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vent the accuaulation of air, lay the pipe with a Vent the accumulation of air, lay the pipe with a
continuous fall, free from abrupt bends; and cover continuous fall, free from a
(3) J. B. P. says: I have a hand and foot sawing machine in which the power is taken from
balance wheel to saw arbor by means of gear. wish to get more speed,and propose using a 36 inch balance wheel and a 3 inch pulley on saw arbor to be driven by friction. Is it practicable to drive a 3 inch pulley by a 3 i inch one? A. It will probably (4) W. E. W. asks: A substance accumu lates in my boiler. It mainly floats on the top of the water, causing inconvenience at the gage
cocks. The water used is from an artesian well 118 cocks. The water used is from an artesian well 118 After blowing off and cleaning out the boiler, I have lately been using tallow, putting a few poundsinto the boiler; and until I Idid so this substance never was troublesome. Lately it comes
over with the steam; and in the vicinity of even small leaks, the iron of the engines, steam pipes, etc., is covered with a white coat of this im-
palpable powder. What will precipitate it (mag nesia ?) before it enters the boiler? A. Stop using tallow or any lubricant in the boiler, and let us know the result.
(5) A. F. E. asks: What are vernier calli pers? A. We shall shortly publish
description of these instruments.
(6) J. H. asks: What is the best method of olution of gum arabic, and add a little powdere ugar. The sugar prevents the paper from curling up when dry.
(7) M. T. asks: How can I clean a white
strich feather? A. Put 1 oz. Castile soap in 1 pint water. Wash the feather in this, and rinse in ure water
(8) L. S. asks: What is the best method of reducing butalaloskinsto a uniform thickness
A. This is best done by perching them, that $i$ is scraping them on the flesh side with a semi circu-
larknife.
(9) A. S. asks: How are purple, red, an violet inks made? A. For purple, use a strong decoction of logwood, to which a little alum or chlo-
ride of tin has been added. For red, take Brazil wood 1 oz, white vinegar 1 pint; macerate for 40 days; boil down to one half; add roche alum 43/ ozs., gum arabic 5 ozs.; bottle for use. For violet,
proceed as for purple, but make the ink thinner.
(10) J. I. R. and many others ask: How can I make an æolian harp, to be strung with fline vio in strings? A. Make a box of very thin cedar ine, or other soft wood, 5 or 6 inches deep. 7 or 8
inches wide, and of $a$ length jast equal to the width of the window in which it is to be placed Across the top,near each end, glue a strip of woo half an inch high and a quarter of an inch thick for bridges. Into the ends of the box insert
wooden pins, like those of a violin, to wind the tringsaround; put two pins in each end. Make a round hole in the middle of the top, and string
the box with small catgut or first (E) fidde strings. Fastening one end of each string to metallic pin in one end of the box, and carrying it over the bridges, wind it around the tuning pia in the opposite end of the box. The ends of the box should be increased in thicsness where the vooden pins enter, by a piece of wood glued up
on the inside. Tune the strings in unison an on the inside. Tune the strings in unison, a four strings as described, but a harp with a single string produces an exceedingly sweet melody,
tones which vary with the force of the wind.
(11) H. C. S. asks: Are any scales formed on the inside of a boiler above the water line? Generally, no.
Will hard rubber, either red or black, soften under a pressure of 200 lbs . to the square inch on the
(12) G. T. S. asks: To whom is due the cre dit of the revolving or repeating fire arm? A. It was frrst practically introduced by Cooonel Samue is oott, his first patent being dated in 1835 Ther is, however, in the Tower of London, a match volving breech made on a principle somewhat similar to that employed in the Cult's revolver. There is a pistol similarly constructed at Warwick Castle, England.
(13) H. B. asks: Which of the two link motions, Stephenson's or Gooch's, was invented frst ? A. The two were invented at almost the same time. luat is commony huown as the Howe, in 1843 .
(14) C. C. says: My steam gage indicates lbs. when everything is cold. I called the atten
tion of my employer to it, but without success, Is it safe to continue the use of it in its presen. condition? A. It should be tested immediately. I have a dog that is pestered with fleas. What will exterminate them? A. Carbolic soap.
(15j A.L. C. asks: Please give mea process for galvanizing small wrought ironrods. A. Clean
the iron, cover it with a solution of sal ammoniac and hydrochlorate of zinc, and dip it into molte $\underset{\text { (16) }}{\text { zinc. }}$
(16) J. F. asks: What have I to learn in order to pass an examination as railroad or steam-
boat engineer? A. You must be able boat engineer? A. You must be able to answe
questions about the construction, management questions about the construction, management,
and repairs of engines and boilers, and must present evidence of your former experience with steam machinery.
(17) S. C. apks: How many tuns of hay are feet and hight 205 feet, a tun measuring 512 cub feet? A. About 143.
(18) J. H. C. asks: On what principle does the air railroad brake work ? A. Under each car there is a cylinder with piston. The latter is con-
nected with the levers of the brakes. Pipes leas from the cylinder to an air chamber on the locomotive. The chamber is charged with air at a
high pressure by meano of a small steam air pump high pressure by means of a small steam air pump
on the locomotive. To operate the brakes, the engineer opens a cock by which the compressed air cars, thus instantly working all the brakes at once.
(19) E. asks: Is there any particle of a car wheel in a moving train perfectly still? It it
said by some that that atom of matter directly under the center of the wheel, touching the rail, perfectly still for an infinitely short space of time; that if such was not the case, the wheel
would slide on the rail. It is said to have been discussed at a meeting of railroad engineers and decided affirmatively; but I cannot believe it without the Sciensirfic American decides that such is
the case, and even then Iam afraid that I cannot understand it. A. The answer to this question depends upon. what is meant by "perfectly still." The facts of the case are as follows: If the car
wheel is revolving at a uniform rate, every point in the circumference is moviug at the same rate of speed in a circle ; but each point in the circumference is moving away from a fixed station, say a post by the side of the track, at a different rate of speed; and any point in the circumference, when it touches the rail, 13 then
(20) B Will
(20) J. B. asks: Will an overshot water wheel,
inch circular sam
s. with proper gearing? if there is plenty of water.
(21) B. F. F. asks: What quantity of water will be forced through a pipe 1 inch in diameter
under a pressure of 62 lbs. per inch 7 A. Mr. R.H. Buel gives the following formulas, which give average results: $L=$ length of pipe in feet. $D=d i-$
ameter of pipe in feet. $A=$ area of pipe in square feet. $\mathrm{V}=\mathrm{velocity} \mathrm{of} \mathrm{water}$, $\mathrm{H}=$ head of water, in feet, to give the required
velocity. $h=$ theoretical head required for same
velocity. $\mathrm{F}=$ head, in feet, required to overcome riction. $P=$ pressure per square inch equivalen elivered by pipe per second. $\mathbf{H}=\frac{0.00665 \times \mathbf{L} \times \mathbf{V}}{}$ $=\frac{\mathrm{V}^{2}}{64 \cdot \mathrm{~A}} . \mathrm{F}=\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{h} . \mathrm{P}=\mathbf{H} \times 0.433 . \quad \mathrm{H}=\mathrm{P} \times 2.308 . \mathrm{V}=$
(22) C. M. B. asks: How can I cement a hair bracelet into a gold clasp? A. Melt togethe equaly hot
Apply
(23) M. F. asks: What are gold pens point ally tipped with the native ore of the metals irid um and osmium. Diamonds and rubies wer ormerly employed for this purpose
(24) Q. Q. Q. asks: What prep . ration, when writen with on blue paper, produces a white mark by discharging the color from the pape
Use a dilute solution of oxalic acid in water.
(25) W. B. H. says: You speak of water odacted through palvan'zed iron pipe tending 50 gallons, made of galvanized iron. The water comes in lead pipe into the bottom of the reser-
voir, and discharges through lead pipe near the top, leaving the reservoir to stand nearly full of op, leaving the reservoir to stand nearly fuls
soft water. Is this water injurious? If so, what paint or other substance can I apply to the inner
surface, that will prevent the poisonous effect of
the zinc, without injury to the water? the zinc, without injury to the water? A. The
question as to whether the water is rendered unquestion as to whether the water is rendered un-
wholesome by its passage through the pipes and wholesome by its passage through the pipes ama
reservoir depends upon the character of the water itself. Waters containing a small quantity of certain mineral substances in solution are not affected by these metals, while, on the contrary,but
a small quantity of other mineral salts may have very deleterious action upon the quality of the water when in contact with the same metais. You hould have a chemical examination made of your
(26) W. H. H. M. and others, who ask as to the qualities of certain waters: We are not able o zive you decisive answers without first having ,
(27) G. W. W. says: Please tell me how to ect a piece of good, thoroughly and newly burnt lime, as free from sand as possible; and by means or a saw and knife, cut out a piece abour 2 inches the form of a cylinder, and it is ready for use These limes, when not in use, should be kept in small, dry, airtight bottles.
(28) C. H. asks: What substance is used on the cushions of hard rubber plate frictional coarse gold bronze. A. Take zinc and grain tin, each 1 oz.; melt in an iron ladile, and add mercury (hot) 80 ozs; ; stir with an iron rod, pour into a well chalked wooden box, and agitate until cold; or
stir till cold, and then powder. Keep in a well orked glass bottle.
(29) K. L. asks: 1. What is the best and most convenient article for covering steam pipes,
runniog to radiators for heating public or private buildings? A. Felt bound in canvas. 2. When
bund laid in a box under ground, what is the best fllling? A. Plaster of Paris. 3. Would you paitt A. Give them a coast of red lead paint. 4. Is coal a conductor of heat? A. Yes.
(30) J. C. B. asks: At what season of the year is it best to trim trees and bushes, atd why?
A. Timber trees are usually felled in the witter, when the trunks and bark are free from sap. Fruit trees are trimmed in the spring, that the
vigor of the tree may be expended in the fruit instead of on the growth of the tree.
(31) M. W. asks: How is the metal calcium obtained? A. BJ igniting the iodide of calci-
um with an equivalent quantity of sodium in an um with an equivalent quantity of sodium
iron crucible, having its lid screwed down.
Minerals, btc.-Specimens have been recived from the following correspondents, and examined, with the results stated:
E. D. E.- Both specimens consist, chemically speaking, of silex and silicates of lime, alumina,
and iron, with some carbonate of lime, and iron, with some carbonate of lime and iron.
They are valuable only for polishing purposes. -D . H.-Your box, which came to hand some time before sour letter, contained (if we remember right19) particles of decomposed mica.- J. F. B.-It 18 iron prrites imbedded in talcose schist. No fur-
ther results are given by analysis.-B. F. B.- - No. 1 contains a very minute percentage of silver. It is galena. No. 2, no silver detected.-C. H. - One is a tibia of someanimal.-E. C. M.-We will require the root of the unknown plant, with the leaves, stem, and blossom, before we can classify it.-D.
W. S. -It is sulphuret of iron.-D. K. No . 1 does not contain nickel. No. 2 does not contain silver -F. A.W.-It has a very slight trace of tin.-H. N. L--It is not gold.-D. M. S.-They are very nice
specimens of sulphuret of lead or galena. - R. H . C. - It is mica in quartz.-A box of specimens forwarded by S. D. M. contained many pieces of bituminous coal, marked with the curious disks re-
ferredto in the ScIENTIFTC AMERICAN of June 12 . In of iticich American of June 12 . D. M. says: "While the material forming the coal was in a semi-fluid state, the bitumen in part composing it contained an oil of some kind not
chemically mixed with it, which, when the enormous pressure took place on the stratum forming the coal, attempted to escape,and, findirg pace to spread, did so in the very slight openings left by the coolcrystals. These, becoming dry as turnprotected the spots from being oxidized by
the atmosphere or water with which the then
forming coal was surrounded." The author of this forming coal was surrounded." The author of this theory has of course considered the probability of the existence of so peculiar an oil, acd of conmidered the fact that these structural peculiar ities exist in many different varieties of coal, an thracite included. Mineral impurities areapt to accumulate along planes of cleavage or structure. We have no experimental data to prove the justness of the theory heretofore given in this particular instance. The specimens of specular and pot re are ine. Th of iron. The pinkish gray stone is an inferior variety of asbestos.

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