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you as to the planing machine patent.

A. P., of N. Y.—Full information, with engravings, repecting Artesian Wells, may be found in Vol. 8 of the Scr

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