29.—Joseph Adams, of Cleveland, Ohio (assignor to himself and B. Barker, of same place), for an

25,929.—Joseph Adams, of Cleveland, Ohio (assignor to himself and B. Barker, of same place), for an Improvement in Cannon:

I claim the use and application of a piston for the purpose of loading, cleaning and cooling a cannon, the stem or end, G, of which passes through the breech or rear end of the gun, and is attached to a head or metallic piston, the circumference of which is equal to that of the bore of the cannon, and is made to fit the same exactly, and which piston-head, when drawn back, rests upon the main shoulder or substance of the breech at the point where the rod, G, connects therewith, and is of sufficient length to cover and serve as a valve to close the lateral opening at the breech end of the cannon, through which water is admitted to fill the bore of the gun when said piston is forced forward towards the muzzle, and which piston plays forward and backward, the entire length of the bore of the gun, so as to protrude sufficiently at the muzzle when forced forward, thus carrying out any substance of the exhausted cartridge after firing, und to which piston-head or built hie new cartridge is attached and drawn back to the breach or built hie new cartridge after firing, und to which piston-head or built hie new cartridge after firing, und to which piston-head or built the gun by the force applied to said rod, and in which condition the gun is loaded and ready to be again discharged.

Second, I claim the construction and employment of a lateral opening from the main chamber or bore of the gun, either passing through the breech-pin or otherwise, at or near the rear end thereof, and where the same will be closed and covered by the piston-head, when the same is fully drawn back thus (or by means of a tube or pipe connecting with a water-sack or vessel), and by means of which arrangement water is admitted and drawn into the gun by the same force which carries in the charge, thus washing and cooling the gun at every discharge, without any other movement than that necessarily employed in the act of loadin

act of loading alone.

25,930.—M. C. Cronk, of Auburn, N. Y. (assignor to himself, Wm. Boynton, Jr., and Albert H. Goss, of same place), for an Improved Mode of Feeding-in Fuel to the Fire-boxes of Cooking-stoves:

1 claim, first, In combination with the stationary upper fire-box, a rocking or swinging fire-box underneath, having a flange or cut-off, o, connected thereto, substantially as described.

I also claim, in combination with the rocking or swinging fire-box and cut-off, a rising and falling grate, H, substantially as described.

I also claim, in combination with the rocking or swinging fire-box, and rising and falling grate, a single rod or shaft, with its cams for operating both, substantially as described.

25,931.—L. W. C. Farrington, of Lowell, Mass. (assignor to Tuttle & Mudge, of Boston, Mass.), for an Improvement in Stoves:
I claim a parlor stove, having an oven, which is opened by raising the top in the manner substantially as set forth.

25,932.—Charles Younglove Haynes, of Philadelphia, Pa. (assignor to C. Y. Haynes & Co., of same

place), for an Improvement in Razor Strops: I claim the strop, when constructed substantially in the man I claim the strop, when c for the purposes described.

25,933.—W. H. Howland, (assignor to himself and John O. Hanson) of San Francisco, Cal., for an

Improved Amalgamator:
I claim the combination of a pair of grinding cones, F, G, revolving in different directions, with a horizontally-oscillating chambered dish, G, substantially as and for the purposes shown and described.

25,934.—Joseph Ives, of Bristol, Conn., for an Improvement in Watches:

I claim first, The combination of the spring, B, lever, C, and cam, D, substantially in the manner as and for the purpose described.

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Second, I claim the substitution of ribbed, corrugated, planished or unplanished tin plate for running gear, &c., (for other metal) when used in combination with the rolling pinion, substantially as and for the purpose described.

Third, I claim making a crown-wheel with rollers instead of teeth, and for the purpose described.

25,935.—George W. Slagle, (assignor to himself and O. A. Dailey) of Washington, D. C., for an improved Composition for mixing with Paints:

I claim making melaniline oil, or a substitute for linseed oil, by mixing together linseed oil or other vegetable oil possessing similar qualities, water and sal soda, or other similar, suitable alkali, substantially in the manner set forth.

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S. W. Hoffman and Adam J. Frederick (assignees through mesne assignment of Robert McWilliams) of Philadelphia, Pa., for an Improvement in Journal Boxes for Railroad-cars. Patented July 19,

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We claim, first, The upper half, A, of the box with its socket formed by the flange, h, in combination with the lower half, B, of the box, when the two halves are arranged substantially as set forth, so that on adjusting the lower half to its place, it may assume the position shown in Fig. 1, and so that when adjusted, the end,w, of the oil-chamber shall be close to the axle, as and for the purpose specified.

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Second, The self-adjusting leather-packing, E, and the metal plate, when both are dependent upon the lower half of the box for their pper position within the other half, and when they are otherwise ranged in respect to the upper and lower halves as and for the purses set forth.

W. S. Stetson, of Baltimore, Md., for an Improvement in Harvesters. Patented April 5, 1859:

I claim, in combination with a main frame, H, supported npon two carriage wheels, A A', which frame bears the shaft, M, and main cog-wheel, S, as excond frame hinged to and vibrating about said shaft, M, so that the crank-shaft on said second frame shall always be in a radial line to the main rog-wheel, S, however much said second frame may vibrate on the main frame, as set forth.

Second, I claim supporting the crank-shaft, V, upon a vibrating-frame, R, intermediate between the cutter-bar or its shoe, X, and the main frame, II, when said main frame bears the main cog-wheel; S, and said intermediate frame vibrates or turns a bout an axis parallel to the axis of the driving or carriage wheels as set forth.

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I claim, first, The main frame, H, which bears the pinion, K, and has its vibratory motions up and down independent of the motions of the platform and pole, in combination with the vibrating-rod, R, intermediate between the said main frame and cutter-bar, as set forth.

ond, I claim combining the adjusting-lever, Z, with the plat-C, and main frame, H, in the manner and for the purposes set Second, I claim combining the adjusting-lever, Z, with the platform, C, and main frame, H, in the manner and for the purposes set forth.

Third, I claim giving to the main frame, H, which bears the driving-pinion, K, a back and forth motion upon the axle tree, as set

W. S. Stetson, of Baltimore, Md., for an Improvement in Harvesters. Patented April 5, 1859:
I claim the combination of the shoe, X, with the vibrating-frame, R, by means of axis, y, at the rear end of said frame, as set forth.
Second, I claim horsing or supporting the knife-bar in a position at right angles, or nearly so, to the carriage axie by two movements, substantially as set forth.

ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENT.

Joseph F. Hall, of Bangor, Maine, for Improved Curtain Fixtures. Patented March 9, 1858:

I claim the application of the lever as explained and as it is represented in Fig. 2, in combination with the cord and tassel, with the pulley or eye in the end of the tassel, and for the purpose described.

EXTENSION.

David B. Rogers, of Pittsburgh, Pa., for an Improve-ment in Cultivator Teeth. Patented Nov. 1, 1845. Re-issued Sept. 20, 1859:

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I claim making the shank or upper part of cultivator teeth of thin plate steel, U-shaped or curved round in front, substantially as described, for the purpose of securing the necessary strength to permit the tooth to be made entire, shank and blade, of a single piece of metal, and also enabling the tooth to be secured in its place in the band by means of a wedge driven into the cavity of the shank, substantially as described.

DESIGNS.

Wm. Newton Brown, of New York City, for a Design for ornamenting Sewing-machines.

Andrew John Gallagher, of Philadelphia, Pa., for a Design for Cooking-stoves.

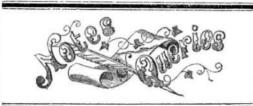
C. Harris and Paul W. Zoinier, of Cincinnati, Ohio, for a Design for Parlor Stoves.

Jeremiah Meger, of New York City (assignor to A. Sampson, of Manchester, N. H.) for a Design for Floor Cloths.

Thomas H. Wood. John E. Roberts and Henry S Hubbell, of Utica, N. Y., for a Design for Cook ing-stoves.

C. Wishart, of Philadelphia, Pa., for a Design Q. C. Wishart, of Phila for ornamenting Bottles.

NOTE - The foregoing list shows that SIXTY-THREE inventions have been patented this week; TWENTY-TWO of these patents, or more than ONE-THIRD, were either cases on which the specifications and drawings were prepared at this office, or rejected cases which have been prepared by the Inventor or incompetent attorneys, and placed in our hands for attention.



- W. A. H., of Miss.-Gold and silver are not attracted by the magnet, but are repelled by it. The metals which the mag net attracts are iron, nickel, cobalt, manganese, chromium, cerium ittanium, palladium, platinum andosmium. The metals which are repelled by the magnet are bismuth, antimony, zinc, tin, cadmium, sodium, mercury, lead, silver, copper, gold, arsenic, uranium, iridium and tungsten; bismuth being repelled with most force and the others with less force in the order in which we have written them. Your scheme for finding buried treasure by means of some delicate needle to be attracted by it is wholly impracticable. The idea that witch hazel will indicate the presence of water, and all
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- J. H. S., of S. C.—Water grates composed of tubes is a very old contrivance, though it has been seldom used. The diffi-culty you have anticipated has shown itself in the experiments which have been made with it; and besides, the tubes get loose, owing to their expansion being greater than that of the fire-box.
- W. A. H., of Iowa.—The power necessary to raise 1,000 lbs. with a 3-foot lever attached to a screw of 1-inch diameter and \mathcal{H} -inch pitch is 2.21 lbs. if the friction is disregarded, and the same power is required with a screw of 3 inches diameter and of the same pitch if the friction in both cases is the same. The friction with screws is very large, and it depends entirely on the workman ship and on the power applied to the same in proportion
- A. B. T., of N. Y.-If you invent and put into use a device which some other person subsequently invents and patents. you are still at liberty to continue the use. A patent granted under the circumstances named is invalid and worthless. Our laws re-quire that the applicant shall be the original and first inventor; if he is not so, the grant is of no value.
- S. P., Jr, of N. H.—A cheap protection of the sheet a covering of your buildings from rust is a coating of coal tar in the gas-works. It will cost you about \$2 per bbl.
- J. McC., of Ohio.—Steam carriages on common roads have been tried repeatedly in this country and Europe, but we do not know of any one now running. Nearly 30 years ago, one was run over 30 miles an hour on one of the English turnpikes. The immense weight of a locomotive, jarring over a common road, causes such rapid wear that the expense of repairs has hitherto proved an insurmountable obstacle to their practical use. Lex ington, Ky., is famous for its macadamized roads, and would per

haps be a good place for you to try your invention.

Wm. Allen Ingalls, of Chicago, Ill.—Wishes to correspond with a manufacturer of steel springs, with a view to pure Manufacturers will address him as above, box 4,206 Post-office Similar inquiries to the above are made to us by every mail, and hereafter we propose to charge \$1 for inserting such inquiries in the correspondence column, the amount to be forwarded at the tim the information is sought.

O. E S., of Mass.-The spindle attached to the headstock of a lathe is that which is called the line-center, and some times the line-spindle.

S. H., of N. H.—Wooden bobbins for factories can be made much cheaper from wood than india-rubber, and they are more durable, because the grease and oil used in a factory would soften the rubber.

- R. M., of S. C.-We have received your specimen of copper ore. It appears to be very good, but without a quantitative analysis we could not inform you the amount of metal contained in
- H. C. S., of Ill.—We are not acquainted with any process for softening fresh water shells. The application of heat will injure them, because they are principally composed of lime and a little gluten.
- M. G. B., of Wis.—Air can be compressed so as to give out sufficient heat to ignite phosphorous and tinder. By compressing it to about three atmospheres—45 lbs, on the square inch—we have ignited a dry cloth prepared with niter.
- W. B., of N. Y.-A non-conductor, such as a plate of ss, placed between a steel magnet and a piece of iron will not cut off the magnetic influence. A balloon, with a basket suspended from it and operated by a fan propeller, was exhibited in this city by Capt. Taggart, of Roxbury, Mass., about nine years ago. As your sketch represents a similar plan, of course it is not new. Captain Taggart endeavored to make an ascent from Jersey City, but his balloon was caught by some tall trees in the vicinity, and he came near being dashed to pieces by being thrown out of the basket. The excited crowd then cut the cords of the balloon, and after making a few surges, it bolted upwards and sailed aloft upon its solitary journey, and was never heard of afterwards.
- A. C., of N. Y.—You can write indelibly on zinc with anink made of nitrate of silver dissolved in ammonia, and thick-ened with a little gum arabic. We have been informed that Bath bricks are made of a peculiar kind of clay obtained at Bath, England, but we do not know the peculiar process by which they are rendered so porous
- J. R. N., of Ind.—The heat of the earth increases as we descend, at the rate of about one degree in every 50 feet. This increase is supposed to continue until the point is reached at which matter is melted, when it would necessarily cease; the freer circulation of the particles in a fluid state causing a nearly equal temperature thr ghout the molten mass
- S. S., of N. H.—Vinegar is composed of carbon, hydrogen and oxygen. Alcohol is composed of the same substances, in slightly different proportions. Almost all vegetable products, wine, cider, beer, starch, sugar, rosin, pitch, gum arabic, gum tragacanth, india-rubber, gutta-percha, prussic acid, &c., &c., are composed of three or all of the four organic elements—oxygen, hydrogen, nitrogen and carbon
- B. B. W., of Conn.—You propose to produce perpetual motion by the following arrangement: you balance with great deliaccor a brass trough upon a pivot in the middle, and place within it a round iron ball. Under each end of the trough, you arrange a spiral spring and a spring-catch, the latter at such hight that it will hold the end of the trough below the level of the fulcrum. As the iron ball rolls down to the end of the trough, it releases the catch, and the spiral spring throws up the end above the level of the fulcrum. In order to raise it still higher, so that the opposite end will hook under its catch, you arrange two magnets, one directly over hook under its catch, you arrange two magnets, one directly over each end of the trough, so that they may attract the iron ball, and thus assist the tipping of the trough. It will not work. The force of a magnet is in inverse proportion to the square of its distance, measuring to a short distance within its end. Your magnet would attract the ball at one inch distance with a force nine times as great as the force with which it would attract it at a distance of three inches. If the force of a magnet only increased directly with the square of the distance, your plan would surely work. How a perpetual motions have been upset with an IF? No doubt the Commissioner of Patents will grant you a patent for your invention, if you will exhibit to him a working model.
- JOHN SMITH, JR., of D. C .- Your diagrams are at hand. We see no merit in one of your illustrations, and the other possesses no novelty, although much merit. Do not think you can get a patent on either. Have seen similar devices before.

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Office business, for the week ending Saturday, Oct. 29, 1889;—

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Specifications, drawings and models belonging to parties with the following initials have been forwarded to the Patent Office during the week ending Saturday, Oct. 29, 1859:—

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