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(1) B. R. asks: What is the best method of spreading a thin layer of selenium on glass surface and other smooth surfaces of that description? A. present, for, as Nature says, "the investigation is one that requires to be carried on with the aid of a fully equipped laboratory, and is beyord the power of an ordinary experimentalist." It is, in the meantime, uncer-
tain as to whether a transparent sheet of selenium can tain as to whether a transparent sheet of selenium can
be more easily ohtained by a method of precipitation than by mere mechanical treatment. It dissolves fuel
in chloride of selenium and precipitates slowly in a
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(2) C. V. S. asks: 1. How many mercury flasks. as described in Supplement, No. 182, would need for a boiler for a boat 30 feet long, 6 or $6 \not / \mathrm{y}$ feet 30 for steam. 2. In laying the keel, should it be of one piece of oak, 33 or 34 feet long,steamed and bent to form
the bow; or should it be a piece of oak, 33 or 34 feet long the bow; or should it be a piece of oak, 33 or 34 feet long.
with the bow and stern post rabbeted to the keely A. with the bow and stern post rabbeted to the keely A
It may be steamed and bent, or the stem and stern post may be scarped to the keel and fastened by rivets. 3 What size should the engine be for a boat 30 feet long
of the style described in SUPPLEMENT, No. 81, of the

Flirt, built by H. S. Maxim? A. 5 inch to 6 inch cylinsize go from New York city to United States of
Colombia, say to Aspinwall, and if so, what would I need besides compass, charts, and lamps? Would I have to get any papers permitting me to go on said voyage, as
the owners of vesselshave to have? A. It must be inspected and licensed if over 5 tons measurement
(3) D. A. asks: 1 . Which is the better device to keep steam on a self-propelling fire engine: similar to those employed with the ordinary fire engine in fact, is the first method a safe one? A. We conside for keeping water hot in an engine, which fipe should be the largest: the one leading to or from the engine ize; but if a difference is made, the retam pipe should size: but if a d
be the larger.
(4) F. W. F. asks: 1. How can I polish small plano convex lens which is slightly scratched on
he surface? A. See article on lens making, vol. xliii. the surface? A. See article on lens making, vol. xliii.
page 51, Scientific American. 2. What preparation hall I apply to paper or other substance to take picture tion a camera, and cost of same? A. This informa of our space. Consult some good work on photography Why is a meniscus lens better for the object glass of stated in Scientifio American Sopplement, No. 252 Does it give less prismatic colors? A. With the menIsusthere is less sphericaland chromatic aberration . I have a private aconstic telephone line; line wire very small size copper wire. At each end Ihave a wire unningdown into moist earth and twisted around the line wire. Will these wires convey to the ground any charge which the line may receive during a thunder shower, preventing all danger to the inmates of the
houses ? A. Yes, providing theground endsare termihouses? A. Yes, providing theground ends are termi nated in a coil buried in a bushel or so of coke which
is always enveloped in moist earth. It would be better solderyourground wire to a gas or water pipe if pos
(5) E. W. C. asks: 1. Can a rotary engine (5) as the "La France Fire Engine" yes. 2. Could such engine be run by gas, by bavin the explosion at regular intervals? A. It might be run
in that way. 3. Whichwould be the most economical, above or a cylinder engine using gas, the powe (6) J. B. H. asks: What will restore iks and silk laces luster lost in dyeing? A. Grate agitate briskly for a few minutes, and let stand water o settle. Carefully draw off the clear liquid, and with this sponge the fabric thoroughly. Press verv strongly vith hot irons-in one direction-between fine cloths; ept moist.
(7) E. B. asks: What are the dimensions nd tonnage of the yacht America, whether she is keel
or center board, and the lengths of her spars? A or center board, and the lengths of her spars? A.
Yacht America's original dimensions were: Length on Yacht America's original dimensions were: Length on
load, water line, 90 feet 8 inches; brearth, extreme 22 feet 6 inches; carpenter's tonnage, 210 tons. He 76 feet 6 inches; mainboom, 70 feet long; foreboom, 26 feet long.
(8) F. L. P. writes: In your issue of January 22 , in reply to L. D. G., you say the pressure
on the feed pipe is a trifle more than on the boiler. Will you be sokind as to explain how youget the estra pres-
sure $\%$ A. The difference in pressure is due, first, to the greater area, therence in pressure is due, first, to the greater area, the upper, than the underside of the
delivery valves; second, to the friction of the valves; nd third, the friction of the water in the pipes and pas
(9) U. D. M. asks: 1. What is the rule for running a belt from one pulley on to another on a bevel
so as to run the shafts on an angle? A. You will find the rule with a diagram on page 27 (5), Vol.40, Scientific of a 116 inch. hownach A. It depends upon the speed of the shaft. 3. How arge a steel wire rope do we ueed to 5 horse power, 250
feet from first pulley? A. It depends upon the speed feet from first pulley? A. It depends upon the speed
of the rope. You can get tables of sizes and speed from manufacturers of wire rope. 4. Which is the driving pulley, steel wire rope or iron shaft ? A. Wire
(10) J. S. H. writes: I have an office hand ithograph press for printing letters on stone. I get a splendid impression of transfer on the stone, bu
after dampening the stone with a sponge it seems to take the ink almost as readily as the transfer, thus smutting up the print. I use a buckskin roller and printer's news ink. Can you tell me how to proceed so
that the stone will not take the printer's ink excep where the transfer ink strikes, and how to get a clear nd clean print? A. Let. the stone dry and wash it
with a 2 per cent aquenns solution of nitric acid: rinse nking. Add a little stale beer or vinegar to the wate used for dampening. Use good lithographic ink
(11) B. I. B. asks: What kind of varnisb or oil will be best for preserving eggs, and how can it b
applied so as to have a thin, even coating ? I want something in which eggs can be dipped. A. You may try ordinary linseed oil (used for this purpose in Germany), or thin alcoholic shellac varnish. See Supple-
ments. Nos. 53 and 65 ; also Scientific American, Vol. ${ }_{39}$, p. 375 .
(12) J. S. H. writes: I see many inquiries rom printing pads after through. printing. I can to bear the hand in, pass the wet sponge across the face of the pad and the ink will disappear. Then rinse of the face with the sponge dipped in cold water. Exto get dim, if you will dampen the face of the pad with
a sponge dipped in cold water, the ink becomes as bright as at first, and in this way a much larger number
of letters may be pulled than if this process is not em. (13) C. C. C. asks: Is there no way in rich rubber could be softened in process of making benzole, turpentine, and the essential oils in general cause rubber to swell and soften. While thussoftene it may be moulded; but as the oils or other liquids used
escape by evaporation it shrinks again. Softening by escape by evaporation it shrinks
(14) T. B. asks: Which has the most fric tion, a locornotive crank pin seven inches in diamete
or one four inches in diameter, the width of bearin or one four inches in diameter, the width of bearing
being the same in both cases? A. The conditions being the same, the friction would be the same in both cases, but the loss of power would be greater with the large , as the friction acts upon a longer radiu
(15) J. W. asks: 1. What sized belt will ive 180 horse power under following conditions: Driv
ng pulley 7 feet in diameter, driven 4 feet, belt in con tact with one half the circumference of 4 feet pulley Calculate by the following formula, $\frac{W \mathrm{~W}}{60}=$ horse power, $\mathrm{W}=$ width of belt in inches; $\mathrm{S}=$ speed of belt in feet p round numbers. In this case 600 is used for a divisor because
ase 800.
(16) E. H. asks (1) bow much power a cer ain size pulley (say 12 inches diameter. 6 inches face) ce would run inch belt. A safe rule for the power of a belt is
$\frac{\mathrm{WS}}{800}=$ horse power, where $\mathrm{W}=$ width of belt in ches, and $S=$ speed of belt in feet per minute. Fro his you can get the power of your pulley. 2. Can yo "Cooper on the Use of Belting."
(17) L. J. C. asks for the best methods of ticking paper together to make paper boats, pails, o robably answer: 1 Wateruroof: gum rubber 1 shellac, 21b.; benzole, 12 lb . Cut the gum rubber into fine shreds, and macerate it with frequent agitation in
the benzole until dissolved. Then place the vessel (out the benzole until dissolved. Then place the vessel (out doors) in a bath of hot sand, and gradualy add, with nntant stirring, the powdered shellac. Heat and stir until a perfectly homogeneous mass is obtained-
marine glue. In heating, the best vessel to use is a por elain enameled iron dish. For a stirring rod use pestle. 2. Gum rubber, 1 lb .; asphaltum (not tar), b.; benzole, q. s. Cut the rubber fine, macerate unt is dissolved in the benzole, then gradually add th asphaltum, triturate together in a mortar until all is oftened and dissolved. It should have about the con sistence of molasses. 3. Resin, 2; boiled oil, q. s.;
plaster of Paris, 2; turpentine oil, $3 / 4$. Melt the resin in the heated oil, remove out of doors, and stir in the plaster and turpentine while hot.
(18) W. R. R. writes: We are building a pumped from a well; the water will be used to supply and wash out our locomotives. Should the inside of tank be painted? If so, what is best? A. Paint with brown
oxide paint (oxide of iron), ground in and mixed with xide paint (oxide of iron), ground in and mixed wit (19) J. S. M. asks: Are the rims of rail way car wheels chilled ? If so, will the rim and center the wheel, when remelted, be equally soft in temper
They are chilled, and when remelted, the effect of chill is, to a great degree destroyed
(20) J. T. M. asks for a receipt for staining whisky barrels a weather-beaten color. A. Dse a
strong aqueous solution of green copperas (sulphate of on) or nitric acid.
(21) C. W. V. writes: 1. I want to tin boop rou. What can I use to take off the scale? I have Pickle in a bath of muriatic acid 1 part, water 20 parts until the red oxide disappears, rinse and heat to redness to remove the scale, hammer on an anvil, and immerse n a bath of fermented bran water at $100^{\circ}$ Fah. fo about 12 hours. On removing brighten by pickling in oil of vitriol 1 part, water 20 parts, at $100^{\circ}$ Fah. Finish
by ecouring with hemp and fine sand. This is the usua by ecouring with hemp and fine sand. This is the usua
method. 2. Can I mix lead with the tin? If so, what method. 2. Can I mix lead with the tin? If so, what
proportion can be used $\%$. Lead can be mixed with proportion can be used ${ }^{?}$. A. Lead can be mixed wit
tin up to 50 per cent, but in such a bath the lower por ions soon become richer in lead on standing, and the
(22) J. S. B. M. asks: 1. How can mic di isolved so as to form a varnish? A. Mica canno n use to bring zin (metal) to a high polish for engraved signs? A. Use ne pumice stone and a little oil first, and finish wit
(23) E. H. B. asks: What is the method prokep anice house dry-he air ry-so that egg ithout spoiling? A. The dryness of an ice house pends more on its construction than anything else. The ice receptacle should be located so that the moisture of
theroommay be condensed on it and conveycd away. (24) G. T. asks for a receipt for a first class fice mucilage. Something that will not blister th paper as most of them do. A. Try the following: Goor gelatin, 5 oz .; rock candy, 20 oz ; ; gum arabic, 3 oz.;
water, 20 oz; oil of cloves, a few d dops, Soak the gelatin in the cold water over night, then heat to boiling for everal hours (replacing the lost water), and gradualls introduce the other materials.
(25) M. L. B. asks for a good receipt for a reparation that will effectually stop a constant steam bolts, or cracks in castings, etc.' I once was banded bolts, or cracks in castings, etc. I once was handed
for trial a preparation resembling yellow clay to be ap-

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plied just before turning on steam, that became ver hard; but lost name of article. A. Iron cements or rus joints are generally used for such purposes. The fol
lowing receipts are good: 1 . Iron borings, pounded fine in a mortar, 1 lb .; sal ammoniac, in powder, 2 oz flowers of sulphur, 1 oz . Mix the whole thoronghly
dry. For use mix 1 part of the above with 20 of fin iron borings, and mix with water to the consistence of
mortar. Use at once. $\quad 2$. Iron borings, 2 lb . (clean), flowers of sulphur, 1 oz ; sal-ammoniac, 1 oz . 3.98 pulphur and sal-ammoniac, all dry. Mix flowers and moisten with hot water, when required for use Fine clean iron borings, 1 lb .; sal-ammoniac and spiri of salt, each half an ounce; water to moisten thoroughly when required for use. The joint should be allowed to rest for at least 10 hours before putting under pressure For cracks calk in a little rope yarn fiber first, then calk
(26) C. M. asks for on easy chemical test for injurious gas in rooms warmed by a coal furnace A. We know of no simple way of testing air for sucb impurities. Carbonic oxide, the most to be dreaded of
such products of combustion is very difficult to detect, in such a connection by chemical means, but as it usually accompanies or is accompanied by carbonic acid gas, in such cases the detection of any considerable quantity of tie latter serves as an indication of the presence of the former. Carbonic acid is detected in air
by drawing the air through a solution of lime in distilled water (clear filtered). Carbonic acid precipitates carbonate of lime from such a solution, making the liquid air contains a trace of should be acid, bence the liquid will always be more or less affected. Experiment first with pure out-of-door air, then with the air of a badly
ventilated room, passing abont the same volume of air, ventilated room, passing abont the same volume of air,
and you will soon be able to judge whether very much

carbonic acid is present or not. A simple apparatus for stoppers and a few pieces of glass tubing, as indicated above. D contains the lime water. C, a safety bottle to prevent the entrance of air fron the lungs entering
through E . The mouth is applicd at $\mathbf{A}$. The air enters throug
at B.
(27) R. A. \& J. S. ask: Have you ever known machinery of $1 \pi 0$ horse power driven by a rub-
ber belt? What should be the width of a belt to convey that amount of power? A. Yes, if the speed of your belt is 3,000 feet per minute it should be about
30 inches wide. We refer you to two cases mentioned in "Cooper on Belting" page $15 \%$
(28) A. M. B. and others inquire how to make an oxyhydrogen iet for a magic lantern. A. The
cut shows a very convenient form of oxyhydrogen jet. cut shows a very convenient form of oxyhydrogen jet.
It is provided with two interchangeable jets, A B; the spindle, which holds the lime cglinder. is adjustable
lengthwise of the gas tubes, and is rotated by a fexible lengthwise of the gas tubes, and is rotated by a fexible
shaft coinnected with a revolving spindle extending to

of the water. Place an iron pan containing lard oil and
tallow, in about equal quantities, over a fire and place tallow, in about equal quantities, over a fire and place
the springs therein. and heat the pan until its contents the springs therein. and heat the pan untilite contents
then hold the springs in the flames, turning them over and over and dipping them occasionsilly in the oil to keep them blazing; when the oil adhering to them blazes freely when they are removed froni the
flames, place them aside to cool off. (3) place them aside to cool of.
(31) B. A. and others ask how to produc an illuminating composition. A. Cleanse oyster shells by well washing, expose them to a red heat for half a
hour, separate the cleanest parts, and put into a cru cible in alternate layers with sulphur; now expose the vessel to a red heat for an hour at least. When cold break the mass, and separate the whitest parts for use If inclosed in a bottle it is said the figures of a watch
may be distinguished by its ard. To renew the luminosity of the mass place the bottle each day in the sun or in strong daylight; or burn a strip of magnesium wire close to the bottle. The sulphide of lime will thu
ich win again be avallable at nig
(32) A. R. asks how to utilize old bones or fertilizing purposes. A. Unless the quantity is ver a heavy irou hammer, mall, or with a large stone mor tar. Place the fragments in a heating compost of yard manure and ashes, taking care to moisten it frequently with liquid manure if to be had, or with water in de fault of the urine. By spreading a thin coat of fresb earth or plaster over the pile, the escape of the valu
able ammonia will be prevented. Six months' time will suffice to disintegrate the bones and produce as complete and effective a manure as can be made on the farm. The proportion of ashes to bones should be at least an equal amount of ashes as of bones; more will
do no barm. The larger the amount of manure, within o no barm. The larger the amount of manure, within
reasonable tounds, the better; at least two or thre reasonable tounds, the better; at least two or
times as much as of both the others is advisable.
(38) H. P. R. asks how to make a small battery for operating electric jewelry. A. The essential parts of such a battery are, two plates of carbon,
one plate of well amalgamated zinc, and a solution made one plate of well amalgamated zinc, and a solution made
by dissolving 2 parts of hichromate of potash in 20parts by dissolving 2 parts of hichromate of potash in 20parts
of hot water, and when oold adding 1 part of sulphuric acid. The zinc plate is placed between the two carbon
at plates, leaving a space on each side. The carbon plates are connected together and with one of the conducting wires, the zinc plate is connected wort plates may be at-
ducting wire. The zinc and carbon tached to a rubber stopper fitted to a small jar or bottle containing the bichromate solution at the bottom below
the ends of the plates, and thesolution ine ends of the plates, and the solution may be brought on its side. This battery works powerfully for a short time, but the solution soon becomes exhausted and (B) M.
(34) M. B. B. asks: What is the best and easiest way of making a magneto or crank: batteryeasy way, but perhaps the easiest way is to mount an electro-magnet wound with No. 36 wire on a shaft so that it may revolve in proximity to the poles of a per-
manent U magnet. The sides of the magnet should be manent $U$ magnet. The sides of the magnet should be
parallet to the plane of rotation of the electro-magnet parallet to the plane of rotation of the electro-magnet
andas near to the latter as possible without actual conandas near to the latter as possible without actual con-
tact. The terminals of the magnet wire should be soldered to a commutator mensisting of a split ferrue sol tached to an insulating cylinder on the magnet shaft. The ferrule should be divided at diametrically opposite points, and one end of the wire should be attached to formed and cunnected is pressed formed and cunnected is pressed
by two springs insulated from
each other and connected with each other and connected with
metallic handles to be grasped metallic handles to be grasped
by the person treated by the current. The commutator cylinder iturned upon its shaft until
the maximum current is realized, when it is fastened. The machine
nay be driven by a small round
the back of the lantern. The burner is supported by a rod (not shown) projecting from a movable base. The
jet, A , is of the annular form, the small central jet being jet, A, is of the annular form, the small central jet being
for oxygen and the annular jet surrounding it for the hydrogen. There is no internal communication be tween the two pipes. The jet, B, combines both gases in the chamber beneath, and is not safe unless both gases are under equal pressure. Common illuminating gas may be used in place of pure hydrogen in the jet, A. and it may be taken directly from the burner of an ordinary gas fixture. Where two lanterns are employed the d
the oxygen.
(29) S. M. W. asks for the process of gild ing on common stone china, such cheap ware and gilding as we see so frequently at present in the shops. Also
can such ware be gilt by a gold solution without the use of fire 9 A. The gilding is done either by an adhesive varnish or by heat. The varnish is prepared by dissolving in hot boiled linseed oil an equal weight of either amber or copal. This is diluted with a proper quantity of oil of turpentine so as to be applied as thin as possi ble to the parts to be gilt. Let stand after varnishing
about 24 hours, then heat in an oven until so warm as about 24 hours, then heat in an oven until so warm as
almost to burn the fingers when handled. The heat softens the varnisb, which is then ready to receive the gold leaf, which may be applied with a brush or pledget of cotton, and the superfluous portions brushed off. Burnish when cold, interposing a piece of thin paper between the gold and burnisher. Where burning in is
practiced the gold reduced to powder is mixed with powdered borax glass (anhydrous burax), moistened with a little gum water, and applied to the clean surface with a camel hair pencil. When quitedry the article is put into a stove heated to about the temperature of an annealing oven. Thegum burns off, and the borax, by vitrifying, cements the gold with great firmness to the surface.
(30) M. M. H.-To temper gun springs, heat them evenly to a low red heat in a charcoal fire, and quench them in water with the cold chill off, keep-
ing them immersed until reduced to the temperature
may be driven by a small round
may be augmented by using a com.
belt, and its power may be
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Minerals, etc.-Specimens have been recei ved from the following correspondents, and examined, with the results stated
M. M.-The boiler incrustation consists of iron, lime and alumina sulphate, carbonate and silicate, derived from impure feed water. It may injure the metal if
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