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ORIGINAL RESEARCHES IN MINERALOGY AND CHEMISTRY. By J. Lawrence Smith. Edited by J. B. Marvin. Printed at Louisville, Ky., for presentation only.

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SEASONAL CLIMATIC MAPS OF THE UNITED STATES. By Charles Denison. Rand, McNally & Co., Chicago.

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Annual Report of the United States Secretary of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1884. Washington: Government Printing Office. (of feet in 40 miles by this sum, you will of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1884. Washington: Government Printing Office.)

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THE FIREMAN'S GUIDE. A handbook on the care of boilers. By Karl P. Dahlstrom. E. & F. N. Spon, New York and London.

EE'S MAP OF THE INDUSTRIES OF PITTSBURG AND ALLEGHENY CITY. No. 2. Alex. G. Lee, Pitts-



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(1) G. F.—For ascertaining the volume of steam used in lifting water by an injector: From measurements of the suction tank and receiving tank ascertain the increase of bulk of receiving tank after a stated run of the injector in cubic feet of water, which mid-relied by 62 to pounds, the weight of one cubic foot of water, will give the amount of water derived from the steam in boiler. Multiply the weight of water thus ascertained by the tabular number of cubic feet of steam per pound of water for the pressure that you carry in the boiler, for the volume of steam used. You will find this table in most works on steam for every pound of

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and so on. The temperature is not essential in any ordinary computation, as the volume of water discharged modifies the temperature and becomes the absolute basis of calculation.

(2) B. asks: What is considered the general analysis of ground beef bones? A. The following charge of the motive power and repairs of a prominent analysis by Heintz is given in Ure. It is of the femur

Animal matter30.58
Phosphate of lime
Fluoride of calcium 2.69
Carbonate of lime 6.99
Phosphate of magnesia 2.07

(3) J. M. C.—Roofing tile when properly laid have a life of several hundred years more or less, according with climate. Slate a little less. Slate is the cheapest. Roofing tile is made in New Jersey.

(4) G. P.—Make soft solder from tea lead by melting with equal part of block tin.

(5) H. A. P.—We presume annatoine is one of the numerous synonyms for annatto, the yellow coloring matter.

(6) J. H. D. asks for a cement or paste that will fasten cotton cloth on sheet iron, that will withstand the action of weather and rain. A. Use a cement made by melting equal parts of asphalt and gutta percha, and applying the mass hot under a press. See also waterproof cement, Scientific American Sup-

(7) F. W. S. asks: What can be added to ashes from bituminous coal, that will form good and inexpensive walks for yards and grounds used only for pedestrians? How made and how put down? A. Good hydraulic cement, equal parts by measure. Mix dry, then wet the whole quickly as in making mortar, and spread smoothly with shovel. Two inches thick is sufficient for ordinary paths.

(8) W. J. S. asks: What will remove the coloring matter. those black flesh worms from the face? A. Cover the parts affected with a pomade consisting of kaolin 4 parts, glycerine 3 parts, acetic acid 2 parts, with the addition

(9) B. F. S.—For removing ink see the answer given to queries Nos. 39 and 41, in our issue of remove the scar, except time. The skin is burnt, and it November 22, 1884. Manhattan Island is 131/2 miles long, and 21/4 miles in width at certain points.

(10) J. B. asks how many steam boilers there are in the United States. A. According to the census of 1880, there were 72,304 boilers in use in manufacturing industries, and 5,403 steam vessels. Poor also

(11) W. C. B.—Flexible tubes, such as rubber hose and the like, are largely used for transmitting the elements of power, such as steam, air, and water; but the motion due to such power has to be developed at the exit end of such tubes by appropriate appliances. Your half horse power from a blast is feasible, but we cannot construct your appliance.

(12) E. A. P. asks for receipt for making green ink that will copy. A. The receipt for a green ink is given on page 2498 of Scientific Ameri-CAN SUPPLEMENT, No. 157. The addition of a small quantity of glycerine will cause it to copy. An aniline the water. green soluble in water and mixed with glycerine with a little alcohol should likewise give satisfactory results.

(13) E. W. A.—Locomotive wheels and car wheels vary much in size. If you will multiply the diameter of any wheel by 3.1416, and divide the number of feetin 40 miles by this sum, you will obtain the whole number of revolutions in 1 hour; divide this paint that in a short time, it can be readily removed

(14) J. E. L. asks: How many pounds to the square inch is called high, and how many pounds is called low, pressure of steam, when used in buildings for heating purposes and return to boiler? A. From 10 pounds upward is generally called high pressure; from 0 pound to 10 pounds, low pressure. Much of our low pressure heating is efficient with from 1 to 3 pounds.

(15) E. R. asks (1) what to add to China ink to make it flow easily and without interruptions on tracing cloth. A. It has been found that if genuine Indian ink be rubbed with good black ink until it will flow easily from a pen, excellent results will ensue. 2. Whether there is any possibility of restoring the transparency of tracing cloth, when it has been damaged by water drops, so that in copies made by the blue process no stains will be noticed, and what should be done to the purpose? A. Tracing cloth is coated with a varnish which varies with different makers, so that the spots can be restored by coating them with the proper varnish, whatever it may be. Frequently equal parts of Canada balsam and turpentine are used.

(16) P. B.—Encke's comet is not visible as yet to the naked eye. For other particulars see illustrated article in Scientific American, January 24, 1885. A planet is said to be stationary when the or bital motion of the earth and the planet so coincide that the planet appears for a short time not to move in its position among the stars. The nodes are the points where the orbits of the planets intercept the ecliptic, descending south, ascending north.

(17) P. H. McN. asks: Is there any loss of motor power in the use of the reciprocating steam engine in transferring that power from the reciprocating to the rotary motion, through the crank and its connections to the main shaft? If so, what per cent? I find that engineers differ on this subject. A. Engineers do not differ so much as to the fact as they do in the methods and pecessity of overcoming the apparent loss by special contrivances. Although the actual loss may be about 37 per cent, the smoothness of motion of the crank and its ease of reversion are well worthy of its loss of power over the jerky rectilinear motion. Modern engineering practice has long since settled the theoretical dispute in favor of the crank.

(18) F. J. C. asks for a receipt for frosting silver. A. Dip the article in a solution of nitric acid and water, half and half. for a few minutes, then wash well in clean water, and dry in hot sawdust. When thoroughly dry, brush the sawdust away with a soft brush, and burnish the parts required to be bright.

(19) F. H. W. asks: 1. Is there anything better than fluoric acid with which to etch on glass? A No. The sand blast is used to a certain extent. 2. How is the matter applied, if there is any other way than by the use of wax? A. Two slightly differing processes by means of fluoric acid are described, the first on page 2690 of Scientific American Supplement, No. 169, and the second on page 4994 of SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN SUP-PLEMENT, No. 313. 3. What is the fluid sometimes called diamondink, used to etch glass? A. Diamondink is a trade name given to some particular variety of etching ink. See page 232 of SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN, for October 11, 1884, for method of manufacturing the

(20) Merlin asks for a formula for making violet or purple (the best) ink for using with the hektograph. A. The ink you desire is prepared by dissolving one part aniline blue violet in a mixture of seven parts water and one of alcohol.

(21) W. T. G. asks the most effective stain for ash. I desire to stain a dark color, say imitation of ebony. If this wood can be effectively stained ebony, will you be good enough to give me a good recipe for such a stain, and say whether it should be put on hot or cold. A. We recommend the following: Dissolve 4 ounces shellac with 2 ounces borax in 1/2 gallon of water. Boil until a perfect solution is obtained. then add 1/4 ounce glycerine, after which add, in sufficient water, soluble aniline black, and the mixture is ready for use. See also process given under "Dyeing Wood Black," in SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN SUPPLEMENT, No. 207.

(22) J. E. J. desires a formula for mixing water colors, so as to form cakes that won't crack in drying. A. Water colors mixed with gelatine, and afterward fixed by washing with a solution of alum or with curd of milk, washed and pressed, then dried on fine net, and, when required for use, mixed with water and

(23) Q. C. A. asks: 1. Is there any known chemical or substance that will remove the stain or scar produced by the burn of sulphuric acid (on the flesh)? It was done about two months ago, and left a dark red stain and scar. A. We know of nothing that will will take time for a new cuticle to grow. 2. Please give me a receipt for gold ink. I can make it, but have trouble in keeping the bronze held in solution; it settles. A. For gold ink, take 24 leaves gold: 16 ounce bronze gold; 30 grains best honey; 4 drachms gum arabic; 30 drops spirits of wine; 4 ounces rain water. Rub the gold with the honey and gum, and having mixed i with the water, add the spirit.

(24) V. C. H.—To definitely express an opinion concerning the proper means of preventing boiler scale is almost impossible without an exact knowledge of the composition of the water u ed, etc. On page 4553 of Scientific American Supplement, No. 286, you will find an article on the "Complete Prevention of Boiler Incrustations." In SUPPLEMENT, No. 187, tannates of soda are recommended. In general all woods rich in tannin are used. Filtering through iron may be advantageous for drinking purposes, but we do not see that it will affect the lime salts contained in

(25) A. P. C. asks how to remove painted letters from a brick building. A. To properly answer your question, the conditions must be more thoroughly explained. To remove paint from stone, use three pounds of common washing soda dissolved in a gallon of boiling water. This, if applied hot, will so soften the with a stiff ecrubbing brush.