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HISTORY OF OIL WELLS INTERESTING.

Colonel Drake used the first driving pipe.

Adolph Schreiner, of Austria, made the first petroleum lamp.

The first oil well drilled by steam power was opposite Tidoute, in 1860.

Jonathan Watson put down the first deep well on Oil Creek—2,130 feet—in 1866.

William Phillips boated the first cargo of oil down the Allegheny to Pittsburgh in March, 1860.

The Chinese were the first to drill with tools attached to ropes, which they twisted from rattan.

The Liverpool Lamp, devised by an unknown Englishman, was the first to have a glass chimney and do away with smoke.

The first tubing in oil wells was manufactured in Pittsburgh, with brass screw joints soldered on the pipe, the same as at Tarentum salt wells.

The first steamboat reached the mouth of Oil Creek in 1827 with a load of Pittsburghers. The first train crossed Oil Creek into Oil City on a track on the ice.

William A. Smith, who drilled the Drake well, made the first rimmer.

While enlarging a well with a bit the point broke off, after which greater progress was noted. The accident suggested the rimmer.

The first white settler in the Pennsylvania oil regions was John Frazier, who built a cabin at Venango-Franklin in 1745, kept a gun shop and traded with the Indians until driven off by the French in 1753, the year of George Washington's visit.

Jonathan Titus located at Titusville in 1779, on land made famous by the Drake well. In that year the first oil skimmed from Oil Creek to be marketed was sold at Pittsburgh, then a collection of log cabins, at \$16 a gallon.

Early well owners found the tools and fuel, paid all expenses but labor, and paid \$3.50 per foot to the contractor, yet so many contractors failed that a lien law was passed. George Koch, in November of 1873, took out a patent on fluted drills, which did away with the rimmer, reduced the time of drilling a well from sixty days to twenty, and reduced the price from \$3 per foot to 50 cents.

Sam Taft was the first to use a line to control the engine from the derrick at a well near McClintockville in 1867. Henry Webber was the first to regulate the motion of the engine from the derrick. He drilled a well near Smoky City, on the Porter farm, in 1863, with a rod from the derrick to the throttle valve. He also dressed the tools with the forge and derrick, perhaps the first time this was done.

He drilled this well 600 feet with no help. Near this well was the first plank derrick in the oil country.

The first derricks were of poles, twelve feet base and twenty-eight to thirty feet high. The ladder was made by putting pins through a corner of a leg of the derrick. The Samson post was mortised in the ground. The band wheel was hung in a frame like a grindstone. A single bull wheel, made out of about 1,000 feet of lumber, placed on the side of the derrick next to the band wheel, with a rope or old rubber belt for a brake, was used. When the tools were let down the former would burn and smoke, the latter would smell like ancient codfish.—Sketches in Crude Oil.

She Liked Her Job.

A suburban housewife relates over-hearing this conversation between her new maid and the cook next door:

"How are you Hilda?"

"I'm well," said Hilda. "I like my job. We got cremated cellar, cementary plumbing, elastic lights, and a hoosit."

"What's a 'hoosit' Hilda?" the puzzled cook exclaimed.

"Oh, a bell rings. You put a thing to your ear and say 'hello,' and some one says 'hello,' and you say, 'Hoosit!'"

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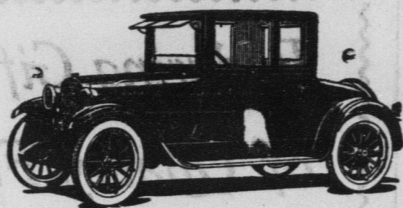
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**GOLDEN RULE HAS
PLACE IN TRADE**
Has Been Found to Be Good
Business Policy Both for
Buyer and Seller.

OBLIGATION NOT ONE-SIDED
Consumer Gains As Much By Being
Fair With Merchant As Latter
Does By Being Square
and Honest.
(Copyright.)
Some cynical persons have remarked
that the Golden Rule has no place in
business. They have taken the position
that instead of doing unto others
as you would have them do unto you,
the only safe and sane plan is to do
others before they have a chance to do
you.

Fortunately for business and for the
world at large, however, these persons
are few and far between. The great
majority of people are honest.
It has been proven repeatedly that
even in business it pays to practice the
Golden Rule, just as it has been proven
repeatedly that "honesty is the best
policy." It not only makes a man feel
better down in his heart when he em-
ploys the principle of the Golden Rule,
but he finds that it is good business.
This applies not only to the man who
stands behind the counter and gives a
full pound of sugar to the man who
asks for a pound, but also to the man
who stands on the other side of the
counter and pays his money for the
pound of sugar.

Does Consumer Do His Part?
The consumer expects the merchant
to be honest and square and give him
his money's worth for every penny that
he spends with him, but how often
does the consumer stop and ask him-
self the question, "Am I being as fair
and honest with the merchant as he is
being with me?" The consumer not
only expects the merchant to give him
honest weight and full measure at the
lowest possible price, but he expects a
world of other things at the same
time. Nine times out of ten he expects
the merchant to give him credit, and
nine times out of ten the merchant
does it. Many times he expects the
merchant to "carry" him for three or
four months before he pays for what
he buys, and as many times the mer-
chant does it. He expects the mer-
chant to pay for advertising space in
the church program which he is get-
ting up, and the merchant does it. He
expects the merchant to "kick in"
most liberally when he is raising a
fund for the benefit of the town band,
and the merchant does it.

Another Side to Picture.
Now, look on the other side of the
picture. Mr. Consumer decides that
he needs a new suit of clothes, or
Mrs. Consumer decides that she wants
a new kitchen range, or some of the
little Consumers express a desire for
a train of cars or a bobbed. Mr. Con-
sumer picks up the big mail-order
catalogue which the mail-order house
has printed with his money or that of
others like him, and he looks it over
until he finds a picture that strikes his
eye. It's a picture of a "nifty" looking
suit of clothes. Of course, he can't
feel the picture to see whether the
cloth is as good as it looks; he can't
look the mail-order man in the eye and
ask him whether he will guarantee it
to wear for at least a month or six
weeks; he can't tell the mail-order man
that he will drop in the first of the
month and settle for it; he can't tell
the mail-order man that he would like
to have a little of his business or a
chance to do a little carpenter work
or painting or plumbing work for him,
as long as he is buying his goods from
him, for the mail-order man hasn't any
business or any work to give him. But
the picture is a pretty one, so Mr. Con-
sumer digs out his hard-earned cash,
goes down to the postoffice, buys a
money-order and sends it to the mail-
order man.

After a week or ten days, or possibly
two weeks, the suit arrives. It may
be nothing like the picture. The cloth
may be of poor quality. The chances
are that it doesn't fit at all. But there
is nothing for Mr. Consumer to do
but put the suit on and wear it. He
can't get his money back. He might
send the suit back and the mail-order
man might send another in its place,
but the chances are that it wouldn't
be any better than the first and Mr.
Consumer would only be out the addi-
tional express charges.

Found Golden Rule Pays.
Mr. Consumer found that it pays to
remember the Golden Rule in business.
If he had done unto the merchant as
he would like the merchant to do unto
him, he would have got more for his
money and he would have aided in
making it possible for the merchant to
help him and his town when they
needed help.
The world has discovered that the
Golden Rule is not for use only on
Sundays, but that it is valuable on every
day of the week.

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