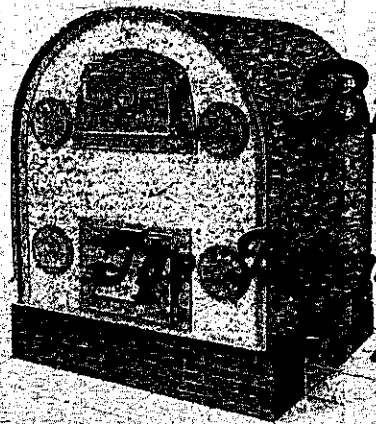


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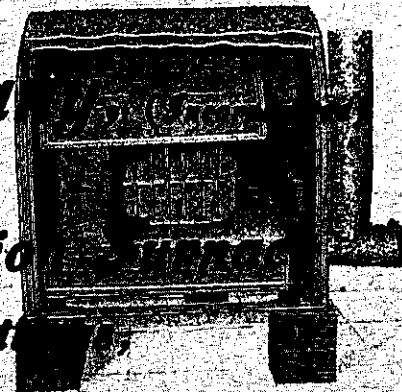
# Brien Heater Company

Manufacturers of

Hot Air and Combination

Hoosac Hot Air Pipe and Fittings

Westfield, Massachusetts.



March 25th. 1908.

Mrs Emma Tourgee

Mayville, N.Y.

Dear Madam:-

We have now received the grate referred to in your recent letter, same has been given a most thorough inspection, which leads us to give you our unqualified opinion that same was subjected to heat equal to that of a blast furnace before it had reached the white hot stage whereby the entire metal product would be liquified. This result was obtained by neglect of some person who allowed the ashes to accumulate until the grate was embedded in a bed of white hot fuel and ashes, and the consequent result was that it melted at the point where the heat was most intense. We will state furthermore that no grate can be constructed to withstand the heat produced in the manner just defined, it being no uncommon occurrence to have sound castings destroyed in this manner.

While we regret the occurrence in your case, we believe that you will have no trouble if the furnaces are cleaned each day.

Respectfully,

BRIEN HEATER CO.