

as I wish it to be perfectly safe? A. Make the gun for 1 inch bore, 16 inches long over all, 2 inches of metal at breech, 5 inches diameter behind trunnions, and taper to 3 inches at muzzle.

(5097) D. T. S. asks: Suppose you take two iron balls, one weighing one hundred pounds, one weighing fifty, elevate both to the height of 200 feet from the earth, and drop both at once, which will strike the ground first? A. The large ball will reach the ground first, owing to less air friction in proportion to the weight.

(5098) A. W. G. asks for the formula for making the compound used by rubber stamp makers to make matrix or mould of. A. Soapstone (powdered) 1 pound 3 ounces; dental plaster, 1 pound; finely powdered kaolin, 1 pound; mix dry, sift and mix with the following solution, which is made by dissolving 5 ounces of dextrine in 1 quart of hot water. This solution is to be used cold and is made in advance. The composition should be about as stiff as putty or a little stiffer.

(5099) L. G. E.—Soft brass castings are easy to make if you use good copper 2 parts, zinc 1 part, by weight. This is called 8 ounces brass or 8 ounces of zinc to a pound of copper. The "Brass Founder's Manual," by Graham, will probably set you all right. \$1 mailed.

(5100) F. C.—You should be able to maintain 12 pounds vacuum per square inch upon the largest piston of your compound engine. The connecting pipe and pump should be a little larger than is necessary for discharging the water of condensation, as it has also to discharge the air in the feed water of the boiler.

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