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Inquiries not answered in reasonable time should be repeated; correspondents will bear in mind that some answers require not a little research, and though we endeavor to reply to all, either by letter or in this department, each must take his turn.

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(2325) L. G. B. asks for a good way to remove warts. A. Use a strong solution of chromic acid, applied three or four times. It is said that repeated applications of whale oil will cause warts to disappear.

(2326) F. O. asks what the advantage is in making the ordinary mouth blowpipe conical. Is it simply a convenience in manufacture, and would a straight tube of same opening as the small end of the blowpipe answer as well? A. The conical shape of the tube is useful, as it gives more capacity for the transmission of air, and the operator does not need to blow so hard.

(2327) D. & S. ask: Is not much of the Vichy dispensed from fountains in drug stores, etc., artificial, and does it approximately represent the water of that name? What is the formula for the artificial manufacture? A. Yes; nearly all is artificial, made by formulae approximating more or less to the true composition. For 10 gallons (80 lb.) of water use:

Sodium carbonate	424 9/16 grs.
Sodium chloride	112 "
Potassium chloride	141 "
Sodium bromide	10 "
Sodium silicate	15 1/2 "
Lithium carbonate	11 "
Calcium chloride	736 "
Magnesium chloride	308 "
Barium chloride	6 1/4 "
Aluminum chloride	12 1/2 "
Iron chloride	10 "

(2328) F. M. N. asks: 1. Will shellac varnish do for coating, developing, and toning trays? A. No; use asphaltum varnish, or coat the bottom or sides of the wood tray with:

Resin.....1 part by weight.
Beeswax.....2 "
Paraffine.....3 "

Melt the above first, warm the tray, and while hot apply composition with a brush. 2. How can I burnish

photographic prints without going to expense of purchasing burnisher? A. Apply the prints face down while wet to the smooth varnished side of a ferrotype plate, squeezing it by rolling a rubber roller over the back, having blotting paper between the print and paper. When dry it will have a high polish and drop off the sheet. The polish is called *glace* finish. To mount such prints without losing the glass, make the following mounting solution: Soak an ounce of refined gelatine in cold water for an hour, then drain off and squeeze out the water as much as possible; put the gelatine in a jelly pot and place the latter in a pan of hot water on the fire; when the gelatine has melted stir in slowly 2 1/2 ounces of pure alcohol, and bottle for use. This glue will keep indefinitely, and can be melted for use in a few minutes by standing the bottle in basin of hot water. As it contains a very small percentage of water, it hardly affects the gloss of the prints and dries almost immediately. 3. How can I make nitrate of silver for photographic purposes? A. By dissolving metallic silver in nitric acid; the solution is then boiled down and set aside to crystallize. It should then be re-dissolved and again boiled down and allowed to crystallize. The recrystallized is the best. 4. Would like to know the difference between a *glace* polish and lubricator used for polishing prints? A. The *glace* finish is obtained as described above or by coating a plate with collodion and squeegeeing the print on to it, then stripping the whole from the glass plate. The lubricator is material rubbed on surface of photograph before it is run through the burnisher, and consists of white soap cut up in small bits dissolved in alcohol. One method consists in breathing on white curd soap and rubbing a cloth over it, then rubbing the soap (which adheres to the cloth) over the surface of the photo. Another plan is to dissolve 20 grains of paraffine wax in one pint of benzole and rub that over the surface of the photo.

(2329) I. S. D. asks: 1. What is put into fluid drawing ink to make it waterproof or to prevent it spreading when applying colors? A. It depends on the quality of the ink. Shellac dissolved in borax water may be used to rub the ink up in to increase its permanency. 2. What is used for moist water colors to keep them soft? A. Covered vessels are used to hold them. Glycerine will retard their drying, but will do the same after they are on the paper.

Replies to Enquiries.

The following replies relate to enquiries recently published in SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN, and to the numbers therein given:

F. A. M., in query No. 2266, asks for method for polishing vulcanized rubber. I use powdered pumice stone and water for smoothing, and half polish, and finish with rotten stone and sweet oil on cotton flannel disk. This gives a very high polish.

In query 2261 W. P. S. asks what will take away the bad smell from cistern water without making it unfit for use. If he will take a pole with a dasher head on it and agitate the water once or twice a day for a few days, thereby aerating it, the smell will entirely disappear. I presume W. P. S. uses a pump, and this allows the water to become stagnant, supply being drawn from the bottom.

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