## recently patented inventions.

Kallway Appliances.
Cable Grip.-James S. Patten, Baltimore, Md. This is a gripper of simple construction and easy to manipulate, which is adapted to grip the cable by lateral preserre and drop it vertically when released,
while the grip can be quickly adjusted to again pick up while the grip can be quickly adjusted to again pick up
the cable without the aid of lifting levers or other addithe cable without the aid of lifting levers or other addiautomatically lets go its cable, rides over the other cable, and drops into position to again pick up its cable on the application of the gripman's lever. The clamp jaws ars
incapable of slipping or loosening their hold on the cable after they are applied, thus saving frictional wear.
Elevated Cable Railroad.-William R. Heylmun, Rich Hill, Mo. According to this in vention, the cars are suspended below the rails, which form a duct for the cable propelling the cars. A novel
means of switching onto side tracks is provided, with means for actuating the grip to engage or release the cable. This road can be set up at a moderate cost on sea beaches, etc., and is more especially designed for pleasure
freight.

## Mechanical.

Mortising Machine.-Simeon J. Hicks, Englewood, Ill. This is a machine especially adapted to make mortises in the sties of doors, althoug useful for other purposes. It has a longitudinally reci
procating carriage carrying work-bolding clamps, a trans procating carriage carrying work-holding clamps, a trans
verse reciprocating frame with chisels moving above the carriage, and a clutch-controlled driving mechanism re ciprocating the frame and carriage. The machine is designed to perform its work very nicely and rapidly, the
mortising chisels operating from both sides of the work, while the article to be mortised may be quickly placed nd removed.
Supporting Journal Boxes.-J. Friedrich Hey, Strasburg, Germany. The bracket or
hangeris provided with a disk having a circular recess, hangeris provided with a disk having a circular recess,
while the bearimg support is provided with an eccentric disk or flange having an offset projecting into the recess of the disk of the bracket. A ring clamp secured to th disk. The device is simple and durable and permits of a wide range of adjustment.

## Agricultural.

Plow.-Agustin M. Chavez, Mexico, Mex. This is an improvement in plows whose beams
are attached at their front ends to a truck or wheeled frame. A stirrup is adapted to be attached to the straight section of the plow beam, and by sliding this stirrup
toward the rear curved portion of the beam, the plowshare may be made to enter the ground more or less deeply, the nearer the stirrup is carried to the share the sod cutter is emploged, clipped upon the plow beam in such a manner that the turner will be adjustable.
Stock Watering Device.-Anson arey, Aswand, Neb. This is a device for watering hog and other stock, and consists of a trough with a water
supply pipe in its rear, a gravity lid or nose gate hinged in its rear being adapted to close down on the trough, and having an upwardiy and outwardly inclined lip at its forward end arranged, when the lid isdown, to leave the top
of the trough open in front. A stopper to the supply pipe is pivotally connected with the hinged nose gate for peration by the latter in both directions. According a
the nose gate is raised is the fiow of water to the trough and the animal always has a fresh supply of water, but none is wasted, the flow stopping when the rose gate closes itself.

## Miscellaneous.

Wind Wheel.-Benjamin J. Sykes, Sykesville, Pa. This invention relates particularly to plunger rod, facilitating the utilizing of the power of two wheels simultaneously, and equalizing any difference of speed between the wheels, preventing jerking or binding upon one side of the plunger rod. The construction is
such that the entire machine is designed to be perfectly balanced, thus having great strength and durability. In and the back of the other wheel corresponds with the and the back of the other wheel corresponds with th
face of the one in the wind, the wheels revolving simalta neously in opposite directions.
Vehicle Seat -Jacob Ruch, Mount Eaton, O . This invention provides improved connection between the seat and the vehicle body. The seat has a
hinged back, and a crank rod mounted on the under side of the seat has arms pivoted to its cranks and secured to the seat back, a lever being secured to the crank rod and a fastening device to fix the position of the lever. The
seat is especially adapted for two-wheeled vehicles, the position of the seat back being readily shifted to make the seat easy, and also for its adjustment to bring the weight of the load in the right position in relation to the wheels, thus enabing the vehicle $t$ so
Disintegrating Bituminous Rock. -Ben Hager, Salt Lake City, Utah Ter. This is an ap paratus especially designed for disintegrating rock or dry
asphaltum, and the kettles in which the material is placed have each a stationary grate, between the bars of which oscillating bars are made to swing, a steam pipe delivering steam beneath the grate while another pipe delivers steam above the grate. As the steam disintegrates the asphaltum the oscillating bars force it down to the bottom of the kettle, from which it may be drawn out as desired, the operation being preferably carried on in tw connected ketles, so that the work is continuous.
Post Hole Digger.-John Tipton, Hymera, Ind. This device has a cylindrical body of iron
or steel, with its lower edge notched and beveled to form or steel, with its lower edge notched and beveled to form
cutters, and within the cylinder is an adjustable or sliding disk having a central opening, the disk being rigidly ring surrounding the handle. When the diger is for
into the ground, the dirt is tamped inside the cylinder by the operator pressing with his foot upon the ring, thus forcing the disk down upon the dirt, and enabling
latter to be lifted with the digger out of the hole.

Floor Clamp.-Mathias Lutgen, West Bend, Ia. This device has a base plate carrying a lever, and means for sulcruming the body of the implement on a joist, a rocking dog being movable with the plate in response to the throw of the lever, the lattes serving to
rock the complete implement on its fulcrum. The derock the complete implement on its fulcrum. The device greatly facilitates the clamping and pressing up of the boards of a floor while it is being laid, toclose the
joints between the boards, and provide for nailing the joints between the boards, and provide for nailing the
boards while so closed and held one against the other.
Fence.-William P. Sharp, Lowell, Kas. This is a fence designed to be conveniently set up and takendown, and is well adapted for use upon even
as well as upon uneven ground. It consists principally of supports and panels, the supports being formed of two posts crossing each other near the upper end and connected at about the middle by a cross bar. The panels
have at each end a post or batten, to which are secured longitudinal rails adapted to engage the supports, the adjacent panel posts being connected with each other at their upper ends by a link.
Support for Bracket Tables. John N. Tiffany, San Diego, Cal. A novel, convenient, and substantial support is provided by this invention for a small table top that may be adjustably attached to a chair or bedstead for the use of an occupant, affording fore a reader, and projecting the book support over the bed or the chair, as may be desired. The table top is When not in use the support may be packed together in compact form.
Sash Fastener.-Emanuel and Henry 3. Ensminger, Bloomington, Ill. This is a cheap lock,
uickly applied to any window, so that it cannot be acci quickly applied to any window, so that it cannot be accivention is an improvement upon a former patented invention of the same inventors. The latch is pivoted on the top of the lower sash, and a spring concealed in a transverse recess in the under side of the latch engages a stud to press the latch normally inward to lock the sashes. The sashes may be held at any desired height, or the lower sash may be ratsed and held as desired with-
out moving the upper sash.
Folding Table.-John C. and Hiram A. Carl, Allentown, Pa. This invention provides an ex-
tremely cheap and simple table to which any kind of a table top may be applied, which may be extended when folded into small compass to make a neat and compact folded into small compass to make a neat and compact
stand. The table, whether extended or folded, is very strong, and the invention covers various
of construction and combinations of parts
Hand Stamp.-Samuel A. Harrison, New York City. This is a registering or counting stamp,
which will positively count every impression and display the amount so that it may be easily read. Its construction is simple, and sach that it is not likely to get out of repair, and it may be conveniently reset whenever necesary or desirable. The dial is in a glass-covered case in the top of the handie, and the hands are moved every
Lap Ring.-George Bobb, Yokena, Miss. According to this invention the two members of the ring are connected by a loose universal or swive joint, which adapts it to be easily and quickly applied to
or detached from single and double trees, chain links, or detached from single and double trees, chain links,
etc. The ring thus made is very strong and durable since the joing between the two hooks is not formed by ad of a pin, rivet, or pintle, as usual in such devices but by circulareyes, which are integral portions of the

## Designs.

Head for Fur Collans.-Bernard Coben, New York City. This design represents an ani mal's head, to be used as an ornament, a rib-like figare around the edge of the mouth, and the curved tongue fing upon the under jaw.
Rug Fastener.-George B. Shellhorn, Montgomery, Ala. This fastener is a triangular-sbaped body, having concave edges and tapering extensions projecting at right angles from the body, one of the extensions projecting oppositcly to the other two.
Heel or Sole Plate. - George J. Davison, Richmond, Va. The leading feature of this design consists in the shape and ornamentation of the shaped openings with prong-like projections.
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(4788) F. T. G. asks: If one heat unit raises the temperatnre of one pound of water one degree how many heat units will be required to raise the temperature of one cubic foot of air one degree? A. One heat unit will raise one pound of air one degree. One
pound of air at sixty degrees is equal to thirteen cubic feet. Tar at sixty degrees is equal to thirteen cubic cubic foot of air one degree.
(4789) F. W. Q. asks whether he can get the same amount of electricity from a battery by immers
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(4790) A. P. J. asks what wash or prevention, if any, may be used to arrestpowder posting in a
chestrut bookcase. Fine powder issuing from small hole chestnut book case. Fine powder issuing from small holes
in the shelves isa constantannoyance. Reply by Prof. C.V. Riles.-Without having seen specimens of the author of the injury described by your correspondent, it is impossible to definitely determine the insect which is injuring
his chestnut bookcase. There are several coleopterous insects of the family Ptinidæ which are notorious as in festing the bard wood used in the manufacture of desks,
household furniture, the handles of varions implements, etc., and these are known as powder post beetles. Some of these belong to the genus Lyctus, of which L. 8triatu These beetles are, however, more often found working outdoors, and the damage may be done by another com-
mon Ptinid beetle, the sitodrepa panicea, which more mon Ptinid beetle, the Sitodrepa panicea, which more
often affects woods indoors and made into cabinets. The presence of these insects is always indicated by small circular holes, through which the dust which is pushed the wood, or by small heaps of the dust which is pushed ou
by the burrowing larva. 'The beetles are small, of brownish color, and their larve are small, six-legged,
somewhat hairy, yellowish-white grubs, with their bodies more or less curved toward the extremity. Wood once thoroughly infested by the beetles or lave is beyond re
demption; but in the case of the beginning of the injury demption; but in the case of the beginning of the injury or as a preventive, washing, and if possible soaking, the
wood in kerosene will act as a preventive and also detroy the beetlesand larve as far as the oil penetrates mitted to stove or kiln heat without damage, it may be mitted disinfected.
(4791) C. G. writes : I notice in Scienific American of March 4 a cut of a storage battery Do I understand you as meaning that there are no zin
plates used at all? Is it simply sheet lead plates coated with red lead? Do I use same connections to charge bat
tery as discharge it? Must the cell be air tight? How tery as discharge it? Must the cell be air tight? How
ehall I know when it is charged ? What book can I get to give me good knowledge on storage system complete A. There are several different types of storage batteries In many of the types both plates are formed of lead; no The same connections are used forcharging and discharg ing the battery. The cell should not be air tight, as gase or vapors are generated which require a way of escape,
For information on charging and using batteries, etc., w refer you to Salamon's "Electric Light Installations,"
price $\$ 2$.
(4792) G. A. R. asks : What is meant by "ampere hour," so often referred toin battery circulars? ell) 50 amperes for 1 hour, 1 ampere for 50 hours, or 10 amperes for 5 hours, etc.? Where can I obtain directions for making gas out of coal on a small scale, and the puri-
fying of the same, storage, tanks, etc.? What power develop? A. One ampere hour is 1 ampere of cur llowing for 2 hours, one-tenth of an ampere fowing for 10 hours. On the other hand, 10 ampere hours may be 1
of no small work on the manufacture of gas. We can efer you io "Gas Works : their Arrangement, Construc tion, Plant, and Machinery," by F. Colyer, price by mail, ge about one-half horse
(4793) O. J. asks : 1. In making fluid o water the first thing andthenthe bichromate potasium or bater the frst thing and then the bichromate potassium . The correct was to mater and chen sulphuricion is to dissolve the bichromate frst and afterward slowly add paint. A. For information on luminous paint, we refer ou to Supplement 497. 3. Is there any action on the zinc in a bichromate potash battery when the circuit is
open? A. In the Fuller and Bunsen batteries there is open? A. In the Fuller and Bunsen batteries there is
scarcely any action on the zinc when the battery is not in use; but' n plunging batteries the zinc, if left in the so
(4794) A. B. writes : I built the dynamo shown in Supplement 600 . Used it about three weeks
on an arc light, when it burned out. Tried resistance in circuit, brit it heated just the same and dimmed the light. Do arc light machines heat more than incandescent machines? Have a pair of feld maguets like those shown in Supplement coi. Can't I make a two horse powe pisce of iron one-half inch thick between the polar yokes (where the pole pieces are bolted together) and face off the bottom of the poles, aad add an inch thickness to each one, and then bore out to about $4 / 8$ inches, taking object of the pieces is to save stock. I would then wind iece forming two layers, and add a shunt of fine wire on the oatside, making a compound winding. Am sure the
field could be made strong enough this way, even for a feld could be made strong enough this way, even for a
three horse power machine. What size wire should I use three horse power machine. What size wire should I use
on armature say for about 60 volts? and how many coill ought there to be? Would there be any advantage in makiug the rings with four holes on the sides for ven gest that you adjust the lamp so as to give a longer arc thus increasing the resistance of the circuit. If this does not prevent the overheating of the armature, add 15 or 20
ohms resistance to the circuit and run the dynamo at a little higher speed. There is no reason why an arc light
machine should heat more than an incandescent one if it machine should heat more than an incandescent one if it field magnet for a larger armature in the manner pro posed. We cannot, without considerable calculation
furnish you the information you desire for the winding of our new armatare. Probably your readiest way of get ting at the matter is to see a machine of about the size
esired and get your measurements from that. There will be an advantage in making ventilating holes in the (4795) F. B. asks whether England or he United States produces the largest amount of stee now. A. The United States now produce the largest
amount of steel, to wit, for $1890,3,500,000$ tons, Great Britain 3,250,000 tons
(4796) H. A. asks : 1. What are the rules or finding the pitch of apropeller wheel? A. The pitch inches by the cotangent of the angle of the blade with the center line. Or take the angle by opening a foldingrul on the edge of the blade and in line with the shaft aft Lay off two lines at right angles and place the angle of the role on one line at a distance of the circumference o
the wheel from the line representing the center of th
the rule to meet the central line. This forms a right the same triangle, of which the shaft line is the pitch in was taken in. 2. Doee it require more power to run ooat at a certain rate of speed with a small propelle wheel than with a larger one? A. Yes. Propeller forels should be as large as possible or run in solid water for economy. 3 . How much pitch should a propeller lutions should it make a minute to give a speed of 6 miles an hour to a shell boat, 16 feet long, with a very sharp or a boat with fine lines should have 30 inch pitch and make 275 revolntions per minute for 6 miles per hour, al-
lowing 20 per cent slip. 4. When the pressure in lowing 20 per cent slip. 4. When the pressure in a
boiler is up at a certain point, say 70 pounds, does it require more fuel to keep it there than at a lower point of pressure? A. The amount of fuel required to bseep the
steam at a specifed pressure depends entirely upon the steam at a specifed pressure depends entirely upon the
power used. It takes more fuel for a given power at the
(4797) J. G. C. says: Will you please give a recipe for a paste that can use on the face of a photograph, so I can mount the print face down on glass,
something that will not discolor the face of the print and is not costly? A. To mount prints on glass follow the directions given by J. E. Dumont ; that is, take 4 ounces gelatine and soak half an hour in cold water, then place a large dish of warm water and dissolve the garat in When dissolved pour into a shallow tray. Have your prints rolled on a roller, albumen side out ; take the print by the corners and pass rapidly through the gelatine, taking great care to avoid air bubbles. Hang up with clips
to dry; when dry, squeeze carefully on to the glass. The to dry; when dry, squeeze carefully on to the glass. The
better the quality of glassthe finer the effect. From "The Scientific Ameriean Cylopedia of Receipts, Notes and Queries."
(4798) A. S. writes: I would like to make a steam whistie, 12 inches diameter. What would for a whistle one octave higher in tone than the 12 inch? high. For an octave make the whistle about oue-half the (4799) B. \& T. ask: What will take off will take off of the brick? Our mason used muriatic acid and then put on linseed oil. What will clean it, if anything?
(4800) F. M. W. and others ask for a c mentfor use in making aquariums. A. Litharge, fine, white, dry sand, and plaster of Paris, each 1 gill; finely
pulverized resin, $1 / 6$ gill. Mix thoroughly and make into pulverized resin, 18 gill. Mix thoroughly and make into a paste with boiled linseed oil to which drier bas been
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with this cement is good for either salt or fresh water. It hreat success. It might be useful for constrncting tanks for other purposes or for stopping leaks. Ortake linseed oil, 3 ounces; tar, 4 ounces; resin, 1 pound; melt to gether over a gentle fire. If too much oil is used, the ce ment will run down the angles of the aquarium. To obviate this it should be tested before using by allowing a
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wood dry and very hot; rub the paraffine in thoroughly. (4801) B. W. P. says: Will you inform me whether any kind of grapes may be used to make
raisins? A. No. The Muscatel is the principal grape raisns: A. No. The Muscatel is the principal grape
grown to make the raisin, and its flavor excels that of all
other varieties. For many years Malaga, Spain, has proother varieties. For many years Malaga, Spain, has pro-
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Muscatel cuttings into Califoruia, our supplies were Muscatel cuttings into Califoruia, our supplies were
brought from that port. There is a difference of opinion in regard to the quality of the fruit produced in Malaga and California, the people in the far West claiming the
latter to be superior ; but unbiased experts consider the and larger fruit.
(4802) H. N. says : I want to know what will be the pressure per square inch when air is com-
pressed to one-half its natural bulk or size. Also what the pressure when pressed to one-third of its natural
bulk. Would there be any difference if the quantity were large or small? A. For ordinary practical purposes, the air is to be measured at a uniform temperature (isothermal compression), and calling the atmospheric pressure equal to 15 pounds the formula, pressure $\times$ volumes

- pressure $=$ the pressure of compression. Taking your inquiry, $15 \times 2=30-15=15$ poundspressure and $15 \times$ $3=45-15=30$ pounds pressure. This will not be the penerated by compression expandsthe air, and at the moment of leaving the cylinder it may have a pressure of 20 pounds in the frest case and 50 pounds in the latter. With water-jacketed cylinders, much of the heat of compression is absorbed and the final pressure dropsnearerto the isothermal line. See Scientific
MENT, No. 799, on air compression
(4803) N. G. writes: About twelve miles from here is a very large spring. Ithink it must be mountain (or hill) higher than the level of the spring lies between us. Which do vou think would be the best and
cheapest means of conveying water to this city-by siphoning it from that spring, over the hill to a reservoir
here, or by pumping it with steam from a river that runs here, or by pumping it with steam from a river that runs
through this place to a reservoir about one mile distant? Also please tell me where would be the bestplace to send my son to get a thorough knowledge of machinery, both
stean and electric. A. If the flow from the spring is large enough for your city supply, it will be the bes and cheapest water supply, considering the expense of pumping. A siphon of 10 or 15 feet lift might be made available, but will have to be often relieved of accumulat ing air. For siphon, any heightabove 15 feet could not be
of made practicable in so long a line of pipe. You do not
give details enough for the best advice. It is worth your
while to have a survey made as to the whole grade scertain whether a detour could the whole grade and flow. If the water in the river is good, a large ram with fall of 4 or 5 feet would make an economical water sup ply. Steam is a constant expense. Perhaps windmilla Haute, Ind., is one of the best schools in mechanical and University, Nashville, Tenn
(4804) J. E. S. writes: 1. I have a well 140 feet to ${ }^{\circ}$ water, which is inexhaustible. By going 40 unless plugged below the water line, or we stop drilling before we get through a very hard rock that lies directly an of the dry sand bed. Can 1 raise the water with drane an automatic instructions for putting in. Ifnot A. You cannot raise water from bored well with ram, unless by enlarging it, you can sink a pipe through
to the absorbing stratum below, to carry off the water used to work the ram and create the necessary pressure
There are oil and gasoline engines and air engines used or pumping water from wells. They all require care windmill willd be the best automatic machine. 2. Doe why is it the same spots face as all the time? moon makes one revolution on her axis in the same time that she makes one revolution around the earth, and tha
is the reason why the same parts face us all the time. 3 . is the reason why the same parts face us all the time. It is the reflection of the sun's light on the moon that It is the reflection of the sun's light on the moon that
makes her appear to vary in form. 4. How near ha what is the nearest to the earth at preesent? A. The moon is the nearest heavenly body. She is 240,000 miles distant from the earth. 5. What body or bodies will caus
the eclipse of the sun April 16 and October 9 , and their distance from the earth? A. The moon coming betwee (4805) C. M. H. says: I have a steam vacuum irrigating pump which draws water through an 8 inch pipe from a river 18 feet, below. My supply pipe now runs diagonally from the pump into the stream, and supply pipe is necessarily 54 feet long. Will the lift of
the water be less if I cut a ditch from the river to a point directly underneath the pump and run my pipe vertically
down? If so,how much less will be the weight of the water A. The weight of the water in the suction pipe is due
to its vertical height only. There will be no differencein the pull of the pump due to the two positions alone. The vertical pipe will have less friction than the inclined pipe, as $w$ ll as less volume, and will require less pewel
to overcome its inertia at the change of stroke in the pump, unless the vacuum pump is of a kind that will seep the water in the long suction pipe under a constan
and equal velocity. As this is doubtful, and the bility that the friction may add a foot, more or less, to suction.
(4806) E. J. A. writes: We have a bund posts, tight. We wish el heading. We would ask: Our boiler is 25 hors power. Engine uses (develops) but 5 or 8 horse power.
Will that not leave boiler steaming capacity to make plenty of steam for this size kiln? We have excellent uel. Boiler and engine are about 60 feet from kiln building. Will we lose much heat, piping this distance if we lay pipe in ground, usins asbestos packing? What
size pipe, to use live steam, would we need, and how many feet, in building, to develop all the heat possible, as there is not much danger heating the material too fast or too
nuch, so as you don't burn it up? Do you think it prectical to use steam for drying? We want to develop $150^{\circ}$ o $160^{\circ}$ of heat in kiln if we can. Boiler,pressure 80 pounds. A. You can make a good drying room with the spare
team that you have, without waste of heat. The team pipe should be thickly felted and the line under ground laid in a box 8 inches clear inside, with $11 / 6$ inch
pipe well felted and supported in the center pipe well felted and supported in the center. Pipe tice floor, 2,000 feet of 1 inch pipe, laid in sections so
that it will clear itself of water. The heading should be piled in racks above the floor. The condensed steam should beled back, through a pipe in the box and returned
(4807) W. T. P. writes : I would like in formation how to build a breast or current water whee and to gear same to run centrifugal pump. I want to
raise anywhere from twelve hundred to twentr-four hundred gallons per minute of time fifteen feet high for irri ationpurposes. I want to know the length of whee and diameter and how to gear wheel so it would adjus
isself to rise and fall in river and how to prevent drift rom injuring wheel in river. I have abundance of wate atilize the power in the river. A You wome way t wheel of about 15 horse power. You will find the whee that you describe illustrated and described in Scientipic
American, January $21,1893,10$ cents mailed. Thisform of wheel will have to be constructed to suit the velocit of current or the height of the breast. A millwright or
clever carpenter should be able to build a wheel to suit clever carpenter sho
(4808) L. W. S. asks : 1. When does the patent on the Bell telephone receiver expire? A. The
patent jon the Bell telephone receiver expires in Januars, No. 38: in making the the telephones, woul used on a line two or three miles in length? A. No 3 would be better for use than No. 36, but it is more difficult to wind. 3. Is it the resistance in the line wire that
causes telephones to fail on long distances? A. The ailure of the telephone on long distances is due to leak-
(4809) H. V. F. asks: 1. Does the telephon, described in Scientipic American Supplement,
No. 142, need any battery? A. No. 2. Will the telephone work on a line 450 feet long? A. Yes. 3. Wha
size of copper wire should I use? A. No. 18 will answe for the distance given. 4. Will the above suffice if I use the telephone call in Fig. 5 on page 2571 in Scien

Shall I use return wire or return through the earth \& A. Eitherreturn will answer.
(4810) M. J. B. asks the size of stack hat should be put on dry kiln, size of which is 82 feet by Feet_by 7 feet, and containing 5,000 feet of steam pipe. every ten minutes. A. Assuming the steam pipes are on near the fioor and the lumber piled above the pipes, the ventilation in so large a floor space should be divided so
s make an even flow of air throughout the room. or this purpose at least six uptakes should be made reas of the ceiling. These uptakes need be no more areas of the ceiling. These uptakes need be no more ampers,
(4811) A. F. writes: Are the numbers rbitrary numbers or do they refer to measures, fracons of inches, etc.? Suppose that for making a elephone you say that No. 18 wire is used, how can I convert that number in millimeters, as the diameter of wires is given in that measure? A. The numbers
of the American wire gauge are arbitrary. For this of the American wire gauge are arbitrary. For this
eason you will have to get the sizes in mills or circular eason you will have to get the sizes in mills or circular
mills from some of the existing tables. You will find mills from some of the existing tables. You will find such a table in
price by mail $\$ 1$.
(4812) N. H. E. asks the cheapest and best way to color brass black. A. Dip the clean brass
in a solution of chloride of platinum. (4813) W. B. R. asks how lead pipes are joined together by the use of a blow pipe. A. For sol-
dering lead pipes with a blow pipe, a jump joint is made dering lead pipes with a blow pipe, a jump joint is made fiting end bell mour and scaring the other end ofit in, when, by powdering the joint with resin and eated by a blow pipe until the solder runs in and makes he joint.
(4814) W. E. H. writes: Please give the rocess for etching brass signs. Also the japan or black material used to fill in with. A. The brass sign is wall of putty or soft asphalt raised outside the lettering to keep the acid from fowing away. Use nitric acid 1 art, water 2 2 parts, mix and pour on the plate to a depth
of 18 8inch. When bitten deep enough, wash dry and fill
(4815) C. C. M. asks: Can you give us ny information about the use of aluminum for shoeing
race horses? We have tried it, but find the metal too oft. Is there any way to harden it? A. As we assume hat your object is to make a light shoe, we recommend This will make the aluminum slightly heavier, but harder and tougher. Probably the 3 per cent alloy will be all
(4816) T. T. asks: In firing a cannon, at what point will its projectile attain its greatest velocity? Also, how is the velocity of projectiles jmeasured? A.
The velocity of a shot is greatest at the muzzle of the
(4817) J. G. W. writes: I am making a uantity of very light castings with a core inside. The ostrength is required. I find that while I have the ron soft enough on the outside, the core seems to chill he iron somewhat on the inside, thus making it hard on moulding sand in certain proportions. What I want to now is this: Is there any formula for making cores that asa softening effect at the junction of the iron with the
ore? A. For cores try new mouldings, and mixed with s little paste as will allow the sand to hold together, and bake thoroughly dry in an oven.
(4818) M. B. writes : I have to arrange calendar for 1894, but have no tables from which I can very day and in different places. Can yon give me
ome information regarding such tables? A. The Nautime information regarding such tables? A. The Nautihe year, with the necessary formulas. It is published by government at Washington
(4819) F. B. says: I want a receipt for paint to apply to a copper-lined bath tub from which hite color. A. Use ordinary white paint.
(4820) J. H. H. asks: 1. How can I it? A Mix the What size and how many blades should a propeller heel be to propel a 13 foot canoe? A. A two-blade screw
(4821) J. C. R. writes: I am building a mall non-condensing compound marine engine of the P. 11, in $16 \times 3-16$, exhaust $3-32 \times 3-16$, L. P. cylinder 1-16 $\times 9-32$, shaust $3-32 \times 9-32$. Are the cylinders and ports in the If the cranks are fixed at right angles to each other, give ative position of eccentrics to cranks. A. The cyliners are a good proportion, as are also the ports. 'Jhe a line at right angles to the crank. See "Model Enine Making," by Pocock, $\$ 1$ mailed.
(4822) J. H. R. writes: I wish to lay out yration to put on the not care for brick, but a preripreparation similar to cement that will stand freezing? ard? A. Probably hydraulic cement mixed with sand, of cement to 2 of sand, makes as good walks as anything hat you can handle. The cement is about $\$ 1.25$ per walk 1 inch to $1 / 8$ inch thick. Mix dry, and wet and
(4823) S. Z. asks for a solution for platng metal goods a jet black, that will not peel or crack hen said goods are squeezed. A. The coloring of the
 but do not stand squeezing or pressing without marking
the surface. Such surface color should ishing.
(4824) F. W. C. says : I am desirous of knowing how to make aluminum present a matted apthere is a better material to polish aluminum than rouge A. The matting of aluminum is done with polished matting tools or stippled with a broad lining or stipple, the same as silver plate. The tools can be obtained from
dealers in jewelers' tools. For the bright finish on aluminum, use Vienna lime after the rouge.
(4825) J. T. asks how far a 124 ton gun will throw a projectile, the kind krupp will exhibit at the World's Fair, also the quantity of explosives to fire each round. A. The 124 ton gun is intended to carry
solid shot of half a ton with a charge of 700 pounds of powder, with a range of 12 or 13 miles.
(4826) C. E. E. asks: What can I use for the porous cup in a battery? What will do that I
can find here without buying one? A. Porous flower can find here without buying one? A. Porous flower pots may be used for the porous cells of batteries by stop-
ping the hole in the bottom of the pot. Such poroas cells, how
(4827) S. B. write: We have two large iron columns, one on each side of boilers, in basement, voth essential supports to a six story building. They get contraction of same is any indication of danger? A. There is no danger, from the influence of thetheat, iff the ting.

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