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(6625) R. M. J. says: Can you give the formula for a cement for cloth? A. Use thin sheet gutta percha, which can be purchased of the manufacturers, especially for tailors' use. Place a piece of the tissue between the layers of cloth to be cemented and press with a hot iron. This causes the cloth to firmly adhere on account of the melting of the gutta percha.

(6626) E. E. R.—The compound leaf sent by Mr. E. E. Roberts, of Winthrop Harbor, Illinois, is that of the Kentucky coffee tree (Gymnocladus canadensis). It is a slender tree with rather large bipinnate leaves, not uncommon in the West and South and closely related to the uncommon honey locust. The generic name refers to the stout branches destitute of spray or thorns. It belongs to the pulse family and the pod is woody, pulpy within, with from 6 to 8 large compressed bony seeds.

(6627) C. W. S. asks: 1. In gasoline engines is gasoline vaporized or atomized when injected into the cylinder ready to be fired? A. Gasoline vaporizes at ordinary temperatures with a moderate evaporating surface with a pressure of from one to two inches of water, which is sufficient to cause the vapor to flow through a pipe to the cylinder, where it is drawn in with the proper proportion of air by the movement of the piston. 2. Is compressed air used to atomize the gasoline, if that is the form it is injected into the cylinder? A. The gasoline is not atomized by compression. This method is not reliable. 3. What test gasoline is generally used? A Gasoline of 0·65 to 0·70 specific gravity (water 1) is used. 4. For 10 hours' work, one horse power actual, how much gasoline is used and its cost per gallon? A. About one pint of gasoline per brake horse power per hour, at a cost of about 15 cents per gallon. 5. What quantity of gasoline is generally forced into the firing chamber at one time for a one horse power? A. One part gasoline vapor to 10 parts air is the best proportion, drawn in by the piston to the extent of from ¼ to ⅛ of the stroke. 6. How or by what principle is the inflamed gasoline prevented from passing from piston chamber back into the supply pipe? A. By a sliding port valve which controls the inlet and exhaust. 7. In building a motor to propel a carriage, what would be the weight of two cylinders of two horse power each? This is to include only the piston rod, etc., and frame of sufficient strength to support them. A. The gasoline motor must have a fly wheel and for 2 horse power should weigh 300 pounds. 8. Would four metal wheels the size of ordinary carriage wheels and constructed similar to bicycle wheels, only of slightly heavier material, be sufficient to sustain combined weight of frame, cylinders, and four to six adults? A. Wheels should be heavier than ordinary carriage wheels. A complete motor carriage for six persons would weigh 1400 pounds. 9. Are pneumatic tires of sufficient strength to withstand such a pressure? A. Pneumatic tires will not stand the pressure. Solid rubber tires are used. 10. What would be the approximate cost of such a motor, also of frame and such wheels as described? A. The cost of such carriages as made is about $1,200. The motive power would cost about $400. 11 Would the cylinders become heated to such an extent when vehicle was in motion as to require cooling, and what is the general method of reducing this increased temperature? A. The cylinder requires a water jacket and a self-circulating water-cooling tank arranged on the carriage. See illustrated description of automobile carriages in SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN SUPPLEMENT, No. 979, and SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN, July 20, 1895.

(6628) E. W. C. asks how to etch on steel for tool marking. A. For etching brands and marks on polished steel surfaces, such as saws, knife blades, and tools, where there are many pieces to be done alike, procure a rubber stamp with the required design made so that the letters and figure that are to be bitten by the acid shall be depressed in the stamp. Have a plain border around the design, large enough to allow a little border of common putty to be laid around the edge of the stamped design to receive the acid. For ink, use resin, lard oil, turpentine and lampblack. To ¼ pound of resin put 1 teaspoonful lard oil; melt, and stir in a tablespoonful of lampblack; thoroughly mix, and add enough turpentine to make it of the consistency of printer's ink when cold. Use this on the stamp in the same manner as when stamping with ink. When the plate is stamped, place a little border of common putty around and on the edge of the stamped ground. Then pour within the border enough acid mixture to cover the figure, and let it stand a few moments, according to the depth required, then pour the acid off. Rinse the surface with clean water; take off the putty border, and clean off the ink with turpentine. Use care not to spill the acid over the polished part of the article. For the acid, 1 part nitric acid, 1 part hydrochloric acid, to 10 parts water by measure. If the effervescence seems too active, add more water.

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