order to make the print equally intense in every portion and is left for from fifteen to thirty minutes or longer, according to the strength of light and the intensity of the negative. In order to ascertain if the exposure is sufficient the frame may be removed to a place where the light is weak or subdued, one-half of the back opened and the paper bent back in order that the print upon its surface may be seen. If it is clear and distinct the paper may be taken out and placed in a pan of clear water, where it should be left until the whites of the print are clearly brought out. The paper being no longer sensitive may be dried wherever most convenient. The paper should soak from fifteen to thirty minutes, when it may be taken out of the pan and washed a few seconds in water. After the print is dry it may be neatly trimmed and mounted on cardboard if desired. If the printing frame containing the paper is not exposed long enough the picture will very likely have a pale blue instead of the indigo hue desired. If what should be white in the picture has a blue tint it indicates over printing or that the picture was exposed to a bright light before the paper was washed.

The blue print can be conveniently written on by using a solution of common soda thickened with gum arabic. Adding the soda to red ink will give a fluid by means of which a brilliant red line may be made on the print. From these suggestions we think our correspondent will be able to make blue prints which will serve his purpose.

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"An ingentous application of electricity has recently been made at the hotel Cecil which," says the Builder, "as it may often save time and labor, is worth recording. In the marble staircase of this building the balusters had been placed so far apart that it was quite possible for a child to slip through between them, and so in order to make it perfectly safe it was resolved to put a brass baluster between every two marble ones. In order to do this as quickly as possible with the minimum of noise and dirt, Mr. Jacob, of Messrs. Waring & Sons suggested an electric motor with flexible shaft and twisted drill. A small iron-clad motor

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