

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"C. R. of Vt."—Lead is the most durable for coffins to be placed in vaults. But pine may be kyanized and made to last as long as you desire. This is done by putting the pine boards into an air tight chamber and extracting all the air by means of an air pump, and to let in by a pipe from the top of the chamber a solution of corrosive sublimate so as to saturate the wood thoroughly. It is then taken out and dried. Another and more simple plan, where air tight chambers and air pumps are not conveniently to be had, is to take a box or tub and make an aperture in the side just sufficient to admit one end of the board which must be inclined at an angle so as to facilitate the process. Then pour into the box or tub the liquid until it covers the end of the board some inches, and in a short time it will penetrate to the other end of the board and the kyanizing be complete. Wood thus prepared has been buried for a number of years and found to be uninjured. Pyroligneous acid or sulphate of copper may be used instead of corrosive sublimate.

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