

a clear circulation under the building, and keep the ground as dry as possible under the condition of a wet soil. If a layer of concrete or sand and hydraulic cement can be spread under such a building, it will greatly help to keep the lower story dry and preserve the timber from decay.

(5039) Amateur asks: In computing horse power of steam boiler what proportion of shell is considered heating surface? A. All of the shell exposed to the fire and heated gases. 2. Does the horse power of boiler increase in same ratio as steam pressure, i. e., if a boiler is 30 horse power with 60 pounds, will it be 40 horse power with 80 pounds steam? A. Yes. 3. With boiler pressure at 80 pounds, what is the pressure in cylinder of slide valve engine in motion? What makes the difference? A. The cut-off of the valve, which prevents the following of the steam to the full stroke, makes the mean pressure. 4. How can the power a slide valve engine is exerting under varying loads be found without the use of indicator? Boiler pressure at 80 pounds. A. By a dynamometer. For excellent articles on dynamometers in general see our SUPPLEMENT Nos. 264, 359, 376, 436, 684, especially the two first named ones.

(5040) J. B. D. asks: What is a good roof paint that will last five years at least, on either iron or shingle roofs, one I can prepare myself? A. The most durable paint for roofs is red oxide of iron or Prince's metallic paint (dry); mix it with raw linseed oil for shingle roofs, first coat thin, so as to spread easily with the brush. When this has well dried, which may be several days, paint with the same paint mixed with boiled linseed oil, just thick enough to spread well with a brush. For iron roofs use boiled linseed oil with the same paint for both coats.

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