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A Process for the Manufacture of Water Gas and like Gases

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This invention relates to the manufacture of blue water gas and like gases such as synthesis gases containing carbon 10 monoxide and hydrogen for example in ratios varying from 1:2 to 1:1 all of which are hereinafter referred to collectively as "blue water gas or like gases."

It is well known that by producing 15 blue water gas or like gases it is advantageous to use pre-heated steam and air.

It is an object of the present invention

It is an object of the present invention to provide a simple and efficient process for the production of blue water gas and 20 like gases with the advantages of using

pre-heated air and steam. According to the present invention in the manufacture of blue water gas a unit consisting of a generator and regenerator 25 is used, in manufacturing carburetted water gas a unit consisting of a generator, carburettor and superheater is used and in manufacturing synthesis gas a unit consisting of a generator and two 30 regenerators is used.

The process can be applied to generator constructions in which the ash leaves the generator in solid condition or fluid condition and to generators with hand or mech-35 anically operated ash discharge. points at which the hot gas, steam or air leave or enter the generator will depend upon the generator system used. instance in a generator with mechanically 40 operated ash discharge the hot gases, steam or air may be introduced and

removed above the grate. In this case

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it is also possible to dispense with a jacket boiler.

By using the process of the present 45 invention the depth of the reaction zone can be considerably increased because the blow gases can be allowed to leave the reaction zone at a higher temperature and resulting therefrom the capacity of the 50 generator is considerably increased.

The velocity of the blow gases and the temperature of the blow gases leaving the reaction zone in the generator is chosen according to the temperature required in 55 the reaction zone and the pre-determined depth of the reaction zone. The amount of the blow gases is low and for this reason in most cases the pressure will be lower than in generators operating with-60 out pre-heated air despite the high velocity of the latter. As the blow gases are rich in carbon dioxide and part of the heat necessary for the reaction is brought in with the pre-heated steam the coke con-65 sumption per cubic metre of gas produced is lower than in the best of the hitherto known processes.

The following description shows in greater detail the operation of the process 70 as applied to the production of different gases and using different fuels.

1. Production of carburetted water gas from coal.

By using coal it is possible to produce 75 a gas which has a higher calorific value than ordinary blue water gas produced from coke. The operation is then as follows:

Gas making period: The gas is made 80 in the up direction. Steam is sent through the superheater to the generator the gases produced and undecomposed steam leaving the reaction zone are used for the

carbonisation of the coal which has been preheated to a temperature at which carbonisation begins by the blow gases leaving the reaction zone. If the temperature of the blow gases is too high and so the coal is pre-heated to a higher temperature than is required, the coal can he introduced at a time most suitable to achieve the pre-determined temperature 10 or a part or the whole of the blow gases can be brought out at the side and not at the

bottom of the generator.

The sensible heat and the temperature of the mixture of water gas, coal gas, 15 cracked tar and undecomposed steam is used and is sufficient to evaporate and crack the injected oil without using a carburettor or superheater (if necessary the oil can be pre-heated, or the amount of undecomposed steam increased or the temperature of the reaction zone increased). The sensible heat of the carburetted water gas produced is used for heating the carburettor (this heat is used for pre-heating the air required for blowing and secondary combustion).

As the calorific value of the gas produced before injecting the oil is higher than is the case when blue water gas is 30 produced in the hitherto usual manner (the absolute calorific value depends on the composition of the coal used) the amount of the oil used is considerably decreased although the same calorific 35 value is obtained in the carburetted water

gas as when using other processes.

Blow period: The air is brought through the carburettor to the generator and the superheater is heated with the

40 blow gases.

2. Production of carburetted water gas

from coke.

Gas making period: Steam is sent through the superheater for pre-heating and then to the generator. The gas is 45 and then to the generator. The gas is made in the up direction. The necessary amount of cold or pre-heated oil is injected into the mixture of gas produced and undecomposed steam. The sensible and undecomposed steam. 50 heat of the mixture is sufficient to evaporate and crack the oil and no carburettor and superheater are required. The coke is charged at a time to be sufficiently pre-heated with the blow gases 55 leaving the reaction zone, so as not to cool down to any considerable extent the gases made in the up gas making. The sensible heat of the carburetted water gas produced is used for heating the car-60 burettor and for air pre-heating in the blow period.

Blow period . Air is sent through the carburettor to the generator the blow gases are used to heat the superheater to 65 the pre-determined temperature for steam

pre-heating The rest of the heat in the blow gasses is used for steam raising.

Instead of steam water can be injected into the superheater so producing the steam with the required temperature and 70 pressure for the reaction and saving the expenditure for a boiler or a part of the expenditure for a boiler. This form of operation is preferable in producing guses of higher calorific value under pressure. 75

3. Blue water gas production from

Gas making period: The gas is made in the down direction. By introducing the steam at the upper part of the 80 generator the steam is pre-heated with the heat stored in the coke to near the reaction temperature before reching the reaction zone. The heat stored in the coke is obtained from the blow gases leaving the 85 reaction zone and going to the outlet of the generator. Besides this heat the heat necessary for the coke going to the reaction zone is also provided by the blow gases. The sensible heat of the produced 90 gases and undecomposed steam is used for heating the regenerator.

Blow period: Air is sent through the regenerator for pre-heating and then this air is brought into the generator in which 95 the air is further pre-heated with heat stored in the ash blowing the reaction zone to the pre-determined temperature. The amount of air used and consequently the temperature of the blow gases leaving 100 the reaction zone is determined by the heat necessary to store in the coke for preheating the steam and the coke for the

reaction.

4. Production of synthesis gases from 105

coke and gases.

The plant consists of a generator and two regenerators (T and II) and is operated in the following way: Regenerator I is used for pre-heating the air and 110 the Regenerator II is used for decomposing coke oven gas, carbonisation gases. residual cases, mixtures of these gases or any other gaseous or fluid hydrocarbons or fuels. If necessary the gases before 115 used are freed from carbon dioxide, sulphur compounds, and the like. According to the synthesis process used and the composition of the gases required the above mentioned fuels are mixed with 120 the steam or carbon dioxide necessary for the decomposition reaction.

Blow period: Air or pre-heated air is sent through the regenerator I and from there to the generator. The blow gases 125 leave the reaction zone with a high temtemperature and a part of the heat is stored in the coke and used to heat the coke bed to the required temperature. The blow gases leaving the generator 130 after addition of secondary air or preheated secondary air are mixed with residual gases or other fuels and used for

heating the regenerator II.

Gas making period: The whole or a greater part of the gases is made in the down direction, introducing the steam or carbon dioxide or pre-heated steam or carbon dioxide or other gases necessary 10 for the reaction through the hot coke bed to the reaction zone, or pre-heating the steam to near the reaction zone temperature. The gases and the undecomposed steam or carbon dioxide leaving the 15 generator or the gases leaving the regenerator II are used for pre-heating the Regenerator II is used regenerator I. for decomposing residual gases (if necessary the residual gas can be freed from 20 carbon dioxide before further treatment), coke oven gases or any other gaseous or liquid hydrocarbons used in the process or any mixture of them. The above mentioned gases with the exception of the 25 residual gases of the hydrocarbon synthesis are preferably freed from sulphur com-

pounds before the decomposition reaction. In producing primary products rich in olefines using gases rich in carbon monoxide the gases leaving the generator are freed from their sulphur contents and then mixed with a greater part of the decomposed residual gas leaving the regenerator II. The gas thus obtained is used as a synthesis gas if necessary after

adjusting the ratio of CO: Hs.

If residual gas is used alone or in admixture a part of the undecomposed or decomposed gas is taken out of the cir-40 culation and used for heating the regenerator or for producing primary products and in the latter case the residual gas II is used for heating purposes The amount of the residual gases 45 so taken out is dependent on the inert content, which is allowable or desirable in the synthesis gases. By producing synthesis gases with an approximate ratio of CO: H₂=1:2 the following method is 50 used. Before mixing the sulphur-free water gas (coming from the generator through the sulphur purification plant) with the decomposed gas the water gas or a part of it is sent through a conversion 55 plant and preferably a carbon dioxide washing-out plant or the gas can be mixed with a hydrogen rich gas so as to adjust the ratio of CO: H, to the required pro-portion. Instead of converting the water 60 gas the decomposed gas can be converted and freed from carbon dioxide.

If desirable in this case as in other

cases catalysts can be used for the decomposition reaction.

5. Production of synthesis gases from 65

coal.

By using coal for synthesis gas production a generator and three regenerators

are preferably used.

Gas making period: Steam or carbon 70 dioxide or pre-heated steam or carbon dioxide (heated for instance in a heat exchanger with the sensible heat of the decomposed gases leaving the regenerators I, II or III or pre-heated in the 75 regenerators I and III) is brought into the generator. The gas is made in the up direction. The gases leaving the reaction zone are used to pre-heat further the coal and to carbonise the same. The 80 gases leaving the generator are brought with the necessary amount of steam or carbon dioxide or other gases used in or for the reaction into the regenerator II for decomposing. The amount of steam, 85 or carbon dioxide brought into the generator is preferably chosen so high as to be sufficient for the water gas reaction and the decomposing reaction. sensible heat of the gases leaving the 90 regenerator II can be used for prcheating the steam and carbon dioxide and for heating the regenerators I and III (alternately) in the gas making period. regenerators I and III are used for the 95 decomposing of the residual gases, coke

oven gas and the like.

Blow period: Air pre-heated in the regenerators I or III is brought into the generator. The blow gases leaving the 100 reaction zone are used for pre-heating the coal to a temperature where carbonisation just begins. The blow gases leaving the generator are after addition of secondary air or pre-heated secondary air and 105 residual gases or other fuels, used for heating the regenerators II and I or III (one of the regenerators I or III is used in the blow

cycle for air pre-heating).

In a plant consisting of more generator units more suitable conditions of operation can be applied and less regenerators are required per generator unit. This applies to the production of other gases 115 and in using fuels other than coal.

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COMPLETE SPECIFICATION

A Process for the Manufacture of Water Gas and like Gases

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This invention relates to the manufac-10 ture of water gas and like gases such as synthesis gases containing carbon monoxide and hydrogen for example in ratios varying from 1:3 to 2:1 all of which are hereinafter referred to collectively as 15 "water gas or like gases." but this term as used herein does not include carburetted gases and is concerned with the provision of an intermittent process for the manufacture of water gas and like 20 gases of the type in which a bed of solid fuel in a generator provided with a grate is subjected to alternate blow periods by blowing with air, oxygen or oxygen rich gases and gas making periods (hereinafter referred to as "an intermittent process for the manufacture of water gas and like gases of the type described)."

The process of this invention comprises the combination of a number of features of each known per sc. Furthermore it is known to use in combination the preheating of gases used in a gas making period by the heat of gases produced in a blowing period and the pre-heating of gases used in a blowing period by the heat of gases produced in a gas making period.

It is an object of the present invention to provide a simple and efficient intermittent process for the production of water gas and like gases with the advantages of using pre-heated air and superheated steam.

According to the present invention, an intermittent process for the manufacture 45 of water gas and like gases of the type described is provided in which:

(I) the velocity of the gases used in the blow period is chosen according to the temperature and depth of the reaction zone required;

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(2) the blow cases and the cases introduced into and produced in the generator during up and/or down gas making, are respectively introduced into and removed from the generator at a point or points at which they will not adversely affect the parts of the generator with which they come into contact and at which a part of the heat in the introduced cases can be stored

in the solid fuel or ash in the generator, and at least a part of each of such gases is introduced or removed, as the case may be, above the grate and below the reaction zone;

(3) the gases produced are removed from the generator at a point or points at which they possess the heat required for the purpose for which they are to be utilised;

(4) the heat necessary for the reaction in the generator and to compensate for heat losses being provided partly by pre-heating the gases used during the blow period by the use of the heat of 75 the gases produced in a gas making period, with or without admixture with other gases, and by pre-heating the gases introduced into the generator during the gas making period by the 80 use of the heat of the gases leaving the generator in a blow period, with or without admixture with other gases, part of the heat of the gases leaving the reaction zone being stored in the ash 85 bed and/or in the fuel bed.

In the process of the invention as applied to the production of a synthesis gas, preferably gas produced in a gas making period in the generator is mixed 90 with a gas containing carbon monoxide and hydrogen produced in a regenerator which has been wholly or partly heated by the gases leaving the generator in a blowing period.

The process can be applied to generator constructions with hend or mechanically operated ash discharge. In a generator with mechanically operated ash discharge it is possible to dispense with a jacket 160 holler.

By using the process of the present invention the death of the reaction zone can be considerably increased because the blow gases can be allowed to leave the 105 reaction zone at a higher temperature and resulting therefrom the capacity of the generator is considerably increased.

The velocity of the blow gases and the temperature of the blow gases leaving the 110 reaction zone in the generator is chosen according to the temperature required in the reaction zone and the pre-determined depth of the reaction zone. The amount of the blow gases is low and for this reason in most cases the pressure will be lower than in generators operating without pre-heated air despite the high velocity of the latter.

The following description shows in 120

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greater detail the operation of the process as applied to the production of different gases and using different fuels.

1. Blue water gas production from

5 coke.

The operation is illustrated in Figs. 1 to 3 of the accompanying diagrammatic drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 is a flow sheet showing a blow-

10 ing period,

Fig. 2 is a similar flow sheet showing a down gas making period, and

Fig. 3 is a similar flow sheet showing

an up gas making period.

Down gas make period: Referring to Fig. 2 of the drawings, by introducing the steam at the upper part of the generator 23 through line 24 (the steam having been admitted through line 25 to the 20 regenerator 26) the steam is superheated with the heat stored in the coke 23b to near the reaction temperature before reaching the reaction zone 23a. The heat stored in the coke is obtained from the 25 blow gases leaving the reaction zone and going to the outlet of the generator. Besides this heat the heat necessary for heating the coke going to the reaction zone is also provided by the blow gases. 30 The sensible heat of the gases produced and undecomposed steam leaving the generator through lines 27 is used for heating a regenerator (not shown).

Blow period: Referring to Fig. 1 of the 85 drawings, air is sent through a regenerator (not shown) for pre-heating. and then this air is brought through line 28 into the generator 23 in which the air is further pre-heated with heat-stored in 40 the ash blowing the reaction zone 23a to the pre-determined temperature. The amount of air used and consequently the temperature of the blow gases leaving the reaction sone and passing through line 24 to regenerator 26 is determined by the heat necessary to store in the coke for superheating the steam in the subsequent gas making period and the pre-heating of the coke for the reaction. The air can 50 also be wholly pre-heated in the ash

using one regenerator only for superheat-

ing the steam.

Up gas makeing period: Referring to Fig. 3 of the drawings, steam is sent 55 through the regenerator 26 heated in the blow period described above and thereby superheated and then introduced at the bottom of the generator 23 via lines 21 and 27, additional steam being admitted 60 through line 28. The sensible heat of the gases produced and undecomposed steam leaving the generator through line 24 is used for heating a regenerator (not

2. Production of synthesis from coke

and gases.

The operation is illustrated in Figs. 4 and 5 of the accompanying drawings, in which:

Fig. 4 is a flow sheet showing a blow- 70

ing period, and

Fig. 5 is a similar flow sheet showing

a gas making period.

Referring to Figs. 4 and 5 of the drawings the plant consists of a generator 29 75 and two regenerators 30 and 31 and is operated in the following way: Regenerator 30 is used for pre-heating the air and the regenerator 31 is used for decomposing coke oven gas, carbonisation 80 gases, residual gases, mixtures of these gases or any other gaseous or fluid hydro-carbons or fuels. If necessary the gases before use are freed from carbon dioxide, sulphur compounds, and the like. Accord- 85 ing to the synthesis process used and the composition of the gases required the above mentioned fuels are mixed with the steam or carbon dioxide necessary for the decomposition reaction.

Blow period: Referring to Fig. 4 of the drawings, air or pre-heated air admitted through line 32 is sent through the regenerator 30 and from their via lines 33 and 34 to the generator 29. The 95 blow gases leave the reaction zone 2900 with a high temperature and a part of the heat is stored in the coke 29b and used to heat the coke bed to the required temperature. Additional air is admitted 100 through line 40 to the generator 29. The blow gases leaving the generator through line 35 before or after addition of secondary air or pre-heated secondary air admitted through line 36 may be mixed 105 with residual gases or other fuels admitted through line 37 and used for heating the regenerator 31.

Gas making period: The whole or a greater part of the gases is made in the 110 down direction and this is the process illustrated in Fig. 5 of the drawings.

Referring to Fig. 5 of the drawings, steam or carbon dioxide or superheated. steam or carbon dioxide or other gases 115 necessary for the reaction is introduced by lines 38 and 39 through the hot coke bed 29b to the reaction zone 29a, thus superheating the steam to near the reaction zone temperature. The gases and the 120 undecomposed steam or carbon dioxide leaving the generator 29 via lines 34 and 34a or the gases leaving the regenerator 31 are used for heating the regenerator 30. Regenerator 31 is used for decom- 125 posing residual gases (if necessary the residual gas can be freed from carbon dioxide before further treatment), coke oven gases or any other gaseous or liquid hydrocarbons used in the process or any 130

mixture of them. The said gases are . admitted through lines 31c, 31a and steam and/or carbon dioxide through The abovementioned gases line 31d. with the exception of the residual gases of the hydrocarbon synthesis are preferably freed from sulphur compounds before the decomposition reaction.

In producing primary products rich in 10 olefines using gases rich in carbon monoxide the gases leaving the generator 29 are freed from their sulphur contents and then mixed with a greater part of the decomposed residual gas leaving the 15 regenerator 31 via line 31a, the mixing taking place in line 41. The remainder of the gas leaves regenerator 31 via line 31b. The gas thus obtained is used as a synthesis gas if necessary after adjusting

20 the ratio of $CO: H_z$. If residual gas is used alone or in admixture a part of the undecomposed or decomposed gas is taken out of the circulation and used for heating the regenerator or for producing primary products and in the latter case the residual gas is used for heating purposes. The amount of the residual gases so taken out is dependent on the inert content, which is allowable 30 or desirable in the synthesis gases. In producing synthesis gases with an approximate ratio of $CO:H_2=1:2$ the following method is used. Before mixing the sulphur-free water gas (coming 35 from the generator through the sulphur

purification plant) with the decomposed gas the water gas or a part of it is sent through a conversion plant and preferably a carbon dioxide washing-out plant 40 or the gas can be mixed with a hydrogen rich gas so as to adjust the ratio of CO: H2 to the required proportion. Instead of converting the water gas the decomposed gas can be converted and freed from

. 45 carbon dioxide. If desirable in this case as in other cases catalysts can be used for the decom-

position reaction.

3. Production of synthesis gases from

When using coal for synthesis gas production a generator and three regenerators are preferably used.

The operation is illustrated in Figs. 55 6 to 9 of the accompanying drawings, in which:

Fig. 6 is a flow sheet which shows a

blowing period, ... Fig. 7 is a similar flow sheet showing

60 a gas making period.

Fig. 8 is a similar flow sheet showing a second blowing period, and Fig. 9 is a similar flow sheet showing

a second gas making period.

First gas making period: Referring to

Fig. 7 of the drawings, steam or carbon dioxide or superheated steam or pre-heated carbon dioxide (heated for instance in a heat exchanger with the sensible heat of the decomposed gases 70 leaving the regenerators 43, 44 or 45 or pre-heated in the regenerators 48 and 45) is brought into the generator 42 through lines 46, 47 and 48. The gas is made in the up direction. The gases leaving 75 the reaction zone 42a are used to preheat further the coal and to carbonise the same. The gases leaving the generator 42 through line 49 are brought with the necessary amount of steam or 80 carbon dioxide or other gases used in or for the reaction into the regenerator 44 for decomposing. The amount of steam, or carbon dioxide brought into the generator is preferably chosen so high as 85 to be sufficient for the water gas reaction and the decomposing reaction. sensible heat of the gases leaving the regenerator 44 can be used for superheating the steam and pre-heating carbon 90 divaide and for heating the regenerators 43 and 45 (alternately) in the gus making period. The regenerators 43 and 45 are used for the decomposing the residual gases, coke oven gas and the like.

Thus, in regenerator 43 steam and residual gas are admitted through lines 50 and 51 respectively, the gases produced leaving through line 52. In the regenera-tor 45 air and fuel are admitted through 100 lines 53 and 54 respectively for heating the regenerator.

Second blow period: Referring to Fig. 8 of the drawings, air admitted through line 55 pre-heated in the regenerator 43 105 is brought into the generator 42 through line 56. The blow gases leaving the reaction zone 42a are used for pre-heating the coal 425 to a temperature where car-bonisation just begins. The blow gases 110 leaving the generator through line 57 are, after addition of secondary air or preheated secondary air through line 58 and residual gases or pre-heated residual gases or other fuels through line 59, used for 116 heating the regenerator 44. The regenerator 45 is used for decomposing residual gas admitted through line 62 by steam admitted through line 63.

Referring to Fig. 9 of the drawings, 120 which illustrates the second gas making period, steam or carbon dioxide is admitted through line 46 into the generator 42 and the products leave through line 49 and pass to regenerator 44. Regenera-125 tor 43 is heated by the admission of fuel through line 60 and air through line 61. Steam admitted through line 62 reacts with residual gas admitted through line 63 in the regenerator 45, the gases pro- 130

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duced leaving through line 64.

Referring to Fig. 6 of the drawings, air is introduced through line 65 into the regenerator 45 and passes through line 65 to the generator 42. The blow gases leave the generator by line 67 and pass after the addition of further fuel through line 68 and air through line 69 to the regenerator 44 to heat the same. Steam is 10 admitted through line 50 and residual gas through line 51 to the regenerator 43. The gas produced leaves through line 52.

In a plant consisting of more generator units more suitable conditions of operation can be applied and less regenerators are required per generator unit. This applies to the production of other gases and in using fuels other than coal.

20 A further modification of the process wherein tar or low temperature tar and synthesis gas can be obtained is described below

A plant consisting of a generator and 25 one or two regenerators is used.

The plant is operated in the following

Blow period: Air or oxygen-containing gases or pre-heated air or oxygen-contain30 ing gases are brought into the generator for blowing and the blow gases leave the generator at the side at a point or points level with the end of the reaction zone.

From there the blow gases are brought

From there the blow gases are brought state or after the addition of secondary air into a regenerator to heat the same. The heated regenerator is used for heating the steam, carbon dioxide or the like in the following gas-making period. The air can be pre-heated in a regenerator and/or with the heat stored in the ash.

Gas making period: Steam, carbon dioxide or the like is superheated or preheated in the regenerator and is brought
45 into the generator above the grate into the
reaction zone. The gases produced and
undecomposed steam, carbon dioxide or
the like leaving the reaction zone go
through the coal bed thus carbonizing the
50 coal and the mixture of the gases produced, steam, carbon dioxide, tar and
carbonisation gases is brought out at the
top of the generator to the regenerator or
direct to the cooling or removal plant for

55 tar and other desirable components or impurities. The gas thus obtained is used as synthesis gas either alone or in admixture with decomposed residual gases or other gases. If required the composition of the synthesis gas may be adjusted

by the addition of other gases.

Having now particularly described and

ascertained the nature of my said invention and in what manner the same is to be performed. I declare that what I claim 65 is:——

1. An intermittent process for the manufacture of water gas and like gases of the type described in which

(1) the velocity of the gases used in 70 the blow period is chosen according to the temperature and depth of the reaction zone required;

(2) the blow gases and the gases introduced into and produced in the 75 generator during up and/or down gas making, are respectively introduced into and removed from the generator at a point or points at which they will not adversely affect the parts of the 80 generator with which they come into contact and at which a part of the heat in the introduced gases can be stored in the solid fuel or ash in the generator, and at least a part of each of such gases is introduced or removed, as the case may be, above the grate and below the reaction zone;

(8) the gases produced are removed from the generator at a point or points 90 at which they possess the heat required for the purpose for which they are to

be utilised;

(4) the heat necessary for the reaction in the generator and to compensate 95 for heat losses being provided partly by pre-heating the gases used during the blow period by the use of the heat of the gases produced in a gas making period, with or without admixture with other gases, and by pre-heating the gases introduced into the generator during the gas making period by the use of the heat of the gases leaving the generator in a blow period, with or 105 without admixture with other gases, part of the heat of the gases leaving the reaction zone being stored in the ash bed and/or in the fuel bed.

2. A process as claimed in claim I 110 applied to the production of a synthesis gas wherein gas produced in a gas making period in the generator is mixed with a gas containing carbon monoxide and hydrogen produced from hydrocarbons 115 and steam in a regenerator which has been wholly or partly heated by the gases leaving the generator in a blowing period.

3. An intermittent process for the manufacture of water gas and like gases 120 substantially as described.

4. Water gas and like gases when manufactured by the process claimed in any one of the preceding claims.

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