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cloth for hotbed rames? E. F. S. asks how to prevent oft metals
W. M. asks: When and where were bolting S. A. . . akss: What kind of leather is gen-
eraily $u$ aed in maring blackemptrt's bello M. C. asks: Can a card bo saturated with
nosphorus and preaerved for use, and wall it be fextP. R. R. asks: Can any of your readers de-
cribe a proces for tempering steel springs by compresA. L. asks: What is the best wood to make
nect cabnets of, and what ta the beat form for the W. H. H. asks: Can you tell me how to gear wheels, etc.?
J. F. A. Wishes to know with what material
e can coat the lasdde or tin cans, to prevent ink and ue can coat the taside or tin cana, to prevent ink and
other fulds from beling affected by the tin.
E. D. R. asks: What is the best method of make them fow freels and cover well?
C. M. asks: How can the glue joint between
ne back and alde of a violin be andone withoat Injur. ing the tnstrument or apolling the varnish
E. B. askg for a a recipe for making dextrin
ra substitute for the
game, asy W. S. B. asks: What is meant by summer
nd winer trained lard onll nd winter stralned lard oin? What procee
C. B. Asks if there is any method of tough.
ning or preparing wax for fower makling so that It wili not be liable to
cold weather.
J. D. asks fura recipe for a waterproof li,
uid cenent, to lie ueed for putting patches on bage, in he place of thre:ta. It would be very useful to tho
G. M. D. says: How can I mark or print let.
fera and fera and Agures on metal that has been flitibed an
plated with allver? I have seen such work, but canno ell how it to done
A.P. Asks: Will the power of a 10 horse
ngipedrive a machine or machincry 100 feet $n$ way from
 chinery
ghattig.
N. J. J. askR: What kind of fishl would be
 agreanble taste.
J. R. says, in regard to R. and W's query
bout the balace wheel: supposing that w's will he ee kind enough to explatn the action of the gy-

C.E. C. says: (Can some one give instruc.
ton for annealling gold so that tt can be conventently tlong for anneillig grold ao that it can be conventently.
worked Into ringg, drawn Into wire, etc., without crack. tng? $I$ am orten troubled with gold coln and good



 What dethe neceasary alze of a battery to orlig a bell? I
When nust be active for a month.
P. L. says: We use equal parts of first
 Ines crack over the heated furnacee. We manu acacture them In a warm room, are the kill my mith care, and anb
ject all to the amme chargee, heat of name, etc. What 10 the cause of our tronble?
D. H.E. says: I have lost the sliding weight
 Js a cup at the end to put shot in to keep the balance; bot It has been emptled also, otherwise I could easilly put on the platform U. 8. . tandard melghts and make my new
lead ofthe right welght. Please tell me how to get it lead Pothe right wel
to the proper welkgt.

 the clay atter g tnding. Should the clay be burned in a
very hot fre and how lonk should it be exposed to the heat? Ufort magneeglan 11meetone and Amertican chalk,
which would make the beat IIme, and what would be the relative quallty of each?
J. R. has read Professor Young's lecture on
our present tnow medge of the sun, and akks
tor explana:tion on the follownlig poltt: Thi, eprofesoor asserts tha
scontracton of the volume of acontraction of the volume of the ann, equal to 220 fee
of itt dameter, woild account for all the heat it tive off. "If we rreeze a pall of mater, it gives of h heat while
it it freezing, but the thermometer will lndicate no fall If temperature, untlit tis all frozen." The greateat deD. Ity of mater Is ata temperature of s90 Far.ant and if it

J. R. asks: What are the limite of expan he ateam chest? The adm1aston of steam la cut of by
 In the same way as in an ordinary englne; the plate
valve, bowever, Is worked by a crank pln of a mhee whiche mowever, ise morked by a crank pin or as many revolution as the anaft or
or the engIne. The matn valve has 1.16 of an Inch lead an

t inch outalde lapa. The steam port and the eald open ing are $X$ of antuch wide and both valves have $2 x$ inch | ng are |
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| es turow. |

D. F. says: We use what is called a gai
pump in ouron well to draw gas up through the larg casting between it and the tublng. What will be the dir
 chinder and by a fourteen Inch? They are plat
umpa. How many lbe. per square tinch would the $v$ pumpe. How many ibs. per gquare nch would the va
cumm be for each pump? They would both be actling o
T. K. B. says that polished steelbecomes in
 ooe not overcome the diftculty perfectly. Iam told
 sucha manner that the cold alr does not strike tit.
would be obllged to you or some of your readers for

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T. P. Bays: In your answer to F. F. $D$. as to
tung up cones so that the band wul be equalig tight on all the pullegs, you aay that the sum of the dameters of
all the pullesg will be the ame. $\mathrm{In} m \mathrm{~m}$ experience $I$ Ind all the pulieps will be the ame. In myexperience 1 and
that steps in cones made alltheasmewllinot do. Pleaed
 ore caretully.
M. J. B. says: Please state which is the
nost perfect book on mineralogy, and where it can be obtantined. Whatis the price of 1 it?
Mineralogy" of your bookseller
E. A. P. sends a description of parhelia Tas explafined, on page 122 of our current volume, as due
to foating crystals or snow or ice in the alr and the ame explanation woild apply in the present case. The orramatic effecte et noon were probabby not so ane and
they would have been with the sun nearer the borizon.
 Which runs the pumpe. Can I not dispense with the
Bhatting, place the pumps near the engine and use an en arged pipe for connecting the pumpt with the cyllinde

 the shatting and set your pumps near englue, usling spe to conduct the water. You need not Increase th
Alze of the plpe. The aupply of water tis oo small that an enlargement of the plpe to unnecessary for so short distance as son feet.
J. F. C. says: 1. What convexity should a
puiles have to allow belt to run and adbere to tits beat
 belt of suffclent capacity to conves the power of the en gine: or would it be better to divilde it and run two of
half the width each? Answer: 1 . One half tnch to a half the width each? Answer: I. One half Inch to a
foot in breadth of face. 2. A thin belt up to a breadth foot tin breadth of face. 2 . A thtn belt up to a breadth
witch will render it unmanageable. 3 . That would de. pend upon the emocnt or power to be trannmilted. For
a thirty horee power engine, we should usc a of full width, if certaln that it would be kept properly
aced or otherwhe $w=11$ secured to take even gtraln aced or therwise m?
croses 1 tis full breadth.
A. T. Z. says: I have a turbine water wheel of the upright shaft of water wheel was a plinlon nchee diameter and 2 nch hee $p$ tich, with fron teeth, driv. atone one of 2 teet diameter with woiden teeth on th
atring proper speed to atonees. but makling jarrlng noise in the teeth and shaking the buldding.
Thnling the p pltch too large for the diameter of whee Imade, verif correctly, new paterna, with ix Inche pltch and the aman diametera a b before, but found the dirve a run of tomes and work poothly? If ao, what
It the cause of the tronble with mine? Answer we are If the cause of the trouble with mine? Angwer: We are
tncllned to thnt that your tro ble ti due to want of

W. H. M. asks: If a pump of 2 inches di
ameter has a stroke or 9 feet, what amount or water in cuble finches does it draw, and what to the rule for and Ing the same? Answer: To And the area of a circle
multiply the auare of the diameter by the declmal To And the cuble contents of the cylinder, multily the area by the length. In your example $2 \times 2 \times \cdot 7854 \times 86=111$ .
 made? Answer: Glue and molasee. Increase the quan
ityor glue to make a atif roller ; you will need this in
M. M. T. asks how glass becomes porous, i

J. F. C. sayst that G. T. P. can make the best
H. P. has an aquarium made of a wooden
a me and glase aldes, and wanta a cement to make watertight. Answer: MIx equal quantitlesor drywilte
lead and red lead It a paste with mastic vamilab. Use ns soon as mixed.
$\underset{\text { Water through the surface condenser of a marine engine }}{\text { W. A. A }}$ by which the motion of the veseel is made to perrorm the duty of the circulating pump now used. It there, to your knowledge, any thing of the kind in use? Answer: The plan nas been orten suggested and more than once in any case in such adegree as to lead us to antctlpate ta general adoption.
C. E. C. asks how to mend rubber boots.
J. H. W. says: I have seen it stated some
where that the workmen in deep minea were entrely un ware of the occurrence of the severe shocks of eartimany theories have Deen promulgated to account for these phenomena,, have been expecting some of the robable theory upon it. If true, it woild indicate, of course, that theese disturbances are created upon very near the surface, and the old doctrine or interal the crust, a doctrin stlll held by many, would be unten able. Angmer: The etatement that the workmen In dee
malnes were una mare of the emocks and undulatlons talk Ing place on the surface would require the concurren nen would puu sany conddence in It. It somettmes ha ens that, owlng to great geological faulte and fagure rictet of country: they rematn like talands $\frac{1 n}{}$ the ragio 3ea. This fact has several tlime been noted, but In such
cases there is no mollon elther on the surface or minee. That there Ahould be wave motion on the sur race in degree improbable; on the contrary, animals livin and often glve note of
J. E. M. asks: Does heat or cold affect the plece of steel would be more rapld towards a atrong
magnet than towards a weak oue, provided the same plece of steel be placed at the Bame diatance away fro ach. above named conditions, the movement of a plece ateel would be just as rapld towards the weaker as to-
wards the stronger one. Am I ffght or wrong? Answer Alternations of heat and cold, sudden contraction or trength of a magnet ; and we should say that a powe Pulmagnet would attract a given plece of ateel towards
it more rapldaly than a weak one. Better try the experit more
Iment.
F. G. asks: How can I make a good and heaper than you can make one, but if you wish to try your hand at the buaniness, we can recommend what 1 called Daniell's pattern as belng easy of imitation. Make yourself a copper cup of the capactty of a pint measure,
and a second cup, holding a gill, out of sole leather. In he copper cell, put a mixture of elght parts of water an one of oll of vitriol, saturated with blue vitriol, an eather cup. Cast a golld ey whder of zinc and amaigam ste it ; plunge this into the toner leather cup and con
nect it by a copper wire soldered to it with the oute cups. Several of these cups would constltute a battery. Now read about it in your \&c
H. R. asks : 1. Is there any glue or substi ate for the same that will stand exposure to wet weath
$r$ ? Answer: Take cacutchouc, 15 or 20 grains, chloro answer: Take cacutchouc, 15 or 20 grains, chlor
orm, 2 fuld ounces; dissolve and add $\%$ ounce powder mastic.
M. H. asks: What is the best way to fasten
elt or any ilmilarmaterial to zinc? Answer : Try palnt ing the flnc with a thick coat of white lead ; let II dry ence wlua ther
F. W. D. says: Please enumerate the vari which they must be patnted apon a circular drike, so that, neaproperiy revolved, $t$ will present a white aurface ad paint each of these with the seven colors of the solar pectrum, namely, violet, indigo, blue, green, yellow. orange, red. Put these colors on radially. Painta black
uill's eye in the center of the card, and blacken the cir umferential edge. Revolve rapldly, and
F. C. asks if the borax treatment for pre J. H. J. Your plan for steam engine is old A. P. should send his volumes for binding
our oftce. Charge, $81 \cdot 50$ per volume. A. C. asks: I. Who designed and built thr
Thames tunnel (England)?
2. Who designed and buil the Great Eastern? Who launched her? Answers:
Sir Mark Isambard Brunel. 2. Isambard $\mathbb{F}$ Ingdom Brunc sir Mart Isambard Brunel. 2. 1 Bambard Kingdom Brunc
son of the former. Bullt by John Scott Rusell \& Co. Z. asks how to preserve natural flowers
with wax. Answer: Take paraftn, melt it and dly: the lowers in very carefully.
D. F. T. says, in reply to O. K., Who asks if twist belt from the driving shaft to splndie: From $\mathrm{c} x$ ertence, I should bay no, unless you use a long del
Your belt should be 9 or 10 inches if you any work. [In our reply to $\mathbf{O .}$. K., we originally advised
a long 8 inch belt. The figure was by mistake, printed a long 81nct be
inches. - Eds.]
J. B. T. asks for a recipe for bluing
barrels. Answer: See page 10 of our volume $\overline{X V}$. W. T. B. says in answer to D. F. W., whin
now to cut a crack in a bell clean, to stop the dis cordancy: I have used a clrcle of common soft Ruasian ocut teethina large sam. I could do it very quickly ut the under side of the saw was so hard tha: it coul inch fat nle in $1 \Varangle$ minutes.
J. W. K. encloses a mineral apecimen found are. Answer: The black
hale. The other 1 ofint.
B. O. M. asks how to bronze cast iron brack-
ts. Answer: Read Byrne's "Practical Metal Worker's
C. S. asks: Will you please send me the of balloons? I wish to know of what quallty of sillk, the
kind of varateh, formula for cutting the segmente, etc. it it is feasible, I Intend to construct a balloon capable or carrying solbs. of apparatue, and make continual $r$
cord of atmosphertc phenomena, with the rise of cord of atmospheric phenomena, with the rise of a
captive balloon at an elevation of 3,000 feet. Answer:
Generalinatruction in regard to form and mater al, cutGeneral instruction in regard to form and mater al, cut-
ting, varnishing the sille, with formula for welght in reHon In Good and Gregory's "Pantalogia," also, but not so funl, in Vol. I. Partington's " Phillosophy"; ; also in
article Aerostation in Excyclopedia Londonensis ; the
 American pubication, and Glatsher's " Up in a Balloon. Albany. Expertmente with captive balloana suatalntin elf recording meteorological instruments would be ful would $\begin{aligned} & \text { aweep them a way } \\ & \text { and }\end{aligned}$
W. G. C. asks: Would it take more power oprevent water escaping by a $x$ inch hole at the
oottom of a plpe, 6 tnches in diameter and 100 feet high, illed with water, than it wnuld require to prevent wate n inch in diameter and 100 eet high, almillarly filled? O again, would it require a different power to preven
water from cecaptug from a $x$ hole at the bottom of a plpe 100 feet hlgh , and tapering in its diameler from 4 elng full of water? Answer: The requiredforce would be the same in each case, as the pressure of a llquid at at
an orifce is proportional to the head of water above it. and bears no relation to the alze or form of the con M. R. asks: 1. Will a horse pull a heavy
 Answer: 1. Withln ordinary llmits, a horse should pull the
An

wheel distributes the forwa "prizing" totself and load over it
" than does the omaller wheel
Should the horse be attached $d$ rectly to very large wheels, by
short traces or chains, there would be a tendency to ralse him from his feet, and thue might, in extreme cases, more than compenaste for the
antictpated rain. 2. On sofi ground, 2 wheels would cut antictpated gain. 2. On sofl ground, 2 wheels, would cut
in more than 4, the same load belng carrled, and thus路 avolded
H. B. J. sends a mineral. "I took it from pleces. The spectmen was originally larger than an egg.
Is it copper?" Answer: It is a valuable copper ore, containing a bout
sulphur and iron.
E. C. D. sends us a stone, and asks what it it is an indication of coal in the victinty. Anbonaceous shale, but it does not promise the extatence of coal in the netghborhood,
netther does it declde againgt it. A fragment of rock sives no evidence one way or the other, as the same
rock to found both above and below the coal measures. The geological sequence of the strata must be observed. a hematite. He asks what it is, and if it will affect the iron in
argilla
alag.
C. G. C. encloses two samples of minerals
and wishes to know what they are called in geology and of what they are composed. An cwer: Both specimens
are feldspathic products, the soft, pllable one belng are feldspathic products, the soft, pliable
saolin, much used in porcelain manufacture.
H. D. asks: 1. What is caustic ammonia
and how is prepared? What is the expense of it? 2 . What te the cheapest way to manufacture hydrogen gas
for balloon purposea? Answer: Caustic ammonia is the for balloon purposes? Answer: Caustic ammonia is the
aqua ammonia of the druggist, and coats from ten to trution. It is manufactured by heating quick ime and sal ammonlac together and absorbtng the gas in water
as it comes off. The cheavest hydrogen upon the whole as it comes off. The cheapest hydrogen upon the whole
is made by acting upon acrap tron or zinc by dilute sul-
phurlc aclid. We sdilise our correapondent to read upon both thesis questions in almost any elementary treatise
on chemstry.
 highand containing 87 Aues. We fed with cold water
unt11 winter, when the freezing of the plpescaused us to
adopt another plan. We then placed our feed barrel be. adopt another plan. We then placed our feed barrel be-
low the level of the englne bed, and run the exhaust into the barrel to heat the water. Thls works very well so advantage of collecting the tallow used for lubricating
the cyllinder; and after paralng through the pump, it to orced ato the boller. We use nelther filter nor mud drum. What would be the best way of cleaning this
grease out of the botller? How would it answer to uee Iye and convert tit Into soap, and then blowit off? If this
would answer, how much ought to be used? What would be the best method of cleaning the feed plpes, which are coated inwardiy with greasy matter? We want to use
the boller for about 6 weeks more, only. Answer: Try
ualng crude mineral oull for lubrcation, as recommended recently by one of our correspondents in this column. If that does not answer, we should use a worm heater.
We should suppose that economizing in the use of tallow might give good results in more ways than one. J. T. B. asks: 1. What is the proper rule
for determining the sectionalarea for the rim of a dy
wheel sultable for any power of engline? 2. What ts the wheel sultable for any power of engine? 2. What is the
rule for determining the sectional area of a lever crank of any length, sultable for any given power or pressure
on platon? s . What ti the rule for sectional area of an engine bed aultable for any pressure on platon, and any
length of crank? Answers: 1 . Answered in article on
fy wheels, fiy wheels, 0
Aympican.
the distance the distance from the center of pin to polit at which the thickness is required and by 17 ; divide the product by
100,00 times the square of the depth in a line perpendic100,000 times the square of the depth in a line perpendicresult to the probable thickness of web with which a crank will just break. To be safe, take a preseure on
the crank pin at least six times as great as the antictpathe crank pin at least stx tlmes as great as the anticipa.
ted pressure. s. Multiply the area of plston by the steam sst allowable sectlonal cross area of the bed.
C. S. C. sends a mineral specimen and would
uke to know tit value and what tit maybe used for. Anwer: It could be used in making brick and coarse pot
E. P. C. encloses four mineral specimens is the same, but purely argyliaceous. No. 3 is compac Imestone. No 4 le alliceous limestone, contaning min ate crystals of pyrttes. You have been bor ng through the Trenton or Lower Sliurian limestone and entered ranite or underiyingrocks. If you do not atrike wate the moment you reach these, you should give it up. W presume the strata in your region dip southeast ; but
not knowing thetr prectise dispostition at Wequiock, ou touch grantte.
E. B. asks: 1 . If the spectrum of iron shows errestrial elements? 2. Can it be accertalned wha partcular line the color substance of iowers and leaves
will throw in a spectrum, by burning leavea, etc., in a resh state? Answer:1. It is generally supposed that the number of tileses and thetr postition in the spectrum
tharactertetic for each metal. All of the tron lines be characterlittc for each metal. All of the Iron lines be
ong to fron, the potasslum lines to potassium, etc. The amber and location vary for eachmetal. There are onl . The absorption bands produced by the colcringmatte of plants lave been studied and described by diferent
authors. When the leaves are burnt, the coloring matter destroyed, and the lines on the spectre ahes.
duced by the mineral constituents of the ashes
H. N., Jr., asks : What will remove red ink
from writing paper? moved by hydrochlortte of soda, Which can be purchased
under the name of "Javelle water." Chlortine water and J. H. S. asks: Where can I find a reliable columne.
H. A. W. says: In this county, Edgecombe
N. C., there are many locations in which accurate sur eying cannot be done in the ordinary way with a com pass, on account of the great variation of the needle
due to local causes. These diffculties are most genera met with in the nelghborhood of marl beds; and apart is not unueual in attempting to run lines in cloge proximitty to one of these beds. With only one excep needie was sertousily affected. This to a flat sandy counrry, and no iron ore was ever found in it, to my knowl
edge. The true explanition of this variat needle ts of practical Importance to the people of this
section. Marl to of great value as a fertlizer for our section. Marl is of great value as a fertilizer for our
lands; and if the fact could be eatabilighed that the min cound in all marl beds in this section, and only ther then much trouble and expense incurred in 16okIng for
marl deposits might be saved by the use of proper instru marl deposits might be saved by the use of proper instru
mente. Answer: The deviat lons of the needle, are some generally to deposita needie in the manner described must contaln consider ble iron, or there may be beds of fron beneath it. It is
not probable that a " diviner's rod" or any kind. of in-
atrument can be devised nineral explorations for tron the magnetic needie ha Hichigan. This explorer, who pas had gre Broeks, In the use of the compass, thinks that the thickness of termined by uatng a dip compass and solving the triangle
thus observed. While the deviations of the ordinar needle oompans are so great as to interfere with the ac
curate running of lines, the solar compass, invented by
Colonel Burt and ueed in all the western surveys, can be miniosed.
W. M. K. says: It is a well known fact that
mualcal notes are produced by the regular vibrations of the alr, 80 many vibrations in a given time producing a given note; and the higher the number of vibratlons in
given time, the higher will be the note produced. Thea notes of difterent degrees of hight and duration, com hesevibratlonsactlug on the nervons system throug the organs of hearling are capable of producting varlou
emotlong. As theae effects are produced by vibration acting on the nervous aystem, would not the same re
sults be obtained by electric shocks acting on the nerv ous system and corresponding in number and arrang experimented on, and with what reaulte? Answer: I the mechanism of the ears, there are a great number of nerve flamenta which traverse the organ andare know under the name of Schultze's bristles. These slender
threadd catch waves which come to them with the rapldity of rine bullets and render the vibrations at for of which bas ite own pitch and is thrown into, vibration When the proper note reaches it. It does not follow tha unless sound was produced. Electric shocks are one
thing, sound waves are quite another, and there to prob. bly no snad wa ve日 are quite a
C. E. says: Will some surveyor, civil engi-
neer, or astronomer please inform me through your col amne the difference (by actual observation) bet wee
true north and magnetic north, for this year, in the ctit of New York? The varlation changeafromyear to yea and day to day, and our correspondent can determine for himself with a theodolite
given in books on surveying
W. C. A. says: When it is stated that a
book is 8vo., how am I to know length and breadth in Inches, thus impressing upon my mind the size of the
book? Answer: Usual 8vo size is $9 \times x 6$ Inches or a little less. Royal
G. B. L. asks: 1. Are inserted teeth, for
ircular saw for sawing logs into lumber, better than solld teeth? 2. Can the number of teeth in the sam be diminished, say to one fourth or one sixth of the num
ber generally used, with good results? ber generally usea, whi good resulto? 3. When the lower half of a cyllndrical boller only to exposed to in
and the lower water gaze ts half the radua above ine of are surface, ts there danger of explosion should the waterfall below the lower gage, unlessitfalls below the line of exposure to ire? In other words, can water be converted into an explosive gas, under the circum.
stances deacribed, the heat belng transmitted to the water line through two or three courses of brick? Answers: 1. Inserted teeth are largely used and, properly 2. We are hopling to obtain the resulte of expertment on
2. this point, and are as yet unprepared to give a satiofac
tory answer. s. No.
D. M. C. says, in reply to $\mathrm{H}_{\text {, }}^{\mathrm{H}}$, whose horses had some expertence with corns in horses' feet, and
think the causels the shoe bear ng too hard on the heel treat them with the best success by taking a farriter'
nife, and cutting them out, as deep as possible, without cutting to the quick; then, holding the foot upside down put in a few drops of turpentine, holding it a few min tes to soak in. Then I take oakum soaked in tar an
 he foot. Corns seldom trouble arter ber manner, sand soon disappear entirely.
H. S. T. replies to A. H. S., who enquires een dry sam dust used with every success; the vermin he beat thing that can be used to guard against cold.
 mof a cyllindrical fron pot, about $181 n c h e s h i g h$, , 8 cov A grate fo then put in and the pot diled with the article bo be varnshed. The 11d 18 then put on and the pot
eated over acokefre. When the bottom of the po asbeen heated for ifteen minutes, the coal has bee oostly converted into coke. The pot is then remove
rom the are, and, after standing ten minutes, it opened for evaporation and the arttclea will be found
coated as destred. This coating wrll stand conslderable ieat, and disappear at beginning of redness. It tsadapt mallerartcles like hooks and eses mas and pottery. heating them, in a sheet fron drum like a coffee roaster, with small pt
W. G. W. says that S. W. P., who enquires on page 154 about learning phonography, should go to
the fountain head for the surest instruction. The inven ors' own pure and almple aystem to the eastest to lear the most rellable in reporting, and is unmlatakably legi-
His ble in every word. His name is Isaac Pitman, Paternos-
ter Row, London, and his books can be obtained through any bookseller. "The syatem is taught in my nelghbor hood very auccessfully, and is belng introduced into the
junior schools as an eminently useful educational aux-
B. G. replies to J. S. L., who wants to know pump water in the nelghborhood; my plar was the fol owing: Empty the well, suspend (by a string) a coarse nd one or to lumpe of charcoal in it. Have te string long enough to nearly reach the bottom of the well. In
a week or two, take oat the charcoal, throw back Ime stones into the well with five pounds of soft coal.
Put a round or square wooden Ahoot up at the back o Put a round or square wooden shoot up at the back
the pump cary the shoot up hlgher than the pump $f$ reeventilation. If the pump is out of doors, puta "t tee can cover uphts well, and I think he will have no mo
crouble in getting a drink of good water at home. W. T. B. says, in answer to D. H. S., Jr., Theat thoroughly, so that the duat of the boll, whe broken, will not adhere to thegraln. Thenruu it throug your smutter, and back your bins, and, if the air does no purify it in a few days, aprinkle on as much watcr a
you need to toughen the hull of the wheat before grind ing, adding
the water.
W. T. B, says, in answer to $O$. K., who oplt direct from shaft to splndle: I have used the quar ter twist beitd direct from shaft, for running milistones,
succeasfully. But for $4 x$ feet atonea, I used a twelve
tol of that alzed atone, namely, 23 bushela wheat or 50 busi els corn per hour. The distauce between shaft and sptn
J. M. says that D. can color his extract o emon with tincture of curcuma. The tincture cau b pint alcohol; mix, and it is ready for une, buttit become
atronger by atanding. Half an ounce of the tincture prronger by atan
sufflecent to col
$\underset{\text { screw driver to d cherry red heat, to }}{\text { P. A. }}$ two inchesfrom the end. Dip in cold water one inch, then rub the polnt on plece of brick or anything that will make it bright. Whe
N. J. F. says, in reply to P., who asked how ar and common turpentine (both should be colorless) shake well and putamay in a warm place for a day or
two, bhaking occaelonally. Select a photographic por rait with clear lines and soft a or a few hours, when the photographic print,if mount arefully and wash well. Then to each side and to the op and bottom, paste strips of paper; the edges should adhere trmly to the photograph, place the latter in the enter of a frame or stretcher, to which paste the oth nds of the strips of paper. This suapends the phot Graph in the center or the stretcher. Then with a lar
soft brush dipped in
bitrite of turpentine, molaten the back of the photograph and immedlately pour on the
varnish above described rub it with the finger over the ntire surface of the back and continue to do so till the plcture is seen as distinctly on one alde as on the othe
Then put amay to dry where no duat can mark it. Whe perfectly dry, prepare a pallet of oll colors mixed with poppy seed ofl (to prevent drylng too rapldy). Then on
the back, las the halr color smoothly over the hair, the ein color smoothly over the entire face, excepting the eyes aud lips; over the eyes put pure white, over 3 th
ips the proper shade of red. Paint the drapery accord ng to fancy, allowing for the colors to aink in drying
When perfectly dry, if cracked, go over again with the pece of card board ; prea ill dry, then sponge the face, and, with a little clarifle Inseed oll on the tip of the Anger, go over the plcture Deepen the shadore ratie the highe lights pat touche uah on the cheeks, paint the papils of the eyes the prop hadows and ratse the lights of the hatr. Give a fe pirted touches about the lips and mouth, touch up the " joy forever." I neglected to mention that the back ground should be painted on the baek of the plcture and it to pasted to the card board.
A. S. says, in answer to S.'s question of
making sulphate of nickel: Disoolve metallic nickel in a
lass fask nearly filed with a mixture or 8 parts of wat
nd 1 part of sulphuric actid ; set the fask in a sand bath apply moderate heat until a more or less dark green so ing, should be decanted oft in a porcelain evaporatin dish. Set the dish into a a and bath, apply moderate hea and evaporate slowiy until a thin akin is formed on the urface of the quid, then remove the dish from the san 8 hours during which tlme cryatals of sulphate of ack will be formed on the sidesand bottom of the dish; pour off the mother lye from the cryatals, and put the latte mrough whith the portiono the mother arough which the last portlons of the mother lye ma closed glass or stone ware vessel. Sulphate of ntcke by itself, without betngco nbined with other salts, will not make a good plating solution. Another mode o
preparing sulphate of nickel ta by dissolving metallic nickel in dilluted sulphurtc actd by the action of a gal anc.
J. D. H. says: It seems clear to me that the loth may be niled with hot hiquids without breaking, of the botiom of the jar and thue obviates that sudde nequal expansion of the parts of the jar which would otherwise takeplisce. Would not setting the jar in a
vessel containing alttle water answer the same pur

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