

upon the resistance of the body, and that varies largely with the dryness of the skin. It may be 10,000 ohms when the skin is dry, and 300 ohms when it is moistened by potash, as is the case in executing criminals by electricity.

(9478) H. A. T. asks whether the inside or outside wheels of an automobile have a tendency to lift or rise from the ground when the machine makes a turn or curve. A. The inside wheels.

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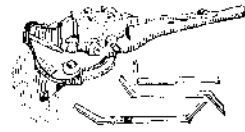
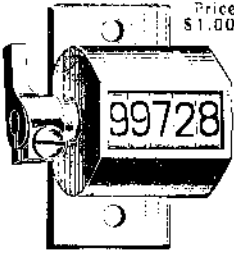
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