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(8775) F. M. H. asks: How many cubic feet of free air will it take to fill an air tank having a capacity of 100 cubic feet at a pressure of 200 pounds per square inch? And how long a time will this amount of compressed air run an engine doing actual work of 5 horse power? How many cubic feet of free air will it take to raise 5,000 gallons of water 50 feet being compressed; state what pressure, using the direct air lift system? A. It will require 1,400 cubic feet of free air to fill the tank of 100 cubic feet capacity at 200 pounds pressure. This amount of air will run a 5 horse power engine 2 1-3 hours. The amount of free air at an average of 100 pounds pressure for pumping 5,000 gallons of water 50 feet high may be from 600 to 800 cubic feet, depending upon the efficiency of the

(8776) G. O. W. asks: 1. Please inform me how many ounces one cubic foot of hydrogen gas will lift. A. A cubic foot of hydrogen at 30 inches of the barometer, and at the freezing point, weighs 0.00562 pound. A cubic foot of air under the same conditions weighs 0.08071 pound. A cubic foot of hydrogen will balance in the air under normal conditions, as above, the difference of these two weights, and will lift a weight slightly less than this difference, or about 0.07 pound. This is the basis of the usual statement that 1,000 cubic feet of hydrogen will lift 70 pounds. It will do so when the barometer stands at 30 inches and the temperature is at freezing. 2. How to deposit platinum black on string or wire. A. To deposit platinum black on a string is not easy. We cannot suggest any better way than to mix the finely divided platinum with a gum or mucilage and coat the string with that mixture. For wine dip or cover with platinic chloride and heat charged, and about how long does it take to in a Bunsen burner till the platinum is reduced to a black powder. The ammonium platinum chloride can be reduced better than the simple chloride.

(8777) T. E. M. asks: What is the freezing pressure of water? About what pressure does freezing exert on fence posts set in wet ground? A. The pressure exerted by water in the act of freezing is enormous; how great we have no means of knowing. Heavy the expansion of the water burst the shell, the water flashed into ice in the instant when the what alloy is used? A. Open-circuit cells do pressure was relieved. It is believed that This is because water has its freezing point Daniell's Leclanche and gravity lowered by pressure. A pressure of 15 pounds to the square inch lowers the freezing point •.0175 deg. Fahr., and for other pressures in the same proportion. We doubt if the freez-with mercury. ing of the wet earth around a post greatly in creases the pressure upon the post, because the pressure is relieved by the rising of the earth around the post. This is easily observed, as also around stones. The reason why posts are more strongly fixed in the frozen earth is that the whole mass, earth and post, becomes one solid mass, and cannot be raised without breaking the mass open as a piece of ice or stone is broken.

(8778) W. F. G. says: I want to make a liquid blacking to apply with sponge lightly, and then with a few rubs with small cotton cloth produce a brilliant polish. A. Mix three pounds of fine lampblack with 1 quart of stale beer and 1/2 pint of sweet oil; then add 1 ounce molasses, ¼ ounce copperas, and ¼ ounce logwood extract. Copperas can be purchased from any dealer in chemicals and most druggists, and is worth only a few cents a

pound. Logwood extract can be bought from dealers in dvestuffs or can be made by boiling logwood chips with water.

(8779) W. S. C. asks: 1. If the electric current enters a building from the street, is it proper to place switch first, or fuse block first? A. The rules of the Fire Under-writers require knife switches to be placed so that when open they cannot drop together, that is, they must not turn up when opened. There is no regulation given as to the position of the fuses with relation to the switch. They must be placed as near the point where the current enters the building as possible. 2 Please describe the mechanism and operation of the American Clock Company's clock of Chicago. A. We have no description at hand of American Clock Company's clock. Where and how is sal-ammoniac produced? A The chief source of sal-ammoniac is the "ammonia water" of gas works. This is the water through which the gas is passed to remove the ammonia. By adding hydrochloric acid to this liquid, ammonium chloride is formed. 4. In wiring for electric bells, why is it proper to connect the carbon side of battery to the push button instead of to the bell? A. It seems to be a practice to connect the battery in a certain order to a circuit rather than that it is proper to do it in either way. The bell will operate as well either way. 5. In making a galvanic battery ground connection, why is it proper to connect the zinc pole to the ground? A. There is no reason to say it is proper to connect the zinc pole to the ground in grounding a battery. If, as in the tele-graph, the battery is divided, one-half at one end and the other half at the other end of the line, the zinc must be grounded at one end and the carbon at the other end of the line. 6. About how many carbon cylinder battery cells are required for cautery work, such as done by doctors and dentists? A. The number of cells needed in cautery will depend upon the size of wire used, probably five or more. 7. How many ampere hours will an ordinary battery cell give? A. The number of ampere hours a cell will give depends upon its size. Dry cells and sal-ammoniac cells can hardly be said to have any ampere hours, since they cannot be used on closed circuits. Edison-Lalande cells have from 15 to 600 ampere hours according to type. 8. How much of an ampere is required for a 10-volt lamp? A. An incandescent lamp uses from two and one-half to four watts per candle. A 10 c. p. lamp will consume from 25 to 40 watts. About how many years do carbon cylinder battery cells last when used for dwelling house purposes? A. The sal-ammoniac solution must be renewed in a carbon cylinder battery when the cell tests a volt or a little above one volt. The zincs will go till nearly worn through, and the carbons will not need renewing. Use a voltmeter for this purpose. 10. About how many watts are used to charge an electric auto when new? A. A storage battery is charged at 21/2 volts per cell, and at a maximum of 61/2 amperes per square foot of positive surface, reckoning both sides of the positive plates. 11. About what voltage does a spark coil give that is attached to an automatic gas-lighting burner? A. A spark of good volume, a thick spark of 1/8 inch, will ignite gas, but a coil giving a half-inch spark is commonly used. Several thousand volts are required to force a spark through a halfinch of dry air. 12 Are series or shunt wound motors used on automobiles? A. Either series or shunt motors may be used on automobiles. 13. About how many miles will an electric auto run after being fully charge them? A. It is stated that automobiles have run 100 miles or more on a charge, but about 20 is a fair run. 14. I noticed on the name plate of some generators is stamped five volts drop. What does this mean? A. Five volts drop on a machine means that that voltage is used in the machine itself and must be provided for. 15. Does the Atlantic cable consist of a positive and negative wire, or is the ground used for the return current? A. An Atlantic cable has a bundle of wire in the steel tubes have been filled with water and center for a conductor. There is no return screwed up. So, too, have bombshells. When wire. 16. Is the zinc that is used in battery cells pure zinc, or is the zinc alloyed, and pressure was relieved. It is believed that not usually have the zincs amalgamated, water under great pressure will not freeze. though this may be done with advantage. cells are used with unamalgamated zincs. Other cells have their zincs amalgamated. This is done Other cells

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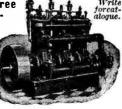


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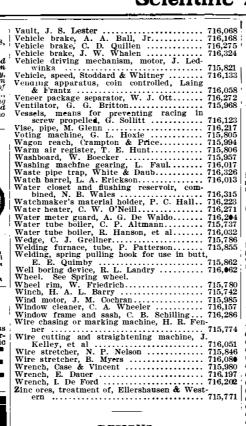
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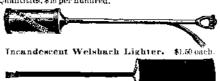
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