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See New American File Co.'s Advertisement, p. 174.

Drop Hammers, Power Shears, Punching Presses, Die Sinkers. The Pratt & Whitney Co., Hartford, Conn.

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Steam Pumps. See adv. Smith, Waile & Co., p. 172.

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Notes & Queries

HINTS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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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.

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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) D. P. asks if the Leclanché prism battery—one cell—would operate Prof. Hughes' induction balance. A. Yes.

(2) J. S. asks: Will a cannon ball fired vertically in the air return with the same force with which it left the cannon's mouth? A. The same force, less the friction of the atmosphere during its ascent and return.

(3) B. H. asks: How can I make a cast iron tank hold coal oil? It does not appear to leak through the pores of the iron, but creeps up the sides and over the edges as though they were lamp wicks. I want a composition that can be easily applied. A. Make your receiver airtight. Creeping cannot be avoided.

(4) J. S. P. asks: Does it require any more feed water to keep the steam pressure of a boiler at 60 pounds than at 40, after the pressure has been raised, provided the amount of steam used from boiler is governed by the governor on engine? A. If the work done by the engine is the same, the difference would be scarcely appreciable; it would be a trifle greater at 60 pounds, as the loss from leaks and radiation would be somewhat more.

(5) V. E. N. writes: I have noticed many times that while whittling the shavings would stick to my hands, knife blade, and clothes, the same as bits of iron would to a magnet. T is was while sitting close to a stove. Will you please explain the cause of that? A. The adherence of the shavings is due to electrical attraction, the electricity being generated by the friction of the knife on the dry wood.

(6) F. W. D. writes: In SUPPLEMENT, No. 252, are given instructions for making telescopes; the eye-piece is described as of medium power. Will you please give the foci required for a higher and a lower power, as there mentioned. A. For a lower power use a field lens of 2 1/2 inch focus and eye-lens 3/4 inch focus, 1 1/2 inch apart; both plano-convex. For a higher power use a field lens of 1 1/2 inch focus, eye-lens 3/4 inch focus, 3/4 inch apart; plano-convex.

(7) J. L. asks for the method of making asbestos lime and magnesium carbons. A. Powder the materials very finely and then mix in any desired proportion with the carbon, however, in such a manner that the conductivity of the carbon is not impaired in any very great degree, for energy is lost in heating up these incombustible materials. For further information consult Dr. Moncel's work on the "Electric Light."

(8) E. I. G. writes: Will you inform me through your paper as to what use ground or pulverized mica is put? A. Diamond dust, which is used to powder the hair, is ground mica. The luster of the costly French silver mouldings is due to ground mica. As a lubricator, it is very good, and mixed with oil it lasts longer than any other ingredient. The wonderful showers of diamonds in spectacular plays are mica scales. It is also used to dust signs, to make them glisten. See SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN, May 21, 1881.

(9) C. R. R. asks: 1. Could I use a common double-acting vertical steam pump for compressing air into a reservoir to run a 3 horsepower rotary engine? A. No. 2. Will compressed air work as well as steam in a steam engine, the air in the reservoir being at usual pressure of steam in a boiler? A. No. 3. Would a steam gauge do for air reservoir? A. Yes. It would be much better for you to use your steam direct than to compress air for power. With steam you will get more than double the effect at the same cost.

(10) W. C. asks: 1. Is the "go-ahead" eccentric on a locomotive ahead of the crank pin or behind? In what position do both eccentrics stand on the crank shaft with the pin? A. Both the go-ahead and backing eccentrics are set ahead of the cranks, so as to be in advance of the crank, whatever way the engine is running. 2. What is the simplest way to tell which of the eccentrics has slipped, in case they do slip? Also the simplest way to set them. A. The eccentric and shaft should be marked in the correct position, then a slip can be detected by mere examination and the eccentric reset in its proper place by the marks.

(11) A. H. S. M. Co. ask: 1. What kind of wood can be used for a tank to hold material for sizing hats, which is a mixture of hot water and oil vitriol, of different degrees of strength? A. Sulphuric acid, unless very concentrated, can be retained in lead lined tanks without its attacking the lead. 2. Can you advise us how the pitch from yellow pine can be expelled from the wood? A. Possibly by heating the wood cautiously in a steam chamber or oven, the pitch can be expelled more or less.

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FOR WHICH

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

March 6, 1883,

AND EACH BEARING THAT DATE.

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Table listing inventions with patent numbers and names of inventors. Includes items like Alcohol and acoholic liquors, Amalgamating and concentrating ores, Animal trap, Arch and ceiling, etc.

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