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TELEPHONE 1748 CENTRAL.

THE LETHAL CHAMBER COMPANY,

Sole Manufacturers
— OF THE —
RICHARDSON LETHAL CHAMBER,
PATENTED.

25, Craven Street,

Strand, W. C.

Messrs Challinors & Shaw
Solicitors
Leek, Staffs.

Oct. 18th 1911

Dear Sirs,

I have received your post Card of Sept. 21st. Which was delayed in reaching me being addressed to my late Agents Messrs Hutelindau & Co.

I herewith enclose a circular of the latest pattern chamber for a Dog's Home.

I have supplied many of these chambers & find them considered humane & practical.

A standard pattern chamber was supplied by me this year to the Dog's Home & returned to supplement the other chambers of different sizes I also supplied to the Home.

I shall be glad to send you any other information you may desire.

Faithfully Yours

B. Richardson

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Oct. 23rd 1911.

To Arthur H. Shaw Esq.
Lich, Staffordshire.

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter of the 19th inst. and think the following answers, to your questions, will give you the information you require.

- 1 The animal or animals are placed in the cage, the cage is then wheeled into the chamber & the door of the chamber closed. The vapour of chloroform is then gradually dispersed into the chamber until the animal or animals, have become unconscious by the action of pure chloroform, barbaric acid gas is then let into the chamber & by the action of the gas the animals are finally destroyed.
2. The cost of fuel charging the chamber with chloroform & gas is $1/5^s$.
- 3 The cost of charging the chamber with chloroform only, in sufficient quantity to

destroy life would be 2/-

4. The number of dogs that can be placed in the cage at one time of course ~~depends~~ depends largely on the various size of the dogs, & it is difficult to say safely how many animals can be put in together. The more animals that are placed in the cage the better provided always that they are not uncomfortably crowded. The cage measures 4 feet long 3 feet high & 1 foot 10 inches wide, it is divided in half by a movable shelf so that small dogs can be placed on the top shelf and the larger ones underneath. I have placed as many as 18 to 20 dogs in this cage but they have been on the small size.

I find the cost per dog destroyed averages a small fraction over 1^d per dog destroyed.

The number of dogs that can properly be put into the chamber must be left to the judgment of the attendant each time, because of the usual variety of sizes of a number of dogs to be destroyed together.

5. I would certainly recommend the use of Carbonic Acid gas with the Chamber not only because it fills the Chamber

To be worked more cheaply but it makes the method very sure, is quite safe & easily used. Carbolic Acid Gas can nearly always be obtained locally.

The Chamber could be first put up without the Gas being attached & if desired the Gas could be added afterwards.

In many places where three Chambers have been used they have soon paid for themselves & made a regular profit on their working.

If you entrust me with an order & will allow me the railway fare, I will come to Leek, and see the Chamber put up & give instructions in its use. I can of course write you full instructions but it is more satisfactory if I can give the instruction personally to the attendant who has to use the Chamber.

Faithfully Yours

Richardson

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Oct. 31st 1911

Arthur H. Shaw Esq
Lich
Staffordshire

Dear Sir

I have received your letter of the 28th inst. and thank you for the order for a Standard Lethal Chamber, which I have had put in hand.

The chamber is £40 net and the packing and carriage extra. The packing will be 25/- with case. The chamber will be sent practically ready for use & only require little fitting up directions for which I will send.

The Rules for working the Chamber are printed & will be sent with it, they are quite simple & your Carpenter will I have no doubt be able to follow them.

You do not mention in your letter whether you intend to use Carbanic Acid gas with Chloroform or Chloroform alone. I shall be glad to hear which method you propose to adopt, because if Gas is to be used you will require to hire ~~or~~
or

or purchase a steel gas cylinder.

Referring to my last letter I should like to add with regard to the cost of working the chamber that I reckoned the cost of Chloroform, the Methylated form, at 2/6 per lb (= about 10 1/2 fluid ounces.) If the chamber is to be worked with Chloroform only at least 8 fluid ounces will be required but if Carbolic Acid Gas is used in conjunction with Chloroform the amount of Chloroform may be reduced to 5 fluid ounces and a saving of 3 ounces of Chloroform may be secured each time the chamber is charged.

Faithfully Yours

B. Richardson

31 Oct 1911

Richardson B

Letkal Chamber

£40 net

£1.5.0 packing
Case

Carriage Extra

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Nov. 17th 1911

A. H. Shaw Esq
Lark
Staffordshire.

Dear Sir

I much regret I was not at the office when you called today, as I should have been glad to have had some conversation with you about the Chamber.

In reply to your letter of the 8th inst., the cost of a carbamic gas cylinder, which I can supply, would be 35/- & hold 21 lbs. of gas, sufficient gas to charge the Chamber 20 times. If there is

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not a gas manufacturer at Lusk there would
be sure to be one or more at Wolverhampton
or perhaps at some city nearer Lusk, than
the cylinder could be charged when
empty. It should cost about 3/6 to charge
with 21 lbs. of gas.

The chamber shall be sent off on
Tuesday ^(Nov. 21st) afternoon & if you can
let me have the order for the gas
cylinder on Monday the cylinder
shall go with it.

I will charge carriage in my account
& let you know what I can allow on
the return packing case

Faithfully yours

Richardson

P.S. If quite convenient I should
be glad to receive a cheque for
the Chamber £40. The carriage
& return of packing case could
be arranged afterwards.

M.

14 Nov 1911
Richardson 53
As to byline
+ want's permission

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Dec. 4th 1911

Received from Arthur H. Shaw Esq
the sum of £40 for one Standard
Lethal Chamber

~~Arthur H. Shaw Esq~~



Lethal Chamber Co

With kind thanks

4 Dec 1911
Richardson B
£40
Receipt for
Lethal Chamber
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Arthur H. Shaw Esq
Esq
Haffordshire

Dec 4th 1911

Dear Sir

I have received your letter of 2nd inst. and must apologise for the delay in acknowledging the receipt of your cheque £40 for the Standard Lethal Chamber.

The chamber will be despatched before the end of this week & I regret it could not be sent off last Tuesday as promised but I found one or two points required attention. The Carbolic Acid gas Cylinder shall be packed & sent with chamber.

I now enclose receipt.

Yours faithfully
B Richardson

4 Dec 1911

Richardson B

will send
CO₂ cylinder with
16 Petal Chamber

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Dec. 8th 1911

A. H. Shaw Esq
Lich
Staffordshire

Dear Sir

The Chamber is now ready and will be despatched on Monday next. I shall be glad to hear from you when it has arrived.

I much regret the delay but did not like to send it off without adding one or two improvements.

Faithfully yours

B Richardson

8 Dec 1911
Richardson B

Chamber will be
despatched on
Monday

THE LETHAL CHAMBER COMPANY

SIGNATURE HERE

DATE

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