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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) N. P. H. asks: Is there a fireproof paint manufactured? If so, of what is it composed, and who makes it? If not, can it be made for outside work, and of what? A. We know of no paint that is absolutely fireproof. Water glass in connection with mineral matters and metallic oxides forms paints that are non-inflammable. See Water-glass, page 16, current volume.

(2) S. C. asks how many purposes olive oil is used for. A. Olive oil is chiefly used as a condiment, as a lubricant for light machinery, and in the manufacture of soap.

(3) M. J. M. asks: Would it be injurious to the health of the occupant of a sleeping room to burn a coal oil stove in the apartment two or three hours daily? A. Yes, if the room is not well ventilated.

(4) R. M. asks how to stain poplar wood in imitation of Spanish cedar for cigar box lumber. A. Kiln-dry the wood and stain it by immersion in nitric acid or in strong nitrate or sulphate of iron solution. Then oil slightly.

(5) M. E. K. asks: What kind of cement is used, and what the process of putting the rubber coating on to the rollers of clothes wringers? A. Use marine glue. See receipt No. 8, under Cements, page 1025, SUPPLEMENT, No. 158.

(6) W. & S. ask: What is the fastest run on record of a locomotive? A. Locomotives have run on straight track at the rate of 70 to 75 miles per hour.

(7) W. G. B. asks: Is galvanized iron pipe fit to be used as a suction pipe for wells or cisterns intended for family uses? Is it poisonous? Which is the most durable, and which would be the best: galvanized or tarred pipe? A. Galvanized iron pipe should not be used for water for domestic purposes. It is likely to poison the water. We should prefer the tarred pipe.

(8) E. H. asks: Why do some chemistries give AmS as a group test and others AmHS? A. The former is according to the older system of nomenclature. Ammonic sulphide should be expressed H.(NH₄)S. 2. How much H₂S will water absorb under ordinary pressure? A. From three to six times its volume, according to temperature. 3. About what per cent of the gas is absorbed while passing through half a foot of water? A. It depends upon the size of the bubbles, the quantity of gas passed in a given time, the temperature and degree of saturation of the liquid, and the pressure. 4. Does not H₂S affect rubber? A. Slightly.

(9) G. W. D. asks for the composition of what is called phosphor brass, and how it is mixed and melted together. A. In preparing phosphor brass, about one-tenth of one per cent of dry phosphorus is introduced into the melted metal (good red brass) in a covered crucible.

(10) G. C. D. asks: How shall I construct a wood building capable of keeping lime from air slaking in hot weather? A. Make the structure as nearly airtight as possible. Good common building paper, well lapped, can be used with advantage for lining wooden sheds. Lime may be kept for an indefinite time unchanged in dry air. Moisture in the air is what occasions the slaking.

(11) C. O. A. asks how to separate the silver from a solution of cyanuret of potassium and nitrate of silver. A. Add to the warm solution hydrochloric acid until a precipitate ceases to form, separate the precipitate by filtration, dry it, mix the dry powder with an equal weight of borax glass (anhydrous borax) and heat all gradually to bright redness in a small covered black lead crucible. Cool, break the crucible, and remove the button of silver which will be found at the bottom if the fusion has been properly carried out. The decomposition of the double cyanide by acid should be accomplished out of doors and with care to avoid inhaling the very poisonous gases given off.

(12) W. G. M. asks: Could a spring weighing apparatus be constructed to accurately show the weight of substances varying from 50 lb. to 2 tons, and how would such an apparatus be affected by the temperature? Could an instrument capable of accomplishing the above be made by use of water pressure, or a gas in a tight cylinder? A. Springs, air or gas, would be affected by change of temperature. It could probably be effected by a column of water, though change of temperature would affect it slightly.

(13) S. S. asks: How can I best extract the oversaltiness and sweeten the flavor of hams and bacon preparatory to smoking them? [Perhaps some of our readers can furnish our correspondent with this information.]

(14) W. W. asks how to clean a white Manila hat. A. Sprinkle with water and expose it to the fumes of burning sulphur in a tight box.

(15) G. E. D. asks: 1. What is used to stain violins? A. See page 74, answer No. 6, vol. xlv. 2. What is used to prevent toilet or shaving soap from shrinking—is it pressed? If so, where can I get a press, and what do they cost? A. The natural shrinking is allowed to take place before pressing. See column of Business and Personal and Hints to Correspondents. 3. Which makes the strongest floor, two one-inch board or two inch plank, where the sleepers are two or two and a half feet apart? A. The boards, if tongued and grooved; otherwise there is little difference, if they are of the same stuff and equally well seasoned.

(16) R. N. asks: How is cotton seed oil made? A. See "The Manufacture of Cotton Seed Oil," page 25, current volume.

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