAGE PRESSURE CONTAINED IN TANK, CU.FT.	VOL. OF GASAT O.2" CONTAINED IN TANK CU.FT.	VOL. USED AT O.2" FOR TEST. CU. FT.	VOL. AT 0.2" LEFT	VOL. AT 0.2 REQUIR- ED FORCOMPRES. SION CU.FT.	SURPLUS GASAT 0.2 REMAININGIN TANK	TEMPERATURE DEGF.
1			0.00	1.25	0.2								
2	1	11.85	0.00	1.2.5	5.0	58.000	11.600	1.5.55	1.2.5	14.30	15.55	2.33	60
з	z	10.60	0.0Z	1.2.5	10.0	35.647	7.1293	14.30	1.27	13.03	11.97	3.09	60
4	3	9.33	0.04	1.2.5	ه.ح.	24.597	4.9193	13.03	1.29	11.74	9,94	3.86	60
5	4	8.04	0.06	1.2.5	z0.0	16.690	3.3380	11.74	1.31	10.43	7.88	4.63	60
6	5	6.73	0.08	1.2.5	25.0	10.739	2.1477	10.43	1.33	9.10	5.80	5.41	60
7	6	5.40	0.10	1.2.5	30.0	6.083	1.2166	9.10	1.35	7.75	3.69	3.63	60
8	IJ	4.05	0.10	1.25	35.0	6.083	1.2166	7.75	1.35	6,40	4.1Z	1.88	60
9	Ø	2.70	0.10	1.25	40.0	6.083	1.2166	6.40	1.35	5.05	4.5z	0.10	60
10	G	1.35	0.10	1.25	45.0	6.083	1.2166	5.05	1.35	3.70	4.95	3.70	60
-	7				<b>.</b> 5.0	20.000	4.0000					5.36	60
-	8				0,2	17.000	3.4000					4.56	60
-	9				5.0	16.000	3.2.000					4.29	60
A	в	c	D	E	F	G	н	1	L	x	L	Μ	Ζ

REMARKS - BAROMETRIC PRESSURE 14.5 LBS PER SQ IN.

WITH A SFT. BURNER, THE GAS USED IN THE TIME OF A TEST (15 MINUTES) WOULD BE 1.25 CU.FT. APPROXIMATELY COLUMN(() SHOWS THE VOLUME OF GAS NECESSARY FOR THE TEST BEING MADE, AND FOR ALL SUBSEQUENT TESTS IN A SERIES

COLUMN (F.) SHOWS THE GAGE PRESSURE AT 60" F TO WHICH THE GAS IN THE CORRESPONDING TANK WAS COMPRESSED.

COL (H) IS THE CAPACITY OF THE PIPE, USING 0.2 CU FT PER LINEAR FOOT AS THE CAPACITY OF & WROUGHT I RON PIPE

COL.(I) SHOWS THE CAPACITY OF THE TANK IN CU. FT. AT 0.2 LBS. GAGE. THESE FIGURES WERE FOUND BY THE FORMULA, VIVI: P, P, WHERE V AND V, ARE VOLUME AND P, P THE ABSOLUTE PRESSURES.

IN COL(J), THE FIGURES ARE DERIVED BY ADDING THE GAS CONSUMED AND THE LEAKAGE FOR THE CORRESPONDING PRESSURE

COL (K), GIVES THE QUANTITY OF GAS REMAINING IN THE TANK AFTER A TEST AND AVAILABLE FOR COMPRESSION FOR THE NEXT TEST.

COL (L) SHOWS THE QUANTITY OF GAS AT 0.2" PRESSURE, WHICH WHEN FORCED INTO A TANK OF THE SIZE SHOWN, WILL GIVE THE DESIRED PRESSURE AT GO" F. COL (M.) SHOWS THE QUANTITY OF GAS REMAINING IN EACH TANK AFTER A TEST

HAS BEEN MADE AND THE DESIRED QUANTITY REMOVED FOR COMPRESSION INTO THE NEXT TANK.

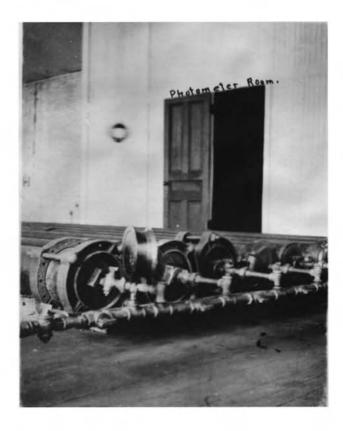
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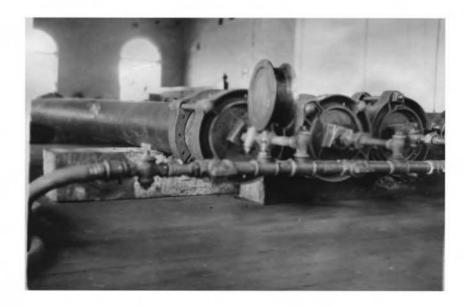






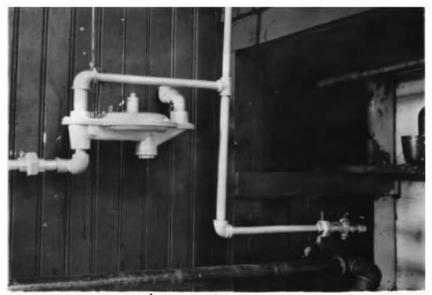








Transfer Pump, Gage, Thermometer, etc.



Regulator for Reducing Pressure.