26,238.-E. T. Weeks, (assignor to S. H. Babcock) of Franconia, N. H., for an Improved Shoe-pegging

Machine: I claim the feeding-device formed of bar, L, to which the jaws re connected, operated by the server, K, ratchet, S, and pawl, T, ver, U, and pitman, V, substantially as and for the purpose set with

forth. I also claim, in connection with the riving or splitting knife, the gace, I, arranged as and for the purpose specified. I further claim use classic or yielding bar, Q, when attached to the arbor, M, provided with cam, d, and used in connection with the segment rack, P, curved bars, N O, and jaws, k l, for the purpose set forth. arbor, M. segment i set forth.

#### RE-ISSUES.

Berresford Maria King, of New York City, Executrix of Valentine Hall, deceased, late of said New York

of valentine rank, deceased, late of said New York
City, for an Improvement in Apparatus for Cooling Liquids. Patented Sept. 20, 1859:
I claim, first, The employment or use of one or more receivers, A B, with or without he pump, E, placed on a task, F, containing foc water or water at a low temperature, and connected together and to the liquid supply pipe, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

to the huma supply pipe, substantial yas and for the purpose set forth. Second, The employment or use of one or more receivers, A B, placed within a tank, F, and connected with the barrel or cask, H, by means of a siphon, I, and with a pump, E, within or atthe outer side of the tank, for the purposes set forth. Third, The combining of a pump, E, with one or more receiver, A B, connected together and made to communicate with each other by siphons, C D, when said parts are submerged within a tank, F, and made to communicate with the barrel or cask, H, by means of a siphon, I, extending over the top of the tank, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

[This invention consists in placing one or more receivers, with or without a pump, within a tank supplied with ice water, or water at a low temperature, and connecting together said receivers or week at a and the pump, if one be used, by means of a siphon or siphons which are placed in communication with the supply pipe, whereby liquids can be drawn in a cool state direct from the supply pipe, and the refrigerating device readily cleaned when necessary, all the parts being rendered very accessible. See engraving in No.18, preent volume.7

Joseph W. Fawkes, of Christiana, Pa., for an Improvement in Machines for Plowing. Patented Jan. 26, 1858

1858: I claim, first, The employment, in combination with the locomo-tive, of a bilge-sha;ed ariving-wheel, substantially as set forth. Second, I do not claim broadly the invention of movable spurs; but I claim the combination of the sliding spurs, k k, with the bilge-shaped driving-wheel, E, as shown and described. Third, The arrangement of the adjustable frame, plows, gage-wheel, driving-wheel, engine, boiler, and guiding-wheels, as shown and described.

Septimus Norris, of Philadelphia, Pa., for an Improve-ment in Running Gear of Locomotive Engines. Patented Sept. 26, 1854. Re-issued March 2, 1858 with six o

I claim the combination of a free vibrating-truck, with six driving-wheels, when the front pair of drivers is placed in s of the center of gravity of the entire engine, substantially for the purposes set forth.

William Oldham, of Buffalo, N. Y., for an Improvement in Steam-boilers. Patented June 7, 1859:
I claim, first, The central water space, F', in the combustion-chamber, F, arranged in relation to the annular water space, F', and to the tukes, D, or their respective equivalents, substantially as set forth.

to the tures, by or then happened equations of the forth. Second, Placing the annular sheet, G, and horizontal plate, I, (which with the jacket form the smoke-pipe, M), outside of the waterspace to allow the sediment to be conveniently removed from the water space, in communication with the described arrangement of the return tubes, D, substantially as set forth.

DESIGNS.

Elemir J. Ney, of Lowell, Mass., (assignor to the Lowell Manufacturing Company) for a Design for Car-pet Patterns. (2 cases.)

ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENT.

Benjamin F. Wells, of Georgetown, D. C., for an Improvement in Naval Architecture. Patented Oct. 18, 1859:

I claim making the lines of every section of a vessel from the keel the water line arcs of circles, when said arcs have separate and "spendent centers determined substantially in the manner do-ib. d. tı inu scribı

#### EXTENSIONS.

V. Queen, of Peckskill, N. Y., for an Im-Christian V. Queen, of Peckskill, N. Y., for an Im-provement, in Forges. Patented Nov. 18, 1845: I claim the combuter of the curved sliding shutters for enclos-I claim the combuter of the survey sliding shutters for enclos-ing the exact ever the summa device for admittings a fraughter ing the exact ever the summa being effected for the purpose pellows are not employed. The same being effected for the purpose and substantially is the ma. The made known.

Joseph E. Anderson, of Poston, Mass., for an Improve-ment in Planing-maclunes. Patented Nov. 21,

1845: I claim the manner shown of forming, arranging and combining with the revolving cutter-wheel, the revolving Platform and the end-less aprons between which the board to be planed is to be passed, by means of which arrangement and combination it is firmly held along the whole length of such apron and carried regularly forward without deviation.

George Faber, of Canton, Ohio, for an Improved Mag-netic Water Gage for Boilers. Patented Nov. 26,

1845: I claim the method herein described, or any other substantially the same, of indicating the rise and fall of water in a steam-boiler or generator by means of an indicator outside thereof actuated by a rangent connected with a float or any other body within the boiler that rises and falls with the water and connected with the magnet, substantially as described.

NOTE.—The above list of patents contains THETY-ONE which wer though not so many as we frequently obtain, some weeks, we con-sider it a very good week's business from one agency.

# Literary Notices.

EDINBURGH REVIEW. Published by Leonard Scott & Co., this city. Thornsource and the second second second second second second tains ten able essays, each worthy of the days when Jeffrey was its editor. The first is a review of A. Bains' new work on "Psychology," and the last one is on the "Secret Organization of Trades" in Eng-land. It is stated in this article that a strike of workmen was one concoted to defeat the election of Sir Joseph Paxton to the British Parliament; and that it was got up by a political cabal, who bribed the ringleaders among the workmen.

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY. Ticknor & Fields, publish-

ers, Boston. The December number has the concluding chapters of "The Min ister's Wooing" and "The Professor at the Breakfast Table." Th new publishers affirm, in italics, that "'The Atlantic' has neve been, and will never be, a sectional journal."

THE MATHEMATICAL MONTHLY J. D. Runkle, A. M. A.A.S., editor: Ivison & Phinney, this city, publishers. Tuis is a magazine of some 40 pages, printed on excellent paper, in beautiful style, and devoted wholly to the discussion of mathemati-cal problems. We suspectits circulation is hardly equal to that of the "New York Ledger."

NEW YORK COACHMAKERS' MAGAZINE. Published by E. M. Stratton, this city. This very interesting magazine has reached the seventh number of the second volume, and doubtless is appreciated by the very large class of mechanics and manufacturers to whose interests it is devo-ted.



E. M. R., of Va.-According to your recollection, if Robert Stephenson had not magnanimously declined the usual allowance made to vessels of the size of his yacht "Wave," he would have beat the "America" in the famous race. We remember good-natured and very graphic account of the race. 'The write said that, as his party rode along in the edge of the evening through the immense crowds who were wending their way home-ward, they had constant occasion to reply to the hail, "Is the 'America' ahead?" "Yes." "What is next?" "Nothing."

R. M., of Pendleton.-We do not remember to have received any specimen of copper from you. You had better sen another to E. N. Kent, No. 30 Wall-street, this city, for analysis. You had better send

P. C., of Pa.-You are required by law, on presenting an application for a patent, to define, and, at the same time, clearl, and honestly explain, your invention. If you have fuiled to d this, you have no right to complain of the Commissioner of Patents for refusing to grant you a patent. Inventors sometimes think they can get a patent without explaining their secret. This is ab-surd, as the law could give no protection to an inventor unless he fully explains his invention, and then only after being satisfied that it is new and entitled to a patent.

H. W. W., of Ky.-It is generally acknowledged that pure sperm is the best oil for lubricating machinery. Although higher in price than other oils, it is not considered more expensive, because it affords such good results, and is the most durable. This opinion we have derived from several machinists, who have rised various kinds of oils. A cheaper oil, equally as good, is de-sirable, because a vast annual expenditure on railroads and in factories is incurred for this lubricator. Common whale oil can be much improved for lubricating purposes, by boiling it with salsoda for half an hour. About one ounce of soda only is used to the gallon; and when boiled, it is allowed to settle until a sediment fulls to the bottom. The clear is then run off, and used for the machinery.

C. O. R., of N. J.-We decide not to publish the article you send us, upon the cut-offand throttle-valve, taken from a daily paper. We will state, however, that the objection urged by the writer to the operation of the cut-off by the governor is absurd; for the same objection would apply to all high-pressure reciprocatingengines, whether governed by the cut-off or not; or even if they rorked under the full head of steam throughout the stroke ut-off has nothing to do with such an effect as he described.

N. P. M., of Ohio .-- It is a law in mechanical work that action and re-action are equal. The ball would not fall with greater force than that required to make it ascend.

J. C., of Mass .- You complain that we did not answer your letter in regard to the probability of your being able to find a market here for your patent clocks. If you will stop and reflect a moment, you will see that such a question does not belong to us to investigate and answer. Simply because you are one of our sub-scribers does not "entitle" you to our time in looking up information about the state of the clock market. Our puper is supposed to be worth the subscription price, else you would not take it. Our rule is to show courtesy to all our readers alike : but we do not recognize the principle that a subscriber, because he is a subscriber. has a right to demand our time in a business matter without com-pensation. We carefully answer all inquiries put to us by our readdemand our time in a business matter without ers, when we can do so without a great sacrifice of time; and we have their repeated assurances that they get from us, freely, in-formation they could not obtain elsewhere for money.

S. B., of N. J.-If, as you state, thunder or electric clouds are always minus, and the earth plus, then no discharges to the arth tan take place. In other words, were your views correct, no house, tree, man or beast would ever be lightning-struck.

. A. S., of Pa.-You appreciate the advantages of having the extremity or point of the lightning-rod made of a good conductor; hence, you are right in condemning the use of Germansilver points. A silver point is better than one of platina, because it has nearly thrice the conducting capacity. Platina, however, is so difficult to fuse, and a silver point is so liable to be melted by a heavy discharge of the fluid, that the platina, on this account, sor

W. M., of Ky.-H. Bailliere, No. 440 Broadway, this city, is the agent for Muspratt's chemistry.

B. & O., of N. Y .- H. B. M. Birkenbine, Chief Engineer of the Philadelphia Water.works, has charge of the very interesting experiments in relation to the power of the various tur-bine wheels. By writing to him, you can ascertain whether you are too late too have your wheel tested.

J. M., of Mich .- On examination, we find that our efater ent in regard to the first locomotive used in this country was correct. It was, in 1831, on the Mohawk and Hudson Railroad.

S. E. R., of Pa .--- Your question is, Will water passing on to an overshot wheel, through an opening one footin do more work when the supply in the forebey is 8 feet hig hight. 8 feet high than when it is just one foot high, the supply being constant in both cases ?" We auswer, it will depend entirely on the direction in which the water strikes the wheel; if it strikes it so interim in mentum will be expended in turning the wheel, as will generally be the case, then the wheel will run faster when the water is high in the forebay.

J. C., of Mount Pleasant .- Attempts have been made to drive machinery with guapowder, and if they had been successful the light engine to fly with would have been produced. Two diffi-culties were encountered—the force was too sudden, and the smoke fouled the machinery. We do not think your plun practicable.

W. A. M., of Mass.-We know of no substance more certain to explode, on being struck, than fulminating mercury, with which percussion caps are charged. Atmospheric air, on being sud-denly compressed, will yield sufficient heat to kindle phosphorus. 3

- D. M. C., of N. Y .- There are two causes of the pro-Inged sound of thunder. One is that the lightning generally moves in a direction somewhat towards or from the spectator, and the sound produced nearest him reaches him sconer than that produced at greater distances. Another reason, assigned by Professor Pearce, is the varying densities in the different strata of air and cloud through which the sound passes. Your questions in astron. ony are of the most elementary character, and could be answered only at considerable length. We must refer you to some work on omy. Professor Olmstead's will be suitable for you.
- E. M. R., of Va.-Singular nouns ending in s (single) form the possessive by taking an apostrophe and s. There are good authorities for omitting the second s, butwe notice that most of the good writers in this country and England now adopt the rule which good writers in this country and England now adopt the rule which we have given. Morgan James, of Utica, and Daniel Fish, of No. 66 Fullon-street, this city, are ranked among tho best rifle makers in the State of New York. "The American Rifle," by Chapman, is said to be a good work. The October number of the "Atlantic Monthly" has a good article on the rifle. You will find an illustra-tion of the lime stove invented by W. W. Albro, of Binghamton, N. Y., on page 281, Vol. XI., of the SCHNTHFO AMERICAN.

J. R. A., of Conn.-The SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN is the only work, published in this city, that contains a list of all the patents granted since 1847.

-We are aware that you are a joint H. R., of Mass.patentee with Mr. Leonard, in the method of manufacturing par-fine candles, for which the patent was issued on the 8th of Feb-ruary last, but Mr. Leonard is the inventor; hence we gave him credit, and no other person has the right to claim any glory for the improvement.

S. S., of N, J.-You can make a beautiful, quick-drying varnish for paper or linen, as follows:-Take gum sandarach, 8 oz.; Canadian br.Jsam, 4 oz.; and dissolve them in a quart of alco-hol. Varnish made with gum resins and turpentine do not dry so fast as those made with alcohol, but they are not so liable to

H. W. C., of N. Y.-A very small amount of sulphate of iron should be used in making black ink with logwood; an ounce is sufficient for a gallon.

- C. T. M., of S. C.-You can put up a line of telegraph in any part of California and use a visual signaling telegraph like part of Cantorna and use a visual signaling telegraph like imployed in England; but if you use an electro-magnet to records or produce signals of any kind, it would be considered an infringement of the Morse patent.
- S. II., of Del.-Two sets of blocks and falls rove fourfold and set up on angle frames are sufficient to elevate a steeple-frame of 7,000 pounds weight. You must be careful in securing the frames so as to have them sufficiently strong, to prevent their breaking when raising the steeple.
- J. K., of Del.-Resin gas possesses double the illuminating power of coal-gas, but we cannot tell you the relative value of

the gas made from saw-dust, to which you refer. H. J. G., of N. Y.—Solar oil is simply a market name for a certain quality of coal-oil.

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