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this to be taken up with the ingoing air, after thoroughly stirring. The oil forms a body which causes the graphite to be distributed along the cylinder walls and prevents it being immediately blown out with the exhaust. Care must be used, however, not to use graphite in excess, as it will "ball up" along the cylinder walls and cause leakage past the piston. The particles of graphite gather in the small pores of the cast iron, filling them and form a smooth surface, coated with a very thin film of graphite to be presented to rubbing action.

The writer unqualifiedly recommends the use of graphite for gas engine cylinders, and should any operator give it a fair and impartial trial, and then determine the condition of the piston, rings, and cylinder, he is sure that he will be ready to also recommend its

There has recently been placed apon the market by the Acheson Oildag Co., a graphite which over-comes the difficulty referred to in feeding through ordinary lubri-cators. This graphite is supposed to be in the molecular state and will remain indefinitely suspended in a liquid. For this reason it will not clog lubricators and is the preferable form for gas engine use, as it requires no special apparatus for its application. This graphite may be obtained in the powdered form or mixed with cylinder oil under the trade name of Oildag. The Company will be glad to furnfull particulars upon appli-

In many cases there is enough of a leak past the back rings of the piston to allow a small amount of gas to "blow past" and cause the drops of oil from the cylinder lubricator to cling to and blacken the glass of the sight feed, so that the operator is unable to deter-mine the operation of the lubricator. These lubricators are generally supplied with a ball check at the bottom to prevent this, but they usually do not fully accomp-lish their purpose. This may be remedied by mounting the lubri-cator on a short piece of pipe three or four inches long.
For other parts of the engine

any good lubricating oil may be used, but cylinder oil may be obtained as cheaply as the other oils and is generally used. More has been said on the subject of lubrication than originally intended as the connection between lubrication and compression was under discussion, but the subject is a large and important one and does not come amiss in connection with the proper operation and

care of engine.

Note:—The writer of this course would be glad to receive any suggestions as to subjects to be taken up which would be general interest to readers. would also be glad to reply to any queries concerning subjects al-ready treated through the columns of this magazine. may be addressed care of Canadian Thresherman and Farmer.

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