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the quality and strength of his iron, he will make better results by using soft American charcoal pig, with old car-wheel iron. It will make stronger castings, mix better, and melt more uniformly; but he should always recoliect in charging his furnace that soft iron will melt lefore
hard in the same position, in the cupola. I also think he had better use a hard in the same position, in the cupola. I also think he had better use a
larger proportion of soft pig, as every time cast iron is melted it becomes harder, so much so that iron which can be fled and turned with ease, when re-cast will often
Hardening Tallow.-If E. H. H. will use one pound of alum for every five pounds of tallow, his candles will be as hard and white
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tasteless. The frit is then dried, and mixed with 12 ounces of white lead tasteless. The frit is then dried, and mixed with 13 ounces of white lead,
and this last mixture reduced to fine powder, and washed with distilled water; 1 ounce of calcined borax is now added to every 12 ounces of the mixture, the whole rubbed together in a porcelain mortar, melted in a
clean crucible, and poured out into pure cold water. This melting and pouring into water must be one three times, using a clean, new crucible pouring into water must be done three times, using a clean, new crucible
each time. The third fritis pulverized, five drachms of niter added, and then mel
results.
M. S., of Wis.-There are no precise proportions observed in making the coal-tar and gravel walks of which you speak. The aim is to saturate the gravel with the hot tar without surplus. The interstices of the gravel are simply to be filled, and the amount required to this
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