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Newark N.J., 871 Broad St.
September 26th 1869.

Maj Gen. O. O. Howard
Comm Freedmens Bureau
Washington DC

General

I take the liberty of enclosing for your information a Circular of a Portable Gas Machine now being manufactured for sale under a Patent from the United States.

I confidently say, that it will be found on a close examination to be the best, safest, and cheapest Gas Machine ever offered to the Public and just the thing you should have for your own House and for Howard University, as I believe the City Gas does not extend so far. Gas can be manufactured with it at a cost of under $1 per 1000 cubic feet

Yours Very Respectfully
Robert Jaggard
Secretary
Formerly Clerk with A. Comm
Washington DC

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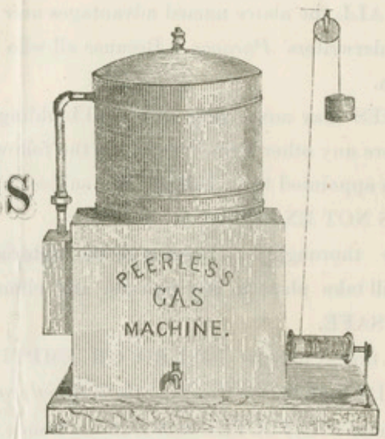
THE PEOPLE'S

Peerless  Gas Co.

This Company manufacture a Gas Machine, combining new and novel scientific principles; *now for the first time* applied to the construction of a Portable Gas Machine, which possesses many advantages over other machines heretofore offered to the public. Many millions of dollars have been expended during the last fifteen years to produce a satisfactory Gas Machine.

This Company are entitled to the pre-eminent distinction (among many competitors for public esteem and patronage) of having produced a machine which perfectly combines all the desirable and necessary qualities of a

Safe, Reliable, Cheap, Useful, Portable Gas Machine!

PECULIARITIES OF THE PEERLESS.

1st. The People's Peerless is the BEST.
2d. The People's Peerless is the SAFEST.
3d. The People's Peerless is the MOST RELIABLE.
4th. The People's Peerless is the MOST ECOONMICAL.
5th. The People's Peerless is the MOST COMPACT.
6th. The People's Peerless is the MOST POWERFUL AS WELL AS THE MOST DURABLE.

The *People's Peerless* stands unrivaled in the esteem and admiration of all who have examined it. It is admitted that it actually posesses ALL the above named advantages *over other Machines.*

The People's Peerless is the Underwriters' *Paragon.* Because all who have examined it fail to point out a single defect in its construction.

ALL INSURANCE COMPANIES may now safely insure all buildings where this Machine is used at a *lower rate of insurance* than where any other light is used, for the following reasons:

It is admitted by the Examiners appointed to investigate the subject by the Board of Underwriters that the material which WE USE IS NOT EXPLOSIVE.

The People's Peerless Machine thoroughly carburates all the material used, thereby insuring the fact that NO CONDENSATION will take place in the pipes in any climate. This fact contributes to make the machine ABSOLUTELY SAFE.

This machine is so *constructed* that it may be FILLED OR EMPTIED *in the presence of a lamp or gas light without any* POSSIBLE DANGER from *handling the material* even by servants or inexperienced persons; which *fact* makes our machine PERFECTLY SAFE in the hands of ALL THE PEOPLE.

This machine is SAFER than any other machine!—SAFER than a single kerosene lamp, and SAFER than the coal gas. OUR MATERIAL IS NOT EXPLOSIVE! No leakage of gas can possibly occur, while the machine *is, or is not in use,* to endanger LIFE by inhalation, or *life and property by explosion or fire.* We have no *reservoir of gas* on hand, neither does our machine *make any gas* except when it is being *consumed,* and that too, *as fast as* it is *manufactured.*

The above facts enable us to certify that our Gas Machine will furnish gas more safely even than the coal gas companies or any other light yet offered to the public.

This Machine is *light* and *compact,* as well as *strong* and *durable!*

This Machine makes a BETTER GAS than any other machine by reason of its chemical action upon the material which we use, thereby enabling us to use a different article from that in general use, which as an article of commerce is much cheaper than the *high grade of gasoline absolutely essential* in all other Portable Gas Machines.

The *Machine* and its *management* is so simple that it may safely be entrusted to the care of any person. Its SIMPLICITY and DURABILITY are features readily admitted by even the most casual observers.

The superior POWER of our Machine is demonstrated by the working of our ten-light machine. The complete machine is about as large as a five-gallon can.

We are now prepared to take orders for Machines ranging in capacity from Ten Lights to Three Thousand Lights.

SCALE OF PRICES

Machine of capacity for the

No. 1.	10	Argand	Burners	.....	$65 00	No. 8.	400	Argand	Burners	.....	$600 00
" 2.	20	"	"	.....	95 00	" 9.	500	"	"	.....	675 00
" 3.	30	"	"	.....	125 00	" 10.	600	"	"	.....	725 00
" 4.	50	"	"	.....	205 00	" 11.	700	"	"	.....	800 00
" 5.	100	"	"	.....	310 00	" 12.	800	"	"	.....	875 00
" 6.	200	"	"	.....	400 00	" 13.	900	"	"	.....	950 00
" 7.	300	"	"	.....	525 00	" 14.	1000	"	"	.....	1000 00

The material from which we make our gas is both cheap and abundant, and obtainable in every locality. We are also prepared to pipe houses in City or Country, where our large machines shall be ordered, at the usual rates of piping, which piping shall be paid for if the machine gives satisfaction after one month's trial. If the machine shall be rejected as unsatisfactory a receipted bill for the piping shall be presented to the party ordering the machine and the machine removed at the expense of our Company.

We deem this LIBERAL OFFER a *fair guarantee* of our faith in the *superior qualities* of the MOST RELIABLE Machine yet offered to the public.

Agents Wanted to Sell the People's Peerless Gas Machine

IN EVERY CITY, COUNTY & STATE OF THE UNITED STATES!

LIBERAL ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE WITH ENTERPRISING BUSINESS MEN.

The Peerless Gas Company!

Will furnish to their patrons the material used at the lowest market price. Also Gas Fixtures and all other needed materials required in our line.

The Company's Offices are at

No. 871 BROAD St., Newark, N. J., and 175 MAIN St., Paterson, N. J.

Robert Jaggard
Secretary.

Wm Selvey, President
Wm H. Knauss V. Pres't
L. D. Towsley Gen'l Supt

Staunton Va.

Sept 26 1869

Dear Brother

I want to write you a few words about the religious meetings of Y. M. C. A. in Washington. Let me preface by saying there are few if any places on earth that I prefer to be in to the live and earnest prayer meeting. I was converted among the Methodists and never have had a distaste for their modes of social worship.

But I felt that for the right building up of Christ's kingdom and saving of souls some changes ought to be made and if named probably would be made by Bro. Hall and our

sure Bro. Hall is guided by the Holy Ghost and does not need instruction from me as to his pastoral duties. But his time is so crowded with work perhaps he cannot attend to some of the pastoral part. I trust our new pastor Mr. Rankin will share it with him. That young man Mr. Phalen needs the edifying of pastoral instruction & care. My time is up. I am to be two hours from 7 to 9 at Mr. Bailey's tomorrow, Monday, night. Hope you can be there to see me. Truly & affectionately

C. H. Howard

young men. 1st in the meeting at the rooms I felt there should have been more prayers, brief as possible but a fervent addressing of heart, mind & spirit unto God. 2nd More Scripture — more pressing home of the word rather than men's exhortation merely. 3d Exhortations more brief — this last to be regulated by the bell tolled by the leader.

These are matters just as much appreciated by all but perhaps not noticed from habit and though seeming to be only methods, I believe them of vital importance to a permanent work.

That poor man who spoke after you must be taught the Scriptures now — an old acquaintance with the text is not enough. That German speaking so long in the meeting was not so edifying as to have had a half dozen check, soon the lifting of the babes. — Your prayer was as I could have desired but it would have been better to have had several others, very brief, during the time we were there.

Mr. Bailey apologized for not having been at the meetings before. From that I have hopes he is not buried in unbelief & that the Spirit is striving with him.

You know we have an excellent daily prayer-meeting at Chicago & I found my urgent wish for more Scripture presentation upon our experience there. I am

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Department of the Interior.

PENSION OFFICE.

Washington D.C. Septbr. 27 1869.

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General –

The enclosed communication of D. Cincoughby, Secy of the Gettysburg Battlefield Monument Association is respectfully referred to you for your consideration; – the report of or the monogram upon the operations of the 11th Army Corps together with the most important and interesting facts – as well as the request to subordinate officers to communicate facts and details within their knowledge – should undoubtedly be made by the commander of the Corps.

Personal incidents I have none to relate nor could I be of any service to the association in my state, no Iowa regiments having been engaged in the battle..

Very respectfully yr. obed. serv.

W. W. Ap Musser

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Present.

Gettysburg, Pa

Col. C. C. Assmusser Chief Sept. 24th

~~Chief~~ General Howard's Staff

Dear Colonel, The Re-union was a most
flying success. There were present, Officers of
every Corps, Division, and almost every Brigade.
The positions of forces were marked with me
care. We propose now to press actively the wor
of indication, and to that end, an increase of funds
is required.

In our own state, we will obtain, at the comin
Session, an appropriation for this purpose, and
organizing to accomplish the same result in other sta

Can you aid us, and will cooperate in this effo
In what states may the Association have your act
influence?

Will you furnish the Association at an early day
with the report of operations on the Battle.
We are collecting reports from all Commanders in the Bat
to be preserved with our Archives.
Be kind enough to add your Photograph to the colle
now making of Commanding Officers, and also your
Autograph.
Proposing to prepare a monogram upon the operations o
your Corps, I shall feel obliged if you will furnish m
with the most important and interesting facts, and a
personal incidents, and special events most likely to enlist
popular interest. Where more convenient, request
your subordinate Officers to communicate facts and detail
within their Knowledge. Awaiting your reply, I am

Very Truly Yours,

D. [illegible]

part of your pastor's duty, I might act, even now, to become your pastor.

Aff. Yrs. in the Lord,

L. E. Rankin.

Washington, Sept. 27th 69.

My Dear General:

I am almost afraid to tell you how much anxiety our conversation about soliciting funds has occasioned me. I know that the large proportion of the funds thus far raised for the church have been given for your sake, & by your solicitation; for the sacrifice of your character & career. But I have little idea that it will be different in the future.

For my own part, I would rather

give $5 or. for the cause, and
ask another man for $5.00. But
if it is to be a prominent part of
my office here to solicit funds to
pay that $50.00, it will kill me
for all other work as a pastor.
I want to say this, before it is
too late to say it. For, much as
I should feel honored to be asso-
ciated with you in Christian
work here, I will not pretend to
qualities that you perhaps expect
& need, but which I do not
possess.

I could do something in the
way of a persistent effort on
our own part to reduce the debt.
For, after all, I think we must
try & bring men, women & children
to unite for this. I should be
most happy to second your efforts
anywhere; to learn your art; but
I fear I must always be a fee-
ble in it.

I can not tell you how this subject
burdened my mind yester-
day. I do not want to disappoint
you or the people that are so kind
to me; but, if this direct effort
to raise money is to a prominent

Augusta Sept 27th. 1869.

Dear General

Herewith please find a few things connected with our Show and Fair.

I hope it will be so you can be with us both days. The first day will be the day for Stock &c.

Please let me know if you can be with us on the first day and what mode of conveyance you will take, also the hour you will probably arrive.

Truly Yours

David Cargill Sr.

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Office of Superintendent of Education,

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

Cor. St. Charles and Melpomene Sts.

STATE OF LOUISIANA.

New Orleans, La., Sept 27 1869.

Bvt Maj Genl O. O. Howard
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:- I have the sad intelligence that my Father died Septr 20th while with him, in August, he desired me to express his thanks to you, for your kindness in allowing me to visit him.

Yours Respectfully

D. W. Mason
Supt of Education for La

the South. If you can possibly come I trust you will, it will do as great good. If any other time would suit you better let me know immediately and we will change to accommodate you.

You have done a great and noble work, the Lord bless you, and continue you in places of responsibility.

Yours truly,
E.H. Fairchild,
Res. B.C.

Berea, Ky. Sept. 27, 1869

Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir. Bro. Fee has expressed the feelings of us all in regard to the new building and our work.

The request to which he alludes I feel, and I believe we all feel, I cannot modestly make. The building cost nearly $2000 more than we expected; and it was necessary that Bro. Fee and I should become personally responsible for that amount before we could occupy the building. Our mistake arose from the fact that we overlooked the bill of the architect, which was over $800, and from the fact that none of us had ever seen the contract. One of us had seen a bid which he supposed

was accepted, and the word passed around that the building was to cost a little over $16000, It did cost over $18000.

Now the request which we cannot modestly make, though Col. Chase, who was here to accept the building, encouraged us to make it, is that the Bureau vote us $1800 more, which will make the building a complete gift. We feel that the government has dealt very generously with us and we cannot ask for more. Yet as it was your intention to ~~make~~ give us the building complete, we thought perhaps you would prefer to do so, and thus make us three times glad. We have engaged to pay this amount the 1st of December, and I have no doubt we can raise it. But about that time we hope to commence a subscription for a Ladies' Hall & Chapel, and it would be exceedingly convenient to have this debt off our hands. We do not ask it, but shall be grateful indeed if it is granted.

We have agreed upon the 19th of Oct. for the dedication of the building, at which time Col. Chase assured us that the Government would be prepared to deliver over the building to the Trustees of Berea College. I am requested by our Prudential Committee to invite you to be present on the occasion and address us on the general work of the Bureau at

214 Linden Av.

Baltimore Sept. 20, 1869.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard.

My dear Sir.

I trust we are to have a good meeting of Association here Oct. 26., and that you will use such means as are in your power to have the brethren from the South in attendance.

Since I saw you I have passed through a good deal of trial in my connection with the church here; and have at last concluded to leave. Probably a Council for my dismission will be called in connection with the meeting of Association.

So far as any division in the church is responsible for this result, the case differs from that of Dr. Boynton in at least two respects. 1. Those who have been most in earnest for my remaining are the tone & lineal of the

church – the opposition having quite a large minority of members but of weight – either in money or mind – very little. 2. I made haste to submit my resignation so soon as I knew that any considerable number desired it.

There has been no war, & will be none. I am sorry on many account to leave the field, but my regret will turn to gratitude if the church which I love & for which I have both labored and endured shall grow & prosper, as I trust it will.

We shall be careful that nothing unpleasant in this business shall mar the happiness of the anticipated meeting, and we hope that the church will derive from the visit & words of brethren from abroad essential benefit.

Love to your family from me & mine –

Very truly Yours,

Edwin Johnson

P.S. If while waiting for your minister, you should desire to have me preach some Sunday in October I may be able to do so.

E.J.

Marshall Texas
Sept 28 1869

My Dear General

Will it be convenient to meet the note of $1000 this Autumn unexpectedly I find myself straightened in money matters. Though you insisted upon adding with interest to the note I must decline taking it, the money would have remained idle in my hands.

Have the kindness to write me at New Orleans care 2d master E J Strang I am now enroute for Port Davis, Texas, and owing to sickness of my

are dissatisfied with the Republican party.
Very Truly
Yours
Edward Hatch

Maj General
O. O. Howard
Washington
D.C.

youngest child are allowed twenty days delay shall remain at New Orleans until it improves. I may possibly be compelled to go North upon business

I have read with much pleasure the commencement of your college, and believe it is to do wonders for the colored Race. If in the coming election the colored people had men of their own color with intelligence enough to hold office, I think it likely to result in more good to them, than assisting the election of the bad white men in this region running upon the Radical ticket. I also believe the Whites of this country would greatly prefer it, to the election of many unprincipled White-men. You have heard probably that such men have promised the negro property upon their election, this I find to be true here, and many of the colored people believe it.

We should like much to see Davis elected, I fear Governor Hamilton will carry the State, and that by the aid of the negro vote, many of whom for some unaccountable reason

Charlestown Sept
[29?, 1869]

Gen O. Howard

Dear Sir
I think you are a
Friend of
Lather Howard
he is my
Father I want
to get his Pay
Now I am a
Carpenter I want to
go in the yard
and work I hope you
now if you would be so
kind as to give me a letter

of recommendation
to Mr Parson, he is
My Clerk on the
Carpenters gang.
I hope you will not
feel offended at this
my objection to go aboard
of a man of war if
you would do me this
favor I should feel
very thankful to
you I am Sir yours
most t.f.
Melvin C Howard

If you [illegible]
me
direct to
Melvin C Howard
No 88 Medford St
Charlstown
Mass

You knew Uncle
Dexter Howard
he was under your
Brother in the army
I sat by him when
he died at Leeds
Maine please to
go to school to Father
at Leeds he was your
elder than I am
sorry now that he is gone

U. S. Patent Office,

Washington, D. C., Sept 29, 1869.

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Dear General

I have with hand you my note for fifty dollars the amount I promised to reimburse you for the money you advanced on the "Church debt"

Sincerely Your
A. C. Wiley

Confidential

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Washington D. C.
Sept [29?] 1869.

Maj Genl O. O. Howard
U. S. A.

General,

With regret, I, as a citizen of Washington respectfully call your attention to the Conduct of a Messenger in the Employ of your Dept. Whose name, I think, is O. Brien, he is in the habit of getting hastily drunk at times, and on such occasions publicly expresses his disapprobation of the Offical Acts of Certain of his Supperior Officers, (in the most blasphemous language,) his Conduct generally on such occasions ~~are~~ is disgraceful. It would be only Justice to remove such men, able bodied as he is, and place some poor worthy crippled or disabled Soldier, in such position many of whom are now in this City,

on them for a Crust of bread, and who would be most willing to faithfully perform, with prudence and discretion, the duties required of such Employers. Certain it is this man Ought to be removed, as his Conduct does not Justify Your Great Kindness in retaining him longer in that Dept. of Your Employment. He may probably perform the duties required of him to the entire Satisfaction of the Authorities, but, Certain it is there are Others equally as Competent, & certainly more worthy of Your Confidence.

I hope the General will not infer from the tone of this, that I am Either an office Seeker, or personal Enemy of this Man's, O Brien, (I am neither,) I am Simply a friend to all Army Officers, and Cannot tolerate the idea of hearing them Abused, espec

[illegible] Employers, whom I know are dependent too, and on the very Officers, they seek to Slander & degrade.

Yours Respectfully
General
Casual Observer

Fisk University

Nashville Tenn Sept 30" 1869

J. A. Sladen
Brvt capt U.S.A. A.D.C.

Sir:

Yours of 24" instant at hand which relates to the sale of certain Stock given for the benefit of the "University". I have showed your letter to Prof Ogden who has instructed me to say to you that, on the 4" of Oct, a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University will be held and the above matter submitted to it. The result of their deliberations on it will be communicated to you.

Your obt servt

John J. Carey Treas

The FISK SCHOOL was founded by the American Missionary Association and Western Freedman's Aid Commission, in January, 1866. While conducted as a Public School, there was an average attendance of 800 pupils. In August, 1867, (the City of Nashville having provided Public Schools for all classes,) a Charter was secured for a University, and the Academic and Normal Departments were opened the following September. The number of pupils in attendance for the first term was 319.

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FISK UNIVERSITY,

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Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 30. 1869

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Comm. Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

Were there any specific restrictions imposed, as to time of negotiating the $1500— in "Bonds", donated by yourself to the Fisk University? I have forgotten the precise instructions you gave me as to the time; but as near as I can recollect, you advised that they be kept for a few years as a source of income to the institution.

We are obliged to have money. Our expenses, and other demands are so urgent that, to neglect them would be a greater damage to us than to sacrifice 15 or 20 per ct. on the Bonds— unless we could borrow at less rates, on their credit, with a certainty of meeting payment with them at per. in. say two years.

Are we at liberty to negotiate them now at 80? Can we borrow on their credit? What would you advise? Our Board meets Monday 4th prox. Let us know by telegraph, & much oblige

Most truly yours, John Ogden— Pres't.

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P.S. We have adopted a plan for loaning money to indigent student teachers (if upon trial we find them worthy) to be refunded when they are able to earn it by teaching. We want to borrow $500 of this last appropriation, to be used temporarily for this purpose. By doing so, we can get $500 from the Aikens. Can there be any objection to using the Bonds for that purpose, provided we replace them, or their value on time?

Haverhill, Mass. 30 Sept. 69

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My Bro. O. O. Howard

Washington

Dear Sir.

Will you please inform me at your earliest opportunity if it would be practicable for you to Lecture before the Y.M.C.A. of this place — and what your terms will be — We have been delayed from various causes in making up our course — & you will greatly oblige by giving a prompt reply.

Yours very truly

J. A. Nichols.

Pres't Y.M.C.A.

Hanstan Sept 30. 1869.

Rev. O. O. Howard.
Dear Sir

I fear I think the Rebs of within will do little or no any good purpose they are at your disposal — to be forwarded to Cong'l Advance Am Missionary or any other paper

We are expecting to day a Cong'l minister Rev Norton to arrive from Chicago to take charge of Freedmens interests — Shall give him a most cordial welcome

Good crops health Texas excellent — Money plentiful

Yours Truly

James Dick

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S. E. Corner 9th & N
Washington Sept 30/69

Maj Genl O. O. Howard
Dear Sir

Permit me once more to inquire what I am to do! or what can be done for me. The enclosed will suffice to show my straitened circumstances, having now no buggy or horse and my wardrobe sadly deficient

I gave up my lot on the University farm ~~farm~~ to get out of debt, & am now compelled to draw from the little left to pay my Oct rent.

After a long delay Judge Edmunds does not give or even promise me a position — Over

Can Judge Edmunds not
be moved to action,
can any thing be done
in any of the Departments

I judge from notices
in local columns
of Republican yesterday
that some one is wanted
to take charge of House of
correction near Georgetown

Any thing honorable
& respectable, where I
can be useful, & do good
I will undertake
help me a long

I think Judge E. does
not realy think I do
needy. I am sorry
trouble you, but I know
not how to get along

Truly Yours
J. H. Bushnell

Department of the Interior.

Washington 30 Sept. 1869

My dear General:

I had hoped to be present tonight at the opening of the Y. M. C. A. hall, but the condition of my little boy will compel me to remain with him this evening.

You have my most hearty congratulations on the completion of this important work, & my most earnest good wishes that its usefulness may now than fulfill the promise of its beginning –

Very truly Yours

J. P. Usher

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard –

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