

(10) H. B. asks if tubes placed inside a wood box with iron ends, and made watertight to prevent leaking, would expand when hot so as to damage the ends and cause leaking? A. If the tubes have considerable length, we think the expansion would cause a leak.

(11) C.H.F. writes: Recently while reading, a common housefly fell on my book, and after spinning around on his back a few times, remained quiet. I then observed a small bright red insect on the fly's body. It disappeared before I could capture it. Is it a fly destroyer? A. It was no doubt one of the mites common to flies.

(12) J. S. B. asks: In your paper of August 18, 1877, you give as "a test for free sulphuric acid in vinegar," methyl aniline violet. Will you state whether liquid aniline violet will detect the sulphuric acid, and if so, in what proportions must the dye and vinegar be? A. As we understand you, yes; dilute the solution with about ten volumes of pure water, and proceed as directed in the note referred to. It is better to make the solution from the dry color—1 part in 2,000 of distilled water.

(13) S. F. & J. S. A. write: 1. We have an iron wire (No. 19) about 3,400 feet in length, connecting two U magnet telephones. The wire passes underneath a telegraph wire, about three feet distant, and at right angles to it. At times we hear a clicking in the telephones of telegraphic signals, and we should like to know if this clicking is occasioned by an induced current of electricity from the telegraphic wire? A. We think so. 2. If so, will our wire be likely to weaken the telegraphic signals? We have a battery of several elements in connection with the wire working a call. A. No.

(14) S. W. asks: How many square feet of condensing surface will require in a surface condenser to condense the steam running from a one inch pipe from the boiler to the condenser at 60 lbs. pressure to the square inch? A. Allow one square foot of condensing surface for each 40 lbs. of steam to be condensed per hour.

(15) M. J. C. asks if a vacuum that is created in a low pressure engine is a pressure or a suction, or a drawing on the piston? I see 28 or 30 lbs. on the vacuum gauge, and notice that it required 28 or 30 lbs. pressure to bend the spring, so as to indicate it on the dial. A. It is a reduction of the pressure on the piston, the spring or column of mercury being moved by the pressure of the air to balance the decrease of pressure in the interior.

(16) G. M. D. asks: Is there any law that prohibits a person from running a stationary engine and boiler either in country or city, and who is the proper authority to apply to for license? A. In this city it is necessary to obtain a license from the Police Board. The local regulations in different parts of the country vary greatly. In many places no license is required.

(17) H. A. C. asks how to make a sounder for a thread telephone. A. Hang a small bell on a delicate wire spring, and connect the spring with the telephone thread by means of an auxiliary string, so that a slight pull of the telephone thread will make the bell jingle.

(18) W. S. asks: What is the best work for the young engineer and mechanic? A. Rose's "Complete Practical Machinist," and Bourne's "Catechism" and "Hand Book," will be good works with which to make a commencement.

(19) J. B.—The catamaran is not patented, but an improved steering arrangement, and a method of connecting the hulls by flexible joints, have been patented. The patent specifications are published in SUPPLEMENT 105.

(20) J. B. J. asks: 1. How to make a Bell telephone? A. See SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN SUPPLEMENT No. 142, for full directions. 2. Can I sell these telephones without infringing? A. See "Rights of Investigators," p. 128, current volume of SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN.

(21) W. J. D.—Bartol's "Marine Boilers," Burgh's "Treatise on Boilers," and Wilson's "Treatise on Steam Boilers," may answer your purpose.

(22) E. G. M. asks: Can an electro magnetic engine be made powerful enough to propel a boat 20 feet long, 6 feet beam, 5 feet deep? A. Yes; but a steam engine would be far more economical and satisfactory.

(23) J. K. D. writes: I desire some means by which I may be able to measure small intervals of time (say 1/10 to 1/100 second). The chronoscope or one of its modifications has suggested itself, but I find it inapplicable. Have electricity at command. A. A tuning fork carrying a straw marking-point, and vibrated so as to cause the point to mark on the smoked surface of a rapidly rotating disk or cylinder, might be used for the purpose, providing an electrical or other device were used to mark the interval across the path of the before mentioned straw.

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