



J. P., of N. Y.—Colza oil is held to be superior to sperm for light-houses. Rape seed oil, when purified, is very good for illumination, and is similar to Colza oil.

W. B. of Ohio.—We do not know of any fire-proof varnish that is elastic, and fit for coating a balloon.

S., of Va.—We are not aware that any patent has been issued of late for an improvement in steam plows.

J. D. M., of Vt.—We are unable to give the information you want about hay fork makers, and dealers in mallet and auger handles.

A. D. R., of Ill.—Your plan of laying R. R. tracks is very good. The chief objection is the expense. It is not patentable; no company would ever adopt it.

I. A. H., of Wis.—We are not acquainted with any method of dissolving glue in oil, for coating patterns.

W. R., of —.—That scissors can be made of cast-iron, we never doubted, for that is an easy matter, but that such articles should be manufactured and sold, we hesitated to believe; they must be as poor in quality, as cast iron knives.

B. M. G., of Pa.—The only way to support your crane, is to sink it deep into the ground. Iron cranes are all supported at the base.

M. K., of Ind.—You will obtain, we think, a greater velocity of water in the pipe, than in the open drain.

J. S., Jr., of N. H.—There are various works on the Marine Engine. Scott Russell's contains good drawings of the side lever engine, but no other kind.

S. N. D., of N. Y.—Owing to the great speed of a railway train, it would be very difficult to operate your catch springs, to lift persons from the track.

J. G., of Brooklyn—We can discover nothing new or patentable in your washing machine.

G. G. S., of Ohio.—We do not know where you can obtain a good hand-book for the mechanic and artisan.

J. R. E., of La.—You will find a description of the Lithographic Art in the second volume of Ure's Dictionary.

J. W. P., of N. H.—See engraving of Gang Plow, lately published in our paper. We have published a number of illustrations of improvements intended to accomplish the result you mention.

Richard Shaw, of Perth, Canada, wishes to procure a machine for turning spokes for carriages to be driven by steam.

J. R., of Ohio—Address Joseph Lewis, gunsmith, No 14 Pellstreet, this city. Mr. W. James, of Utica, N. Y., makes excellent rifles.

Money received at the Scientific American Office, on account of Patent Office business for the week ending Saturday, Sept. 13, 1856:—

J. P., of N. Y., \$30; A. R., of N. Y., \$30; J. V. J., of Mich., \$25; R. D., of N. Y., \$35; J. P., of Conn., \$12; J. A. & Co., Eng., \$10; J. B. E., of N. Y., \$25; E. A. C., of Conn., \$30; J. L. H., of N. Y., \$30; J. P. T., of Ill., \$25; J. H. Y., of Mo., \$10; C. W. G., of Conn., \$25; M. & C. P., of Md., \$25; J. J. P., of Ohio, \$30; W. G. B., of Ala., \$12; T. D., of Va., \$25; T. S., of Conn., \$30; J. W. H., of N. Y., \$25; R. P. B., of Ohio, \$25; L. T. M., of —, \$10; B. G. A., of Ohio, \$25; H. M., of Miss., \$25; J. A. D., of N. Y., \$30; J. C. B., of Conn., \$40; J. B. D., of Tenn., \$15; K. G., of Pa., \$30; H. W. B., of N. Y., \$25; W. B., of L. I., of \$35; W. D., of L. I., \$200; E. P. & J. N. C., of N. Y., \$30; J. P., of Pa., \$25; S. W. R., of Mass., \$25; V. & B., of N. Y., \$30; H. W. B., of N. Y., \$55; N. & Co., of London, \$100; W. C., of Ala., \$30; O. W. S., of Conn., \$45; H. R. H., of N. Y., \$37; J. L. M., of Pa., \$25.

Specifications and drawings belonging to parties with the following initials have been forwarded to the Patent Office during the week ending Saturday, Sept 13th:—

Literary Notices. IRVING'S LIFE OF WASHINGTON.—The second volume of the popular edition of this incomparable work has just been published. It is embellished with a fine portrait of Maj. Gen. Philip Schuyler.

MY COUSIN NICHOLAS.—By Rev. Richard Barbour.—This is a highly interesting tale of fiction from the pen of a graceful and accomplished writer.

IMPORTANT ITEMS. MODELS.—Inventors, in constructing their models, should bear in mind that they must not exceed a foot in measurement in either direction.

PATENT LAWS AND GUIDE TO INVENTORS.—This pamphlet contains not only the laws but all information touching the rules and regulations of the Patent Office.

RECEIPTS.—When money is paid at the office for subscription, a receipt will be given; but when subscribers remit their money by mail, they may consider the arrival of the first paper a bona fide acknowledgment of the receipt of their funds.

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Private consultations respecting the patentability of inventions are held free of charge, with inventors, at our office, from 9 A. M., until 4 P. M.

AMERICAN AND FOREIGN PATENT ATTORNEYS, Principal Office 128 Fulton street, New York.

BROOKLYN WATER WORKS.—NOTICE TO MACHINISTS.—Sealed Proposals will be received at the office of the undersigned, No. 4 Wall street, New York, until October 1st, 1856, at noon, for the construction of two pumping Engines—Cornish or equal to Cornish, for the Brooklyn Water Works.

H. S. WELLES & CO., No. 4 Wall street, New York.

McDOUGALL'S PATENT DISINFECTING POWDER.—The cheapest and most efficient disinfectant yet produced, and composed of the most valuable ingredients, and may be safely used in dwelling-houses and nurseries; also stables, &c., as this disinfectant greatly improves the quality of all manures for agricultural purposes.

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BLOWING MACHINERY FOR SALE.—A pair of double acting Blowing Cylinders—42x30 inches in perfect order. Also a horizontal Steam Engine, 16x36 inches, at the Atlas Foundry, foot of Wayne street, Jersey City.

AGENTS WANTED.—WESTCOTT, COGSWELL & CO., manufacturers of Westcott's Railway Door Springs, are now prepared to offer the most perfect article yet invented.

THE PATENT DECISION.—To the Editors of the Scientific American.—The statement in your paper of this morning in regard to the verdict of the jury in the case of George Page vs. Georgia, is a perverted one.

A NEW AND SCIENTIFIC INVENTION.—Dr. Cheever's Galvano-Electric Regenerator. Patent filed Jan. 16th, 1856. A circular relating to the instrument, embracing a general treatise of stony of the spermatic organs, the result of which tends to softening the medullary substance of which the brain is composed.

ALEXANDER'S COMPOUND Parallel Sawing Machine, for making lath from the slab or board cross-cutting, ripping, and sawing miter, all combined in a cheap, simple and compact manner.

MACHINE BELTING, Steam Packing, Engine Hoop.—The superiority of these articles manufactured of vulcanized rubber is established.

NO. 1.—\$800,000 VALUABLE TO EVERYBODY.—A few weeks ago CHARLES BRADFIELD, of Philadelphia, opened a new Agricultural Implement Store at Fifth and Chestnut streets.

NO. 2.—INVENTORS, PATENTERS, &c., were all cordially invited to place their models here, free of charge, and the Philadelphia papers say there is already six to eight hundred thousand dollars worth of patents in this room.

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GREAT WESTERN MACHINERY AND PATENT AGENCY.—E. E. ELLSWORTH having disposed of his interest in the firm, the business hereafter will be conducted under the firm and style of DAVID RICHARDS & CO.

MACHINERY.—S. C. HILLS, No. 12 Platt street, N. Y., dealer in Steam Engines, Boilers, Planers, Lathes, Chucks, Drills, Pumps, Mortising, Tenoning, and Sash Machines.

WEISSENBORN'S PATENT INCORUSTATION Preventer.—Among the testimonials to the great success of this invention, read the following from William Burdon, 102 Front st., Brooklyn.

H. WELLS & CO., Florence, Hampshire Co., Mass.—Are at all times prepared to fill orders for any size (single or double) of Wells' Patent (Improved) premium Circular Saw Mills, which take the lead of all other mills in market for manufacturing lumber.

NEW HAVEN MFG. CO.—Machinists' Tools, Iron Planers, Engine and Hand Lathes, Drills, Bolt Cutters, Gear Cutters, Chucks, &c., on hand and finishing.

HARRISON'S 30 INCH GRAIN MILLS.—Largest Patent.—A supply constantly on hand. Price \$200. Address New Haven Manufacturing Co., New Haven, Conn.

BOILER INCORUSTATIONS PREVENTED.—A simple and cheap condenser manufactured by Wm. Burdon, 102 Front st., Brooklyn, will take every particle of lime or salt out of the water, rendering it as pure as Croton, before entering the boiler.

THE NINTH ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF THE MECHANIC ARTS will be opened at the Institute's spacious hall, Baltimore, on Wednesday, Oct. 1st, and continue to Oct. 29th, 1856.

CIRCULAR SAWS.—We respectfully call the attention of manufacturers of lumber to the great improvements recently introduced in the manufacture of our Circular Saws.

KNITTING MACHINES.—Circular and straight knitting machines of all sizes and gauges on hand and made to order.

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50 STEAM ENGINES.—From 3 to 40-horse power also portable engines and boilers, they are of all class engines, and will be sold cheap for cash.

GOLD QUARTZ MILLS of the most improved construction; will crush more quartz and do it finer than any machine now in use, and costs much less.

VAIL'S CELEBRATED PORTABLE STEAM Engines and Saw Mills, Bogardus' Horsepower, Smut Machines, Saw and Grist Mill Irons and Gearing.

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