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(7169) F. L. C. says: Please give me, through Notes and Queries, a recipe for a hard cement for bicycle tires. A. For bicycle tire cement, mix together two parts pitch and one part of gutta percha. Melt over a water bath and use hot.

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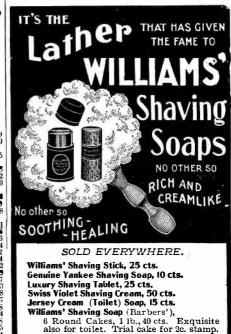


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