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Excerpt: earth from several channels at the same time, into which it is pumped up, until it stands about 4: inches above the surface; at the expiration of twenty-four hours, the water is drawn off and a fresh supply added, until that which runs off contains only 1 per cent. of salt petre; the trough is then re-filled. The charge in troughs of the above dimensions, calculated at 8 lbs. in 5 cubic feet, must contain altogether 256 lbs. of nitrate, which must produce a lye of about 10 per cent., with rather more than an equal bulk of water. The subsequent weaker lye is concentrated in the second trough, until it is fit for boiling. The exhausted earth is used in the construction of the heaps or walls, in the manner already explained. Lthe Crude Ly/e---The lye for boiling, technically called crude lye, is, as...



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