48,133.—Breech-loading Fire-arm.—William Morgen-stern (assignor to himself and Wm. B. Wilstach),

stern (assignor to himself and Wm. B. Wilstach),
Philadelphia, Pa.:
I claim, First, Raising the rear of the movable breech from its
engagement, and retracting it by means of the tumbler lever, H,
operated by the hammer in the act of cocking.
Second, The litting and retracting lever, H, and the tumbler, in one

puece.
Third, The swinging cam or lever, J, constructed and arranged substantially as and for the purpose set forth.
Fourth, The combination of the breech piece, C, cam, J, and tumbler lever, H, operating in the manner substantially as described.

purose described.

[8,135.—Buckle.—John E. Smith (assignor to himself and Henry C. Griggs), Waterbury, Conn.:

I claim the combination of the frame, a, with the tongue, g, and he hook, h, when the tongue and hook wibrate separately and on ndependent hinges or oints, though on the same bar, as herein described.

described.

48,136.—Cranberry Gatherer.—Charles Thacher (assignor to himself and George Shove), Yarmouth, Mass., (and assigned by said Thacher to Luther W. Clark, Boston, Mass.):
I claim as my invention the combination of the holding comb. C, with the receiver. A, provided with teetb, substantially as described.
I also claim the combination of the grate or sieve. B. the holding comb. C, and the receiver, A, provided with the teeth, substantially as described.

as described.

48,137.—Cherry-stoning Machine. — Theophilus Van Kannel, Cincinnati, Ohio, assignor to himself and Joseph Beaire, Chester, Ill.:

I claim, First, So applying the needle carrier, g, to a reciprocating slide that the needles, b, will disch arge the pitsirom the pulp and then assist in discharging the pulp from the machine, substantially as described.

saist in discharging the pulp from the machine, smooth as a rotary seribed.

Second, In a machine for stoning cherries, which has a rotary driving shaft, I claim giving a lateral motion to the needle carrier in the act or removing the pulp from the basin, substantially as described.

the act or removing the pulp from the basin, substantially as described.

Third, Constructing the needle carrier with a nose, g', for the pursoes substantially as described.

Fourth, The feeder, b, arranged to work between the hopper, A', and the basin, a, substantially as described.

Fifth, The employment of an elastic perforated bottom for the basin, a, substantially as described.

Sixth, The arrangement of the hopper, A', feeder, b, basin, a, and discharging spout, A2, so that cherries will be moved from one to the other of these contrivances, degrived of their pits, and discharged from the machine, substantially as described.

charged from the machine, substantially as described.

48,138.—Artificial Leg.—James W. Weston and Thomas B. Stanley (assignors to James W. Weston), New York City:
We claim, First, A bolt-formed with two joints at right angles to each other, and secured to the leg and foot respectively, as set forth, so that the foot cannot turn out of its place, but motion is allowed at the ankle, as specified.

Second, We claim the india-rubber block perforated with holes or formed with carilies at those point; where the spring is required to be most yielding, the same being introduced at the ankle joint, as specified.

specified.

Third, We claim the side knec-pieces extending from the artificial limb, as and for the purposes set forth.

Fourth, We claim the band for attaching the artificial limb. consisting of the strap, I and m, and intermediate laced strap or webbing, n, for the purposes and as specified.

bing, h, for the purposes and as specified.

48,139.—Steam Engine.—Robert Wyatt (assignor to himself and W. Larder), Brooklyn, N. Y.:

I claim, First, Connecting the two pistons, B.C., with a crank outside of the cylinder, by means of a piston rod, D, which is attached to the inner piston, C, and passes through the outer piston, B, and which has a longitudinal movement with the inner piston, C, and as lateral movement with the two pistons, B C, substantially as and for the purpose herein specified.

Second, The stuffing box, E, through which the piston rod, D, works, attached to the outer piston, B, and working In a slot, f, In the cylinder, subsrantially as and for the purpose herein set forth. Third, The sliding piste, F, and its socket, F, fitting the stuffing box, E, and working within a groove or guide, g, on the exterior of the cylinder, substantially as and for the purpose herein set forth. Fourth, he consistence that the purpose herein set forther of the cylinder, substantially as herein where the connected slide varies of the consistence of the cylinder statistics of the cyli

48,140.—Oil Press.—John Marshall, Pentonville Road, Eng. Patented in England Oct. 27, 1863:
I claim the expression of oil from oil-yielding substances, and the production of oil-cake and other residuary matter, by means of a chamber, in combination with a ram and plug and a stramer or filter, these parts being constructed and acting substantially as described.

scribed.

48,141.—Machine for Making Cigarettes.—Manuel J. Lopez y Manoz, Havana, Cuba:

I claim, First. The arrangement of the feeding rollers, G G', connected together and pressed together in the manner specified, and worked by means of gearing, in the manner and for the purpose substantially as described and set forth.

Second, I claim the arrangement and combination of the cutting bar. K, and knife, L, worked y means of a segment, L', in the manner and for the purpose substantially as set forth.

Third, Celaim the manner of working the forming rollers, v w, by the pinions, 12 13, from part of the surface of said rollers.

Fourch, I claim the manner of working the forming rollers, v w, by the pinions, 12 13, from part of the surface of said rollers.

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Fourch, I claim the work of the changes, X Y, swinging secured in its place during the operation of the machine by spring levers, r', and a lever, E', atted upon by a cam, F', in the manner of the second of the security of the security of the second of the s

levers, P, and a lever, E, acted upon by a cam, F, in the manner specified.

Fifth, I claim the arm, q, and the pin, q', or their equivalent, acting upon the spring levers, P, for the purpose of disengaging the same, in combination with the pin or projection, p', acting upon arm, p. fast to the said frames, X or * for the purpose of swinging said frames around central studs, Y, the whole operating together in the manner and for the purpose described.

Sixth, I claim the wheel, W, acting upon the pinion, W, and the pinion, 5, operating through the punions 4 and 6, the forming rollers, in the manner substantially as described.

Seventh, I claim the forming levers, N, attached to a crank shaft, O, and operated by teeth 24 25 26, and pins or projections, 27 28 29 30 and 31, in the manner and for the purpose substantially as specified.

O, and operated by teeth 22 20, and pins or projections, 27 28 29 and 31, in the manner and for the purpose substantially as specified.

Eighth, I claim the arm, b, in combination with the spring lever, x, and the cam, n, in combination with the lever, n', acting on the crank shaft, O, and the forming lever, N, in the manner described and set forth.

Minth, I claim the lever, T, acting upon the forming lever, N, and operated by arms or cam, t U and U', substantially as specified.

Tenth, I claim tolding the rolled cigarette firmly in its place while the ends of the paper are closed by means of the lever, T, operating in the manner specified.

Eleventh, I claim the levers, Q. operated in the manner specified, or its equivalent, for the purpose of turning down the upper parts of the paper at the ends of the cigarette by the combined action of the rollers, v w v' w', and a lever, N, as described.

Fourteenth, I claim the levers, R' P, operating and arranged in the manner and for the purpose substantially as set forth.

Thirteenth, I claim the levers, R' P, operating and arranged in the manner and for the purpose substantially as set forth.

Thirteenth, I claim the levers, R' P, operating and all possible of the rollers, v w v' w', and a lever, N, as described.

Fourteenth, I claim the levers is acting upon the tobacco and distributing the same evenly on the feeding rollers, G G', and by the forming lever. N, while the latter is acting upon the tobacco and distributing the same evenly on the feeding rollers, G G' and have the lever, T, the levers, Q' Q, and the levers, R' R', when arranged, combined and working together in the manner and for the purpose substantially as set forth and described.

Sixteenth, I claim the construction of the wheels, H W' E and W,

attached to the driving shaft, and operating the different parts of the machine, in the manner and purpose as set forth.

48,142.—Lamp Burner.—James Wood, Nottingham,

48,142.—Lump Eng.:

I claim the combination of the door, Bee, thumb piece, e, stops, g h (all made out of one piece of metal), with the guides, f, the latter being formed of strips or pieces of the shell, a, of the burner, in the manner and for the purpose herein described.

class of lamp burners which are provided with chimneys for burning coal oils and other similar hydro-carbons, and it consists in a novel manner of applying a door in the side of the burner, whereby a ready means is obtained for lighting the lamp without removing the chimney from the burner, and without adding in an appreciable degree to the cost of the construction of the burner.]

48,143.—Coal Stove.—Philo P. Stewart, Troy, N. Y.:
I claim, First, The employment of the perforated cone or cap, F, constructed, arranged and combined with the said plates, C and D, and with the fire pot and combustion chamber of a stove, in the manner and for the purposes substantially as herein described and set forth.

manner and for the purposes substantially as herein described and set forth.

Second, I claim the employment of the wire gauze door, P. or its equivalent, in combination with the said perforated cone or cap, E., or any equivalent therefor, and with the said radiating chamber, B', in the manner and for the purposes substantially as herein described and set forth.

Third, I claim the perforated cone or cap, E., constructed and arranged in sections, a b c, with email apertures between each section or division, in the manner and for the purposes substantially as herein described and set forth.

Fourth, I also claim the arrangement an employment of the inner vertical tube or conical cylinder, L, and the outer verti al tube or cylinder, E, in combination with the radiating chamber, B', and with the horizontal flue, g g, in the manner and for the purpose substantially as herein described and set forth.

Fifth, I also claim the arrangement and combination of the vertical radiating tubes or columns, G G G, with the return flues, e and I, in the manner and for the purpose substantially as herein described and set forth.

Sixth, I also claim the said flanges, i, constructed and arranged upon the outsi e of the said perforated cone or cap, E, in the manner and for the purpose substantially as herein described and set forth.

Seventh, I also claim the combination of the said perforated cap

rth. Seventh, I also claim the combination of the said perforated cap cone, E, or its equivalent, with the air chamber surrounding the amber of combustion, and communicating with numerous aperes, and the said wire gauze door, P, in the manner and for the proses substantially as herein described and set forth.

REISSHES

1.979.—Cock.—Nathaniel Jenkins, Boston, Mass. Pat-

ented April 18, 1865:
I claim First, The swivel, H, in combination with the follower, E, and seat, L, substantially as and for the purpose described.
Second, The combination and arrangement of the tidimble, I, wivel, H, and packing, K, substantially as and for the purpose described.

Second, The communications save to the follower by means of a flang, and a corresponding socket with a flange, m, substantially as and for the purpose described.

Fourth, The elastic packing, or valve attached to the follower by means of a flange, m, and a corresponding socket, substantially as set forth and specified.

Lockwood,

1,980.—Ladies' Collar and Cuffs.—Wm. E. Lock
Philadelphia, Pa. Patented April 26, 1859:
I claim an embossed coll r or cuff, made of a fabric compaper and muslin or an equivasent fabric.

1,981.—Ladles' Collar and Cuffs.—Wm. E. Lockwood.
Philadelphia, Pa. Patented April 26, 1859:
I claim an ornamental collar or cuff, made of a fabric composed of paper and muslin or of an equivalent fabric ornamented by printing or otherwise marking on the surface plain or colored devices.

1,982.—Ladles' Colfar and Cuffs.—Wm. E. Lockwood, Philadelphia, Pa. Patented April 26, 1859:
I claim an ornamen'al collar or cuff made of a fabric composed of paper and muslin or an equivalent fabric, ornamented by perforations as set forth.

Ladies' Collar and Cuffs.—Wm. E. Lockwood

Philadelphia, Pa. Patented April 26, 1859:
I claim an ornamental collar or cuffmade of a rabric composed of aper and muslin, or of an equivalent fabric, ornamented by the inerlacing of colored tapes or ribbons as set forth.

terlacing of colored tapes or ribbons as set forth.

1,984.—Street Washer.—Joshua Regester, Baltimore,
Md. Patented July 23, 1861:

I claim, First, A metallic sectional stop-cock case, which is so constructed that in the act of securing the sections to gether the stop-cock and its appendages are confined within said case, in a permanent position, substantially as described.

Second, Centering the stop cock at its lower end by means of a collar bearing, F, or its equivalent, in combination with a metallic case, substantially as described.

Third, The combination of a twining discharge pipe, B, with a stop cock and a metallic case, which is constructed with an upper and a lower bearing, F, substantially as de-cribed.

nd a lower bearing, r. substantially as described.

,885.—Hydrant.—Charles L. Stacy, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Patented Oct. 4, 1859:

I claim, First, The provision in hydrant piston of a flexible cup, the control of the control of the cup, the control of the control

second, The relative arrangement of the cup-formed disks. FQ and G'' and the apertures, K and L, adapted in the manner set forth to form a chamber, I, closed on all sides, with the exception of the ingress aperture, K, while the hydrant is open, substantially as set forth.

1,986.—Spring-back Chair.—Robert H. Staples, Lowell,
Mass. Patented Nov. 8, 1864:

I claim a back swinging independently of a seat, and pivoted above
it to stationary supports or the arms of the chair, in combination
with a spring or springs, or equivalent device, to return it to its

normal condition.

1,987.—Improvement in Stoves by the Use of Superheated Steam upon the Fuel.—The Hagan Manufacturing Company, New York City, assignees to William E. Hagan, Troy, N. Y. Patented March 8,

William E. Hagan, Troy, N. Y. Patented March 8, 1864:

I claim as my discovery or invention in the management of combustion in fire chambers the application, substantially as herein described, of Superneated steam in jets, so as to impinge without admixture with atmospheric air directly against the incandescent coals, in addition to or in combination with the supply separately of atmospheric air, either by draft or blast, in the usual manner, as set forth and for the purposes specified.

I also claim in the construction of fire chambers for the combustion of feed, and provided with apertures at or near the bottom for the admission of atmospheric air, enabling therewith a steam chamber or chambers for superheated steam, the inner wall of the steam chamber or chambers having numerous small apertures next to the fuel for the escape of the superheated steam to impinge, without admixture of atmospheric in against the incandescent coals, substantially as and for the purposes specified.

And I also laim in the construction of fire chambers, combined substationary as herein described with a chamber or chambers for superheated steam, and with numerous apertures for the escape of superheated steam, and with numerous apertures for the escape of superheated steam, and with numerous apertures for the escape of superheated steam in jets to impinge against the incandescent coals, making the perforation wall of the fire chamber grooved, or the equivalent thereof, to reduce the thickness thereof at the perforations, substantially as and for the purposes specified.

1,988.— Furnace for Treating Ores by Superheated

1,988.— Furnace for Treating Ores by Superheated Steam.—The Hagan Manufacturing Company, New York City, and Wm. E. Hagan, Troy, N. Y., assignees by mesne assignments of Wm. E. Hagan. Patented March 8, 1864:

I claim, First, The employment or application of superheated steam, in the manner as or substantially as herein described and set forth, for the purpose of refining or reducing metals, and for the

removal of sulphur, arsenic, phosphorus, or other imp rities from ores or minerals.

ores or minerals.

Second, the employment or application of superheated steam, as cr substantially as herein described, for the purpose of calching and disintegrating quartz rock, containing silver, gold or other metals. Third, The employment or application of superheated steam for the refining of Iron, and for the converting of Iron into semi or pure steel, in the manner substantially as herein described and set forth.

DESIGNS.

2,079. —Coffin Handle.—Stephen D. Arnold, New Britain, Conn., assignor to P. and F. Corbin.

0.—Cook Stove.—James G. Clarke (assignor to S. H. Burton & Co.), Cincinnati, Ohio.

2.081.—Animal Trap.—Hubert C. Hart, Unionville, Conn.

2,082.—Bust of Abraham Lincoln.—Fisk Mills, Wash.

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J. B. L., of D. C.-Your countryman, Morin, has demonstrated that the idea of navigating the air by the plan of pro pelling balloons by muscular power, is preposterous. If the whole muscular force of a man could be exerted upon a balloon of suffi cient size to sustain him in the air, it would divert it from the rse of the wind only about four miles in an nour

T. C. R. H., of R. I.-Fluids do not rise to the same level in tubes of unequal diameter connected with each other. In under half an inch diameter a sensible difference is per ceived in the hight of the fluid in the larger and the smaller-the latter being the higher. This is owing to capillary attraction

A. M., of Wis .- Keep the coffee-pot bright; coffee cools quicker in a dull pot than in a bright one, for the reason that heat radiates mere rapidly from a lusterless surface than from a brillimateure.

C. B. H., of Conn .- A piece of wrought iron one-fourth of an inch thick, twelve inches long and three inches wide, weight two and a half pounds.

T. R., of Mass.-Bismuth melts at 476; tin, at 421; tin and bismuth, equal parts, melt at 283; tin 3, bismuth 5 and lead 2 melt at the boil ng point. Advantage is taken of the sto surprise children, by making tea-spoons of it, which melt when plunged into boiling liquid.

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