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Notes & 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 the 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) T. H. asks: Can a person make for his own personal use an article that is protected by patent right without infringing on the inventor's right? A. The general rule is that no one may make, use, or sell a patented article without the consent of the patentee. But the rule has exceptions: 1. Any person may make a patented article for experiment, that is, to ascertain, bona fide, if the article will operate as set forth in the patent. 2. Any person may make a patented article for the purpose of determining whether the statements in the patent are true. 3. Any one may make a patented article to be used in connection with new improvements as a model before the Patent Office.

(2) H. and M. ask for a formula for the preparation of a good polishing liquid to apply to name plates of bronze (not "phosphor"). A. First remove all scratches with emery paper or cloth, and then rub, using a buffer, a mixture of tripoli and sperm oil.

(3) C. H. W. writes: I noticed in your answers to correspondents that corrosive sublimate will preserve birds' eggs. How am I to make a solution of it that will preserve the eggs and prevent the white ones from turning black? A. Corrosive sublimate is soluble in 6 parts cold water, in 3 parts hot water, in alcohol, and in ether. Coat the eggs with the solution by using a camel's hair brush. 2. Will alcohol freeze when diluted one-half? A. The water will freeze, leaving the alcohol fluid.

(4) A. X. L. De C.—Parisian copying ink: A strong solution of logwood extract is treated with one per cent of alum and then with as much lime water, so that a permanent precipitate is formed. Some drops of weak calcium chloride are added, so that a perceptible bluish black color is attained, and hydrochloric acid is added drop by drop until a red solution is obtained. A little gum with half of one per cent of glycerine is added. To remove the ink from the chromograph, cold water and a sponge will suffice.

(5) W. A. G.—To polish agates for specimens: Grind the surface upon a true grindstone until you get a fair, smooth surface. Then rub them on a sole leather strap nailed to a board; wet the leather with water and apply crocus or rouge. The polishing must be done wet to give a fine gloss.

(6) J. D. G. asks: How much coal ought a good boiler to require per hour per horse power? How much water ought 1 pound of coal to evaporate into steam at 100 pounds pressure? How many square inches of grate surface for one horse power boiler? How many pounds of water required for each horse power? Will glass pressing against a wire rope wear the rope out as quick as brass would pressing against the rope? A. A first class boiler should produce 1 horse power per hour with the consumption of 6 pounds of anthracite coal; 1 pound of coal should evaporate from 9 to 10 1/2 pounds of water at 100 pounds pressure when doing light work. If water foams in boiler, it will be carried over in a vesicular state or as wet steam, and indicates a larger percentage than is due to the power produced. In large boilers one-half to three-fourths of square foot of grate surfaces is allowed per horse power. In boilers under 10 horse power, 1 foot to the horse power. It requires about 62 pounds water to the horse power per hour.

(7) H. B. writes: I am going to work a marble quarry in Canada; will you please state where I can see the best appliances both for quarrying and sawing, in operation. A. Marble quarrying is carried on extensively in Vermont, near Rutland. Probably the

finest appliances for sawing and dressing are to be found in the large marble works of New York and vicinity.

(8) R. S. writes: A mill dam is 1,000 feet from mill and 50 feet above it; we want to know which will give the most power with the same amount of water—to run it on an incline straight to mill, or to run it nearly level to mill and then perpendicular: Water to run in iron pipe and full capacity. A. Run it nearly level to the mill; you will then have the benefit of the wholefall. If run in a pipe, you lose the head required to overcome the friction of the pipe.

(9) A. D. asks: 1. Can you tell me how to bleach celluloid articles (restore their whiteness after they become yellow from exposure)? A. Sapolin can be used for this purpose. The manufacturers of celluloid furnish a preparation called celluline for this purpose. 2. What is the best sign writer's black, and how mixed to dry glossy and not oil the paper? A. This sign writer's black can be procured already mixed of desirable quality from large paint houses in this city. 3. What is the best oil for belting, and how applied? A. Castor oil is the best for this purpose, but any oil is of doubtful utility. 4. What happens to belts (on light work) that are not oiled? A. Nothing except usual wear. 5. What oil injures leather most? A. Kerosene is the most injurious oil to use. 6. How can bright iron be protected from rust? A. See SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN SUPPLEMENT, page 6270, No. 393.

(10) R. S. G. asks: What diameters are required for two rubber cylinders, say 10 or 12 feet long inflated with air, in order to sustain a weight of three hundred pounds in water? It is my intention to use these cylinders under a light framework as a raft or catamaran to fish in lakes in the north wilderness should they prove more portable than a canvas canoe. A. To immerse them about half their diameter, should be 10 inches diameter and 10 feet in length.

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

H. M. M.—No. 1 is pyrite (iron sulphide) in quartz. No. 2 is quartz. Gold is generally found in pyrite or in quartz.—J. W. U.—No. 1 is a slate containing pyrite (iron sulphide). No. 2 is a compact sandstone containing pyrite. No. 3 is a close grained sandstone showing specks of iron sulphide. Nos 4 and 5 are different varieties of the same mineral as No. 3, with pyrite running through them. They are all of no apparent value except the building purposes.

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