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A. W. King, of South Hanover, Ind., wishes to ascertain where he can procure the best machinery for manufacturing corn starch.

J. A. L., of Tenn.—You propose to amend the patent law by compelling inventors to engage in manufacturing their inventions for two years before granting a patent.

L. M. F.—You appear not to be aware that a tunnel under the East River was proposed some years since.

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J. H., of Md.—A cheap wash for roughboards may be made with lime and the scales and ashes from a blacksmith's shop.

G. P., of C. W.—On page 25 of Vol. 5, Sci. Am., you will find an engraving of a submarine lamp.

S. B. B., of Texas.—Rosin oil is too smoky to be used in common lamps. There is no useful work to our knowledge published on tinsmithing.

J. A. S., of Phila.—Common putty is a good plastic material for making patterns of castings.

G. H., of New York.—The communication on another column relating to Berlin castings may lead you to adopt such a course as the one respecting which you request information from us.

M. B., of N. Y.—Your burning fluid may be very excellent. It does not interfere with any patent so far as we know.

J. W. & Co., of Mass.—The articles on galvanization in the last and present number will give you all the information required.

F. E. B., of Conn.—The water pipes must be wholly made of hydraulic cement, or they will not answer.

J. W. K., of N. H.—The velocity of water down an incline is just in proportion to the vertical fall.

E. M. E., of Pa.—Wax dissolved in alcohol is a cement much used by instrument makers.

C. A. M., of Mich.—The Engineer and Machinists' Drawing Book, sold by Blackie & Son, this city, will answer your purpose.

J. M. B., of Pa.—A patent could not be obtained for an instrument for drawing nails constructed after the model of dentists' forceps for extracting roots of teeth.

P. M., of N. Y.—Four parts of iron filings, a like quantity of potter's clay, and the same of old crucibles reduced to powder, and made into a paste with salt water, makes a strong and durable fire-proof cement.

G. B., of Conn.—Smees' Electro-Metallurgy, published by J. Wiley & Co., this city, will give you the information on electro-plating.

E. B. C., of Mass.—We have seen small cut pinions case-hardened, but not large wheels.

J. W. H., of Mass.—Please inform me whether an individual has a right to manufacture and use a patented article, provided he does not offer it for sale.

G. C. W., of Mass.—There is no good recent work on the steam engine. John Bourne's Treatise, price \$6, and the same author's Catechism, price 75 cts., are good.

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