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On Tue, 05 Aug 2008 08:13:04 -0700, John Larkin  
<jjlarkin@xx> wrote:

On Tue, 05 Aug 2008 00:24:32 -0700, JosephKK <quiettechblue@xxxxxxxx>  
wrote:

On Mon, 28 Jul 2008 14:36:29 -0700, John Larkin  
<jjlarkin@xx> wrote:

On Mon, 28 Jul 2008 14:01:10 -0700 (PDT), "Ken S.  
Tucker"  
<dynamics@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

In Public School I decided to try to build a  
carbon  
carbon arc lamp using 2 pencils, and it  
worked.  
1st I screwed in to the pencils the leads, and  
that worked but the wood started to  
smoulder.  
Later I removed the graphite and wire  
wrapped  
around the naked leads, that worked too.  
My Old Boy got a little testy when I blew a  
few  
fuses per day (in the 60's they were 25 cents  
a  
piece), so he advised a series resistance, like  
a heater or light bulb. BINGO!

Fortunately no permanent retinal damage.  
Ken

Lots of playing with high voltages... TV power transformers,

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neon sign  
transformers, big oil caps, flashtubes.

A buddy and I were prowling an empty house and found a shopping bag full of shotgun shells. We spent the summer peeling them open, and using the powder for insane things.

I once made a Kerr cell using nitrobenzene, and got the stuff all over me. I later read a Nero Wolfe mystery where a small dish of the stuff was placed to spill on someone and killed them.

Huge lead exposure, of course.

John

It wasn't until a later post that i noticed this. There is no lead in nitrobenzene. Other than the shot, (not particularly dangerous unless you melt it) which i presume you discarded, what lead do you think there is in shotgun shells? Please sort out your toxic chemicals.

Don't be a dork, especially on purpose.

I've been playing with electronics all my life. I started soldering when I was three, sitting in my uncle's lap as he fixed TV's. Electronics involves lead, you know. Please sort out my paragraphs.

John

Gosh, and i did not start soldering until i was six. I cannot sort out your paragraphs until you sort them out.

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