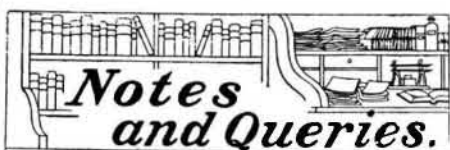


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(8852) W. J. V. asks if there is anything that will keep down the odor of oil when it is burned in lamps or stoves for heating purposes. A. Very careful regulation of the wick, so that it burns without a trace of smoking, is the only way in which the odor can be kept down to a minimum. It is practically impossible to have it burn entirely without odor. The burner should be well cleaned.

(8853) S. M. C. asks for a preparation to apply upon a cotton fabric that, after it becomes hard and dry, it will also become very flexible and not crack. We would prefer something thick, so as to cover up the meshes in the woven fabric. A. Practically the only kind of coating that would answer the requirement of becoming thoroughly dry, and still very flexible, is rubber. Linseed oil varnish, if sufficient time can be given to insure thorough drying and hardening, will give a coating of some flexibility; it would have the advantage over rubber of being easier to apply, and more readily admitting of mixing in coloring matters, if desired.

(8854) C. E. H. wishes cement which he could make or buy for fastening pieces of glass together, and which after hardening could be submerged in water without being affected unfavorably. We do not contemplate making water-tight joints with the cement, but simply to hold pieces of glass rigidly in place under water for experimental purposes. A. 1. Use Canada balsam, alone or slightly diluted with turpentine. 2. Dissolve 5 to 10 pints gelatine in 100 parts water; add 10 per cent of a concentrated solution of bichromate of potash, mix thoroughly and keep in a dark place. When the articles joined by this cement are exposed to sunlight for a short time, the cement becomes tough and insoluble in water. 3. Mix 4 parts quicklime, 6 parts litharge, and 1 part of linseed oil varnish.

(8855) D. W. K. asks how to make a solution of iron to be deposited by a battery in small quantity; also if a small Smee battery would be strong enough to deposit it, or what kind of battery should I require? A. Use either a solution of the double ferrous ammonium sulphate, or a mixture of 4 parts sulphate of iron and 3 parts sal ammoniac, dissolved in 30 parts of water. Use an iron plate or netting as anode. A Smee cell will do, but the Daniell cell is cheaper and will give as good results.

(8856) A. M. L. asks: Is it possible for four men to lift without straining, a heavy man lying rigid upon the floor? It is claimed that by the four men inspiring in unison while the one to be lifted is expiring, they can lift him like a feather. A. We do not think it is possible for "four men to lift a heavy man lying rigid upon the floor," without any exertion on their part. The only explanation we can offer for this experiment is that the act of attention to breathing together distracts attention from the effort of lifting. We have no doubt whatever that a dynamometer placed between the hands of the lifters and the man to be lifted would show that a real stress was put forth equal to the weight of the man lifted. It is not a great effort to lift a quarter of a man, and one can do it without taking much notice of the effort. The explanation is strictly psychological. There are many similar examples of putting forth great efforts without being conscious of it, as, for example, one escaping from a burning building, and carrying a person in his arms, may do feats of strength without knowing it, which would not be possible under ordinary circumstances.

(8857) W. A. J. wants to know where he can procure a luminous paint (one that is readable at night) and its price, or can you give me a recipe for making it? Can you also tell me of a paste, cement, or something for fastening paper letters on the rear side of glass? A. Calcium sulphide is considered the best material for luminous paint. Devoe & Reynolds can probably supply same. Dissolve 30 parts gum tragacanth and 120 parts gum arabic in 300 parts of water. Then add 2 1/2 parts of thymol mixed into 120 parts of glycerine. Finally add water enough to bring up to 1,000 parts. The thymol acts as preservative, and the glycerine prevents drying out and consequently springing loose from the glass.

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