

of homogeneous or steel pipe is probably the only remedy. The same pitting and cutting is known to affect iron boiler tubes, and is a source of much trouble with vertical tubes with internal circulation, although the water is not pure and soft as from condensed steam.

(4755) Z. asks: How can I remove the acid from beef tallow so that it will not corrode iron when used as a lubricator? A. Boil or melt and stir into very hot water a small quantity. Test the water with litmus paper to see if it contains acid. If so, then treat the tallow before you use it in the same way, adding a slight excess of caustic soda to the water, and heating and stirring thoroughly. The tallow will separate on cooling.

(4756) J. S. asks: Is water absolutely non-compressible? Or can its bulk be reduced by any known method? A. Water is slightly compressible. No substance is non-compressible at existing temperatures.

Replies to Enquiries.

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