

Co-operative Stores.

We have been repeatedly addressed by letter for a blank form of

Articles of Co-operation

For business purposes, and we have forwarded such samples as have been at our command.

We now find in the Sovereign of Industry, the following sample form of articles of co-operation for a general store, which we think worthy of insertion in our columns...

Articles of Co-operation for a General Store.

We, the subscribers, hereby associate ourselves for the purpose of conducting a co-operative store for the purchase and sale of general merchandise under the following conditions, regulations and restrictions:

ART. 1. The business shall be known as Co-operative Store No. (town) (state).

ART. 2. The Shares of stock shall be \$ each, and are to be issued to Sovereigns only. They shall bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, payable quarterly...

ART. 3. All purchases and sales of merchandise shall be made for cash on delivery. The prices on sales shall be uniform to all persons...

ART. 4. Sovereigns only, who are purchasers, shall share in the profits of the business; but all Sovereigns who are not stockholders, shall allow the Treasurer to retain such profits until they amount to at least one share of stock...

ART. 5. The business shall be carried on under the general supervision of three Directors, who shall be chosen annually from the stockholders, on the first Monday in January.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Directors to employ a suitable person to sell the goods, who must be a stockholder, and be known as Treasurer. It shall be their further duty to act as advisers, make monthly examinations of the business, and audit all the accounts of the Treasurer...

ART. 7. The Treasurer, by advice of the Directors, may employ such assistance as the business requires; such persons to be stockholders. At the end of every quarter, he shall ascertain the exact profits of the business and dispose of the same as follows: First, pay all store expenses. Second, the salaries of the Treasurer and his assistants...

ART. 8. The Directors shall be entitled to a suitable compensation for the time engaged in their duties. The Treasurer and his assistants shall, in all cases, be paid for their services by a fixed salary. In no case can either Directors, Treasurer or his assistants be allowed to receive any commissions, or share in any way a percentage of profits in any way connected with the business...

ART. 9. At the end of each quarter, before the division of profits, the Treasurer shall reserve one-tenth part of said profits and carry the same to the credit of a redemption fund, to cover any loss in the depreciation of merchandise, and insure the general safety of the business. This reserve shall be continued until the redemption fund amounts to thirty per cent. on all outstanding stock...

The Grange Room.

The Grange is a family. No other association on earth so fully represents this sacred and holy relationship. It is in this home-like social feature that the great attraction and strength of our Order is found. In the multiplicity of business with which our meetings are crowded care should be taken that the social family feature is not overlooked or neglected.

One important thing in this connection is a pleasantly situated and a pleasantly furnished room in which to meet. Where circumstances are such as to admit of such a thing, this preparation should not be neglected. But whatever may be the room, a few pictures on the walls, bouquets of flowers on the officer's desks, a few evergreens tastefully displayed here and there, can always be obtained, especially in this region, such as will give an appropriate, cheerful and home-like aspect to the place of meeting.

Brother Smedley, in his valuable little volume just published—'Manual of Jurisprudence and Co-operation of the Patrons of Husbandry,' in alluding to this matter says: 'I can conceive of no more beautiful and enlivening scene than a Grange room, furnished with simple grace and taste, with music and singing, the brothers and sisters putting away for a

time the burdens and cares of daily labor and entering fully into the spirit of the occasion. To woman, more especially, is this occasion one of inestimable value. With our isolated homes, with the burdens of daily responsibility resting upon the women of our country, the meeting of the Grange furnishes a season of rest and enjoyment, which is an absolute necessity to the sisters of the Order.

We are happy to state that the suggestions of Brother Smedley are pretty generally carried out here in California. Many of our Granges have constructed elegant and convenient halls for their especial use, and in places where such an expense would be too great a burden upon the Grange, care is taken to provide the best accommodations which the place will afford.

Alligator Leather.

Twenty years ago the secret of tanning the alligator hide was revealed to a partner of a Boston boot and shoe house by an old Canadian. The business of collecting and tanning the skins was at once commenced, and now from 17,000 to 20,000 are tanned yearly, which are consumed by boot and shoe manufacturers in every portion of the United States, as well as exported to London and Hamburg.

The alligators formerly came almost entirely from Louisiana, and New Orleans was the great center of the business. Owing to their indiscriminate and injudicious slaughter, however, the animals became thinned out, and but little business in that line is now done in the Crescent City.

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So far the leather has been principally used in the manufacture of boots and shoes, for which it is especially adapted; and, by reason of the pleasing variation of its surface, it makes a most excellent and becoming protection for the masculine, and, indeed, the feminine foot, for it is beginning to be employed in the manufacture of ladies' boots.

Handsome slippers are also made, both of the blacked and unblackened skin, as well as shopping bags, portemonnaies, cigar cases, and small leather goods of all kinds; though, owing to the unfavorable state of trade, these latter have not been extensively introduced outside of this city.

Not Yet.—No change has yet been made in the Constitution of the National Grange requiring any other system of representation in State Granges than that of all Masters and their Matrons.

The People's Common Sense Medical Adviser, in plain English, or Medicine Simplified, by R. V. Pierce, M. D., Counsellor-in-Chief of the Board of Physicians and Surgeons at the World's Dispensary, Buffalo, N. Y.

The above work—a book of about nine hundred large pages, profusely illustrated with wood engravings and colored plates, and well and strongly bound—will be sent postpaid to the American people. Other books treating of domestic medicine, of like size and style of binding, and not nearly as well illustrated, with no colored plates, and some of them containing no prescriptions, and making known no means of self cure for the diseases which they discuss, sell for from three dollars and a half to five dollars.

Were Dr. Pierce's Work not published by the author, printed and bound with his own machinery, and were it sold through agents, as other like works are, the price of it would have to be not less than four dollars. For when the publisher pays the author a fair price for his production, then adds a profit to his investment large enough to satisfy himself and compensate him, not only for his labor, but also for the risk of pecuniary loss which he assumes, in taking the chances of the enterprise proving a success, and when the State, county and canvassing agent has each received his profit, they have added to the expense of a book, that originally cost about \$1.25, so much that the people have to pay not less than \$4.00 for it.

The People's Common Sense Medical Adviser, on the contrary, is placed within the pecuniary reach of all classes by the author, who adopts the plan of the Grangers, dispensing with middlemen and giving the benefit of their profits to the people, offering his book at a price little above actual cost of publication. That those desiring the book may run no risk of losing their money, in sending it through the mails, the author advertises that money addressed to him at Buffalo, N. Y., and enclosed in registered letters, may be at his risk of loss.

The author's large correspondence with the people upon medical matters, which we are credibly informed frequently exceeds three hundred letters a day, and requires several trained and skillful medical assistants and short-hand reporters to enable him to entertain and answer them, as well as his large daily dealings with disease at the World's Dispensary, appear to have peculiarly fitted him for writing the work, by rendering him very familiar with the every day medical needs of the people. He endeavors in this work to answer all the numerous questions relating to health and disease that have been addressed to him by the people from all parts of the land, and hence it contains important information for the young and old, male and female, single and married, nowhere else to be found. All the most prevalent diseases of both sexes are also plainly and fully considered and means of self cure made known.

S. F. MARKET REPORT.

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Table listing various commodities such as Flour, Wheat, Rice, Beans, etc., with their respective prices and market status.

DOMESTIC PRODUCE.

Table listing domestic agricultural products like Butter, Eggs, Honey, etc., with prices.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Table listing various fruits and vegetables such as Apples, Peaches, Potatoes, etc., with prices.

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