

he screw, p, and nib, n, when the same is used in combination with the stops, m, for the purpose of adjusting and holding the latter substantially as specified.

I also claim providing the box, E, with the bearing, t, for the purpose of sustaining the friction wheel, F, independent of the shaft, b, substantially as described.

44,775.—Amalgamating Apparatus.—James N. Phelps (assignor to Phelps's Electro Amalgamating Company), New York City :

I claim, first, in combination with the amalgamating rolls, a reservoir of quicksilver and a conveying mechanism for constantly supplying said rolls with the quicksilver, as described.

Second, And I claim in combination with the quicksilver reservoir, conveying mechanism and amalgamating rolls, the use of chemical or mechanical electricity or galvanism for assisting in coating said rolls, as and for the purpose described.

Third, And I claim combining with the rolls that are constantly supplied with quicksilver, the scrapers for constantly scraping off the amalgam and conveying or directing it to a proper receiver, substantially as described.

Fourth, And I claim delivering the crushed and purified ores, from the miller to the coated rolls, through a narrow slot in the pipe or tube conveying it, substantially as and for the purpose described.

Fifth, And I claim in combination with the rolls, A, B, the jackets, M, for holding the ores to the rolls, until taken off by the scrapers, substantially as described.

RE-ISSUES.

1,794.—Truck for Locomotives.—Levi Bissell (assignor to the Locomotive Safety Truck Company), New York City. Patented Aug. 4, 1857 :

I claim, first, Connecting the truck with the frame of the locomotive so that it shall be free to move laterally under the frame in combination with the means herein described or their equivalents thereof, by which the weight of the locomotive resting on the trucks acts automatically to resist the lateral motion of the truck and retain it in a central position while running on the straight parts of the track and to aid in restoring it to such position when passing from curved to straight parts of the track, substantially as set forth.

Second, Connecting the truck and driving wheels of the locomotive at a point between the axle of the truck and driving wheels, so that the truck may move laterally under the locomotive substantially as described to compel the axles of the truck and driving wheels to assume positions parallel or nearly so with the radii of the curves of the track, or at right angles with the rails on the straight parts of the track, as specified.

1,795.—Grain Separator.—John Gray, Milwaukee, Wis. Patented Dec. 22, 1863 :

I claim, first, The combination with "Booth's Compound Shaker," for separating wheat from oats, etc., the movable screen, d, for the purpose of more fully separating the smaller seeds, etc., from the wheat.

Second, I claim in combination with said shaker the screen, d, and back fall, e, for the purposes herein recited.

Third, I claim the application of the slide legs, D, to "Booth's Compound Shaker," for the purpose of elevating and depressing the zinc sieves, C, to any desired angle.

Fourth, I claim the application of the crank power, E, and the eccentric rod, I, to "Booth's Compound Shaker," said crank power and eccentric rod being arranged and attached in manner substantially as above set forth for the purpose of producing upon the machine a quick vibratory motion.

1,796.—Fire Extinguisher.—Wm. Kitson, Lowell, Mass. Patented Oct. 20, 1863 :

I claim the employment for admitting water to a cotton or other bin, or other place to extinguish fire therein of a valve or cock, which is opened by means of a weight which is set free for the purpose, by the ignition of a fuse or other inflammable or combustible material, substantially as herein described.

1,797.—Enema Syringe.—Morris Mattson, New York City. Patented Nov. 19, 1861 :

I claim, first, The combination of the elastic self-expanding and self-acting enema syringe bulb, A, and the compound of two pipes, B, and C, their equivalent so constructed and combined with the bulb, A, as to confine the latter between those parts and at the same time furnish a free opening for the induction and ejection of the fluid not confining myself to the specific form and construction of parts described so long as I accomplish the same result by means substantially the same that is to say the parts being so combined that the elastic bulb of an enema syringe shall be connected to the pipe which forms in whole or in part a connection with one or more of the induction and ejection pipes by the said elastic bulb being clamped or compressed upon or against said pipe or connection and thus forming a tight and durable joint, as set forth.

Second, I claim so constructing the plug, m, and so combining it with the elastic bulb, A, of an enema syringe and the connecting pipe, f, that when the latter is removed for any purpose the plug, m, shall be retained in its place by the elasticity of the bulb, A, secure from accidental displacement, substantially as set forth.

Third, I claim the combination of the elastic bulb, A, the connector, in h, or its equivalent, and one or more flexible tubes, g, either for induction or ejection, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

DESIGNS.

1,992.—Photographic Album Leaf.—Martin Carty, New York City :

1,993.—Floor Oil Cloth.—J. Taylor Webster, New York City, assignor to Edward Harvey, Brooklyn, N. Y. :

1,994.—Shovel and Tongs Stand.—Charles Zeuner (assignor to M. Greenwood & Co.), Cincinnati, Ohio :

[The following claim appeared in our last week's issue erroneously credited to Julius Thompson; we therefore present it this week properly amended.]

44,679.—Harvesters.—Thomas J. Tindall, of New York City :

First, I claim a main frame of a harvesting machine, constructed with a tubular socket for the axle of the running wheels, in such a manner that the said socket performs the double function of sustaining the said axle and of stiffening the frame transversely, substantially as set forth.

Second, I also claim a main frame of a harvesting machine, constructed with a socket for the tongue, in such manner that the said tongue socket performs the double function of sustaining the tongue upon all of its sides and stiffening the frame longitudinally, substantially as set forth.

Third, I also claim the combination of the cog wheels of a harvesting machine, with still or silent shafts, which are rigidly secured to the frame of the machine, substantially as set forth.

Fourth, I also claim the combination of two of the cogwheels that impart motion to the cutter with each other by means of a saw-toothed spring clutch, so that the cogwheel nearer the cutter remains stationary when the machine is backed and that the clutch may be operated by a lever to stop the cutter, substantially as set forth.

Fifth, I also claim the combination of the finger beam with the main frame by means of lugs and one of the shafts of the cutter gear, in such manner that the said shaft performs the double function of pinion, shaft and joint pin for the hinge joint, substantially as set forth.

Sixth, I also claim the mechanism for raising and lowering the cutter bar, consisting substantially of a winch, vibrating lever and saw-toothed clutch, combined together and operating substantially as set forth.

Seventh, I also claim the combination of the bevelled wheels together by means of flanges which engage with each other and prevent the separation of the teeth of the wheels by movement in the direction of the axis of the wheels, substantially as set forth.

Eighth, I also claim the combination of the driving pulley of the reel with the grain wheel, by means of a spring clutch, in such manner that the revolution of the reel stops whenever the said grain wheel runs backward, substantially as set forth.

Ninth, I also claim the combination of a hollow reel shaft with a rod that connects the upper ends of the reel standards, so that the reel turns upon the said rod.

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