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(4362) R. S. H. asks: 1. How can I test limestone to find if it contains phosphorus? A simple test, as I am no chemist. A. There is no simple test. Dissolve in nitric acid and add a large excess of ammonium molybdate dissolved in nitric acid. A very bright yellow precipitate indicates phosphoric acid, provided no silica or arsenic acid is present. 2. What is the necessary analysis of sand used, for furnace bottoms in open hearth steel making, and why common silica sand does not answer the purpose? A. Such sand would incline to run into slag with the oxide of iron. It would not possess enough consistency. An absolute analysis of the sand is not necessary. For the ordinary acid process a siliceous sand is used which should have cementing qualities, so as to make a solid bed. 3. If an electro-magnet or an iron core surrounded with a coil of wire was held near the armature and between the poles of an electric motor, would not a current be induced in the coil? A. Under the conditions a slight current might be generated if the coil made a closed circuit. 4. There was an electric candle used for alternating current arc lamp, consisting of two carbons placed together and insulated from one another. I have forgotten the name of the inventor, but it is a foreign invention. What is the failing of this lamp, and why is it not now used? A. You refer to Jablochhoff's candle. It was not economical.

(4363) G. K. asks: 1. When FeSO4 is boiled with HNO3, Fe2(SO4)3 is produced; please give the equation or reaction. A. An excess of sulphuric acid is required, hence your statement is incorrect. The following is the reaction: 12FeSO4 + 2HNO3 + 6H2SO4 = 6Fe2(SO4)3 + 2NO + 4H2O. 2. Is the lightning rod still considered a protection against lightning? A. Yes. See our SUPPLEMENT, Nos. 746, 650, 249, 348, 525, 288.

(4364) N. P. writes: I wish to know of a simple and sure test that I can employ to find if there is an adulteration of white arsenic in powdered borax. Have used a little of it bottled in soft water for the complexion. A. Dissolve in water, add a little hydrochloric acid and place a drop on a bright surface of copper. A lead-colored stain indicates arsenic. Borax acts as a mild alkali. The above test is not sure, but will answer your purpose, we think.

(4365) J. F. writes: The photographs of bullets taken by Professor C. V. Boys cannot be correct. As quoted, "the bullets had not had time to settle down to steady flight, but were variously tilted across the path." It is well known that the stability of an ordinary rifle bullet decreases toward the end of its flight, and with the modern magazine rifle I find no variation of angle up to twenty feet from the muzzle.

(4366) W. W. N. asks: How many cells of simple plunge battery described on page 400, "Experimental Science," will be required to operate a two candle power incandescent lamp at short periods at a time, and how long would they operate the lamp if used continuously? A. It will require 3 cells. Such a battery will run a lamp for about two or three hours continuously.

(4367) H. P. asks for formula for printing on cloth from a negative. A. Prepare the following:

- Boiling water... 20 oz. Chloride of ammonium... 100 grs. Iceland moss... 60 "

When nearly cold, filter and immerse the linen for 15 minutes. Sensitize for 15 minutes in an acid, 20 grains to the ounce, silver bath, and when dry stretch over a cardboard. Print deeper than usual and tone in a solution of—

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Add a few grains of common whiting. Fix in hypo 1 ounce to 20 ounces of water.

(4368) A. H. asks (1) the method used for transferring photographs on to gold and silver watch domes to be durable. A. You can by using Eastman's transfer photo paper transfer a picture on to a watch dial without difficulty. Address Eastman Co., Rochester, N. Y. 2. If diamond steel can be bought for engraving on gold and silver, and is it better for holding an edge than the ordinary Stubs steel? A. The diamond brand of steel is not made in suitable sizes for gravures. The Swiss steel gravers are a favorite with jewelry and watch engravers.

(4369) W. T. N. asks: What causes the peculiar acid smell when any steel instrument is being sharpened on a whetstone where water is used? A. The peculiar smell of a stone when rubbed is due to the odor of the stone; it will be the same when two stones are rubbed together. It may sometimes be attributed to ozone.

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