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ALLOY.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANCIS ALPHA COTHIAS a citizen of the Republic of France, residing at 9 Rue Victor Hugo, Ivry-Port, Seine, in the Republic of France, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Alloys, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact specification.

The invention has been patented in France, No. 256,852, dated June 2, 1896; in Belgium, No. 122,223, dated June 30, 1896; in Austria, No. 46/3,442, dated July 31, 1896; in Italy, No. 42,221, dated July 31, 1896; in Luxemburg, No. 2,582, dated July 31, 1896; in England, No. 14,479, dated June 30, 1896, and in Spain, No. 19,417, dated July 31, 1896.

The invention forming the subject of this application relates to a new metallic alloy and process of making the same.

This alloy has considerable tensile strength, the resisting force being as high as thirty-five kilograms per square millimeter of section. It can be soldered and worked with the greatest ease. It consists of a mixture in given proportions of copper, tin, zinc, and aluminium, to which I add chlorid of ammonia and phosphorus in the state of salt.

The composition of this alloy is as follows: copper, forty grams; tin, two hundred grams; zinc, three hundred and sixty grams; aluminium, four hundred grams. Total, one thousand grams. An alloy in these proportions and prepared in the manner hereinafter described, with additions of hydrochlorate of ammonia and phosphides, is especially adapted for the casting of very light pieces of machinery, having at the same time a great resisting force. (Its density is below 4.5.) Pieces of this kind may be obtained from this alloy completely finished on leaving the mold.

To manufacture this alloy, I proceed in the following manner: I begin by putting into a crucible the required quantities of copper and tin, and I let them melt together. In this way I obtain a first alloy of copper and tin, to which I add the necessary quantity of zinc. Then I let the whole mass melt together once more. When the mass is completely molten, I let it cool down until it becomes pasty. I then add the required proportions of aluminium, which immediately heightens the temperature of the mass, and finally I heat the

mass to a very high temperature. The substances are hereby combined in the most complete manner, and I obtain a perfectly-homogeneous alloy. In order to facilitate the combination of the various elements and reduce the oxids that form at every melting, I add during the last manipulation about a kilogram of chlorid of ammonia per one thousand kilograms of alloy. I add also during the last manipulation a small quantity of phosphorus in order to give to the alloy an easier flow and greater fluidity. The phosphorus can be used in the state of salt. The salts are phosphides of titanium, of manganese, wolfram, tungsten, &c., which further increase the hardness of the alloy.

When the alloy is completely molten, it is cast into ingot-molds, wherein it is left to cool.

To make perfectly sure that the composition of the alloy is rigorously correct, a sample is taken and analyzed, and if it is found that the required proportions do not exist the alloy is melted over again and such material added as is necessary to give to the mass the requisite composition.

The various metals used to increase the resisting force and the hardness of alloys (titanium, manganese, wolfram, tungsten, &c.) are added to the mixture in the state of salts (chiefly in the state of phosphides) either during the last melting or during the remelting of the ingot performed after the first casting and taking of the samples.

The alloy obtained in the way described above is fusible at a temperature below 800° centigrade. It is sufficient to heat it in kettles in the open air, exactly like lead or tin, neither furnaces nor crucibles being required.

This alloy molds itself perfectly in metal molds.

I claim—

The herein-described alloy consisting of copper forty parts; tin two hundred parts; zinc three hundred and sixty parts and aluminium four hundred parts.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two witnesses.

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