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suppose is often witnessed, but you would not take it as proof of life being produced without an ovum; we would not.

E. B., of N. Y.—We cannot tell you where to obtain th broom machiney, or we would be happy to do so. The machines you speak offor stockings we thought had been aban

J. McK., of N. J.-We do not know how to remove

J. A. F., of -. —The receipt you refer to is taken from the work of E. Wilson, F.R.S., on Diseases of the Skin.—Your plan of shaving we do not think is a good one; but what may be suitable to one person, may prove the reverse to snother. As a hair tonic, Wilson also gives the following prescription :- Meseron bark, one ounce; horseradish root, one ounce, and half a pint of distilled vinegar. This infusion is to stand for a week before being used.

H. B. L., of Ohio-We could not advise you to employ water rams for irrigating your farm, because we cannot give a positive opinion respecting their economy for such a purpose : but could you not cut a water course across the head of your farm and bring the stream in channels down through several parts of the land. This is the way they do in some tropical countries. You might build a dam to obtain a good supply for very dry weather.

J. A. H., of Wis.-Your water-proof bedtick is not patentable. \$1 received. Your writing is so indistinct that we cau only read a portion.

J. M., of Mass.-Smith's work on dyeing is published by H. C. Buird, Philadelphia; write to him respecting the

S. V., of Phila.-We have not seen "Pierce on Sound We would be happy to give you the information were it in

our power to do so.
S. M., of M., of Md.—Another person is about getting up such a model as the one you propose.

R. C. B., of Ill.—The measurement of ships is not included, we believe, in the Congress of Nations.

J. M. H., of Miss.—The "Art of Tanning," by Morst, is published by H. C. Baird, Philadelphia; the price we believe is three dollars : write to the publisher. Prentice & Co., this city, have a large fur manufactory. The light of the moon, seen during an eclipse, is reflected from the earth.

G. P. K., of Ind.-Asks if the air that is discharged in the bolt through a pipe five times larger than the supply pipe, would be any objection in separating the flour from We don't know; try it and see.

H. N. B., of N Y .- We are not acquainted with any institution devoted expressly to civil engineering; it is taught however as a branch of education in a number of institu-

J. McM., of Ky .- We believe it has long been settled among engineers that a speed of 100 miles or more per hour may be obtained on railroads, provided the grading and all the appurtenances are constructed with that view. But the chief hindrance at present is the cost. No new ideas on the subject are advanced in your letter.

D. S., of La.—We observe nothing to prevent the suc-

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