

(75) J. & J. T. say, in reply to J. C. & Co., as to the inclination of a bolting reel: At the Millers' National Convention in St. Louis, Mo., June, 1874, we learned that a fall of 1 in 48 always gave the best results.

S. A. T. asks: How can I make a fugitive ink that will disappear in two days after being written?—T. C. H. asks: How can I make an easily flowing ink for drawing on zinc plates, so as afterwards to etch the drawings with muriatic acid?—E. P. M. asks: How can I tan and color beaver skins?—L. M. asks: I. Can you give me a good rule for getting the length of a carriage axle from shoulder to shoulder before welding, supposing the hub of the wheels to be 6½ inches long, and the track of the wheels 4 feet 7 inches? 2. Please give me a rule for setting axles.—J. F. E. asks: What is put in soap to keep it from shrinking in drying?

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED.

The Editor of the SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN acknowledges, with much pleasure, the receipt of original papers and contributions upon the following subjects:

On the Generation of the Wicked. By T. W. C., and by A. S.
On the Sagacity of the Partridge. By J. K.
On Glue as a Healing Remedy. By J. J. B.
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On Spiritualism. By F. H. R.
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Also enquiries and answers from the following:

M. G. L.—E. W.—T. F. & Co.—J. K.—J. G. T.—T. R.—A. E. O.—T. H.—S. T. J.—J. E. B.—F. H. W.—A. A. F.—C. C.—D. B.—G. W. H.—C. E. M.—J. K.—J. C. R.—G. C.—C. F. B.—J. C.—R. W. J.—J. B.—T. K. B.

HINTS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Correspondents whose inquiries fail to appear should repeat them. If not then published, they may conclude that, for good reasons, the Editor declines them. The address of the writer should always be given.

Enquiries relating to patents, or to the patentability of inventions, assignments, etc., will not be published here. All such questions, when initials only are given, are thrown into the waste basket, as it would fill half of our paper to print them all; but we generally take pleasure in answering briefly by mail, if the writer's address is given.

Hundreds of enquiries analogous to the following are sent: "Who publishes books on dressing and coloring furs, and on bleaching wool? Who sells magnesia and chloride of magnesium? Who makes machines for cutting thin stuff off round logs while the latter revolve? Who sells the best steamer for laundry purposes? Who makes steel castings? Who sells the best gage cocks, etc.? Are there glass-lined iron pipes in the market? Who makes engines suitable for boats 4 feet long?" All such personal inquiries are printed, as will be observed, in the column of "Business and Personal," which is specially set apart for that purpose, subject to the charge mentioned at the head of that column. Almost any desired information can in this way be expeditiously obtained.

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