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initials come under this rule. In many instances we prefer to reply to queries, especially when they are of the inquirer, and it is obvious that we cannot do so un less the full address is given. Many correspondent whose questions are not answered will find the reason in the foregoing.
(1) J. O. asks: What is the cheapest and most effectual method of separating iron from brass, If small quantities of the alloy are to be operated upon, perhaps the following method will best serve the purpose: Fuse the alloy with an equal quantity of sulphur (or add the sulphur after fusion) and digest the mixed with threeparts of water and warmed for some time. This willdissolve the iron and remaining zinc, leaving the copper as a dark powder, which may be dried, roasted, mixed with an equal quantity of sal soda and charcoal, again roasted, and finally heated to whiteness to reduce and melt the copper. If it is desired to recover the iron, boil the solution, add a sumbin
cient quantity of caustic lime in powder, or chalk, allow to settle, decant the liquid, mix the precipitate with twice its weight of charcoal powder, dry perfectly he proper quantity of clean quartz sand at a whith heat will slag theiron, volatilize the zinc, and, if a little copper be added, separate the copper
(2) J. A. W. says: 1. I made an electro magnet with 25 feet of the size of the wire sent (not insulated with either silk or cotton) on each bobbin, with $\frac{3}{16} \mathrm{inch}$ round Ulster iron for the cores, they were nagneto-electric engine described on 1201 ins. Imade the Amgrican Supurger, using the above magnet but twould not work. What wes the matter with the en gine? Was the magnet long enough? How many feet
nd of what number of silk-insulated wire will I need to make the engine? A. Make the cores of $1 / 2$ inch soft iron, about 2 inches long, and use enough of No. 28 silkcovered copper wire to make the helices an ines and a quarter in diameter. 2. Could I not make one that the magnet? A. No. 3. How would sal ammoniac do for the zimc fluid in the Bunsen or bichromate battery, with two cells of the bichromate battery? A. Dilute sulphuric acid is preferable.
(3) A. H. G. wishes to know (1) the manner of photo-engraving? A. There are several photo property possessed by certain compounds-as that o gelatin with chromic acid-of bemginso ${ }^{l} \mathrm{~b}_{\mathrm{l}} \mathrm{w}^{\mathrm{h}}$ en ex-
posed in thin films to light. The films may be spread posed in thin films to light. The films may be spread
directly on the plate, slightly coated with wax or as phaltum, and after drying in the dark, exposed under the ph ter the parts of the image unaffected by the light are dissolved, leaving in those portions the surface of the plate, or waxed surface, bare. The film may then be
hardened by immersing the plate in alum water, after which the exposed surface may be etched with an acid, $r$ acid salt (if the plate is of zinc), as sesquichlorid benzole. After etching, the image may be removed with hypochlorite of lime and boiling water, and the engraving perfected. The photograph is usually in line drawing. The name of nature-printing is applied to several processes. 2. How is nature-printing done? and Photography." 2. Can the impressions be made in A. As we understand you, yes, in some cases,
(4) A. B. asks how he can have his hair restored? It has fallen out i patches all over his head, . The following preparation for stimulating the scalp
recommended by Fox: Glycerin 3 drachms, lime water liniment 4 ozs., cantharides-tincture-3 drachms.
Brush into the scalp with a stiff nail brush until irrita Brush into the
tion is set up.
(5) N. S. asks: What is the cheapest manner of making oil of salmon heads, liver, etc., and thrown into a deep narrow cauldron filled with boiling water, and hot steam injected at the bottom for about what oil there is expressed. The pressed scrap may be used as a fertilizer. The oil may be purifed by agitation with hot water containing a few per cent of tannin, nest with hot water and steam alone, and filtration tion of blue vitriol and common salt, wash, and fite as before. Ordinarily, exposure to sunlight in shallow lass-covered trays will bleach it.
(6) I. C. G. asks: Why does the moon ap pear larger and less brilliant at the horizon than at the meridian? A. Larger because of comparison with ter-
restrial objects; less brilliant because of being seen through the denser or more hazy atmosphere close to the earth's surface.
Considering the difference between equatorial and polar radiiof the earth, it would seem that the flow of
the Mississippiriver from its source to its mouth would be about $21 / 2$ miles up hill; how is it? A. If "up hill" means more or less distance from the earth's center, "up hill" is really elevation above the ocean level which must be taken as the standard. In reality th river descends about 2 feet per mile, the elevation of the sourcebeing some 8,000 feet above the sea level.
(7) N. W. G. asks: What is the best way their splitting. A. Cut a fine groove around the hand and bind them with copper wire
(8) J. W. R. asks: 1. How can I make a muld for electrotyping from a wood cut, and how is
it prepared? A. Use wax, melted sufficiently so as to take a fine impression of the cut. Dust the mould thickly with graphite, and suspend freely in the bath. 2. What can I do when sufflcient copper has attracted type metal and turn the edges neatly.
(9) F. F. W. asks: What will prevent black oil (say natural W. Va.) "Globe A " brand from working destructively on a sulphur joint under the bed
plate of an engine? A. Give the joint a thick coat of qual quantities red and white lead mixed with var-
(10) C. D. N. asks: Does a toad throw off ts skin? A. Yes, atintervals.
est for the bed of a wesplenorthor south, is the many hospitals are placed north and south, parallel to the magnetic meridian.

1. What will remove the effects of a wasp's sting
Ammonia. 2 . How can we drive A. Ammonia. 2. How can we drive wasps from a house? A. You might try any insect powder, or smoke
from burning coffee. Can you giveme a
class of children the movements and phases to moon? A ball hanging on a thread and moving round
the head with a candle for the sun is simple, but is hardly satisfactory. A. We know of nosimplermethd than that suggested.
Has the sun any kind of a movement, and what is it?
A. Three-an axial rotation, a motion about the center A. Three-an axial rotation, a motion about the center
of gravity of the whole solar system, and a progressive of gravity of the whole solar system, and a progre
motion in space toward the constellation Hercules.
What is the use of the dominicalletter? A. For th purpose of determining when Easter falls and for other similar problems concerning the day of the week and
the day of the year. It was early found convenient to place the first seven letters of the alphabet im succesuary 1 and repeating the seven letters as often as neagaimst the first Sunday in January will fall against very Sundayin the year and thus is the domiricical 'eiminical letter enables one determine what day of the week a given date in the yearis. See introduction in Episcopal Book of Common Prayer.
Does the expression W. by S. (west by south) mean
west near the south? What does (S. S. W.) south-sout west, mean? A. W.by S. is the first point of the conpass to the southward of due west, and S. S. W. is the questions have been repeatedly answered in back num-
(11) W. K. R. asks: Would it be practica-
ble to make a small steam boiler, $20 \times 30$ inches, of galvanized dron? If so, what thickness of iron would be required, and at what pressure would it be safe to run
it $A$. Such construction is very common. If the iron is $3 / 1$ inch thick, a safe working pressure will be about
(12) Z. B. says:
(12) Z. B. says: A. and B. are building an 18 inch pipe that is to havea fall of 60 reet. B. maintains that if the pipe is made taper, that with the same
sized outlet he will have more pressure than if the pipe 18 inches diameter the entire length. A. says not but the meaning of the question is not very clear as it expressed.
(13) L. J. B. asks: Which, on a half mile curve of railroad track, is the longest rail, the inside or
outside, or are they equal in length? A. The outside.
(14) F. E. C. asks: Is the point of cut-off canalized in the stationary engine? If so, how? A. It ead at the two ends of the stroke.
(15) H. M. A. says: I think of running a inch pipe from my 30 horse power boiler into and up to. Would the apparatus be safe as a lightning con-
ductor? A. Certainly not. Such attachments should erminate in the ground; never in the structure they
(16) J. E. C. ask: Will I have to pay a
overnment license to run a small skiff with a small engine on the Chemung river, which is not navigable or used for any commercial purpose? A. The steamers
coming under the provision of the law are those "nav igatingany waters of the United States which are common highways of commerce, or open to general or competitive navigation," and "all coastwise sea-going ves-
sels, and vessels navigating the great lakes" (exsels, and vessels navigating the great lakes" (ex-
tracts from sections 4400 and 4401 of the Revised Stattes of the United States),
(17) J. E. L. asks for a simple and easy way to set a safety valve on a steam boiler, or how to
go to work to find where to hang the pea? A. Take off the lever, balance it on a knife edge, and observe how
far the point at which it balances is from its fulcrum. Lay off this distance from the center of a bar of uniform section. Place the center of this bar on a knife distancer from the center, on the opposite side, valve stem to the fulcrum. At this point attach the
valve and a weight equal to the pressure acting on the valve and a weight equal to the pressure acting on the
valve when it is to open. Attach the lever at the first point marked, and move the pea along the bar until it
is balanced. See also question (9), p. 236 . (8) W. See also question (), p. 236.
(18) W. H. C. asks (1) how to take the badly covered with scale, produced from lime wate without injuring the tube sheets? A. The tubes must be cut loose from the sheets, and then they can be
drawn out by inserting rods in them, each rod a washer at one end, and a thread at the other, passing a washer at one end, and a thread at the other, passing
through a crowfoot placed against the sheet. $\quad$ 2. Is there a scale extractor that will remove the scale from the tubes by using it in the boiler before undertaking to take the tubes out? $A$. The scale may be softened by
flling the boiler with fresh water, heating it and then flling the boiler with fresh water, heating it and then
allowing it to coolslowly. If there is much scale, it may be very difificult to remove the first tube, but after that is out, a tool can be introduced to clean the second
tube.
(19) A. H. asks how many feet the earth
varies from a straight line per minute in its orbit? A. Caries from a straight line per minute in its orbit? A.
Considering the earth's orbit as a circle of average ra-
dius $91,500,000$ miles, the variation would be roughls miles, or $3,696,000$ feet per minute. 2. Also how many
foot lb , of velocity it is supposed to have? A. About (20) W P. (20) W. P. R. asks how shoemaker's wax is prepared? A. Beeswax, 8 ozs.; tallow, 1 oz.; melt
and add powdered gum arabic, 1 oz., and lampblack to and add powdered gum arabic, 1 oz.,
(21) N. A. W. asks for combination colors, not aniline, for wool goods, for green, blue, red, black,
and yellow? A. BBack for 50 lbs.-Prepare with $21 / 4$ lbs.of chrome; boil $1 / 2$ hour and wash in two waters. Dye with 20 lbs. logwood and 2 lbs. fustic. Boil $1 / 2$ cold water and finish out of a warm one softened with a little urine. Yellow for $40 \mathrm{lbs}-21 / 2 \mathrm{lbs}$. bark, 2 lbs . tartar, 2 quarts muriate of tin. Enter at $150^{\circ}$ Fah.; boil 30 minutes. Grass green for 50 lbs .-Boil 20 lbs . fustic, 7 lbs . extract of indigo, $11 / 2 \mathrm{lb}$. tartar, 3 gills
sulphuric acid. Scartet for 50 lbs .-Boil 4 lbs cochineal and 134 lbs . of bark. Add 3 lbs. tartar, 2 quarts scarlet spirits. Enter at $200^{\circ}$ Fiah.; boil 1 hour, wash well. Sour before dyeing either cold or warm. Blue for $50 \mathrm{lbs} .-1$ gill sulphuric acid, 3 ozs. extract of indi-
go, 1 lb . alum. Enter cold with one half of the exract; give the other half when the boiler warms. Bring the spring.
(22) C. E.
(22) C. E. S. asks; What chemicals may be used for writing on colored paper which will take the
color out, leaving a white line where the ink touches? A. 1 part muriatic acid and 20 parts starch water. Very ne oxalic acid may also be used. Write with a stee
(23) O. B. M. asks: What is the best and cheapest way to make lampblack? A. A conical funnel
of tin plate, furnished with a small pipe to convey the umes from the apartmith a small pipe to convey lam fed with oil, tallow, coal tar or crude naphtha, the wick being large and so arranged as to burn with a full tions of carbonaceous matter form at the summit of he cone, and must be collected from time to time. The funnel should be united to the smoke pipe by means of wire, and no solder should be used for the joints of either.
(24) F. D. asks for a recipe that will remove rust, grease, and dirt from a gun barrel? A. Try
turpentine. 2. Also a recipe to prevent the turpentine. 2. Also a recipe to prevent the barrel from
rusting when exposed to the weather? A. See reply to rusting when expose
L. S. W., this issue.
(25) J. M. asks: What is rubber cement, and how to soften clothes wringer rolls, so that in putcement of the spind notitt so tight as to rub all the percha dissolved in blsulphide of carbon. Try dipping the rolls in hot water.
(26) A. M. C. asks for a recipe for polishng shells, such as tortoise and sea shells? A. Marine drochloric acid till the dull outer skin is removed, was ing in warm water, drying in hot sawdust and polishing with chamois leather. Those shells which have no nataral polished surface may either be varnished or rubbed with a little tripoli powder and turpentine on wash leather, then fine tripoli alone, and lastly with a little
(27) C. E. H. asks: What is the best article ane in connection with sal soda in the manufacture to washing crystal? A. The alkaline matter is reduced with a decoction of linseed, Irish moss or Britishgum. (28) Several correspondents inquire what relations parts specified in a recipe bear to the weights
of the ingredients. We have repeatedly explained that of the ingredients. We have repeatedly explained that parts mean "parts by weight." Thus a cement for
cracked wood is composed of 1 part slacked lime paste and 2 parts rye meal-that is, any given weight of the
(29) L. S. W. asks for a formula for practirusting? A. Warm the iron or steel and ruh it with rusting? A. Warm the iron or steel and ruh it with
clean white wax. Heatagain until wax is absorbedthenrub over with a piece of serge
(30) F. G. asks: What kind of varnish is ased, and how prepared, to varnish chromos, etc.? A. coat of clear size is usually first applied.
(31) I. M. H. asks: What will preserve rope, on flag pole, from rotting, and at same time be
flexible? A. Tar the rope or oil it with whale oil. Paint he pole with white lead.
(32) T. P. G. asks for a cement that will resist the action of vitriol, to coat pickle tro
Use a concentrated solution of water glass,
(33) W. H. N. asks: What causes the different shades of gold jewelry, some being deep and
otherspale yellow? A. The different alloys used affect the color. Thus where silver alone is used with goid a green tinge results; copper alone produces a red tinge;
but the copper and silver are more commonly mixed in but the copper and silver are more commonly mixed in
one alloy, according to the taste of the jeweller. There one alloy, according to the taste of the jeweller. There
are variousmixtures for heightening the color of gold. For red gold use 4 ozs. melted yellow was, and add in ine powder 11/2 ozs. of red ocher, $11 / 2 \mathrm{ozs}$. verdigris calborax. Mix well together, dissolve in water, and use as required. Etruscan gold coloring is obtained from a misture of alum, 1 oz ; table salt, 1 oz ; saltpeter, powdered, 2 ozs.; and hot water sufficient to make the solution when dissolved about the consistence of thick ale; then add sufficient muriatic acid to produce the color desired. The article to be colored should be from 14
to 18 carats fine of pure gold and copper only, and free m coatings of tin or silver solder.
(34) J. W. S. asks for a cement for uniting leather and cloth nearly or quite waterproof? A. Dis(35) D P E al for a close paint that (35) D. R. E. asks for a glossy paint that
will not taste in water pails? A. Use paint prepared
(36) T. L. D. and other corresp.ondents ask what should be the proportion of core to wire ht magnets for an electro-motor, and what size wire should be
used? A. Core and wire should weigh the same. No. nsear A. Core and wire should weigh the same.
16 gauge (American) wire is commonly employed. (37) M. S. asks how to wind wire on the cores of a number of electro-motor magnets? . A.
Fisten in the toolpost of a lathe a piece of iron having a groove cut in it to receive the wire. Set the change gearing for the screw feed of the lathe to the pitch of
thread corresponding to the thickness of the wire. thread corresponding to the thickness of the wire. Wind the magnets by running the lathe in one dir
(38) P. L. F. asks howto deodorize rubber? A. Cover the articles with charcoal dust, place them in an enclosed vessel. and raise the temperature to 240
Fah., and det it remain thus for seevaral hours. Remove and clean the articles, when they will be found free from odor
(39) J. S. says: I have a quantity of pure fubber. inch thick, that has been used forthumb cuts etc. Can you tell me what I can do with the rubber, as it is all pure? I want to melt it and run into moulds for making the same kind of thumb cuts again. Cut the rubber into small pieces and place in the pro. portion of 100 lbs. in a well closed boiler with 16 los. stirred; then close the ooiler and leave the material to sirrea; for then cew hours It becomes a soft doughy mass which, after being ground and kneaded, is fit to be ormed with any shape, when the solvent will evaporate.
(49) M. T. wants to know the proper weight of a chpping hammer, and how long the handee shout beq A. Weight 13 liss. for heavy chipping
light chipping; length of hande 15 inches.
(41) L. G. A. says: My sledge hammer comes off its handle; how can I preventthis? Iron and
wood wedges do not answer. A. Make the eye of the hammer smallest in w.dth at the middle, when either a
(42) B. F. asks: What is the best materia forgrinding brass plugs? A. The burnt sand from the
(43) H. N. M. asks: How can I prevent taps from splitting and hardening? A. Heat the water
which they are quenched to $100^{\circ}$.
(44) H. E. M. asks: What material can I ase to braze a brass flange on a copper pipe? A. Com
mercial brazing spelter mixed with borax and water.
(45) J. R. inquires for a good waterproof varnish for harness? A. India rubber, 1 h 1 b.; spirits turpentine, 1 gallon; dissolve to a jelly, tren take hot linseed oil equal parts with the mass and incorporate
(46) E. T. C. asks: How can I take old wine and fruit stains out of linen? A. Rub the part on each side with yellow soap. Then lay in a mixture of
starch in cold water very thick, and expose the linen to starch in cold water very thick, and expose the linen to the sun and air till the stain comes out. If not rethe process. When dry, it may be sprinkled with a little water.
(47) T. B. asks: What will temper steel when the metal will not temper readily when dipped at red
eat? A.-Ada salt to the water
(48) M. C. asks how to caseharden nuts? A. Finely powder prussiate of potash. Get the nuts
red hot, coat them with the powder, put them again in the fire until the powder fuses, and then dip them in
(49) E, T. L. asks how he can test to dis cover whether his planer planes true? A. Take a fine nishing cand a edge Then try the point of the tool in the middle, when any hollowness or roundness will become at once
(50) A. F. inquires how he can cut out a deep, square, small hole, true? A. By drifting with a square serrated hardened steel plug driven through with
hammer. Lubricate freely.
(51) F. S. asks for a varnish to restore faded rubber goods? A. Use black japan varnish diluted with
(52) M. C. H. asks for the best manner of cleaning watch pinions? A. Pith from the stalk of the common mullerr is the best material, and is better than cork. It should be obtained from the dry stalk in
(53) B. R. asks what the "liquid foil" is that is used for silvering glass globes? A. Lead, 1 part; tin
$1 ;$ bismuth, 1 . Melt, and just before it sets ałd mercury 10 parts. Pour this into the globe and turn it raply round.
(54) M. C. asks for a recipe for liquid black ead polish? A. Black lead, pulverised, 1 lb .; turpen ine. 1 gill; water, 1 gili; sugar, 1 oz.
(55) I. L. asks: Will carbon points do to use in a brace, to mark sheet iron through a temp
make a mark same as a center punch? A. Yes.
( 5 a) R. J. F. asks if the pendulum can be weight? A. Not without virtually shortening the pendulum, that is, by a different distribution of the weight on-the bar. For pendulums of the same length, the
time of oscillation is Independent of the nature or Neight of the material-pendulums of metal, glass or wood, all being of the same length, under like cond
(57) C. H. D. says: I have a machine for unning emery wheels, the boxes of which are so worn by continua' use as to need re-Babbitting, though the shaft is still smooth and good. Can you give directions for doing this in the most approved way? A. First set
ng with putty, and pour the lower half of bearing, the Biece o. rosin placed beneath and there being a small Babbitt flow well. Then put a piece of paper on the joint of bottom bearing, put on the cap, stop up the end with putty, and pour the Babbitt through the oil
hole. It willaidthe flow of the Babbitt to heat the hole. It willaidthe flow of the Babbitt to heat the
shaft.
(58) J. E. G. asks how to temper gun lock springs? A. Make the springs red hot and cool them they will blaze freely
$(59)_{t}$ C. L. asks if there is any way to remove old grease that has become hard and dry on the wight parts of our engin
withanguar scraper.
Also for a good recipe for making a cement to fill the grit 20 parts, litharge 2 parts, quicklime 2 pats stone with linsced oil.
(60) M. L. C. asks for a good paint for blackboards? A, Mix together common glue, 4 ozs.; ive an inky color to the preparation. Dissolve the glue in $11 / 2$ pints of warm water, put in the lampblack and emery, stir till there are no lumps, and apply to the board with a smoothly rolled wookn rag. Three
(61) F. T. asks how to remove burrs easily from the heads of cold chisels? A. Rest the head upon
a block of iron and strike the burrs from the under side, andthey will break readily and easily off
(62) M. H. inquires how he can true up his arpenter's grindstone? A. Use a $3 / 4$ inch bar of iron or the stone.
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