

W. H. J., of Pa.-The old system of fastening shoes to borsesfeet by nails is still universally practiced. Attempts have recently been made to introduce other methods, but we have still to look for the result.

- J. R., of Ohio.-The weight of one cubic foot of water is 623 pounds. The weight of one gallon is about 8 pounds. You can calculate the weight of water in your tank for yourself.
- P. B., of Com.-One square foot of wrought iron one inch thick weighs 406 pounds, of course if half an inch thick it weighs 203 pounds. You will find the information desired about water in another part of this column.
- B. F. G. W., of N. Y .- Our charge for obtaining the information you desire in regard to Legare's patent will be \$5. As your letter is not properly signed we cannot preserve it on our
- G. R. B., of Pa .- We do not know of any parties engaged in making artificial leather. The best way to reach such persons is to advertise.
- G. H. C., of N. J.-Nothing is more agreeable to us than to receive accounts from our institutions of learning of new discoveries in science. We see nothing novel in your battery, how ever, except the form, and that seems to be no improvement. The zinc cup holding the acid will be rapidly corroded, and as soon as it is eaten through, the acid will run out upon the floor. The iron too is liable at any moment to lose its passive state when it will be very quickly dissolved.
- P. W., of R. I.-Every steam piston should be packed. We have seen many varieties used but none that were at all equal to the three rings as ordinarily made. Water packing has been employed but it is not efficient or economical. It is made by turn ing small grooves in a solid piston; the grooves are 3-16thsof an incl wide and deep. The theory is that they get filled with water from condensed steam and prevent leakage. They get filled with dirt instead and scratch the cylinder greatly.
- T. W. R., of N. Y.-There must have been water in your mold, or the cores were damp. Metal will not fly out of the "gate" if proper care is taken. M. McD., of Mass.—One 20-inch gun has already been
- st, but is not yet finished, we belie
- C. R. M., of Conn.-Fusible safety plugs are not used in this country forsteam boilers. They have been found inoperative. They are still employed to some extent in England, but they are regarded with suspicion, we are told.
- I. P., of N. Y .- If your invention has proved to be valuable one to the country, the fact of your having realized a small fortune from it will not militate against its extension. An inventor of a really valuable improvement is entitled to a munificient reward, and we think your case not an exception. You must make your application for the extension at least ninety
- days before the date of its expiration. J.J. S., of Ky.—The machine to which you refer for making cigars was published in the SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN, Vol. I No. 16, new series. We do not know the present address of Mr Beanchi, the patentee.
- E, M. W., of--.An artesian well is one in which the water flows up from an under seam above the surface. Such wells are generally formed in basins, where the rocky strata dip down-wards, and they are supplied from distant elevations or the water would not be forced up to the surface.
- J. G., of Mass.-You will find an illustrated series of arti cles on the manufacture of axes, in Vol. I, of our new series, begin ning at page 267. V. C., of N. J.—Stevenson's turbine yields a larger pro
- portion of the total power of the water than any other water wheel that we know of. But turbines are not adapted to work where great changes are made in the amount of resistance, as in throwing machines into and out of gear. Stevenson's address is 200 Broadway, New York. We know of no manufactory of Barker mills.
- S. W. N., of N. Y .- Nothing is better settled than that a body projected vertically upward from the earth, would fall with the same velocity that it rises were it not for the resistance of the atmosphere. It is also true that but for the resistance of the air all bodies would fall with the same velocity—afeathera s rapidly as a guinea. We have seen this demonstrated repeatedly in a vacuum tube. As you desire authorities, we refer you to Newton's Princi pia, Definition VII. "Theforce of gravity (taking away, or ing for, the resistance of the air) equally accelerates all falling bodies, whether heavy or light, great or small." See also Silliman' Philosophy, page 71.

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