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THE MECHANICS OF HOISTING MACHINERY. Including Accumulators, Excavators, and Pile Drivers. By Dr. Julius Weisbach and Prof. Gustav Herrmann. Authorized translation from the second German edition by Karl P. Dahlstrom. New York: Macmillan Company. 8vo.; cloth; 332 pages; 177 illustrations. Price, \$3.

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LESSONS ON SANITATION. A Hand Book for Students Arranged on the Principle of Question and Answer. Forming a Complete Course of Study on the Subject. By John W. Harris. London: Charles Griffin & Co., Ltd. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Company. 12mo.; cloth, 175 pages; 53 illustrations. Price, \$2.

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ELECTRICAL WIRING AND CONSTRUCTION TABLES. By Henry C. Horstmann and Victor H. Tousley. Chicago: Frederick J. Drake & Co. 16mo.; leather; 119 pages. Price, \$1.50.

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CASSELL'S ENGINEER'S HANDBOOK. Comprising Facts and Formulae, Principles and Practice, in all Branches of Engineering. By Prof. Henry Adams. Philadelphia: David McKay. 8vo.; cloth; 576 pages. Price, \$2.50.

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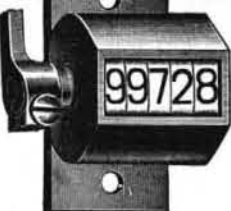
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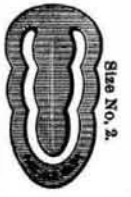
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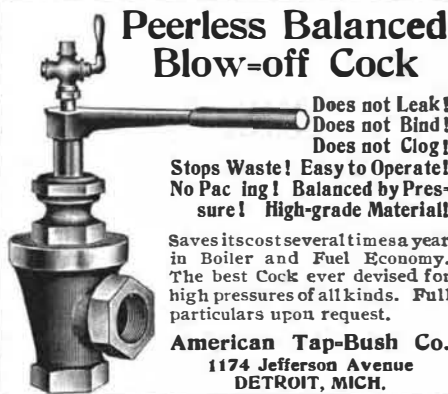
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