

QUICKSILVER IN TEXAS.

Important Mineral Discoveries in the Lone Star State.

Texas has already taken her place among the States as a prominent producer of fuel oil, supplementing California's output of this product in particular. Important developments last year in her quicksilver mines in the Terlingua district show that the deposits of cinnabar are much more extensive than was at first believed.

It is probable that Texas will therefore become second only to California in her output of quicksilver. Recent prospecting shows that the mineraliferous area is about eight miles long, lying in an east and west direction. The production of quicksilver in California is large enough to supply the entire home market. Several mines in the Texas district are being opened up and extended.

The only member of the President's Cabinet not a native of the United States is the Secretary of Agriculture, James Wilson, who was born in Ayrshire, Scotland.

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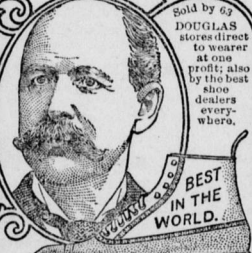
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BY-PRODUCTS EXPLOITED

THE RESULT OF DISCOVERIES IN THE OIL INDUSTRY.

Amazing Number of Things Which Have Been Taken From Petroleum Residue—Progress of the Art—New York the Centre of the Work.

Among the manufacturing industries in the neighborhood of New York few are larger than those connected with the preparation of petroleum for the market. Like thousands of other enterprises, the oil industry owes no small part of its present development to the little savings which progressive ingenuity has devised. The story of the discovery and application of numerous by-products of kerosene is typical of the advance and enrichment which modern methods and chemistry have contributed in many and varied fields.

When the discovery of petroleum in quantity first permitted the use of the mineral on a large scale, it was manufactured only for the illuminating oil which it contained. Of the Pennsylvania crude oil, this constituted fifty to fifty-four per cent., or even more; by one process as much as seventy per cent. in illuminating oil was obtained. The remainder was all, or practically all, waste. Gas was produced in the earlier stages of the distillation, but whatever inflammable vapors the crude gave off before it reached the temperature at which illuminating oil would boil, were burned, though sometimes as fuel. Tar, pitch, or residuum remained in the stills after the illuminating oil had been got out. This was thrown away; more often than not, run into the creeks near the refineries. The manipulation of petroleum was thus the manufacture of kerosene; it was like the separation of lead only from an ore which also contained paying quantities of copper, silver and gold.

For in the crude petroleum were a variety of other substances awaiting only isolation from the compounds with which they were mixed. Of fluids more volatile than kerosene, there was a whole group of naphthas; of subjects less easily brought to a boil, there was such products as paraffine, paraffine oil, vaseline, a wide variety of other lubricating oils, and a number of sorts of pitch. Some of these were to be had simply by condensing and saving the vapors given off by distillation, at different degrees of heat; some were available only after special processes supplementary to distillation, had been carried out. In almost all cases, the product, once separated from other components of the petroleum or its distillates, needed to be carefully refined.

Little time passed before kerosene ceased to be the only material for which crude oil was treated by water, acid, alkali and fire. The chemistry of the substance was fairly well known before the discovery of the great Pennsylvania fields in 1851. A substance very much like petroleum had been distilled in the late forties from the bituminous cannel found in parts of Scotland. Even the heavy fluid obtained by heating this shale to about 800 degrees Fahrenheit and condensing the vapors resulting, the Scotch manufacturers were making an illuminating oil already in 1848. For nearly forty years the competition has proceeded, though ever, to be sure, with growing proof that the British coal oil, despite economies of manufacture and ingenuities of invention, was no commercial match for the rock oil of the Americans. Partly in Scotland, partly in America, there has been worked out a system of the utilization of the by-products for which, in brilliance and completeness, there are few parallels in the whole history of manufacturing technique.

The products other than kerosene finally derived from petroleum show wide divergences in both their physical characteristics and the uses to which they can be put. Some of them are so volatile that at ordinary temperatures they take the gaseous form; others cannot be separated from the mother liquid short of a red heat. Certain of the commodities are solid; the majority, however, are fluids, though here again there is a wide range of difference in point of specific gravity. In a broad way they may be grouped as products obtained before and after the distillation of kerosene.

After the kerosene of commerce has been boiled off, with the help of jets of live steam, the tar, which used to be thrown away, is made to give up a large proportion of lubricating oil, about seventeen and one-half per cent. of the total weight of the crude material. Into the condensers, along with this oil, there passes also about two per cent. of paraffin, which can be separated by pressing after the distillate has cooled, and is then ready for the filtering and other purifications which fetch it out finally as a white wax. Of the whole weight of the petroleum scarcely ten per cent. is lost in manufacture when the process is arranged to extract this considerable proportion of lubricants. When the still is so built and the firing conducted that the highest practicable quantity (about seventy per cent.) of illuminating oil is taken out—this by continually condensing a part of the evaporated oil—the waste is less than eleven and one-half per cent. The products of each stage of the process are put to some use. Valuable chemicals even are recovered from the sludge or tar precipitated when the kerosene is mixed with oil of vitriol, and portions of it serve well as fertilizer. The refining of the lubricating oils by further distillation produces small quantities of an illuminating oil, less inflammable than kerosene, and this is used by railways and steamboats as a substitute for sperm

Of the lubricating oils, as of the kerosenes, there are many varieties and grades, each group more or less adapted to some special group of uses. A different sort of oil is used in a library lamp than that served to the heater of a steam automobile; the ball-bearing of a bicycle needs a grease different from that used on heavy, slow-moving gears. The preparation of these varieties forms an elaborate technique of itself, the subject matter being complicated by the fact that petroleum lubricants, when added to animal fats, impart to them their non-inflammability except at high temperatures; and their qualities of not gumming and of resisting the deteriorating effect of the air.

When the distillation is carried on in a vacuum, the residue, once the paraffin is extracted, has characteristics of its own. One of the last products to be thrown off is the neutral and heavy grease, the petroleum, known indifferently when refined as cosmoline or vaseline. The purification of this material is accomplished while it is hot by filtering through animal charcoal, like many of the lighter oils. It serves either as a lubricant or as a base for ointments, preferable in many respects to animal fats, for which it has been largely substituted in the pharmacopoeia. The residuum, after everything possible has been taken out of the crude oil, still has some, though only a slight, value. Enough heavy oil remains, in certain varieties, to make them useful as coarse, cheap lubricants, while others serve as tar.

Petroleum and its products are applied in surgery and medicine; in the making of ice and the production of light; in paint manufacture and the preparation of oil cloths; in the manipulation of rubber and in washing wool. Where it is cheap, it replaces coal; in almost all modern plants some one of the petroleum derivatives is used for the enrichment of gas. For general lubrication, the paraffin oils are the most serviceable products machine-users know. Altogether, over 200 different products are now derived from this treasure of the rocks, which refiners first treated merely for the sake of a fluid used in filling lamps.—New York Post.

A Fifty-Mile-an-Hour Yacht.

A new steam yacht whose owner hopes to make fifty miles an hour in her is the latest sensational product of an American shipyard. Whether achieved in this instance or not, such speed is not impossible, but its cost is heavy. The Arrow is more than twelve times as long as she is broad. In rough water she would be very uncomfortable, if not unsafe. Two British torpedo boats designed for less extreme speed have been lately wrecked by their own weight, as bow and stern rose on two big waves. The cost of building the new yacht is very great, her consumption of coal equals that of a fair-sized Atlantic liner, and she can carry only enough to last a short time. Still, so long as her owners are willing to sacrifice for speed all other considerations, it pleases the pride of hurrying America to realize that our shipbuilders lead the world in furnishing it.—New York World.

A Brilliant Clerk.

A certain hardware store recently employed as a clerk a genuine eighteen-karat genius. They did not know it at the time, but they are firmly convinced of it now.

A few days ago a country customer came in to buy some powder to use on a hunting trip. The man waited on him, and, not being thoroughly "on to the ropes," gave him blasting powder by mistake.

The next day the customer brought back the lumpy blasting powder to exchange for what he originally asked for. Here is where the new clerk's genius displayed itself. Instead of taking the blasting powder back on the spot he tried to argue the country customer into buying a coffee grinder with which the blasting powder might be ground to the requisite fineness.

Sad to relate he failed, but he made a great hit with his employers, nevertheless.—Syracuse Herald.

Neglect of Patent Models.

"I have one criticism to make," said a stranger who had been praising Washington. "You do not treat the models of great, ingenious or otherwise interesting patents with consideration. Many of these are crowded in cases in an ill-lighted room, on the top floor of the Patent Office, and visitors are admitted only between the hours of 9 and 2. Many other models are stored in the old city postoffice building on G street. These ought to be brought together, grouped, properly displayed, labeled and catalogued. The Government should create an inventors' museum. A great deal more space is given to collections of Indian relics, chipped tomahawks and broken arrow-heads than to models of devices with which man has pulled himself up to the present level of civilization."—Washington Star.

Why the Snow is Not Black or Red.

Why is the snow white? is a question frequently asked. Because black snow would be dangerous, so would red or yellow. These are "warming-up colors," and they change the sun's rays to heat. Such snow would soon melt again and prove a very poor protection. But white snow throws back the sunlight in just the form in which it receives it, and thus the snow can be long on the ground. Throw dirt on the snow, and its dark color quickly makes it eat its way in whenever the sun shines on it. After a snowstorm, once let the horses' feet mingle the dirt of the road with the snow and sleighing will soon be over.—Professor S. C. Schmeucker, in the Ladies' Home Journal.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS:



A Novelty in Fenders.

The latest thing in fenders is a high shape that recalls the good old safe nursery fenders of yore. The fashionable article, however, is a very different thing, being highly ornate and artistic. Neither is it as high as the nursery fender. Indeed, it is whispered that its raison d'être is to allow fair gossipers at the fireside a resting place for their feet, and that dainty shoes and hose are indispensable for this not exactly graceful position. A handsome high fender, made to order by a Bond street house, was of copper, the centre in fine netting, and with tall branches of lilies up the middle and at either side. A regular frieze of the flowers made an effective top, and the fender rested on a dado in very open floral design, so as to permit ladies who do not care to elevate their feet to the summit, to warm their toes between the lower spaces.—London Graphic.

Cement For Broken China.

The most dependable cement for china is pure white lead, ground in linseed oil, so thick it will barely spread smoothly with a knife. Given time enough to harden, some three months, it makes a seam practically indestructible. The objection to it is that it always shows in the staring white line. A better cement for fine china is white of egg and plaster. Sift the plaster three times, and tie a generous pinch of it loosely in mosquito netting. Then beat the egg until it will stick to the platter. Have the broken edges very clean, cover both with the beaten egg, dust well with the plaster, fit together at once, tie, using rubber bands if possible, wrap loosely in very soft tissue paper and bury head and ears in the sand box, taking care that the break lies so that the sand will hold it together. Leave in the box twenty-four hours. After a week the superfluous plaster may be gently scraped away.

A Cozy Corner Decoration.

Cozy corners in Oriental or Indian effects remain as popular as they have been for years, the latest additions to them being Indian grass baskets, mosses, boxes of quaint design and heads of all descriptions. These accessories are either suspended from the drapery placed on a low tabor or laid carelessly about upon the couch. The couch and drapery are of the highest materials possible, and highly colored pillows nestle upon and about the couch. The new sofa pillows are made of solid colors with effective and bright designs applied upon them, the stitch used in the applique being a close buttonhole. All sofa pillows should be perfectly plain around the edge; cords are uncomfortable to lay one's head upon. Of course, all pillows upon the couch should not be of plain colors—the more varied the selection the better—but the plain ones are very effective among those of brighter and more varied hues. Flags also make excellent additions to the effectiveness of a cozy corner when they are not too conspicuously displayed.—American Queen.



Stirred Eggs—One gill rich gravy, five eggs, one tablespoonful butter, one tablespoonful minced parsley, one-half teaspoonful salt, dash of white pepper. To the melted butter add the gravy, and when hissing hot stir in the beaten eggs until they thicken. Season and sprinkle with minced parsley. Serve on toast.

Veal Hamburg, Tomato Sauce—Season with one teaspoonful of salt, one saltspoonful of pepper and a saltspoonful of curry powder, two pounds of finely chopped veal and form into compact cakes. Put two scant tablespoonfuls of butter in a skillet; when hot add one heaping tablespoonful of chopped onion; when brown, saute the meat cakes in the skillet five minutes on one side and five minutes on the other. Remove to a platter and pour around them a tomato sauce.

Scotch Cones—Put one-quarter of a cupful of lard into two cupfuls of flour with which two teaspoonfuls of baking powder has been sifted. Add one well-beaten egg and milk enough to make a paste that can be handled. Turn the paste onto a floured board, roll it out into a sheet one-half inch thick and cut into pieces about three inches square. Fold each square cornerwise to make a three-cornered piece. Bake on a hot griddle until a light brown. Send to the table in a napkin.

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