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J. G. T., of Ohio. - Carey's rotary pump has a spring behind the packing of the piston to compensate for the unequal wear Your idea on this point, therefore J. F. H., of -. Chiropedists deaden the pain of corns In various ways before thery operate. Ice, pressure, the application raudanum and chloroform all tend to deaden the pain. We do lead bods erideulous story going the round br some quicksilver being put into a loaf of bread and thrown into the water.
J. B., of Pa . - The carved work on wood is mostly executed by hand.
J. D. T., of Ky.-We do not advise the use of galvanized iron pipe for conducting water into houses, because the zinc is llable to decumposition. Persons do not generally persire much when asleep
belng equal.
J. C. J., of Ala.-A good alloy for the journal-box of your wheel may be made by melting together copper 90 parta; tin 10; lead, 3. , Melt the copper first, then add the tin and lead, one after another untilall are freed, when the alloy should be first run
E. P. C., of —. To make your copal varnish dry much faster, add an ounce of the oxyd of manganese to it while hot, and stirwell. From your description of the cutterand hollow mandrei forturning irregular forms, we judge that your invention is embraced in Alcott's lathe
S. T., of Mass.-There is no such principle of action In mechanics as "suction," although most persons have a different
J. B., of Mo- linen, soak them frrst in cold water, then wash with soap. If you use hat will render the bumen of the stains dimcult
H. M. S., of N. Y.-A bell is heard at a much greater distance when placed in a steeple than when situated near the ground. See an article on bells in our last volume, which explains this fact.
P. J. B., of N. Y.-The Alizarin ink is described on page 128 of our present volume. Wood vinegar is made by distilling wood in retorts, then purifying the liquid that is condensed. It in very strong unfermented vinegar, principally used in the arts of calicn printing and dyeing, and far making the acetate of lead. Nordhausen vitriol is dry concentrated sulphuric acid made in Paris.
S. O. C., of N. Y.-We, like yourself, greatly desire to witness aerial navigation ren
R. B. R., of Cal.-The substance which you have sent is very pure carbonate of lime (chalk), and is equal to the finest speci
W. F., of Ind.-If, as you state, electricity and cohesion are the same thing, how is it that electicity produces repulsion which is the very opposite of cohesion?
Hiero, of Ohio, --We have made a careful examination of your rejected case at the Patent O丹ice, and have delivered the report over to your correspondent here, from whom you will receive It. We found ou examination that your papers were badly
pared, evidently by' some one wholly unsldled in the business.
J. B. S., of N. Y.-Gypsum is collcined to deprive it of ins water of crystallization, in order to oonvert it into plaster-ofParl.
S. F., of Ohio.-Railroad car wheels have been constructed having two flanges. The idea is an old one.
W. Y., of Pa .-There is no substance known to as which is an effectual extinguisher of the cockroach. The trup illustrated on mage pr, Vol. XI V., of the Salentifio Anespican, is a goud cockroach catcher, we belleve. You had better try it. The adver tised remedies are not of much account
A. W., of Ohio.-We are aware that the practice of the Patent efleo has somowhat ehanged la cortala olansen of cesoy, nuei
as agricultural implemente, \&c., in regard to how mach shall be allowed under one application and one fee. A more liberal policy edge.
C. D. P., of Ohio.-Our pamphlet of information to inventorscontains just the advice you seem to need, and we would have malled you a copy had you give us your Post-ofce address. Any befrish with our pamphet of advice eratio br pending can be furnished with our
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. F. D., of Maine.-You can find an account of Jonathan Hornblower's engine in Nicholson's Operative Mechanic also Herbert's Encyclopedia. It was patented in 1721; and It does not a ppear that it gained public patronage orapprohation, as it wasin no way superior toW att's expansion engine. If you procure a patent for an invention and another person patents an improvement upon it, he could not use your invention without paying you; neither could you use his.
The Best Grindstone.-L. B. Johnson, of Cleveland Obio, has remitted $\$ 3$ to pay for one years' subscription to the Scluntipio Amessican, to be awarded to the person who shall exhibit, a the approaching State Fuir to be heldin Albany, the best grindstone for farmers' use. Will Col. Johnson please take notice?
S. N. T., of Mass.-A self-acting chain, made to operate by a coiled spring, could not be patented. Coiled springs have been employed for operating this requiring moderate powe
G. G., of Tex. -The building represented in the vignette which forms the heading to this paper is a very good representatlon of the Patent Office at Washington. Some years ago we represented theplanviewof the building as it then was, but many improvements and changes have been bince made, so that you
would get only a poor idea of the interior of the structure, as would get only a poor idea of the interior of the structure, as a present, by inspecting the views referred to
F. G., of Miss.-Your mosquitoes must be of a very vicious species, if they attack animals and persons, as you state. At the North, we use nettings over our beds, in some localities, for a few weekg; but the mosquitoes can nsually be banished tempo rarily by burning a amall piece of camphor in the room. Some very humane persons place a piece of raw beef in close proximity to their beds, and we are informed it answers the desired purpose the mosquito will feast upon the beef solong as it is fresh, without troubling the

1. E., of Texas.-You propose to employ a windmill on the prairie to pump water from a spring into an elevated reservoir, the latter to be used for the purpose of a regulator to operate a has been suggested tous many times, and it may answer well for many sltuations where the winds are variable en that when there is not a sufficient aerial cur rent to move the mill the reservoir having a stored-up supply of water may be used to oparate a wheel. All windmilla should be furnished with adjustable regulators for setting the vanes to suit the pressure of the wind.
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A. W. G., of Va.-The husking thimble is a convenient article. It can be obtained from J. H. Gould \& Co., of Alliance, O. L. F. M., of S. C.-The best way to prevent rifles from becoming rusty is to wash them well after being used, then dry the barrel witha wad of cot ton, and finally wipeout with a rag saturated with turpentine

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