



LIST OF PATENT CLAIMS Issued from the United States Patent Office, FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 1, 1855.

PROJECTILES—W. J. Von Kammerhauer, of Washington City, D. C. : I claim the lens shape of the projectile, made of any desirable material or combination of materials, solid or hollow, as described, and which projectile is to be thrown by any exploding or expanding substance.
ARRANGING SHAFTS AND PULLEYS AT AN ANGLE—Abner Whiteley, of Springfield, Ohio: I do not claim communicating motion when the axes form an angle with each other by means of a cross-head or pin attached to one axis moving within grooves or slots attached to the parts of the other axis or pulleys, as is well known.
LUBRICATOR—R. M. Wade, of Wadesville, Va. : I make no claim to the abstract of the passage of the lubricator when opening the other, by arrangement of valve perforations, as set forth.
SELF-LOADING AND UNLOADING CARTS—J. Wilkinson, of Hopewell Cotton Works P. O., Pa. : I claim in self-loading and unloading carts, the combination and arrangement in one vehicle of several series of small scoops or scrapers, and their respective carrying boxes, so that each of the series can be loaded in succession, independently of the others, while the vehicle is in motion, thus, owing to the slowness from front to rear of the scoops to be forced into the substance with which the cart is to be loaded, and the smallness of the quantity to be taken up by each, avoiding the necessity of employing a powerful team, or of hitching on an extra team, while the vehicle is being loaded, as is usually the case in taking up a sufficient load for an ordinary team in a cart having but one large scoop; and so that when the vehicle is removed to the place where the load is to be deposited, all the boxes of the series can be dumped or unloaded simultaneously without stopping the team, and leave the contents spread out in a layer of uniform or nearly uniform depth, the whole being constructed and operated in the manner and for the purposes set forth, or in any other manner substantially equivalent thereto.
REGULATING THE DISCHARGE OF EXHAUST STEAM IN LOCOMOTIVES—John E. Croxon, of Philadelphia, Pa. : I claim the arrangement of the piston, E, within the cylinder, D, in communication with the steam or water space of the boiler, and with the exhaust chamber C in relation to the spring, n, rods, and levers, and beams, h, k, l, m, and valve, c, operating as and for the purposes set forth.
POLISHING LEATHER AND MOROCCO—Nathan Ames, of Saugus, Mass. (assignor to Samuel Green, of Lynn, Mass.): I claim the described method of raising the figuring or polishing tool, R, while passing back over the table, T, i. e., by making the tool holding hand, in effect a fixed part of the connecting arm, F, constructed and combined substantially as described, so that the machine partaking of the nature both of a reciprocal and rotary motion, may operate without joint, noise, or friction, as easily and silently as a wheel revolving on its axle, and as rapidly as may be desired, and at the same time moving in a uniform elliptical orbit over the table without touching it.
FURNACE FOR BURNING BAGASSE—Elizabeth A. Stillman, of New York City, administratrix of Alfred Stillman, deceased: What is claimed as the invention of the said Alfred Stillman, is the described furnace for employing bagasse, without previous drying, as fuel for generating steam.
BORING FENCE POSTS—James Temple, of Birmingham, Pa. (assignor to Israel Ward and James Temple): I claim the supporting of the long pinion, and the auger shanks, in the adjustable pillar blocks, such as described, so that the augers may be set to bore holes at variable distances apart, whilst the spur wheels on their shanks shall still keep in gear with the long pinion, as described.
SAWING FIRE WOOD, ETC.—E. A. Tabbs, of Hampton, N. H. (assignor to E. A. Tabbs & H. T. Croxon, of Rochester, N. H.): First, I claim the method substantially as described, of bringing the saw into operation by the pressure of the log upon the stop, Z, as set forth.
Second, I claim the method, substantially as described, of causing the weight of the saw, after it has passed through the log to bring into operation the mechanism which raises it out of the way preparatory to making another feed.
Third, I claim the method described, of operating the clamp, C, by means of the spring bar, D, whereby the clamp is rendered capable of holding logs of varying thicknesses, without constant re-adjustment, as set forth.
Fourth, I claim the device described, for the purpose of stopping and starting the feed at the required moment, consisting essentially of the combination of the shaft, O, the lever, F, the wheel, N, and the shifting finger, Q, constructed and operating in the manner substantially as set forth.
TICKET REGISTER FOR RAILROAD CARS—William Apperly, of Louisville, Ky. : I claim, first, the described improvement for distributing and registering railroad and other tickets, consisting in the combination and arrangement of the slide, e, d, spring, D, and registering device, M, J, K, L, M, or its equivalent, substantially as set forth.
Second, I claim providing the extension, E, and inclined way, E', substantially as and for the purpose set forth.
[This is a useful invention for railroad companies, and a description of it may be found on another page.]
FIRE ENGINE—John R. Adams, of Port Jervis, N. Y. : I claim having the cylinders, B, placed radially in a band or ring, A, and encompassing said band or ring, A, with a band or ring, I, and cam, J, the band or ring, I, and cam, J, being allowed to rotate around the band or ring, A, and cylinder, B, and operating the pistons of the cylinders, in consequence of their connection with the cam, as shown and described.
[A brief description of this improvement in fire engines may be found on another page.]
BULLET MOLD—William Ashton, of Middletown, Conn. :

I claim constructing the mold, as shown and described, viz., having a conical aperture, a, made in a piece of metal, and having a projection or cone, E and flanch, d, attached to a metal strip J, which is secured to the shank or handle, C, of the mold by a pivot, c, so that said projection or cone may be inserted in and withdrawn from the aperture, a, as shown and described.
[It is a singular fact that in time of war, inventions in ordnance—fire arms, projectiles, and even bullet molds, are multiplied to a wonderful extent. Our weekly list of patents bear testimony to this. See notice of this invention on another page.]
CLOTHES-PIN MACHINE—H. and M. Blake, of Hartland, Vt. : We do not claim the holding cylinder, B, irrespective of its construction and arrangement, and the manner in which it operates in connection with the saw, B, as shown. Neither do we claim the saw, B, separately, nor the cutters, K, K', for they have been used for analogous purposes.
But we claim, first, the employment or use of the holding cylinder, B, and circular saw, B, when both are hung on permanent shafts, and operating as shown, so that the cylinder rotates with a comparatively slow motion compared with the saw, and conveys by a continuous rotary motion the clothes-pins over against the saw, for the purpose of forming the grooves or slots therein.
Second, we claim securing the clothes-pins in the holders, E, of the cylinder, B, by means of the clamps, F, secured to the periphery of the cylinder, B, as shown, and operated by the rim or ledge, m, and flanch, as shown, so that the clothes-pins will be firmly clutched in the holders, E, while being operated upon by the saw, B, and cutters, K, K', and allowed to fall therefrom when the grooves or slots are finished.
Third, we claim the combination of the cylinder, D, saw, B, and cutters, K, K', constructed, arranged, and operating as shown and described.
[This novel invention we hope to illustrate in our columns in a few weeks. In the meantime our readers must be content with the brief description to be found on another page.]
WHEELRIGHTS' BORING AND TENONING MACHINE.—Chauncey Cowdry, Orrin Tolls, and C. C. Tolls, of Ithaca, N. Y. : We claim, first, the combination and arrangement of the frame, R, with the scale of graduated and sliding tubes, T, and screw, U, as described.
Second, the combination of the hinged support, B2, with the sliding screw clamp, C3, substantially as described.
Third, we claim the combined arrangement of the several parts, substantially as described and set forth.
PROCESSES FOR PURIFYING AND CLEANSING WHEAT.—Charles Campbell, of California: I do not claim the smut mill, or improvement thereon, or any new chemical quality of lime, but the preparation of lime for this particular purpose, and the application of it to wheat, when newly sown and warm, and the process of effectually cleansing the wheat from all impurities, than by any other process.
MACHINE FOR BUNDLING FLEECES OF WOOL—John How, of Beer Creek, Mich. : I claim, in combination with the packing box, B, a adjustable strap, k, with the drawing, a, the levers, g and p, for pressing the bale, and turning it in a convenient position for the operator, the strings or cords, by which the pressed fleeces are baled up, substantially as described.
APPLYING ECCENTRIC WHEEL TO WATER POWER—J. B. Hart, of Nottoway Co., Va. : I claim the water wheel without arms or main shaft, revolving on fulcrum wheels underneath, thereby lengthening out the lever power near the whole diameter of the wheel, the thin and thick interstices shouldered and bolted to each rim, the cast segments bolted to the middle rim, which gears into the cog of the wellower on the horizontal shaft extending across on the inside of the water wheel, also the two revolving fulcrum wheels with flanges on the outside of each wheel, to keep the water wheel in its true position.
SHUTTLES FOR LOOMS—Leroy Litchfield, of Southbridge, Mass. : I claim the backward extension of the heel, c, of the spindle, as described, combined with the application of the spring, d, above the said heel, and above and in rear of the spindle, b, on which the spindle moves in such a manner as to hold the spindle in its operative position, by throwing its heel upwards against a proper fixed bearing, substantially as described.
[A brief description of this invention may be found on another page.]
SHUTTLES FOR LOOMS—Ezra P. Marble, of New Worcester, Mass. : I claim attaching the catch, C, which confines the bobbin or cop on the spindle to a pin, e, which works perpendicularly through the spindle, and is acted upon for the purpose of throwing and holding the catch in operation, by a spiral spring, g, or its equivalent, and acted upon for the purpose of throwing the catch out of operation by coming in contact as the spindle is raised with a plate, D, or other fixed stop, the whole operating substantially as and for the purpose set forth.
[A short description of this shuttle may also be found in this week's Sci. Am.]
HORSE POWERS—Clement Russell, of Massillon, Ohio: I do not claim having the axis of the main driving wheel of double geared horse powers movable, as this is common.
But I claim providing a broad solid flanged box or center, C, for the axis, A, to rest in, when said box is made in two parts, D, D', and fitted and confined by the axis itself, and flanges, a, a', in an oblique slot, E, formed in a bridge, F, as constructed and arranged in the manner and for the purpose set forth.
[The subject of horse powers interests a great number of our readers, and even small improvements in that line are of much consequence, so vast are the numbers used. A description of this improvement may be found on another page.]
CORN PLANTERS—Presley Raines, of London, Ohio: I claim the combination of elevator, sliding platform, and flaring plunger, substantially as described, operated simultaneously by the elevation and depression of the guiding handles.
ALARM ATTACHMENT FOR DOOR LOCKS—John Schneider, of Rochester, N. Y. : I claim the employment or use of the barrel, B, hammer, C, with plate, b, attached, spring, D, and tumbler, E, when arranged as shown and for the purpose as set forth.
[This is a useful attachment for door locks, but cannot be properly explained without engravings.]
WINDOW SASH SUPPORTER—David Russell, of Drewersburg, Ind. : I do not claim operating the stop fasteners by means of spiral springs, as the same function might be performed either by elliptic springs, or weights and pulleys.
But I claim, first, the curved form of the stop fasteners constructed in the manner and for the purpose as described.
Second, I claim the off-set, f, in combination with the fasteners for accomplishment of the object, as described.
MAKING PAPER BAGS AND ENVELOPES—John A. Smith, of Clinton, Mass., and S. E. Pettie, of Foxborough, Mass. : We do not claim the exact form or arrangement of any of the parts, but only the following points:
First, we claim the bar, K, to relieve the end of the under sheet of the weight of the pile, partially or wholly.
Second, the friction bar, I, to separate the under sheet.
Third, the guide bar, L, in connection with bar I, to hold the sheet in place for the jaws.
Fourth, the lifter, M, to relieve the sheet from the weight of the pile.
Fifth, the feeding from the bottom of the pile.
Sixth, the combination of the weight bar, friction bar, guide bar, and lifter, constituting a feeding apparatus.
Seventh, the jaws to place the paper in position.
Eighth, the former, A, to fold the paper over or around.
Ninth, the pasters and folders.
Tenth, the combination of the table, the bar, B, the side folders, and pasters, all constructed as set forth, or any other substantially the same.
BENCH PLANE STOCK—G. E. Davis, of Lowell, Mass. : I claim the metal plane stock's having a formation of a lip, I, in the back part of its throat, so as to fill the recess which would otherwise be below the level of the cutting irons so as to present a continuous smooth surface to the plane, excepting the edge of the cutting irons, and throat forward of them, for the outward passage of the shavings, essentially in the manner and for the purposes set forth.
ALLOYS FOR JOURNAL BOXES—Thomas Firth, of Cincinnati, Ohio: I claim a composition of matter, of copper and zinc, in the proportions of seven and one half parts of copper, to ninety two and a half parts of zinc, or any other mixture substantially the same, and which will produce the intended effect.
SAWING OFF PILES UNDER WATER—James Fleming, of Portsmouth, Va. : I claim the combination of a circular saw and its shaft, carried in movable arms upon and around a stationary shaft, which sustains the driving pulleys, and which is fixed to an adjustable tongue or clamp, substantially

by as described, for the purpose of cutting or sawing off piles under water.
I also claim the method of fastening to the pile to be sawn by means of a clamp or adjustable tongue, with suitable jaws and teeth, as described.
I further claim the method of feeding a circular saw from points of resistance fixed upon a stationary shaft, by means of arms, curved racks, and pinions, as set forth.
FARM GATES—C. L. Harsen and M. R. Bralley, of Norwalk, Ohio: We claim the construction of farm gates with their several parts loosely connected, combined with the bent lever, L, and diagonal rod, R, arranged and operating so as to elevate the gate in opening, for the passage of obstructions, substantially as set forth.
GANG PLOWS—T. J. Hall, of Tawakana Hills Texas: I do not claim a gang of plows; nor do I claim the hanging of the plows to hinged or pivoted beams, these being well known.
But I claim the arrangement of the plows and pivoted beams, with the adjustable cross beams, so that the plows have a convenient permanent adjustment, in connection with their self-adjusting property in the plow beam, as set forth and described.
SPRING ROLLERS FOR CURTAINS—John and Jacob Hartshorn, of Boston, Mass. : We claim attaching one end of the springs to the sliding block, K, K', for the purpose of enabling them to increase and diminish in length as they are wound up or expanded, in the manner and for the purpose set forth.
BOOT AND SHOE STRETCHERS—Warren Holden, of Philadelphia, Pa. : I claim dividing the last, A, into a number of parts, a, b, c, c', connected by rods, e, e', f, f', and a link, d, and forcing said parts outwards, so as to stretch the boot or shoe at any desired part, or at all parts, by means of the device composed of the jointed levers, j, j', nuts, k, k', and rod, l, as shown and described.
[For boot and shoemakers and fitters, this seems to be an important improvement; it is far superior to any of the stretchers for a like purpose we have seen. A brief description of its peculiarities may be found in this week's paper, on another page.]
BOOT CRIMPING MACHINES—H. B. Horton, of Northville, Mich. : I claim the improvement made by me, viz., the screws, d, d', on the face of the jaws, B, B', arranged substantially in the manner and for the purpose set forth.
PROJECTILE FOR FIRE ARMS—Eben Hoyt, of Chelsea, Mass. : I claim the employment of inclined surfaces, upon the rear end of the ball, operating in the manner and for the purpose substantially as set forth.
MITER BOX—Matthew Spear, of Bowdoinham, Maine: I claim the additional improvement made by me, viz., the sliding index arch, A, as combined with the lumber bearers or supporters, a, a', and the saw guide, and made to operate therewith, essentially as specified.
I also claim the combination of the extra grooves, f2, with the lumber supporters, the same being for the purpose as set forth.
I also claim the combination of the grooves, e2, and said lumber supporters, such being for the purpose as set forth.
I also claim the combination of the adjustable gauge with the edge supporter, the same being to determine the length of the stuff to be operated upon.
I claim also the described mode of constructing the head, h2, of the adjustable gauge so that it may serve to increase the bearing for the stuff during the operation of mitering the supplement of an angle, as described.
I also claim the movable edge pieces, K, K, in combination with the lumber bearers.
I also claim combining with the curved arc, A, the inner index scale, for the purpose of enabling a person to adjust the machine for the purpose of mitering to the supplement of any angle required, as specified.
And I also claim combining with the movable pieces, K, K, the projecting lips, a4 a4' the same being for the purpose specified.
CLAMPING SASH, &c.—S. P. Smith, of Half Moon, N. Y. : I do not claim separately the adjustable heads, B, B. Neither do I claim operating the clamps, B, by a toggle joint, irrespective of their connection with the adjustable head and the arrangement shown.
But I claim the employment or use of the clamps, D, D, D, operated by levers, e', e', connected to a head, F, and forming what is commonly termed a toggle joint, in combination with the adjustable heads, B, B, the above parts being arranged and operating in the manner and for the purpose, as shown and described.
[This invention was beautifully illustrated in No. 7, present Vol. of the Sci. Am.]
SEWING MACHINES—G. W. Stedman, of Vienna, N. J. : I claim feeding the cloth or other material, along by means of a pin, a, or its equivalent, playing in a revolving shaft, B, which at the proper moment in each revolution brings it in contact with a stationary cam, M, or its equivalent, whereby the pin is pressed into the cloth, but again recedes therefrom, as soon as freed from the cam, substantially as set forth.
I also claim the cam, M, constructed substantially as described, when arranged upon a movable arm or its equivalent, so that by simply adjusting its position, the length of stitch can be varied at the will of the operator.
MACHINES FOR BURNISHING METALS—Eremiah Stever, of Bristol, Conn. : I claim the arrangement of the connecting rod, I, of the burnishing slider, B, the rocker shaft, E, the slider, H, the rod, G, and the bow or stirrup, F, whereby the movement of the burnishers may not only be entirely arrested, while the rocker shaft is in motion, but may have given to it such an extent of reciprocating movement as occasion may require.
FURNACES FOR HEATING WROUGHT-IRON WHEELS FOR FORGING—W. R. Thompson, of Cleveland, Ohio: I claim the arrangement of the furnace, A, with double fire places or chambers, B, B', furnished with flues, G, G', and dampers, F, F', in combination with the wind pipe, I, and valves, J, J', for the purpose of alternately heating both sides of the hubs of wrought iron wheels or other articles, between the nozzles, h, h, in the manner specified.
[NOTE.—Of the above brief list of patents issued last week FOURTEEN of them—more than one-third,—were secured through the Scientific American Patent Agency. We believe there was never a greater demand for good patents than there is at the present time, and parties who are contemplating securing their inventions, should not delay to take the necessary steps. It is our opinion that a better time for taking patents in this country will never arrive, and that a greater demand will never be made for good improvements than now exists. Circulars of information concerning the proper steps to be taken to secure patents, furnished gratis upon application to this office. They are also sent by mail when requested.]
Singular Phenomenon.
Just above the locks on Green River, Indiana, when there is a low stage of water, the steamboats shut down their furnace doors for fear of "setting fire to the river," the bottom of which is covered to a great depth with decomposed vegetable matter, which, when stirred up by the paddles, emits an inflammable gas, instantly igniting in contact with flame. By stopping the boat the flame ceases, and is seldom dangerous.—[Exchange.]
Horticultural Novelty.
The agricultural branch of the Patent Office has taken steps to procure seeds of the bunya-bunya, a tree of the fir genus, which grows in Australia, and bears a cone nearly two feet in diameter, filled with seed of the size of an olive, and of flavor more rich and delicate than that of the pine apple.

There have recently been imported from France the cuttings of several varieties of the prune, which have been distributed by the Department in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Northern New York, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and several points on the Allegheny mountains, to be engrafted on the common plum tree.
The Patent Eight-wheeled Car Case
A very important patent case, which had occupied the U. S. Circuit Court in this City, Judge Betts presiding, from the 5th of last March, (no less than sixty days,) was concluded on Friday the 4th inst.
It was a trial for infringement of the patent of Ross Winans, of Baltimore, by the Harlem Railroad Company. The patent was obtained in 1834, for the employment of eight-wheeled cars on railroads, and the present suit for damages was instituted in 1849. The defendants pleaded the general issue, viz., that the invention was not new, that eight-wheeled cars had been employed for similar purposes before Ross Winans' application of them, and even if he were the original inventor, he had allowed them to go into public use, with his consent, before his patent was granted, and that under the act of 1793 (now abolished by the act of 1836, subsequent to the granting of his patent,) it constituted abandonment of the invention. It was also contended that the patent drawings substituted by him for those burned in the Patent Office, in 1836, were not true copies.
Judge Betts charged the Jury, that the drawings substituted for those burned must be like the originals, and they were to judge of this from the evidence. Also whether the cars used for the transporting of lumber, and those patented in England, before 1834, presented as proof by the defence, were similar to those of the complainant; also, whether he constructed cars, and allowed them to be publicly used, for the benefit of other parties before he obtained his patent. If the invention of Mr. Winans were new, unlike those used before 1834; if he did not dedicate it to public use; and if his drawings, were true copies of the originals, and correct, then he was entitled to the verdict.
The Jury were out all night, and came in on the Friday morning requesting further instructions from the Judge; these were given, and they again retired for a few hours, when they came in and declared they were unable to agree. They were then discharged.
Such were the inconclusive results of this long trial, said to cost \$40,000. A deep interest was manifested respecting what the decision of the Jury would be. It may be said that many millions of dollars vibrated on the issue, claims having been set up against a number of other railroads for infringement of the same patent.
Ketchum's Patent Case.
Howard & Co., of Buffalo, have published in the Buffalo Advertiser of the 24th ult., the decree and injunction granted by Judges Nelson and Hall, in Utica, on the 18th ult., against E. Forbush and W. Mercer. They assert that all those who are using the machines made by the American Mowing Machine Co.—Forbush's patent—is liable to them for damages.
Reaper Patent Case.
In this city on the 28th ult., before Justice Nelson, U. S. Circuit Court, three cases for infringement of McCormick's reaper patent were decided. One of the defendants—Wood—agreed to take license from McCormick; but other two, Marcellus and Jerome.
When we went to press, another case of McCormick, against Seymour, for infringement of his reaper patent, on a motion for injunction, was being argued before Judge Nelson.
A suit between Woodworth and Norcross, respecting Woodworth's planing machine, is also set down for trial. The results we will present to our readers in due season.
The Ohio Cultivator gives accounts from several counties of that State respecting the promising appearance of the young wheat crop.