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## Notes &amp; Queries

## 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.

Correspondents sending samples of minerals, etc., for examination, should be careful to distinctly mark or label their specimens so as to avoid error in their identification.

(1) B. D. V. R. writes: 1. How can I make a copying ink that can be copied thirty days after writing? A. See, "Inks" SUPPLEMENT, No. 157. 2. How are erasing tablets for lead pencil made? A. They are merely more or less vulcanized gum rubber and moulded into shape. 3. How are aniline leads made? A. See SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN SUPPLEMENT, 186, under "Colored Pencils." 4. How large should be the reservoirs in the acetate of soda stove described in the SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN, vol. xlvii, No. 3, page 40, to warm a common sized bedroom? How much of each of the soda salts will it require to properly fill the three reservoirs? How long will they require boiling to be melted? A. About 2 ft. 8 in. in height. 1 pound hyposulphite of soda and 10 pounds acetate of soda. Twenty or thirty minutes at a good heat.

(2) L. B. S. asks by what means the crystallized tin used for covering trunks is prepared, how the crystals are produced, and by what the varnishes are colored. A. The crystalline effect may be produced by dipping it into a bath of equal parts muriatic and nitric acids, and 5 parts of water, and quickly rinsing off with hot water. Ordinary transparent colors are mixed with the varnish.

(3) C. B. D. asks: 1. What quantities respectively of nitrate of lead and chloride of sodium must I use to make a saturated solution of chloride of lead in one gallon of water? A. Lead chloride (PbCl<sub>2</sub>) may be prepared by precipitating a solution to contain 65 ounces. If both salts are quite pure, 23½ parts (by weight) of sodium chloride will precipitate 65 parts of lead nitrate, yielding 55½ parts dry lead chloride. Lead chloride is scarcely at all soluble in cold water at 60° Fahr. A gallon of water will not hold more than one-quarter ounce of the substance. It dissolves in hot water readily, but crystallizes out again as the water cools. 2. Is such a solution an efficient disinfectant for water closets? A. When used as a disinfectant in closets, etc., the salt may be mixed with or suspended in water (half a pound to the gallon), but it is better to use the hot solution. Lead chloride is an excellent disinfectant. It absorbs or neutralizes various organic nitrogenous and ammoniacal vapors and sulphureted hydrogen.

(4) E. B. asks: Is there a simple test to determine whether the air of an apartment contains sewer gas? A. Saturate unglazed paper with a solution of one ounce of pure lead acetate in half a pint of rain water; let it partially dry, then expose in the room suspected of containing sewer gas. The presence of the latter in any considerable quantity soon darkens or blackens the test paper.

(5) J. Z. & Co. write: 1. We tried your ebony receipt, "hot solution of logwood and cold solution of sulphate of iron." But we cannot put fine carvings where there are more or less glued parts on it, in the solution; therefore we would like to know of an ebony stain which could be applied with a small brush. If you know of one please state it. A. Have the work smooth and free from holes. Dissolve in one quart of hot water about one-half ounce of ordinary logwood, and add to it two ounces of sulphate of iron (copperas) previously dissolved in half pint of water; mix well and apply to the wood hot with a brush. Digest two pounds of iron filings with a pint of good vinegar for several days, draw off the liquid, and when the work treated as above is dry, go over the surface again with this liquid. Dry again, sandpaper smooth, oil, and fill in with powdered drop black in the filler. Use a quick drying varnish, and rub down smooth with pumice. 2. Please give us

a receipt to make a good polish to polish walking canes and other hard wood, also wood carvings. State how it shall be used. A. The following process gives the most satisfactory and hardest finished surface: Fill with best clear filler or with shellac; dry by heat; rub down with pumice stone; then put on three coats of clear spirit copal varnish, hardening each in an oven at a temperature as hot as the wood and gum will safely stand. For extra work the two first coats may be rubbed down and the last allowed a flowing coat. For colored grounds alcoholic shellac varnish with any suitable pigment (very finely ground in) can generally be used to advantage.

(6) C. T. E. asks whether and in what rubber can be dissolved. A. Unvulcanized rubber dissolves in bisulphide of carbon or warm naphtha. For common vulcanized rubber we know of no good solvent.

(7) H. M. R. asks: Can you tell me how to prepare a paint which will adhere to my galvanized iron tank and not crack off? A. Heat asphaltum to boiling in a capacious iron vessel for eight hours, then add one-sixth its weight of boiled linseed oil, and one-twentieth its weight of well calcined copperas. Stir well together for half an hour or more; then remove out of doors (away from fire), let it cool a little, and stir in enough oil of turpentine to reduce it to proper consistency for use with the brush.

(8) W. A. H. asks: 1. If such were possible, how far need a body go above the earth before the earth would cease to attract it? A. Theoretically every particle of matter in the universe is attracted by the earth. 2. Is that point above the atmosphere, and what distance? A. At any point within our atmosphere the earth's attraction preponderates. 3. Would a body which would get outside the earth's attraction be attracted by some other planet? A. A body cannot get beyond the earth's attraction. Whether it is attracted most by the earth or some other body will depend upon relative proximity.

(9) C. A. B. asks: 1. Is it unsafe in a dwelling house to have the pipes from hot air furnace near to or in contact with woodwork? A. It is not considered safe to let the hot air pipes touch any wood work; two inches clearance is generally allowed here. Registers on lower floors should have iron or soapstone frames, so as to keep the pipes clear from the floors. The smoke pipe should be at least one foot clear of woodwork. In steam heating apparatus, it is not so necessary to have a clearance around hot air pipes or rings around registers. But the smoke pipe should have nearly the same clearance as in hot air furnaces. 2. Is there any way to remove iron stains from marble without injury to the latter? A. Try oxalic acid. 3. I am making a cane from ebony; how shall I polish it? A. Varnish the cane with shellac and rub down with French polish.

MINERALS, ETC.—Specimens have been received from the following correspondents, and examined, with the results stated:

A. B.—It is chiefly iron sulphide—pyrites.—G. W.—It is galena, a sulphide of lead, and contains silver; if it occurs in any quantity an assay would be advisable.—E. L. D.—The yellow part is iron pyrites—of little or no value; the rest is quartz and limestone.—H. A. I.—It is a common clay slate, not what is sometimes called "blossom." It cannot be strictly considered as an indication of coal.—J. W. J.—1. Is a mixture of mica albite and quartz, similar to many granites. 2. Are fossil belemnites. 3. Is a crystal of calcite, a carbonate of lime. 4. Fossil crinoid stems.—F. J. F.—No. 1. Galena, lead sulphide. Some of this ore may contain silver. No. 2. Silicious selvage from lead ore vein.—J. V. McC.—It is sulphide of iron pyrites—of very little value.—C. V. K.—It is a piece of bitumen mixed with some iron pyrites.—Rev. H. C. S.—It is a nodule of partially altered iron pyrites; iron sulphide—not valuable.—E. W.—It is an impure silicious limestone. The bright particles are iron sulphide, of little value.—C. D. P.—It is gypsum-lime sulphate; when properly roasted it yields plaster of Paris.

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