

(4304) F. K. asks what arsenic is used for in the manufacture of wall paper? What grades of paper is it mostly used in? A. It is used in green and other colors; sometimes in those where it would be least suspected. It is also claimed that it finds its way in with the glue sizing, having been used as a preservative of hides and stock from which the glue was made. No grade of paper can be specified in which it is specially to be apprehended.

(4305) J. W. asks for a method of cleaning papered walls. A. If not very dirty, the paper of any room will be much improved by brushing it over in straight lines with a soft broom, covered with a clean, soft cloth; if, however, the paper be much soiled, very stale bread is the best thing to clean it with. Cut a very stale loaf into slices, and in the lightest manner wipe the paper with it in a downward direction. Clean about a yard at a time, all one way.

(4306) J. B. asks: 1. Can "carbon copies" from typewriter be fixed so as not to rub off? If so, how? A. Prepare water starch, in the manner of the laundress, of such a strength as to form a jelly when cold, and then apply with a broad camel hair brush, as in varnishing. The same may be done with thin cold isinglass water or size or rice water. In lieu of this treatment you may use the fixative commonly employed for fixing drawings. This is applied with a spray tube or atomizer. 2. What is the difference in the winding of a direct current dynamo and an alternate current dynamo? A. In a direct current dynamo all of the coils are commonly wound in the same direction. If wound alternately in opposite directions, the current is made to pass in one direction, over the circuit by means of a commutator. In alternating current machines, the coils of the armature are wound alternately in opposite directions and the current is not corrected.

(4307) J. T. asks for the best and safest method to generate chlorine gas in small quantities. A. Simply expose bleaching powder to the air, and chlorine will be evolved. Addition of an acid, such as hydrochloric, will accelerate the operation. By acting on manganese binoxide with hydrochloric acid, especially if warmed, chlorine can be evolved in large quantities.

(4308) C. T. B. asks where "sodium ethylate" (mentioned in SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN, No. 24, December, 1889), for the removal of hairy moles, can be procured or how it can be made? A. Address a wholesale dealer in chemicals. It is made by dissolving metallic sodium in alcohol. The latter should be anhydrous or absolute.

(4309) J. W. T. asks: 1. How many cells of storage battery and approximate weight of same would be required to run one-half horse power motor for at least ten hours without recharging? A. It requires eight cells of storage battery for a horse power. For running your one-half horse power motor for ten hours you would require eight cells. 2. In an alternating current transformer, what would be the effect on the primary circuit of a short circuit in the secondary with no fuses in circuit? A. The primary and the secondary wires would both become hot.

(4310) E. S. A. asks: What size wire to use for connecting field magnet terminals with brushes and binding posts of the eight light dynamo, described in SUPPLEMENT, No. 600, also what size conductors to use in distributing lamps through a room? A. For connecting the field magnet terminals use No. 12 or No. 14 wire. For conductors for conveying away the current you can begin with No. 16, which you can use throughout unless you desire to reduce the size, in which case use No. 18 for the branch wires, and No. 20 for the conductors leading to the lamps.

(4311) W. B. R. says: I have two pounds No. 30 double cotton-wound copper magnet wire with which I wish to construct an induction coil. What number and how many layers of wire should I use for the primary? What size core of soft iron wires should I use? How long should the coil be? Could I run the above coil with a magneto-electric machine with alternating current, or would I get better results from the coil to use batteries and a circuit breaker? A. No. 30 wire is rather large for a small spark coil; however, you will be able to make a coil which will yield a heavy but short spark. You will find the instructions you require in SUPPLEMENT, No. 160. A magneto of suitable size, with a winding adapted to the primary coil, would be preferable to batteries.

(4312) F. P. writes: 1. I have made the small dynamo described in SUPPLEMENT, No. 161, as per instructions. I have tried to run a 12 candle power 20 volt Edison incandescent lamp, without any success. What is the trouble? Is it too low voltage of the machine? If so, can I increase it enough by magnetizing the fields with a battery, and how many cells would it take? A. The dynamo referred to has an E. M. F. of about 12 volts, which is obviously insufficient for running a 20 volt lamp. You can run two or three five or six candle power low voltage lamps with the machine, but you cannot increase the voltage to 20. 2. Which dynamo do you think would give the better results, in the way of running incandescent lamps—the one described in SUPPLEMENT, No. 600, or the one in No. 844? A. The Edison dynamo described in SUPPLEMENT, No. 844, is undoubtedly more efficient than the dynamo described in SUPPLEMENT, No. 600. 3. Have you any book that would be advisable to study in connection with making a dynamo, in order to learn the fundamental principles? A. "Experimental Science" will probably meet your wants. Price by mail \$4.

(4313) C. W. N. says: If you will tell G. E. T. (No. 4223, issue April 16) to leave off or quit his coffee, there is no doubt but that he will have no nervous irritability to complain of. Many will exclaim nonsense to this advice, but it costs only a bit of self-restraint to try the remedy a couple of months, and that can do one no great amount of harm.

(4314) M. D. asks: 1. What is meant by shunt-wound dynamos and alternating current dynamos? A. A shunt-wound dynamo is one in which the current divides at the brushes, part of it going from one

brush through the field magnet back to the other brush, the other part going from the same brush to the external circuit and back to the opposite brush. An alternating current dynamo is one which generates a current formed of equal and opposite pulsations. The alternations occur with very great frequency. 2. Can the motor described in SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN SUPPLEMENT No. 641 be used on an incandescent lamp circuit of about 110 volts? A. Its resistance is too low for use on a 110 volt circuit. 3. How many feet of Nos. 20, 30, and 36 copper wire is required for a resistance of 20 ohms? A. 1924 1/2 18933 and 47 feet respectively. 4. What is the object in low-speed dynamos? A. They are designed to avoid belting by the connection of the armature directly with the engine shaft. 5. What is a rheostat, ammeter, and galvanometer? A. A rheostat is any variable resistance which may be thrown into a circuit. It generally consists of a series of coils of different resistances, with switches for throwing the coils in and out of the circuit. An ammeter is an instrument for measuring amperes. It is a form of galvanometer having a coil without appreciable resistance. A galvanometer is an instrument consisting of a magnetic needle suspended within or above a coil and designed for indicating the direction of the current, and for use in connection with a rheostat for measuring currents. 6. How is soldering fluid made? A. By dissolving zinc in muriatic acid until it will dissolve no more, then diluting the solution with an equal bulk of water. 7. Could I use No. 16 paraffined office wire to wind cast iron field magnets of motor 641? Or would it be best to remove first layer of insulation? A. The insulation of office wire is too thick for use on electro magnets. Better purchase magnet wire. 8. Will ten coils do for armature as well as twelve? If not, why? A. By multiplying the number of coils the tendency to sparking and burning out the armature is diminished. 9. What changes would be necessary to use this motor as a dynamo? A. Use a cast iron field magnet and wind the armature and magnet with No. 20 wire.

(4315) J. F. C. says: Within a space of four years two barns have been struck by lightning and burned on the same spot of earth—no rock, no gravel. Does this indicate iron or other metals? There are three stones in an ancient temple in Syria, or near foot of Mount Lebanon, 71 feet by 14 feet by 13 feet and one the same size on pillars at quarry one mile away. Could our engineers move this one to the temple. Could they handle the stone forming the overhead ceiling to room in the great pyramid or the largest stone in the old wall at Jerusalem? Has any analysis of Egyptian mummies determined whether anything more than common salt was used in mummifying process? If so, what? A. We can only add that it is an old saw that lightning never strikes twice in the same place, yet in this case it does not indicate mineral attraction. The great stones weigh about 1,000 tons. Captain Eads' ship railway was to carry several times this weight across the isthmus. The Great Eastern was the greatest block that modern engineers ever stumbled on, beside which the stone blocks are pygmies. There were probably other preservatives than salt used on the mummies. The dry air of Egypt was the principal preservative.

(4316) J. W. K. asks: I would like to know if a telegraph sounder can be so injured by long use of an excessive amount of battery as to afterward render it unfit for use with a normal amount of current, say from one cell gravity battery. I have one that has been in use for about a year with three cells gravity battery, and upon trying to use it with only one, it fails to work in a satisfactory manner. If it can be and is so injured can you suggest a remedy? A. The resistance of the winding of the sounder magnet may have been very slightly increased by the use of an excessive current, but we do not think it would be appreciable in the ordinary working of the instrument. If you examine the sounder and the connections of the wire carefully, you will probably find a poor electrical connection at some point, or possibly the trunnions of the sounder lever work with too great friction. If you have used a current which has burned out the insulation, of course the only remedy is rewinding the magnet.

(4317) J. S. S. asks: 1. What is the cause of the bursting of an emery wheel when running at a high speed? A. It is generally due to lack of cohesion among the particles of the wheel, the wheel having insufficient strength to withstand centrifugal force. The remedy is obviously stronger wheels or less speed. 2. What effect would the opening of a window have upon a vulcanizer, with the pressure above the limit of safety, the cool air blowing through the window on the vulcanizer? A. The tendency will be to cool the vulcanizer and reduce the liability to explosion. 3. How is the specific gravity of a body obtained? A. Specific gravity is obtained by weighing the body in air, then weighing in water and dividing the weight in air by the loss of weight in water.

(4318) C. B. asks how to purify rancid butter. A. This can be done by melting in twice its weight of boiling water and shaking well. Pour the melted butter into ice water, allow it to regain its consistency. Another plan is to beat up 1/4 pound good fresh lime in a pail of water. Allow it to stand for an hour until the impurities have settled. Then pour off the clear portion, and wash the butter in that. Butter so treated is never as good as fresh butter.

(4319) W. J. N. asks: Is it correct to put a globe or any valve in a steam pipe with the pressure on top of disk? There is a gentleman who claims to be quite a mechanic, says the pressure should be at top of disk. I say it should be on the bottom of disk. A. You are right. All valves should shut against the source of steam supply. This enables the packing of the stuffing boxes with steam on the boiler.

(4320) L. W. A. asks why an injector works. The best informed machinists I have met cannot tell. Others say there is more pressure on top than on bottom of boiler. I thought I had discovered the reason why it works, but was told that the feed pipe is sometimes larger than steam pipe. At any rate, if you close one cock more than the other on a glass gauge you can fill it with water or, by reversing, blow it all out. A. The theory in regard to the mechanical action of the injector is based upon the transfer of the momentum of

steam at a high velocity to the surrounding annulus of water at the point of contact and the instantaneous condensation of the steam into water. The water of condensation by its impact at the high velocity of the steam gives momentum to the surrounding water equal to overcoming nearly double the boiler pressure, or, in other words, it is the impact of the condensing steam at a high velocity that carries the feed-water through the nozzle with sufficient force to overcome the resistance from the boiler pressure.

(4321) E. D. W. says: A fence is to be built over a half circle hill. Another over a straight line being the exact diameter of the above half circle. The specification calls for posts placed 2 feet apart. Which job will require the greatest number of pickets? A. If the pickets are placed vertically, it will require the same number of pickets for both jobs. Not so with the rails, as is self-evident.

(4322) H. A. U. asks whether he is right in his belief that phrenological examinations, executed in the hands of a competent person, indicate true results or not, and whether phrenology is an established science or not. A. Phrenology is not considered an exact science, but there is enough in it to make it very useful as a system by which character and propensities can be known and recorded by persons proficient in the manipulation of the outward signs.

(4323) A. E. L. writes: I have two pieces of gas pipe, one telescoping the other. The large piece I wrap with a piece of flannel, the smaller one I heat over a lamp and insert in the larger one; the flannel then becomes moist. How can I heat the flannel without the presence of moisture? A. We suggest the use of an unglazed porcelain tube for the outer tube.

(4324) J. F. asks: 1. Will not a soft iron plate answer for an insulator of magnetism for a magnetic motor or a perpetual motion machine? A. A soft iron plate will cut off the magnetism, but it requires power to remove it from the magnetic field. 2. What size wire is used on the field magnet of the simple electric motor described in SUPPLEMENT, No. 641. A. No. 18.

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