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(9530) O. B. P. asks: I am greatly interested in the articles in the Supplement on Experimental Electrochemistry. On reading the article in the December 31 issue of the SUPPLEMENT, it occurred to me that the part water plays in promoting chemical reaction between compounds would also furnish an explanation why water thrown on the flames of a burning building appears to aid combustion in some cases. Does it play the part of a dissociant? A. It is not obvious to us that there is any connection between putting a minute quantity of an electrolyte into a large Inquiry No. 6497.—For the manufacturer of rotary air pumps with a back pressure of five pounds.

Robert W. Hunt & Co. bureau of consultation, chem. tity of water and putting a small quantity of water upon a large fire. In the case of dissociation it is not possible to use) the dissociated substance as separate chemical substances. Thus, you cannot get hydrogen and chlorine by dissociating HCl in water. There are \boldsymbol{H} ions and \boldsymbol{Cl} ions in the water, and yet no free H, nor any free Cl. Water is not the substance which is dissociated, but electrolytes are dissociated when a small quantity is added to water.

> (9531) A. S. G. says: Would you please answer by letter or through the columns of your paper, if steam turbine engines have ever been used for automobiles? If so, where can I get a description of them? If not, why Common sense teaches this. If a person puts could they not be used? A. We have never 1½ pounds of food into his pocket and gets heard of an instance where an attempt has upon scales he will weigh 11/2 pounds more been made to apply a steam turbine engine than without the food in his pocket. to an automobile. The speed at which it is stomach in place of pocket, and you will necessary to run the steam turbine of small power would make their successful applica-tion to automobile practice extremely difficult. The speed control and power at starting also make the steam turbine less satisfactory than the ordinary steam engine for automobile The most serious difficulties with the steam automobiles are with the boilers generating the steam rather than with the engines.

(9532) G. A. D. asks: Would you kindly inform me whether it is possible to build a brick smokestack or chimney 150 feet high, either square or round, which will be strictly plumb from top to bottom? A. In possible to make a brick smokestack or chimney 150 feet high, either square or round, which would be strictly plumb, we would say that of course it is impossible to make anything mathematically straight or plumb. The difficulty of obtaining proper foundation for a tall chimney, and the possibility of unequal settlement, make it especially difficult to have such a structure come as near to the absolute plumb line as many other structures would. It is customary to give the outer wall of a tall chimney a batter, making the chimney smaller at the top that at the bottom, both for rea sons of economy and stability.

(9533) J. N. P. says: 1. Why and how does water put out fire? Why does the water have the same effect whether hot or cold? A. Water puts out a fire by reducing the temperature of the flame below the point of ignition, and is especially efficient for this purpose because of the large amount of heat that is required to turn it into steam. It is almost as effective when hot as when cold, because of the great amount of latent heat in the water. 2. Does the sun shining directly on a cooking stove have any effect upon the cook-Inquiry No. 6509.—For the manufacturers of the electrical machine for making puffed rice. when shining on a fire in an open grate, does it reduce the heat? A. The sun shining directly on a stove or fire in an open grate tends to increase the temperature slightly, just as it tends to increase the temperature of any other object. The bright sunlight, nowever, may make the fire appear less brilliant, and Inquiry No. 6513.—For manufacturers of port, therefore appear to give out less heat. This able compressed air caroet cleaners. effect, however, is \mathbf{d} eceptive.

> (9534) J. B. E. says: What will be the approximate cost of installing an electric light plant to furnish 1,000 16-candlepower lights and run one elevator (exclusive of light charges)? The approximate amount of fuel, coal, for 10-hour run? What horse-power steam outfit required? Is direct or alternating current better for private hotel plant? Is gasoline outfit practical for this purpose from standpoints of economy and reliability? What would be the difference in cost of fuel between steam and gasoline with coal at say \$2.50 per

ton? Is it practical to use exhaust steam in radiators for heating house? Do you consider underground tank with air pressure preferable to elevated gravity pressure tank for private water-works? A. An electric light plant furnishing 1,000 16-candle-power lights and running one elevator will require an engine which will develop from 100 to 120 horsepower and a generator which would generate from 65 to 75 kilowatts. Such a plant will require from three to six tons of coal per ten hours, according to the type of engine and boiler that are installed. Direct current is as efficient and more simple for your purpose than alternating current, and is perhaps more economical and reliable than gasoline. It is perfectly practical to use exhaust steam in the radiators of a heating plant, and if the installation is properly made, this will give satisfactory results and be a great saving in expense. Either an underground pressure tank or gravity pressure can be satisfactorily used for private water works. Nothing is superior

(9535) H. A. says: A cask of water is placed on a pair of scales. It weighs 50 pounds. If a fish weighing 15 pounds (salmon) is placed in the water contained in the cask, will it raise the weight of the cask or not? It is argued by some apparently smart men, but I want to lay down your word to them as proof. I contend that the cask then weighs 65 pounds. A person weighs 140 pounds before dinner; dees he weigh any more after a hearty meal, say of 11/2 pounds? It is generally contended here that he does not. I say he does. Who is right? A. If a cask full to the brim with water has a live fish put into it, as much water as the fish displaces will overflow. As a fish weighs the same as the water it displaces when floating in water, it follows that the cask full of water and fish weigh the same after the fish has been put into the water that the cask and water weighed before the fish was put into the water, that is, 50 pounds. If the cask was not full of water when the fish was put into it, and if no water overflowed when the fish was put into the cask. the weight of fish, water, and cask will be 65 pounds in the case you specify. The whole turns upon whether the fish is alive and whether the cask is completely filled with water. If a person is weighed after a meal, he will weigh as much more than he did before the meal as the weight of the food he has eaten. Common sense teaches this. If a person puts stomach in place of pocket, and you will have the same fact. Or put nails in place of the word food. It will be equally true.

NEW BOOKS, ETC.

JIU-JITSU COMBAT TRICKS. Japanese Feats of Attack and Defense in Personal Encounter. By H. Irving Hancock. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1904. 12mo.; pp. 151; 32 illustration. trations. Price, \$1.35.

Of iiu-iitsu the world had heard much in general, but until the publication of Mr. Han cock's work, very little in particular. Every reply to your question as to whether it would boy is no doubt eager to learn just how he may master an older and weightier opponent; it is, however, but fair to warn these boys that no little labor and application will be necessary before the simplest of the tricks can be successfully applied. Still, the full-page illustrations are so good that we see no insuperable difficulties in the way of becoming moderately expert.

> Science and Immiortality. By William Osler, M.D., F.R.S. Boston and New York: Houghton, Mifflin & Co, 1904. 18mo.; pp. 54. Price, 85 cents net.

> "If a man die, shall be live again?" So said Job; and this problem has proved to be most interesting since his time. $\ensuremath{\,^{\frown}} {\rm \bf Pr.}$ Osler has conferred a distinct benefit upon those who are desirous of showing the compatibility of science and religion. The book is the Ingersoll lecture of 1904.

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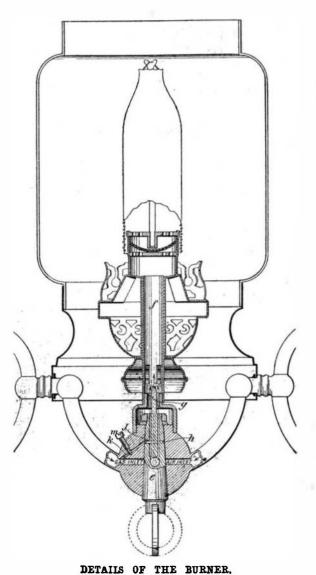
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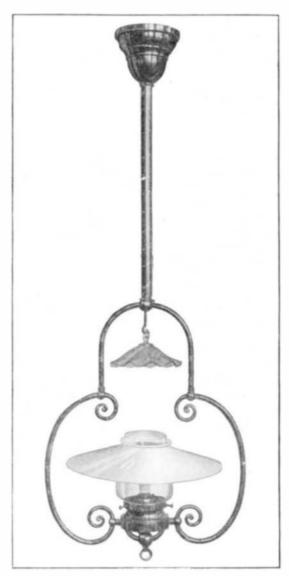
With the introduction of incandescent lighting in New York city, in 1882, an era of light was inaugurated. The civilized world was no longer satisfied with the kerosene lamp, or even with the gas jet. Inventors turned their attention to the problem of illumination, studied the virtues and defects of the electric light, and endeavored seriously to devise a perfect light, one which should be as steady, as bright, and yet as diffused as daylight, and which should contain all the colors in the same proportions as found in sunlight. For a time it seemed as if gas, long the chief illuminant of city buildings and streets, would be entirely displanted by electricity. But the invention, a few years later, of the incandescent gas mantle opened up new fields for the use of gas. .It was possible now to secure a steady, brilliant, white light, closely approaching daylight, and far more satisfactory than the trying, yellow light of the incandescent electric lamp or the unsteady, sputtering glare of the arc lamp. By judicious arrangement of shades and reflectors the light was softened and diffused, so that instead of coming from a small intensely bright crater, as in the arc lamp, the light was spread over a large surface at its source, thus destroying those objectionable sharp, black shadows of the open arc lamp. The resulting effect was, therefore, very similar to daylight. At the same time efforts were made to produce a lamp that would consume a smaller amount of gas per candle power hour. All incandescent gas lamps burn a mixture of air and gas and are consequently more economical than the ordinary gas jet without taking into consideration their higher illuminating efficiency.

But a much greater economy has been provided by the recently invented lamp which we illustrate herewith. In this lamp air is furnished to the burner under compression, instead of being sucked up by the gas current, as in the ordinary Bunsen burner. Of course, there is a limit to the amount of air which it is advisable to mix with gas in order to produce the best results, and it is not the purpose of this invention to overstep this limit. The compressed air expands in the mixing chamber, insuring a more intimate mixture of the air with the gas, and the pressure then drives the mixture with a rapid current to the burner. A more efficient flame is thus produced due to the perfect mixture, and also to the current that rapidly carries away the products of the combustion which hinder the flame.

The air is compressed by means of a simple pump, which may be placed in the cellar or any other convenient place. It takes up about one square foot of floor space, and is operated by the city water power at an expense that is insignificant. We show herewith a diagrammatical view of the lighting system. The city water supply is admitted alternately to opposite ends of the upper cylinder, A, of the pump, giving a reciprocating motion to the piston therein. This piston is connected by a rod with a piston in the air cylinder,



and the air compressed therein is forced into a galvanized iron tank, B, whence it is fed through a small brass pipe to each lamp, C. The action of the pump



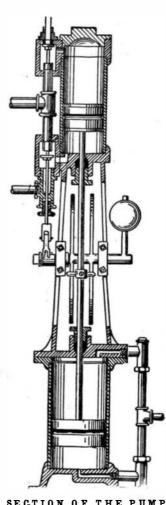
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is automatic, and requires but little attention. The pressure is governed by a regulator shown at d. This regulator reduces the pressure to $3\frac{1}{2}$ pounds, the amount necessary to produce the maximum candle power in each burner.

The lamps used with this system vary in design to suit different tastes. One of the best designs is illustrated by the accompanying half-tone engraving. The gas supply pipe and the air supply pipe are both inclosed by a tube leading down to the main frame of the lamp. The gas passes down the right side of the lamp through the tubular frame, while the

air passes down the left-hand side to the valve at the bottom of the lamp. A set screw is threaded into the air channel, just below the point where the air pipe is connected to the lamp frame, and this provides an additional means for regulating the amount of air admitted to the lamp. The details of this valve and the burner will be clearly understood by reference to the sectional view. The valve plug. formed with a central channel for the air supply, which enters the mixing chamber, f, through a nipple, g, while the gas supply branches and opens into the mixing chamber through two ports, one on each side of the nipple, g. The valve plug is also formed with an annular groove, h, near its upper end, from which a small channel, j, connects

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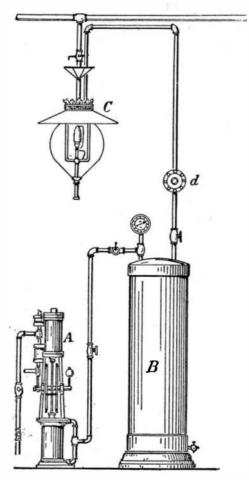
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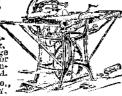
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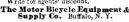
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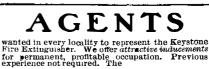
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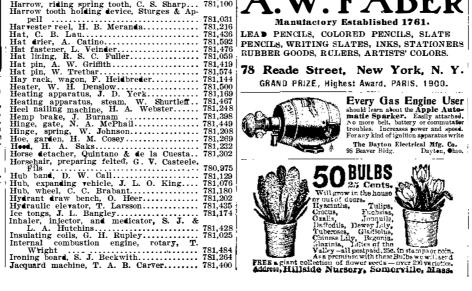






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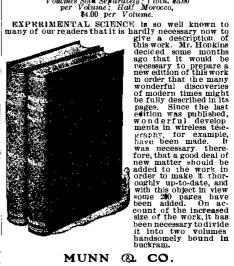
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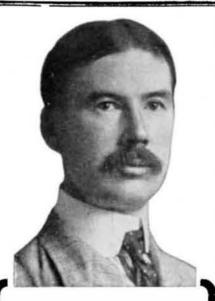
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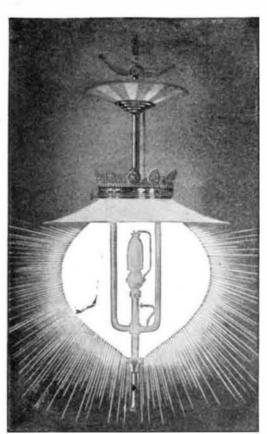
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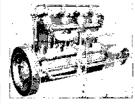
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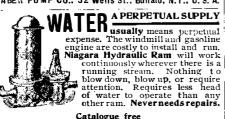
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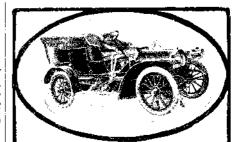
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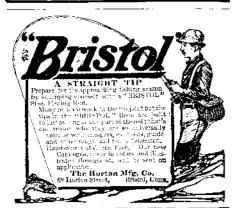


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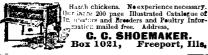
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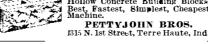
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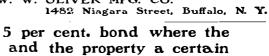
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