#### **RECENTLY PATENTED INVENTIONS.** Pertaining to Apparel.

REDUCING-CORSET. -ABDOMINAL S BURNSTEIN, New York, N. Y. The more par-ticular purpose of the invention is to provide a type of corset having portions, the general diameter of which can be contracted by de-grees, and also having an auxiliary flap adapted to occupy different positions representing different diameters for the corset and provided with appropriate means located with reference to the position of this auxiliary flap.

#### Electrical Devices.

INSULATOR .--- C. ROSENBERG and V. T. BAILEY, New York, N. Y. In the present patent the invention is an improvement in insulators such as used in connection with incandescent electric lamps, and has for its purpose to relieve the binding screws or posts of the strain incid nt to the stringing and the stretching of the wires.

TERMINAL FOR ELECTRIC WIRES .- B. MORGAN, Newport, R. I. The object of the in-vention is to provide a form of tip, whereby the liability of the tip becoming detached from the conductor is reduced to a minimum, in which extensive contact is made between the conductor and the tip, and in which the latter may be readily secured to or detached from a binding post or the like, without the aid of any wrench, clamp, or other tool.

REGULATION OF THE PERIOD OR IN-DUCTANCE OF HIGH-FREQUENCY CIR-CUITS .-- G. FERRIÉ, 51 bis Boulevard de Latour Maubourg, Paris, France. The invention consists in providing in proximity to the inductance windings other conductors, preferably surrounding said windings and in shortcircuiting a portion of such other conductors, the inductance being regulated by varying the relative position of the inductance windings and surrounding conductors and the position of the short circuit.

#### Of Interest to Farmers,

VENTILATOR FOR HEN-HOUSES OR BROODERS.-G. H. LEE, Omaha, Neb. While the ventilator is intended to be used particularly in connection with brooders and hen houses, it is capable of general use as a ventilating device, that is, where an inner compartment or chamber is to have its air refresh ed through communication with the outer air.

WAGON-BODY AND HAY-RACK LIFTER .-W. C. WILSON, Livermore, Iowa. The inven-tion consists in an improved construction of wagon body lifter, in which special provision is made for bringing down the body in proper relation to the running gear when it is to be reconnected, thus avoiding all heavy lif ing and making the reconnection of the wagon body to the running gear automatic as well as its disconnection from the running gear.

BEEHIVE-CARRIER.-A. C. BROVALD, Finley, Wis. In this patent the wheel barrow is equipped with novel grasping and holding de-vices for the hive. The cen ers are so arranged hat when the barrow is brought to an approximately upright position adjacent to the

#### Of General Interest,

tions whereby it may be readily turned in

of a soap cake, and the shaving brush finally comes in contact with the bottom of the cup in which the cake is held, and at last there remains nothing of the cake save a thin ring which soon breaks up into pieces or sections that are thrown away and thus wasted. The invention provides a cake of improved shape that will wear so as to avoid the loss incident to the use of the old form.

WATER-STORAGE SYSTEM FOR USE IN EXTINGUISHING FIRES.—L. H. SONDHEIM, New York, N. Y. The object here is to provide a system whereby water may be stored in such manner as to be available in the event the usual water supply should fail, as for instance, by the breakage of the water mains by earthquake shock, or such a temporary reduction of the normal pressure occurs in the mains at a given point as to cause an inade-quacy in the supply.

WOVEN FABRIC .--- H. SARAFIAN, Yonkers, N. Y. The aim of the invention is to provide woven fabric, which is soft in tread, and provided with an exceedingly strong yet flex-ible back, thus rendering the fabric very serviceable for use as a carpet, rug or the like. It relates to fabrics such as shown and de-scribed in Letters Patent formerly granted to Mr. Sarafian.

# Hardware,

COMBINATION-TOOL.-W. WRIGHTSMAN Evansville, Ind. This tool embodies a center punch, a try-square and a linear scale. An object of the invention is to produce a device having a center punch, and arranged so that when it engages a body of circular crosssection in a suitable manner, the center punch can be positioned at the cross-sectional center of the body.

### Heating and Lighting.

BOILER-FURNACE .-- J. O'NEILL, New York N. Y. The intention in this instance is to provide a furnace, more especially designed for water-beating systems, and arranged to utilize the heat from the burning fuel to the fullest advantage, to render the furnace exceedingly strong, and durable by constructing the same mainly of sheet metal and brickwork and to allow convenient cleaning of the furnace of soot whenever desired.

#### Household Utilities.

STRAW-BURNING STOVE ..... H. C. RUGGLES Moro, Ore. The invention relates to stoves for use in burning a highly combustible substance as hay or straw. The aim is to produce a stove which is simple in construction and provided with improved means for insuring a good draft and for controlling the draft.

WASHBOARD .- LOUISE H. PERCY, Philadelphia, Pa. The invention has in view the provision of means for supporting the board over the tub in a substantially horizontal and slightly depressed position. Its use prevents backache from bending, prevents injury to the hands, such as callous knuckles and injuries resulting from pins, broken buttons, etc. The finest or coarsest article may be cleaned in

SAWMILL.-F. O. WILLEY, Newport, Ind. would be halved, but the heat produced would leather a coat of glue and roll it in emery, be reduced to one-fourth of what it was, since the square of  $\frac{1}{12}$  is  $\frac{1}{4}$ . 2. What is the cause The object of the inventor primarily is to proso as to make it retain it by being imbedded various directions, the connections being so vide in connection with a saw mill or other like cutting machine a variable feed, which is in the glue. Let the wheel dry until the glue of the humming in the field coils and pole constructed that no leakage can occur at the is hard and it is ready for use. under the absolute control of the operator, and pieces of an induction motor when the armajoint. (11034) C. L. F. asks how PROCESS FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF which will give every possible rate of travel ture does not revolve, but the current is pass bird-skins. A. Make an incision from the ing through the fields? A. The alternations of RESINOUS PRODUCTS CAPABLE OF RE- to the feed carriage within certain limits in breastbone to the vent; with a small piece of wood work the skin from the flesh. When the are heard as sound. These can be heard near either direction. PLACING NATURAL RESINS .- L, GROGNOT, AUTOMATIC STOP FOR TALKING-MA-18 Rue Labat. Paris. France. Phenols have leg is reached, cut through the banee joint and an arc light run by an alternating current, or CHINES.-R. B. SMITH, New York, N. Y. The the property of combining with the aldehydes clear the shank as far as possible, then wind near an alternating electro-magnet. 3. What changes are necessary to reverse the running of an induction motor? Crossing the positive under he influence of catalytic agents (such more particular purpose in this case is to ena bit of cotton wool on which some arsenical as mineral or organic acids. alkaline or other able a moving member carried by the machine soap has been put round the bone; do the bases) for forming the various resins analoand having a travel related to the progress and negative wires at the binding posts will same with the other leg. Now divide spine made by the record to play, to act upon and gous to the natural resins in their properties. from root of tail, taking care not to cut too near the tail feathers, or they will come out. In the tail feathers or they will come out. Nevertheless the action of these catalytic operate one or more brakes for the purpose of agents is difficult to control and beyond what stopping the machine promptly when the play-Next skin the wings as far as possible and cut rection of rotation of a motor. If the inducis required. The present process avoids this ing of the record is completed. off. The skin will now be entirely clear of the tion motor is two phase, the direction of rotadefect. DRIVEN WHEEL,-J. T. MOORD and W. J. body. The skin must now be turned inside tion will be reversed by changing the two leads FLEMING, Evansville, Ind. The object of the MOLDING-FASTENING .--- A. C. GODDARD, out and the neck and skin gently pulled in of either phase. If it is three phase, it will be New York, N. Y. Metal doors, windows, and improvement is to provide a driven wheel opposite directions till the eyeballs are fully reversed by changing any two of the leads. other similar structures are comprised in this wherein the momentum of the driving wheel exposed. The whole of the back of the head The different phases are a fraction of a period invention, and the object is to provide a fasat all times, when in action, predominates over may be cut off and the eyes and brain taken behind each other, and the direction of rotatening for securely fastening molding and like the driven wheel, and the wheel is especially out and their places filled with cotton wool. tion depends upon the direction in which the parts in place without the use of screws. rivets adapted for use as the driven wheel of a band The whole skin should be rubbed well with phases lag behind around the rotating part of or similar fastening devices, and without showsaw or band knife machine but may be used arsenical soap or plain arsenic, and the neck the motor, whether clock-wise or contra-clocking the fastening means on he outside of the in any loose pulley where a minimum mowise. To reverse the motor the direction of returned to its natural position, when, after molding or marring he exterior face thereof. mentum is desired. filling the body with a little dry grass or wool, the lag in phase must be reversed. 4. Would the job is done. It is very easy, and the skin SHAVING-SOAP CAKE .-- L. C. BENITZ, CAMERA ATTACHMENT.—E. L. HALL, it be possible to illustrate and explain the inbiladelphia, Pa. A conical cavity is worn New York, N. Y. There is provided in this of a bird is much tougher than one would sup-down by the brush in the center of the top invention a construction of a camera finder pose, though, of course, they vary, the night- some time in the future? A. The induction

furnished with an adjustable hood that is ap- | jar being very thin, while humming birds are plicable to any type of camera and which can be expeditiously and conveniently fitted there-to, and which is also capable of being readily removed.

PANTOGRAPHIC SHIFTER.-H. L. FALCO, New York, N. Y. The invention relates to printing and arts allied thereto, the more particular object being to provide means for readily shifting a printing film or the like, for the purpose of multiplying the design carried by the film. The mechanism is a system of levers for use in moving the printing film frame and mechanism for guiding the operator as he actuates the system of levers by hand.

### **Railways and Their Accessories.**

RAILWAY-SIGNAL.-M. M. KANE, Montgomery, Ala. This signal is for use in preventing collisions or accidents caused by open switches. The object of the inventor is to construct a signal or semaphore in such a way that it may be readily operated so as to display different colors indicating whether the track is clear or not.

TRACK-SANDER.-J. SCHMITZ, San Francisco, Cal. The aim of the invention is to provide a simple and efficient track sander, which can be applied to railway rolling stock of var-ious kinds, which is inexpensive to manufacture, and by means of which sand can be distributed in a plurality of directions and de-livered to the track at a plurality of points.

TICKET OR RECEIPT CUTTER.-G. MCN. ROSE, JE., Nashville, Tenn. The invention is an improved device for use in cut ing and thus dividing receipts, or tickets, given for cash fares paid by passengers on railway trains. It is embodied chiefly in he form, arrangement and adaptation for adjustment of the several coacting cutters. The device may be quickly and easily adjusted.

# Designs,

DESIGN FOR A GLOVE.-I. OLIVER, New York, N. Y. The glove is formed with a hand and a gauntlet portion. The latter is split from the junction of the hand portion therewith to its free end, on the side adjacent to the little finger and the sides of the split are snap fastened. The wrist portion is split from he beginning of the palm upwardly and the sides of the split are provided with buttons and button holes.

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Attention has been called by several correeditor must say that the latter part of the adulterants of food. For this reason some have condemned the use of aluminium dishes. harm.

the wheel on the mandrel on which it is to run.

fairly tough. All the apparatus required is a sharp knife and a pair of scissors, or, for large birds, a strong pair of nippers to divide the bones.

(11035) C. L. asks how to lace belts. A. The ends of a belt should always be cut off square, not guessed at by the eye, but laid off with a tool. The holes ought to be made with a small punch at a proper distance from the end; the size of the holes and the distances of them depending on the width of the belt. The use of an awl is reprehensible, for the holes are apt to be made irregular by it, and much larger than there is need of. The end of the lace should be tied with a square knot in the middle of the outside, for the corners of the belt where it is cut are most exposed and apt to whip out. Tying a belt lace does not look so neat as where the ends are put through an incision, but tying saves the belt from having extra holes made in it. The laces ought to be of the same thickness from end to end, or as nearly so as possible. It often happens that laces have very thin spots in them; such should be kept for short belts, Moreover, the and never used for long ones. holes must be made at equal distances apart and not too many of them. Every hole weakens the belt, and none that are not absolutely essential should be cut. All new laces, as well as new belts, should be stretched by hanging weights on them before they are used; petro-

leum, sawdust, resin, and similar substances should never be used. When a belt gets harsh or dry, neat's-foot oil is the best thing to apply to it. (11036) C. M. S. asks: 1. Why does

not an arc lamp short-circuit a current or cause a live wire, the same as when the two wires leading from the generator are touched together and pulled apart, thus making an arc? A. The carbons of an arc lamp do not shortcircuit the current because he resistance of the coils in the lamp cut the current down to the number of amperes needed to light the lamp. 2. Is there any form of a rheostat used in the ordinary arc lamp? A. There is a rheostat in all arc lamps. 3. Please send me one of the SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN SUPPLEMENTS showing the construction of an electric furnace. A. Our SUPPLEMENT 1182 contains a good article upon the construction of an electric furnace.

(11037) K. G. C. asks: Owing to the precession of the equinoxes, is the apparent diurnal motion of Polaris around the pole of the northern celestial sphere describing now a larger or a smaller circle than formerly, or in other words, is the star approaching or receding from the actual pole? A. At present the distance of Polaris from the North Pole is about one and a quarter degrees. At the time of the Star Catalogue of Hipparchus, it was 12 degrees distant from the pole. It will approach the pole for the next hundred years, at which time it will be within a half degree of the pole. After that time it will recede from the pole, or rather the pole will recede from the star.

(11038) L. C. S. writes: 1. As I unone-half the time and in a manner saving long hive, certain members on which the hive rests derstand it the resistance is what makes the are centered beneath the same; whereupon the boiling and the use of chemicals. spondents to the answer to Query 11007, re-garding the properties of aluminium. The field coil get hot. In order to avoid the heatarms for grasping the hive and which are PORTABLE REEL GAS-OVEN .--G. B. The ing more wire is added; now, if resistance is manipulated from a point near the handles are MEEK, New York, N. Y. The object here is to what heats the coil, how do you account for brought into proper position to securely enprevent heating of the exterior wall by the answer is not entirely justified by the facts the coolness of the fields after adding more gage the hive and properly supported in the heat of the gas burners employed in the baking. in the case. The compounds of aluminium are wire, consequently more resistance? A. Your barrow when transported. This is accomplished by forming each of the not to be regarded as poisons and are simp'y statement that resistance causes the heating walls or wall sections with an inner packing of an electric circuit is less than half right. of asbestos or other suitable non-heat-conduct-The exact statement is that the heat developed ing material, and outside of the asbestos lining, SAFETY-RAZOR .- T. F. CURLEY, New York, but they are no worse in this respect than tin, in a circuit is directly proportional (1) to its there is provided a plurality of air passages, so arranged that an automatic circulation of if as bad, and excepting he caustic alkalis, the. amount of action of these chemicals of N. Y. The object of this inventor is to provide resistance in ohms, (2) to the square of the a razor arranged to permit of conveniently placing the blade into accurate position on the current in amperes, (3) to the time that the air is maintained. foods upon the aluminium is so small that current flows in seconds. Now one ampere flowframe or holder relative to the guard therethe salts formed cannot be sufficient to do ing through one ohm develops 0.24 calorie in Machines and Mechanical Devices. of, and to provide a back plate for giving the desired rigidity to the blade and which back one second. Putting these facts in a formula WATER-MOTOR .- H. BROWN, Brandt, Ohio, (11033) B. T. asks how to make buff we have: Heat in calories  $= 0.24 C^2 Rt$ . It can plate can be readily opened or closed and securely locked in place when in a closed po-The purpose in this invention is to simplify now be seen why the heating of a coil can be wheels. A. Turn up the wooden disk to form the piston construction by making the cylinder remedied by adding more wire. The increase from the wall of the chambers between the sition. of resistance cuts down the amperes in the Cover the periphery of the wheel with good HOSE-NOZZLE.-F. J. BADLER. Jersey City. piston faces, to mount the inlet and exhaust same ratio as the increase. But the reduction glue, prepared as for gluing wood, stretch the The connections of this nozzle are ports in the cylinder wall and to provide mechanism intermediate the piston faces for of the amperes affects the heating power in N. J. leather around and confine it with shoe pegs particularly adapted for use with hose on fire the ratio of the squares of the amperes. Thus, driven in about 2 inches apart. When dry water-towers, stand-pipes and the like, the ob-ject being to provide a nozzle with connec- SAWMILL.-F. O. if the resistance were doubled the amperes turn off true with a sharp chisel. Give the

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motor has been fully treated in several books in turpentine. On a large scale it is prepared recently published : Oudin's "Polyphase Ap- by opening a quire of paper flat upon a table, paratus," price \$3 by mail; Thompson's "Poly-phase Currents," price \$5 by mail. These, with against which is held a piece of wax, which, Thompson's "Elementary Lessons," price \$1.40, will put you in possession of quite a complete sorbed by it. Any excess on the topmost layer library of the subject at present.

(11039) R. W. asks for a rough method of estimating the horse-power of a steam engine. A. Multiply the square of the diameter of the cylinder in inches by 0.7854, and this product by the mean engine pressure, and the last product by the piston travel in feet per minute. Divide the last product by 33,000 | one hour. This phrase is exactly the same for the indicated horse-power. In the absence of logarithmic formulæ or expansion table, multiply the boiler pressure for % cut-off by 0.91, for ½ cut-off by 0.85, % cut-off by 0.75, 3-10 cut-off by 0.68. This will give the mean engine pressure per square inch near enough for ordinary practice, for steam pressures be- are the necessary steps for a young man to tween 60 and 100 pounds, always remembering get a position as electrician on board an ocean that the piston travel is twice the stroke multiplied by the number of revolutions per minute.

(11040) H. B. asks for a formula for insulating material. A. Linseed oil, 2 parts; cotton seed oil, 1 part; heavy petroleum, 2 parts; light coal tar, 2 parts; Venice turpentine, ½ part; spirits of turpentine, 1 part; gutta percha, 1-6 part; sulphur, 2 parts; heat the oils separately to about 300 deg. F.; cool to 240 deg., and mix in the other materials, the sulphur last. Heat to 300 deg. F. for about an hour or until the mixture becomes pasty, and on cooling is soft and elastic.

(11041) F. W. B. says: My boat is 20 feet long by 4 feet 5 inches wide, with easy lines, and my engine is supposed to be a highspeed double-cylinder opposed motor, bore 4 inches, stroke 4 inches, weight less than 200 pounds. It is said to give 4 horse-power at 500 R. P. M., and I would like to know what size propeller you would advise me to use, what should be the proper pitch, and and whether it should be two fluke or three. A. The size of a screw depends upon so many things, that it is very difficult to lay down any rules for guidance. However, the following rules are given sometimes for ordinary cases, where the size and power of the boat does not exceed a speed of 20 knots per hour. First: The "pitch" of a propeller is the distance which any point in a blade, describing a helix, will travel in the direction of the axis during one revolution, the point being assumed to move around the axis. The pitch of a pro-peller with a uniform pitch is equal to the distance a propeller will advance during one revolution, provided there is no slip. case of this kind, the term "pitch" is analogous to the term "pitch of the thread" of an ordinary threaded screw. Let P = pitch of propeller in feet. Then

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In which  $\mathcal{S} =$  speed of boat in knots,  $\mathcal{R} =$ revolutions per minute of propeller, x = percentage of slip. Assuming a speed of 10 knots per hour for your boat, with engine running at 500 R. P. M., and assuming a 10 per cent slip, we get a pitch of

$$P = \frac{10133 \times 10}{500 \ (100 - 10)} = 2.25 \ \text{feet}$$

This is probably high, due to the fact that we assumed a low percentage of slip. Diameter of propeller =

$$K\sqrt{\frac{I.H.P.}{\left(\frac{R\times P}{100}\right)^3}}$$

K = constant = 17.5. I. H. P. = 4. R =500 R. P. M. P = 2.25. Therefore, diameter of propeller under these conditions, namely, four blades to the screw, made of cast iron, would be approximately one foot diameter. To allow for any increased slip which may occur, and other contingencies which may arise, we would not advise a screw less than 2 feet in diameter, calculated on a pitch of 2 feet. This will easily allow for any increased speed desired over 10 knots up to 15 knots per hour.

(11042) C. J. N. asks how to draw on glass. A. To write or draw on glass, it is necessary to impart to the surface a certain by which meerschaum is prepared. The colordegree of roughness. This may be done by ing is produced by action of the smoke upon

melting, runs down upon the paper and is abreadily penetrates to the lower ones. Such paper is useful for making waterproof and airproof tubes, and for general wrapping purposes.

(11044) S. C. H. asks: 1. What is the meaning of "ampere hour"? A. An ampere hour is a current of one ampere flowing for in form as "horse-power hour" or one horsepower used for one hour. 2. How is the amperage of any light or coil measured? A The amperes used by a light or coil are measured by an ammeter put into the circuit so that the current flows through it. 3. What liner? A. To become an electrician in any position, learn the business thoroughly and then apply for the place you want. Make it appear that you are the man for the place, and you will be likely to get it.

(11045) C. W. N. asks: 1. Approximately how large a spark coil is needed in wireless telegraphy to transmit through a distance of one mile, and how large for a distance of five miles? A. A coil giving a spark one inch long will transmit one mile over water. Over land the spark length varies with the character of the surface. A coil giving a ten-inch spark will answer for a variety of distances and circumstances. 2. In winding a large spark coil in which the greatest amount of wire is placed on the middle part of the coil, I have learned that it is customary to leave a space between the core and the wire at the Is there any disadvantage in winding ends. so that the wire lies directly on the main insulating tube? A. The space is left because of the greater tendency of the spark to jump from the secondary into the primary as the ends of the coil are approached. See Hare's "Construction of Large Induction Coils," price \$2.50 by mail. 3. Is there any better insulator than paraffine for use in the construction of coils? A. Paraffine or a heavy oil is em-ployed. 4. What is the best material to use in separating the sections of the secondary? A. Hard rubber disks. 5. Are there any means by which the voltage of the secondary wire of a coil may be determined? A. Widely different estimates are to be found of the voltage necessary to force a spark through various lengths of dry air. There is no rule giving a certain result for lengths beyond a few centimeters.

(11046) J. G. M. asks if cast iron balls and cones can be cast so as to wear, and if they cannot, kindly state what other material can be used besides steel. A. Cast-iron balls and cones are not suitable for bearings for vehicles or machines. Nothing is better than truly finished steel balls and bearings, hardened.

(11047) C. G. W. says: Will you kindly inform me through your Notes and Queries column how I can artificially color a meerschaum pipe? A. Ordinarily the pipe is boiled for coloring in a preparation of wax which is absorbed, and a thin coating of wax is held on the surface of the pipe, and made to take pipe dry and raw. A new pipe should never be smoked outdoors in extremely cold weather. or to the height to which you wish to color. Leave the remainder of the tobacco in the pipe and do not empty or disturb it for several weeks, or until the desired color is obtained. When smoking, put fresh tobacco on the top and smoke to the same level. When once burnt the pipe cannot be satisfactorily colored, unless the burnt portion is removed and the surface again treated by the process

examples. To ascertain the size of the driver : A. A glass rod is usually broken by making Rule.-Multiply the diameter of the driven by the number of revolutions you wish to make and divide the product by the required revolutions of the driver; the quotient will be the size of the driver. To ascertain the size of pulleys for given speed: Rule.—Multiply all the diameters of the drivers together and all the diameters of the driven together; divide the drivers by the driven; the answer multiply by the known revolutions of main shaft.

(11049) L. P. says: Will you give me a rule for finding the power a stream of water is capable of developing, when the size and drop of stream are known? A. The gross power of a fall of water is the product of the weight of water discharged in a unit of time into the total head, i. e., the difference of vertical elevation of the upper surface of the water at the points where the fall in question begins and ends. The term "head" used in connection with waterwheels is the difference in height from the surface of the water in the wheelpit to the surface in the penstock when the wheel is running. If Q = cubic feet ofwater discharged per second, D = weight of a cubic foot of water = 62.36 pounds, A =total head in feet, then  $D \times Q \times H = \text{gross power in}$ foot pounds per second, and  $D \times Q \times H \div 550 =$ gross horse-power. A waterwheel or motor of any kind cannot utilize the total head H due to losses at the entrance and discharge from the wheel. There are also losses due to friction, etc., which place the average efficiency of waterwheels at about 75 per cent. Thus net

horse-power = 
$$0.75 \times \frac{Q \times H \times D}{550}$$
. A head of

water can be made use of in one or more of the following ways, namely: 1. By its weight, as the water balance and overshot wheel. in 2. By its pressure, as in turbines and in the hydraulic engines. 3. By its impulse, as in the Pelton waterwheel. 4. By a combination of the above. Referring to your question, we might say that it would be impossible to compute the horse-power of a stream of water when the size and head are known only. It would be necessary to measure the quantity of water which flows in a certain time. From this value Q could be determined in the formula, H could be measured, and the horse-power calculated. 2. A dynamo of what lighting ca-pacity will a 3-horse-power gasoline engine run? A. A 3-horse-power gasoline engine would run a dynamo which could be operated on a lighting system carrying safely thirty 110-volt 16-candle power Edison incandescent lamps on parallel circuit. a

(11050) W. S. asks: Is it possible to consume all the oxygen in a confined quantity of air, viz., in a sealed iron pipe? A. Yes; by placing copper scraps in the pipe and heating the air in the pipe. The oxygen combines

(11051) C. M. writes: 1. I want to use a call bell in kitchen, battery to be in second story, from which run two wires. I the same in both cases. want one push button in one room, one in second room, one in parlor, one in room down stairs, also one in dining room-five push buttons; how could I connect all buttons to work properly with only one bell? A. Carry one a high polish. Under the wax is retained the and from the other side of the bell a wire oil of tobacco, which is absorbed by the pipe, which shall branch through each push button and its hue grows darker in proportion to the to the other side of the battery. There will tobacco used. A meerschaum pipe at first then be a complete and separate circuit through topacco used. A metricular pipe a then be a complete and sopatton. 2. I have one should be smoked very slowly, and before a battery, bell and a push button. 2. I have one second bowlful is lighted the pipe should cool lamp, 8 candle power, 26 volts; could I light off. This is to keep the wax as far up on it with 14 cells improved standard Fuller the bowl as possible, and rapid smoking will battery? If so, how about the amperes it overheat driving the way off and leaving the overheat, driving the wax off and leaving the will use with 26 volts? A. You can light the lamp with 26 volts and 1 ampere of cur-rent. 3. How old is Mr. Edison? Also, who Fill the pipe and smoke down about one-third, was the first that invented the electric light? I mean both the arc and incandescent lamps. A. Mr. Edison was born February 11, 1847. The first man who ever saw a spark from artificially excited electricity is said to have been Otto von Guericke in 1660. This was the first electric light. Sir Humphry Davy is credited with first producing an electric arc light in 1801. He had a battery of 3,000 plates, each four inches square, and used charcoal points made of wood, which he immersed in a mercury bath to increase the conductivity.

a cut on one side with a file or diamond and giving a quick bend at the point opposite to the cut. An improvement upon this method, although requiring more work, would be to make a cut entirely around the rod, and apply heat at the place where the cut is made. A redhot piece of iron % inch in diameter will be the best for applying the heat to the rod. This may be fitted into a handle and used as a soldering tool is used in the hand.

(11054) J. P. A. asks: Comparing the chemical equivalents (atomic weights) given in Century Dictionary with those stated books on this subject, I find considerable difference in the figures. In some cases, the amounts are one-half for those of text books as against the amounts of Century Dictionary, while in other cases the differences of amounts are without definite proportion. If the determination of equivalents of elementary bodies has passed beyond the presumptive state, will you kindly advise me where the truth of this matter may be found? A. We should no more think of going to the Century Dictionary for the chemical equivalents, or atomic weights of elements, than we should think of going to an almanac seventeen years old. The Century Dictionary is most valuable in its field; but surely its field is not to give data which have been made far more correct since its publication seventeen years ago. The American Chemical Society has a committee upon atomic weights, and its figures reported from time to time are received as authority. Probably the most weighty name in connection with this work is that of Prof. F. W. Clarke, the chief chemist for many years of the United States Geological Survey. The determination of atomic weights has passed beyond the "presumptive stage," and the results may be found in any recent chemistry, such as Remsen's "College Chemistry."

(11055) A. M. asks: Please let me know what I would need to cause the sound of a clock to be transmitted a distance of, say, 150 feet by electricity. A. A simple device would consist of a telephone transmitter in front of the clock and a receiver at the point at which you would hear the ticking.

(11056) J. W. D. asks: 1. How long does it take to decompose one pound acidified water with a current of 100 volts? A. The time required to decompose a pound of water depends upon the amount of electricity used. If 13¼ amperes are used at 100 volts it will require one hour. From this the time for any other current can be found, or the current for any other time. Water is decomposed with any voltage greater than 1.47 volts. You will see then that 100 volts is very much higher than is necessary. 2. How much does it cost to run a dynamo of 1,000 volts annually, including all expenses? A. That depends upon and leaving the nitrogen uncombined. how many amperes the dynamo is to furnish. A dynamo giving 1,000 volts might be lighting a small village, or it might be lighting a large section of your city. The cost would not be

> (11057) G. G. S. asks: Please inform me as to the amount of current used by (1) 1/2-inch solid carbons, (2) 1/2-inch soft core carbons, (3) %-inch solid carbons, (4) %-inch soft core carbons, when used in a stereopticon on 110-volt alternating current circuit. Stereopticons are usually run with 1/2-inch carbons. We have never used one with a larger carbon. The 1/2 inch carbon will carry as high as 25 amperes, but 10 to 15 amperes is the usual current for such a lamp. A %-inch carbon would carry 25-16ths as much current as a ½-inch carbon. The current would be proportional to the area of cross section of the carbon.

> (11058) M. C. A. asks: Will you please inform me what size and how many feet of wire it will take to make an electric heater, 104 volts, say 5 to 7 amperes capacity? A. Seven amperes at 104 volts require 15 ohms of resistance. For a rise of 190 degrees F. the resistance rises 40 per cent. Hence about 5-7 as much wire will be needed if you wish to raise the temperature about to that of boiling water. No. 14 iron wire may be used. This has about 65 feet to an ohm. These are approximate numbers, and you can adjust the quantity to the temperature you wish to maintain.

applying some appropriate varmish A good	the exterior of the pipe and are applied in the	With this he melted many refractory sub-	(11059) J. O. D. says: Do you publish
matt varnish is made by dissolving in 2 ounces	process of manufacture	stances such as lime, platinum, sapphire, and	an Encyclopedia of Receipts and a book on
of ether. 90 grammes of sandarac and 20	(11040) E D C ogles for sules for	diamond. The incandescent lamp was in-	patent laws? A. We recommend and can
grammes mastic, and adding benzol 1/4 Ounce	(11048) F. B. C. asks for rules for	vented and perfected by Edison.	supply you with the "Scientific American
to 1½ ounces, according to the fineness of the	calculating speed of pulleys. A. The diameter	(11052) G. S. M. asks: Will you	Cyclopedia of Receipts, Notes and Queries,"
matt required. The varnish is applied to the	of the driver being given, to find the R. P. M.	kindly let me know through the columns of	last edition containing 15,000 receipts, 736
cold plate after it has set. The glass may be	of the driven; Kule.—Multiply the diameter	your paper whether it is necessary for the	pages, cloth bound, price \$5. Our "Scientific
heated to insure a firm and even grain. To	dride the product by the diameter of the	temperature of the air to become 32 deg. F.	American Reference Book," price \$1.50, gives
render the glass again transparent, after writ-	driven, the quotient will be the number of	or lower in order to produce a "white frost"?	the patent laws. Always give full name and
ing upon it, apply with a brush a solution of	revolutions of the driven. Ex -24 inches diam-	If not, please give reasons. A. It is necessary	address when corresponding.
sugar or gum acacia. Still better as a sur-	eter of driver × 150, number of revolutions. =	for the air to be at 32 deg. at the point where	(11060) W. A. L. asks: Is there any
face for writing or drawing is a varnish of	$3.600 \div 12$ inches diameter of driven = 300. The	the white frost forms. It is not necessary for	other metal that can be used in a gravity bat-
sugar. Dissolve equal parts of white and	diameter and revolutions of the driver being	it to be at 32 deg. any distance above that	tery besides zinc that will not dissolve? A.
brown sugar in water to a thin syrup, add	given; to find the diameter of the driven, that	point, even one loot above. The air is a non-	There is no way of obtaining electricity with-
alconol, and apply to not glass plates. The	shall make any given number of revolutions in	conductor of near, and may be several degrees	out using up some material. In the dynamo
face on which it is perfectly easy to write	the same time. Rule.—Multiply the diameter	where frost is forming. Vegetation and stones	steam or water power is employed. In the bat-
with nen or nencil The best ink to use is	of the driver by its number of revolutions, and	are better conductors of heat than is air. and	tery we usually ourn up zinc. It is just as
India ink, with sugar added. The drawing	divide the product by the number of required	hence become cooler than the air. Hence the	impossible to produce electricity without a dis-
can be made permanent by varnishing with a	revolutions of the driven; the quotient will be	dew is deposited on these, and the dew freezes	it is to hast a house and still have the coal
lac or mastic varnish.	its diameter. Ex.—Diameter of driver (as be-	to ice crystals, which is frost.	or cool a refrigerator and still have the ice
(1104?) W F I asks how to make	fore) 24 inches $\times$ revolutions 150 = 3,600.	(11053) C B asks: We have tried	(11061) C S I asks I wish to
(11040) W. F. J. ASKS HOW TO MAKE	Number of revolutions of driven required =	(11000) G. D. asks. We have theu	(11001) C. D. J. ASKS. I WISH (U

waxed paper on a small scale. A. Place cart-ridge or other paper on a hot iron and rub it with beeswax, or brush on a solution of wax will be readily understood from the foregoing you kindly advise best way of doing same? hog. It is often found in great numbers in

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the flesh of these animals, in the encysted condition but still alive. If such meat is eaten is the sole cause the trees ought to have died its chief commercial value as a source of pure without cooking thoroughly, the parasite is long before this time. It may be possible, howtaken into the body and is rapidly propagated. ever, that loss of vitality on account of age The worm came originally from the rat. As may be partly responsible for their dying. A. hogs eat rats, they pass into the hog and If the trees are very close to the top of the thence into man. The only preventive is thore smoke-stacks, we have no doubt that the trees tion. ough cooking. This kills the triching. No have lost some vitality on account of it, as the The risk is too great. The cost of immunity vegetable life, but the trees would have to be is so little, that anyone may be safe. Cook all under the direct influence of the smoke. The risk is too great. The cost of immunity vegetable life, but the trees would have to be is so little, that anyone may be safe. Cook all under the direct influence of the smoke. The risk is too great. The cost of immunity vegetable life, but the trees would have to be is so little, that anyone may be safe. Cook all under the direct influence of the smoke. pork thoroughly. 2. The cause of ptomaine poisoning by eating pork. What causes the below the freezing point do air, hydrogen, ni presence of the poison, how the poison can be trogen, oxygen, become liquid? A. These tem prevented, and whether or not there is any perature points are very nearly as follows in way of detecting the presence of poison before Fahr. degrees, below zero: Air, 312; hydrousing the meat? A. Ptomaines are formed by decomposition. If only fresh food is used, one will be safe from these poisons.

reader of your paper for several years, and near your home than buy at a distance and always enjoy reading it. I should like to sub-; pay transportation charges. Our advertising mit a problem for solution. The problem is columns very often contain the advertisements this: Several years ago I took a picture of of these dealers. We do not advertise dealers a fast train while running, a Michigan Central in the Notes and Queries column. 3. Where flier, at a point about two miles east of De- can I get some books on argon, helium, neon, catur. On development the plate showed a krypton, and xenon, and give me the prices of blur of 1-32 inch, i.e., the pilot did. I used a them? A. We can send you many valuable Vive extra rapid plate; the focus of the lens papers on the rare gases of the atmosphere was 6 inches; the distance of the engine, the which have appeared in the SUPPLEMENT. pilot, from the camera, 50 feet; the length Among them are argon, Nos. 1000, 1001, 1002, of exposure, 1-100 of one second; camera was and others, price ten cents each; helium, Nos. placed at an angle of 15 deg, with the track. 1056, 1057, price ten cents each. 4. What What was the speed of the train? The camera kind of chemical books, as organic chemistry, was a Vive, 41/4 x41/4, meniscus lens. A. The etc., so I can find liquid formene? What is solution of your problem of the speed of the formene? A. Formene is a tetrachloride of train is not difficult, at least so far as a carbon  $CCl_{\star}$ . Its preparation can be found sufficiently close approximation is concerned, in the Dispensatory. Its properties are those Start with the fact that the image of the of an anæsthetic, similar to those of chloropilot moved 1-32 inch during exposure. Since form, soothing the pain of neuralgia and even the lens is 6-inch focus and the pilot is 50 causing insensibility. As it has been the cause feet away, the pilot moved across the line of death also, it is not used by physicians. It drawn through the center of the lens, 100 is not a substance for an amateur to meddle times 1-32 inch, or 3.125 inches, since 50 feet with. 5. What are the uses of liquid air? A. is 100 times 6 inches. And since the camera At present liquid air is not put to any commeris 100 times 6 inches. And since the camera made an angle of 15 deg. with the track, we must divide the 3.125 inches by the sine of 15 deg. to find the distance the pilot moved during the exposure. This gives 12.07 inches **NEW BU** as the distance the train moved in the time ANIMAL ROMANCES. of exposure, or 1-100 second. In one second it moved 1.207 inches, or 100 feet 7 inches. This is a speed of somewhat over 71 miles per hour. As we said above, this is an approximate solution, but still not far from the result which an exact solution would give.

Will you (11063) J. S. N. asks: kindly answer in your column of Notes and Queries the inclosed questions relative to Roman computation? I suppose the matter is simple enough, but I have never come across any work explaining it, nor any person whom I have asked who could throw any light on the subject. A. Very little is known concerning the method by which the Romans used their very inconvenient notation for performing the ordinary calculations. They are supposed to have used the abacus for all except the most simple problems. This instrument is in common use now by all Chinamen, and it is not difficult for any one to see it used wherever these men may be found. A description of the abacus may be had from any encyclopedia. There was a rod for each denomination of numbers to millions, seven rods each carrying five balls. Another set of short rods corresponded to these, and had one ball sliding on each. They could thus count by fives and carry by tens. Other rods supplied their need gation Act, the charters of various States, the for calculating ounces. Further than this their business did not require them to go; they never needed to divide the distance of the Kansas-Nebraska Act, the Dred Scott Dethe sun by the velocity of light. They died cision, the Civil Service Act. In all, there are in total darkness in regard to both of these data of the universe. As we said at the outset, we do not know the detail of the method by which the Romans made their cal-Their mode of writing numbers culations. was not like ours by placing like denominations in the same column, but each letter had its significance, and each number could be added by itself on the abacus, since each rod meant a denomination.

(11064) W. D. W. says: Will you be kind enough to answer the following questions plates being very remarkable productions. They for one who is anxious to know and who has the greatest respect for your opinion on scientific matters? 1. Will electric wires, furnishing current for arc lights coming in contact pies some thirty-seven pages, is excellent.

(11065) C. D. asks: 1. What point gen, 422; nitrogen, 317; oxygen, 297. 2. Please give me the address of a reliable company that sells chemicals and chemical apparatus. A. (11062) H. S. N. asks: I have been a You had better deal with a firm in the city cial use.

# NEW BOOKS, ETC.

MAL ROMANCES. By Graham Ren-shaw, M.B., F.Z.S. London: Sherratt & Hughes Co., 1908. 8vo.; 204 pp. Price, \$3.

The book is illustrated by a number of most interesting half-tones showing some interesting beasts of Africa. One view of giraffes is most entertaining. The author has written a number of books on natural history and the present volume is a worthy successor to "Natural History Essays," "More Natural History Essays," "Final Natural History Essays."

DOCUMENTARY SOURCE BOOK OF AMERICAN HISTORY. 1606-1898. Edited with notes by William Macdonald. New The Macmillan Company, York: 1908. 12mo.; 116 pp. Price, \$1.75.

The present volume has been prepared in response to a request frequently made by teachers who have used the author's "Select Charters," "Select Documents," and "Select Statutes," particularly designed for the course of instruction of an elementary or comprehensive character, all of which covers the colonial and the constitutional periods of American history in a single year. The book is filled with vitally important documents dealing with American history, such as the Navi-Treaty of Paris, the Sugar Act, the Declaration of Independence, the Missouri Compromise, 187 documents.

THE GARDENS OF ENGLAND IN THE MIDLAND AND EASTERN COUNTIES. Edited by Charles Holme. London and New York: John Lane Company, 1908. 4to.; 136 plates, 8 in color. Price, \$3.50, postage 35 cents.

The publications of "The Studio" are noted for their sumptuousness, and the present volume is no disappointment. The illustrations are beautifully chosen and finely executed, the color are reproductions of water colors. The stately homes of England offer a never-failing field for the artist photographer. The text, which occu-

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