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can ascertain how high the water will rise by survey. He does not state how much fall there is in the distance he mentions.-T. M. is informed that he will find the description and cut of the electric candle in vol. 36, No. 22. The candles are not made in this country.-O. H. Y. had better correspond with makers of hand saw machinery.—Novice, London, Canada.—You can lay your tiles upon a floor of cement.-J. V. C. and H. B. are re-ferred to "Smee's Electro Metallurgy."-J. H. S.-We knownothing of the instrument you mention .-- J. L. G. is referred to his family physician.—W. H. P. had better insert a notice in the "Business and Personal" column for information concerning the market formohair.—M. M. M. does not tell us how large a cylinder he wishes to cast. If small, brass or Babbitt metal would answer .-- P. C. is informed that his article is too vague for publication.-Chemist is informed that we know nothing of the compound mentioned.-J. S.-You are probably correct. The tree protects the building from being struck by lightning .- J. V. E .- The powder you refer to is not yet manufactured in this country.

(1) W. G. S. says: I have among my photo-chemicals a bottle with the mark Essence Grasse. Can you tell me what it is, and what it is used for? A. We do not know of any reagent so called. The title refers to a thick, fatty oil or liquid.

(2) J. E. is informed that the vacuo method of filtration is entirely feasible; but where large bodies of water are to be filtered, as for the supply of cities, extra steam power required and the necessity of frequently changing the filtering materials. Besides this, water thus filtered is rendered unpalatable and unfit for immediate use by the removal of much of its dissolved gases, etc. For these reasons preference is generally given to the system of reservoirs, wherein the water is allowed to remain quiescent for a sufficient length of time to deposit most of the matter held in suspension, and admit of the more complete oxidation of such organic matter as it may contain by contact with the air.

for heating be left with water in them during warm weather? A. No; the water should be drawn off in the oxide of jin and antimony, as before. Alumina and spring.

(4) J. F. D. asks: Please give me a recipe tute for paint for the exterior of a frame building. The anddid the United States Government adopt any appacolor required is brown. A. Add to the lime-wash a ratus when they had the trial about two years ago? A. strong solution of sulphate of magnesia, and color to suit with Vandyke brown.

(5) N. K. says: A favorite dog has put our family into possession of (in both senses) ten millions (estimated) of fleas. The dog has been given to a friend (with due warning, of course), but the dog's late companions are still with us in scarcely diminished numbers. Will you please say how we can best succeed in obtaining their room instead of their company. The dog was kept generally in the cellar, and the coal heap especially has "millions in it." A. Soap water; carbolic acid in dilute alcoholic solution; flowers of sulphur either used as a powder or mixed by agitation with water containing a little glycerin; dilute solutions of sulphate of magnesia-any powder or solution containing tannin, as dried sumac, tea, and Persian insect Powder. These are the least objectionable exterminators. A little of the carbolic solution may be mixed in with the soap water, and this used as a wash, or sprinkled in infested localities. Flowers of sulphur contain sulphurous acid, which is fatal to the insect, but it must not be used on or near colored woolen fabrics, as it is liable to injure the colors. Sulphate of magnesia solution (in water) may be used as a wash. Sumac powder, etc., give excellent results. The sulphur mixture mentioned, or carbolic acid shaken up withabout 20 parts of water, and sprinkled in the cellar, will soon depopulate the coal heap

(6) An apprentice asks for the best method of laying tile pavement? A. If you have reference to tile laying upon floors, it is done by cutting in boards between the floor joists, and supporting them upon cleats nailed to the sides of the joists. A pavement of bricks in mortar is then laid upon the boards, finishing flush with the top of the joists. A bed of rich cement mortar is then spread over the whole, and the tiles carefully set in a thin grout upon the cement bed.

(7) D. W. Van B. asks: Can you inform me as to the time when the first movable steam fire engine was used? It is stated that a machine was used in Europe in 1851, and was used to supply hand engines. It was taken to the river and water forced through hose to the hand machines. Were steam engines used in this country prior to that time? A. Captain Ericcson built a steam fire engine at Braithwait shops about the year 1836.

(8) H. D. S. asks: Will a solution of chloring iron and steel, serve for nickel plating brass or zinc. Machine Diamonds, J. Dickinson, 64 Nassau St., N.Y. More than twelve thousand crank shafts made by very well, unless the article is in contact with pieces of preventrusting the iron plates of the safe. hat is bottom zine wder also im ri hapre in this way.

9) p. 171, vol. 35. 3. Can you mention a good and short lampblack and kerosene, but this blurs very badly and method for drilling a hole through plate glass? A. See | gives our bagging a dirty appearance. A. Try common Ans. No. 5, p. 186, vol. 36.

(12) D. M. F. says: I am using a small cast iron tank to contain kerosene. It has been japanned, but the oil works its way through the iron, notwithstanding the japan. Can you tell me what will stop this? A. Try a sizing of glue in acetic acid.

(13) H. L. L. says: I desire a cheap shelter for say 250 to 300 tons of hay or straw, and I wish to construct it at once. A. The usual graduated roof shelter will answer the purpose. This consists of a York city. roof of thatch or shingles, pyramidal, on a strongframe supported at each corner on stout pins, passed through holes in timber posts set well into the ground. The roof may be about 15 feet square, and the posts 20 feet high-these latter may have lateral braces or ties, extending diagonally across the square at the bottom. As the hay is removed from the top of the stack, the roof is lowered down and the pins shifted into lower holes, thus always affording a close shelter to the hay.

(14) S. H. asks: Is there any radiator or heater (steam) made which operates without the removal of the air from its interior? A. We do not know of any. It is essential to the success of a radiator that the dead air within it be displaced either by steam or water.

(15) J. A. B. asks: Can you give me a re cipe for a cement to mend a broken marble slab? A. Take gum arabic 1 lb., make into a thick mucilage, add to it plaster of Paris 11/2 lb., sifted quicklime 5 ozs. Mix well. Heat the marble and apply the mixture. You had better put supports under the slab.

(16) T. F. P. says: I have samples of the enamel which are used in enameling. How can I use them? A. Mix together equal parts of oxide of manganese, oxide of copper, and oxide of cobalt. Use a soft glass, and fuse enough of the mixture into it to give the desired depth of color; then grind this to a (3) B. S. asks: Should boilers used only fine powder, and apply with water as a past; after cheap method for renovating tarnished gilt frames? or heating be left with water in them during warm which dry and fuse. For white, fuse with the glass Any color or material will do, provided it is simple and oxide of lead may also be used.

(17) J. G. A. asks: Can you tell me where for making a colored lime-wash, to be used as a substi- the difficulty is in launching a boat off a vessel at sea, The difficulty lies in detaching the boat to keep it clear of the tackle when it strikes the water, for if one end detaches before the other, it is apt to swing from the detained end and turn over. We do not think that any boat detaching apparatus has been exclusively adopted by the United States Government, though several have been reported upon.

> (18) E. E. L. asks: Is there anything that can be used in place of muriatic acid for soldering iron with soft solder? A. Sal ammoniac will answer

> (19) W. A. B. says: I recently saw a statement that the relative traction of a belt on a wooden or iron pulley was as 47 to 24. Now, is this a fact? Will a wooden pulley do twice the work of an iron one? so, why? A. There is a difference in favor of wooden pulleys, but cannot state its amount.

> (20) R. K. asks: 1. Can you give me a nixture of something that will stick a piece of lead in the centers of locomotive driving axles without burring them with a chisel, as doing so injures the centers. A. The lead will stick in of itself when well hammered in. 2. Is there any rule to get the throw of locomotive ec-centrics, or can I find it in any book? A. See "Auchincloss" on the slide valve.

> (21) W. T. asks: I would like to know what makes steel crack in hardening? A. Improper heating or dipping and taking the article out of the water too soon are the principal causes. Sometimes the steel is improperly forged, or overheated in forging. Much also depends on the shape of the article when finished.

> (22) H. F. H. asks: What is the best preparation to put on a greenhouse floor of wood, so as to render it impervious to moisture and prevent it from warping and cracking? Also what is the preparation to paint hot water pipes in a greenhouse to prevent rust? A. Cover your floor with a thin layer of hydraulic lime or cement. Paint your pipes with a covering of asphaltum varnish, made by dissolving asphaltum in turpentine by a gentle heat.

> water to the consistency of thick cream, and allowed to

rubbers for exciting the plate be made of? A. See (No. baleing cotton? I have been using an ink made from bootblacking. Dampen your brush with water to use it. If there is acid in the blacking it will eventually injure your brass stencil plates.

> (28) O. P., of Kosloff, Russia, asks: How can I color polished steel a dark blue? A. See reply to B.T., in this number.

> (29) W. T., of Montreal, is informed that the address of the publishers of the work on Gravestones is A. T. Bickwell & Co., 27 Warren street, New

> (30) W. H. C. says: Perhaps the following mode of fluting reamers, cutters, taps, etc., may be new and useful to some mechanics, especially those that possess a lathe with slide rest. I leave a work to be fluted in lathe centers, and with tool of the desired shape of flute fastened in the tool post, work the slide rest back and forth, feeding the tool in to the required depth. Mine is a back geared screw cutting lathe, and I have very satisfactorily and with dispatch fluted reamers, etc. A snap catch fitting tooth of back gear

> holds the work while cutting. The gear also acts as in-dex wheels which can be divided into 4ths, 8ths, 10ths, 16ths, etc. The heads of lathes that are not back geared can easily be divided up for all ordinary work.

> (31) C. F. makes inquiry about seasoning umber, and is answered that the most successful builders, piano manufacturers, etc., generally season their lumber in the natural way, by stacking it in their yards for two years or more, which in the majority of instances is the most satisfactory in the end. There are cases where water soaking is adopted to drive out the sap. The logs are left in the water for six months, then taken out and sawed into boards, and the latter stacked up to dry. In this case, it is claimed, the waterrapidly dries out and takes the sap with it.

> (32) F. M. says: Can you give me any Any color or material will do, provided it is simple and cheap. A. The cheapest is to cover the surface to be gilded with oil size thinned with spirits of turpentine. Gold, in powder, is then gently dabbed in with a little pod of softleather. The work can be varnished.

> (33) C. E. L. asks: What can I mix with asbestos that will make it as pliable as leather after it is pressed in any form? A. Try mixing it with rubber and then vulcanize.

> (34) F. L. asks: Can you inform me how to tin small cast iron articles? A. Immerse the articles in a bath of sulphuric acid for a time sufficient to obtain a bright surface, then dip in muriate of zinc, remove and plunge in a bath of melted tin.

(35) J. R. asks: What is the number of locomotives built in the United States that have been shipped to Russia? A. We cannot ascertain.

(36) J. Y. asks: Please give me a recipe for making a good black ink that will copy? A. Add sugar 1 oz. to $1\frac{1}{12}$ pint of good common writing ink.

(37) J. K.-A brass founder will give you the information relative to gongs. Oil can be colored by putting alkanet root into it.

(38) J. B. asks: What can I use to keep patterns from sticking in plaster of Paris moulds? A. If the patterns are so made that they have a sufficient draught, coat them with thin shellac varnish.

(39) H. Y. C. asks: Where do the oyster and other shellfish get the lime from which to make their shells? A. The lime salts are held in solution in the water, and derived from it by the animals.

(40) H. K. asks: Can you give me a recipe for straightening amber mouthpieces? A. Heated oil will soften amber and make it pliable. To melt it requires a heat of 517° Fah.

(41) W. E. T. says: Having seen a notice of Professor F. Sacc's (Neufchatel, Switzerland) process for curing meat by submitting itto the action of acetate of soda, I should like to know the modus operandi. A. The mode of operation is very simple. Arrange the meat in a barrel, deposit about and on it powdered acetate of soda to about the quarter of the weight of the meat. In summer the action takes place immediately; in winter it is necessary to place the vessels in a room warmed to about 68° Fah. The salt absorbs the water of the meat ; after 24 hours the pieces are turned, (23) E. H. L. says: I am making a safe to | and the lower placed uppermost. In 48 hours the ackeep valuable papers in, and wish to put in a filling that will make it freeproof. What is the best preparation with their brine, or dry in the air. If the barrels are for that purpose? A. The preparation usually employed not full, it suffices to fill up with the brine made by disfor filling safes is calcined plaster of Paris mixed with solving one part (by weight) of the acetate of soda in 3 parts of water. The pieces may be of ordinary size, and ide of zinc and sulphate of nickel, used for nickel plat- harden. It would be advisable to coat the surface that when required for use may be freed from the salt by would come in contact with the wet filling with the as- washing in running water. The dry acetate of soda

(42) G. M. C. asks: How can I color buck had very cheap in Cuba. Is there not some use or ap- a boil, and add 8 ozs. of logwood extract, pulverized; (9) C. E. asks: How can I imitate silver plication for them, chemically or otherwise, beside the boil three minutes, remove from the fire, and stirin 21/2 gray in water colors? A. White tempered with a mix- manufacture of snuff? A. We know of no extended ozs. gum arabic, 1 oz. bichromate of potash, and 80 grains of prussiate of potash. (43) H. C. asks: Please give me directions braze with brass and use hard and silver solder with for polishing shells? A. The outer skin of sea shells can be removed by washing with a rag dipped in hydrothe metal clean and smooth where the intended union is chloric acid, then wash in warm water, and polish with to be, bring them in close contact, apply the solder in rottenstone or fine tripoli powder, applied with a little oil on a bit of soft rag. Where there is opportunity to do so, rub with lump pumicestone moistened with water.

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F. B. N., who asks about the carpet-eating bug, see p. 307, vol. 35.-C. A. D. will find the answer to his query in any work on Natural Philosophy.-P. H. R. had better consult his family physician.-C. H. McK. will find full information about suction pumps in No.

ture of black and blue is commonly employed. Use flake white, ivory black, and Prussian blue.

(10) K. F. says: We use on our two horse cultivators a plow or plate that seems to be made of iron with a thin plate of steel welded or laid on the front, and made very hard. Our blacksmiths have difficulty in sharpening them. They sometimes crack when heating, and sometimes fly to pieces when put in the water after sharpening. Can you tell us how to manage them? A. Heat them to a low red heat, dip in water at 100° temperature and containing 1 lb. salt per gallon; dip edgeways, and hold quite still at the bottom of the water until cold. A depth of two inches of oil floating on the water would perhaps assist you.

(11) J. D. E. savs: 1. I am making a plate electric machine, and have the plate already cut out. Do the edges need to be ground smooth? A. It is better 20, first series of "Practical Mechanism."-A. K. Q. to have them rounded. 2. Of what material should the

(24) F. M. says: Tobacco stalks or stems, use for such product.

(25) W. G. F. says: Please tell me how to blowpipe? A. To braze with hard or silver solder, file small pieces and fuse, using borax as a flux. 2. How can I restore temper to spring steel when once drawn or heated? A. To restore the temper of steel, it must be and finish as above. hardened and then drawn to the requisite spring tem-

by using a galvanic battery? A. If a fine platinum wire be interposed between the wires that are connected with the poles of the battery, it will be heated sufficient to ignite gunpowder.

(27) W. R. asks: How can I make a good Wash your belt with a weak alkali or soda water, and branding ink for branding bagging-such as is used for then in clean water. Let it dry thoroughly before put-

(44) D. C. R. is informed that he can paint his smokestack with coal tar or asphaltum varnish. (26) D. L. asks: Can I ignite gunpowder The varnish can be made by dissolving the asphaltum in turpentine with a gentle heat. Apply with a brush.

> (45) J. D. P. & Co. say: We have a six inch belt which we gave two or three coats of lard oil, and now cannot use it because it slips on the pulleys. A.

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ting on the pulleys. Some mechanics apply oil and powdered resin to belts to make them hug the pulleys but the process is not cleanly nor beneficial to the belt. Dry powdered resin might do, but clean belts, tightened sufficiently to hold to their duty, are preferred by good workmen.

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(46) B. T. says: Please give me a composition to put on pistol barrels to make them dark blue. A. No composition is used. The barrels are first nicely polished and then burnished. The work is then immersed in powdered charcoal, wood ashes, or even fine sand, heated over a fire. Keep the work equally heated, and after a sufficient time the required color will be obtained, when the work must be removed from the heating material. It would be advisable to send such work to some manufactory of firearms, where experts are employed.

(47) F. A. R. asks: Can you give mea simple way of making ice? A. See p. 82, vol. 33, for a description of Carré's freezing apparatus. The principle therein embodied is simple. It would probably meet your wants.

(48) T. A. informs M. A. that by dissolving 1 oz. cyanide of potassium in 1 quart of soft water he will have a dip in which he can wash his spoons and instantly remove the sulphide of silver. The solution must be kept in a bottle that is tightly corked and la beled poison.

(49) W. S. L. says, in reply to T. McC., who asked if there is any liquid that will dissolve glue without the application of heat or water, that whisky or alcohol will do this; and on the evaporation of the whisky the glue will become exceedingly hard.

(50) W. D. P. informs M. H. H. that he can make a good wash for brick walls of water lime or cement and skimmed milk, and says it will be good for ten years.

(51) A. E. S. is informed that hats are sized with lac solution and stiffened with a thin size of glue. Forrubber cement see back numbers of the SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN.

(52) C. H. B. says: How can I etch on brass, and how can I join a brass tube, as I do not want to soft solder it? A. Dilute nitric acid may be used for of inventions, assignments, etc., will not be published etching on brass. The etched surface will not be of here. All such questions, when initials only are given, brass but of copper, as the zinc dissolves much more are thrown into the waste basket, as it would fill half of rapidly than the copper, and to some extent, by galvanie our paper to print them all; but we generally take pleasaction, protects the latter. This cannot be avoided. To ure in answering briefly by mail, if the writer's address join the tube, braze it with spelter solder, using borax is given. as a flux.

(53) J. R. B. says: I want a recipe for making a good lacouer for brass? A. Use shellac varnish tinged with saffron, annotto, or aloes, and apply with a brush to the work, which has been previously warmed. This will give a golden color to the metal,

(54) E. C. H. is informed that he will find an exhaustive article on cone pulleys in "Wrinkles and Recipes," p. 128. Exposing the saw to the heat of the sun will not cause the saw to lose its temper. In casting the Babbitt metal the trouble probably lies in there being no vent, and the confined air caused the imperfect filling. Drilla small hole in the upper portion of the box, so as to let out the confined air.

(55) P. R. says: Please give directions for plating small brass articles with either silver or nickel without a battery. A. A cheap method of silvering is to mix1 part of chloride of silver with 3 parts pearlash 11/2 common salt and 1 part whiting. Clean the articles well and apply the plating mixture by rubbing it with a cork or a roll of soft leather. When silvered, wash thoroughly and wipe dry. For information about nickel plating without a battery see directions for so doing at end of article on "Nickel," in Appleton's American Cyclopedia.

can take a duplicate, in type metal, of bookbinders' please state the number and date of the patent desired, hand stamps, also of embossing stamps? A. You can produce copies of the stamps by casting or stereotyping

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

Correspondents sending minerals should number or otherwise designate each specimen, and legibly mark the package containing them with name and address of sender .- W. S .- The hard stone is a red porphyry, the C one containing bright specks of pyrites is quartzite. The large one contains silicate of alumina, iron. and C lime.-Miss E. M. K .- You failed to number or otherwise designate the minerals. The large one contains orthoclase and biotite, the smallest the same. The others are orthoclase, kyanite, milky quartz, muscovite and some biotite, and tourmaline.-F. K.-It contains D alumina, lime, and oxides of iron and chromium.-E. M.-The powders sent were found mixed. The mixture D contains sulphate of quinia and chalk, milk sugar, and D a phosphate.-The minerals in a tin box marked Eagles. D wood (no letter) are mostly hornblende. The red substance is a zinc ore. It contains oxides of zinc and manganese. The large crystal is carbonate of limecalcite.-E, A. S.-We cannot tell anything about your minerals without having seen them.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED.

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

On Ashes, By J. M. B. On Formulas of Problems. By H. M. On Curving a Base Ball. By H. C. On Guns and Armored Vessels. By J. M. On a Perpetual Motion. By C. M. L. On Reducing Silver Ore. By I. H. H. On the American Toad. By C. F. S. On the Mind. By J.H.R. Also inquiries and answers from the following: W. H. R.-A. C. F.-J. E. T.-N. B. H.-P. C.-C. M. -T.A. P.-A. M. S.

HINTS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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A complete copy of any patent in the annexed list, A complete copy or any parents and drawings, will be H. (56) J. W. S. asks: Can you tell me how I furnished from this office for one dollar. In ordering, and remit to Munn & Co., 37 Park Row, New York city.

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produce copies of the stamps by casting or stereotyping		Hose hozzle, C. F. Holloway			
in plaster moulds. It would be better to obtain them by	Ale contraction T. Manager and and	Hydrocarbon burner, W. L. Imlay 1			
the electrotype process. Various cyclopedias will give	Air carbureting, L. Mann		91,909 TO	mol nock Monnitt & Wakonfolg	101 000
you information of the first, and you can obtain books	Animal matter, treating, W. C. Marshall (r) 7,742	Hydrocarbon ons, J. Merrin (r)	1,133 IU	well formaning buildings Hulat & Murnhy	101 066
devoted to the second process.	Animal matter, treating, w. C. Marshall (r) 7,742 Ash sifter, Darke & Smith 191,754	Ice creeper, C. A. Kryter	91,803 111	bing joint for C Matheman	101 768
devoted to the second process.	Auger, hollow, G. N. Stearns	Infuminating scale beams. J. W. Wood	91,910 Tu	ring, joint for, G. Matheson	101 01/
(57) H. J. B. asks: What preparation can I	Auger, hollow, G. N. Stearns 191,817 Axle nut, O. B. Thompson 192,031	Indexing, D. A. Roberts	91,000 Tm 01/779 Tm	rine holder I (White	101 788
use to reprime rim-fire cartridge shells that have been	Bag fastener, H. Redden'(r)	This approach a T C Kunta	01 064 TTw	mbrolle support B B Smith Sr	101 789
	Bag holder, M. B. Hudson	Inking apparatus, J. G. Kurtz In	01 707 TT	rinal I W Oshorno	192 045
the composition used for percussion caps will be best	Belting machinery, J. Brady	Townal W (1 Shinhard	00 093 Va	alve engine E. O'Neill	191.812
adapted to your purpose, which is fulminate of mercury		Journal, W. C. Shipheru	92,020 Va	alve or water cock globe E Hoehn	191.963
adapted to your purpose, which is furminate of mercury	Bill, apparatus for framing, O. C. Brown 192,344	Lamp hurner I Cain	01830 Va	alve steam engine H E Woods	192,041
		Lamp builder, J. Call	01 884 Va	alve steam safety W B Mack	191,871
minate is inserted in the shell, cover it with a film of thin	Bit stock, B. S. Parker	Lamp ontinguigher C. D. Kilmer	01 076 Va	anorbath G W Walker	191 905
shellac varnish.	Boat, portable, C. F. Prentice	Lamp extinguisher, G. D. Kinner	01 S88 Vo	abiele hub M C Buffington	191,926
(58) I B I asks if phosphor bronze will	Boat, submarine, Henis & Pike 192,007	Lamp refractor, Schaener & Firunder	01 755 · Ve	shiele Throon & Doyle	192,033
	Boilers, T. Craney	Lamp Shale, A. H. Duk	01 050 VC	plogingdes step for J Shaller	192.022
bear the explosive force of gunpowder equally as well as	Book clasp, Muller & Hilpert	Latteril, R. Hammin	01 904 Ve	assols showthing Warron & Fied	192 037
decarbonized steel, etc., and is referred to Nos. 45 and	Boot lasting machine, Copeland, et al	Lather folding machine Contact Cox & Wheeler 1	01 927 W	agon brake M Clifford	191,932
48 of the Scientific American Supplement, where he	Boot sole machine, J. Kimball	Leather rolling machine, Corbett, Coy, & Wheeler 1	01 855 · Wa	agon brake, H. Chillorutter	192.032
willobtain the desired information.	Boots, lining for, B. J. Stevens	Leather splitting machine, 5. Housemoon	01 0c4 W	agon brake level, 2. Phomeonic and the second	191.896
(59) J. G. M.—You are probably correct	Boot machine, G. McKay 191,895	Level, S. Chashiger	01 09/ We	ash for ingot molds. W. B. Jones	191,974
	Bosom pad, J. C. Tallman, (r)	Liquid mossure W K Johnston	01 071 W	ashing machine, G. W. Benton.	191.916
in regard to your idea of the fruit you mention.	Breech-loading firearm, D. Kirkwood 191,862	Liquid measure, W.K.Johnston	01 861 Wa	ashing machine, A. P. Ladd	191.865
(60) W. H. B. London Canada is in-	Brick machine, W. A. Graham 191,802	Lock, uoor, Reating & Taylol	01 001 W	ashing machine, I. Sternherger	192.027
formed that if he will address a letter to the institute he	Broom, J. Davidson	Lock, laten bolt, 5. G. Newell	02 020 W	ashing machine, J. St. Tonge	191.902
Tormed that if he will address a letter to the institute he	Burial casket, A. H. Nirdlinger	Loom for weaving heir sloth W I Porter			
will receive circulars that will give nim all information.	Car axle box, L. D. Webster 191,786	Loom shedding meansing H Wolhold	92,040 We	ater closet, A. B. Seymour	192.021
(61) O. H. N. informs A. J. that he has an	Car axle box, W. E. Wilcox	Loom temple I E Waterbury		indow blind, J. F. W. Fawcett	191.951
invention for throwing a paddle wheel off its center.	Car bumper, A. W. Weikert 192,039	Tubricator A S Skinner	92 025 W	and drying P. Pfeffer	192,001
÷ •	: Con Coupling D P Holton 101 050	Marble machine for autting P P Atchison 1	91 821 Wr	rench, E. K. Holley	191.761
(62) D. R. is informed that the largest	Car, dumping, H. S. Bower	Marble, machine for cutting, it. It. Rochson	91 942	·····	
shipments of genery hirds are made from Germany He	Car, dumping, H. S. Bower	Mashapiaal movement I I Ethnidae	01 048	DESIGNS PATENTED.	
	Car starter, A. J. Curtis			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
• • •	Car starter, Hermance & Mott 191,801		10,0	047BUTTONS OR STUDSO. P. Goggeshall, 1	Provi-
New York city.	Car starter, H. Schreiner		01 800	dence, R. I.	
(63) A A B is informed that the original	Car window, G. S. Roberts	Milk con I D Mudon	01 002 1	048EMBROIDERY PATTERNAlice Donlevy	, New
is a very difficult bird to rear in confinement. Inexperi-	Carbon in retorts, W. Karr (r)	Milk coolor P. C. Groopo		York city.	
	Carbonic acid gas generator. O. Zwietusch 191,912		01 000 : 10,0	(49.—BRACELET.—C. H. Graef, Edgewater, N. Y	
ence in management and improper food was the cause	Carriage body, I. Wilkins, Jr		01 MAP 10,0	050CHAIR FRAMESS. C. Hopkins, Boston, M	
of the death of the birds.	Carriage top, J. B. Ashelman		01 0 48 1010	051.—POCKETBOOK CLASPS.—J. Messer, New Yor	
(64) C C H asks. What will remove the	Cartridge, pyrotechnic signal, J. J. Ditwiller 191,843		09 019 1 1010	052GROUP OF STATUARYJ. Rogers, New	York
	Chair brace, J. Collins	Motive nower B. D. Green	01 055	city.	
stain of nitric acid from black wooled goods? A.Wash	Chair, opera, R. H. Ormsby 191,855		A1 020 100	053.—INDIA RUBBER ERASERS.—F. Stith, Was	shing-
with a strong, hot solution (in water) of carbonate of	Chandeliers, Taylor & Bruen		~ ~ ~ ~	ton, D. C.	
alumina. If this does not remove the stain it may be	Check rein, C. A. Haas 191,957			054BADGER. O. Wood, Buffalo, N. Y.	
concluded that the acid has destroyed the coloring mat-	Cigar lighter, H. F. Andrews	Ore stamp T Schoffeld	91.889 FA	A copy of any one of the above patents may be h	lad by
ter-this is usually the case. If the yellow stain re-	Cigar machine, W. Broseker	Organs reed nine W A Johnson 1		mitting one dollar to MUNN & Co., 37 Park Row	
mains, the only remedy will be to re-dye the material.	Coffee roaster. Tinsley & Hackman	Packing ago W Cartor			
manage the cally removed that of to reage the material,	CONCOLOUSEDIT AMINIC COMPANIAL	Luching ouge, W. Curter			

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Current wheel, W. J. Perkins			
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