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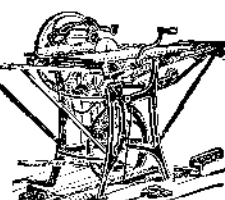
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(10176) E. E. S. asks: 1. What is the best way to mount a map on a muslin backing, and would a window shade be suitable? A. Moisten the muslin, stretch and tack it down on a table. Then wet the map thoroughly and apply the paste evenly over the entire back of the map, being very careful to bring it to the edges of the paper. Now lay the sheet on the cloth and smooth it out and rub it down upon the cloth so as to remove air bubbles and bring it into contact with the cloth. A roller or squeegee such as is used for mounting photographs will enable you to do the job much better. 2. How can I produce on brass the bronze-like finish used on the instruments of surveyors and engineers? A. Bronzing of brass by dipping in a solution of 5 drachms of perchloride of iron to 1 pint of water, until the desired color is obtained; then wash in hot water, dry, and lacquer with a thin shellac and alcohol varnish.

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