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Notes & Queries

HINTS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

No attention will be paid to communications unless accompanied with the full name and address of the writer.

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) S. E. S. writes: I have a rowboat made of 1/4 inch cedar, which I wish to make watertight. I thought of two ways: 1. To cover the outside with 1/2 inch boards and fasten with copper rivets; or 2. To cover with canvas, using some cement or glue. Which do you think is best, or do you know of a better method? I have tried calking, but it does no good. A. Use canvas, well painted.

(2) A. F. N. asks: 1. What length of stroke and diameter of cylinder will be necessary to run a boat 18 feet long by 5 feet beam torun at a fair speed in still water? A. 3 inch cylinder by 4 inches stroke. 2. Where can I obtain rough castings for above engine? A. We do not know of any one having them in stock. 3. Can I use lap welded boiler tube for boiler? also, what diameter and length and number of flues? A. Yes; you should have 70 to 75 feet fire surface. 4. Which will be best, paddle wheels or screw? A. Screw.

(3) J. W. R. writes: 1. I have a boiler 8 feet long, 14 inches in diameter, with a return flue 6 inches. I want to know what is the heating surface. A. 26 feet. 2. My cylinder engine is 5 inches stroke, 3 inches bore; what is the horse power at 50 lb. steam, at 250 revolutions per minute? A. A little over 2 horse power.

(4) W. S. F. asks: Will an ordinary two inch spy glass objective do for a photographic camera? A. It might answer a purpose if the focus is not too long. However, a regular camera combination is better.

(5) W. E. asks (1) where to obtain statistics and plans for steam launches (engines, etc.) from 20 to 40 feet in length; their speeds and running expense. A. We know of no statistics or data respecting the performance of steam launches more full than you will find in the SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN SUPPLEMENTS.

2. Please tell me if the license for launch engineers has been changed. A The fee has not been changed.

(6) G. T. C. writes: We are using a solution here which has to be raised to a height of 20 feet, and it is almost impossible to get any kind of a pump to stand it, not even a rubber one. Is a little heavier than water. Would it be possible to make a wooden tank strong enough to raise the solution by air pressure? If it would, about what thickness of material would be required? Could we use an air blower, or would it require an air pump to get the required pressure? A. A centrifugal pump of either iron or brass might suit your purpose, unless the material you pump will attack the metal. It would be possible to construct a wood vessel and use compressed air. You would require an air compressing pump a blower would not do. Could you not use a steam ejector?

(7) A. K. D. asks: Will a brick smoke-stack 55 feet high be sufficient height for a sixty horse steam boiler to produce the best results in raising steam, and what size hole should there be in the stack, and should it be smaller at the top than bottom? A. Make your chimney not less than 60 feet high and flue 28 inches or 30 inches square, and parallel the whole height.

(8) H. B. asks: 1. What size flywheel should I use for engine with 6 inch cylinder by 2 1/2 diameter? A. 16 to 18 inches. 2. Can you give me any information on melting zinc? I have melted some, but it will not run solid. Is there any mixture I could put with it to make it run solid, and would it do for steam engine cylinder of the size above mentioned? A. You had better use block tin or brass for your cylinder. 3. Would block iron 1/2 inch in thickness be strong enough to make boiler for cylinder mentioned, boiler to be 3 feet high and 1 foot 6 inches diameter. Would boiler be large enough? A. Would recommend three-sixteenths inch thick. Make boiler at least 20 inches diameter and 4 feet high.

(9) S. S. J. writes: In fitting key to cross-head and piston rod with usual taper, should it bear equally on each side, or should some be cut away to give draught? A. The sides of key should be parallel and a good easy fit. The draught to be on the edges and keyways cut away so that the rod will draw home.

(10) D. D. H. asks for the best method of putting in a non-conductor of heat between an iron roof and wooden ceiling. Will building paper answer the purpose? if so, how should it be used? A. The best method would be to give free circulation to the air between the roof and ceiling, then the heat from the roof would be carried away by the air.

(11) A. J. S. asks: Is there any way to keep the bright work, "hot bright work," such as ends and valve box of the Corliss engine, clean? A. A mixture of white lead and tallow, put on with a brush will keep the surfaces from rusting, but the cleaning must be done by hand.

(12) J. J. S. asks for some information relative to the source and method of preparation, etc., of what is known as a "snood," an article used by fishermen for attaching hooks to fishing lines. A. It is silk worm gut. The best comes from Spain. We believe it to be the contents of the silkworm's sac drawn out in bulk just as it is ready to spin its cocoon.

(13) D. H. F. asks: 1. What is the best material to make buttons of to prevent rusting on an electric switch that must necessarily be exposed to the weather? A. Copper. 2. Suppose I use a double electro-magnet with a permanently magnetized armature; the armature is attracted when the current passes. Reverse the current, thereby reversing the poles, will the armature be repulsed, and with what proportionate force? A. It will be repelled; the force will depend on the size of the armature and the amount of magnetism in it.

(14) F. D. H. asks: What is the "hall mark," spoken of in connection with London plate and jewelry? Of what does it consist, and what was its origin? A. Hall mark—the official stamp of the British Goldsmiths' Company and other authorized assay offices on gold and silver articles to guarantee their purity. The standard silver of England is an alloy, containing, in 1,000 parts, 925 parts silver and 75 copper. Originally the Goldsmiths' Company had a monopoly of gold and silver work in England. The company is still authorized to search the shops of silversmiths and seize articles which do not bear the hall mark of the company. A charge of 1s. 6d. an ounce is made for assaying and stamping, the larger portion of the revenue so derived being paid over to the government.

(15) J. H. T. writes: In SUPPLEMENT No. 225, p. 3589, under "Farming in Southwestern Minnesota" it is stated that: "Throughout these Western States lands are frequently pointed out as belonging to Englishmen, who to counterbalance the depreciation unfortunately going on in land property in England, are investing in desirable estates in America." Can this be true? I have always been under the impression that aliens could not hold real property in this country. Am I wrong in my impression? A. You are wrong. Different States have different laws on this point. 2. In both the SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN and SUPPLEMENT receipts frequently appear in which it is stated that so many parts of a solid and so many parts of a liquid are to be taken. By parts is it always meant parts by weight of both solid and liquid? If not, how then are such formulas to be interpreted? A. Parts by weight are intended unless otherwise specified. Fluids may often be more conveniently measured—taking the fluid ounce or liter and pure water as the standard. Their specific gravity must, however, be taken into consideration—sulphuric acid, for instance, is nearly twice as heavy as water (1.8). 3. Is it possible for a man engaged in active business, but who desires to employ such leisure time as he may have in the study of mineralogy, to obtain access to a cabinet of minerals in this city or vicinity? A. Visit "School of Mines," Columbia College, or Metropolitan Museum of Natural History, Manhattan Square, near Central Park, west side.

(16) J. G. S. writes: I am employed in a large engineering works in this country. Many of us

have had quite a discussion on the question whether it takes more power to stop a fly wheel than it does to start it. Suppose an engine of certain power could get the speed of a fly wheel up in a minute, which is 300 revolutions, if the same, applied in the opposite direction, could it stop it in the same time? A. It would be stopped in less time. In starting you have the friction operating against the power and in stopping the friction aids you.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED.

On a Catamaran that will Come About. By J. B. C. On the Theory of Scientists concerning Perpetual Motion.

On Artificial Diamonds. By N. B. C.

[OFFICIAL.]

INDEX OF INVENTIONS FOR WHICH Letters Patent of the United States were Granted in the Week Ending July 20, 1880, AND EACH BEARING THAT DATE. [Those marked (r) are reissued patents.]

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Table listing various inventions and their patent numbers, including items like Air, method of and apparatus for heating, Alumina or alum, making and purifying sulphate of, W. Chadwick et al., Ammonia, manufacture of aqua, J. L. Marsh, Animal trap, J. H. Eatman, Annunciator drop, electrical, E. T. Gilliland, Bale tie, J. F. McLaughlin, Baling press, J. H. Simonson, Bedstead fastening, N. P. Bradish, Bedstead, folding or cabinet, S. S. Burr, Binder for the filing and protection of papers, W. Keenan, Biscuit cutter and sticker, comb'd, I. W. Lincoln, Boiler furnace, steam, S. E. Babcock, Boiler furnace, steam, J. Wavish, Book covers, metallic guard for, G. W. Emerson, Boot and shoe, W. H. Hannaford, Boot and shoe counter stiffeners, machine for forming flanges on, H. G. Farr, Boot and shoe healing machine, T. Cowburn, Boot and shoe soles, machine for shaping, J. B. Johnson, Bottle and stopper, ointment, R. Gordon, Box nailing machine, W. H. Brock, Brick machine, F. W. Schu, Bridge and bridge iron, A. Gottlieb, Bridges, barrier for draw, A. R. Sherman, Broom and brush holder, J. H. Rosson, Brush, M. Hendrickson, Brush, fountain, A. J. French, Buckle, H. G. Bardwell, Buckle lever, L. A. Sprague, Burglar alarm, E. Glover, Button, A. J. Shipley, Button, G. C. Thomas, Button and stud, separable, W. P. Dolloff, Button backs, machine for making, F. C. Cannon, Buttoner, glove, J. W. Partridge, Calendars, etc., back and brace for, G. Bergen, Camera attachment, Molera & Cebrian, Cans, apparatus for exhausting air from, T. G. F. Dolby, Car brake, D. R. Dwyer, Car coupling, W. H. Ward, Car coupling, P. B. Williams, Carbon conductors, manufacturing, H. S. Maxim, Carpenter's gauge, W. Goodwin, Carpet lining, Smith & Beale, Carriage bow, B. J. Warden, Carriage curtain fastening, O. M. Tuttle, Carriage dash frame, G. Monteith, Carriage lifter, C. F. Haynes, Carriage top, J. McKee, Caster, J. F. Ohmer, Catch for holding chest covers, etc., A. Montant, Centering apparatus, C. L. Wolf, Chair brace, R. J. Farum, Chisel, J. D. Baxter, Churn, C. M. Smith, Churn dasher, S. J. Linn, Cigarette machine, A. Decouffe, Clapboard machine, A. Cunningham, Clock, alarm, H. J. Davies, Clock calendar, self-adjusting, I. W. Johnson, Clock dial, geographical, C. F. Bourquin, Clock pendulums, suspension of, S. B. Jerome, Clothes prop, Meeker & Fisher, Cock, three-way, W. H. Ward, Coffee mill, F. Hickman, Coffee roaster, W. Langner, Collar, J. W. A. Cluett, Collar fastening, horse, Fisher & Watson, Columns, fireproofing iron, C. Mettam, Compass, ship's, F. Aising, Converter bottom, T. & S. McDonald, Cooking can and dinner pail, combined, J. B. Haskell, Copper for making cast hollow cylinders and other castings, treating molten, S. Walker, Corn husker, W. B. Farwell, Corset, C. F. Allen, Cotton, device for handling and shipping, C. H. Merry, Culinary vessel, F. Schifferle, Depurator, A. Seyberlich, Diphtheria remedy, S. H. Longard, Dish handle, detachable, J. B. Timberlake, Dish heater, H. A. Sawyer, Disintegrating apparatus, A. B. Lipsey, Distilling petroleum, process and apparatus for, S. Cheney, Ditching and dredging machine, J. A. Murray, Diving bell, C. F. Pike, Door for cabinets, cases, etc., circumrotary, C. Senrick, Electric light circuits, automatic regulator for, W. Sawyer