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Names and Address must accompany all letters or no attention will be paid thereto. This is for our information and not for publication.
References to former articles or answers should give date of paper and page or number of question. Inquiries not answered in reasonable time should be repeated; correspondents will bear in mind that some answers require not a little research, and, though we endeavor to reply to all either by letter or in this department, each must take his turn.
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(9472) M. K. says: I take the liberty of addressing you in view of securing the following information, for which I thank you in advance. Kindly tell me how the field of an alternating-current motor, of the Westinghouse type, is wound. A. There are many forms of alternating-current motors made by the Westinghouse Company, the windings of which differ from each other. Each one is wound after its kind. If you apply to the Westinghouse Company, they will doubtless be willing to explain to you any particular type in which you may be interested. In general, it may be said that the polyphase motor does not resemble a dynamo in its windings as closely as does the direct-current motor. Polyphase motors have a stationary and a rotating part; the stationary part is called a stator, and the rotating part is called a rotor. The stator in most motors has sets of coils in which the polyphase currents produce a rotary field. The rotor has closed coils in which the field produces closed currents, with the result that a torque or pulling force is produced, which causes the rotor to turn around, following the pull of the rotary field. The coils of the rotor may be copper bars imbedded in slits of the laminated steel or iron core. These bars are connected to copper collars at the ends of the rotors. Such an arrangement is called a squirrel-cage rotor, or armature. See Sheldon's "Alternating Current Machines," price \$2.50.

(9473) E. H. A. asks: Would not an expanding jet of steam travel slower at its expanded end than at its issuing end? If so, is it not paradoxical or illogical to enlarge the compound end of the Parsons steam turbine, so as to cause the blades at that end to revolve at a higher speed than the first sections of buckets getting the liveliest steam? A. The velocity of steam in an expanding nozzle varies adiabatically and inversely with the increasing area of the nozzle. Its expansion in the inverted cone does not increase its velocity, but does increase its area of impact on the blades of the turbine, and so balances the loss of velocity. The velocity of steam issuing from a nozzle to the atmosphere at 100 pounds pressure is 895 feet per second; while if issuing into a vacuum from the same pressure it is 1,700 feet per second, which suggests the enlarged terminal sections of the steam turbine as a condensing engine.

(9474) R. G. B. asks: 1. Is there any constant relation between watts and foot pounds per second? 550 foot pounds per second equals 1 horse power. 746 watts equals 1 horse power. Can foot pounds be calculated in watts, and vice versa? A. You say "550 foot pounds per second equals 1 horse power, and 746 watts equals 1 horse power." Since things which are equal to the same thing are, in the same sense, equal to each other, why do you not say, 550 foot pounds per second equals 746 watts? 746 watts will in 1 second exert a horse power in a motor, and will continue to do so as long as the motor runs. Watts and foot pounds are interchangeable as given above. 2. How can the horse power of a single-cylinder, vertical, two-cycle, gasoline engine be determined, when the apparatus necessary for calculating the brake horse power is not at hand? A. There are but two reliable methods of testing the power of a gasoline engine. First, the indicated power as registered on a card by an indicator, from which the mean pressure may be measured and the indicated horse-power computed. Second, the actual or brake horse-power taken by a Prony or any other form of brake. The difference between the indicated and brake horse-power is the power lost by the friction of the engine. Third, a method based on the heat units of the fuel fed to the engine in a given time, from which must be deducted the heat units carried off in the exhaust by the cooling water, and by radiation, leaving a balance assignable to indicated power. Still another method of determining the power is the Renard dynamometric fan described in SUPPLEMENT, No. 1460.

(9475) H. H. C. asks: Will you kindly answer me in the Notes and Queries column of the SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN the following question: I find that when the street-car tracks are connected with a direct line to the dynamo, a current of about twenty volts

and high amperage results. When the car is at the place tapped, the voltage is highest, and diminishes as the car proceeds from that point; also when the car stops the current stops, thus causing a current which is not continual. Will passing the current through a storage battery, or some other receptacle, produce a continual current between the "governor" and dynamo? A. You say you find a drop of voltage of twenty when a wire is taken from a street rail direct to the dynamo, which is highest when the car is at the place tapped. The voltage is then highest because the resistance in ohms is less from the trolley wire to the dynamo. As the car goes away further from the dynamo, the resistance increases from the trolley to the dynamo, and thus the drop of voltage from the place tapped to the dynamo is less. There are the same volts all the time from the plus wire to the dynamo, except for the drop between the dynamo and the trolley along the plus wire, which is usually the upper wire, on which the trolley bears. When the car stops, current is shut off, and of course none shows on the wire you have cut in between the rail and the dynamo. Passing the current through a storage battery will not help the current. If a storage battery is charged from the return current of a trolley line, that battery can be afterward used.

NEW BOOKS, ETC.

HANDBOOK OF GASOLINE AUTOMOBILES. Association of Licensed Automobile Manufacturers. New York. 1904. Pp. 83.

It is seldom that we review a catalogue, but in the present instance it is merited, as it illustrates all the principal types of automobiles which are manufactured and imported under the license of the Association of Licensed Automobile Manufacturers, under the basic patent granted to George B. Selden. The catalogue is beautifully gotten up, and shows a very large number of types of machines. It is an admirable book of reference, and should be in the possession of all who are interested in automobiling.

GOLD ASSAYING. By H. Joshua Phillips. New York: D. Van Nostrand Company, 1904. 8vo.; pp. 138. Price, \$2.50.

This work is a practical handbook for the use of chemists and assayers. It contains, besides opening chapters on the natural appearance and forms of gold, its physical characters and chemical properties, and the sampling of gold ore, articles on the assay furnace, cupellation, parting, scorification, the assay of bullion, and assays in cyanidation, chlorination, and amalgamation processes, which are all thoroughly described. A valuable appendix contains much information about the coinage of the different countries, and the amount of gold produced by various well-known mining districts. A very complete index aids in making the book useful.

MODERN ELECTRICITY. By James Henry, M.E., and Karel J. Hora, M.Sc. Chicago: Laird & Lee, 1904. 12mo.; pp. 355; 150 cuts. Price, \$1.

This volume is intended as a practical handbook for students, apprentices, and electrical engineers. Besides the principles and formulas governing electricity, which, by the way, are presented in as simple a manner as possible, the book contains many practical examples and their answers, from the study of which much useful knowledge may be obtained. The scope of the book is considerable, dealing as it does in the first place with static electricity and ending with X-rays, wireless telegraphy, and radium. Besides having this wide scope, it also deals with electrical machinery, batteries, wiring, etc., in a very practical manner.

A TEXTBOOK ON CERAMIC CALCULATIONS. By W. Jackson, A.R.C.S. New York: Longmans, Green & Co., 1904. 12mo.; pp. 67. Price, \$1.

This book is not a practical work on pottery and porcelain manufacture, but is given up wholly to mathematical calculations and the like, which will be found of use to all students and workers in clay, pottery, and porcelain. Among other things, it treats of the loss of weight of potter's material on drying and firing; of the fitness of ground materials; the calculation of formulae of compounds from their percentage compositions, and vice versa; the compounding of mixtures of definite composition from substances of known chemical composition, and the application of this knowledge to the complete synthesis of mixtures of known formulae from raw materials of given composition. The rational analysis of clays, and the methods of calculation based upon it, as well as the application of such analysis to the synthesis of bodies, is another of the subjects dealt with.

TALKING MACHINES AND RECORDS. By S. R. Bottone. London: Guilbert Pitman, 1904. 12mo.; pp. 86; 40 illustrations. Price, 60 cents.

This book is the latest addition to the series on electric and scientific subjects from the pen of that well-known experimentalist, Mr. S. R. Bottone. It describes the principles and methods of constructing various sound-reproducing machines, and also gives practical directions for making a simple and efficient

phonograph. A brief historical outline of the work of different experimenters, which has led to the perfection of the phonograph, is also included.

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