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Notes & Queries

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Names and addresses of correspondents will not be given to inquirers.

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.

Correspondents whose inquiries do not appear after a reasonable time should repeat them. If not then published, they may conclude that, for good reasons, the Editor declines them.

Persons desiring special information which is purely of a personal character, and not of general interest, should remit from \$1 to \$5, according to the subject, as we cannot be expected to spend time and labor to obtain such information without remuneration.

Any numbers of the SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN SUPPLEMENT referred to in these columns may be had at this office. Price 10 cents each.

(1) F. W. L. asks if there is any way to test for gold as an alloy of other metals, and if so, what? A. Rub the alloy upon a piece of hard slate (the touchstone used by jewelers is better), warm the stone and moisten it with strong nitric acid. If the metallic streaks do not disappear gold is present in the alloy.

(2) J. A. G. writes: 1. In making a dynamo-electric machine, half the size of the one described in SUPPLEMENT No. 161, what Nos. of wires should be used? The Nos. given are 16 and 18. A. Use Nos. 18 and 20. There is no object in making a dynamo machine smaller than the one referred to. 2. Is there any process by which the melting point of paraffine may be raised, leaving it tasteless and inodorous? A. We know of no way. 3. Are celluloid collars, etc., injurious or poisonous to the wearer? Dealers here say so, but I think only because they wish to discourage the use of celluloid goods. A. They are not considered poisonous.

(3) V. V. S. writes: I wish to drill a hole one-quarter inch in diameter through a piece of 21-ounce glass. How can I do so without breaking it? A. It can be done by means of an ordinary steel drill hardened in mercury, and moistened while drilling with turpentine containing a little gum camphor. A safer way, however, is to use a one-quarter inch copper tube as a drill, and apply mercury and oil or water to it as it revolves.

(4) O. & C. ask: 1. For a cheap substitute for shellac varnish. Is there another solvent for shellac, besides alcohol, that will answer as a varnish, and which will dry moderately quick? A. Shellac is soluble in alcohol, wood naphtha (crude methylic alcohol), in aqueous solution of borax (borax 1, shellac 6), and to some extent in strong ammonia water. 2. What is the most practical book with receipts for staining woods, making cheap varnishes, etc. A. You should address the book dealers who advertise in these columns for their catalogues, etc.

(5) A. R. C. asks: 1. Would a square foot of cold iron belarger or smaller if heated to 4,000° or 5,000° Fah.? A. It would occupy less space. 2. Why is it that a piece of solid iron will float on a ladle of melted iron? A. For the same reason that ice floats on water. See p. 116, et seq., Tyndall's "Forms of Water." 3. What are the relative amounts of carbon in cast iron, wrought iron, and steel? A. Cast iron, 2.0 to 5.0 per cent; wrought iron, 0.1 to 0.25; steel, 0.15 to 0.5. 4. Is there more carbon in hard cast iron than in soft? A. Yes.

(6) J. W. writes: 1. I should like to know how to make a sample of strong nitric acid, 48° for nitrosulphuric. I took all the moisture I could out of nitrate of soda, and used sulphuric acid at 63°, but could not get any stronger than 44° nitric; perhaps I may have used too much sulphuric acid; namely, equal quantity to nitrate. A. Dry the nitrate thoroughly, use strong sulphuric acid, and do not overheat or force the distillation or drive it too far. See Mowbray's "Trinitrolycerine." 2. Also how to make a pure sample for chemical purposes, as it is too red? A. Redistill at a gentle heat, rejecting the first and last portions.

(7) W. C. B. asks if there is anything that will render canvas fireproof. I am making an awning for steam launch, and she throws sparks so badly as to burn the awning. Would it be practicable to get an asbestos awning, and would it be very expensive? A. Saturate the awning with a strong aqueous solution of tungstate of soda (comm.). Asbestos cloth is rather expensive.

INDEX OF INVENTIONS FOR WHICH Letters Patent of the United States were Granted in the Week Ending August 10, 1880, AND EACH BEARING THAT DATE.

[Those marked (r) are reissued patents.]

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Table listing inventions with patent numbers and names of inventors. Includes items like 'Acid, pulverulent preparation of phosphoric, E. N. Horsford', 'Air compressing apparatus, R. M. Catlin', 'Aluminous cake, manufacture of, F. Laur', etc.

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