

## RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE **SAN FRANCISCO GAS COMPANY.**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the SAN FRANCISCO GAS COMPANY, held on the 10th day of December, 1853, the following rules and regulations for the introduction of gas fittings, and the terms upon which the public will be supplied with Gas by the Company, were considered, adopted, and ordered published.

The owners of property will be required to sign a paper of the following purport, before Gas be admitted into their premises, viz:

"I hereby consent that Gas may be introduced into the premises \_\_\_\_\_, of which I am the owner, and in default of payment for Gas consumed in said premises, I also consent that the flow of Gas shall be stopped until the bills be paid."

### TERMS, &c.

1. All applications for a supply of Gas must be made at the Company's office in person, or by duly authorized attorneys, the applicant furnishing the consent, in writing, of the owner of the premises, signing the regulations, and stating the probable number of burners that he may require.

2. Gas will be supplied by the meter, and should the meters be found defective, they will be immediately changed. And in case of their ceasing to register the quantity of Gas consumed, the account will be made by the average of another meter, or by the amount charged during a previous corresponding period, at the discretion of the Company.

3. The Company will require security for the payment of the Gas expected to be consumed, or the deposit of a sum in advance, to secure themselves against loss.

4. The service pipe, from the main to the inside of the building to be lighted, will be furnished by the Company, at the cost of the consumer. All meters will be furnished and put up by the Company, without cost to the consumer, except where a shelf is required for the meter, in which case the cost of the shelf will be charged.

5. The Company shall have the authority, whenever it may deem it necessary, to substitute alcohol for water in the meter.

6. The tubings and fittings for the conveyance of Gas within the walls, after it has passed the meter, may be put up by any competent mechanic employed by the consumer, or proprietor of the premises, subject, however, to the inspection and approval of the Company, or its authorized agents.

7. All screws used in putting up Gas tubing shall be made to such standard sizes as may be authorized by the Company, and no tubing shall be used except such as may be now, or hereafter, allowed by them; and all tubing and fittings shall be examined and approved by an inspector, appointed by the Company, previous to being put up, and again examined and approved after being fixed, before Gas will be supplied.

8. The inspector shall at all times be in readiness to examine the apparatus and premises of applicants, free of charge, on receiving three days' notice.

9. The inspector, unless otherwise ordered by the Company, shall introduce the Gas into any premises within the range of the pipes, whenever he shall be satisfied that the fittings are put up in their proper places, in a workmanlike manner, and are perfectly gas tight.

10. The Company, or its authorized agents, shall at all times have the right of free access into the premises lighted with Gas, for the purpose of examining the whole gas apparatus, or for the removal of the meter and service pipe.

11. The tenant of any premises using Gas shall give at least three days' written notice, whenever he is about to remove, that the Gas may be stopped, or he will remain liable for any Gas that may pass through the meter, until such notice is given.

12. The quantity of Gas consumed will in all cases be ascertained in the manner prescribed in the second article of these rules; and the bills be rendered monthly, unless the Company, or its authorized agent, shall think it expedient to provide that they should be settled weekly.

13. In default of payment of Gas consumed within five days after the end of each month, or in case of a leak or injury done to the meter or pipes within the premises of any consumer, the flow of Gas may be stopped until the bill is paid or the necessary repairs are made.

14. The Company reserves to itself the right to refuse to introduce Gas into any premises until all arrears due in the said premises shall have been paid.

15. The Company reserves to itself the right, at any time, to cut off the communication of the service pipe, if they shall find it necessary to do so in order to protect the works against abuse or fraud.

16. The notice for inspection must be accompanied by a plan of the fittings, drawn to a scale of one inch to eight feet, on which must be marked the size of the tubing and position of the burner; said plans to be numbered by the inspector to correspond with the register of applications, and filed in the office for future inspection.

17. It is advised that consumers be requested to give immediate notice at the office if any escape of Gas be discovered, as no deduction will be made from the bills rendered for Gas passing through the meter, &c.

18. They are also desired to notify the Company as soon in the day as possible, of any deficiency in light, that the evil may be remedied without delay. The Company recommend that proper attention be given to regulating the height of the flame, on which depends the quantity of Gas consumed. By raising the flame to moderate height, the most perfect combustion and brightest light are obtained, and the use of Gas is thus rendered both pleasant and economical, being entirely free from smoke or the least unpleasant smell. The burners should also be kept free from dust; and, if at any time, they become obstructed, the application of a brush to the apertures will immediately remove the difficulty.

19. Each consumer of Gas shall, on application at the office of the Company, be furnished with a copy of the foregoing rules.

The office of the Company is at the corner of First and Howard streets, and is open at all times for business purposes.

The price of Gas has been fixed by the Company at FIFTEEN DOLLARS PER ONE THOUSAND CUBIC FEET.

By order of the Board:

JOHN CRANE, Secretary.

N. B.—Mr. WM. BEGGS, the Engineer of the Company, IS THE ONLY PERSON authorized to inspect the service and other pipes.