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Names and Address must accompany all letters, or no attention will be paid thereto. This is for our information, and not for publication.

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Scientific American Supplements referred to may be had at the office. Price 10 cents each. Books referred to promptly supplied on receipt of price.

Minerals sent for examination should be distinctly marked or labeled.

(1) W. G. R. asks (1) how to make a starch enamel for stiffening collars, cuffs, etc. A. Use a little gum arabic thoroughly dissolved in the starch. 2. A good cough sirup. A. Put 1 quart hoarhound to 1 quart water, and boil it down to a pint; add two or three sticks of licorice and a tablespoonful of essence of lemon. 3. A "paste" metal polish for cleaning and polishing brass. A. Oxalic acid 1 part, iron peroxide 15 parts, powdered rotten stone 20 parts, palm oil 60 parts, petrolatum 4 parts. See that solids are thoroughly pulverized and sifted, then add and thoroughly incorporate oil and petrolatum. 4. Cough candy or troches. A. Tincture of squills 2 ounces, camphorated tincture of opium and tincture of tolu of each 1/4 ounce, wine of ipecac 1/2 ounce, oil of gaultheria 4 drops, saffras 3 drops, and of aniseed oil 2 drops. The above mixture is to be put into 5 pounds of candy which is just ready to take from the fire; continue the boiling a little longer, so as to form into sticks.

(2) J. W. asks (1) how to oxidize silver. A. For this purpose a pint of sulphide of potassium, made by intimately mixing and heating together 2 parts of thoroughly dried potash and 1 part of sulphur powder, is used. Dissolve 2 to 3 drachms of this compound in 1 1/2 pints of water, and bring the liquid to a temperature of from 155° to 175° Fah., when it is ready for use. Silver objects, previously freed from dust and grease with soda lye and thorough rinsing in water, plunged into this bath are instantly covered with an iridescent film of silver sulphide, which in a few seconds more becomes blue black. The objects are then removed, rinsed off in plenty of fresh water, scratch brushed, and if necessary polished. 2. Was a census taken in Massachusetts about 1770? If so, where can the returns be found? A. The first national census was taken in 1790, and the first independent Massachusetts census in 1857.

(3) C. D. F. asks what a sample of wax sent is composed of, and a receipt for moulding wax for artists. A. To determine the composition of the sample would require an analysis. For a moulding wax try the following: Melt over a moderate fire 100 parts of yellow wax, and add 13 parts of Venetian turpentine, 6 1/4 parts of lard, 7 1/4 parts of elutriated bole. Mix thoroughly, pour the mixture gradually into a vessel containing water, and knead it several times with the hands. The wax must be melted at a temperature sufficiently low not to create bubbles. Add Indian red if desired for color.

(4) W. J. W. asks where he can get a light and cheap lapidary's outfit. A. This class of appliances is not on sale. A frame with wheel, shaft and spindle, placed in a vertical position, with two or three lead laps, one for coarse emery, one for fine emery, and one for polishing, also a lap made with end wood on a chuck for polishing, and a leather polisher, desirable for rounded work, are all that is needed. A thin disk of copper mounted on ordinary lathe spindle is used for slitting with emery. If you wish to use diamond dust, a sheet steel disk, very thin, should be used. Any machine shop can produce these.

(5) C. H. F. asks how the conducting power of heat in metals compares with that of glass. A. Glass is a poor conductor of heat for transmission. Iron transmits thirty times more heat than glass under the same conditions. Brass is about midway between iron and copper, copper being eighty times better as a conductor than glass.

(6) J. J. P. asks: Would the dynamo described in SUPPLEMENT 161 produce the same amount of current if the layers of wire on the field magnets were wound in parallel circuit? A. With the present armature, no. 2. What size wire would be necessary to wind the armature for plating? A. Armature No. 14, field magnet No. 14, or with two No. 16 wires wound parallel.

(7) J. C. P. writes: At the bottom of page 278 of your last edition (No. 18) there is the following statement: "The outer terminal of the coil is connected with one of the screws, and the inner terminal of the same coil is connected with the screw in the next bar in order in the commutator cylinder." If this was done, how is the circuit made through the armature? A. The inner end of one coil is connected with the outer end of the adjacent coil at the screw of the commutator bar, so that the circuit is from one coil to the commutator bar, then back to the outer end of the next coil, then through this coil to the next commutator bar, thus back to the next coil in order and so on, thus completing the closed circuit of the armature. This point is clearly stated in the article referred to.

(8) D. F. F. asks the formula for the paper torpedoes sold on 4th of July. A. The explosive material is fulminate of mercury.

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