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Names and Address must accompany all letters, or no attention will be paid thereto. This is for our information and not for publication. References to former articles or answers should give date of paper and page or number of question.

(5699) H. C. writes: I have a two cell electroplating battery. When I want to plate a wax matrix I am unable, after brushing same with black lead, to make it a conductor.

(5700) J. F. writes: I have a magneto machine that was used on a telephone circuit. Will you please tell me whether I can use it to run a small model of an electric motor?

(5701) A. W. writes: 1. In SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN of October 28, Notes and Queries, No. 5442, you say a 14 inch wheel, 26 pitch, but do not mention number of blades; please do so, as I do not know the kind of wheel to get until then?

(5702) W. R. L. asks: In microphone transmitters there seems to be a great diversity of opinion as to the why. Some say it is the variable pressure, others the movable contact, or the heat generated, etc.

best, or are they both best according to the manner of use? A. Variations in resistance, due to more or less contact between the surfaces, is the "why" of it. This greater or less contact may be brought about by greater or less pressure or greater or less areas of contact.

(5703) G. F. H. writes: 1. What is the reason that in an incandescent electric lamp of 50 volts you unscrew the globe and touch the standard of two of them, the shock does not feel as strong as in a common 2 volt cell battery?

(5704) V. G. A. asks what Chatterton's compound is. A. Chatterton's compound is made of—Stockholm tar 1 part. Resin 1 part. Gutta percha 3 parts.

(5705) F. J. T. asks: 1. What is the depolarizer used in bichromate batteries? A. The chromic acid of the alkaline bichromate. 2. How can I find tables for winding motors, etc., to get fractional parts of, and horse power? Also resistances, so as to wind electro-magnets, etc.?

(5706) S. S. D. says: Will you please tell me how to make a good composition for printers' rollers? A. Best glue 10 1/2 lb. Black molasses or honey 2 1/2 gal.

The above formula is given for the mysterious black composition, so durable and elastic, and known but to very few persons until recently. Purified India rubber only is used. To recast add 20 per cent new material.

(5707) G. F. T. asks (1) how to make a good solder for mending tinware, one that does not require acid to solder with if possible. One that will solder sheet iron. An alloy made of 4 parts tin, 2 parts lead, 1 part bismuth, makes an easy-running solder for soldering with an alcohol lamp.

(5708) L. S. F. asks: Practically, how close to the wind can a first class yacht sail? That is, what is the minimum angle between the yacht's path and the direction of the wind, allowance being made for leeway?

(5709) L. E. R. asks: 1. Is there any known substance that will dissolve carbide of silver? A. If such a compound were produced, it would probably dissolve with decomposition in nitric acid.

(5710) G. L. R. asks: Please answer in your Notes and Queries (1) how the compass is kept from being attracted by the mass of steel around on the man-of-war? A. Special constructions of compass are made, shielded from the influence of the ship.

(5711) M. S. P. asks: How many cells of storage battery are required to run the electric motor described in SUPPLEMENT, No. 641, also the number and size of the plates in each cell of storage battery?

be accelerated. We advise not less than 20 gravity cells in 4 series of 5 each. (5712) H. O. G. asks: What will clean a boiler of lime where you carry 15 pounds of steam to heat a building without injuring the boiler?

(5713) N. A. W. asks: It is quite generally known that carbonic acid gas is deathly poisonous, and we are also told that carbonic acid gas gives the palatable, sparkling, and exhilarating taste to champagne, beer, etc.

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INDEX OF INVENTIONS

For which Letters Patent of the United States were Granted

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AND EACH BEARING THAT DATE.

(See note at end of list about copies of these patents.)

Table listing various inventions and their patent numbers, including items like 'Address labels, machine for attaching', 'Asphalt, refining', 'Auger handle', 'Automatic lubricator', etc.