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(1) G. A. C. sends formula for solders for nickel. They are the result of practical experience and may be recommended. The solders are more malleable than those recommended in SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN, August 12, but not so white. They are: For fine or high grade nickel, 3 parts yellow brass, 1 part coin silver. For low grade nickel, 15 parts yellow brass, 5 parts coin silver, 4 parts zinc (pure or plate zinc). Melt the brass and silver with borax for a flux, and the zinc in small pieces, stir with an iron rod, pour in a slab mould, and cool slowly, when it can be rolled thin for cutting.

(2) S. K. H. asks: 1. Is there any preparation which can be applied to horses and cattle, as well as to men, that will effectually keep away flies and mosquitoes? A. Some one of the mixtures containing oil of pennyroyal might answer. 2. How long will one application be effective? A. Until its presence ceases to be perceptible by its odor. 3. How can the preparation be procured or made? A. See SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN, August 5, 1882.

(3) J. R. S. writes: 1. I am about to build a boat 19 feet long, 3 feet 10 inches broad and 8 inches depth in center. Are my proportions right for a screw wheel yacht for speeds? A. We think 20 inches or 21 inches better depth, and if 3 feet longer, would be better for speed. 2. What size engine and boiler, also wheel, are required to run it from 8 to 10 miles per hour? A. 4 inches diameter of cylinder by 4 inches stroke; boiler with about 110 feet heating surface. 3. About what will such a boiler cost? A. It will depend upon the kind of boiler you use, probably \$300 to \$220; propeller 20 inches to 24 inches diameter, and 36 inches or 38 inches pitch. 4. Will such a boat have to be inspected? It is to be run only on a small river. A. Yes.

(4) J. F. L. asks: Can a locomotive pull more than its own weight? Example: If a 70 ton engine had 70 tons of solid matter in one cart attached to it, could it draw it? If so, could it pull it more easily than if it were put into 7 cars of 10 tons each, the engine not to use any substance to assist it, the track to be straight and level? A. Yes, the friction and resistances of air, etc., are less to one car than to a larger number. The pull of a locomotive is not the dead weight of the load, but merely the resistance due to friction, resistance of air, etc. See "How much will a Locomotive Pull," in SUPPLEMENT 184.

(5) B. A. L. asks: 1. Is there anything that is really straight, or is it possible to draw a true straight line? A. Depends upon what is meant by "really straight," and "true straight line." A mathematical straight line is not a "thing." A conventional straight line is a mark which more or less exactly covers the shortest distance between two points. The imperfection of our means for describing such a line makes it practically impossible to attain absolute straightness. 2. Can a true circle be made? If these are impossibilities how is it demonstrated? A. A circle practically "true" can be made. An absolute "true" circle cannot be made. 3. What means were used in showing that the earth itself exerted attractions on bodies, such as drawing a plumb line from the vertical? A. Every falling body proves it. 4. What influence has the moon over the weather? A. The moon's influence upon the weather is so exceedingly slight that its amount is not determinable. 5. If none, how is it that the so-called wet and dry moons very frequently and mostly come out as predicted? A. Weather predictions based on the moon's changes "do not mostly come out as predicted."

(6) E. M. C. writes: 1. I am erecting a factory in which I shall have occasion to convey steam for both power and heat (boiling) considerable distances and in considerable quantities. Boiler pressure will be about 80 pounds. Would there be any advantage either in economy or otherwise in superheating the steam? A. By superheating you would lose less pressure by the traverse of the pipe, and have higher temperature for boiling. 2. What is the best material and mode of protecting the pipes, many of which will traverse open air intervals, where the thickness of the covering may be carried to any desirable extent without inconvenience? A. Hair, felt, asbestos, and mineral wool are all good if not exposed to moisture. 3. Can you refer me to any work in which the qualities and employment of superheated steam are comprehensively treated in a practical manner? A. This information is scattered through various works on steam and the steam engine.

(7) D. H. R. asks how to make good black or red indelible ink; red is preferable. A. See "Inks," in SUPPLEMENT, No. 157.

(8) C. B. J. asks: Please describe a cheap solution for rendering wood waterproof and fireproof. A. "Preservation of Wood," in SUPPLEMENT, No. 272.

(9) C. C. R. writes: I am building a three-cylinder engine to take steam at one end only of each cylinder. The cylinders are 2 1/2 inch bore, with 4-inch stroke, with a boiler pressure of 75 pounds; engine to run 400 revolutions. How can I figure out the power of said engine? A. You can calculate the engine as a single cylinder, taking steam at both ends, and then add 50 per cent to the result for the third cylinder. But the loss by friction and radiation will be greater in the three cylinders than in one cylinder giving out the same power.

(10) G. M. writes: A and B have a controversy concerning a hollow brick wall built to exclude the heat of summer. A claims that the inclosed air space should be entirely cut off from the external air and no circulation allowed. B claims that the circulation should be as free as possible. Which is right? What is the best way to build such a wall? A. B is right. Build the wall double, with an occasional "header," to tie the walls together, but not to be so tied as that difference of expansion and contraction shall crack the walls.

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INDEX OF INVENTIONS

FOR WHICH

Letters Patent of the United States were Granted in the Week Ending

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