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(1) E. E. asks: What are the proportions of aluminum and silver for an aluminum and silver alloy? A. An alloy of 100 parts of aluminum and 5 of silver can be worked like pure aluminum, but is harder and susceptible of a beautiful polish. An alloy of 100 parts of silver and 6 of aluminum is nearly as hard as ordinary silver, but has the advantage over it of containing no metal of a poisonous nature or which can effect a discoloration of the silver.

(2) A. S. M. asks: 1. In passing a current of electricity through the primary of an induction coil, what direction through the induced current take in the secondary coil? Will it be from the inner to the outer coil, or vice versa? A. When the current is sent through the primary the secondary current will be in one direction; and when the primary circuit is broken, the secondary current will take the opposite direction. 2. In winding the magnetic coils for telephones, is it possible to so wind them as to produce opposing currents and thus counteract or neutralize the effect of the current, and if so, what is the proper way to wind them to produce a continuous current? A. Yes, they may be wound so as to produce a magnetic effect, by winding two parallel wires with their inner ends connected together as in a rheostat. If the wire is wound like the thread on an ordinary spool of cotton, it will work properly; but there is nothing in a telephone capable of producing a continuous current. 3. Should the magnetic poles in a pair of telephone receivers be of the same sign and the coils wound alike, or should they be of opposite sign and the coils wound in opposite direction, and what direction should the coil be wound for each sign? A. It makes no appreciable difference, since the current commonly employed in telephones is alternating in its character. It is well to have all of the spools of about the same resistance.

(3) D. A. R. writes: I have constructed a dynamo-electrical machine from the drawing contained in SUPPLEMENT, No. 161, and which is shown on the first page. I cannot get any current from it at all. Everything looks all right as compared with the drawings, which I have studied a great deal, and yet I cannot find the difficulty. I connected a small battery, to see if my coils were all right. I found the current passed through, but upon starting the machine the current did not gain any, in fact grew weaker. My armature fits quite close in the magnets—probably a very thin sheet of paper could not be passed between them. The armature is wound with one piece of No. 18 cotton covered copper wire, and the ends soldered on to the section of copper ferrule on the commutator, and the copper springs are made with seven tongues in order to give them a softer bearing on the commutator; in fact, everything looks right, though I do not quite understand how the current passes through the commutator and armature. As the machine is constructed it seems to me the current must be somewhat mixed up there. I did not wrap any cloth around the armature before winding. I used brass in every case mentioned, and when brass was not mentioned I used iron. If you can give me any light upon the subject it will greatly oblige one of your many readers. A. As several of our correspondents have

written us that they have succeeded in making operative machines after the directions given in THE SUPPLEMENT, we are obliged to conclude that you have made some mistake. You may have short circuited your magnet wire, or the wire on your armature, or you may have made some mistake in your connections, or in the position of your commutator. It is possible your armature is made of hard iron, or it may be that the wire on the bulb magnet is wound so as to make both poles of the same name. Compare your machine with the drawings in THE SUPPLEMENT, and see if it is in all respects according to the instructions given.

(4) D. D. N. writes: I wish to shorten my needle in surveyor's compass about one one-hundredth of an inch. Will grinding, filing, or wetting the end affect or injure the magnetic strength? A. Somewhat. 2. Can stems of chimneys made of plank be painted so as not to catch fire? A. No.

(5) F. H. says: in making rollers for my printing presses I made them by adding sugar and molasses to the mixture. I tore the rollers in getting them out of the moulds. I tried to remelt them over a water bath, also over the fire in a pan by adding a little water to the rollers after cutting them up in small pieces, but could not get them to melt. Can they be remelted, and if so, will you kindly inform me how? A. Cut fine, add a small quantity of glycerine, and continue the heat for some time. See that the moulds are well oiled.

NEW BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS.

FIFTY YEARS OF SCIENCE. By Sir John Lubbock. London: Macmillan & Co. 8vo, cloth. pp. 90. 75 cents.

A library edition of the notable presidential address of Sir John Lubbock at the York meeting of the British Association.

THE STUDY OF TRANCE, MUSCLE READING, AND ALLIED NERVOUS PHENOMENA IN EUROPE AND AMERICA; WITH A LETTER ON THE MORAL CHARACTER OF TRANCE SUBJECTS, AND A DEFENSE OF DR. CHARCOT. By George M. Beard, A.M., M.D., New York.

This privately printed pamphlet is sufficiently described on the title page as above. It is largely a defense of the author's "concentration" theory of trance and of the correctness of his interpretation of the facts of "mind reading," or, more correctly, muscle reading.

THE SECRET OF WINGS. By George B. Starkweather. Washington: H. W. Beadle & Co. 50 cents.

Mr. Starkweather is an acute observer and a caustic critic. His pamphlet is decidedly entertaining; but as a practical contribution to the promised art of aerial navigation it might be more valuable if it gave an explicit statement of how, in the author's opinion, the "secret of wings" is to be applied in a flying machine.

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AND EACH BEARING THAT DATE. [Those marked (r) are reissued patents.]

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