How may each be obtained separately? A. If there is $\mid$ a little carbonate of soda, and then with plenty of clean nothing else in solution with these, the following methcipitate together the alkaloid quinia and the iron as fer ousoxide, by the addition of a sufficient quantity of solution of caustic soda, and filter. Wash the precipi tate with spirit of wine $m$ which the alkaloid and ad hering alkali (soda) are both soluble. Dry the oxide of ron thus freed from the quimia, dissolve it in the least quantity of dilute sulphuric acid, with the aid of heat, orate the alcoholic solution carefully to dryness, and wash out the soda quickly with a little cold water, in which the quinia is scarcely soluble. Dissolve the purified quinia in a small quantity of sufficiently dilute sulphuric acid, and crystallize out the sulphate by evaporafion. Add to the solution containing the phosphoric cir as ortho-phosphate of soda together with sulphate of soda, solution of barium chloride, until no further precipitate forms. Fiter, wash the precipitate with trong warm nitric acid to dissolve out the basic phos hate and filter from the accompanying insoluble basic alphate. Then stir into the solution, a drop at a time, rong sulphuric acid until a precipitate no longer forms. Filter the solution and crystallize out the phosphoric acid evaporation.
(26) J. C. says: I have an engine of 2 inches ore and 4 inches stroke, the boiler of which is 40 inches high and 20 inches in diameter, with twelve 1 1 I use said and of 4 feet beam, with a three-bladed propeller 30 nches in diameter, and attain the speed of six miles an A. The machinery will probably answer; but we think it might be better to use a smaller screw.
(27) E. O. asks: What is meant by a balanced valve of a steam engme? A. A valv
lieved of the excess of pressure in its back.
(28) L. S. C. says: 1. I have an oscillating ngine, cylinder $21 / 934$ inches, steam pressure 100 lbs ., revolutions 325 ; and also a boat 18 feet 6 inches long, drawing 22 inches water when loaded light. Can I use or must I reduce speed by gearing? A. You can couple directly to the screw. 2 If coupleddirect, what should the pitch be? A. Pitch from $21 / 2$ to 3 feet.
(29) E. A. C. asks: What is the proper proportion of length to breadth in the American flag? A feet long should be 6 feet wide. There should be 13 stripes (7 red and 6 white) and 38 stars. The blue ground should extend down to the sixth stripe, and in length
should be proportioned to that of the flag.
(30) J. T. says: Please give the proper angle that a groove in a pulley should have to be suitable for a round band? A. 1 th corved section, having greater depth than width, so that the belt will not bottom as it wears.
(31) N. S. says: We are told that, when a top is spinning in an inclined position, it is its centrifugal force which holds it up and keeps it from falling. Please explain this: In a perfect top, one in which the
quantity of matter is equally distriouted on all sides of its axis, is not the centrifugal force on all sides equal? Hence, does not the centrifugal force operate just as much in edvor of gravitation as against it? Where, then,
is there any balance of centrifugal force to counteract the attraction of gravitation? A. Quackenbossays, in his "Natural Philosophy ": "The center of gravity is not overthe point of support all the time the top is spinning, but is constantly moving round the axis of motion, and, before the top canfall, in consequence of its being on one side of the axis, it reaches the other
side, and thus counteracts the previous impulse. Hence, the faster the top revolves, the steadier it is; as its motion slackens, it gradually reels more and more, and
(32) W. T. says: I have a steam yacht of the following dimensions: Keel 18 feet 6 inches long, breadth 6 feet 3 inches, least depth 2 feet 5 inches. The diameter and 3 feet 6 inches pitch. With 75 lbs . steam, the speed of the boat is satisfactory; but the engine runs at a speed so high that I fear it will wear out fast. Could not I put on a larger propeller and obtain the same or a greater speed of the boat? If so, what style and dirmeter had $I$ better try? There is sufficient clearance to put in a 24 inch propeller without altering anything about the boat. A. The data sent are so incomplete that we do not feel able to offer you much advice. screw 24 inches in diameter, with a slipht increase in screw
pitch.
(33) W. J. M. says: Our water reservoir is located about 1 mile from my office at an elevation of
about 140 feet. I want to locate a gauge in my office which will show the depth of water in the reservoir. I arranged a column of mercury 111/2 feet long; but when the water was turned on the mercury was forced out in a jet a foot above the top. I estimated that 140 feet would give a pressure of about $611 / 2$ lbs, which would
sustain a column of mercury only about 123 inches. What is wrong about it? A. If you have estimated the , it A . If you have estimated the height correctly, we imagine the trouble was caused by
opening the cock suddenly, or perhaps you did not have enough mercury in the tube. It secms to be high enough
(3)er the conditions stated.
(34) B. \& W. ask: How can we deodorize benzine? A. Properly speaking, benzine cannot be deodorized. Much, however, of the disagreeable odor of with a quantity of good lime, and rejecting the first and last portions of the distillates.
(35) F. B. S. says: I have a refrigerator with wooden shelves, which, by standing in a damp celtent that it affects food placed in it. How can I cleanse it? A. Rub the parts over well with a strong solution ehloride of lime (calcium hypochlorite); and after let
ting stand a short time, rinse first with water containing
(36) J. K. asks: 1. How many years will rought iron water pipe, plain, will $3 / 4$ mich internal dilay eay 20 inches deep? A. If the water is pure, it may last from 10 to 15 years. 2 . Is galvanized iron pipe as good as tin lined lead pipe as far as health is concerned for conveying waterfor general house use? A. No. See p.
(37) V. says: A. asserts that, by placing the carriage, it will be running up hill. B. says it will not What is the difference? A. As the axles are generally ringed, the disposition of the wheels would make the front of the wagon the highest, but
sarily act as when running up hill.

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