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(1) C. B. C. writes: I am about painting my brick house, and a friend suggests using what is called "Brilliant Stucco Whitewash," that it was very much cheaper than oil colors, and, if properly put on, would be as durable as oil colors. He said one end of the White House, Washington, was painted with it and had proved a success. A. The stucco whitewash (see answer to O. E. C., page 375 (40), last volume), when properly prepared and applied, answers very well for out-of-door brick and wood work, and has been used with satisfaction on the north wall of the White House. It does not cover old painted walls so well.

(2) J. A. M. writes: I have a carriage which is trimmed with blue cloth, or rather cloth which has been blue, but now it is much faded. How can I put on some color without taking the trimmings off? A. Dissolve completely 1 oz. good cotton blue (aniline blue 6 B) in alcohol 1 pint, mixed with warm water, 1 quart. Apply with a full brush quickly, so as to obtain a uniform color.

(3) D. A. writes: In your paper, the SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN of May 21, you state the large steam cylinder cast at the Morgan Iron Works was made of gun metal. Will you please inform me through your paper if it was made of brass gun metal or iron gun metal? A. Iron gun metal.

(4) P. N. asks: What is the best method of ventilating an ordinary country school house, the usual size of which is 24x18 feet, and 10 feet high? Suppose the number of pupils to be twenty-five or thirty, and the room to be heated either by wood or coal stove, is the outside pure air heavier than the warm carbonic acid inside the school room? If the warm carbonic acid inside (which settles at the bottom of the room) is lighter than the cold outside air, how can it be forced or got out of the room? If heavier, how can the outside air get in the room near the bottom? Does an ordinary stove remove much more carbonic acid gas than is created by the combustion of the fuel, this on the supposition that there is considerable carbonic acid in the room resulting from breathing, etc.? A. The plan employed in the United States Army Hospitals is perhaps the best, namely: Have (1) under the stove a large opening through the floor, connected by an air shaft (say two feet square) with the outside air (not cellar); 2, openings for the outlet of foul air both around the baseboards of the walls and also near the ceilings; the openings being provided with shutters so that the escape of foul air may be regulated as the weather may require from near the floor or near the ceiling.

(5) P. S. M. writes: I am about setting up a horizontal tubular boiler, 8 feet by 2 feet, to heat my house. Could I attach a magazine similar in principle to that used in base-burning, self-feeding stoves, which would supply coal to the fire during the night, thereby keeping up a more equable heat and requiring less frequent firing? If such a thing is practicable how can it best be accomplished? A. A magazine cannot be readily attached to a horizontal boiler, but vertical boilers have been made with a central magazine extending parallel with the flues and provided with a ring at the lower end projecting into the fire box. Such boilers give good satisfaction.

(6) A. H. C. writes: 1. I have a telephone line, two miles in length, upon which I use the Blake transmitter and bell telephone and telegraph instruments for calling. How can I make condensers so as to get rid of the resistance and induction in the telegraph instruments, and how shall I connect them? A. It cannot be done with the ordinary telephones. See Professor Dolbear's telephone in last issue of the SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN. 2. Please give me directions for making a Leclanche battery (new pattern). A. See SUPPLEMENT, No. 159.

(7) Student asks: What is the height above sea level of Mount Mitchell, Mount Clingmans, Roan Mountain, and Bald Mountain, all in North Carolina? A. The twelve highest peaks of Black Mountains, North Carolina: Clingman's Peak, 6,701; Balsam Cone (Guyot's Peak), 6,661; Sandoz Knob, 6,612; Hairy Bear, 6,597; Cattaill Peak, 6,593; Gibbs' Peak, 6,586; Mitchell's Peak, 6,576; Sugar Loaf, 6,401; Potato Top, 6,389; Black Knob, 6,377; Bowler's Pyramid, 6,345; Roan Mountain, 6,318.

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