

moving ink stains refer to iron inks. A. First try a little strong alcohol, and, if this fails, moisten with very dilute sulphuric acid, then with a strong solution of chloride of lime, expose for an hour to bright sunlight and wash well with clean hot water.

(31) M. A. F. says: I want to make a boiler 8 inches in diameter and 20 inches long. If made of 1/2 inch copper, how many lbs. pressure will it stand per square inch, and how many tubes of 1 inch diameter shall I put in? A. You can carry a pressure of 100 lbs. per square inch with a copper boiler. 2 Will a wrought iron boiler of the same size stand as much pressure as the copper one? A. The iron boiler will stand 140 lbs. Allow a space between the tubes of from 1/2 to 3/4 inch. 3. Will the iron boiler do to run an engine 1 1/2 x 3 inches? A. The boiler is rather small, if you desire to work the engine up to full capacity.

(32) T & D. say: We have a blower, running at the rate of 3,000 revolutions per minute. Does it make any difference in the hardness of iron, if the blower is near the cupola or some distance from it? A. Within the ordinary limits of a foundry, the position of the blower will not make any material difference.

(33) E. C. B. asks: I hold that if 1 ton pressure be applied to the plunger of a hydrostatic pump, which is 1 square inch in area, the pressure on a 6 inch ram connected therewith will be 28 2/3 tons, regardless of size of connecting pipe, if the latter is full of water. My friend asserts that the hole in the connecting pipe gives the pressure, and the increase will be as its area differs from the area of the ram. Who is right? A. You have the correct idea.

(34) S. H. B. says: One of your correspondents recently asked for the correct name of what is called the blue hawk. I find, by Cone's "Key to North American Birds," that it is the peregrine falcon (Falco communis).

(35) S. H. B. says: I had occasion to test one of your answers a short time since as to silvring glass, and had good success, except that I do better without warming the solutions, and by cleaning glass as a photographer does.

(36) J. A. H. says: I have a hard black rubber ornament that I wish to fasten to a piece of hard wood. How can I do it? A. Try glycerin and white lead.

We use plumbago, etc., and that, with iron and steel filings and other dirt, gets ground into my hands so that it takes a great deal of time and labor to clean them. Can you give me a recipe for something that will take the oil and dirt off thoroughly and quickly? A. Wash your hands first with oil and sand and then with soap and water and pumice stone.

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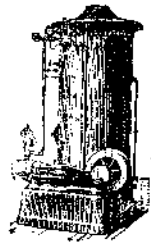
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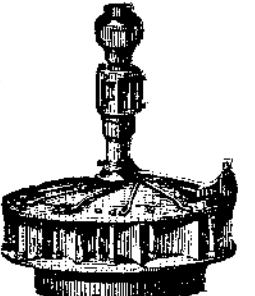
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