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(7190) W. H. asks: 1. In making the eightlight dynamo described in SUPPLEMENT, No. 600, could not the armature core be built of thin disks of iron, extending to the shaft, or could the wooden sleeve be replaced by one of brass? A. The armature core may be built of disks of the softest sheet iron about one-twentieth inch in thickness. These are sometimes perforated for ventilation. The disks are to be separated from each other by similar disks of thin paper or they may be oxidized. This prevents eddy currents through core. They may be keyed to the shaft or fastened together by bolts. No metal other than iron should be used in core, since iron alone has magnetic value. 2. Has an alternating current P. and N. poles? It seems to me, if the current were rapidly reversed, there would be no poles. A. The poles reverse two or more times with every revolution of the alternating dynamo, and no effort is made to name them. 3. What is meant by consequent and salient poles? A. Consequent poles are poles formed in the length of a magnet, and alternating in sign. In field magnets, salient poles are those projecting from the main body of the field magnet.

(7191) D. K. writes: I wish to light a 6 candle power 9 to 12 volt lamp for about 4 hours per night. I have 6 storage cells of 5 plates each, plates 6x8 inches. 1. How many Grove, Bunsen or Daniell batteries would it take to charge the above? A. Use 15 Daniell or gravity cells, or 10 Grove or Bunsen. 2. Which of the above batteries is the most suitable? A. Daniell or gravity. The others both give off corrosive vapors and must be kept out of doors or in a box outside of a window. 3. Would smaller plates in the storage battery be better? A. If the cells are of any of the standard makes, they could be cut down to about half the original size. To determine this, remove one pair of plates from each cell and find the amperes the battery will give as compared with full size. Then cut down the plates proportionally.

(7192) J. J. R. asks: 1. What does a dry battery consist of? How is it made up? Give me all the facts and what powders to use to bring out the electric spark. This must be a dry battery and a small one. Give me the cost of its make up. A. There are no dry cells, that is, cells containing only dry powders. The so-called dry cells are usually Leclanche cells in type. They are made with a rod or strip of zinc and a plate or cylinder of carbon. These are immersed in a paste composed of a saturated solution of sal ammoniac in water, into which plaster of Paris, gelatine, or some other substance is stirred till the liquid is held so that it will not run out if the cell is upset. In a sense it is dry. The cost depends on size, materials and make-up. It is not possible to give figures. See a valuable paper on dry cells in SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN SUPPLEMENT, No. 1001, 10 cents. 2. Also give me a few principles of how to deal with pyro-electricity of certain minerals possessed with the electric heat and form a brush glow spark. A. There are

no minerals which give out electric heat and a glow spark with pyro-electricity. Tourmaline, boracite, and other minerals may be electrified by heating so as to attract light bodies to their ends, in a manner similar to rubbed sealing wax. Mica will glow in the dark on being suddenly split, and a lump of sugar will do the same on being crushed or cracked. A piece of card will give out sparks on being torn asunder in the dark. See S. P. Thompson's "Lessons in Electricity," Pp. 77-80. 3. Also if magnesium wire can be used possessed of heat, and can be controlled. A. Magnesium ribbon is burned in a lamp invented for that purpose, with full control. Apply to some dealer in physical apparatus.

(7193) A. J. C. asks for a recipe for making white metal. A. White metal is made by a number of formulas. It depends upon the use to which it is to be put. Try the following: Tin, 9 ounces; lead, 2 ounces; antimony, 1 ounce; bismuth, 2 ounces.

(7194) R. H. D. asks: How can I fasten cloth to brass or zinc? A. Use equal parts of pitch and gutta percha melted together and used hot. The following formula has also been recommended for the purpose: Gutta percha, 16 parts; pure, unvulcanized rubber, 4 parts; pitch, 2 parts; shellac, 1 part; linseed oil, 2 parts. Digest the rubber in the linseed oil; melt the gutta percha, pitch and shellac and add the digested rubber.

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