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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

L.B., of N.Y.—You can get a patent for the peculiar composition as a coating for the matches, but that is all From what you have stated it appears to be new, useful and patentable. We cannot now give you the name of he party in Louisiana.

J. M., of Boston-Razor hones are generally made with three sides of buff leather and one side of a composition of glue and fine emery dust. Fine dust from the grindings of fine water whetstone, is generally used on one side

T. S., of Ind,-A patent could not be procured for ma king hats of paper. Pavements constructed of boulders and covered with pitch and gravel, or made entirely of pitch and gravel. are not new; the latter plan is common ly used in Paris and some other European cities. Roof constructed in the manner you describe is well known and several references could be given.

B. & M., of Havre—The sewing machine to which yourefer is the invention of T. J. W. Robertson, of this city it has already been patented in France and England, and Mr. R. is now in London preparing to bring it out. The owners of the patent here, Messrs. Jerome & Bro., are not engaged in their manutacture, owing to some embarrass ment in their financial affairs. The machines cannot be obtained in this country. There is no prospect that th

machine will be offered in the market at present.

J. S. W., of S. C.—The question of anchor ice was dis cussed somewhat at length in Vol. 7. Scr. Am., and no new light since then has been thrown upon the subject.

A. H., of N. Y.—The government has no exclusive na.

tural right to the soil, it has only the right of possession. You confuse the question by comparing a title to a certain plat of land with that of a power to prevent persons using a machine of their own making. Comparisons to be good must be appropriate: you will perceive this by a little

H. A. R., of N. Y.—If your pump boxes are tight they ought to raise a cylinder full every stroke, but they must be hard to work at the end of eighteen feet rods. If you would use a single tube and a tight piston on a short rod the pump would work much easier.

T. A. M., of Va.—We are not acquainted with the War ren wheel, nor do we know where you can obtain the particular information desired relating to it. The inventor and manufacturers reside at Wareham, Mass. It is now the custom to deduct twenty-five per cent. of the nominal power of the water; we have no doubt but more wheels give less than those which give more than seventy-five

A. K. A. of N. Y.—We do not know anything about the common opinion as to the cause of the Niagara whirl pool. The objects drawn into it are no doubt also carried out of it into the Lake below. The attempt to navi-gate the Maid of the Mist down to Lake Ontaria would in all probability end her fate in a failure to pass the whirl-

J. C., of Mich.—You want to elevate water twenty fee high by a ram having a three feet fall. Theoretically it will take about seven times more water, but you must allow at least one-third more for friction. Every foot of pipe one inch in diameter contains 9.42 cubic inches of water. From this data you can calculate the amount of

water in your pipe. H. S. A., of N. Y.—When gutta perchais mixed with india rubber it is rendered very elastic. Gutta percha can be obtained in great quantities in this city, but we do not know its price in a purified state, like the sample you

J. W.. of Pa.-The matter to which you refer will be found on another page.

H. F., of ____. A book giving an account of the method of manufacturing soap, called Morfitt's Applied Chemistry, is published by H. C. Baird, Philadelphia. To make common soft soap, grease is boiled in a strong lye of wood ashes. After boiling about an hour throw a little salt into the kettle and cool. The windmill you refer to is as simple as any other; you should see it and judge for your

D. W. H., of —.-Emery wheels are made by mixing powdered emery with one-fourth its weight of pulverized stourbridge loam, and a little water, then molding them by pressure in a mold, and allowing them to dry, and afterwards burning them in a close muffle at a temperature just a little below a white heat.

E. S., of Pa.—If the orifice is five feet from the shaft it will be exactly the square root of the fall, which is considered the best proportion. It is best to introduce the water under the arms in the Barker mill, but why in the name of common sense is such a mill used. It does not make any difference whether you taper the conducting pipe or not; you must taper the hollow arms. What do you mean by centrifugal force? We cannot tell you the amount of it from the simple number of revolutions of the wheel. The rules in books for calculating centrifuga force are untrustworthy

I. S., of C. W.—You can obtain a hand lathe for wood

work of James Stewart, of this city.

G. M., of C. W.—We are obliged to you for Mr. B.'s es say on the plow. It is not likely that the fees for foreigners will be reduced this session of Congress. The plow is a good one; whatsoever is new is patentable. We do not publish works of the kind mentioned by you.

S. P. A., of Conn.—If you mean a treatise on Mill-

wrighting, Scott's Millwright and Engineer's Assistant, by Blackie & Son, this city, is the only useful work of the kind in print. It is costly, being about \$24. We are not acquainted with a better way of polishing plate than that

described by you. J. W., of Pa.-We have had the same kind of marine old invention; a patent was refused for it some eight

years ago.
C. C. T., of N. Y.—An article on enamelling iron in a recent number of our paper will afford you the informa-

tion desired. P. R., of N. Y.-Wrought-iron metal pipes, even in

coated with zinc, will soon rust.

J. R. M., of Mo.—We suppose you refer to Mr. Boyden's

water wheels; they are patented, and you should write to him, at Lowell, Mass., on the subject.

E. H., of Mass.—We have published several engravings of Fountain Pens in back numbers of our paper. You can examine them and choose for yourself. Shall publish a cut of a newly patented one in the course of three weeks. Cannot say which is the best.

J. G. H., of Ind.—Your "look out" apparatus for indicating the direction of fires in cities would be of no advantage. The present plan is far more serviceable than

G. McC., of N. B .- Your bills will be taken. There is no simple device in common use for correcting the equation of time in clocks: such a device would be useful. The bill for revising our patent laws is still before Con

-A good disinfecting agent for cesspools is copperas dissolved in water, and thrown into them.— Chloride of lime and chloride of zinc are also disinfectants. Puregin is made by distilling barley, malt, and rye meal mashed together, and giving a flavor with juni-

H.H., of Mass.—Spiral cutters, such as you propose, are very old. Feeding the board by passing it between a roller and a flat surface would interfere with Woodworth's patent. The points you name relative to your specification are unimportant.

J. H. C., of Ohio.—See Vol. IX, page 396, Sci. Am., for wood sawing machine. You can put up an endless apron to carry away the wood. See Vol. XI, page 62, for box or dovetailing machine. Address the inventors for

R. O., of N. Y.—Burning fluid is composed of alcohol and refined spirits of turpentine. Add about ten per cental of turpentine to the alcohol, cold, and agitate well.

H. L. S. of Mass. - Engravings of several different wind mills have been published in our paper during the pas. year. Examine and satisfy yourselfas to which is the best. All of them are good. We have no preference.

J. W. R., of Ohio-Address the agents of the Goodyear India Rubber Company, N. Y., for information as to ela.stics

W. R. W., of Phila.-All that has been published in foreign journals regarding the carmine, we have published. The process does not appear to be an improvement. If the cochineal be first boiled in soft water, and then salts of tin and cream of tartar employed as the pre cipitating agent a much finer color will be produced

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Specifications and drawings belonging to parties with the following initials have been forwarded to the Patent Office during the week ending Saturday, April 19:—

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