-Car Coupling .- John Van Dyne, Crum Elbow,

N. Y.: claim the arrangement of the cam, F, jaws, B, and springs, C, the guides, D D, head, A, and shackle, E, in the manner herein n and described.

hown and described.

[The object of this invention is to simplify the car coupling by dispensing with certain parts thereof, and at the same time render the coupling more efficient than it originally was.]

40,967.—Tool for Fastening Boiler Tubes.—Aaron Van Guysling, North Greenbush, N. Y.:
I claim, first, The application of the handle, F, to the sleeve, A, to operate in combination with the segmental expanders, D, and conical manker, C, in the manner and for the purpose substantially a described.

Second. So a reason of the segmental expanders.

described.
Second, So arranging the segmental expanders, D, in relation to each other and to the sleeve, A, that the same when not expanded leave no gaps between their adjoining edges, and when expanded they embrace the largest possible part of the inner surface of the tube as set forth.

This invention is intended as an improvement on a tool for attach ing tubes to boilers, on which a patent was granted to Thomas Prosser April 17, 1849. The improvement relates to the slotted sleeve which forms the guide for the segmental expanders, and which is provided with a handle so that after the conical mandrel has been inserted, the tool can be turned, and that by this action the joints between the tools and tube-shut is rendered smooth, free from ridgesor wrinkles

and pertectly tight.]

40,968.—Confining the ends of Elliptic Springs.—Richard Vose, New York City:
I claim the combination of curved, tension-spring plates, with elastic bearing plates. In the construction of a tension elliptic spring, when said tension plates are self-retained in their proper positions, and left free to expand independently of each other, substantially as is herein set forth and described.
I claim also the use of hollow end caps to retain and secure the ends of the elastic plates, in an elliptical or semi-elliptical tension plate spring, substantially in the manner and for the purpose herein set forth.

set forth.

40,969.—Shingle Machine.—Martin Weaver, Millersburgh, Pa. Ante-dated Dec. 1, 1863:
I claim, first, The combination of the horizontal circular saw, C, adapted to cut on both sides of the horizontal endless chain, E, and agge blocks, K, allarranged and operating as herein set forth.

Second, The combination of the tables, N', with the rollers, M M', endless chain, F, gage blocks, K K', and double-acting/saw, C, all constructed and operating as described.

[By means of this invention shingles are sawn at two places on a shingle machine as fast as two operators can place the blocks in position.]

on.]
0,970.—Portable Photographic Gallery.—Samuel Weaver, Gettysburgh, Pa.:
I claim the enlargement of a portable daguerrean gallery or house, by means of the elongated sliding bars, C, friction roller boxes, D, novable sldes, g, and friction rollers, E, as arranged, and operating ubstantially in the manner herein specified.

substantially in the manner herein specified.

40,971.—Vegetable Cutter.—Amos H. Wellington, Woodstock, Vt.:

I claim my improved machine or combination and arrangement of the vertical conical hopper, B, the two detainers or cutting boards, L L, and a vertical hollow cone or frusum, C, provided with knives, having throats opening into the interior space or chamber of the said cone or frustum, the whole being substantially as and for the purpose and to operate as hereinbefore specified.

and to operate as neremortore specimen.

0.972.—Shuttle Fastening.—Gilbert D. Whitmore, Boston, Mass.:

I claim the above-explained improved blind fastener, having a handle, E, and two or any other suitable number of inclined cam slots, e, made and applied together and arranged with respect to a springbott, A, and is case, B, substantially in manner and so as to operate therewith and with catches, F H, disposed as specified.

O'BLU ONLY WILL CATCHES, F H, disposed as specified.

73.—Cultivator.—Erastus Wilcox, Delhi, Iowa:
laim the combination and arrangement of the frame, A A B B,
b, D b, and adjustable standards, F F, wheels, H H, in clined bars,
and JJ, stands, N N and T T, bars, L and M, handles, J'J', shovel
ks, Q and V, with cultivating shovels, S and X, the whole concted as described.

40,974.—Fan Blower.—William Winter, Plainfield, N. J.:
I claim the annular air-chamber, d, and double conical cavity, a,
with central apertures, f, in combination with triangular rotary wings
B, constructed and operating substantially as and for the purpose
shown and described.

-Cast-iron Building Pieces.-Robert Wood, Phil-

adelphia, Pa.: I claim building pieces consisting of hollow cast-iron shells, having projections and holes arranged substantially as and for the purpose herein set forth.

40,976.—Refrigerator.—W. M. Baker (assignor to himself and W. R. Heath), Walpole, Ind.: I claim the air-tubes, I J, and air-chamber, H, in combination with the ice-chamber, D, and ventilator, K, all being arranged in relation with the inner case, B, to operate in the manner substantially as and for the purpose herein set forth.

[This invention relates to an improvement on a refrigerator for which Letters Patent were granted to this inventor, bearing date July 18, 1863. The object of the invention is to supply the interior of the refrigerator with cold dry air and to carry off from the former all ms impurities.]

gaseous impurities.]
40,977.—Cooling and Discharging Fermented Liquors.—
Felix Brunnow (assignor to himself and Joseph N.
Naglee), Philadelphia, Pa.:
I claim a vessel, A, of any suitable form for containing ice and
water, and the weighted inverted vessel, D, in combination with the
cocks and tubes herein described, or any equivalent to the same, the
whole operating substantially as described, for the purpose specified.
40,978.—Primed Metallic Cartridge.—Silas Crispin, New
York City, assignor to Thomas Poultney, Baltimore,
Md.:

Md.: The combination of a thin-wrapped metal and paper cartridge case with a primer, so securely fastened together as to form a primed expanding wrapped metal and paper cartridge, substantially as above described.

as above described.

Second, The combination of a thin-wrapped metal cartridge case and a primer, so securely fastened together as to constitute a primed expanding wrapped metal cartridge, substantially as described.

expanding wrapped metal catridge, substantially as described.

40,979.—Corn Harvester.—Edward J. Eno (assignor to Stephen H. Eno), Jacksonville, Ill.:
I claim, first, The rising and falling plates, I l', operated by the part pinion, JJ', in combination with the guide arms, e, and the endless apron, Q, all being placed within or attached to a box, C, applied to the body of a cart or wagon, to operate substantially as and for the purpose herein set forth.

Second, The particular manner of attaching the box, C, to the wagon body, to wit, by means of the posts, D, and keys, E, as herein set forth.

(This invention of the contraction of the process of the posts, D, and keys, E, as herein set forth.

This invention relates to a new and improved machine for detaching the ears of corn from the standing stalks, and depositing the former in a cart or wagon as the latter is drawn along over the field and in proper relation with the rows of corn.]

40,980.—Spindle Bolsters of Spinning Machines.—Richard Fethney, Manchester, England, assignor to Lewis Leigh, Seymour, Conn. Patented in England Nov. 5, 1861:

I claim, first, The tubular bolster for spindles, herein described, provided with a spindle rail, for the purposes and substantially as specified.

Second, I claim the means, substantially as described, for preventing the rotation of said bolster and retaining it in its recess in the spindle rail as set forth.

40,981.—LeverJack.—Thomas M. Kane (assignor to himself and Ogden Howell), Goshen, N. Y.:

I claim the construction of the uprights, in combination with the lever block and clevis, when constructed, arranged and combined as herein described and for the purposes set forth.

40,982.—Fan Blower.—M. V. Noble, St. Anthony, Minn., assignor to himself, J. C. Nobles and Eliza C. Suydam:

dam:

I claim, in combination with a fan case having closed eyes, and a divided fan, the double sets of inlet and exit air ducts or passages, C C' and D D, constructed, arranged and operating together for the purpose of drawing in and forcing through it counter currents of pure and impure air, substantially as and for the purpose described.

40,983.—Mode of Fastening Bales of Merchandize.—T.

W. Reilly (assignor to Hector H. McClean), New Orleans, La.:

leans, La.: claim the buckle, A, with tongues, d d, and center piece, C, as represent d in the drawings.

only represent a in the drawings.

O,984.—Manufacture of Artificial Stone.—F. M. Ruschaupt, New York City, assignor to J. G. Kershaw, Philadelphia, Pa.:

I claim the manufacture of artificial stone from lime, clay and geltinous silicic acid, mixed and pressed substantially as set forth, for he purpose specified.

40,985.—Hoop Skirt.—S. S. Sherwood, Acquackanonck, N. J., assignor to himself and Alexander Douglas, English Neighborhood, N. J.:

I claim the combination with the tapes, A.A, woven with loops or their equivalents, and the hoops, E.E, of the cords or braids, F.F, when the latter are secured outside of the tapes, and not through them, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

40,986.—Turbine Water Wheels.—Seth Whalen, Balston Spa, N. Y., assignor to himself and Hannah Whalen, Burnt Hills, N. Y.:

I claim the guide wheel, g, with the chutes, I, I, and central discharge wheel, k, with the buckets, 2, 2, substantially as specified, in combination with the stop water or cap, I, extending from the guide wheel, g, to the shaft, th, as and for the purposes specified.

I also claim the follower blocks, n, and keys or wedges, 5, in combination with the stop water or cap, I, for the purposes as pecified.

field.

40,987.—Mill for Grinding Fruit, Grain, &c.—Wm. N.
Whiteley, Jerome Fassler and O. S. Kelly, Springfield, Ohio:

First, We claim the three grinding rollers in combination with the metal segments, k k, constructed substantially as described for the purposes set forth.

Second, in combination with the frame and grinding rollers arranged substantially as described, we claim arranging the gearing which communicates motion to or between the rollers on the ends of the shafts outside of the journal boxes and frame, substantially as described.

the shafts outside of the journal boxes and frame, substantially as described.

Third, We claim, in combination with the ribbed segment, N, the spiral, crushing and feeding roller arranged over the grinding rollers, H and H', substantially as described and shown, to crush and feed the apples uniformly to the grinding rollers. Fourth, We claim two spiral-ribbed grinding rollers running together at different velocities, with the ribs of one roller crossing the ribs on the other at an angle where the grinding is effected, in combination with the crushing and feeding roller arranged above them. Fifth, We claim the combination of the hopper, Q, ribbed segment, N, segments, R R', and rikes, L L, with the roller, M, forming the crushing box, constructed so as to be readily removed, as described, for washing and cleaning the mill.

or wasning and cleaning the mill.

10,988.—Metallic Cartridge.—T. J. Rodman, Watertown,
Mass., and Silas Crispin, New York City, assignors
to Thomas Poultney, Baltimore, Md.:
We claim, first, The thin metal-wrapped cartridge case, made substantially in the manner described and for the purpose set forth.

Second, The forming of a wrapped thin metal cartridge case combined with an internal or external strengthening disk or cups, whether this disk or cup is made of paper, metal, or an elastic material, substantially as above described.

# RE-ISSUES.

1,589.—Loom.—Thomas Lovelidge, Philadelphia, Par-Patented Feb. 14, 1860:
I claim yarn-delivering mechanism, consisting of a toothed wheel and a detent or escapement lever, or their equivalents, applied to or operating with the yarn beam, substantially as set forth, when the said mechanism is controlled by the tension of the yarn through the medium of the devices herein set forth, or the equivalent to the same.

same.

1,590.—Preparation of Straw for Paper Pulp.—J. B. Palser and Gardner Howland, Fort Edward, N. Y. Patented June 21, 1859. Re-issued July 3, 1860:

I claim the process of subjecting straw or similar stalks to the similaneous action of an alkaline liquid, agitation, and a high temperature, such as is produced by contact with a surface heated by a fire leath, whereby such a change is effected in the organization of the glutinous or resinous matters contained in the material that the firm of the contained in the material that the firm of the contained in the material that the firm of the contained in the material that the firm of the contained in the material that the firm of the contained in the material that the firm of the contained in the material can be separated from them by washing.

1.591.—J. B. Palser and Gardner Howland, Fort Edward
N. Y. Patented March 20, 1860:
We claim as a new article of manufacture the staple fiber made
substantially as herein set forth.

1.592.—Sewing Machine.—William Stanley (assignee by
mesne assignments of A. H. Hook), New York City.
Patented Nov. 30, 1859:
Lejaim the combination of the levers, m. n. arm, k. spring, o. and

I claim the combination of the levers, m n, arm, k, spring, o, and m, p, constructed and arranged substantially as and for the purpose of forth.

cam, p, constructed and arranged substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

The combination of the two washers or plates, z z, concave at the center and rounded at their outer edges, with a center pin, and any suitable means to give such plates pressure, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

# DESIGNS.

1,876.—Metal Tea Set. Pa. -Ernest 'Kaufman, Philadelphia

1,877 and 1,878.—Stove Plates.—D. E. Paris, Troy, N.Y.

# EXTENSIONS.

Machinery for Making Cord.—W. E. Nichols, East Had-dam, John Patented Dec. 11 1849. Re-issued Jan.

Machinery for Making Cord.—W. E. Nichols, East Haddam, Conn. Patented Dec. 11 1849. Re-issued Jan. 20, 1857:

I claim, first, Twisting or controlling the twist of the strands while the main frame is revolving to lay them into cord, by causing an even-faced wheel attached concentrically to and revolving with the bobbin frame, to travel over a fixed and smooth surface, friction causing the frame to revolve.

Second, Revolving the bobbin frames on their own axes to twist the strands, at the same time that they are carried round a common center to twist the cord by rolling them on the surface of a stationary annular inclined track toward the inner or outer periphery of which they can be adjusted to run, so as to vary the relative twist of the strands and cord, substantially as herein set forth. Third, I claim the construction and arrangement of the central stem or spindle of the bobbin frame, operating substantially as herein set forth; whereby the yarns are collectively subjected to progressively increasing tension and twist, from the commencement to the end of the process of laying them into the strand, whereby the later is rendered smooth and regular in its figure and of uniform density and strength, and subjected to uniform tension, while being laid into the cord.

Loom for Weaving Figured Fabrics.—Moses Marshall,

Loom for Weaving Figured Fabrics.—Moses Marshall, Lowell, Mass. Patented Dec. 11, 1849. Re-issued

Lowell, Mass. Patented Dec. 11, 1849. Re-issued April 24, 1860:
I claim combining with the jacks that operate the series of leaves of heddles, and with the lifter and depresser and pattern chain, or any equivalent a pparatus for determining the pattern, a mechanism for holding the jacks either in their elevated or depressed position, when not required to be operated, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

I also claim imparting an irregular motion, substantially such as erein described, to the jacks, by means of eccentric cog wheels, sub-tantially as and for the purpose specified.



O. M. B., of Conn.-By covering the surface of your galvanizing vessel with powdered charcoal, lampblack not be troubled with disagreeable fumes.

O. E. M., of Ill.—We have never seen a casting (part of which was chilled) rendered malleable, with the chilled part preserved in the original condition.

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C. E. F., of N. Y.—Your method of expressing cider appears to be new, and we do not see any reason why the plan would not work well, though there may be practical difficulties which could only be found out by experiment.

R. S. S. H., of Md.—The New England Farmer is published in Boston. You had better send on \$2 and subscribe for it, and we have no doubt the editor will answer your enquiry.

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