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(9867) J. E. W. asks: 1. If at the equator a hole 2 feet wide pierced the earth through its center, and a ball a half inch in diameter were dropped into the hole, I figure that in about nine and one half seconds, and at a depth of about 1,440 feet the ball would impinge against the east side of the hole, because at that depth the earth would be revolving a little over one-tenth of an inch slower than at the surface; and from that point down to the center the continually decreasing speed of revolution would cause the ball to press continually against the east side.

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NEW BOOKS, ETC.

DYNAMO, MOTOR, AND SWITCHBOARD CIRCUITS. By W. R. Bowker, C.E. New York: D. Van Nostrand Company, 1904. 8vo.; pp. 120. Price, \$2.25 net.

INDEX OF INVENTIONS

Table listing inventions and their patent numbers, including Abdominal supporter or bandage, Acid, making guanyl dialkyl barbituric, Adjustable table, etc.

(9865) W. S. asks: 1. Why is twilight so much longer in England than in Spain or North Africa? Is it true that the period of twilight increases as we approach the poles, and if so, what is the cause of the increase?

(9866) C. O. B. writes: I send you this letter with inclosed salt formation, in the hope that I may get some explanation, published or otherwise, as to its cause.

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