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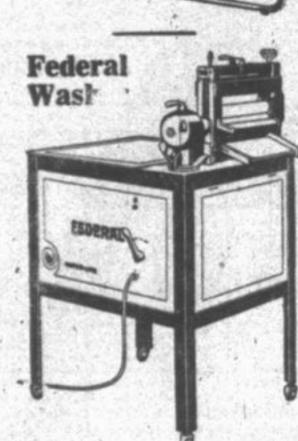
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MAKING GOLD FROM MERCURY; TEST PLAN

SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN

Extensive Experiments Under Way To Determine Practicability of Project; Success Expected

Under the direction of the Scienfic American, whose editor, E. E. Free, is confident of success, experi-ments have been started to determine the practicability of transmuting quicksilver into gold-a feat that is said to have been accomplished recently at great expense by Prof. Miethe of Charlottenburg Technical

By Prof. Miethe's method it estimated a pound of gold worth about \$330 would cost more than \$2,000,000 to produce, but it is believed that this cost can be reduced materially.

Experimenters say gold has a planetary system of 79 electrons, while quicksilver has 80. By permanently "knocking off" the superfluous electron with electric current, it is believed pure gold will result. Expense of Manufacture

In the experiments now going forward at New York university under the supervision of Prof. H. H. Sheldon of the department of physics, an effort will be made to discover the conditions that control the transmutation of mercury to gold, and estimate the cost of production.

From these experiments it hoped it will be possible to tell with some precision, how long it will be, if ever, before "cheap gold" will make necessary a rearrangement of the world's monetary system.

The apparatus now being set up at New York university consists chiefly of a quartz lamp which incloses various tubes and electric paraphernalia. The lamp will hold about a half ounce of quicksilver vapor. Mr. Free, whose articles on the

Bohr theory of atomic structure have been widely quoted, declined to predict what effect upon the financial structure of Nations the cheap manufacture of gold might have.

In the industrial field, however, certainly would be "revolution," he said, for "gold would replace copper in the making of chemical stills, telegraph and telephone wires, instruments and machinery in numerous instances." He added

"It is now believed that the atom of all chemical elements are com posed of two kinds of electric particles, negative particles called electrons and positive electrons called

"All of the protons and some of the electrons in any given atom are believed to be concentrated in what is called the nucleus, at the atomic This nucleus plays in the atom the same role as the sun does in our solar system; it holds the atom together. Arond this nucleus revolve the remainder of the electrons, just as our earth and other planets revolve around the sun.

"The extent to which artificial gold will be used in industry and in the arts will depend in large measure upon its cost. The object of our undertaking, therefore, is not merely to make gold, but to discover what it will cost to make gold,"

MANY PUPILS ENTER HOME LIGHTING CONTEST

Local Chairman Reports About Thousand Boys and Girls Sent Essays

The Better Home Lightin Contest, as far as the many boys and girls who participated in it are concerned, came to a close a week ago last Saturday. The essays and primers have been handed in to the committee of judges whose duty it now is to read each one over carefully and give it the rating it will bear in competition for the many wonderful prizes.

According to Mr. Reesman local chairman of the contest, approximately 1000 essays had been turned in up to closing time Novembed 15th. The showing made by local boys and girls was very favorable and after the local prizes have been awarded, it is expected that several essays will be entered into competition for the national prizes which will be awarded

Names of electric league prize winners will be announced within a few weeks, or just as soon as the judges are able to give each essay their full consideration. Mr. Reesman stated that all the essays that have been graded so far have been extremely well written and show that the contestants had fully mastered the details required of them. Watch this paper for further announcements regarding awarding of prizes.

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