

(32) C. R. says: Please give me an explanation of the following formulæ:— 144 degree Baumé ÷ 134 = specific gravity, and 144 ÷ 134 = degree Baumé. I see these used constantly in describing the specific gravity of petroleum, but nobody can explain them to me. A. It is merely an arithmetical ratio which represents the relation in which the numbers obtained by the purely arbitrary divisions of the Baumé scale stand to the specific gravities. The second is derived from the first in the following manner:— 144 ÷ 134 = specific gravity. 144 = (specific gravity × degree Baumé) ÷ (134 × specific gravity). 144 = (specific gravity × 134) ÷ specific gravity. Dividing both terms by the specific gravity, 144 ÷ 134 = degree Baumé.

MINERALS, ETC.—Specimens have been received from the following correspondents, and examined, with the results stated:

F. W. B.—It is *Haltica striolata*, an insect very injurious to young plants. It is of a polished black color, with a broad, wavy, buff-colored stripe on each wing cover, and the knees and feet are reddish yellow. Its length is considerably less than 1/16 of an inch. We think the ravages may be prevented by watering the leaves with a solution of lime, a remedy employed in England for this purpose.—G. N. K.—The sample sent is pure hydrated red oxide of iron, and might answer for making a cheap red paint. But it is without action on either tin or lead, and the explanation of the corrosion is to be found by examining the water, and not from these settings.—J. H. W.—The wood is in the course of that slow change (under water) which would slowly bituminize and mineralize it, and result in the production of a body resembling coal.—G. A. S.—It is silicate of alumina, and is useful for all the purposes to which a fine, soft, polishing powder can be applied.—E. L. P.—It is neither lead nor silver. It is blende, sulphure of zinc. Follow up the coal outcrop.—G. E. S.—No. 1 is siliceous containing clay mixed with oxide of iron. No. 2 is tourmaline. No. 3 is crystallized quartz.—R. A.—It is composed of copper pyrites, iron pyrites, and sulphide of lead.—I. J. W.—It is copper pyrites.—M. A. H.—It is galena, valuable lead ore.—F. E. P.—It is stibnite, or sulphide of antimony, and contains sulphur 33 per cent and antimony 72 per cent.—H. E. S.—It is common mica, used in large plates in stoves, etc.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED.

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

- On Steam Boiler Explosions. By J. W. D.
On a Preventive of Shipwreck. By J. F. J.
On a Curious Fact in Flower Growth. By W. H. M.
On a Theory of Dissolution. By W. T. D.
On Utilizing Natural Forces. By T. A.
On Extracting the Square Root. By E. C.
On Ship Railways. By J. A.

Also inquiries and answers from the following: F. G. H.—H. W.—J. J.—J. McL.—M. W. M.—J. C. G.—E. F. N.—R. I.—N. W. T.—A. B. F.—H. R.

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.

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INDEX OF INVENTIONS

FOR WHICH Letters Patent of the United States were Granted in the Week ending June 1, 1875, AND EACH BEARING THAT DATE. (Those marked (r) are reissued patents.)

Table listing inventions and their patent numbers, including Alarm, burglar, J. Andrews; Amalgamator, W. H. Carson; Anchor, J. S. Williams; Bale tie, J. S. Carson; Baluster, P. J. Hardy; Battery, flume, D. F. Hawkes; Bed bottom, spring, J. Wagner; Bedstead fastening, W. H. Elliot; Belting, machine, C. A. Jewell; Billiard table, H. W. Colender; Binder, temporary, Pelree; Bird cage hook, extension, V. Balcom; Bit stock, D. F. Sutton; Boat-propelling mechanism, T. W. Pratt; Boiler, wash, W. P. Casperson; Boot heels, etc., making, J. J. Sawin; Bridge, metallic arch, J. B. Eads.

Main table of inventions and patent numbers, including Buckle for suspenders, A. Shenfield; Burner, gas, W. J. Herrlott; Burner, lamp, A. Kimber; Butter package, J. C. Tilton; Button holes, cutting, J. D. Westgate; Car brakes, F. L. Kirtley; Car coupling, B. S. Kearney; Car coupling, J. McNabb; Car coupling, O. L. Taylor; Car coupling, automatic, J. Miller; Car heater and ventilator, J. Amory; Car, refrigerating, R. Armiger; Car starter, A. H. Smith; Car starter, F. Stafford; Carpet stretcher and tack driver, G. A. Alger; Carriage top slat iron, F. B. Plumb; Casting articles of cement, L. A. Tartière; Chain links, device for welding, P. H. Standish; Chair, adjustable and reversible, Voth & Hyatt; Chair, folding, J. E. Waketield; Chair, folding, J. A. Ware; Chronometers, etc., regulating, L. Eaton; Chuck for metal drills, G. M. Pratt; Churn, re-impacting, Price & Hoover; Clock, penulium, V. Himmer; Clothes dryer, W. Bloomer; Clothes cryer, E. S. Heath; Coat patterns, laying out, Z. Bauer; Coconut, preparing, A. P. Ashbourne; Columns, etc., construction of, P. J. Hardy; Columns, construction of marble, P. J. Hardy; Compasses, mariner's, D. Baker; Cooler, beer, A. Roos; Cooler, milk, R. Smith; Corset, H. G. Emery; Culinary steamer, H. M. Welch; Cultivator, A. Dart; Doll, paper, W. H. Hart; Drills, chuck for metal, G. M. Pratt; Elevator, water, Hoag & Junkerman; Emery to metal, applying, S. G. Morrison; Engines, injector for steam, G. H. Little; Exercising apparatus, G. W. Wood; Exhaust, variable, Leseur & Michel; Fabrics, tenting, W. H. Palmer, Jr.; Feather renovator, H. E. Rowe; Fence, barbed wire, Watkins & Scutt; Fence, farm, W. E. Cary; Fence post, J. E. Warren; Fifth wheel, C. B. Wood; Fire kindler, W. C. Philbrick; Fish hook, E. L. Dunlap; Flour dressing machine, G. Smith; Fruit dryer, H. E. Aldwell; Furnace, air-heating, S. W. Davenport; Furnace grate bar, J. Clark; Fuses, slow match for lighting, A. S. Wall; Game apparatus, C. L. Browne; Gas regulator, D. P. Mayhew; Gas retort, J. C. Tiffany; Grading apparatus, E. Church; Graining roller, A. J. Taplin; Gun feed case, D. C. Farrington; Hame and horse collar, E. Stroud; Hand rail, P. J. Hardy; Harrow, A. Ross; Harrow, corn, J. McCormick; Harvester, S. S. Stultz; Hat, A. A. Richardson; Hat fastening, C. R. Blackwood; Heater and condenser, J. E. Coughlin; Hoe, H. D. Mills; Hoe, D. and E. Moore; Hold-back, J. V. Phillips; Horseshoe, C. Hartmann; Horseshoe bar roll, H. H. Gilmore; Horseshoe caik die, J. Palmer; Horseshoe die, W. Russell; Horseshoe bending machine, A. Barton; House, wooden, M. Rogers; Ice, storing and removing, A. Hunt; Index, C. H. Bradley; Indicator, station, C. A. Blomquist; Indicator, station, S. P. Littlefield; Injector, W. P. Patton; Insect power injector, A. Meyer; Iron and steel, making, J. B. Pearce; Jack, lifting, J. C. Bird; Journal, stud, or crank pin, O. E. Seymour; Knitted trimming, G. M. Genshym; Ladder, extensible, W. B. Elliott; Lamp, C. McKinnon; Lathe cutter holder, J. R. Mitchell; Laundry polish, C. L. Holland; Leather work, etc., forming staples, T. K. Reed; Letter and picture block, D. Birmeil; Letter box, A. Rosenstjerna; Locomotive cylinder cock, C. H. Hopkins; Loom for tubular fabrics, J. E. Gillespie; Loom heddle frame, H. Parsons; Marble, artificial, Cowman and Barber; Marble for building purposes, P. J. Hardy; Mats, making wooden, J. M. Hall; Match box, E. S. Burchett; Measure and funnel, J. D. Humphrey; Mirror, A. Huber; Motor, electric, C. J. B. Gaume; Muclage holder, H. T. Cushman; Music holder, sheet, B. J. Beck; Music recorder, automatic, G. Landrien; Music stand, folding, E. A. White; Package holder, G. Lewinson; Painting, base for, Thielepape and Kroeschell; Paper box, L. A. Kettle; Paper, planishing, W. E. Lockwood; Paper pulp wood grinder, J. O. Gregg; Paper pulp wood grinder, A. M. Zimmer; Pencil attachment, slate, J. Poznanski; Pessary, J. Keane; Piano attachment, A. Steinway; Pictures, apparatus for view, E. S. Ritchie; Pipes, stopping leaks in, J. B. Peake; Planter, hand corn, J. Beers; Plow, H. Olson; Plow iron, Moore and Curkendall; Plow, reversible, J. McCabe; Pot scraper, U. Cramer; Poultry coop, F. M. Blanc; Press, cider, H. Sells; Press, cotton, E. Van Winkle; Printers' leads, cutting, Hawkins and Dodge; Pump, chain, C. Fishbaugh; Pump for deep wells, J. T. Whipple; Railroad crossing signal, King and Nunn; Railroadral joint, W. M. Spacht; Railroad signal circuit, etc., H. W. Spang; Rake, horse, J. Pennypacker; Roof, cement, I. Mills; Rope traction way, endless, A. S. Hallide; Sash balance, T. I. Dale.

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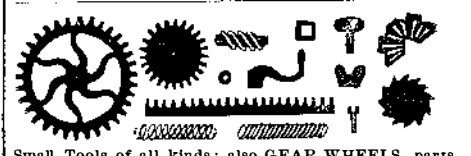
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