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use of a rotating clamp, gage or socket, discharging ring, pressire roller and guide : the parts being oo arranged and used in connection with a folding device, that the manufacture of the above-named

25,374.-Joseph Wesley (assignor to Joseph B. Wesley) of Providence, R. I., for an Improvement in Skeleton Skirts:

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[Thiginvention consists in a skirt having its hoops secured to their uspending straps, at their several points of intersection, by the application of india-rubber, gutta-percha, or their equivalenta, in an adhesive condition between the hoops and two plies of which the traps, or those parts of them which cross the tapes, are composed The ekirt thus made constitutes a new article of manufacture, and is more durable than any otherkind.]

## RE-ISSUES

William S. Lavely and James M. Coooper (assignees of Josiah Ells), of Pittsburgh, Pa., for an Improve ment in Revolving Fire-arms. Patented Aug. 1, 1854:
We claim, frst, The uee of a atud in the trigger vibrating laterally,
in com bination with abevel-edged hammer, for the purpoee of raising
 trigger, which, after the discharge of the piece, will regain its position
for repeated action or (as a mere modification of arrangement) the
use of a 8 , in in the hammer vibratinglaterally, in combjnation with a bevel-edged trigger, for the purpose specified.
Second, The ueo of a beveledged hammer, with or without a notch
in its toe, and trigger with vibrating et ud and cam for the trigger pring, con structed a nd arranged substhntially as des cribed, frigger the
purpose of causing the hammer triger and revolving breeot to nsume their proper relative positionis at full cock by bimply pulling Third, The notch or depression in the toe of the hammer at the ith the laterally vibrating stud, for the purpoqe of in preventing the the
lipping of the stud aud the more easy jetention of the hammer at
point of full cock. Fourth, The mode hereinbefore described of locking the ro-
ating breech at the moment of firing by meang of the locking bolt perated by the trigger, in combination with the of the locking bolt the rotating breech, which neverthelew permitg the braech to of
reely rotated by hand or otherwise when the trigger is not drawn Fifth, The use or a double trigger spring or spring and lever, for
the purpose set forth.
Henry Jenkins, of Cincinnati, Ohio, for an Improved Ornamental Connection of the Parts of an Iron Fence. Patented Jan. 30, 1852 :
I claim forming the ornament or cast-iron connections for a railing,
fence or other article of tron, cationtint a divided iron mold, substan.
tially as and for the purpose specified.
Jacob H. Mumma, of Harrisburgh, Pa., for an Improve
ment in Straw-cutters. Patented Jan. 26, 1858: Iclaim, first, The combined application to straw-cutting machines
of achangeable feed gear, withtwoedged revolving cutters or blades,
when so made as that, by chan ing them end for end on their
arme or suppports, they shall brig a different cutting edge 1nto
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materfal in one and the same dircction, substantially as and for
the purpose stated. I also claim the combinatiou of feed rollers acted upon by tappete and the crushing rollers controlled by gum elastic springs, when
arranged in relation to, and acting in connection with the cutting
apparatus, as described and represented.

John W. Marsh, of Oxford, Mass., for an Improvement in Sewing Machines. Patented Oct. 27, 1857: I claim, first, The combination of the stide, A, provided with ite
gard, $E$, and its slot or slote, C D, with the foot-piece, $M$, with its
cuide, $N$, and slots, arranged and operating substantially as deguard, E , and its slot or slots, $C$ D, with the foot-piece, $M$, with its
guide, N , and slots, arranged and
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Second, I claim the combination with the sewing apparatus, or its
equivalent, of a movable knife operated by a conneotion with the equivalent, of a movable knife operated by a conneotion with the
seining machine so as to trim or cut the wort whilst being sewed
substantiallyin the manner and for the purposes as set forth and de substant
seribed.

## designs.

Philo B. Gilbert, of New York City, for a Design for the Handles of Spoons and Forks.
Elmira J. Ney, of Lowell, Mass., assignor to the Lowell Manufacturing Company, for a Design for a Carpet Pattern.

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We have printed a supplementary edition of the Scienfionmenian, in which there is a history of its rise and progress, with illustrations of the building, externally and internally, showing the spacious rooms in which our immense patent business is conducted, and with life-like representations of the artists, engiaeers and specification writers at their daily labors. The same pa containsinformation on the many intricate point areatise on patent law and practice, and comprises the best popular trealie on interested either in procuring, managing or using patented inven tions. The legal information contained in this paper is the result of fourteen years' experience as patent solicitors, and it cannot be found in any other treatise on patent law. It also containsinformation in regard to Foreign Patents and Extensions. It is pub lished in octavo form, sixteen pages, and malled upon receipt of uwo three-cent stamps. Address Munn \& Co., publishers of the Scl entifio American, New York City.
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R. M., of -.If you have invented any.new process, you are entltled to a patent forit. Until your plan is clearly de scribed to us', we cannot pronounce an opinion regarding it,
J. J., of Conn. -The parties whobuild, or use, or sell a patented machine are liable to prosecution. They may be prose cuted either separately or collectively
M. G., of Md.-All the wine exported to this country contalns some spirit forthe purpose of preserving it; brandy is generally used for this object. This spirit is also frequently ad ded toblackberry wine, but it is not absolutels necessary if the wine is bottled, sealed, and kept in a cool cellar
C. C. S., of Vt.-Cast-iron water-pipes will not last so long as those of lead ; and small wrought-iron pipes endure but a its bulk time. The tincture of iodine diluted with one-hat J. W. H., of Iowa.-Blanchard's patent for turning irre gular forms will not expire until January 20, 1862
J. H. C., of Ga.-You will find knitting-machines ad vertised in our columns. A planing.machine can be purchased of S. C. Hills, 12 Platt-street
S. H., of Maine. - Why a cold stove, which had been in use two years, should break across the top, and in 15 minute crack the second time, belongs to a very mysterious department of nature, the molecular change in solid substances. The wrought iron axles of railroad-cars have sometimes been found, after long use, to present a decidedly crystalline structure. Barley sugar is at first amorphous, but gradually crystallizes while retaining the solid state. But why this change takes ylace nobody know,
F. H. A., of Mass.-There is no rain in the upper portions of the atmosphere. If, even in the tropics, we ascend only three miles into the air, the rays of the sun seem to have lot thei powe, and we shiver with the cold. rain only anter it har fallen into the lor air will hold more moisture than cold air; and when warm air that has become saturated with moigture is cooled, a portion of the water is squeezed out of it, and falls, in the form of snow, hail or rain.
C. F. S., of N. C.-Charcoal dust mixed with night-soi will render it inodorous, without injuring it as a manure. Quicklime or sulphuric acid will also destroy the smell with some damage to the manure. We have just received a recent French periodical which contains a detailed description of a new process for ren dering night-soil inodorous, and preparing it for transportation ; but the aocount is too long for our columns. The substances used are charcoal, sulphuric acia, muriatic acid, and salt
F. J. J., of Conn.-Tidal wheels are nearly like the undershot kind. They are constructed in a similar manner, and have straight radial buckets. They answer very well for some situations but can only be used during certain hours each day. In severa places on Long Island these wheels arestill used on the salt creeks there is a very aged one (which is sometimes employed for grinding plaster) on Newtown Creek, in Williamsburgh, N. Y
A. W., of Maine. - We cannot refer you to any person in London connected with the painting of dissolving-views on exhibition at the Polytechnic Institution of that city
H. W., of N. H.-You will find a full description of Hill's Air Light on page 109, Vol. XIV, Soirntifio Amerioan. It will be well for you and others desiring info
H. C., of N. J.-A little oil of cloves poured into a bottle containing gum mucilage prevents the latter from becoming G. B., of N. Y.-We do not understand the principle of vegetable life, nor do we know any person who does. This is one of those secrets of nature which she has not yet revealed to man, and one which, we believe, he never can comprehend.
J. A., of Ill.-It would take up too much of our space to descrlbe the construction of the engines of the frigate "General Admiral." In Vol. XIV, Solentifio Amerioan, you will find a partial account of their dimensions. There have been some works on propellers uublished in London.
M. G. F., of N. Y.-The black enamel to which you refer on iron mantel-pieces is composed of a paste of protoxyd of iron and cobalt put on the metal and fused in a proper oven. Common blackmantel-pieces are colored with asphalt varnish. Several fnishing coat of copal is put on
C. S. G., of Ga. - You may frecly make the matches de scribed in No. 7, this volume, without phosphorus, while the foreign inventor has no patent. They are somewhat dangerous to make, likeall other friction matches. We do not know where agat the natural agate, but variegated glass. W. P. B., of Del.-It requires about an equal amount of ther under low or high pressure.
D., of Conn. -Roügh brass castings may be rendered bright by scouring them in a warm bath of dilute sulphurlc or muriatic acid, then washing them in warm water.
J. Y., of Mo.-Ocean cables having parallel instead of spiral wires, a
W. C., of Del.-There is no reliable work published on the distillation of turpentine, as practiced at the present day.
F. P., of S C.-The deep red color of bricks is produced by a small quantity of the red oxyd of iron in the clay. This may be imitated by art, by mixing about one ounce of the powdered per oxydot iron with the clay in the pug-mill. The cement which is placed on brick.work to imitate stone is composed of clean sand, 90 parts, 5 parts of litharge and 5 parts of plaster of Paris, moistened with boiled linseed oil. The bricks receive two or three coats of oil hefore this cement is applted, and it requires considerable skill to lay it ode It soon becomes hard, and resembles brown freestone
E. J., of N .J.-Attempts have been made to set tile-drains at one continnous operation of ditching and pipe-laying. A plow called a mole, having a sharp conical point was employed to cut the drain, and to it were attached the tiles strung upon a rope or chain drawn behind and laid down in the drain. This machine was defective in principle, because the tiles were dragged the whole length of the farrow. If you can invent a machine to set tile drain economically you will do well with it. Chains can be made of cust steel as well as of cast-iron, and for some purposes they may be superior, because they could be made lighter and be equally as stroag.

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