TO CORRESPONDENTS

| J. B. C., of Tenn.-We are awaiting the report of Mr Co, elind on the Cloud Engine. It $\mathbf{i}$, true, as you observe. thit the great amount of power required to inject the nec wary quantity of air fir hot-air engines. is the cause, <br> a d al ways will te the cause of their failure. <br> E.B. F.. of ill.-A centrifugal gun for shooting balls by m?chanical force, is not new; such a gun was experi mented with in this city about ten years aro. The ex pence of working such a gun would be greater than to discharge the lalls with gunpowder. <br> G. C. S., of N. Y.-We know nothing of a work called Grier's Mechanic's Calculator. <br> W. O. G., of Ct.-If you putone coil of pipe around the bottom of your tub, and hav - it perforated with holes, you can boily our water quicker than by the large coil without perfor atims. The use of one coil is preferable for the re soon that it distributes the heat much better, and pre vents the hock attending the le.ting in of steam in a large volume. <br> W. V.,of N. J.-We can furnish you no information ato at turning calender rolls used in the m m: 1:ufacture of |
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p tper. We d) not remember the have publihed any
thin; on this su' ject. (annot account for the tardy deliv-e yof your paperer. It it regularly mailed from our office
ando uyht to get 12 miles in less time than a week, but the Post u)ffice Department is sometimes sadly out of joint in its no.tal operations.
S. H., of Iowa The ening up bed cords have been examined. We do not re-
memler to have seen the same thing before, although you
munt bear in mind that applications for such devices are a ways attended with much doubt, owisg to the fact that
8, much has beend done in this line.
ap icatio: our fee for preparing it would be $\$ 25$. The Ia ${ }^{\text {nt fee }}$ is $\$ 20$. See circular about model, etc.
W. J. L.. of Mass.-The exprimentof produci of electricity accompanied by a crackliling noise. by rub
bin ; d wn a cat's back, is known, we presume, to every one at all f.miliar with this, feline quadruped. It was one
of the curiosities of our juvenile dins. J.P $\Lambda$, of Ga.-Blackie \& Son, 117 Fulton st., N.Y., sell watch and clock making. The art of polishing steel, silver, and wild cannot be loarncd hut by actual obervation.
Emery wheels and buff la ther wheels are used in polishing, as well as buff and emary straps. The burni.hing
or finishing operation is performed by a fine agate burCisher.
C H. R., of Me.-Your arrangementfor admitting steam
throuth a pupp.t valve appears to be new and patentable Should you decidc to make an application send us a modJ. $\Lambda$. of Pa--Models sentto the Patent Office cannot
be permanently withdrawn. The notice to which you allude has reference to mndels sent to our otfice, and upon
which no applications are made for patents. Yours does not come within this category.
J. C. R.. of Mich.-We have pretensions set up by the reputed discoverer of a new eration, as it is wholly impracticable.
J. J.. of Mich.- We can understand how a log may be
made to foat, as you have described it. by chainingit to a lijhter timber, but that is not an exact disposal of the
qu spinn. a g od deal about a shaving machine drivea byone horse
power, which costs from $\$ 75$ to $\$ 300$. Mr. Gro.s wishes to hear directly from the mann, facturer of suca a machine.
J. C. R., of Pa. - M inie, the inventor and patentee of the in the French army. and is stationed in commat. of the
fortress of Vincennes, near Paris. He is continually trying experimentsfor the benefit of his country. His rifle cannot be obained in this country that we are a ware of.
G. II. D.. of N. Y.-During the holidays, from Thanksहi ing till after New Years, patent business is always
$: 1$ cck with us, and but little is gensrally done at the Patent Oikc eis acting upon caees. It is an exceilent time howper, can be prepared by us this month with ut any deliy.
If your frieud should comed, wn with his model, you can $-b /$ him, and the pipers we will prepare at once, and pr baily be a le to send them. for execution by Mr.H.
uh \%, he return.. Assire Mr. II. .hat we will prepare
hi si ecifications and drawings so that we can execute tham at our office while he $r$ mains in the city.
L. A. B., of N. Y.-We have examined the sk dencri, $t$ ion of yourimproved wheel forascending inclines.
and we are of the opinion that features, as we never saw or heard of anythi, g like it, lut
as to its practicabili:y we are by no me ns certain. We should doubt somewhat, and yet it may po nibly prove to
le free from objection. All we can say in regard to it is. that
the manner proposed by you, could not in our opinion be patented. It is the mere app i-ation of the air pump prin-
cip e to cupping, withoutinvolving anything novel in its contrivance. The idea, however, is not new, as the same
thing has been done before. would be a desirable improvement. L. Q., of Canada - No prori ition is made in our laws for a carvat.
P. \& Co., of O-Fairlanks \& Co.. Broadway, this city, sell two kiud of coin scales-Fromnei's and Allander's-
the first is retailed at $\$ 4,50$, the latter at $£ 1,50$, and we perceive no superiority in one over the other.
W. F. of Tenn. If
wheel, you will be able to get more work out of fit than from your flutrer wheel. You have plenity of water to
get eight horse power out of a good wheel. Any of those illustritted in our columns will answer your purpose.
B. $\Lambda$. $A$., of Ind.-So far as we can learn, the chief difficuly with the wire fences th t have leen put up is their
mi erable construction. Being badly erected, a prejudice has grown up against their use. The expansion and con-
traction is a small item of diadvantage. Your device for traction is a small ite m of disadvantage. Your device for
prev enting the same is god, and probably patentable.-
Youmust de:ermine as to the propriety of applying for a patent Water will rise of itself in a pump stalk out of
which the air is exhausted to which the air is exhausted, to a hight of thirty-three feet.
In pumpiig. the power spent is in exh usting the air.The water follows the piston as fatas it rises. For every
foot a oove thirty-three the column of water must be
raied bodily, like any other weight, and the power must be in accordance.

| been before suggested to us, but asidefrom this, the mere f, troduction of saloons or state room- for leepig g on car* could not le view din the light of a patentable invention. <br> O. F. S., of N. H.-The raperon slycerine made as descril ed, was read br fore the Eritish Scientific $\Lambda$ ssociati,n, and was taken from the Report of their proceedings, In all likelihood, the steam required must be surchareddry steam_not wet steam. <br> E. H. II., of Ind.-Your governor is what is known as a |
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