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office. Price 10 cents each. (1) T. asks: How many cells of Callaud If you use a striking bath you will need eight or ten cells. Brass, copper, and German silver articles may be cells. Brass, copper, and
silvered with a single cell.
(2) C. E. H. asks: 1. Do you know of anything that may be added to the gelatine and glycerine, that forms the copying pad described in the Scientific
american, that will make it more tenacious and not injure its copying properties, as with the ingredient given parts of the pad sometimes adhere to the paper used in copying? A. Heat the composition for several
hours over a water bath to expel as much of the water hours over a water bath to expel as much of the water
(used in softening the glue) as possible. Then let
quiren to be used in a loot room, add more glue and, say
5 per cent, of alum to the composition. 5 per cent, of alum to the composition. 2. Are there other preparations used for this purpo
are several similar compositions in use.
(3) P. G. R. asks: If a solution be made with pure gold, nitric and muriatic acids, can the acids be
A. Evaporate the solution, nearly to dryness in a porcelain lined iron vessel over the waterbath, to expel ex lain lined iron vessel over the waterbath, to expel ex
cess of acids; redissolve the residue in warm water, mix with 10 per cent of oxalic aciad, and let stand over night. Or add to the aqueous solution 20 per cent of pure cop-
peras (sulphate of iron) dissolved in a small quantity of warm water. Let the precipitated gold, which in the latter case is of a dull brownish color, settle, carefully decant the solution, and heat the powder to low red
(4) J. W. C. asks: 1. Is bay rum injurious when applied, without reducing, to the hair? A. In moderation, no. 2. Can you tell me why the bay rum mediately assumed a milky white appearance and so mediately assumed a milky white appearance and so
remained, utterly devoid of the usualodor given out by good bay rum? A. It is due chiefly to the insolubility in water of the essential oils contained in the spirit. Use dilute spirit instead of water.
(5) T. S. B. asks: What is the best cement that can be used to cement a glass tube into a mercury pressure (and less)? In the one we have put up the mer cury oozes through the pores of the plaster of Paris with which we have made the joint to connect the glass
tube with the bell end of iron reservoir. A. Better tube with the bell end of iron reservoir. A. Better
adapt the surfaces by grinding; use a rubber washer and adapt the surfaces by grinding, use a rubber washer and
small screw clamp collar, resting on a shoulder blown in the glass. For ordinary purposes a good rubber swer very well. Cements cannot be depended on in this nnection.
(6) F. T. asks how the coppersmiths re in their old copper saucepans and have them look so work, but are unable to give them a bright color inside A. Thoroughly cleanse by means of dilute sulphuri acid, or hydrochloric acid nearly saturated with zin (acid zinc chloride), and moist pumice powder; if neces sary, rinse. Warm the pan, pour in a small quantity of grain tin, melted in a ladle, and a little rosin powder, quickly brush this about with a brush made of a bunch of hemp,so as to bring the fused melal in contact with every
part of the surface to be tinned. The pot or pan must be part of the surface to be tinned. The pot or pan must be soon as the parts are properly coated, pour out the excess of melted meta,
(7) A. W. H. writes: I have made a copying pad as per instructions in No. 21, Vol. xli., and it worked splendid first time, having taken one hundred
and two good, legible impressions from one copy Please say if añ ink can be made to be used on stereotype plates and wood cuts (and not injure them) to be
transferred to paper and from there to the pad, same as the ink you give directions for in above number. A. We have not experimented im this direction. Probably such an ink could be made. Have you tried a clear,
saturated aqueous solution of 3 B methylviolet with and without glycerine?
(8) M. H. G. asks: 1. In the plan of the "Sharpie" in the Supplement, what is the distance
on the bottom inside from deadwood to forward end of centerboard? A. The distance, 1319 feet, is given by the builder. 2. What are the dimensions of the keelson? A. The same thickness as the keel and somewha
deeper. 3. How should it be fastened to the bottom? A. Fasten through and through with rivets. 4. Am I to understand that three inches is the width of
centerboard? I should not think it wide enough. never saw one so narrow. A. 3 inches is correct.
(9) G. \& B. ask: What will protect iron often? A. No; try a thick coating of genuine asphal
tum varnish. Let it harden thoroughly before using.
(10) C. W. H. asks (1) whether in testing with tannic acid for impurity in water, the presence of the bicarbonates of sodium or calcium would affect the analysis, and if so, how. A. Heat the water, cool and
filter before adding the tannin, if the water contains any considerable quantity of free carbonic acid or bicar onates. 2. How can I test mineral spring water to detect impurities if they exist? A. Consult Wanklyn
and Chapman's "Water Analysis." See also back and Chapman's "Water Analysis." See also back
numbers of the Scientific American on this subject. (11) A. E. K. writes: I have made copying pad and ink according to directions, and work all ight, but the ink does not start freely from
(12) C. E. B. asks: 1. What chemical pro cess can be used to keep water very cold? I have an air tight vessel that contains six gallons of water, and desire to keep it cold. A. See "Ice, Artificial," Johnson's o Appleton's Encyclopedias, Knight's "New Mechanical
Dictionary," and the back numbers of the ScIENTIFIC dictionary," and the back numbers of the Scientific
American Supplement. 2. How long will it remain American Supplement. 2. How long will it remain surroundings, etc., of the vessel. Consult Tyndall' a Mode of Motion."
(13) G. W. G. asks: What would be the dimensions of a cylinder capable of driving a ten horse the engines are run; ordinarily about 8 inches cylinde
(14) F. T. S. writes: 1. I have two glas ars $4 \times 7$ and a zinc. Could I make a battery with zinc in one jar and copper in the other? A. No; the zinc and copper must be in the same jar. They may be separated by a porous cell, as in the Daniell, or they may be placed one over the other in the zinc above the cop per, as in the gravity. See Supplements, 157 , 158, and
159 , on the construction and operation of batteries. 2 What weight copper will I need with reference to weight of zinc? A. The weight is immaterial, but the surface
should be as great as that of the zinc, and it is generally made greater. 3. What solution? A. Saturated solu
tion of copper sulphate. 4. Will it move a sounder A. Yes. 5. Abouthow many feetof wire are there on ounder and relay magnets? A. Make the thickness of the wrapping equal to the diameter of the magnet core The resistance of the relay should correspond with cer-
tain conditions of line battery, etc. 6. Will a souude tain conditions of line battery, etc. 6. Will a sounder intended for short line work on a long line by winding more wire on the magnets $A$. Within certain limits, wit it is not a good idea. Better rewind the magnet
with finer wire. 7 . What is a relay used for? A. It is with finer wire. 7. What is a relay used for
(15) A. P. B. asks: 1. What is the composition of the rubber used in making rubber hand stamps? A. Purified caoutchouc containing about 6 ing into shiphur. 2. How is it melted before pour to the plaster, after cooling? A. It is not melted. See the plaster, after cooling? A. It is not melted. See tific amehican Suprlement. Also articles on vulcanizing rubber, pp. 48 and 105, Vol. 39, Scientific
(16) S. C. asks if there is a United States tandard weight for a gallon of milk, and how much it s. All the milk here is sold by wine measure, 231 cubic
nches to the gallon. I don't think it is right. I think in New York the milk is sold by beer measure 282 cubic inches to the gallon. Am I right? A. 231 cubic inches is Mandara gallon.
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