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cork will be driven in or compressed, but as water is practically incompressible, nothing further will happen. 4. What is the strain on a rope with ten men on each end pulling in opposite directions? Is it the strength of 10 men or of 20? A. 10 men.

(4) J. R. S. asks: 1. What is the horse power of an engine 2 inches bore, 6 inches stroke, 250 revolutions a minute, and 80 lb. steam? I figure it a little over 1½. Am I right? A. You are right; but deducting 20 per cent for friction and losses, reduces it to 1¼. 2. How many feet heating surface does the boiler require to have to furnish the amount of steam for two such engines working on the same shaft, the boiler to be upright flue boiler? A. 44 to 50 feet.

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