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person, dated at the above place; but as no name is signed ames, post office, and State, plainly.

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no matter if they come from Nova Scotia, must pay the

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pear to be adapted exactly for your kind of work.

H. A. M., of Ohio—Your particular method of increa ing the size of drivers for locomotives, without raising the boiler or other parts of the machinery higher, may be patentable; the objects to be accomplished are well known, and your views are correct respecting them. The saddle seat to which you allude would be objectionable we think. The air packing would not be so good as curled There is a public large wash house in this city. machine for washing and pressing clothes at one continu

ous operation, we think, would be patentable.

W. O.G., of Ct.—Your chances on the marble saw re main asstated in our letter.

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> W, B. G., of N. Y.—Putting screws into the legs of bil-

arrangement of levels in the frame, as you propose, we do not remember to have seen. We do think its patentability doubtful, however, for it is common in manyin

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ton, Mass.

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