

RECENTLY PATENTED INVENTIONS.
Agricultural Implements.

FERTILIZER-DISTRIBUTER AND PLANTER.—J. B. CROWDER, Talucah, Ala. The object of the present invention is to provide a device for distributing and depositing fertilizer beneath cotton seed, or other seed in one and the same operation with planting and at any suitable distance from two to five inches below the seed, so that the fertilizer will be placed where it will do the most good and will not be depreciated by evaporation, or be blown away by the wind or be chopped away by the hoed.

Electrical Devices.

VENTILATED MAGNET-COIL.—W. SPENCER, Jr., Schenectady, N. Y. An improvement in magnet coils is provided in this invention, the object being to provide a coil having an inner helix, thoroughly ventilated to prevent heating, and the inner and outer helices separated by air spaces for the same purpose. The greatest possible freedom of air circulation is allowed, not only between the inner and outer helices, but likewise between adjacent convolutions of the inner helix. The inner coil terminates somewhat inward of the ends of the outer helix. By this means the danger of grounding the inner helix by contact with the ends of the outer helix is avoided.

Engineering Improvements.

BOILER.—R. B. HOBSON, Pueblo, Colo. The invention relates to water tube steam boilers in which the tubes are arranged in such a manner that the greatest possible number of tubes are exposed to the first contact of the products of combustion from the furnace, thus dividing the extreme boiler duty among as large a number of pipes as can be gotten into juxtaposition with the furnace or firebox.

ROTAIRY ENGINE.—F. E. WOMER, Fairhaven, Wash. The present invention provides certain improvements in rotary engines whereby the construction is at the same time very simple and most efficient. The parts are so arranged as to require but a comparatively small amount of motive agent. The engine may be made compound or triple expansion by simply increasing the number of engines connected one with the other.

Medical Apparatus.

DIAPHRAGM METER AND EXERCISER.—J. E. RUEBSAM, Washington, D. C. It is the object of this invention to provide a simple apparatus for testing the strength of the diaphragm and also for use therapeutically in exercising it. The apparatus is so constructed that the force of expiration acts to propel a small carriage resting upon a horizontal and vertically-adjustable support. This carriage is weighted to any degree required to give the desired gage or test of the strength of the diaphragm of the person using the apparatus.

WOUND-CLOSING DEVICE.—G. J. VAN SCHOTT, Passaic, N. J. An improved wound-closing device is herein provided which permits the surgeon or other person to quickly close up a superficial flesh wound without the use of plasters or resorting to sewing with needle and thread as heretofore generally practiced. The device consists of a flexible U-shaped clip with its ends projecting inwardly to form pins which engage the edges of the skin and firmly clamp them together.

Mechanical Devices.

PIVOT-GRINDING ATTACHMENT FOR JEWELERS' LATHES.—J. E. JACKSON, Jackson, Tenn., and W. R. JACKSON, Franklin, Ky. This lathe attachment is used for grinding watch pivots to the desired size and shape. It is so constructed and applied to the lathe that a horizontal grinder reciprocates in contact with the watch pivot which is secured to and revolves with the head stock. The working position of the grinder may be changed to accommodate pivots of different sizes and so that there is no danger of breaking the pivot.

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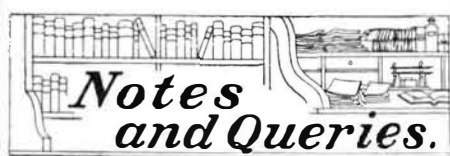
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(8780) W. R. asks: What the different gases are which, if introduced into an enclosed arc lamp, will turn the color red, green, yellow, blue, etc. A. Colored electric lights are ordinarily produced by coating the globe with an aniline dye, made in alcoholic solution, and mixed with a little varnish. We do not know any gas which could withstand the heat of the arc for any time and which could color the arc. Some color can be imparted to the arc by soaking the carbons in solutions of sodium chloride, strontium chloride, or lithium chloride, and drying them thoroughly before using. The light of the arc itself is so intense that it is very difficult to overcome it with any other colored light.

(8781) L. R. B. writes: Last evening our cook set a dish of raw steak in the pantry near an open window; the steak was salted lightly with fine salt. Near morning, while it was still dark, I chanced to look into the pantry and saw a faint silver glow near the window, and upon investigation found it to be the dish of steak giving off a soft silvery light; but when I lighted a match the meat looked natural and all right. I then took the dish of meat to show to others of the household, and it continued to show its soft, silvery light. The steak was cooked for breakfast in the morning, and we all ate of it and could find nothing wrong with it. Can you explain the chemical or scientific reason for it? A. The beefsteak of which you write had become phosphorescent. Incipient decay had set in, and at a certain stage phosphorescence is frequently seen, both in vegetable and animal substances. It had not in this case advanced far enough to produce an odor of decay, and when the meat was cooked the bacteria were killed, and no harm resulted from eating the meat.

(8782) W. E. F. writes: Do you know of any cheap and safe process for breaking up very heavy castings, such as heavy cylinders with 8 to 12 inch thickness of metal? Would be glad to have you advise me if there is any other process than dynamite or nitroglycerine? A. The dynamite or nitroglycerine for breaking large castings is entirely too expensive and dangerous for practical use. The old large naval guns are broken by a heavy weight falling about 30 feet in most of the large foundries. This seems to be the cheapest method available.

(8783) E. M. B. asks how shellac and aniline black are mixed together, such as pattern makers use? A. Aniline black is entirely insoluble. The only way, therefore, to prepare such a mixture would be to dissolve the shellac in the usual manner for a shellac varnish, and then stir in thoroughly the very finely powdered aniline black.

(8784) W. D. L. asks for a recipe for the petrification of wood. A. The term petrification as applied to artificial treatment of wood is a misnomer. The natural process of petrification takes many centuries; the final product is completely mineral, every portion of the original wood having been replaced by mineral deposit, preserving however the form and structure of the primal wood. Artificial petrification consists in depositing some form of mineral matter in the pores of the wood, without removing any of the woody material itself; its object is to render the wood very dense, and resistant to both fire and decay. Paragraphs 1, 3, 4 and 5 under article "Preservation of Wood," in the "SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN Cyclopaedia of Receipts," are processes of petrification. Besides the chemicals there mentioned, wood is often treated with silicate of soda solution, followed by treatment with alum; this gives very good results.

(8785) M. W. asks: How large would an electro motor have to be to drive a ten-foot propeller making twelve hundred revolutions per minute and pumping as much air upward as possible? Also, how large would storage battery have to be to furnish the electricity, and how much would the motor and battery weigh? A. We can give only an approximate answer to your inquiry. That it will require a five-kilowatt motor, weighing about 800 pounds. The storage battery of about 40 cells of large size would weigh about 1,600 pounds.

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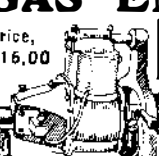
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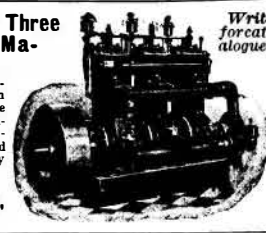
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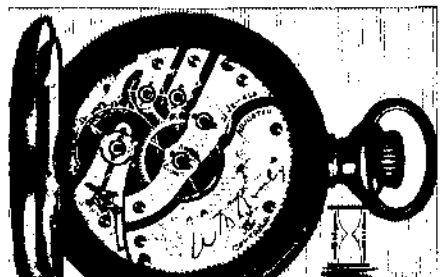
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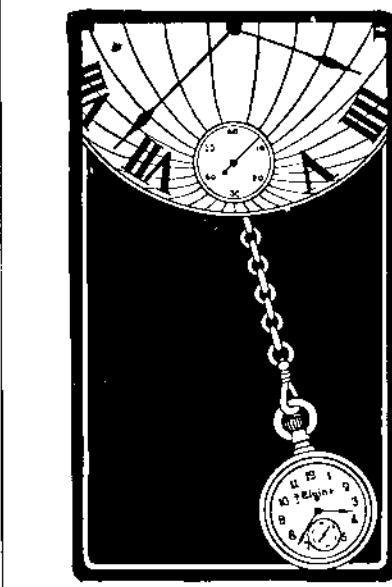
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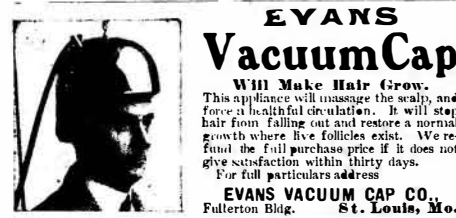


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