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(3) C. W. D. asks if there is any method

being known, the steam used for heating purposes, and thrown into well when condensed; in other words, is there any rule or gauge that will determine what horse power will pass through a pipe of given size, at given pressure, valve full open, and used as above indicated? A. The flow of steam cannot be measured by the horse power, and if so, it would not apply to heating surfaces, as the velocity of flow must depend upon rapidity of condensation; in other words, it will be greatest in coldest weather.

(4) C. & S. ask: What size air pump should we use for a vacuum pan of 200 gallons capacity, temperature used 42° C.? A. Air pump 10 to 12 inches diameter, and 6 or 7 inch stroke, with steam cylinder 7 inches to 8 inches diameter.

(5) F. H. B. asks for a recipe for making a good cologne. A. Oils of lemon, cedrat, and bergamot, each Ziij.; oils of lavender, rosemary, and neroli, each 3 iss.; oil of cinnamon, 3 vj.; rectified spirit, 3 gals.; spirit of rosemary, 1 quart; compound spirit of balm (eau de melisse des carmes), 3 pints. Digest for eight days, then distill 3 gals.

(6) C. J. H. writes: In making quantitativeblow-pipeassays of gold and silver ores, charcoal is recommended for a support in the first fusion of the assay. It is often quite difficult to procure good coals for the purpose, especially when on a prospecting trip. Is there not some kind of material from which small capsules can be made for the purpose, which can be used an indefinite number of times, and which would be equally as good as charcoal? A. We know of no support that will serve as a good substitute for the coal. A small bone ash cupel will answer in some case

(7) A. H. L. asks: Will you please specify the kinds of pitch and gutta percha to be used in mak ing cement, also the manner of melting them together? A. Burgundy pitch, melt in an iron pot with as little heat as need be, and stir constantly. The addition of a little shellac will harden it somewhat.

(8) W. W. F. asks: 1. Can you give me a list of the best practical books on the manufacturing of chemicals and dyestuffs? A. Consult Wagner's "Chemical Technology," Watts and Richardson's "Acids, Alkalies, and Salts," and the U. S. Dispensatory and Pharmaconceia. 2. Give the best manner of making an acid solution of bisulphide of soda, with the difference between a bisulphide and a sulphide and a sulphate of soda. A. Acids precipitate the sulphur from the alkaline sulphides. The sulphide may be prepared by boiling together with water for an hour 2 parts of sulphur and 234 parts carbonate of soda. Concen trate to small bulk by evaporation, cool, and pour off the liquid from the solid bisulphide. The bisulphide differs from the sulphide only in the large proportion of sulphur it contains. A sulphate is a combination of sulphuric acid with a base, while the sulphide is a compound of sulphur with the same. Consult some ele mentary book on chemistry, such as Fownes'.

(9) J. W. W. writes. I have a 20 inch by 28 inch engine, taking steam from steam drum 14 inches in diameter, placed across three flue boilers each 44 inches diameter, 20 feet long. Would I get more power out of a 36 inch steam erum; if so, why? A. No: but you would probably get drier steam, which would be an advantage.

(10) G. B. S. asks: In which bearing would a journal run with the least friction, one of one inch in length, or one of three inches in length, other conditions being the same in both cases? A. There would be no difference if the shaft was strictly in line and the pressure low enough not to approach abrasion of the shorter journal; but the boxes of the longer journal would wear the longest, as the friction would be distributed over a greater surface.

(11) J. F. B. asks: 1. What would be the best mortar to lay fire brick in for lining the fireplace. and flue from a large boiler? A. Fire-clay mortar. 2. What is the highest chimney in the United States and what the height? A. There is one in the vicinity of Pittsburg 275 feet high. We cannot say whether this is the highest. 3. In building a borizontal flue of brick, and lining it with an air space left between, is there any sandstone or other stone that will stand heat well enough to use for lining on bottom and top of flue, and if so, where could it be had? A. Stone is not adapted to this purpose. 4. In building chimneys 300 feet high or higher what mortar is it proper to use outside and inside? A. For outside work hydraulic cement; for inside work, good lime mortar. 5. What coefficient is the most reliable to use for linear expansion of brick work exposed to great heat? A. Clark gives for stock bricks, not laid up, for each degree 0.00144 of an inch in 100 feet length. 6. Knowing the amount of grate surface feeding a chimney, what rule will best deter-(1) T. S. & S. ask: How can we make a mine the necessary inside diameter and height for the and Factory Chimneys.

(12) E. B. V. writes: 1. To R. L. J. (2). December 18, 1880, you give ink recipe same as in SUP-PLEMENT No. 157. Can you translate the first into a cold process recipe? A. Heat is necessary to properly extract the tannin from the galls. One-seventh the weight of the galls in commercial tannic acid will make a similar ink not requiring heat. 2. After digesting the galls by either the hot or cold process, and a clear solution obtained, which product will retain longest its original excellence in the bottle and black color on the written page, a suspended ink with gum arabic, or a solution with sulphuric acid? A. The fluid or true solution under ordinary circumstances. 3. In recipe above mentioned, would a little blue or purple aniline, soluble in water, replace the extract of logwood equally well as to quality? It would give a pleasing color. A. If you can make it stay in solution, yes. 4 Does the permanganate or any other disinfectant absolutely prevent or only hinder mould: that is, does the dissolved disinfectant remain such, and continue to acf while there is fluid about it, or does it evaporate change, or otherwise become neutral with age? A. The permanganate is not used as a disinfectant in this connection; it serves to oxidize of determining how many horse power of steam is pass. the iron salt and render the ink darker when first

(13) C. O. M. writes: I wish to take a copper plate, and either print or mark upon it, then apply some acid that will eat away the copper except where have marked, so that I can print with it. A. Digest coarsely powdered resin with about twice its volume of spirit of turpentine in a bottle immersed in hot water for twelve hours orso; cork very loosely, and shake occasionally; color with lamp black or printer's ink. Apply with a camel's hair brush or pencil, and let stand over night to dry and harden. Use nitric acid diluted with about three parts of water. 2 How can I takean electroplate of a form after it is set up? A. Take a wax or plaster cast of the form, coat it evenly with pure graphite or plumbago, connect by a copper wire with the zinc pole of a battery, and suspend in a strong solution of sulphate of copper in water, facing a plate of copper also suspended in the liquid and connected with the copper or carbon pole of the same battery. The connection between the wire and the film of graphite must be very perfect and secure. When the operation is properly conducted copper deposits over the film of graphite, copying the impression perfectly. When the film of copper is thick enough, it is dried, backed up with a fusible alloy or solder, removed from the mould, trimmed, and mounted on a block.

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