cess, which must be economical, if the result corresponds with the account of the inventor. He introduces eighteen parts of prussiate of potass and iron, reduced to a very fine powder, into a small tubulated glass retort, taking care not to soil the neck or side. He adapts to this vessel a very small tubulated balloon, furnished with a conducting tube, which he plunges into the first flask, containing a little distilled water. The rest of the apparatus is contrived so as to avoid absorption. This being done, he pours into the retort a cold mixture, of nine parts of concentrated sulphuric acid and twelve parts of water. The tube of the retort is to be hermetically secured; the whole left at rest for twelve hours, at the commencement of which the balloon is to be surrounded with ice; the neck of the retort is to be constantly cooled with wet cloths; afterwards the materials are to be heated with some burning charcoal, and preserved in this state until the streaks, which are observed in the neck of the retort, become more rare, and until a blue vapour arises, which threatens to pass into the receiver. At this point, the heat is immediately discontinued; the apparatus is allowed to cool entirely, and the contents of the receiver are poured into a proper vessel. The hydrocyanic acid obtained by this process has a strong and penetrating odour; the specific gravity is from 0.898 to 0.900, at the temperature of 13 or 14 of Reaumur; it likewise possesses, according to M. Pessena, all the properties of the purest prussic acid.—(*Giornale de Fisica*, 1822.) M.

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