

tions of the ratio O : H. For many of the problems, however, the atomic weights are rounded to whole numbers, except Cl = 35.5.

The work is recommended as a well-planned text-book of the subjects indicated.

*Mechanics for Beginners. Part I. Dynamics and Statics.* By J. B. LOCK. London and New York, Macmillan & Co., 1891.

THIS is a carefully-prepared elementary text-book, presenting the subject in the following order: rectilinear motion, motion in one plane, forces acting at a point, parallel forces, machines (including friction), uniform motion in a circle, energy, the pendulum. The definitions are clear and examples abundant. The demonstrations presuppose a knowledge of trigonometry.

English units are employed throughout. The following terms are convenient (in the absence of metric units), but not very familiar in this country: *velo*, the velocity of one foot per second; *celo*, the acceleration of one *velo* per second; *poundal*, a force producing one *celo* on one pound; and *foot-poundal*, the work done by one *poundal* acting one foot.

While this work shows marks of thoroughness, it seems a great pity to ignore the international system of weights and measures.

*Elementary Lessons in Heat.* By S. E. TILLMAN. Revised Edition. New York, John Wiley & Sons, 1892.

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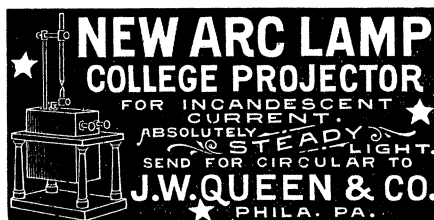
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