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## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

-We cannot advise you about the pro J. K., of Ohio. pects of a market here for bed pins; we do not know of any one here engaged in the sale of this article, W. H. G., of Vt.—The stitch made by Howe's

sewing machine is not patented. He has a patent for the mechanical contrivance for forming the stitch. S. H. Wilder, South Carver, Mass., wishes to obtain the address of Joshua R. Gatchell, formerly a manufacture

of hydraulic rams at Chester, Pa. W. W. G., of Mo.-Such a husk splitter as you describe

could not fail to pay well in many localities. W. R., of Ky.-We are not acquainted with what you call " Carpenter's plan of boiler setting." You should have sent more definite information respecting it.

a telegraph cable, such as you suggest, and those experiments excite the fears of Mr. Barnes, for the success of the Atlantic Ocean cable,

J. B., of Ala.-The most expeditious method of heat ing water for baths is by steam, but this requires a steam boiler. The next best plan is to heat the water in a large cildron by a furnace under it, and draw off the hot wat er as required, to the baths. The caldron must be kept o 1 a floor above the baths to allow the hot water to flow to them by gravity. We like the steam heating method best, but it is the most expensive to get up.

I, II. S., of Ga.—The plan of boring with a wooden rod attached to the shaft auger was used in mining, in England, before iron rods, and they are so used in some situ

W. D. McC., of N. Y.-Add from ten to fifteen parts of tannin to the sugar of milk for the tooth powder; and use the lake to give it a color suited to your taste.

stances which produce a quickly diffused energy in the heart and arterial system. You discuss the question in re ference to their action on the stomach, respecting which you are too general in your remarks.

E.P.T., of Va.—You can easily try the experiment with the piston in the keel of a vessel. The piston will not be operated so as to be of any benefit in propelling a vessel by the action of the waves. The safety valves placed in the cylinder are new to us and appear to be good

L. P. C., of Pa.-There is no patent, so far as we are aware, for placing the buckets of the pumps in the man-ner described by you, but it will be very difficult to point out the patentable feature.

E. C., of Mass.—Woody fiber must first be converted into sugar before alcohol can be made from it. This can be done, but not to make a profitable business of it.

J. B., of Wis.—The silicate of potash is made by boiling pure white and, or flints, in a strong lye of caustic potash, it is cheap where patash is plenty; it is transparent. Dissolve as much sand as the potash will take up. Itsoon hardens, but it must be put on in thin coats, on successive d 195, or it will crack off. The best covering for your gravel walls would be two coats of boiled linseed oil mixed with litharge.

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