

excess of arsenious acid in fragments; 1 1/2 pint will take up about 14 troy grains of arsenic. The living insect put into this preparation absorbs about 1/100th of its own weight. When soaked in this liquor and dried it will be safe from the ravages of moths, anthrenus or dermestes. This liquid will not change the color of blue, green or red beetles if dried after soaking 24 hours. Hemiptera and orthoptera can be treated in the same way. The nests, cocoons, and chrysalids of insects may be preserved by means of this solution, or by dipping into benzine or a solution of phenol or creosote.

(31) C. E. T. writes: Will you inform an "old subscriber" if any definite experiments on the conductivity of dry steam are on record? Will the amount of heat required to raise the temperature of a pound of water 1° per minute increase the temperature of dry steam with the same rapidity? If a copper globe capable of containing one ounce of water converted into steam at 100 lbs. pressure per square inch be subjected to the same heat which raised the temperature of the water 1° per second, will the steam conduct or convey the heat throughout its bulk so as to increase at the same rate? A. According to Regnault's experiments, the amount of heat that raises the temperature of a pound of water 1° will raise the temperature of 3-28 lbs. of saturated steam, or 2-08 lbs. of superheated steam, through the same range.

(32) P. R. asks if there is any simple way of testing silver to see if it is alloyed with copper. A. Cover a small fragment of the alloy with 3 parts of pure warm nitric acid; when it has dissolved add an equal volume of strong ammonia water—a blue tint indicates copper. Or add pure hydrochloric acid instead of ammonia, and bring a drop of the filtered solution in contact with a drop of solution of potassium ferrocyanide on a clean porcelain surface—a reddish brown coloration indicates copper.

(33) E. J. W. asks: How can I make indelible inks of different colors, black, purple, red, etc., to mark linen, etc., with stencil plates, rubber stamps, etc. What is the best manner of heating the vulcanized rubber and plaster form in making rubber hand stamps? A. See recipes on pp. 11 (35), 250 (2) (4), 257 (60), 75 (9), 96, 236 (37), 43 (2), and 107 (37), vol. 38, and 284 (54), 300 (46), and 246, vol. 37, and 11 (7), 59 (3), 117, 251 (52), 331 (9), and 284 (38), vol. 36, SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN. Also p. 1226 SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN SUPPLEMENT.

(34) O. S. asks how to detect the mineral substance terra alba in commercial cream of tartar. A. Digest the salt with 4 or 5 times its weight of strong ammonia water, for a short time, warm and filter the solution, and wash the residue with warm water—the insoluble residue contains all the earthy impurities.

(35) H. W., Jr., asks how to construct a storm glass as used by the United States Naval Department. A. You perhaps refer to the instrument described on p. 38, vol. 36, of the SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN. Dissolve 2 parts of Borneo camphor, 1 part of potassium nitrate (saltpeter), and 1 part of ammonium chloride (sal ammoniac) in 100 parts of 95 per cent alcohol, and add enough distilled water to precipitate a small portion of the camphor. Place this in a large test tube with the upper end drawn out so as to leave an opening not larger than a pinhole. The instrument, which is not of much practical value, is fixed in the open air out of direct sunlight.

(36) C. W. P. asks: What metal in band shape, say 3/8 inch wide by 1/8 inch thick, will stand running over a 5 or 6 inch pulley two or three thousand times, the band to touch only one fourth of the face of pulley? Have tried common band iron, but find it quickly crystallizes and breaks. A. We think you can use steel of a quality similar to that employed for band saws.

(37) T. G. McC. asks: 1. Would I have to pay a license, or would I be infringing, on any of the rubber patents if I manufactured some small inventions of my own out of rubber, not vulcanized but soft rubber? A. We think the soft rubber patent has expired. 2. Where can I get rubber goods manufactured, providing I invented something that required a rubber attachment? A. Any of the rubber manufacturers in this city would probably make your articles. Your 3d and 4th questions are indefinite.

1. Is there a patent on the process of lining metal pots, etc., with what is called porcelain lining? A. The processes in use are covered by several patents. 2. How is it done? A. The materials are reduced to a uniformly fine powder and made into a paste with water. This is applied to the vessels, dried, and subjected in a muffle or kiln to a temperature sufficiently high to fuse the enamel. 3. Could tinware be so lined? A. Tinned iron may be thus enameled, but the coating of tin becomes oxidized in the process. 4. If so, where could I get it done? A. Lalancé & Grosjean, Beekman and Cliff streets, New York.

(38) C. B. asks whether it is possible to compress the air for the use of an engine by means of a windmill. If so, it will supply a great want on the farm. Every farmer needs a light power to saw wood, grind corn, make cider, and many other purposes. An ordinary windmill does not furnish power enough, and besides at the very time it is needed perhaps the wind does not blow. But if it could be constantly employed compressing air and storing power which would be always ready, the combination would supply a great want and meet a ready sale. A. This could easily be done.

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

C. E. K.—It is not genuine amber (succinite).—E. A. H.—No. 16 is orthoclase (rose) containing muscovite. No. 6 is quartz, orthoclase and hornblende. No. 19 is limestone (somewhat resembling the Solenhofen variety), with small seams of malachite and ferric oxide. No. 8 is shell limestone. Nos. 9, 13, 3 and 14 are also limestones. No. 1 is quartz, limestone, hornblende. No. 17 is chlorite. No. 119 is chalcopyrite with seams of lime carbonate. No. 15 is quartzite. No. 5 is similar to No. 6. No. 12 is fine ferruginous quartz conglomerate. No. 7 is orthoclase with a little hornblende. No. 11 is a dolerite with chrysolite—olivine. Unnumbered specimen—

hornblende. No. 194 will be reported subsequently.—E. W. H.—Glass colored by ferrous oxide.—D. C. L.—It contains slate, calcite, galena, iron, and a little copper pyrites.—E. O. H.—Fragment of quartz with a little jasper.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED.

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

- Winding of a Box and Axle. By H. D. M. Crank Motion. By E. H. The Celestial Machine. By G. V.

HINTS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We renew our request that correspondents, in referring to former answers or articles, will be kind enough to name the date of the paper and the page, or the number of the question.

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