

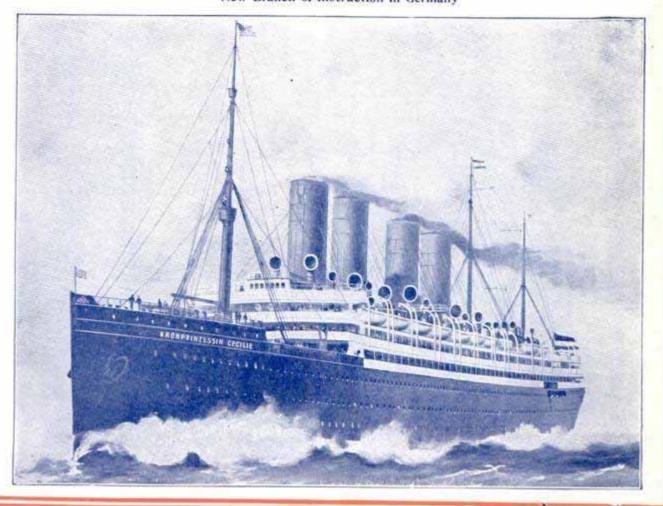
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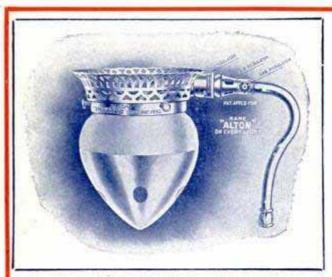
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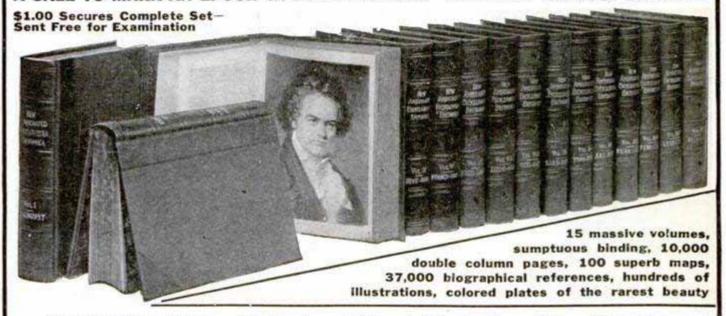
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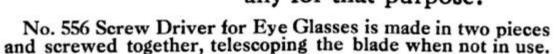
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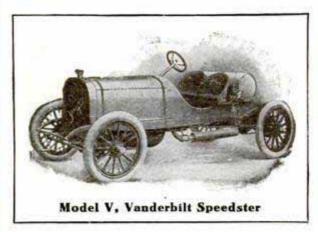
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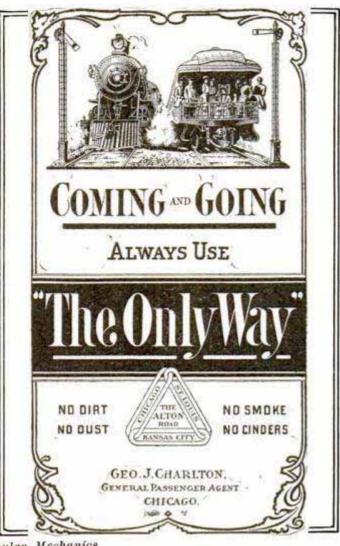
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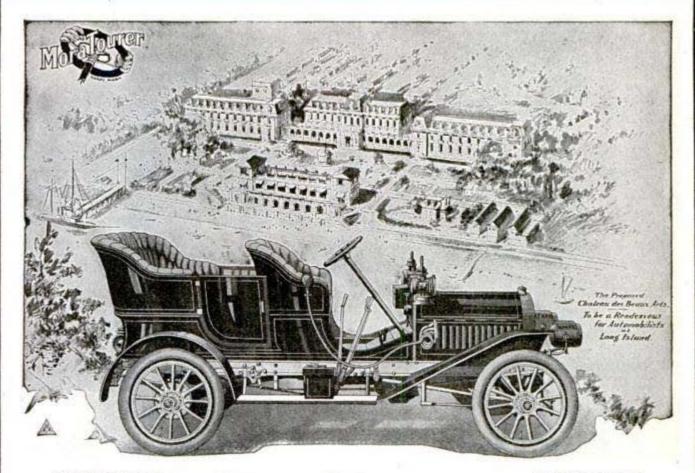


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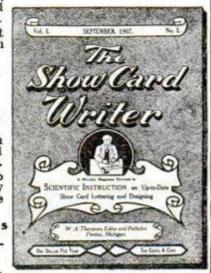
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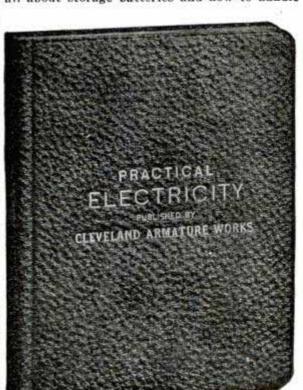


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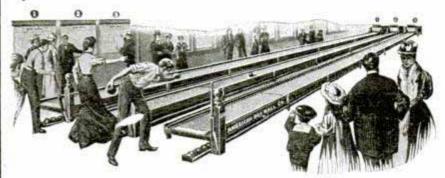
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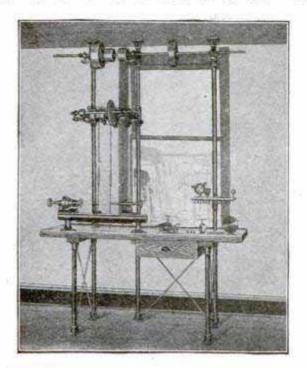
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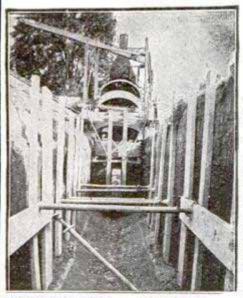
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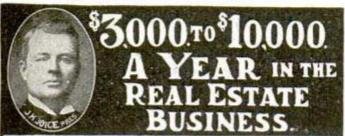
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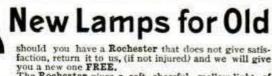
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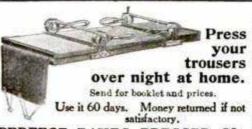
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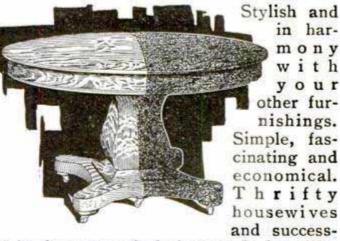


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An electro-chemical process by which wood and water are actually converted into the purest and sweetest sugar is being demonstrated in a western city. The machine, which cost only \$1,000, is composed of a water boiler, a furnace for heating steam until it turns into hydrogen and oxygen, a retort in which the charcoal is reduced to a gas and mixed with the hydrogen and oxygen, a water tank in which the combination of gases is cooled, an air compressor and a set of highly charged electrodes.

To operate the plant the inventor took an armful of pine wood, eucalyptus, corn cobs, a piece of old buggy and a barrel hoop and piled them into an oven

where they were made into charcoal.

The charcoal ready, he put 32 lb. of it into the retort and started the fire under his water boiler. Twenty minutes later, when things were getting hot, he started the air compressor and a set of highly charged electrodes. The water, converted into steam, passed through a heater where it was dissociated into hydrogen and oxygen at a temperature of 3,000°. The mixture of gases was then compressed upon the carbon heated to a like temperature.

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Comment by Dr. James Lawrie, of the Miner - Lawrie Laboratories, Chicago.

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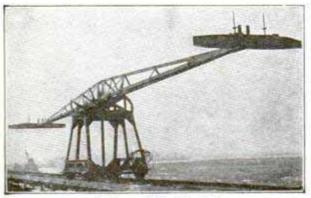
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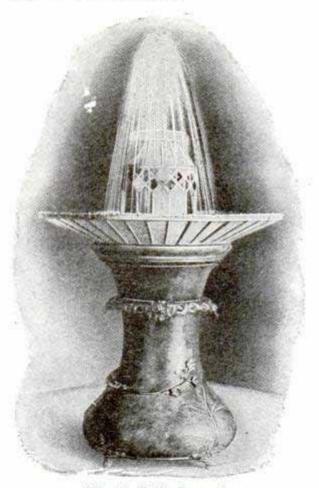


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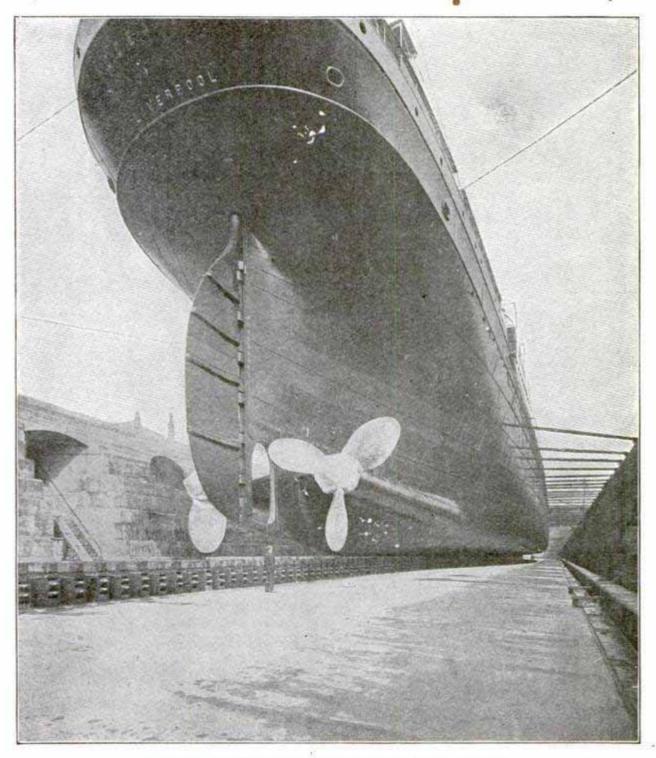
A New York steeplejack, after years of perilous adventures on the tallest spires and stacks in the city, fell 4 ft. and died from the injury.

GIANT SHIPS IN THEIR "BATH"

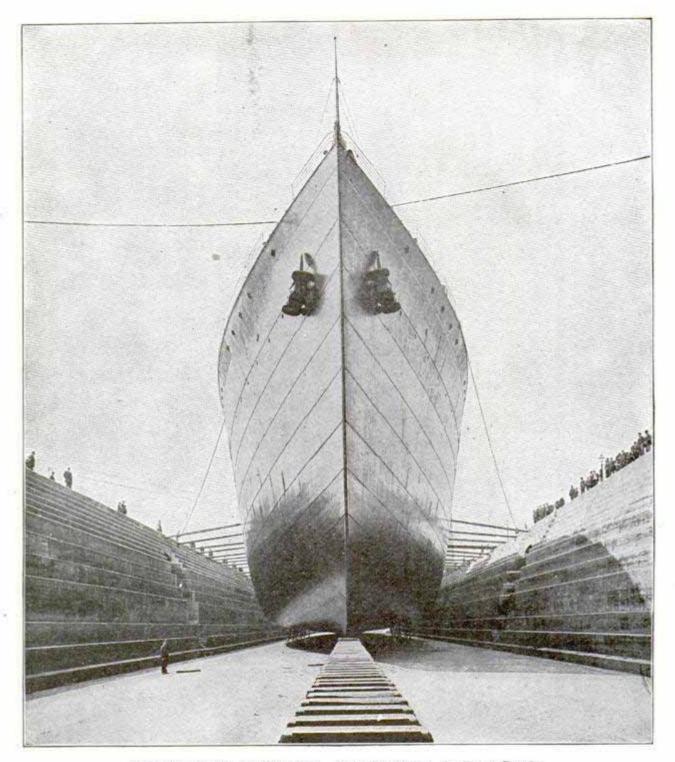
How the Colossal Floating Palaces are Taken out of the Water and Cleaned

There is such keen competition today among the great ocean-going lines that no matter how luxurious a 20,000-ton monster may be when she is first launched, all the vast expenditure upon her will go for naught unless she is kept keyed to the highest pitch of efficient perfection. She must keep her times in New York harbor and Liverpool as regularly as though she were an express train; and that in spite of icebergs, fogs, uncharted rocks, derelicts, and other menaces to navigation.

No sooner has she docked in Liverpool, and her immense population of



20,000-Ton "Oceanic" in Liverpool Dry Dock



Bow View of "Adriatic"-25,000 Tons-in Dry Dock

perhaps 3,000 souls streamed down the gangplank, than the overhauling begins. Silver-plate and linen, with china, books, furniture and a thousand other necessaries are checked and inventoried; and a whole army of decorators and stewards let loose among the nine decks that rise tier above tier to a height of 60 or 70 ft. above the water. The engineering staff, too, go over the mighty mechanism that may develop the strength of 70,000 horses, lest some rival liner do better than they, and fastidious passengers transfer their patronage. But most curious of all perhaps is the putting of the 20,000-ton monster in her "bath"! This bath is in reality a dry-dock, which in order to receive the leviathans of today conveniently must be fully 1,000 ft. long.

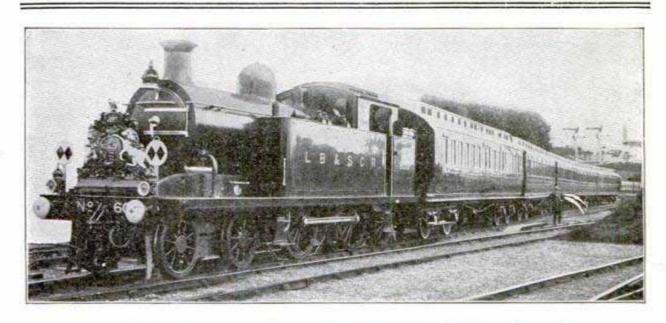
Just such a curious receptacle is the famous Canada dry-dock in Liverpool, where all the most magnificent liners of today are overhauled. One can imagine no more delicate operation than landing a great liner on the elm and

oak blocks at the bottom of this bath. While yet the monster is floating in deep water a plan of the bed arrangements is submitted to the chief officer, and very careful calculations are made so that the stupendous hull may rest evenly upon the blocks. Then the flood gates are opened and the bath filled. When its level is the same as that of the outer water, the colossus is wheeled round and her nose pointed in. Then tugs begin to haul in, and when once her towering bow is between the amphitheater-like walls, her speed is so slow that it takes a sharp eye to detect any movement at all.

You understand that if she scraped her sides it would do great damage. No sooner is she fairly in, than a whole army of men get to work with brushes of steel wire on the ends of long poles; and when at length the stern and propellers are inside, the outer gates of the bath are closed and enormous steam pumps get to work throwing out millions of gallons. Gradually the mighty ship sinks, and as she goes lower and lower consultations are held as to how likely she is to settle on an even keel on the blocks prepared for her. Moreover long poles are stretched from the walls, so that when she comes to rest she may not heel over either way. The breaking of these poles would surely result in disaster, entailing scores of thousands of dollars to put right.

Remember, the ship may be nearly 800 ft. long, and the dead weight in the case of the new Cunard liners "Lusitania" and "Mauretania" is 33,000 tons! At last every drop of water is removed from the bath, and scrapers, brushers and painters get to work on the towering steel flanks of the ship. She has settled on her bed within a fraction of an inch of the spot designed for her, and you will soon see busy men, perched like acrobats and looking like flies on a wall, on narrow planks high up on the hull, driving rivets, testing plates, painting or scraping. A ship like the "Mauretania," by the way, contains over 4,000,000 rivets, and the largest of them are 8 in. long and weigh nearly 3 lb. The removal of weeds, barnacles and other marine growths from the hull of one of these magnificent liners means a material increase of her speed.

At last the floodgates are opened once more, and gradually the monster lifts off the blocks, and is hauled out again with as much care as she was hauled in. A whole fleet of tugs are fussing about her; her head is swung round, and, all spick and span both within and without, she is ready to receive her thousands of passengers and poke her nose out once more into the stormy Atlantic for another journey of 3,000 miles.

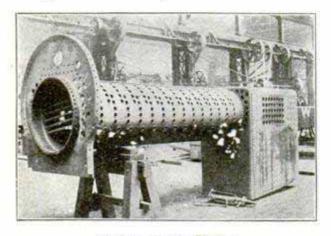


Royal Train Used by the King between London and Epsom Race Course

POPULAR MECHANICS

CROSS TUBE BOILER

In a new type of locomotive boiler being built in England the tubes are



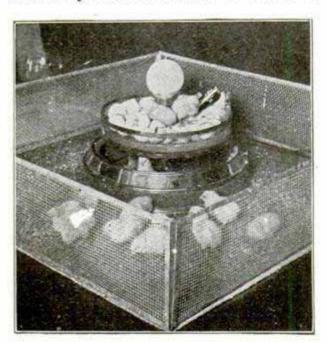
Odd Locomotive Boiler

placed across the boiler, instead of lengthwise.

ELECTRIC INCUBATOR

Hatches Chicks for Parlor Table

An electric incubator has been perfected which can be used in connection with ordinary oil incubators or independently. It is also made in ornamental style for use as a store window attraction, having a neat metal base of ornamental design, with nickel plate, oxidized copper or gun-metal finish, the base forming the hover or brooder for the newly hatched chicks. A drawer is



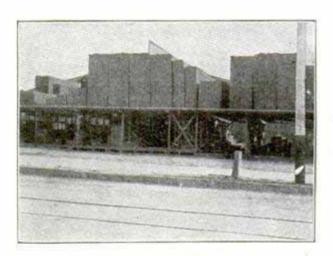
New Table Novelty

provided, which is partly drawn from the base and the electric chicks run about in the fenced enclosure, about 3 or 4 ft. square, making a most interesting exhibit.

Still another design is used as an ornament for a library or parlor table when the chicks are hatching out and affords a decided novelty in which the human interest which attaches to anything young and alive has full scope. Current is taken from any wall socket with the usual flexible cord and plug.

TWO-STORY LUMBER YARD

In a western city, where land available for lumber yards has become very valuable, a dealer conceived the novel



Skyscraper Lumber Yard

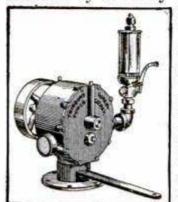
idea of a two-story lumber yard. This double-decked yard has a frontage of 100 ft. and extends back 80 ft. from the street.

TO DOUBLE LIFE OF UMBRELLAS

The usual way on coming in out of the rain is to place the umbrella in the rack or corner with the handle upward. This allows the water to run down and remain a long time in the metal that holds the ribs together, which will rust the joints and rot the fabric. If the handle is placed downward instead of upward the water will run away from this point first and the whole top will dry quicker.

MOTOR BOAT WHISTLE

A new whistle for motorboats is sounded by a rotary blower driven by



a friction contact with the flywheel of the engine. The whistle can be maintained as long as desired and the sound is uniform and steady. The blower, of course,

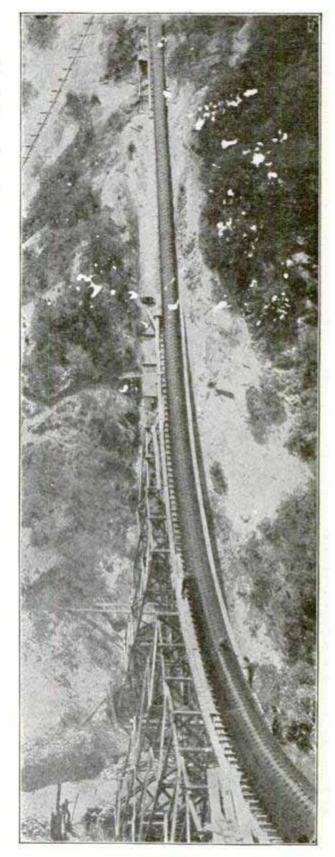
must be at the engine, but by use of piping, the whistle can be placed anywhere in the boat and a whistle cord run to the steering wheel.

PIPING WATER ACROSS THE MOUNTAINS IN HUGE WOOD-EN PIPES

In California there are many great irrigation, mining and water-power enterprises, and as more than four-fifths of the state is mountainous, water in not a few cases has to be taken over high rocky ridges and across deep ravines and canyons. In order to conduct water over such a rough country huge wooden pipes, more than 6 ft. in diameter, are used.

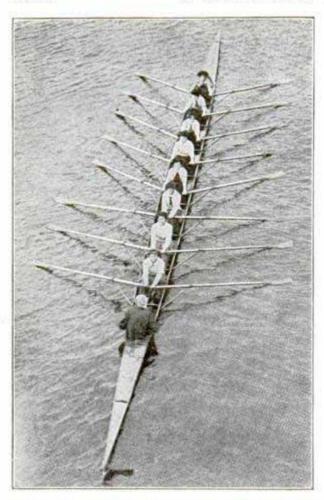
These pipes are made of redwood staves banded by iron rods that may be tightened by screws and the pipes thus made watertight. California redwood is found to be an excellent material for making water pipes, for the reason that a large proportion of lumber from that tree is "clear stuff," free from knots, pitch and pitch seams, and the wood being very free from sap is enabled to resist decay to a remarkable degree.

The wood stave pipe is found far preferable to iron or steel pipe for construction in mountainous regions, for the reason of its light weight, and that the material may be transported to the site of operations in pieces. It is not infrequently the case that it is found impossible to transport even this light material upon wagons, so rugged is the



Pipe is 6 Ft. Diameter

country, and in cases of this kind the wood staves are lashed to the backs of burros and thus taken into the steep places. Our illustration shows a section of this huge pipe descending a steep mountain side and crossing the gulch at the bottom.



GIRLS' FIRST RACING SCULLING EIGHT

Dr. Furnivall, the eminent Shakespearean scholar, claims his crew of girls is the first racing sculling eight to be pulled by women, and that the American girls' eight is a rowing, not a sculling eight. The illustration shows his crew of fair oarswomen in full swing in their racing scull on the Thames river.

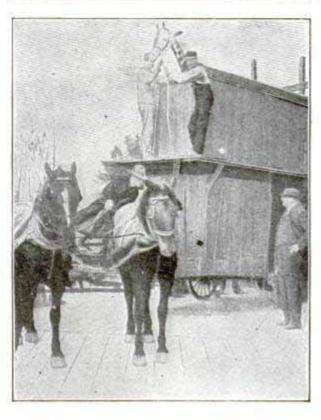
MACHINE TO TYPEWRITE 1,000 WORDS A MINUTE

Remarkable claims are made by the inventor for a new automatic typewriter which is to be placed on exhibition. If its construction is such as not to require an engineer, electrician and a crew of machinists in constant attendance, and it will do one-half it promises, it will revolutionize correspondence in large establishments. The inventor says:

"This machine will actually write letters at the rate of 1,000 words a minute. The machine may be operated in two ways. If it is desired to make a number of copies of the same letter with different names and addresses it will perform this work, producing in each case an original letter in one, two or three colors, fill in the name and address and add the signature. A business man desiring to dictate may use this automatic typewriter by talking his letters into a device like the phonograph, transfer the record to the machine, turn on the electric current and go home. The next morning the letters will all be done and the machine will automatically stop when all the letters are written. It will also address envelopes or wrappers and count them as well. It will write forwards or backwards, and, if desired, the lines may be justified like type.

CAR DITCHED; TRUCK WENT ON

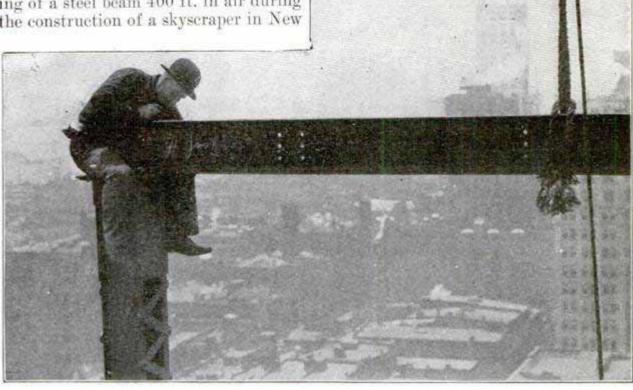
The motorman on an interurban line near Grand Haven, Mich., forgot to shut off the current as his car approached a curve at high speed. The result was the car body was thrown completely off the trucks which remained on the track and ran 1,500 ft. before coming to a stop.



Peculiar vehicle specially constructed for the transportation of giraffes. The top of the wagon is about 20 ft. above the pavement.

PERILOUS WORK IN MID-AIR

A daring photographer risked his life to secure the picture from which this illustration is made. It shows the placing of a steel beam 400 ft. in air during the construction of a skyscraper in New



Structural Worker 400 Ft. Above the Street

York City. It requires the steadiest of nerves to perch on the top of a slender column and guide the great beams into place as they are brought up by the hoisting machine from the street.

UTILIZING DYING PIGS' SQUEAL

It has long been the boast of the Chicago packing houses, that in killing hogs everything is utilized—ex-

cept the squeal.

The squeal has now been turned to account in this way:

An ingenious piano salesman travels through the country, taking several instruments with him. To draw a

Courtesy .. Presto"

crowd he gives a free evening entertainment with a moving picture machine. Between each series of views he demonstrates on the pianos. One of his pictures shows the progress of events at a packing house. To make the scenes in the killing room realistic he visited the plant and secured some phonograph records of the porkers as they let out some vigorous remarks. Now when the moving picture reaches the pig sticking act, he turns on his phonograph and his visitors can see and hear just as if they were actually present at the original scene of operations.

TWO-CENTS-A-MILE RATE PAYS

While the western state legislatures were passing the 2-cents-a-mile passenger rate the passenger departments went into spasms. Whether genuine or not we don't know. The record of the first month at the reduced rate on a large number of western roads shows in nearly every case a marked increase in earnings over the corresponding month last year. And this has been earned with practically the same equipment, which

means little or no increased cost of carrying, as the passengers load and unload themselves.

The explanation is few empty seats in a train which formerly went only partly filled. People are riding now at 2 cents

who thought they could not afford to at 3 cents—and many of them actually could not. Once the travel habit is formed it lasts. The stockholders ought to thank the legislatures which reduced the rate.

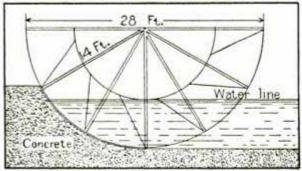
HUGE WATER WHEEL DRAINS MARSH

2,000 Acres Reclaimed in a Novel Manner

By James C. Mills

Two thousand acres of Michigan marsh land have been reclaimed by a system which is declared to be new.

The new drainage consists of two principal factors, namely, a monster water wheel and a series of high and wide dikes, with broad and deep ditches The dikes are 20 ft. high above the normal stage of water in the river and the ditches are 16 ft. deep and 34 ft. wide at the bottom. The building up of the dike and the digging of the ditch was done by a dredge which, starting at the river, dug its own channel around the tract, the earth taken out in the operation being dumped on the outside to form the dike. Running straight across the tract are five smaller ditches, joining both ends with the main ditch. At the corner of the tract where the north and east sections effect a junction, at the lowest point, the power house was erected and the water wheel and the machinery to operate it installed. Under the power



EXPLANATION.—The diagram shows the wheel in the flume immersed to depth of 6 ft. Wheel is 28 ft. diameter; 16 paddles; space between each paddle at the outer rim, 5 ft. 5 in. The paddles are set at an angle to the spokes and are thus 7 ft. long. The inner rim, to which the inner end of the paddles are attached, is 16 ft. in diameter, or slightly more than 50 ft. in circumference. The space between the inner ends of the paddles is 3 ft. 1 in. The width of each paddle is 4 ft. At five revolutions per minute 9,520 cu. ft. of water is raised, or 571,200 cu. ft. per hour, or 19,278 tons of water per hour. water per hour.

house and cutting straight through the dike there is a sluiceway 4 ft. wide and 30 ft. long by 16 ft. deep, constructed of concrete. In this flume the water wheel is set, its shaft adjusted so that its wood paddles are within a quarter of an inch of the smooth flat walls and bottom of the flume. On the outlet end, where the wall is rounded to conform to the circumference of the wheel for a distance of 6 ft. from the bottom the end of the paddles slip along the surface and discharge the water into the outer sluiceway.

The wheel is 28 ft. in diameter and 4 ft. wide and constructed entirely of steel. The wood paddles are bolted on at a decided angle to the wheel spokes, in order to permit the water to flow off more freely as the wheel revolves and the paddles pass the mouth of the sluiceway. This is necessary because the water is not raised as high as the wheel axis, at which point the spokes would be parallel to the surface of the stream. There are 16 of the paddles and when the wheel is in operation they are the important factor in lifting the water from the ditch to the river beyond.

The great wheel is arousing much interest because of its novelty and large capacity, and as yet is the only one so used in this country. The small expense of operation is its chief recommendation, and when one considers that it has drained seven miles of 34-ft. ditch, 6 to 7 ft. deep, in less than 10 hours, he has some idea of what it could do in draining swamps and marshes now covered with water at all seasons of

the year.

To operate the wheel there is provided heavy continuous gearing with 5-in. face, which is bolted securely to the rim and which engages a pair of 12-in. spur-gears, mounted on a counter-shaft,

What a Little "Kink" Did

which in turn is connected by belting to the engine shaft. The engine is 125 hp. of the ordinary slide valve type, supplied with steam from a fire-tube boiler. When operated at its full capacity the wheel revolves five times a minute and will take a foot of water off an acre of land in six minutes.

A HORSESHOE ADVERTISEMENT



A blacksmith in Pasadena, Calif., to show his thrift and to call attention of the passing public, has piled up about 3 tons of old horseshoes, in the shape shown, nails upward.

The new cruiser "Salem," 423 ft. long, will be the fastest boat in our navy.

LITTLE KINK MAKES BIG WRECK

A washout in the track near Fayetteville, Ark., removed the support from under a single tie, but this was

sufficient to so weaken the track that a passing freight train left a kink in one of the rails. The kink was so small the engineer of the passenger train, which followed soon after, did not notice it until he was within a very short There distance. not time to stop, so putting on full speed he tried to get over. The engine and mail car cleared, but the rest of the train was ditched, although none of the trucks left the rails un-

til they had gone a car's length.—Photos by Fred. L. McMillan, Fayette-ville, Ark.

\$5,000 PRIZE DESIGN

The design for the emblem for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition at Seattle in 1909 has been accepted. It is the work of Adelaide Hanscomb, a young lady artist of San Francisco, and



she was awarded the prize of \$5,000 over several hundred contestants. She says: "The figure to the right typifies the Pacific Slope, with right hand extended in welcome and the left holding

a train of cars, representing commerce by land. The figure to the left represents the Orient, and the ship in her hand represents commerce by sea. The central figure in white is that of Alaska, the white representing the North and the nuggets in her hands representing her vast mineral resources. Across the sky in the background is seen the Aurora Borealis, so vivid in the North."

SHORT STOP FOR RAILROAD CARS

In this case, the railroad being on a public street, it was not practical to



put up the usual bumper, so they placed ties rather deep and boldly let the cars run off the track into the soft dirt. The bent rails easily guide the car onto the main

track when pulled forward.

TERRA COTTA CHIMNEY THIMBLES

In building residences terra cotta or clay thimbles are now being much used in chimneys in preference to the thin sheet iron rims. They come in lengths of from 4 in. to 10 in. and diameters 5 in. to 10 in. They are usually made in flower pot factories.



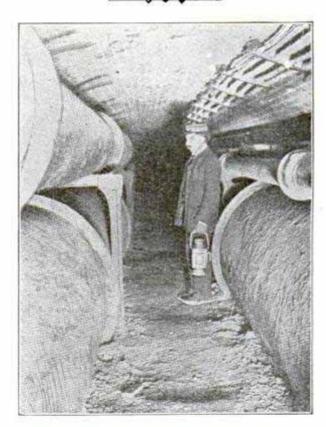
These Will Never Rust

SINK SHIP TO SAVE IT

To sink a ship, and that by means of a submarine torpedo, in order to save it, is one of the strangest of marine experiences; yet that is precisely what happened to the "Canada" in the har-

bor of Oran, Algeria.

The vessel which flies the English flag, with a valuable cargo on board, caught fire. In spite of the efforts of crew and tugs it was found impossible to subdue the flames. A destroyer towed the ship to a safe place and fired a torpedo under the water line. The vessel sank in comparatively shallow water, which of course instantly put out the fire, and she was then repaired and raised.



One of the subways under London in which are the largest gas mains in the world.

BIG CONDENSER PIPE LINE

To supply condensing water for the 7,000-hp, engines in the million-dollar electric power plant at Redondo, Calif., three lines of immense steel pipe 50 in. in diameter are carried out 500 ft. into the ocean. Pipes are made of $\frac{3}{16}$ -in. metal. When the big pumps were started one of the pipes collapsed for



Arrow Shows where the Pipe Collapsed

a length of about 100 ft., from the suction, on account of having been improperly braced, the loss amounting to \$3,000. An arrow in the picture shows the flattened pipe. The pipes are 18 ft. above the water.

HAULING WITH WAGON TRAINS

All the heavy hauling in Los Angeles is done by coupled wagons, as shown. The second wagon has a short pole with a clevis on end which fits over the end of the reach of the first wagon. A long continuous chain extends from a loop around the king pin of the first wagon clear through to the rear axle of the second wagon. Five horses are used, thus saving the expense of one driver; also, because the second wagon exactly trails in path of the first wagon, power is saved.

DASH FOR SOUTH POLE

Lieutenant Shakleton's Antarctic ex-



pedition sailed from London July 30 in the "Nimrod," a Newfoundland sailer of 227 tons. The vessel carries supplies to last two years.



Wagon Train with Five Horses

POPULAR MECHANICS

AN ELECTRIC CONVEYER FOR SHIPS

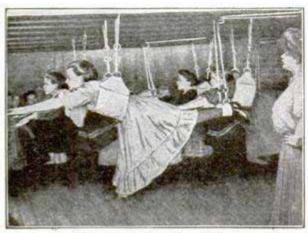


Courtesy Spence Mfg. Co.

Loads 5,000 Packages an Hour

TEACH SWIMMING ON DRY LAND

By means of a new invention school children in Germany are being taught how to swim before they enter the water. The apparatus consists of a broad sling placed under the chest and a narrow band for each ankle, allowing free movement of the arms and legs. The leg slings are balanced on weights and pulleys to allow a compensating motion.



German Swimming School

Electricity plays an important part in the loading and unloading of modern vessels. It is claimed that the conveyer shown in the illustration will save \$50 to \$65 per day, doing the work formerly done by hand.

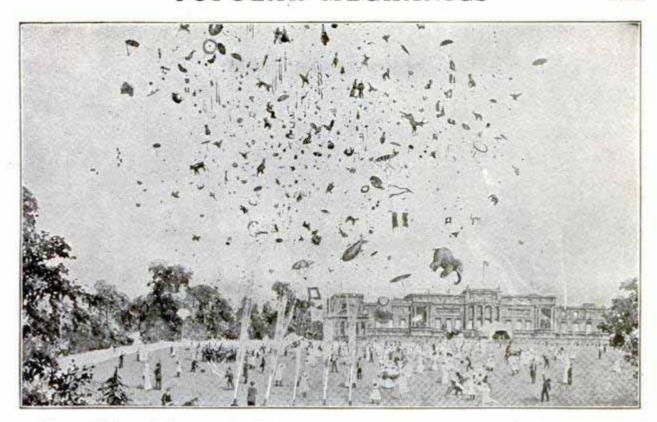
It is electrically driven and has an endless wooden apron which runs on steel rollers. It operates at any angle, is from 25 to 50 ft. in length and can be transported to any place. There is an automatic registering device which accounts for every package, no matter how small, that passes over it. The conveyer will transport and register from 3,000 to 5,000 sacks, cases, barrels, bundles of shingles or bales per hour,

according to size and weight. The illustration shows a 50-ft. machine loading the steamship "Minnesota" at Seattle.

MINING KAOLIN WITH WATER JET

A company mining kaolin in Connecticut successfully uses a water jet instead of a shaft. A 4-in. pipe is put down to the bottom of the kaolin bed, about 200 ft. Inside this pipe a 2-in. pipe is let down with a nozzle at the lower end, through which water is forced at a pressure of 60 lb. About 100 gal. of water and kaolin per minute come to the surface, 10% being solid matter, of which 75% is kaolin. The discharge is then pumped 4 miles through pipe line to washing plant.

A railroad brakeman has invented a hot-box alarm, in which the melting of a fuse rings a bell in the coach.



An exhibition of Japanese daylight fireworks in which thousands of subjects, made of colored paper, are fired into the air. Animals, fish, balloons, furniture, umbrellas, and countless other objects are sent up several hundred feet and float slowly down, unfolding as they descend.

IN THE STOKE HOLD

What is doubtless the fiercest work performed by man is firing the furnaces of the great ocean liners, which consume several hundred tons a day. The men are obliged to work incessantly in a temperature which few people can endure longer than a few minutes. Although they work in short shifts it is so exhausting that the men are short lived, and new stokers have to be secured constantly to take the place of those who have become broken-down wrecks.



Man-Killing Work

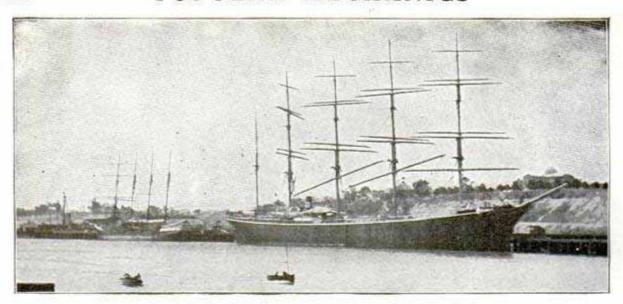
PECULIAR WRECK OF BUILDING

A three-story frame tenement whose height had been increased by raising on jack screws preparatory to moving, was blown down in Chicago.



A midnight gale blowing nearly 50 miles an hour overturned the building; five persons were killed and 16 badly injured. The collapse of the structure was almost complete as seen in the illustration.

A pile driver at New Orleans is 108 ft. high; supposed to be the highest ever built.



LARGEST SAILER AFLOAT

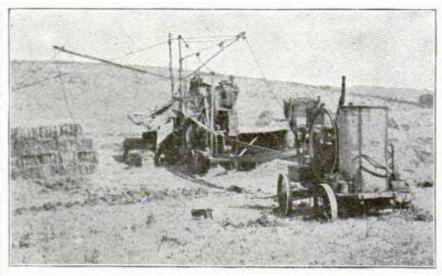
The "R. C. Rickmers," a German vessel, is the largest sailing ship afloat. She is 8,000 tons burden, a recent cargo being 40,000 bbl. of cement.

The boat has an auxiliary engine and propeller with feathering blades. Masts and cross yard arms are tubular steel.

HAY PRESS GATHERS, BALES AND DELIVERS

In California having is conducted on a large scale, some ranchers producing annually 100,000 tons each. The hay is all baled for shipment. The cut shows a hay press run by a gasoline On this press engine. are arranged several extra spools with friction clutches to operate them when a bell signal is given. The farther man sits on a high seat and by means of levers operates the several ropes,

one to draw the loose hay for a distance of about 40 ft. and another rope to carry the pressed bales away about 30 ft. About 60 bales an hour of 125 lb. each are handled without lifting by hand, and all material is brought to the machine without labor. Still on account of putting on the wires at such a speed quite a few men are required. It is said to be the only machine both pulling the material and piling up the bales as shown.



A Hay Press That Does Things

HUGE DOCK FOR FLEET SHIPS

The London & Great Western Ry. is building the largest dock in the world at Southampton, England. It is planned for the giant vessels of the future and will provide berths at one time for four ships 800 ft. long and of great draft. The dock will be 1,700 ft. long, 400 ft. wide; will enclose a water surface of 16 acres and be capable of being dredged to a depth of 40 ft.

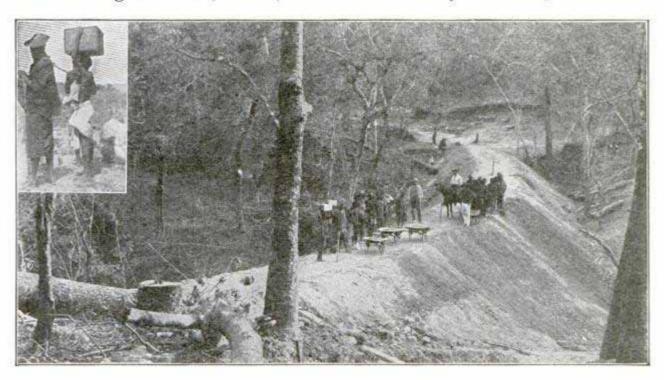
BUILDING A RAILROAD IN SAVAGE AFRICA

Giraffes and Elephants Pull Down the Telegraph Wires—Hostile Savages Pull Up the Tracks to Make Spears

By W. G. Fitzgerald

Slowly, but surely, the Dark Continent is being conquered for civilization, and the most potent factor in this is certainly the railroad. Already from Cape Town, in the south, as far north as Lake Tanganyika, 2,000 miles, the Cape to Cairo line has won its way and in East Africa, the Uganda Railroad has fought with wild beasts, hos-

gether by gorgeous orchids and other floral parasites. The only "roads" are the beaten tracks which the herds of elephant have made as they crashed through the jungle on their way to water. Then, too, it must be remembered how dangerous a country this is for the white man, owing to the deadly fevers so easily contracted, not to men-



Natives Making an Embankment through Ashanti Jungle

tile tribes, fever and pestilence, until today its shining tracks stop short on the shores of the great Victoria Nyanza, that vast inland sea of Central Africa. Even in the cannibal Congo the Belgians are pushing railroad construction, and the Portuguese on the Indian Ocean, the Germans in West Africa and the French on the Ivory Coast are all laying down tracks and winning a way into a wilderness hitherto given up to lion and rhino, elephant and giraffe.

Now consider for a moment what such an undertaking means. The country is primeval jungle with trees whose upper branches are knitted totion sudden descents of hostile savages, and attacks from wild beasts, and poisonous snakes. Worse still, there is the question of labor. As every explorer knows, the African native hardly does a stroke of work from childhood to the grave. A living is to be had by merely scratching the ground, or bringing down antelope with the bow and arrow; and all the necessary labor is done by the women. And when a railroad company does succeed in getting a few thousand native laborers, there is sure to be an outbreak of that most mysterious of all diseases known as "sleeping sickness" which last year swept away 200,000 natives on the Congo

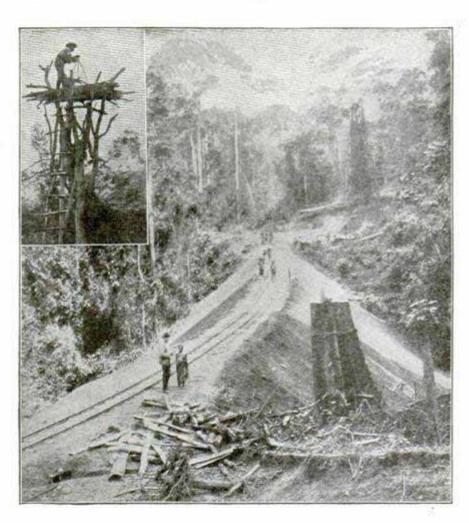
alone. Animal transport, chiefly mules and oxen, was to be had at one time, but all these four-legged helpers are now impossible by reason of the dreaded tsetse fly, which has actually compelled the Belgian officials to introduce, on a large scale, zebras, as beasts of burden which might possibly be proof against the poison of this insect.

Thus, it will be seen that the construction of a railroad in savage Africa is indeed a heroic undertaking. In the first place gangs of savage laborers

go ahead and clear the jungle of trees and brush. Behind comes another party digging holes for the telegraph posts, and last of all come the tracklayers. Now the surveying pioneers who map out the course have all the difficulties and dangers of the explorer in an unknown land to contend with. Had I space I could tell thrilling lion stories more exciting than any fiction, of camps attacked in the night by howling savages; of mysterious disappearances of white men. But these are the ordinary incidentals of an African pioneer railroad. On the Uganda line all operations were stopped for two months at Tsavo station, owing

to the depredations of a man-eating lion and lioness which had so terrorized the native workers that at length they dropped their tools and disappeared in the wilderness. There was nothing for it butto track and kill the lions—a highly risky and difficult work, for both were old and crafty. Like all man-eaters their fangs had become so worn and their joints stiff with age that they could no longer chase the swift antelope

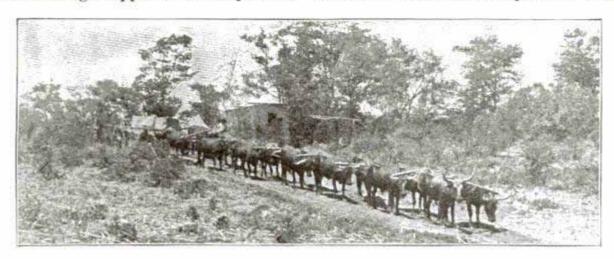
which is their ordinary prey. And under such conditions is it that the larger carnivora seek human beings as being much easier to secure. The strange thing is, that once having tasted human flesh, a lion rarely cares for any other prey. Three or four surveyors and engineers of the Uganda railroad were specially sent from Mombasa to Tsavo, where they took up their quarters every night in the old pay coach which ran up and down the line once a month distributing pieces of cotton cloth,



Surveyors Work from Tree Tops

cowrie shells, and brass wire—the currency of Central Africa.

For many days and nights the lion and his mate continued to carry off employes of the road, avoiding the white watchers with almost human cunning. Indeed they appeared to grow more and more daring, and the climax came one evening when a Hindu paymaster was picked off an open freight car by the lioness, who made a sudden swoop from the grass thicket and dragged him off shrieking into the jungle. That same night was marked by a still more terrible tragedy. One of the white engineers towards two in the morning dropped off to sleep in the tered in the Arab slave raiders who make periodical descent upon Central African villages in order to supply the slave markets of Egypt, Persia and Turkey. Sometimes hundreds of the laborers would be kidnaped and their



Material is Hauled by Long Horned Oxen

coach with his express rifle across his knees. There was a sudden scuffle, and before his comrades knew what had happened the maned head and massive paws of the male lion were thrust in at the open window, and the sleeping man dragged out and carried off into the forest. His pitiful remains were found some weeks later. It is satisfactory to learn that both lion and lioness were eventually bagged, but even after their magnificent skins were exhibited all up and down the line it was very difficult to induce the laborers to return to work.

And even when the railroad was opened for traffic, the patroling of it was a most difficult undertaking. no less than five occasions giraffes 15 and 20 ft. high were found dead by the way, having been strangled by the telegraph wires which they had run against blindly and dragged down with their long necks. Then, too, some of the blood-thirsty Masai regarded the shining steel tracks as heaven-sent material for their own weapons, so that it was no uncommon incident to find great gaps in the track where the savages had stolen the metal to be forged into spears and arrow-heads in their rude village smithies.

Another great difficulty was encoun-

villages burned with circumstances of great atrocity. Accordingly the white authorities had to maintain little standing armies whose forces could be entrained at any given spot on receiving news by telegraph, and swiftly transported to the scene of a raid. On such occasions serious pitched battles would be fought, but victory always lay with the railroad people, who were better armed and had the strategic advantages of their rolling stock. Yet another difficulty was experienced from the herds of wild elephants. Many of these brutes appeared to think that the telegraph poles were put there specially so that they might rub themselves against them. Or an angry tusker whose upraised trunk had been hurt by the wire would think little of uprooting the poles for miles or more. It is surely an amazing monument to the pluck and persistence of the white man in Africa that even in the face of all these difficulties railroad work is being pushed with feverish zeal in all parts of the continent from Uganda to the Senegal, and from the Zambesi to the sources of the Nile.

Rich mineral and agricultural lands are being opened up and capital introduced from all nations. Cotton, tobacco and wheat are being grown on the

highlands of British Central Africa, and luxurious trains are now crossing the stupendous falls of the Zambesi at a point where one of the world's mightiest rivers two miles wide falls over an appalling precipice 400 ft. deep. Long ago the various nations interested in the development of Africa, realized that the best way to conquer all the forces arrayed against them there was to clear a way into the heart of the continent for the iron horse, which is fast carrying prosperity and the blessings of civilization into regions where but a year or two ago a white face had never been seen.

IRON IN CUBA

After boring several thousand holes and making other explorations covering a period of two years, it is announced that there is quantities of iron in Cuba. The body of ore already located is estimated at 600,000,000 tons, and only 12 miles from a good harbor. Steel interests in this country have already secured 27,000 acres.



The above is an advertisement of railroad supplies appearing in a Tokyo, Japan, railroad journal.

MOTORCYCLE MAKES RATE OF 90 MILES PER HOUR

At Atlantic City William H. Bray, jr., made an official mile from a flying start in 38 seconds, or at the rate of 90 miles per hour. The machine is of



W. H. Bray, Jr.

French construction and is a two-cylinder 14-hp, and broke the world's record last year at 61 miles per hour.

ILLUMINATING GAS FROM CORN-COBS

The town of Beatrice, Neb., has the only gas plant in the world that manufactures commercial illuminating gas from corn-stalks, corn-cobs, hay, and vegetable matter. The quality is as good as coal gas and it sells for \$1.18 per thousand cubic feet, the lowest price in any city in Nebraska. plant cost \$100,000 and John D. Rockefeller is thought to be back of it, as the franchise is held by the Rev. Charles Eaton, pastor of Rockefeller's church in Cleveland. There are a number of manufacturing plants which make a cheap grade of gas out of bark and hay for use in gas engines, but it is believed that this is the first instance where vegetable matter has been utilized for the manufacture of illuminating gas.

During 1906 in the state of Pennsylvania, 126 boys between the ages of 16 and 21 years were killed in the coal mining regions.

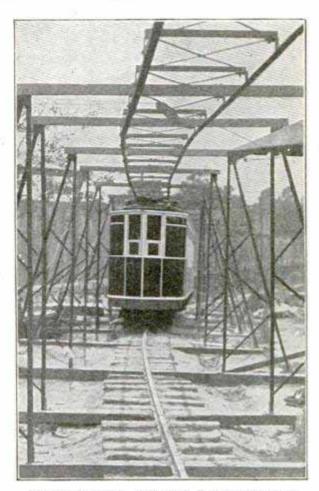
"PAY-AS-YOU-ENTER" STREET CARS

The Montreal system of collecting fares on the rear platform before the passenger enters the car is to be tried on several street railway lines in this country. The advantage is that the conductor remains constantly on the rear platform, having no occasion to enter the car, and can thus give better attention to his duties other than collecting fares. The passengers all leave from the front platform which prevents confusion and delay, and avoids the danger of starting a car while a passenger is in the act of getting off.

To operate the system to best advantage cars with platforms specially arranged have to be constructed, and 150 such cars are now building for a line in New York City. Where it has been tried the public are said to like the system.

BOSTON'S NEW \$3,000,000 BRIDGE

The new bridge over the Charles river, connecting Boston and Cambridge, is completed at a cost of \$3,000,000. It is 3,700 ft. long, including approaches, and 105 ft. wide. Four towers, each 100 ft. high, mark the center span, which has a clearance of 26 ft., allowing tugs and small boats with telescope masts to go through. In its construction 150,000 bbl. cement and 14,500,-000 lb. steel were used. Avenues are provided for elevated cars, trolley cars, other vehicles and foot passengers. It is the best lighted and one of the finest examples of bridge architecture in the country.



MONORAIL WITH OVERHEAD GUIDES

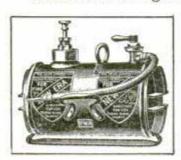
One of the new things exhibited at the Jamestown Exposition is the monorail illustrated below. An ordinary T rail is laid on short ties. On this runs the electric car, 47 ft. long, 6 ft. wide, and is carried on two trucks, each having two double flanged wheels in tandem. A light steel structure carries the overhead guides, made of L-shaped steel rails, 30 in. apart. The guide rails serve to hold the car upright, and also transmit the current for the motors. The line is ½ mile long. A speed of from 50 to 100 miles an hour is expected.



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FIRE EXTINGUISHER FOR SUBMARINES

Gasoline is being used almost exclu-



sively in submarines as fuel, and there is always danger of leakage from both engines and tanks. Fire in such confined quarters means

speedy death to all the inmates. chemical fire extinguisher constructed and filled with special reference to quenching gasoline flames is now being placed in all the Italian submarines.

LIFE OF TREATED POLES

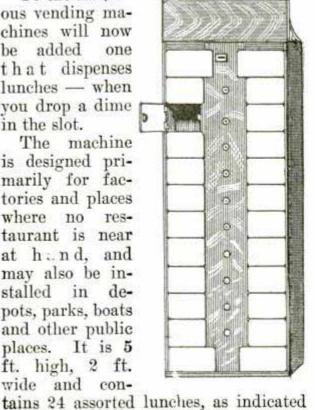
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MACHINE THAT SELLS LUNCHES

To the numerous vending machines will now be added one that dispenses lunches — when you drop a dime in the slot.

The machine is designed primarily for factories and places where no restaurant is near at hand, and may also be installed in depots, parks, boats and other public places. It is 5 ft. high, 2 ft. wide and con-

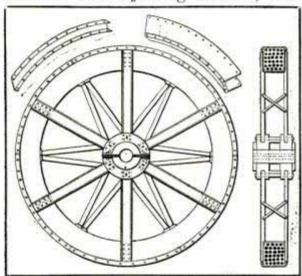


On pressing a button with the proper number a door opens and releases the lunch selected.

by a bill of fare bearing a number.

A NON-BURSTING STEEL FLY-WHEEL

A recently patented improvement on the present type of fly-wheels for large engines shows how they are made of steel. The rim is built up by a continuous length of wire rope which is enclosed in a steel casing. This casing is composed of riveted steel plate with sectional sides and a curved bottom plate, and the top plate extending over half the two adjoining sections, thus



Non-Bursting Steel Fly-Wheel

forming a lock. The rim and casing are supported by steel channel and angles, which form the spokes, fastened to a cast iron or a forged steel hub.

Rifled Better than Smooth Pipe Line

To distribute oil along its route for locomotive fuel a railroad in California is building a pipe line 250 miles in length. The new feature of the pipe is that it is rifled like a gun barrel instead of being smooth. This form gives to the moving oil a swirling motion, with less resistance, hence the pumping stations can be placed 25 miles apart, which is much greater than would otherwise be necessary. The rifled pipe line will carry 20,000 bbl. of oil each 24 hours.

PHOTOGEA PHING MOVING PICTURES

When a moving-picture machine owner decides to make a new film, he first writes a story, embodying whatever elements of comedy or tragedy he may choose. From this he works up various situations and proceeds to have actual people, usually actors, go through them as naturally as possible. All of which, of course, takes place before the picture machine.

The taking of moving pictures is a

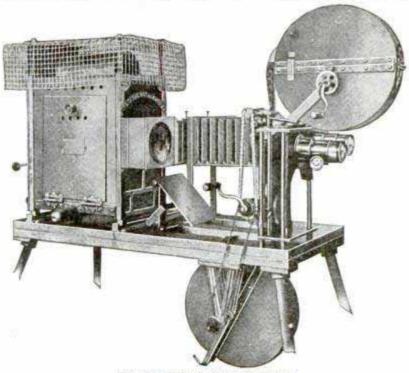
rather difficult art, and the ordinary amateur photographer would probably experience considerable obtaining difficulty in even half-way satisfactory results. The lens of the camera is arranged to work automatically and opened for an almost infinitesimal period of time. When it is closed the film moves a sufficient space to take the next picture. The camera itself is quite complicated and can be operated either by hand or elec-The exaggerated rapidity of movement in some pictures is due to the operator of the reproducing machine not running

the film at the same speed as it was when taken.

The films themselves are small, not more than $1\frac{1}{2}$ or $1\frac{3}{4}$ in. in width, and each roll 200 ft. long. However, when necessary, films can be joined together, thus insuring any length. This is done after the films have been developed. Each picture is very small, so narrow are they that it takes 17 to make one running foot of film, and the change in each is so slight that the casual observer would say that there was no difference in any two adjoining ones.

The exposure of a film can be stopped instantly, and at the will of the operator. It is due to this fact that some remarkable results are obtained. Thus several years ago there was a film in

use that was very popular. It depicted a man crossing a railway track and being run down by a locomotive. It was made by having an engine approach the man, then stopping the film just before he was struck, of course not showing his leap to safety. The train again approached, a dummy was thrown before it, and the machine started. The result was a picture showing the man apparently being

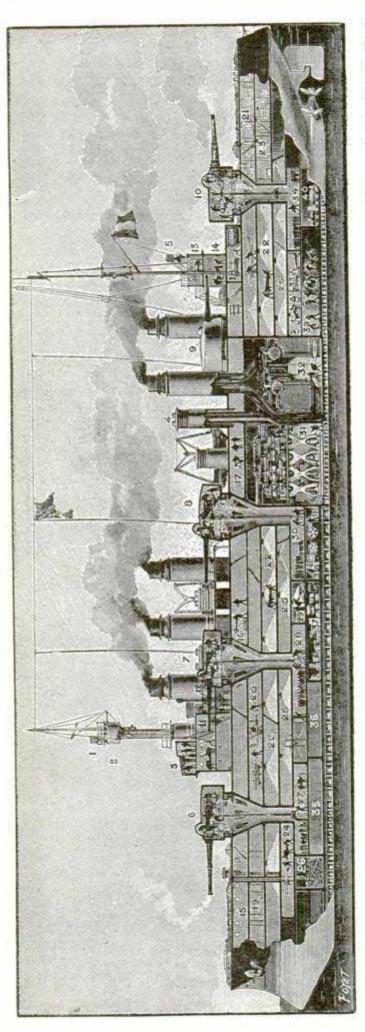


Fireproof Projecting Machine

ground to death beneath the wheels. All poor spots were later retouched.

The film is made of celluloid and is very inflammable. Great care is necessary in the reproducing machine that the heat of the intense light rays focused directly upon the picture, does not ignite it. Formerly disastrous fires were caused by an operator stopping his machine for 3 or 4 minutes and neglecting to place a screen before the This danger has now been removed by fireproof magazines placed above and below the lens. The film to be used is contained in the upper magazine and as it passes the lens is rewound in the lower one. The lamp box is also air-cooled.

The moving picture is deservedly



popular, not only for its entertaining qualities, but its instructive features as well. In many colleges and high schools it is considered one of the most valued aids in modern methods of education. It is not necessary to own a large number of films, as they can be rented to illustrate almost every subject. The cost of moving picture machine complete is also much less than generally supposed, and they are not at all difficult to operate.

INTERIOR OF A BATTLESHIP

The accompanying illustration shows all the parts of a battleship, the particular subject being the French boat "Republic." The parts are as follows:

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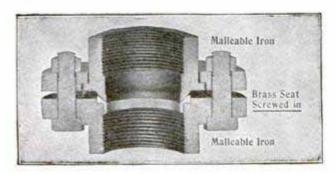
1, searchlight: 2, lookout for torpedo boats and submarines: 3, conning tower; 4, ventilator; 5, searchlight; 6, turret for two 12-in. guns; 7, lateral turret for two 8-in. guns; 9, lateral turret for two 10-in. guns; 10, turret for two 12-in. guns; 11, ship's records; 12, kitchen: 13, location of wireless receiving and transmitting apparatus; 14, steerage; 15, carriage storage: 16-17, 2-in. guns; 18, commandant's quarters: 19, chief's quarters; 20, torpedo carriage: 21, officers' promenade: 22, deck; 23, officers' cabin; 24, tube for torpedoes; 25, passage for access to cofferdams; 26, wells for chains; 27, magazine for 12-in. guns; 28, magazine for 10-in. guns; 29, officers' rooms; 30, magazine for 10-in. guns; 31, machines; 32, stoke-holds: 33, infirmary; 34, magazine for 12-in. guns; 35, reservoir for water; 36, reservoir for petroleum; 37, ware-house: 38, dynamos and auxiliary apparatus; 39, coal storage.

FIFTY SEARCHLIGHTS FOR NI-AGARA FALLS

The most magnificent illumination in the world will be one of the permanent attractions at Niagara. monster searchlights throw colored lights upon the gorge, rapids and falls at night, several of the lights being capable of throwing a beam of white light 125 miles. In front of the big light projectors are mounted wheels, containing large gelatin disks, which are revolved slowly. With the changing of the color disks the beams of light will be variegated with kaleidoscopic effect, producing a color scheme on the mist and water excelled only by the great northern lights.

FLANGE UNION WITHOUT GASKET

These flange unions are made entirely of malleable iron except the brass seat, and that is made practically integral with the malleable part. No gas-



ket is required and the strength is such there is no danger of breaking the flanges in pulling the joints together.

AUTO RUNS 14,371 MILES WITH-OUT STOP

The world's record for a non-stop motor car test has been made by an English 6-cylinder 50-hp. machine running between London and Aberdeen. The run totaled 14,371 miles.

ORNAMENTAL CEMENT WORK

The little posts for balustrade railing are made in plaster of paris forms. They are first turned out in wood, then sawed through diagonally and a plas-



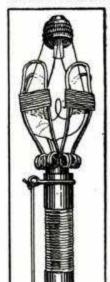
"Cast in Glue Molds"

ter cast made from each half. The mold, when dry, is painted with shellac varnish.

The castings on top were formed in glue molds. The glue is of about the consistency of printers' rollers, and when making a casting is contained in an outer casing of plaster of paris.

RENEWING ELECTRIC BULBS IN HIGH PLACES

A good deal of curiosity is occasioned when visitors to a very high room or



auditorium wonder how it is possible to reach the incandescent lamps when they burn out. The usual explanation is the use of a high ladder, but in many cases several men would be required to move the ladder.

The explanation is the use of a long jointed pole, which can be extended to a great length. At the upper end of the pole is a holder, consisting of wire fingers, which

open by pulling a string and close tightly around the bulb by means of springs, the moment the cord is released. When the bulb is thus gripped the lamp changer turns the pole and unscrews the lamp.

BRIDGING A CHASM IN A CAVE

The two crews of workmen driving the huge tunnel beneath Lookout Mountain have just met at a point one-quarter of a mile from the west entrance and 1,000 ft. directly under the Point Hotel, perched on the summit of the mountain.

The tunnel is unique in many ways. It is 3,400 ft. long and will be broad and high enough to accommodate four tracks. The progress of the digging has been rapid, equaling about an average of 800 ft. per month, the work all being done by double shifts, with two drill crews and two shovel outfits.

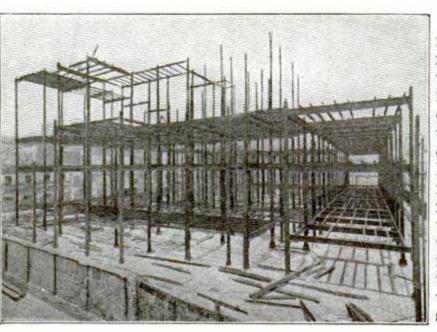
A serious obstacle was encountered.

A huge cavern starts at the Tennessee side of the mountain, intersects the tunnel and emerges in Alabama at a point 18 miles distant. Efforts were made to fill across this cave with the blasted rock taken from the tunnel, but only a slight impression was made and the attempt was abandoned. It has now been decided to throw a bridge across the chasm, which, if successfully accomplished, will be a feat entirely new and novel in bridge construction.

RAILROAD INTO CANYON

The Grand canyon of the Colorado is a mile deep, and down it wall-like side a rock railway will be built. It will probably be the steepest railroad in the world and will save passengers at all-day and dangerous trip on horsebacters construction will be along lines of other rock roads already in operation.

MEXICAN GOVERNMENT THEATER



Steel Skeleton Mexico's National Theater

SOFT AND HARD COAL BRIQUETTE

A Pennsylvania inventor expects great results from a coal briquette he is making. Tests are said to indicate a success. He takes the at present waste coal dust from mines and dumps and mixes 60 parts soft coal with 15 parts hard coal and 25 parts binding mixture and other ingredients.

The briquette is said to burn for hours with a firm, strong heat and practically no smoke. Throughout the mining regions are small mountains of waste material, now worthless, which are suitable for use by this new process.

A committee of the peace conference at The Hague voted down the Belgian proposal that mercantile vessels seized by a belligerent be restored at the conclusion of a war.

The Mexican government is erecting a new national theater building, which will cost when finished \$6,000,000. It is one of the few steel structural buildings to be erected in the City of Mexico. It is claimed that it will be the largest and finest theater in the world. More than 1,000 tons of steel were used in its foundation and more than 3,000 tons of steel will be required in the superstructure.

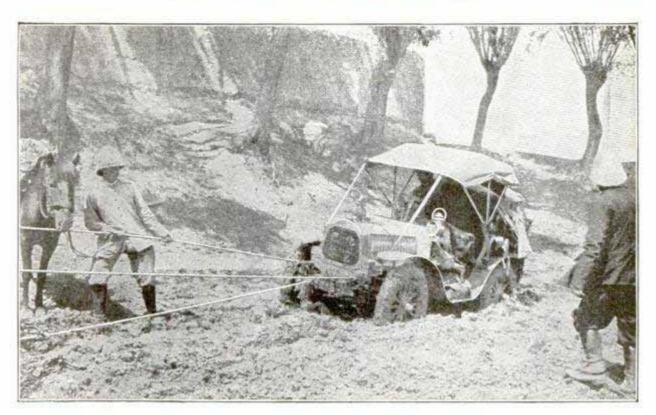
The building will be fireproof throughout. It will have the novel dis-

tinction of being the first building in Mexico to be equipped with heating and ventilating apparatus. The interior of the building will be elegantly finished and decorated. In addition to the theater the building will contain reception rooms, a dancing hall, a concert hall and a roof garden.

FULTON PLANNED SUBMARINES

The centennial anniversary on August 17th of Fulton's steamboat recalls the genius of this remarkable man in other ways. He planned and built a submarine for use in war and constructed and demonstrated a submarine torpedo in England on October 15, 1805.

With 180 lb. of powder and some clockwork which was timed to explode in 18 minutes he blew to fragments the "Dorothea," a 200-ton brig which had



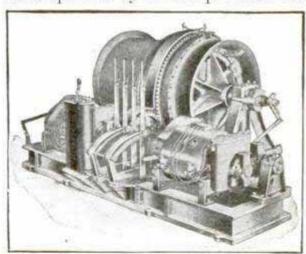
In the great Peking to Paris motor car race great obstacles were encountered in passing over mountains but the most trouble was caused by the deep mud in Asia and Far Eastern Europe. The cars had frequently to be extricated by means of blocks and tackle. The illustration, which shows one of these trying experiences, is from the London Illustrated News.

confidently been lent by Pitt for the experiment. The torpedo had to be towed under water by men in two small boats and drawn under the vessel with ropes, a maneuver contemplated only in the dark during hostilities. It is difficult to place bounds to what Fulton might have done could he have had the benefit of the scientific and mechanical facilities of today.

IMPROVED HOISTING MACHINES

The vast number of power plants scattered over the country, which facilitates the procuring of electricity, has almost revolutionized hoisting methods. Electrical hoists are being used more and more every day, because of their efficiency, durability and compactness. They are used extensively for the erection of buildings and general work about docks, warehouses, mines, quarries and coal yards.

These hoists are of the friction drum type and are controlled by a mechanical brake which acts directly upon the drum. This brake is operated by levers placed in a convenient position for the hoisting engineer. The power for the drum is furnished by a motor which is started or stopped by the ordinary controller, so commonly seen upon the street cars. A 14-in, single drum hoist operated by an 18-hp, motor will



The Electric Hoist

lift 2,500 lb. Freedom from sparks gives the electric hoist a great advantage over the portable steam hoist and boiler outfit.

The only locality in the United States where diamonds occur in place discovered to date is near Murfreesboro, Ark. Since August 1, 1906, 130 gems have been picked up, the largest weighing 6½ carats—a fine white stone.

MACHINE THAT LINES A TUNNEL

An ingenious machine, the only one of the kind ever built, has been put in use to line the tunnel which the

Metropolitan railway of Paris is constructing, under the river Seine.

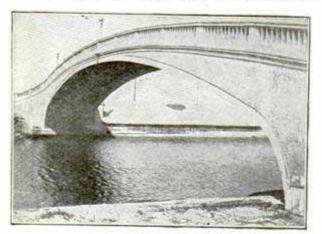
The tunnel is made of sections of cast iron bolted together, and had to be lined with concrete blocks quite large and heavy. To handle these blocks the machine illustrated was invented. It consists of a swinging arm moving quite like the dipper of a dredge, which swings down, seizes the block, and carries it with an upward and forward movement to its proper place. The workmen then secure the

piece of lining with bolts. The machine is operated by hydraulic pressure and the entire outfit is carried on a temporary track fastened on each side

of the tunnel.

GRACEFUL CONCRETE BRIDGE

This beautiful concrete bridge is an unusually fine instance of cement work.



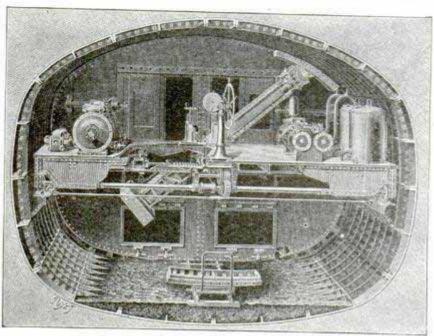
Lends Charm to the View

The span is 80 ft. long. The bridge is near Venice, Cal.

To stop a leak in a hot water bag, apply a piece of adhesive plaster.

RECOVERING COPPER FROM RUINS

Recovery of valuables from the San Francisco ruins has led to many ingen-



Only One of the Kind Ever Built

ious undertakings. A ton a day of brass and copper particles is being recovered from the site where formerly stood a foundry. During the fire the metal melted and ran several feet into the ground. The process of recovery is described in the Journal of Electricity as follows:

"A well was sunk in the bottom of the basement, 8 ft. below the tide water level. Over this a 21-in. centrifugal pump is installed, driven by a 2½-hp. motor. This pump discharges into a sluice 60 ft. long, with wooden riffles about 10 ft. apart. The debris from the foundation site is shoveled up and dumped into this sluice box, and the brass and copper caught in the riffles, while the lighter stuff is carried down and deposited at the foot of the sluice and hauled away. The water then runs through screens back to the mill and is used over and over again. small plant, at an actual cost of but \$150, and operated at a cost of about \$15 per day, yields a quantity of brass and copper amounting to one ton per day, which is worth from 6 to 7 cents per pound."

LEARN HOW TO FLY

Although great advances have been made in the art of aerial navigation, the problem has not been attacked systematically enough. The first thing needed is a trained body of men who shall become familiar with everything already accomplished, and then devote their lives to the sole aim of building upon that foundation the airship which is to be perfectly safe and under control. For obtaining such a corps of experts there must be schools of instruction in the whole subject of aerostatics. supplemented by laboratories containing ample facilities for practice and experiment.

A beginning has been made in that direction. The United States Department of Commerce and Labor has obtained reports on the situation in Europe, which show that in France there is no real school of aerostatics, although the greatest progress in navigating the air has been made in that country. What has been accomplished there has been done chiefly in an experimental way by the army, whose object is war, and by nine ballooning clubs whose object is sport.

From Chemnitz, Saxony, comes news of the first attempt to establish a real school of aerial science, with regular courses of instruction extending over a year, ending with an examination and a certificate of proficiency. It opened May 1, 1907, under the direction of an aeronaut of twenty-six years' experience and 600 ascents. The outline given of the curriculum shows, however, that it deals with ballooning only, which is merely preliminary to the main problem. Perhaps we can establish the real thing over here.

The government-built ship "Connecticut" in her test trials proved herself better than her sister ship "Louisiana," built by the Newport News Company. The "Connecticut's" average speed was 18.73 knots for her five best runs, and the "Louisiana's," 18.59 knots.

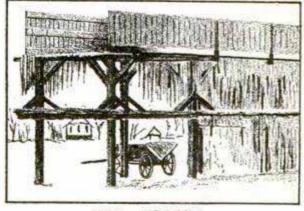


ITALIAN ARMY TRAINING

Special attention is given in the training of an Italian soldier to make him both agile and enduring. Living in a mountainous country and separated from other nations by mountains, climbing is one of the prime essentials. The illustration shows how the bicycle corps are taught to climb ropes and poles with their bicycles knocked down and hung from the shoulders.

MANUFACTURING ICICLES IN AUSTRIA

"Stick" ice is a commodity much in demand in upper Austria. Water is



Making "Stick" Ice

allowed to fall slowly over a series of poles, where, by the natural process, it freezes in the form of gigantic icicles. These icicles are broken off as fast as they are frozen and carted away to storage quarters.

BIG CHURCH OF CEMENT BLOCKS

years ahead of that of the other powers, which is an important item when it is considered that a warship often becomes obsolete in five years' time.

It is understood that the new vessel will be of 30,000 tons displacement, against the 20,000 of the "Dreadnought." An innovation will be the

The finest church structure in the country built entirely of concrete, is the First Methodist church, recently completed at Decatur, Ill.

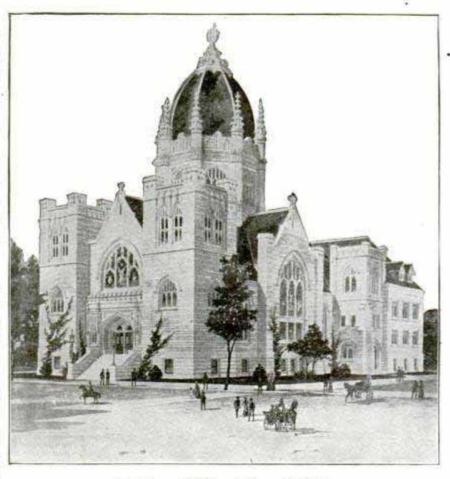
The building is 250 ft. long, 105 ft. wide and 120 ft. to the top of the dome. It is built of cement blocks.

A road for automobiles leading from the main volcano road, down 500 ft. into the crater of Kilauea, is a novelty planned for the island of Hawaii by its acting governor. At the bottom of the pit the road will cross a cooled lava bed two or three miles in expanse and

lead to the edge of Halemaumau, the pit where subterranean fires constantly burn. Convict labor will be requisitioned for the construction of the road.

TWO NEW BATTLESHIPS TO OUT-CLASS "DREADNOUGHT"

It is reported that the British naval authorities are about to begin the construction of a huge battleship which will surpass the formidable "Dreadnought" in tonnage by at least 50 per cent. The policy of secrecy which was in vogue when the latter was constructed will be maintained during the construction of the new vessel. By following this course the admiralty keeps British naval construction at least two

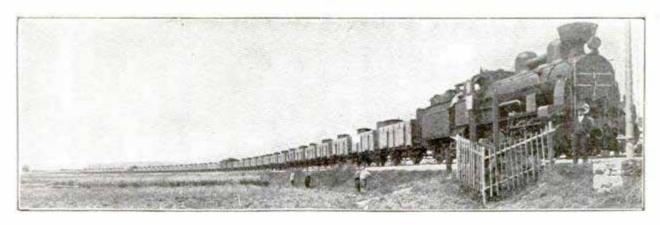


Handsome Edifice of Cement Blocks

placing of three 12-in. guns in the turrets, where formerly only two were situated. As there are six turrets this will give a main battery of at last eighteen 12-in. guns, which will be capable of firing a terrific broadside.

Some U. S. naval engineers are advocating the building by this government of an even larger vessel of 40,000 tons displacement. Such a warship would cost \$20,000,000, but it is believed that this cost would be offset by the predominance it would give the United States.

Blocks of concrete made with very fine stone can be planed, sawed or turned with machines, just as the softer quarried stones are handled, producing almost perfect stone imitations.



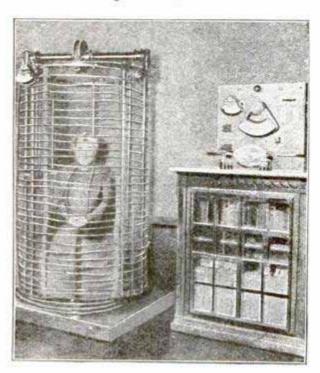
Train of "Goods Wagons" Austrian State Railways

BIG BLAST MOVES 500,000 TONS

The biggest blast ever let off in Europe was recently exploded at the marble quarries at Carrara, Sicily. Preparations had been made for weeks, including the filling of a chamber 12 ft. wide and 38 ft. long with high explosives. The event was witnessed by a multitude, and 500,000 tons of rock were loosened.

ELECTRIC CAGE FOR PATIENTS

Two noted French physicians have found that high-frequency electrical currents produce beneficial results in treating hardening of the arteries. Three treatments are claimed to effect a cure. The patient sits within a cir-

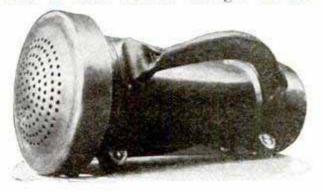


The Doctor's Prisoner in a Cage

cular cage built of bars and wires through which the electrical current passes.

RAIN NOZZLES TO FIGHT FIRE

On the principle of a mammoth sprinkler, the recent invention of a nozzle for fire department use may result in some radical changes in fire



The Umbrella Nozzle

fighting. Its action is that of a cloud burst, spreading the water in the shape of a mammoth umbrella, 50 to 100 ft. in diameter and 100 ft. in advance. The individual streams as they leave the nozzle are about the size of a slate pencil. It is said the same amount of water used in this manner will extinguish a larger fire area than the large, solid and often destructive streams now thrown by the big nozzles in use. A not heavy rain, if continued for any length of time, will put out a large forest fire.

One of the best features of the rain nozzle is that the curtain of water it makes protects the pipemen from the heat and enables them to approach much nearer than is possible otherwise.

DIRECT DRIVEN DIRT LOADER

It is said that the loader shown in the illustration is the only one in the world having a steam engine mounted on a rear platform and operating the apron. Ordinarily the two large rear 8 in. When the window is closed it lies The top has numerous small holes with fine wire mesh to keep out the dust, and pieces, A B, at each end, also exclude dust. When not in use, or to raise the window to full height, the ventilator can be unhooked and laid on a



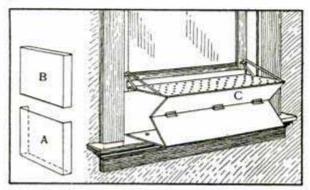
The Apron Operated by Its Own Engine

wheels operate the loading mechanism by means of a chain drive or train of gears.

These loaders are very numerous on the Pacific Coast. Twenty-four horses are required to move them, while a dozen wagons follow closely under the apron. Each wagon holds 11 yd. and is filled in less than 30 seconds.

A COLLAPSIBLE WINDOW VEN-TILATOR

A new fresh-air device for homes and offices is the collapsible ventilator. It is fastened by hooks to the inside of the window at the bottom of the sash. As the window is raised the ventilator, C. opens like an accordion to the limit of



Air without Dust or Draft

shelf or in a drawer. It is designed to furnish abundance of air without any breeze.

LAUNCHING BATTLESHIPS EX-PENSIVE

It costs about \$15,000 simply to launch an English battleship, some of the items being: Grandstand for invited guests, \$1,000; hire of eight tugs to hold the ship after launching, \$1,000; four huge wood and steel cradles, \$10,-000; tallow, oil and soap to grease the ways, \$500; souvenir invitations, \$500; present for the lady who launches the vessel, \$500, and the banquet which follows uses up the balance.

The launching is accomplished by cutting a cord which releases four iron weights, and these, falling quite a distance, knock out the "dog shores" which hold the cradles. The critical instant is when the vessel is almost water-borne with the fore end still on land. friction from the weight is so great that the false keel is sometimes fused, even under water. Eight chains, weighing about 600 tons, hang from the sides of the ship and drag along the ground to retard the ship.

Farmer's Boy Builds a Telescope and Discovers a Comet

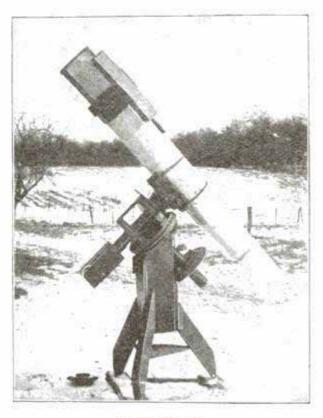
IA young farmer boy living near Cattage Grove, Wis, with his own hands and such tools as are usually found on a farm, built a telescope, and with it recently discovered a counct which had escaped the watchful eyes of the big observatories. He describes how he made the instrument. Editor, i

First, get two pieces of plate glass, 6 in. square and 1 in. thick, and break the corners off to make them round, grinding the rough edges on a grindstone. Use a barrel to work on, and fasten one glass on the top of it in the center by driving three small nails at the sides to hold it in place. Fasten, with pitch, a round 4-in, block of wood in the center on one side of the other glass to serve as a handle.

Use wet grain emery for coarse grinding. Take a pinch and spread it evenly on the glass which is on the barrel, then take the glass with the handle and move it back and forth across the lower glass, while walking around the barrel; also rotate the glass, which is necessary to make it grind evenly. The upper glass or speculum always becomes concave, and the under glass or tool works convex.

Work with straight strokes 5 or 6 in. in length; after working 5 hours hold the speculum in the sunshine and throw the rays of the sun onto a paper; where the rays come to a point gives the focal length. If the glass is not ground enough to bring the rays to a point within 5 ft. the coarse grinding must be continued, unless a longer focal length is wanted.

Have ready six large dishes, then take 2 lb. flour emery and mix in 12 qt. of water; immediately turn the water into a clean dish and let settle 30 seconds; then turn it into another dish and let settle 2 minutes, then 8 minutes, 30 minutes and 90 minutes, being careful not to turn off the coarser emery which has settled. When dry, turn the emery from the 5 jars into 5 separate bottles and label. Then take a little of the coarsest powder, wetting it to the consistency of cream, and spread on the glass, work as before (using short straight strokes 13



The Telescope

or 2 in.) until the holes in the glass left by the grain emery are ground out; next use the finer grades until the pits left by each coarser grade are ground out. When the two last grades are used shorten the strokes to less than 2 in. When done the glass should be semi-transparent, and is

ready for polishing.
When polishing th

When polishing the speculum, paste a strip of paper $1\frac{1}{3}$ in. wide around the convex glass or tool, melt 1 lb. of pitch and turn on to it and press with the wet speculum. Mould the pitch while hot into squares of 1 in., with 4-in. spaces, as in Fig. 1. Then warm and press again with the speculum, being careful to have all the squares touch the speculum, or it will not polish evenly. Trim the paper from the edge with a sharp knife, and paint the squares separately with jeweler's rouge, wet till soft like paint. Use a binger to spread it on with. Work the speculum over the tool the same as when grinding, using straight strokes 2 in. or less.

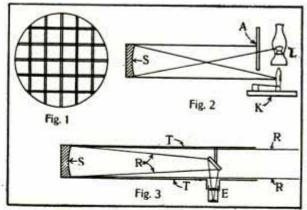
When the glass is polished enough to reflect some light, it should be tested with the knife edge test. In a dark room, set the speculum against the wall, and a large lamp, L, Fig. 2, twice the focal length away. Place a large sheet of pasteboard, A, Fig. 2, with a small needle hole opposite the blaze, by the side of the lamp, so the light from the blaze will shine onto the glass. Place the speculum, S, Fig. 2, so the rays from the needle hole will be thrown to the left side of the lamp (facing the speculum), with the knife mounted in a block of wood and edgeways to the lamp, as in K, Fig. 2: The knife should not be more than 6 in. from the lamp. Now move the knife across the rays from left to right, and look at the speculum with the eve on the right side of the blade. When the focus is found, if the speculum is ground and polished evenly it will darken evenly over the surface as the knife shuts off the light from the needle hole. If not, the speculum will show some dark rings, or hills. If the glass seems to have a deep hollow in the center, shorter strokes should be used in polishing; if a hill in the center, longer strokes. The polishing and testing done, the speculum is ready to be silvered. Two glass or earthenware dishes, large enough to hold the speculum and 2 in. deep, must be procured. With pitch, cement a strip of board 8 in. long to the back of the speculum, and lay the speculum face down in one of the dishes; fill the dish with distilled water, and clean the face of the speculum with nitric acid, until the water will stick to it in an unbroken film.

The recipe for silvering the speculum is:

Solution A: Distilled water	oz.
Solution B:	gr.
Distilled water	oz. gr.
Sugar loaf	gr. dr.

Mix solution D and make up to 25 oz. fluid with distilled water, pour into a bottle and keep for future use, as it works better when old.

Now take solution A and set aside in a small bottle one-tenth of it, and



Details of Telescope Construction

pour the rest into the empty dish; add the ammonia solution drop by drop; a dark brown precipitate will form and subside; stop adding ammonia solution as soon as the bath clears. Then add solution B, then ammonia until bath is clear. Now add enough of the solution A, that was set aside, to bring the bath to a warm saffron color without destroying its transparency. Then add 1 oz. of solution D and stir until bath grows dark. Place the speculum face down in the bath and leave until the silver rises, then raise the speculum and rinse with distilled water. The small flat mirror may be silvered the same way. When dry, the silver film may be polished with a piece of chamois skin, touched with rouge, polishing with a light spiral stroke.

Fig. 3 shows the position of the glasses in the tube, also how the rays, R, from a star are thrown to the eyepiece, E, in the side of the tube. Make the tube, I, of sheet iron, cover with paper and cloth, then paint to make a non-conductor of heat or cold. Make the mounting of good seasoned lumber.

Thus an excellent 6-in. telescope can be made at home, with an outlay of only a few dollars. My telescope is 64 in. long and cost me just \$15, but I used all my spare time in one winter in making it. I first began studying the heavens through a spy glass, but an instrument such as I desired would cost \$200—more than I could afford. Then I made the one described, with which I discovered a new comet not before observed by astronomers.—John E. Mellish.

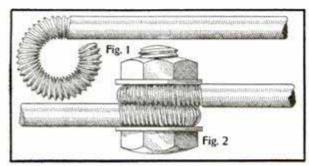


SHOP NOTES



A Hinge Joint That Will not Slip

To make a hinge joint that will not slip, yet must be adjustable, use round stock and cut threads on one end of

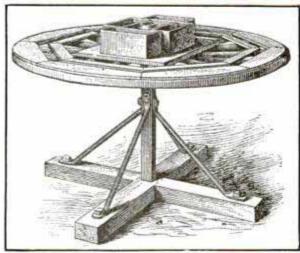


Adjustable Hinge Joint

each of two pieces. Bend an eye in the end, as shown in Fig. 1, where the threads have been cut. Clamp the two ends thus bent together •with a bolt, as shown in Fig. 2.

A Blacksmith's Tool Table

A very handy revolving tool table can be made by using an old buggy wheel fixed on a pedestal as shown in the illustration. Nail two ½ by 2-in. pieces parallel, which are cut mitering to fit between three spokes, leaving a space for hammers, hot and cold cutter, top and bottom swages, etc. Around the hub nail four small, wooden boxes



The Revolving Table

for your punches and chisels, says the Blacksmith and Wheelwright. The spokes provide a fine place for tongs. Your tools are all in sight, and when you can't reach what you want catch the rim and turn it to you.

Home-Made Water Cooler

A cheap and serviceable cooler for shop use can be made in the following

way: Take a nail keg and a pickle jar, the jar being about three-fourths the size of the keg, and pack a layer of old newspapers in the bottom of the keg. Set the jar in the keg and fill up the space between

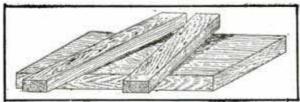


with old newspapers, packed tightly with a stick. Make a heavy wooden cover for the top and you have a first-class cooler that will save ice.—Contributed by J. H. Hecker, New Orleans, La.

Door Holder for Carpenters

The accompanying sketch shows the construction of a door holder that I use while fitting them.

When I want to hang a door I get



It is Quickly Made

a piece of board (any scrap will do) about 10 by 24 in., and two pieces of 2 by 4 about a foot long, and nail them across the board, using eight-penny or ten-penny common nails, and have the nails go through the board so that the points of the nails will eatch the floor when the door holder is laid flat on the floor, says a correspondent in Wood-Workers' Review.

This sort of door holder can be made in a very few minutes, and the material can be found in any scrap pile; can be moved around the room with ease, and will stick to the floor wherever it is placed. By placing a little strip of board or block under the other end of the door, keeps it off the floor out of the sand and dirt.

An Alarm for a Break in Line Wire Circuit

Use an ordinary magnet, M, from an electric door bell in series with an 8-cp. lamp, L, as is shown in cut. The magnet will hold the small lever, A, while the lamp is lit. When the current is broken by opening the switch at the

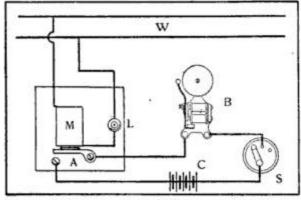


Diagram of Wiring

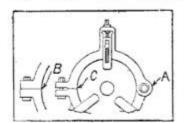
plant, or from any other cause, the lever, A, is released, making contact with the line in which an ordinary door bell, B, is in the circuit, ringing bell until circuit is restored on power line or switch is opened in bell circuit.—Contributed by B. C. Thomas, Valparaiso, Ind.

Black Mortar for Concrete Blocks

To obtain black concrete mortar add 2 lb. excelsior carbon black to the mixture, for every 100 lb. of cement used. To make it dark gray, add only 1 lb. black to each 100 lb. of cement.

Method for Reducing Play in Steady Rest Hinge

The steady rest as at B, you will notice, is machined straight across, while the bolt at A is usually a loose fit, says the American Machinist.



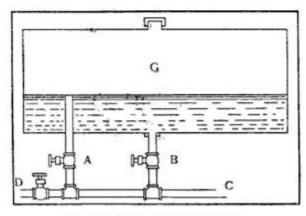
Therefore, to take up the lost motion it requires the upper jaw to be screwed down very tight; whereas, if it

should be cast or cut away in the manner illustrated at C, the mere act of tightening the bolt in C would take up the lost motion at bolt A. Thus the upper jaw need only be tight enough to hold the work in place.

A Gasoline Reserve Supply

It is well to have some simple means of fitting a reserve tank in an automobile so that an emergency supply of gasoline can always be carried. The accompanying sketch shows how a reserve can be kept in the same supply tank.

There are two connections or supply outlets from the tank, one of which reaches up 3 in. above the bottom of the tank, while the other is level with it; the latter constitutes the draw-off for the reserve supply while the former is the regular supply outlet. The valve A is allowed to remain open at all times, while that in the emergency pipe is kept closed. By turning the valve B, a 6-gal, reserve supply is tapped, which is usually sufficient to reach a



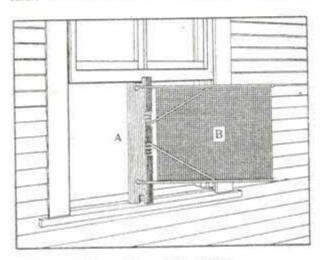
Valve B Taps Reserve Supply

supply station, says Automobile. The pipe C is connected to the carburetter, while D is used for a drain.

A Device for Turning Breeze Through a Window

The accompanying sketch shows how an arrangement can be made that will be appreciated by those who have to work in a room where the windows are all on one side and where the breeze at times passes the windows instead of coming into the room.

The post A is a piece of wood 1 by 3 in. and is cut as long as the distance that the sash can be raised. A notch



Turns Breeze into Window

is cut in both ends to fit the bottom of the sash. These notches are cut opposite each of er in order to give different angles to the wing.

The wing, B, is a piece of close woven cloth fastened to a rib of an old umbrella at each end. Notches are cut in the edge of wood, A, as is shown, to adjust the short part of the rib, which will stretch the cloth. When not in use it can be folded and laid aside.

How to Color Old Window Shades

Mix a sufficient quantity of wall paint, which may be of any color desired, and after placing the shade on a flat surface paint two coats with a brush, putting it on with strokes crosswise. When dry the shade will be like new.

A Paint Brush Keeper

After using a paint brush it should be cleaned and placed in water so it

will be ready the next time when needed. A correspondent in The American Blacksmith says: We took a common ordinary candy pail, which we secured from the grocer,



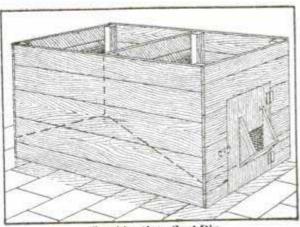
and painted it inside and out with two coats of paint. We then put a row of hooks on the inside of the pail about 2 or 3 in. from the top. When through using a brush we simply hang it in the pail into which a sufficient quantity of water has been poured to just cover the bristles.

It is well to say that to place a brush in water before it has been touched by paint is to ruin it. The water will make it soggy and practically unfit for painting use.

A Handy Coal Bin

Where small quantities of coal are purchased at a time the usual way is to put it in a corner of the basement, a stall in the barn, or on the ground. A good plan is to make a bin constructed as shown in the illustration.

The dotted lines show how the bottom of the bins are made sloping toward the doors. One bin may be used for hard coal and the other for

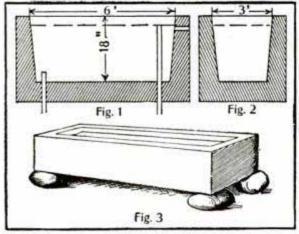


Combination Coal Bin

soft coal, while the space beneath the bottoms of the bins will make a place for wood or kindling and a door can be provided for it. A spout of suitable size is made on each coal bin door, which prevents the coal from dropping on the floor and still have a supply in the spout.—A. H. Osterman, Sandusky, Ohio.

A Cement Watering Tank

For a number of years we had to go to the well and pump water by hand, and drive the stock there through the storm and mud, but now we have a



Cement Watering Trough

cement trough built near the barn which is kept full of water by a windmill, says a correspondent in Hoard's Dairyman.

It took two of us one day to make the form and build the trough complete with pipe connections. It required $\frac{1}{2}$ ton of Portland cement, $\frac{1}{2}$ load of

gravel and $\frac{2}{3}$ load of sand. The entire cost of the trough, not counting work, was \$5.55.

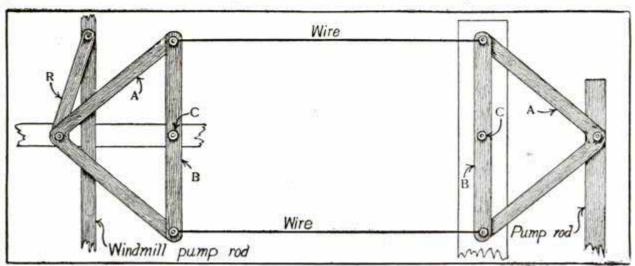
Figs. 1 and 2 show the trough in section, which is 6 ft. long, 3 ft. wide and 18 in. deep, inside measurements. The top edge of the cement should be 4 in., while the bottom is 10 in. thick. The intake pipe, A, Fig. 1, does not project in the tank more than 3 in., while the overflow pipe, B, comes within $\frac{1}{2}$ in. of the top.

How to Bore a Conical Hole

When you have a conical hole to bore, such as for a handle hole in a wooden maul or other similar places, leave the cutter of an expansive auger bit a trifle loose and begin boring at the side where the smallest end of the hole is wanted. The inner edge of the cutter lip being angular, the cutter will gradually draw itself out from the body of the bit, making the hole larger as the bit goes into the wood.

How to Make a Windmill Quadrant

When it is necessary to pump water at a distance from the windmill a quadrant may be used, constructed as shown in the sketch. Out of a piece of wagon tire iron form the angle piece, A, and with another piece of iron, B, connect the ends of A. These should be securely fastened with bolts.

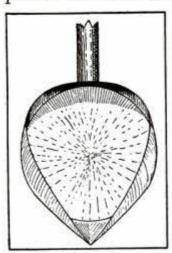


Quadrant for Working Pump at a Distance

Drill holes at the centers, C, and bolt onto a cross timber or to a post. Connect one to the windmill rod with a connecting piece, R, also made of a piece of the same iron. The other may be connected to pump rod as shown.

How to Make a Ladle for Melting Lead

The illustration shows how a bakingpowder can cover can be used for melt-

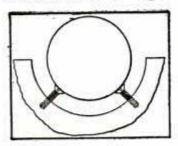


ing lead when no ladle or iron spoon is available. Bend the edges of the cover inward, as shown, until the proper point is secured. This will make the opposite side flat. Make a handle of hardwood, or some wood which

will not burn easily, and drive two small nails through the flat side into one end of the handle. This makes a very durable ladle.—Contributed by Stephen B. Mastick, Lake Bay, Wash.

Support for Shaft when Babbitting

To babbitt boxes for shafts drill two holes about 90° apart and about ‡ in.

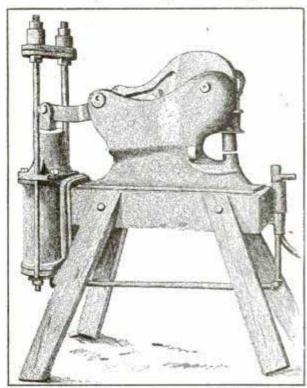


from the outside end of the boxes. Tap these holes for countersunk head screws. When the shaft rests on the heads of these

screws it can be lined up by turning the screws. After the babbitt is poured, the screws can be removed, says Machinery. The convenience of this method is that after lining up shaft it can be taken out, warmed up and replaced before pouring the babbitt with the assurance that it will be in line.

Iron Punching Machine

The accompanying illustration shows how an old hand punch was converted into an air operated machine by means of a 7-in. brake cylinder. The power is controlled by a straight air engineers'



Home-Made Power Punch

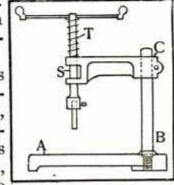
valve placed in a convenient position for the operator. This machine, says Street Railway Journal, was formerly operated by a man and a boy. The man now attends to it alone.

A Hand Tapping Device

A simple device which I have found to be a very efficient fixture for the tool room was built as shown in the sketch, says a correspondent in Ameri-

e an Machinist. This design can be made in various sizes.

The base, A, is of cast iron, having the upright, B, firmly fastened to it as shown. The arm, C, is clamped to

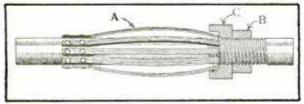


the upright, but can be adjusted if special length of tap or height of work

necessitates. The spindle, S, is a free fit in the arm, C, and the spring, T, is simply stiff enough to carry the weight of the spindle with ordinary chuck and tap.

How to Wind Irregular Shaped Springs

Some time ago the question, "How to wind springs shaped like those on



Making Irregular Springs

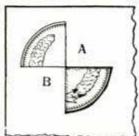
stove lifter handles, stove doors, etc.?" was asked. I have made a tool as shown in the illustration and used it in my lathe with good results.

Each piece A is made of spring steel and riveted to a shaft with two rivets on one end, while the other end fits into an individual notch in the collar, C. This collar is kept from turning on the shaft by a key. Turning nut B up against the collar pushes on the ends of the springs, causing them to bulge outward in the middle. When the proper size is secured on these springs one end of the wire is fastened to it and the coil•is wound.

When through winding loosen the nut and slip the finished coil over the opposite end of the shaft from the collar.—C. T. A.

How to Enclose Coin in a Letter

Cut through the writing paper with a knife a cross, making the cuts no



longer than the diameter of the coin to be enclosed. This will make four points of paper, two of which, A and B, are raised up, and the coin inserted, as is

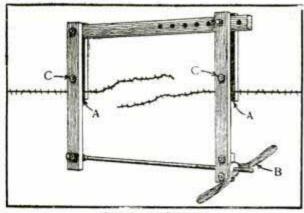
shown in the sketch, and the other two points remain back of the coin, holding it firmly in place.

Painting an Old Brick Wall

The first thing to do is to get every particle of loose stuff from the walls, which may be done with a coarse fibre brush; then dust off clean. If you have a lot of old paint and enough to do the job, thin it down with oil and a little benzine, strain, and apply quite thin to the wall, says Master Painter. Brush this well into the surface, and let it have several days to become hard. The next coat should be a lead paint, of fresh materials, with raw oil and just enough driers to dry it well in reasonable time. A little turps also will be an advantage. This will now give you a good foundation for whatever color of paint you may want to apply.

A Wire Fence Splicing Tool

Where a wire on a fence breaks after it has been securely fastened at the



Splicing a Break

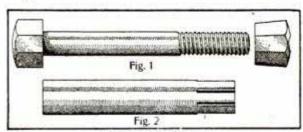
end or corner post, it causes a great deal of work if one end must be loosened and the wire spliced and then stretched again and fastened to the posts. A tool for pulling the ends together and holding the wire tight while it is being spliced can be made as shown in the sketch.

The frame may be made of iron or wood, which depends on the tools at hand. If made of wood then iron plates must be placed at A, where the wires are held in the clamp. The hand burr, B, is then turned to the end of the rod and the loose ends of the wires are inserted in the clamps, which are

held by the bolts, C. The hand burr is then screwed up, drawing the ends of the wire together and holding them until they are twisted. When the clamps are loosened the wire will be tight and a quick job has been accomplished.

How to Make an Expansion Bolt

Secure a piece of pipe the size and length of the bolt that is intended to



Expansion Bolt

be used. With a hacksaw slit one end of the pipe about 1½ in. deep in eight equal places around the pipe, as shown

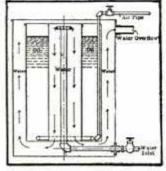
in Fig. 2.

Take a hexagon nut and file each face on one edge, only making it conical as shown in Fig. 1, so the small end will just start in the pipe. Place each corner of the nut in one of the slits cut in the pipe. When the bolt is screwed in, the eight wings of the pipe will be forced outward.

Oil Tempering Bath

If much hardening of tools is to be done, oil should be used. Fish oil or any other of the cheaper grades answers

every purpose, says American Machinist. For use in a shop making few tools no apparatus other than a suitable tank to hold the oil is necessary. If a

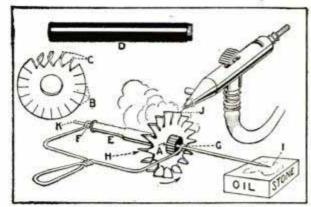


great many tools are hardened it becomes necessary to keep the oil stirred up and properly cooled. In such a shop air and flowing water are generally at hand and these offer the simplest means to accomplish this end. A suitable

arrangement is shown in the accompanying cut, where an outer tank containing water is used, within which is supported a double cylindrical oil tank; the inner cylinder opening into the larger tank so as to allow the ·water to circulate freely in both. The water inlet reaches to the top of the inner cylinder and has an overflow near the top of the outer, so that as long as the inlet valve is open, water will circulate around both sides of the oil holder. A circular pipe is provided at the bottom of the oil holder with suitable number of holes, from which air from a blower or compressed air tank bubbles up, keeping the oil well stirred.

How to Sharpen an Air Brush Needle

Take a piece of bristol board, or something about as tough, and cut out a round piece about 14 in. in diameter and cut a hole in the center just a



Sharpening an Air Brush Needle

trifle smaller than the needle. Cut slits in the edge of the wheel, as shown in sketch at B, and twist each section crosswise of the wheel like those shown at C, and you have a small turbine wheel. Set the shoulder shown at A so that it will fit close.

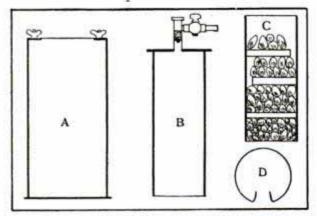
Remove the black handle of the air brush, D, also the needle set clamp, E, with the needle in it.

From a piece of wire 10 in. long and about 24 gauge make a fork with a small eye at each end, F and G. Put on the wheel, as shown at H, insert the needle first at G, and spring F over the other end of the needle, K.

Place an oil stone on the table and hold the fork so the needle will rest lightly on it. Take the air brush in the other hand and blow at the top of the wheel, J, to make it spin.—Contributed by E. Stanton King, Minneapolis, Minn.

A Home-Made Generator

An acetylene generator for use in an automobile may be constructed shown in the sketch at small expense. It can be made by a good tinsmith from galvanized iron. The tank A is 5 in. square and 10 in. high, the top has a circular hole 33 in. in diameter.



Plan of Generator

bell B, which contains the carbide holder, is open at the bottom, is 3\frac{1}{2} in. in diameter and about 91 in. high. A tube, fixed in the top with stop cock, takes the gas to the burner; solder a wire across this tube, placing a wad of absorbent cotton above it to prevent any water passing to the burner, says The Motor Way.

The carbide is placed in a tin cylinder C, 3 in. in diameter and 7 in. high. Pierce three or four holes in the bottom of the tin to let the water in; place the carbide in as shown with discs of wood in between to prevent all the carbide getting wet at once. Fix carbide holder C in the bell B by spring D made of a strip of brass bent into a circle; by pinching the end with the fingers, it is inserted in the bell. A reserve carbide holder can be kept ready charged in the car for use when needed.

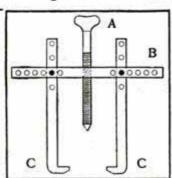
The bell B is attached in tank by two screws and thumb nuts at opposite

corners of tank A, which will leave an open joint allowing any superfluous gas to escape. Fill the tank half full with water; as gas is generated, it forces the water out of the bell holding the carbide and gradually works up as the carbide is used.

A Handy Clamp for Die-Makers

For holding work of different sizes and diameters a correspondent in the

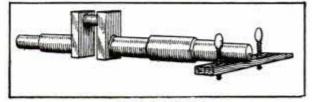
American Machinist constructed a clamp which could be adjusted to the work in a few minutes' time. Referring to the sketch, the clamp screw, A, passes



through a threaded hole in the metal, B. The jaws, C C, have holes in their upper ends, as well as the ends of the metal, B, for adjustment. Two pins or bolts fitting these holes complete the device.

A Surface Plate Jack

In laying out keyways at different angles on a large shaft, about 7 ft. long, which weighed several hundred pounds, I did not have a suitable jack to use in lifting the out-bearing end on the sur-



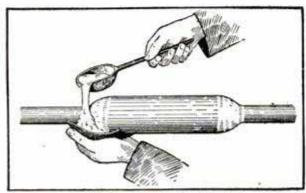
A Handy Jack

face plate. I used for this purpose an ordinary carpenter's wood clamp, removing one jaw and placing both screws in the other, which made a quick way to center up and a very sensitive adjustment.—Contributed by F. V. T., Lansing, Mich.

If a round brush spreads too much, slip a rubber band over the upper part of the bristles.

How to Make a Wiped Joint in Cable Splicing

When the cables are in position and ready for splicing, the ends should be marked at the point to which the lead is to be removed and scored or cut entirely around. This may be accom-



Wiping the Cable Joint

plished by a plumber's chipping knife and hammer, marking the lead, but being careful not to cut entirely through to the insulation, which might thus be damaged.

The lead is then cut lengthwise from the circular score to the end by the chipping knife and is removed with a pair of pliers. In making this longitudinal cut great care should be used not to injure the insulation, cautions the American Telephone Journal. The knife should be held at such an angle as to pass between the lead and the insulation, but not cut the insulation.

When the lead has been removed the parts where it has been scored should be examined carefully and all rough or sharp edges removed. It will be well also to "bell" the lead slightly with the handles of the pliers or some other blunt instrument.

When the lead covers of the two sections of cable have been prepared, as described, the lead sleeve is slipped over the more convenient end and pushed back along the cable far enough to be out of the way. This lead sleeve should be at least as thick as the sheathing of the cable, and in view of its exposed condition may be somewhat heavier to give it greater mechanical strength. Before slipping it on the cable each end of the sleeve is thoroughly scraped with a shave hook or a knife for a length of about 2 in., and the cleaned portion thoroughly smeared with some convenient flux. preferably a tallow candle, which, by preventing the formation of the usual film of lead salts, insures a close union of the lead and the wiping metal which is used to make the joint between the sleeve and the cable sheath.

The internal diameter of the sleeve should exceed the external diameter of the lead sheath of the cable by from 1 in. to 11 in., so as to allow for the

splicing and paper sleeves.

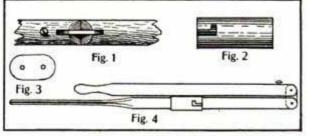
After the conductors have been properly spliced, the lead sleeve is brought into position so as to extend equally over the lead on each cable end, and the ends of the sleeve are dressed down close to the lead of the cable, care being exercised to have the lead sleeve concentric with the cable.

The sleeve and the lead of the cable are then joined together by molten solder, as shown in the illustration.

The solder is poured on the joint in the manner shown, and is wiped smooth with the cloth wiper, which is usually made of several layers of ticking sewed together in convenient size. The wipes must be absolutely watertight and should be carefully inspected, especially underneath the joint, which may be accomplished by means of a small mirror, to insure smoothness, solidity and absence of air-holes, as the presence of small blow-holes in wiped joints causes more trouble than any other feature in cable splicing.

How to Make a Folding Oar

For convenience in motor boats a folding oar can be made so as to be



Parts of Folding Oar

carried under a seat or in a locker. Cut a 7-ft. oar in the middle and then make a slot ! in. wide by 1½ in. deep in both of these ends. Each end must be cut round or in a half circle, as in Fig. 1. A piece of brass $\frac{1}{8}$ in. thick is cut the same width as the diameter of the oar and both ends rounded, as shown in Fig. 3. A hole is punched or drilled in this brass 3 of an inch from The brass is then inserted each end. in the slots that were cut in the oar and riveted, as in Fig. 1. Take a piece of brass tubing the same size as the oar and about 5 in. long and cut a slot in it as shown in Fig. 2 and slip this on the oar with slot end toward the handle. Place a round head screw in the handle end, as shown, which serves as a lock for the brass tubing and also to keep it from coming off the oar .-Contributed by C. F. Hussey, Portsmouth, N. H.

How to Make a Temporary Street Bridge

City officials in small towns are often called upon to face the problem of providing clear streets for parades, races,

etc., yet at the same time not block foot traffic on the main thoroughfares. Temporary bridges are used in Europe and the following is a brief description of how to make one that will serve the purpose very well:

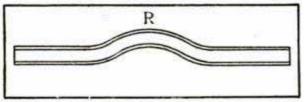
Suppose the street is 40 ft. from curb to curb, and it is desired to have a clear passage 14 ft. high for the procession. Take four 2 by 12 in. planks 28 ft. long, if they can be procured in that length. If they cannot be obtained, secure shorter

ones together and they will serve just as well. Cut risers in these long planks for as many steps as desired, and then nail in pairs in the shape of a letter A. Raise them in the air, with one leg on one curb and the other leg on the opposite one.

Nail a horizontal 2 by 8 in. plank 20 ft. long at a height 14 ft. above the ground. This will leave about 5 ft. projecting on each side of the A. Run a vertical brace to the ground from each extremity. Brace the structure laterally and add a floor as wide as desired, and for safety, put a temporary hand-rail on each side. The result is a substantial bridge which serves its purpose and can be taken down and laid away for future use.

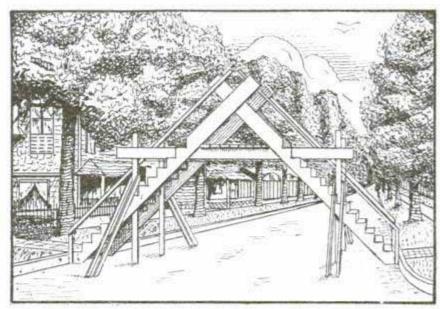
How to Make a Wire Straightener

Secure a piece of 3-in, brass tubing about 14 in, long and round out the



Wire Straightener

sharp edges inside the ends. Fill it with lead or rosin and make a bend in it that has a radii of 2½ in. at point R



Procession Can Pass Under Bridge

in the sketch. After removing the lead or rosin place one straight end in the chuck of a lathe. Speed the lathe to 400 or 500 revolutions and start the wire to be straightened into the tubing by clamping the wire in a hand-vise about 15 in. from the end. Push the wire through the tubing until it protrudes through the spindle of the lathe. Stop the lathe and remove the hand vise and clamp it on the end of the wire that comes out, then pull the entire length through the tubing while the lathe is running.—Contributed by Chas. R. Vollmer, Brooklyn, N. Y.

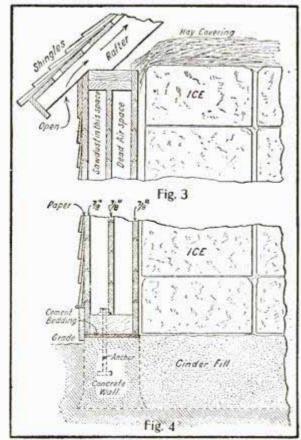
Soldering Brass to Lead

Scrape the lead clean and tin the brass, using tallow as flux, and muriatic acid for the lead. Use copper cleaned with sal ammoniac and tinners' solder. Be careful not to melt the lead.

How to Build an Ice House

The use of sawdust or any other light non-conducting material is a benefit to the keeping qualities of a wall. In constructing an ice house the walls should have two spaces, the outer one filled with sawdust and the inner one a dead air chamber, says the Metal Worker. In the illustrations, Fig. 1 shows a horizontal section of the corner. The heavy felt paper shown between the sheathing and siding and under the inside set of studding should be lapped solid at the angles.

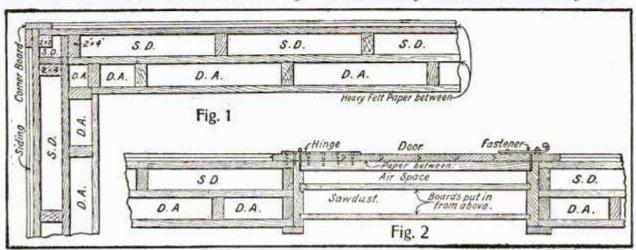
Fig. 2 shows a horizontal section through the door and frame. The outer boards are shown to fit into a groove plowed in the jambs. This is much better than cleats, as the latter are apt



Details of Ice House Construction

to become damaged by the ice in taking out and filling the house. These boards may be put in at the top of the opening, and as the ice is lowered into the house they may be removed and stored for future use. It is a good plan to have the tops of these boards a little higher than the top of the ice.

Fig. 3 shows a vertical cross-section at the plate and Fig. 4 a vertical cross-section at the sill. The boards used in making the partitions are \(\frac{7}{8}\)-in tongue and grooved material, which makes a tight joint. The cinder filling absorbs any moisture there may be.



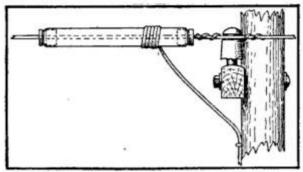
Plan of Constructing Air Chambers

Pipe Joint Mixture

For ordinary pipe joints use a mixture of plumbago and vaseline instead of white lead. This mixture does not dry out and the joint is easily separated when needed.

A Home-Made Line Lightning Arrester

On rural telephone lines where protecting devices are not used in the exchange and where trouble is frequently caused by lightning, a simple and easily applied arrester can be made by any



Lightning Arrester on Rural Line

village tinsmith. All the materials necessary are a tin tube 20 in. in length, two No. 4 percelain knobs and a ground wire.

The tube should be fastened in the same manner as a stove pipe and just large enough to admit the porcelain knobs, says the American Telephone Journal. Insert a knob in each end of the tube and with a pair of pliers or a hammer gently force the tin down into the grooves of the knobs at each end. This will secure the knobs in position.

The completed arrester is then placed on the line wire, one section from the head, by slipping the line wire through the screw holes of the porcelain knobs, in the manner shown. The ground wire should be wrapped around the tube tightly about six times and soldered. It is then run down the pole to a well-made ground. A No. 12 galvanized iron wire serves this purpose the best. All of the arresters on the pole may be connected to the one ground wire.

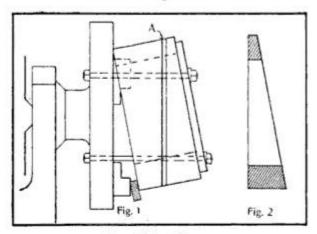
This comparatively crude arrester, while not making an extraordinarily handsome appearance, serves the purpose of keeping the line discharge below the striking point and of diverting the major portion of any such discharges away from the exchange arresters and the arresters on the telephones.

Making a Bevel Pipe Fitting

In a certain place where they used water to prepare coal for the market it became necessary to change one of the large water lines that furnished the water. It had to be fixed in a certain length of time and, not having regular standard length of pipe, when they came to finish they had to have a bevel ring to make the right elevation. There was no time to have one cast in town, and something had to be done and done at once.

After looking around they found a piece of casting that would fill the bill with a lot of work, says a correspondent in the American Machinist. The casting, which was 19 in. outside diameter by 7 in. inside diameter, was placed in the lathe and the inside diameter increased to 13 in. The outside was finished down to 17 in. in diameter and then faced. It was then turned around in the chuck and faced on the other side.

It was then ready to be cut for the



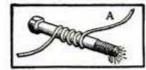
Bevel Pipe Flange

angle, which was done by placing it in the chuck, as is shown in Fig. 1. One edge was placed up close to the face of the chuck and the opposite edge was placed on a block of wood cut to the right size and placed on one of

bolts, as shown. A cutting-off tool was placed in the tool post and a cut taken on line A. The result was a bevel fitting like that shown in Fig. 2, with one side an inch in width and the other 5½ in.

A Current Indicator

Some time ago I wanted to find out whether a certain wire had a current passing through it or not, and having no



instrument and not wanting to cut the wire, I picked a piece of iron out of the

scrap heap and wrapped the slack of the wire, A, around it and used a handful of iron filings to try the magnet thus formed.

Pounding of Engine Heard Through Teeth

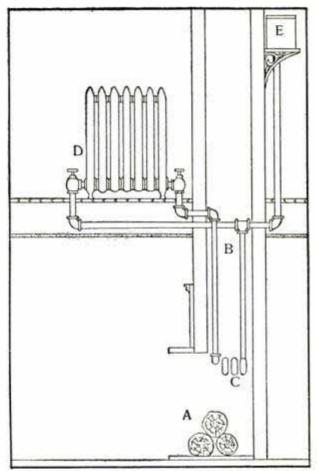
A good many years ago the writer was employed in a mill where a great amount of noisy machinery was running night and day. Among other things were four Westinghouse single acting vertical engines, which ran continuously for six days in the week. These engines have a closed crank case in which is kept a mixture of oil and water to lubricate them. The word mixture is unfortunate, perhaps, but the water was used to bring the oil level up to the cranks and the action of the cranks did make a pretty good mixture after all.

Well, the point is that I was over with an old hand to look over the engines and see that they were running smoothly. He wanted to know whether the engine was pounding or not, and I didn't see how he could tell with the whole plant running full blast. It didn't bother him, though. He took a 2-ft. rule out of his pocket, put it between his teeth with one end against the crank case and by stopping up his ears with his fingers he shut out the sounds of the other machinery and could hear through the medium of the rule a steady thump, thump, which in-

dicated that the crank brasses needed tightening up.—Contributed by W. E. Morey, Chicago.

Utilizing Heat from a Chimney

The wasted heat in a chimney of a fireplace may be turned into service without much trouble. Where rooms are directly above the fireplace it may be possible to by-pass the hot gases



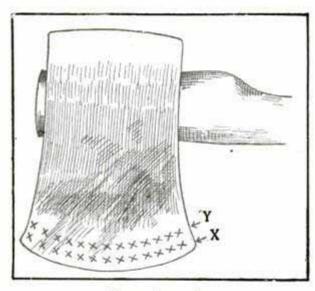
Radiator Heated by Fireplace

in the chimney through an old-fashioned drum, and if the size of the
chimney would admit it, it would be
a very easy matter to tear out some of
the chimney wall and locate a pipe
coil right over the fireplace in the chimney so that one or more radiators may
be connected with the coil. It will be
necessary to use care in placing the
coil so as not to obstruct the draft, says
a correspondent in the Rural NewYorker.

The accompanying illustration shows how a hot water system may be installed. A is the fireplace; C, the coil; B, the connecting pipes; D, the radiator, and E, the expansion tank. The pipe connections should be made from one end of the radiator to the top of the coil, and the other end to the bottom of the coil. Any series of radiators in the same manner. The expansion tank is for the expansion of the heated water as well as to keep a head of water above the radiators to keep them full.

How to Harden and Temper an Axe

A good clean fire, well coked, large enough and with plenty of depth so no cold air from the blast is likely to reach



Tempering an Axe

the blade, is necessary. Heat the cutting edge of the axe to a strong yellow. Exercise care, cautions The American Blacksmith, so that the heating will be done evenly and uniformly. Now hammer along the edge of the axe as shown by the little crosses at X in the engraving. After hammering across one side turn your blade and proceed with hammering on the other side. In hammering draw the blade out toward the edge and continue your pounding until the heat begins to get low, but not after that. Now reheat the cutting edge to about the same color as before and for a distance of from 11 to 2 in. from the edge. After heating proceed with hammering as before, but at line Y, or about 11 in. back from the edge of the blade. After hammering one side turn

and hammer on the other side of the blade.

At this stage of the hammering the smith will notice that the blade has widened considerably. Do not under any circumstance attempt to hammer it down to the desired width. In fact, it is best to not touch the edges of the axe with the hammer at all.

Heat the blade for the third time and hammer again across both sides at the line Y. This third heat is a very low one, and should be such, so that the hammer will leave a bright gloss on the blade. The superfluous metal at the sides of the blade is now cut off and the edges filed smooth. The blade is now ready to harden.

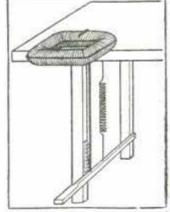
Heat the axe to a cherry red from its cutting edge for a distance of about 1½ to 1¾ in. back. Then dip the blade into the hardening bath and move it up and down. Polish the blade so that the temper color can easily be distinguished, and heat very slowly over the fire until the blade shows a blue. Then cool the blade and grind.

Device for Holding Field Coil While Varnishing

To hold a field coil in one hand and apply varnish by means of a brush in the other is not only a sticky job, but

dirt and foreign substances are liable to be picked up and to give trouble.

A correspondent in Electric Traction Weekly says that he rigged up a device as shown in the illustration to hold the coil.



to hold the coil. A narrow strip of iron bent in the form of an L passes up through the work bench and holds the coil at the edge of the brush. The strip of iron is attached to a foot pedal which is hinged to one of the back legs of the bench. The strip of iron has a tooth which engages in several saw

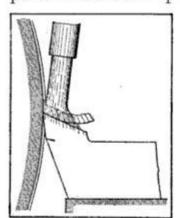
tooth projections on a metal piece which is fastened to a front leg of the bench.

A coil spring furnishes the pressure for holding the clamp in position. By this device it is possible to apply the brush to about half the surface of a field coil without changing the position. This done, the operator releases the pedal, turns the coil over and applies the varnish on the other side.

Where a large number of field coils are to be varnished it is better to dip them in a tank that has enough varnish to cover the coil and hang over a return drain board with a piece of metal the shape of an S to a hanger bar.

Cooling a Metal Cutting Tool

Cooling the nose of a cutting tool by the application of some fluid to the point where the chip is being removed



by the tool enables the operator to increase the cutting speed.

D i ff e r e n t m e t h o d s have b e e n employed and the most satisfactory results are o b t a i n e d from a stream of

water falling at rather slow velocity, but with large volume, directly on the chip where it is separating from the metal. A stream of this sort covers a large area of the tool and is much freer from splash.

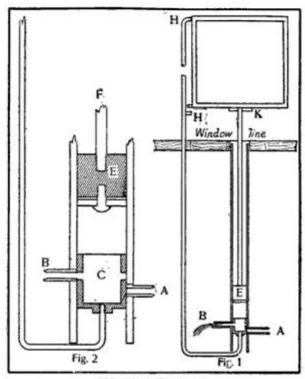
About 3 gal. of water per minute is required for adequately cooling a very large roughing tool, say, 2 in. by 2½ in. section, and proportionally smaller quantities for the smaller tools.

For economy, the same water should be used over and over again, and it should be supersaturated with soda to prevent the machines from rusting.

A series of experiments has demonstrated that water thrown on the chip, as shown in the illustration, will give an increase in the cutting speed of about 40 per cent.—Extract of a paper read before the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

Hydraulic Elevator for Window Display

A moving device in a show window attracts attention, which, creating interest and criticism, actually sells more



Window Elevator

goods than an ordinary display of stock, even though the model is something foreign to the business.

The following cuts show an hydraulic elevator that moves up and down the guides continually as long as the water cock is open. The device is comparatively simple and inexpensive, can be constructed by anyone, and made as elaborate as the maker desires. The operating valve is the most important part and is plainly shown in Fig. 2.

The jacket is made of \(\frac{3}{4}\)-in. brass pipe, as long as the rise is intended to be. The top end of pipe can be flush with the window line, which leaves all the mechanism out of sight, the only visible parts being the plunger rod, valve rod and guide bars for the car, which are made of \(\frac{1}{4}\)-in. square brass rod.

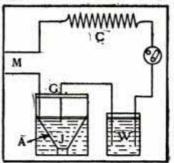
The valve rod can be made of $\frac{1}{8}$ -in. round steel rod run in brackets soldered on the car guides, also having two steps, H and I, at the required distances. The plunger rod can be made of $\frac{3}{16}$ -in. steel, screwed into brass cap, K, and the other end into E, which is brass with leather washer and plate. valve is brass pipe, 3-in. outside diameter, with hole drilled in straight line through both walls. Solder a plate on bottom for the plunger rod to screw into. The inlet is at A, which is now closed, and the water is escaping from outlet, B. The car is about to strike step, H, which will reverse the proposition. As the water fills cup C and the jacket the car will rise.

The inlet and the outlet may be coupled to the faucet and sink with a small rubber tube. A tin funnel at the bottom of plunger tube will catch any leakage. The speed of car can be controlled by the inlet cock, which should feed about the same amount of water as will escape through the out-

let in the same length of time.

Home-Made Electrolytic Interrupter

It will be recalled that an electrolytic interrupter consists essentially of an aluminum and a platinum electrode



immersed in a solution of ammonium phosphate. Itwas found necessary to make such an instrument on short notice and with the materi-

The ammonium phosals at hand. phate solution was placed in a 5 by 7 in. battery jar, J, and an aluminum electric light shade, A, as shown in drawing, inverted and placed in the bottom of the jar formed the aluminum electrode. Platinum wire was not to be had, and therefore a piece of German silver wire, G, was fed through a hole in the cover until the end projected about 1 in. below the surface of the solution. The interrupter was

then connected in series with the primary of the induction coil, C, and a water resistance, W, the latter being necessary, as the circuit, M, was 110 volts alternating current. Due to the chemical action, the German silver wire was very slowly eaten off, making it necessary to gradually feed in more This simple instrument gave good service, however, and is still in use.—Contributed by the Auburn Utility Company, Chicago.

Tinting a Cement House

It frequently happens that in building a concrete house the cement will dry out in several colors or shades. It may be desirable to tint the entire surface of a uniform color that shall not be paint, but practically a part of the house itself. This result may be secured by washing the whole house with cement, but there is a trick in doing this properly that is not always understood. The cement wash is made by mixing two parts of Portland cement and one part of marble dust with enough water to reduce it to about the same consistency as whitewash, and is applied with a whitewash brush. wall must be thoroughly wet with water for several hours before the wash is applied and kept constantly wet during the application, and for at least a day afterward, says American Carpenter and Builder. The important thing to remember is that the wash must not be applied to a dry wall, as it will not adhere. This work will be worth at least a dollar a square yard, or more, according to the price of labor, but the result will fully justify the cost.

Pasting Cardboard to Glass

To fasten cardboard to glass, apply good 30° B water-glass with a soft rag or sponge to the glass (not the paper), and stick the card on immediately while dry. When the solution is dry, the paper cannot be detached. silicate should be somewhat diluted.

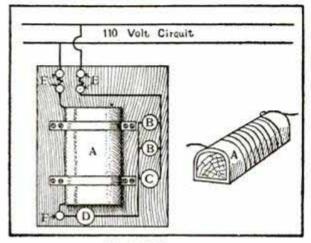


Amateur Mechanics



How to Make a Small Electric Furnace

Take a block of wood and shape into a core. One like a loaf of bread, and about that size, serves admirably. Wrap a layer of asbestos around it and cover



Electric Furnace

this with a thin layer of plaster-ofparis. When the plaster is nearly dry wind a coil of No. 36 wire around it, taking care that the wire does not touch itself anywhere. Put another course of plaster-of-paris on this, and again wind the wire around it. Continue the process of alternate layers of plaster and wire until 500 ft. or more of the latter has been used, leaving about 10 in. at each end for terminals. Then set the whole core away to dry.

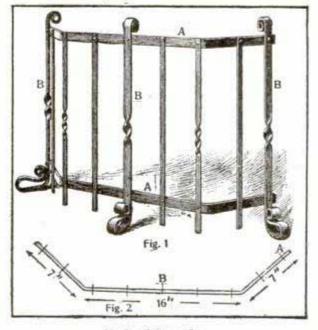
For a base use a pine board 10 in. by 12 in. by 1 in. Bore four holes at one end for binding-posts, as indicated by E E. Connect the holes in pairs by ordinary house fuse wire. At one side secure two receptacles, B B, and one single post switch, C. Place another switch at I and another binding-post at F. The oven is now ready to be connected.

Withdraw the wooden core from the coils of wire and secure the latter by bands of tin to the board. Connect the ends of the wire to binding-posts E and F, as shown. From the other set of binding-posts, E, run a No. 12

or No. 14 wire, connecting lamp receptacles, B B, and switch, C, in parallel. Connect these three to switch, D, in series with binding-post, F, the terminal of the coil. Place 16-cp. lights in the receptacles and connect the fuses with a 110-volt lighting circuit. The apparatus is now ready for operation. Turn on switch, D, and the lamps, while C is open. The coil will commence to become warm, soon drying To obtain out the plaster-of-paris. more heat open one lamp, and to obtain still more open the other and close switch, C .- Contributed by Eugene Tuttles, Jr., Newark, Ohio.

How to Make a Fire Screen

A screen which will not interfere with the radiation of the heat from the fire, and will keep skirts and children safe can be made at little expense out of some strap iron. The screen which is shown in Fig. 1, stands 20 in. high from the base to the top crosspiece and is made of \(^3\)4 by \(^1\)4 in. and \(^1\)2 by \(^1\)4 in. iron. The top and bottom pieces marked AA, Fig. 1, are \(^3\)4 by \(^1\)4 in. and are 30 in. long, bent at an angle to fit the fireplace 7 in. from each end,



Made of Strap Iron

as shown in Fig. 2. The three legs marked BBB, Fig. 1, are of the same size iron and each leg will take 34 in. of material. In shaping the feet of these three pieces give them a slight tendency to lean toward the fire or inside of screen, says a correspondent in the Blacksmith and Wheelwright. In the two cross bars 1 in. from each end, A in Fig. 2, mark for hole and 3 in. from that mark the next hole. Take the center of the bar, B, 15 in. from

each end, and mark for a hole, and 3½ in. on each side mark again and 3½ in. beyond each of these two, mark again.

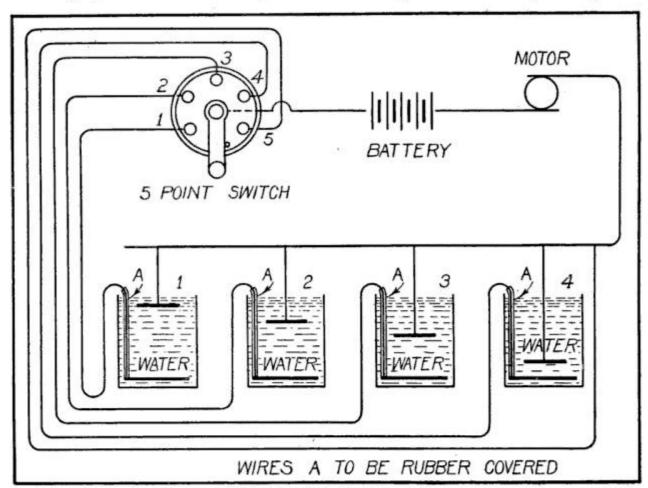
Mark the legs 23 in. from the bottom and 2 in. from the top and make rivet holes and rivet them to the cross bars, AA, Fig. 1.

Cut six pieces, 17½ in. long and punch holes to fit and rivet onto the remaining holes in cross bars, AA, Fig. 1. Clean it up and give it a coat of black Japan or dead black.

How to Make a Simple Water Rheostat

The materials necessary are: One 5-point wood base switch, 4 jars, some sheet copper or brass for plates, about 5 ft. of rubber covered wire, and some No. 18 gauge wire for the wiring.

light current of 110 voltage it will be necessary to use large jars or wooden boxes made watertight, which will hold about 6 or 7 gal. Each jar to be filled with 20 parts water to 1 part sulphuric



Wiring Plan for Water Rheostat

The size of the jars depends on the voltage. If you are going to use a current of low tension, as from batteries, the jars need not be very large, but if you intend to use the electric

acid. Jars are set in a row in some convenient place out of the way.

Next cut out eight copper or brass discs, two for each jar. Their size also depends on the voltage. The discs that are placed in the lower part of the jars are connected with a rubber covered wire extending a little above the

top of the jar.

To wire the apparatus, refer to the sketch and you will see that jar No. 1 is connected to point No. 1 on switch; No. 2 on No. 2, and so on until all is complete and we have one remaining point on switch. Above the jars place a wire to suspend the other or top discs in the solution. This wire is also connected to one terminal on the motor and to remaining point on switch. The arm of the switch is connected to one terminal of battery, or source of current, and the other terminal connected direct to remaining terminal of motor.

Put arm of switch on point No. 1 and lower one of the top discs in jar No. 1 and make contact with wire above jars. The current then will flow through the motor. The speed for each point can be determined by lowering top discs in jars. The top disc in jar No. 2 is lower down than in No. 1 and so on for No. 3 and No. 4. The connection between point No. 5 on switch, direct to wire across jars, gives full current and full speed. — Contributed by W. J. S., Emsworth, Pa.

Enlarging with a Hand Camera

Every person that owns a hand camera has some pictures he would like enlarged. It is not necessary to have a large camera to do this, as the process is exceedingly simple to make large pictures from small negatives with the same hand camera.

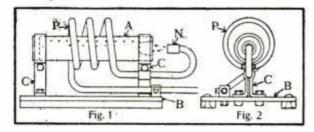
A room from which all light may

be excluded and a window through which the light can enter without obstruction from trees or nearby buildings with a shelf to hold the camera and a table with an upright drawing board attached, complete the arrangement. The back is taken out of the camera and fitted close against the back of the shelf, which must be provided with a hole the same size and shape as the opening in the back of the camera. The negative used to make the enlarged print is placed in the shelf at A, Fig. 1. The rays of the clear, unobstructed light strike the mirror, B, and reflect through the negative, A, through the lens of the camera and on the board, as shown in Fig. 2. The window must be darkened all around the shelf.

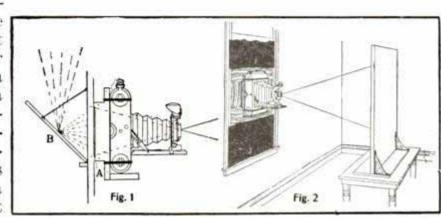
After placing the negative and focusing the lens for a clear image on the board, the shutter is set and a bromide paper is placed on the board. The paper is exposed, developed and fixed by the directions that are enclosed in the package of bromide papers.

Gasoline Burner for Model Work

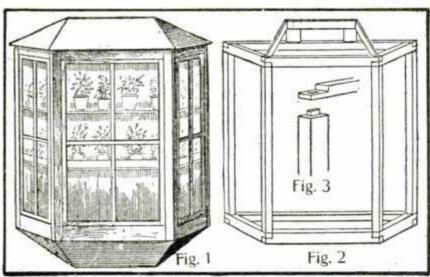
When making a small model traction engine or a locomotive the question arises, "What shall the fuel be?" If



you have decided to use gasoline, then a suitable burner is necessary. A piece of brass tubing about 3 in. in diameter and 6 in. long with caps screwed on both ends and fitted with a filling plug and a bicycle valve makes a good gasoline supply tank, says the Model Engineer, London. The bicycle valve is used to give the tank an air pressure which forces the gasoline to the burner.



The burner is made from a piece of brass tube, A, as is shown in the illustration, 1 in. in diameter and 21 in. long, which is plugged up at both ends, one end being drilled and reamed out to $\frac{5}{16}$ in. Three rows of holes $\frac{1}{16}$ in. in diameter are drilled in the brass One row is drilled to come directly on top and the other two at about 45° from the vertical. It is then fitted to a sheet-steel base, B, by means of the clips, C C, Fig. 1. A piece of \(\frac{1}{8}\)-in. copper pipe, P, is then coiled around the brass tube, A, which forms the vaporizing coil. This coil should have a diameter of only 1 in. One end of the copper tube is bent around so it will point directly into the reamed out hole in the end of the brass tube, A. A nipple, N, is made by drilling an 1-in. hole half-way through a piece



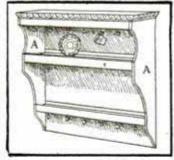
Showing Construction of Window Conservatory

of brass and tapping to screw on the end of the \frac{1}{8}-in. copper pipe. A \frac{1}{64}-in. hole is then drilled through the remaining part of the nipple. The other end of the copper tube is connected to the supply tank. The distance between the nipple, N, and the ends of the tube, A, should be only $\frac{5}{16}$ of an inch. Fig. 2 shows the end view.

How to Make a Cup and Saucer Rack

The rack is made of any kind of wood suitable, of which sides, A, are cut just alike or from one pattern. The shelves are made in various widths

to fit the sides at the places where they are wanted. The number of shelves can be varied and to suit the size of the dishes. Cup



hooks are placed on top and bottom shelves. It is hung on the wall the same as a picture from the moulding. -Contributed by F. B. Emig, Santa Clara, Cal.

A Window Conservatory

During the winter months, where house plants are kept in the home, it is always a question how to arrange them so they can get the necessary

light without occupying

too much room.

The sketch shows how a neat window conservatory may be made at small cost that can be fastened on the house just covering a window, which will provide a fine place for the plants. frame (Fig. 2) is made of about 2 by 2-in. material framed together as shown in Fig. 3. This frame should be made with the three openings

of such a size that a four-paned sash, such as used for a storm window, will fit nicely in them. the four vertical pieces that are shown in Fig. 2 are dressed to the right angle, then it will be easy to put on the finishing corner boards that hold the sash.

The top, as well as the bottom, is constructed with two small pieces like the rafters, on which is nailed the sheathing boards and then the shingles on top and the finishing boards on the bottom.

Deposits of copper netting \$40 a ton were recently discovered in southwest Africa.

THE ST. LAWRENCE RIVER BRIDGE WRECK



From Engineer's Drawing Showing How Completed Bridge Would Have Looked

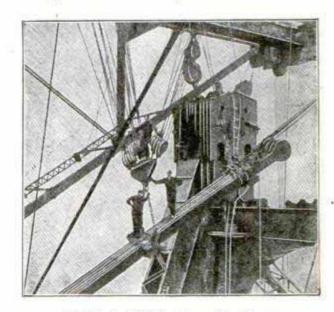
The south section of the cantilever steel bridge being built across the St. Lawrence river 6 miles above Quebec fell on August 29. Seventy-eight men were killed or drowned. The river at this point narrows to 2,000 ft. at low water. The bridge would have been 2,800 ft. long with towers 375 ft. high, and 150 ft. clearance at high tide. The central span of 1,800 ft. would have been the longest ever attempted, being 200 ft. longer than the Firth bridge, Scotland.

The channel span of 1,800 ft. consisted of a cantilever arm extending from each shore 562 ft. 6 in., and a suspended span between the two of 675 ft.

It was near the extreme end of the suspended span extending from the south end which gave way, the breaking following to the foundation pier. The noise was terrific and was heard in Quebec, 6 miles distant. The disaster is supposed to have been caused by the load at the extreme end, 900 ft. out from shore, of a locomotive and cars of material which were being run out. Although the workmen on the structure had a fall of 180 ft. into the swift

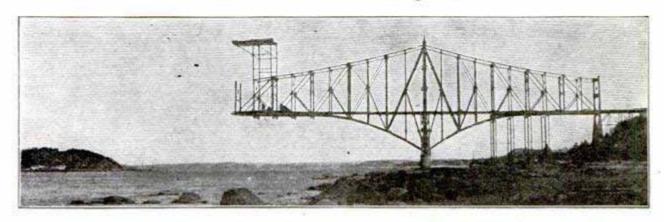
stream, several were saved, including the engineer of the locomotive.

The bridge was to cost \$7,000,000 and was being built by the Phenix Bridge Co. of Pennsylvania.



At Work 350 Ft. above the River

On account of the wide channel no bridge is likely ever to be built below the one in question across the 825 miles of river between Quebec and the ocean. The bridge at Montreal is 165 miles farther up stream.



South Arm on December 1, 1905-At Time of Wreck it Extended 900 Ft. out over the River

LESH FLIES THREE MILES IN AEROPLANE

L. G. Lesh is conducting experiments at Montreal, Canada, his latest machine being 22 ft. wide, 14 ft. from front to tip of tail and decks 4 ft. apart. The framework is white spruce, the main spars and uprights being round rods \$\frac{1}{2}\$-in. diameter; steel piano wire with breaking strength of 800 lb. is used for trussing; the wings are covered with tough unbleached muslin. His theory is to study the behavior and control of the aeroplane by having it pulled by an independent power before installing a motor. Of his latest flight he writes:

"Today I accomplished the second longest flight ever made in a heavier

than air' flying-machine.

"This morning I made a flight of three miles over the St. Lawrence river, in tow of a motor boat. I equipped the machine with a small seat, as I knew I would be in the air some time. I started off a wharf and flew straight into the wind, down the river, for about a mile without interruption. Then one of the ropes holding the seat broke and I had to do some repair work while still in the air. I did not come down, and soon had the seat fixed and again got into position. The flight continued for about a mile and a half farther and the same rope broke again. The second time I could not fix it, and this left me supporting my entire weight on my arms.

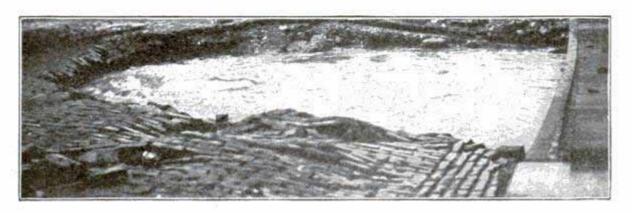
"I found I could not endure that very long and signaled the men in the boat to turn slightly toward shore, hoping that I could get near enough to land in shallow water. The pilot misinterpreted my signal and quartered too far into the wind. I was compelled to drop into the water three miles from my starting point. The machine was unfortunately ruined through the carelessness of the boatmen in getting it to shore. I will build another."

Octave Chanute, in regard to the French experimenters who are making "grasshopper" jumps, starting from hilltops, says: "They are driving the horse by the tail and have chosen the longest route to success"; and Mr. Lesh adds:

"They are trying to figure out the problem of equilibrium on paper when the only possible way to keep a flier in balance is by the use of muscles or nerves that have been trained through years of experience to make just the right moves instinctively. Some time in the future we may invent an equilibrium machine, but first we must find out personally just what the machine will have to do and how it will have to go about doing it. This will take time."

BIG WATER MAIN BURSTS

A 36-in, water main in a business street not far from one of the pumping stations in Chicago burst and threw a geyser 40 ft. high. Before it could be controlled it had torn up the street making a hole 12 ft. wide and 20 ft. long; drowned 9 horses; ran into basements, destroying thousands of dollars worth of goods, and forced a factory of 500 hands to shut down for two days. Seven fire engines pumped all night getting the water out of the basements.



Condition of Street after Break Was Controlled

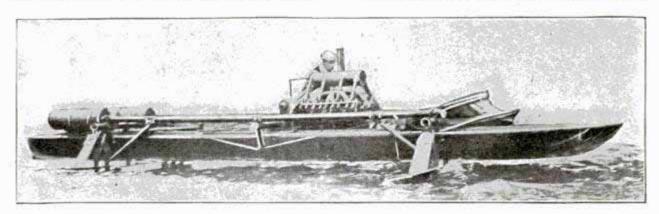
WONDERFUL NEW GLIDING BOAT

By Emmett Campbell Hall

A mile a minute at sea—New York to Liverpool in 30 hours—these are the astonishing claims made by expert marine engineers who have seen in operation what is declared to be the most stupendous invention in the annals of speed—the new gliding craft invented by Peter Cooper Hewitt.

This new craft can scarcely be designated as a boat, for the reason that it does not cut the water as do all other and skims the water with the lightness and speed of a swallow has a hull of mahogany, very shallow, merely a shell to carry the machinery when the craft is not moving. Mr. Hewitt's original plan called for two long, hollow air tanks mounted on a frame, Catamaran fashion, but he found the shallow shell better for experiments. A strong steel frame, similar to that of an automobile, extends over the sides of the shell and across either end, the cross sections of the frame being equidistant from their respective ends of the craft.

From each corner of the frame there



"At 16 Miles or More per Hour the Planes Support the Boat Proper Which is Practically Lifted Out of the Water"

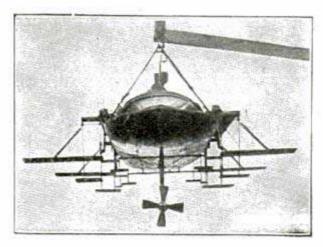
vessels, but actually flies or skims over the surface, the body of the craft being forced high enough to permit free play of the waves. Although the one craft so far constructed is in the nature of a rough model, the inventor has attained with it a speed of 38 miles an hour on Long Island Sound, and engineers state freely that the few improvements which further experiments will doubtless suggest will mean the mile-aminute sea-going boat.

At first glance the strange little craft gives the impression of a discovery rather than an invention. The model is scow-built, 27 ft. over all, with a 4½-ft. beam, and is equipped with an 8-cylinder gasoline engine. In appearance the craft is about as suggestive of speed as a ferry boat. Like many other great inventions, this craft was the result of accident—the inventor started out to construct a flying-machine, stumbled upon the idea of the gliding craft, and brought it to its present degree of perfection.

The device which looks like a scow

are dropped into the water perpendicular steel arms, extending 18 in. below the bottom. To the arms are fastened steel planes having a slant upward in front of about 1 in 8. The bottom submerged planes have 2 sq. ft. of surface, those above it being something larger. The total supporting surface of the four principal planes is, therefore, about 8 sq. ft. The motor is set forward, and the single screw, instead of being placed under the stern, turns just back of the front set of planes. On either side of the shell is a gasoline tank.

In operation, the screw driving, or rather pulling the craft forward forces the slightly slanted planes through the water and, on account of their slant, the craft is forced upward, the greater the speed, the greater the rise. When a speed has been attained which forces the topmost vanes out of the water, or partly out, part of the supporting surface is of course lost, and the craft settles lower, this principle constantly operating to maintain a perfect level



Stern View of Boat Suspended in Air to Show Arrangement of Planes

for the shell at a given distance above the surface of the water. At from 12 to 16 miles per hour the topmost planes leave the water, and at 35 miles an hour all the planes are driven upward and out of the water with the exception of the bottom ones.

When moving at more than 16 miles an hour the craft proper—that is, the shell—does not touch the water at all, but actually flies above it, a space being left between the bottom of the craft and the surface of the water, and this space is made great enough to allow play for the waves. As the waves do not touch the shell itself, and as the supporting planes are beneath the surface and below the trough, there is presented the astonishing sight of a small boat moving forward without the slightest rocking or pitching. The principle applied to larger vessels would absolutely eliminate sea-sickness from ocean travel.

The arms on which the planes are carried are made with a keen edge to the front, so as to offer a minimum of resistance, and as the shell does not come in contact with the water, there is practically no resistance except from air pressure. An idea may be gained of the wonderful speed possibilities of the gliding craft when it is taken into consideration that in the case of an ordinary steam ship it requires eight times, or the cube of the power, to double the speed, while with the Hewitt craft it requires but double the power to double the speed.

The present model of the Hewitt craft weighs 2,630 lb., but a boat of

the same power and strength can be made having a weight of but 1,500 lb. Such a boat would carry a weight of 1,500 lb. It is estimated that the craft may carry 60 lb. a horsepower at a speed of 30 miles an hour, or even more. The gliding craft can be steered around sharp curves at the highest rate of speed with no loss of equilibrium, but the stern "skids" as do the wheels of an automobile at high speed on a sharp curve.

One of the most obvious uses to which the new form of craft could be put would be as a torpedo boat, for naval experts assert that it is very difficult to use guns, excepting small arms, upon a vessel moving at a speed of more than 30 miles an hour, so that a torpedo boat moving at 60 miles an hour might be regarded as almost immune from harm by gun fire. Mr. Hewitt said:

"On careful consideration of the art of flight, with reference to producing a flying-machine, it becomes necessary to solve certain problems practically before it is possible to design a flying-machine heavier than air that will be certain of success and be safe.

"With this purpose in view I turned my attention to water as a medium for my experiments, instead of air, and concluded that they could more advantageously be made in it than in air. Water possesses the advantage of greater weight. The weight of water is approximately 800 times the weight of air, therefore the supporting surfaces such as wings or planes would need only to be one eight-hundredth the size in water that would be required for the same effective lift and power as in air, and substantially the same rule applies to the propeller.

"The water device being so much smaller brought the experiment within my available means at the time. I constructed a craft designed to run in water, which when finished had flotation means secured to it to support it while at rest, but in motion was lifted clear of the water and exercised no friction in the action of the device except as so much dead load or weight."

FISHING WITH SET NETS

In both the waters of the Great Lakes and along the Atlantic coast vast fishing industries are operated which, with nets and power fish boats, involve an investment of millions of dollars. The

set nets, those anchored permanently in one place, are of two kinds; gill nets and weirs.

The gill net extends from the bottom to the surface and often hundreds of feet long in a straight line. The bottom of the net is weighted and the top floated with buoys to hold it in position. Fish large

enough for market in trying to swim through the net can get their head, but not the body through, and in trying to retreat are caught by the gills.

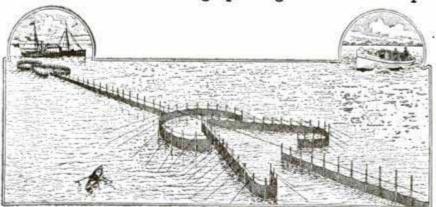
The weir is a series of nets set as shown in the illustration. The nets are so placed to take advantage of the habit of a fish to swim in a straight line. When they are stopped by the long straight leader net half of them will turn toward the weir, the wings of which are turned back, directing the course of the fish back into the inner weir, from which escape is very unlikely. This net is drawn every day or two and is gathered up to form a pocket or basket from which the fish are emptied into a small boat, which in turn transfers its load to a larger one.

In salt water sharks and other large fish frequently do great damage to the nets. The weir in the illustration, being set in shallow water, is held in place by poles, the engraving being made from a photograph taken at low tide.

The new scout cruiser "Salem" recently launched is designed for watching and reporting the movements of the enemy in time of war. The vessel is 423 ft. 2 in. long and 46 ft. 8 in. wide, with a draft of 19 ft. 1½ in. Her speed will be 24 knots. Turbine propelled.

RAILROAD SUPPLIES TIE UP MILLIONS OF DOLLARS

The supplies constantly on hand at various points on its line, of every big railroad, are little dreamed of by the average passenger. The storekeeper



These Nets are Often Several Thousand Feet Long

is supposed to be in position to fill a requisition on an instant's notice for anything from a lead pencil or bottle of mucilage up to all the materials necessary to reconstruct miles of track.

To avoid censure for delay in filling orders he naturally lays in supplies in plenty, with the result that thousands and even hundreds of thousands of dollars are invested in materials over and above any ordinary requirement.

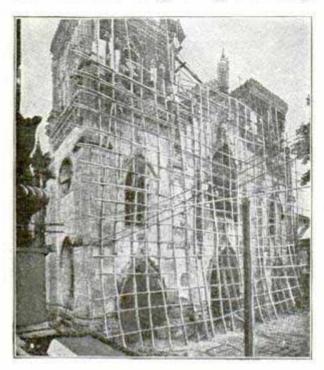
The assistant to the president of the Wabash road has made a study of these conditions and in an address before the Railway Storekeepers' Association stated that from figures he had recently compiled he found that in the case of 33 roads there was at the present time invested in supplies the enormous amount of \$104,000,000.

He further found that if all the 33 roads could reduce their stock of supplies to the basis of one of the roads which carried on hand barely enough to meet ordinary current demands, that the \$104,000,000 would be cut in half, or reduced \$52,000,000. As the money thus tied up costs the railroads 4%, the annual interest saving would be \$2,-080,000.

In the first half of this year already more people have been killed by accidents and convulsions of nature than in the whole of 1906.

TO CULTIVATE BAMBOO IN AMER IC A

The Japanese of British Columbia have recently begun the cultivation of bamboo on a large scale. The experiment is proving quite successful. Bamboo roots are being brought in large



Bamboo Scaffold: Manila

quantities from Japan and transplanted in British soil.

The cultivation of bamboo is very profitable in Japan, the returns varying from \$20 to \$90 per acre. With a successful cultivation of the plant in British Columbia the Japanese hope to work up a big trade in bamboo furniture. Willow is the best that can be secured in this country, but bamboo is far superior to the willow that is now used.

Another industry which the Japanese will endeavor to work up will be the use of bamboo for water pipes. In Japan bamboo is largely used as water pipes, and the growers see no reason why it could not be used in this country.

Bamboo stalks are very hardy. They grow from 70 to 100 ft. in height, straight and erect, with trunks sometimes 1 ft. in diameter. The growth is rapid and the shoots will thrive in a dry, arid country with an elevation anywhere from sea level to 15,000 ft. The roots of some varieties are edible when

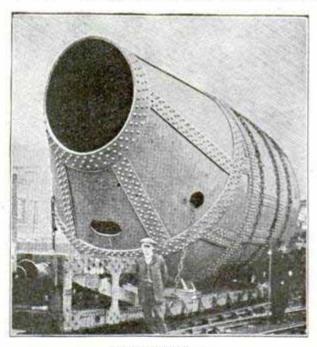
prepared like asparagus. Split bamboo is used for many common articles. In China the natives utilize the leaves for clothing, hats and paper.

20 MILES OF WARSHIPS

In seven lines, aggregating 20 miles in length, the home fleet of the British navy passed in review before the king. Every type of fighting craft, from the "Dreadnought" down to submarines, was represented. At night, on a signal from the royal yacht, each ship flashed its outline in brilliant electric lights, while the searchlights played over the waters and upon the clouds.

BIG STEEL CONVERTER

Steel is made by pouring molten iron into a mixer or converter, where other elements are added and the carbon burned out by blowing air under pressure through the mass. The cut shows one of these giant kettles loaded on a



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car for shipment. The mixer is 25 ft. long, 13 ft. in diameter, weighs 31 tons, and will contain 200 tons of molten metal.

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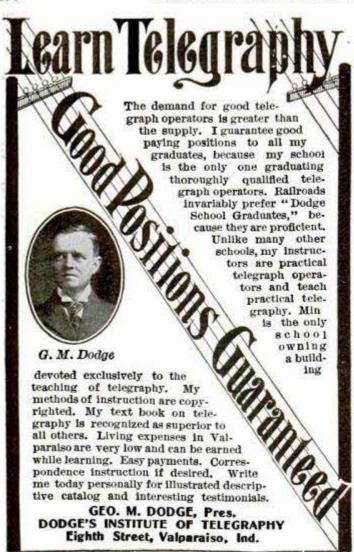
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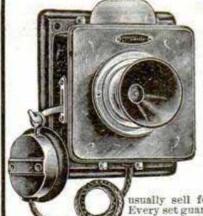
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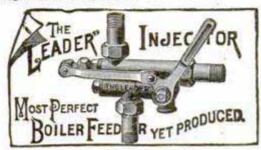
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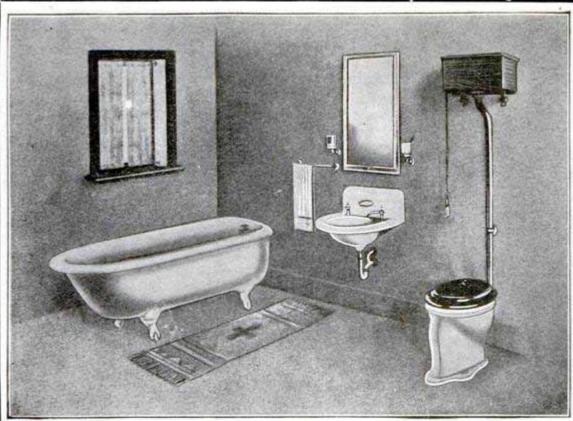
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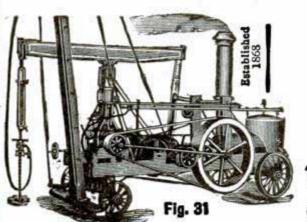
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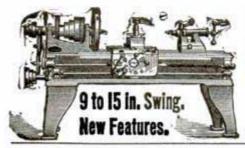
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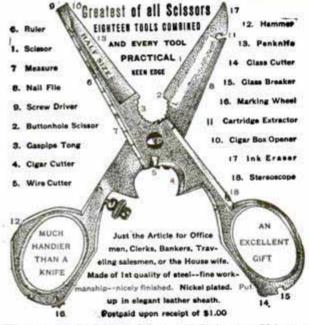
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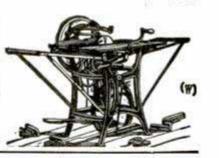


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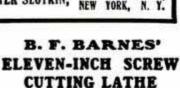




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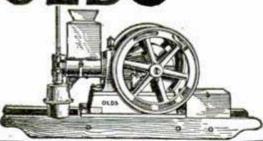


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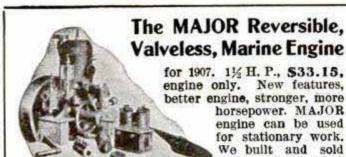
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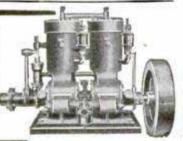
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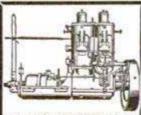
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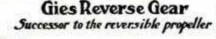
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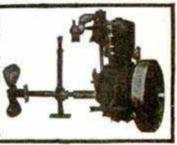
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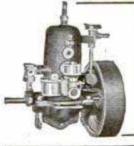




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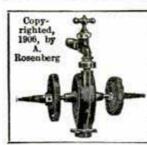
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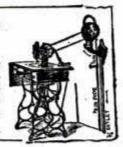
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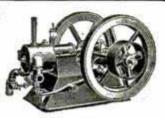


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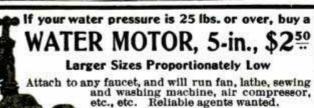
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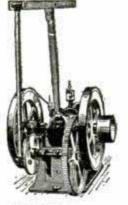
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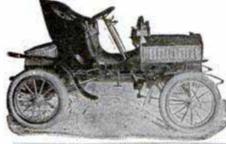


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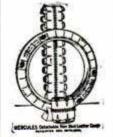


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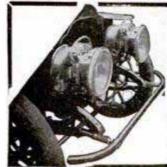
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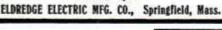
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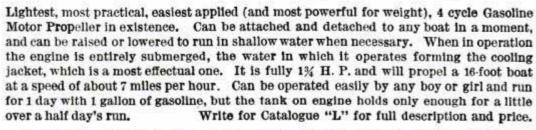
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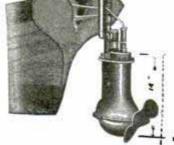
A WEST INDIAN SHARK STORY,—According to a letter received from a young sailor at St. Thomas, in the West Indies, the harbor there is troubled with the presence of a number of sharks which, except in shallow water near the shore, are a hindrance to bathing, which is deemed necessary during hot weather. Two negroes were recently devoured by sharks, and the engineer of an American training ship anchored at St. Thomas hit upon the idea of killing the sharks by means of dynamite. Accordingly an iron fishing hook was baited with a 5-lb. piece of bacon in which was concealed a dynamite cartridge, which was connected with electrical conductors and an igniter. The bait was lowered into the water by a strong rope, and the other end of the wires connected to a batwhich was connected with electrical conductors and an igniter. The balt was lowered into the water by a strong rope, and the other end of the wires connected to a battery. It was not long before a shark 12 ft. long made its appearance at the stern of the ship, when it turned on its back and the bait was swallowed. The shark killer switched on the current, and at the same moment the dismembered pieces of the animal flew into the air with a column of water. In ten days no fewer than eight large sharks were destroyed in this manner. Encouraged in this way the engineer endeavored to kill the animals by electric shock. A thin cable, which was capable of being connected with a lighting circuit on board the vessel, was got ready with the hook at one end, and having the usual form of bait which was lowered into the sea. The other end of the cable, according to the story, was placed in connection with the dynamo. A large shark soon pulled at the hook, and a current at 200 volts was sent through the cable, but this only made the animal lash the water with fury. It was possible to raise the pressure to 750 volts, and when this had been done the shark shot out of the water almost vertically, and then fell down motionless and dead.—Elec. Review, London.



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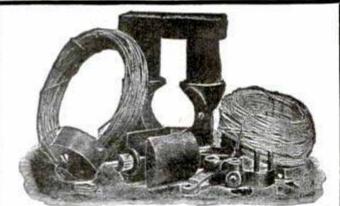
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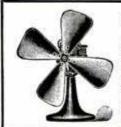
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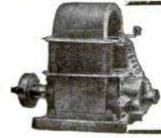
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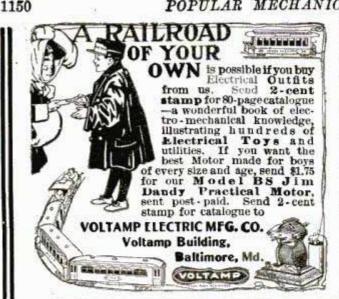
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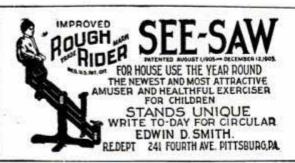
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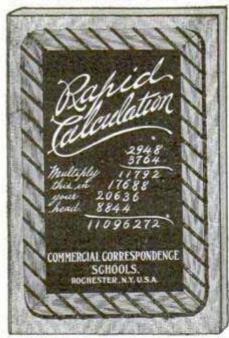
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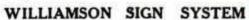
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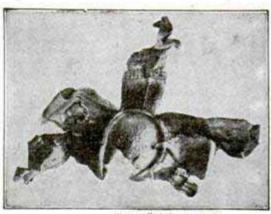
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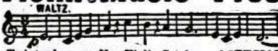
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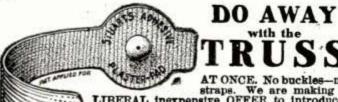


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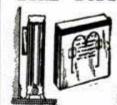
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DON'T INVENT NON-SALABLE THINGS.—The following letter from one of the best known patent attorneys gives good advice to inventors:

"In view of the number of inquiries that we receive from parties who want to know what inventions are in demand, I suggest that you insert in the news columns from time to time paragraphs giving information along these lines. A certain class of patent attorneys send out circulars advising inventors there is a demand for certain inventions when, as a matter of fact, there is no such demand.

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"It seems to me that your readers would appreciate honest advice along these lines. For instance, a certain Washington attorney, whose circular is before me, represents that there is a commercial demand for "a nut and bolt lock." The paragraph says: 'A locking device for preventing a nut from accidentally working loose or coming off of a bolt is much needed.' As a matter of fact, there are more than a thousand patents on such devices, all of which are more or less effective and in their various forms cover almost every conceivable shape and construction.

it could be met by at least a hundred different forms of devices which will effectively prevent the working loose of a nut on a bolt. To hold out to inventors that there is a demand for such an invention is a mere misrepresentation of the situation. I think you can serve your readers by giving publicity to the real facts. Yours truly, F. Benjamin."

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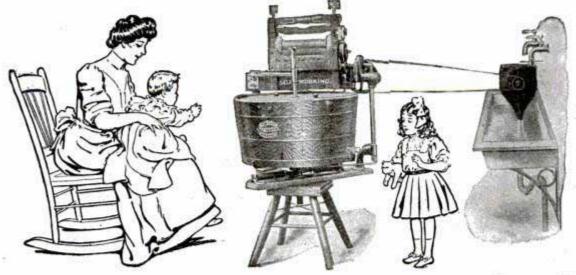
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for his life against a huge pilot snake, and the sight so unnerved them that all work was suspended for the day. Hutchinson had been lowered over the side of the quarry, which is 175 ft. deep, and had gone down 100 ft. from the top to do some blasting. Feeling a peculiar movement of the rope, he glanced upward and discovered, to his horror, that an immense snake had crawled onto the rope from some ledge, and was rapidly making its way toward him.

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Escape was impossible. One hand was filled with stick dynamite; the other held a small rock drill. To drop the dynamite was to cause an untold disaster below. He finally succeeded, however, in stowing it away in his pocket, and proceeded to give battle with only the drill as a weapon. His first blow did not deter the serpent, but the second one, which was delivered at close quarters, stunned it, and a third one put a quietus to it forever. As the snake fell to the ground, Hutchinson's friends drew him to the surface above where it fell, completely unstrung, by his nerve-racking ordeal.

ELECTRIC LIGHT CIRCUIT KILLS TWO.—A death by electricity occurred in Buffalo, N. Y., on August 21, which was almost identical with the death of Miss Grace Dillon, as recorded in our September issue.

Gaspero Donanno, a laborer, started to enter a freight car in pursuance of his duties. He carried a portable electric light, with its attached wires, in his hand. Just as he reached the car door, and probably stepped on the iron plate from the door sill to the platform of the freight house, he uttered a piercing cry and fell to the ground. He died before medical assistance could be summoned,

He died before medical assistance could be summoned, while the only external mark left by the current was a slight abrasion on the left wrist.

If the man was shocked by electricity he could not have received more than a 220-volt current. The probabilities are that he had a weak heart which was affected by the shock. An examination of the wire and light bulb he was carrying disclosed no defects in them.

L. H. Carter, son of Brigadier-General William H. Carter, U. S. A., commander of the Great Lakes Department, was instantly killed, August 27, by an incandescent lamp circuit at the University of Illinois. Mr. Carter was a student in the summer school of agriculture and was a student in the summer school of agriculture and was standing on an engine frame while repairing an electric chandelier. It is not understood how a 220-volt current could have caused death, but that was the unfortunate

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The variation in flow exhibited by these wells with the rise and fall of the tide is of peculiar interest, the flow being notably greater at the flood than at the ebb tide. It is the general opinion among well drillers that practically all flowing wells near tidal rivers or inlets from open bays do feel the distant sea, but some of them so slightly that the variation in flow is not noticeable.

The geologist in charge of the ground-water investigations in Virginia states that changes in water level in wells, due to fluctuations in the height of the surface of some neighboring body of water, have been observed all over the world. It is customary to explain these changes by supposing a direct connection between the river, lake, or bay; but in many places, as in eastern Virginia, such connection is clearly impossible, owing to the depth of the wells and the nature of the intervening beds, some of them dense, tough marls and clays. These beds, however, though they do not transmit water, nevertheless contain it, and as water is practically incompressible, any variation of level on the river or bay is transmitted to the well through the water-filled gravels, sands, clays, and marls. When a porous bed is tapped by a well the water rises to the point of equilibrium and fluctuates as the hand of the ocean varies its pressure on the beds that confine the artesian flow.

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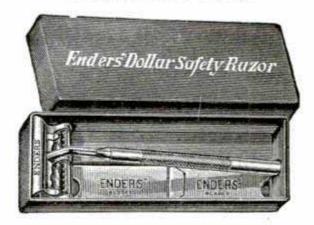
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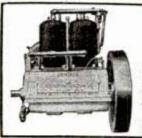
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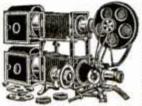
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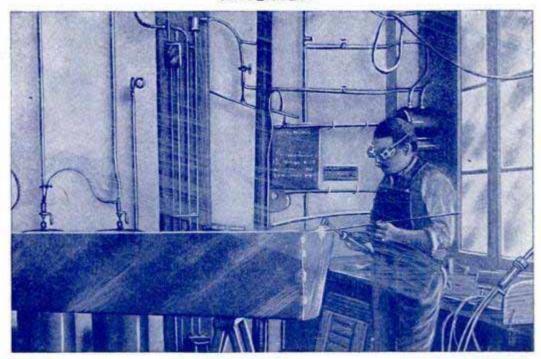
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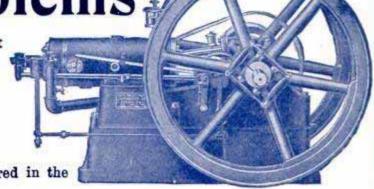
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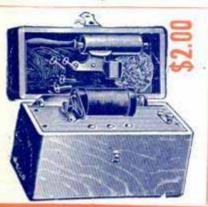
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