

### Chemistry as She is Understood in India.

The following answers were collected from a written examination in chemistry held in connection with a well-known Indian University :—

Sulphur is a smelly gas.

Nitrogen is a remarkable lazy gas, and is good for nothing.

Carbon always exists in a dark room.

There is no living being in the whole world that does not contain carbon.

Gas is made by filling a poker with coal and heating it.

Alumina is used in medicine to open the bowels.

Chlorine gives botheration to the throat.

Hydrogen is a colorless, invincible gas, and burns itself without any bodies help.

Nitric acid is used in the preparation of current electricity. It is very bad for teachers to pour it off our hands.

Soda is formed by heating castor oil and potash.

Caustic soda is used in the manufacture of soda water, and this is used in medicine for purgative purposes.

Caustic soda is used as a summer drink.

Quicklime is made by pouring water on slaked lime.

Quicklime is made from smooth pebbles and is good for worms.

We can eat this substance (CaO) ; it has the power of digesting food.

Lime destroys the excess of vegetable matter, and nothing in the whole world is an exception to the above fact.

Lime is used as a kind of gum for builders to stick bricks together.

There are two kinds of phosphorus—red and blue.

Preparation of phosphorus.—The powder, which is got from the roots of plants, is mixed with  $H_2SO_4$ , and water, it is then filtered through paper filter. The refuse that is thus got is heated, when dense red fumes of phosphorus come, which may be collected by downward displacement, and may be rolled into sticks of phosphorus.—*Chemist and Druggist.*

Glycyphyllin is a proximate principle isolated by Rennie from the leaves of *Smilax glycyphylla*. It forms sweet yellow crystals.

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