MISCELLANEOUS PROBLEMS SOLVED.

1. To solve the equs.

Each fract.
$$\frac{ax + by}{cz} = \frac{cz + ax}{by} = \frac{by + cz}{ax} = x + y + z$$

$$\frac{(ax + by) + (cz + ax + (by + cz))}{cz + by + ax} = 2$$

$$\therefore ax + by = 2cz, cz + ax = 2by, by + cz = 2ax$$
whence $ax = by = cz$ and $x + y + z = 2$

$$a = a$$
whence $x + -x + -x = 2$

whence
$$x + \frac{a}{b}x + \frac{a}{c}x = 2$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{2bc}{ab + bc + ca}$$

(2) A dog pursues a hare. The hare gets a start of 50 of her own leaps. The hare makes 6 leaps while the dog makes 5, and 7 of the dog's leaps are equal to 9 of the hares. How many leaps will the hare make before she is caught? (Humblin Smith's Alg., p. 161.) Let 6x = No. leaps made by hare.

$$\therefore 5x = " " dog.$$

Let 9y = No. ft. in each leap of the dog. $\therefore 7y = """ \text{"" hare.}$ \therefore 45xy = distance gone over by dog, and 42xy = " " " hare. \therefore 3cy = 50 leaps of the hare, = 350y ft. 3x = 350. 6x = 700.—Ans.

(3.) The difference between the true and the bank discount on a note of \$5,300, payable in 9 months, is \$18. Find the rate per cent.

Let
$$\frac{1}{x}$$
 = rate of int. for 9 mos. $\therefore \frac{1}{x+1}$ = rate of dis'c.

Then
$$\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x+1} = \frac{1}{x} \cdot \frac{1}{x+1} = \frac{18}{5300} = \frac{36}{10600}$$

$$= \frac{6}{100} \cdot \frac{6}{106} \cdot \frac{1}{x} = \frac{6}{100}$$

$$\therefore \text{ rate per an.} = 8\%$$

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CHEMISTRY, SIXTH FORM.

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- I. (a). "Give best method for the preparation of O in the laboratory. (b). Give reasons for your answer. (c). Also indicate two other methods by equations."
- (a). Heat Chlorate of Potash mixed with some Oxide of Manganese in a flask, and O will be given off. The Oxide of Manganese only facilitates the evolution of the O from the Chlorate of Potash; fine sand, etc., would have done as well; but if the O requires to be

absolutely pure, Chlorate of Potash alone must be used.

- (b). This method is the best because it is the most convenient and economical.
 - (c). $3 (MnO_2) = O_2 + Mn_3O_4$. HgO = O + Hg.
- II. (a). "Why is water hard? (b). What is the test for hard water? (c). How is Ca S O4 detected in water, when in solution?"