Natural Gas as an Illuminator. An inquirer asks if natural gas can be used as an illuminant. It has been tried as such in small places where both gases are obtainable, but the artificial is preferred for illuminating purposes, as it has eighteen-candle power, while natural gas, experts say, has in the Indiana districts only seven or eight-candle power. This, however, is said, on the same authority, to be from one candle to one and a half candle greater than the natural gas from Pennsylvania wells. The difference in favor of the Indiana gas is attributed to the larger amount of oil in it. In Pittsburg, where natural gas has been used for four or five years, there is an increasing consumption of artificial gas for lighting purposes. One objection to natural gas as an illuminant is in its heat units, which are 60 per cent. grant than those of artificial gas. The same inquirer asks if the Indianapolis Gas-light Company has a contract with the city giving the company an exclusive privilege to supply citizens with illuminating gas. In the ordinance passed Feb. 5, 1885, extending the franchise of he Indianapolis Gas-light and Coke Company is the following: "It is agreed by said city that if she continues to light her public streets and grounds with gas it shall be done with gas of said company for that purpose." If the city confunds with gas it shall be done with gas of said company for that purpose." If the city continues lighting the streets and grounds with gas they must get it from this company during the term specified, but a special agreement was made between the city and company in February, 1885, to the effect that the city would so use for three years from the date of the agreement of the ordinance. The officers of the Indiapolis Natural gas Company say that they inverse in the ordinance. The officers of the Indimentiones in the Council to insert a clause in the apolis Natural gas Company say that they inverse in the ordinance prohibiting its use for illumenting purpose.

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