

will keep the lips closed. But should sticks or other obstructions be drawn into the wheel and be brought in contact with lip E, it will be thrown open and the obstruction will pass by, thus preventing injury to the curb or to the buckets of the wheel.

This improvement also enables the extremity of lip, D, to be brought much closer to the extremities of the buckets of the water wheel than it would be safe to do if it were a solid portion of the curb, which causes the water to act with greater efficiency upon the wheel.

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A suspension bridge is to be built from Cincinnati to Covington, sixty feet in height.

No less than 836,850 pounds of quicksilver were exported from California during the last six months ending July 1st.



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**LIST OF PATENT CLAIMS**  
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**RING BOLT FOR SHIP'S AND BOAT'S TACKLE**—Hubbard Bigelow and Mortimer M. Camp, of New Haven, Conn.: We do not claim an eye or ring bolt made in parts, that can be secured to or released from each other.

But we claim the tongue, C, the holdfast, D, and the levers, E E, as arranged in relation to the body, A, in the manner and for the purposes set forth.

**SODA FOUNTAINS**—J. F. Boynton, of Syracuse, N. Y.: I claim first, the described arrangement of the plunger, E, and vessel, D, or any other arrangement substantially equivalent thereto, whereby the acid may be measured and delivered to the other ingredients in determinate quantities, as set forth.

Second, the spring drip valve, B, or its equivalent, whereby the vessel, D, is entirely emptied of acid after a charge is worked off, as set forth.

**UNCOUPLING R. R. CARS**—Wm. O. George, of Richmond, Va.: I claim the arrangement of sliding rods running longitudinally beneath the platforms of railroad cars, so connected with the coupling pins of the different cars that they may be simultaneously detached from each other by simple contact of the sliding rods at the same time that the engineer or conductor is enabled to disconnect one or more of the cars, if desired, substantially in the manner set forth.

**VEGETABLE CUTTERS**—George W. Childs, of Liberty, Pa.: I claim the vibrating cross knives, h, operating in the manner set forth.

**SMUT MILLS**—Joel W. Cornack, of Quincy, Ill.: I do not claim creepers, or flanges, or cones, in themselves, as new.

But I claim the combination of the cones, E, and creepers, C, arranged and operating in connection with the flanged rims, J, J, attached to the cones, H, and H, in the manner and for the purpose set forth and described.

**FOLDING PAPER**—Cyrus Chambers, Jr., of Kennett Square, Pa.: I claim, first, causing a folding machine to make the crease for the fold in paper, or other substances, so that any number of sheets fed successively to the said machine may be folded to correspond to the printing or other impressions made thereon by means of the points or register pins, I, I, or other equivalents, and the holes by which the sheet was registered upon the press, or the holes or marks made in the sheet for any other purpose, the said pins being adapted to the said holes or marks, and the sheet or substance to be folded placed upon the said pins by using the said holes or marks for the purpose.

Second, I claim the manner of adjusting the register pins, I, I, and their peculiar movement, as described, for the purposes specified.

Third, I claim supplying the straight edge or blade, or its equivalent (which forces the paper into recesses or between converging surfaces or their equivalents) with fine points, as described, for the purposes specified.

Fourth, I claim the bars, Q, Q', and the stops, S, independent of and in combination with each other, as well as the bars, Q, Q', or the stops, S, separately or combined as described, in combination with the endless belts T, T'.

Fifth, I claim arranging the rollers, B, B', which make the second fold below the rollers, A, A', which make the first fold and the rollers, C, C', which make the third fold below B, B', and in like manner any number of rollers, so that the substance to be folded may be forced downwards between each pair, thereby enabling a single series of endless belts or their equivalents, to conduct it from one pair of rollers and present it for the action of the next.

Sixth, I claim the fly, U, in combination with the endless belts, Z, Z, and the mode of making the support of the said fly adjustable, as described, for the purposes specified.

Seventh, I am well aware that endless belts have long been used for conducting paper in folding and other machines. Therefore I do not claim them as my invention.

But I claim arranging a single series of endless belts, substantially as described, so that the substance to be folded may be conducted by them horizontally from a pair of rollers when passing downwards between them.

Eighth, I claim gearing the rollers in such manner as to decrease the speed of the periphery of each successive pair, in the proportion and for the purpose specified.

Ninth, I claim controlling the first blade or plate of folding machines by a treadle or other means, for the purpose specified.

**HOSE COUPLING**—Lewis M. Ferry, (assignor to J. T. Ames), of Chicopee, Mass.: I do not claim any of the parts separately.

But I claim the combination and the application of the various devices described, for the purpose of coupling firemen's hoses.

**MIXING MORTAR**—Benj. F. Field, of Beloit, Wis.: I claim the use of a revolving box of a cylindrical or other form made to revolve upon the ground, for the purpose of mixing mortar, by the action of the cross rods, substantially as described, whilst at the same time it serves to carry the material from place to place, in combination with the method substantially as described, for discharging the mortar from the revolving box.

**FLY TRAP**—George Gilbert, of Westville, Conn.: I claim the use of floats, ledges, or any other projections on the surface of the cylinder.

I also claim the use of a movable cleaner or wiper of any description whatever to remove the flies from the surface of the cylinder, or to force them into the box or any other receptacle, as neither projections nor cleaners are needed or used in my manner of constructing and using the fly trap.

I claim the combination of the revolving cylinder with the screens or wire work, when the whole is constructed, arranged, and combined substantially as described.

**ATTACHING SCREWS TO SWATHS**—David A. Goodnow, of Baldwinville, Mass.: I claim the screw, D, and dog, E, in combination with the projection, C, the whole being arranged in the manner and for the purpose described.

**HARVESTERS**—William Dripps, of Coatesville, Pa.: I claim giving to the cutters of a harvesting machine a traveling and a rotating motion, at the same time and by means substantially as described.

**HIDE FRAMES IN TAN VATS**—Elias A. Eliason, of Georgetown, D. C.: I am well aware that hides have been immersed in quantities attached to frames, or wheels, or cords, in a horizontal position, and kept out of contact with each other, but in no instance have those several devices been connected to each other, in such manner as to form a frame or false vat by which the whole could be simultaneously immersed in or withdrawn from the liquor vat.

I claim, first, arranging a series of ranges of horizontal slats in a false vat or frame upon which the hides are placed one upon every range, whereby the whole may be simultaneously raised out of the liquor vat (without pumping off the liquor), substantially as and for the purposes described.

Second, I claim the axial crosses, D, D, when connected with the frame, C, in combination with the hook-ends, F, F, and shaft, E, whereby the frame or false vat may be revolved or reversed for the purposes described.

**Buoys**—William M. Ellis, of Washington, D. C.: I claim, first, the method described of moving buoys, beacons, and floating bodies, by having their cables attached to said bodies in the line of their calculated center of tidal pressure.

Second, the method of connecting the forked or V link or shackles to the said buoy or floating body by means of a trunnion bolt passing through a metallic tube or pipe properly set and secured within the said body.

**ELASTIC PLATE PADDLES FOR STEAM VESSELS**—Auguste Jouan, of San Francisco, Cal.: I claim the series of vertically divided elastic plate paddles, arranged as set forth.

**BENDING WOOD**—Edwin, Artemas, and Cheney Kilburn, of Burlington, Vt.: We claim the bending of wood by forcing it endwise of its fibers into a mold, which is closed on all its sides, but has an open end, is curved longitudinally in the required form, and has the dimensions of its internal transverse section of the piece of wood, thus causing the wood to be confined in a lateral direction during the bending process, for the purpose of preventing the separation of the fibers, as described.

**FEEDING PULP TO PAPER MAKING MACHINES**—Israel Kinsey, of Hohokus, N. J.: I claim regulating the flow of pulp for making paper upon the web or cylinder of the paper machine by the pressure of the pulp in a box, A, receiving its supply of pulp from the stuff chest, E, through the aperture, F, in the trunk, R, and discharging it through an adjustable aperture, P, below the surface of the pulp in the box, A, the pressure being regulated and kept uniform by the height of the pulp, H, in the box, A, which is adjusted and maintained by means of a valve, E, fitting the aperture, F, operated by a float, B, substantially as described, the combination of the several parts forming a self-acting regulator, for the purpose of making paper of equal thickness.

**MEASURING FLUIDS WHILE DRAWING**—Saml. Krauser, of Reading, Pa.: I claim severing or separating a given quantity of liquid from a mass or column by a traveling tube and plunger, operating together substantially as set forth.

I also claim the gauge plates, N, N, in combination with the valve seat or packing of the plunger fitting thereto for adjusting the measuring apparatus to the exact quantity to be drawn, substantially as specified.

**PLATE-HOLDER FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC CAMERAS**—Wm. Lewis and William H. Lewis, (assignors to Malorzo J. Drummond), of New York City.: We claim forming the glass or vitrified corners, h, with a flanch or rim in one solid piece, the said flanch or rim taking the edges of the photographic glass, or other plate, substantially as and for the purposes specified, and irrespective of the manner in which the said vitrified corners are attached to the plates.

We also claim the receptacle, d, below the glass or other plate to catch any drippings from said plate, substantially as specified.

**HARVESTERS**—Israel S. Love, of Beloit, Wis.: I claim the use of the movable rolling guides placed between the cutting blades, and the sill of the harvesters, whether they be used with a sill made entirely of metal or partly of wood, with more or less metal attached to the same.

**CLEANING WOOL**—A. W. Putnam, of Brooklyn, N. Y.: I claim the combination of the main picker cylinder, and the open and closed concave, in combination with the burring cylinder, arranged and operating substantially as described.

I also claim the burring cylinder in combination with the adjustable burring bar or bars, arranged and operating substantially as described, for stripping the burrs and other foreign substances on the fibers as described.

**SASH LOCK**—Owen Redmond, of Rochester, N. Y.: I claim the swinging bolt, B, in combination with the slide, S, and case, O, constructed, arranged, and operating as described, so that the gravity of the slide, shall shoot the bolt, and maintain it in position.

**GLASS OR EARTHEN TRUSS PADS**—C. C. Reinhardt, of Baltimore Md.: I claim the attachment of metallic backs to the glass faces of truss pads by a flange around the edge of the back slipping within the rim, constituting the edge of the glass face piece, substantially as and for the purposes specified.

**CUTTING IRREGULAR FORMS**—Charles Spofford, of Amesbury, Mass.: I do not claim the invention of a rotary cutter cylinder. Nor do I claim combining knives in any manner with a rotary cutter head or frame to hold said knives so that said head or any part of it may serve as a guide to the form or pattern carrying a material to be dressed.

I claim the combination of one rotary cutter, two guide heads, B and C, and two tables, G and H, arranged as described.

I also claim the combination of a vibratory spring presser, I, with a rotary cutter stock, A, and two tables, G and H, the said presser being made to operate with respect to the cutter stock and tables, and either guide, B, C, as specified.

I also claim the combination of mechanism for moving the vibratory spring presser and its spring towards either of the tables, and locking the shaft to the spring, the same consisting of the arm, M, the two turning bearers, R and S, and the treadle or lever, N, connected to the bearers by pins, O, P, as described.

And in combination with the mechanism for moving the vibratory presser, and its spring towards either of the tables and locking the shaft to the spring, I claim the auxiliary treadle, T, applied to the main treadle, and supported by a swinging bar, substantially as explained.

**FINISHING GAS PIPE FITTINGS**—C. C. Walworth, of Boston, Mass.: I claim the arrangement and combination of the machines operating substantially as described, in a plane around a common center, for the purpose of screwing or tapping different ends of gas pipe fittings at the same time when connected by means of a wrist plate and slotted connections, or their equivalents, for the purpose of bringing the taps to their work, and yet permit either of them to advance or recede without interfering with the others.

**NUT MACHINES**—W. E. Ward, of Port Chester, Y. Y.: I do not wish to be understood as limiting my claim of invention to the special form, construction, or arrangement of the several parts, as the same mode of operation may be obtained by the substitution of equivalents.

I claim the two punches arranged side by side, and operated substantially as described, for punching the central hole, cutting off the blanks from the bar, and discharging the same, substantially as described, in combination with the two holes or two dies, so that a hole is punched in the bar for another nut, during the continued motion of the punch to discharge the nut which was cut off during previous part of the same motion.

I also claim, in combination with the punching and cutting operation or either, and with the mandrel, or its equivalent for entering the central hole of the nut blank, the employment of the spring jaws or the equivalents thereof, for transferring the nut blank from the die to the mandrel, and there holding it until the mandrel enters the hole, substantially as described.

I also claim the holding of the nut blanks on the mandrel, in combination with the swages for swaging the faces of the nuts, substantially as described.

I also claim in combination with the mandrel for holding and turning the nut blanks, substantially as described, the employment of the hammers for hammering or swaging the edges of the nuts, substantially as described.

And, finally, I claim the combination of the swages for swaging the faces of the nuts, with the hammers for forging the edges of the nuts, substantially as specified, by means of which the metal is thoroughly compacted in all directions, and a good finish given the entire blank.

**VICE**—C. C. Walworth, of Boston, Mass.: I claim the arrangement of two vises so as to revolve about a common center, and locking the same in any desired position by means of the lever, G, and notches, or any other suitable device, substantially in the manner and for the purpose set forth.

**BRICK MACHINES**—G. J. Washburn and E. H. Bellows, of Worcester, Mass.: We claim the combination of the blank arm, L, with the weighted reciprocating plunger, I, operating in the manner and for the purpose substantially as set forth.

Second, we claim the means by which the plunger is locked with, and disconnected from the cylinder, D, consisting essentially of the pins, f and g, and the arms, o, operating in the manner substantially as described.

**CUTTING ROUND FILES**—M. D. Whipple, of Charlestown, Mass., assignor to A. B. Ely, of Newton, Mass.: I claim operating upon the blank immediately beyond its point of support, in the manner and for the purpose substantially as described.

Second, I claim feeding the blank forward and rotating it on its axis as the cutting proceeds, when it is operated upon by the vibrating cutters, in the manner substantially as set forth.

Third, I claim the method described, of operating the cutters by means of the wipers, b, and the springs, A2 and Z, whereby the force of the blow is diminished as the size of the blank decreases, as set forth.

Fourth, I claim forming the cutters of circular disks or of portions thereof, in the manner and for the purpose substantially as set forth.

**BRACKET FOR DOOR SPRINGS**—A. J. Walker, of New York City.: I do not claim the application of steel rods to doors to act as springs.

I claim constructing one of brackets, used for attaching such rods, with an additional hole for receiving and holding them when in operation, said additional hole bearing such a relation to the first that by changing the spring from one to the other, greater nicety can be observed when applying it, in regulating the power with which it shall act, and of attaching to said bracket a lever to assist in twisting the spring when applying it.

I also claim securing said bracket in its place by means of a socket inserted in the door or casing, or any other means substantially the same, that will instantly secure it, after it has been applied to the spring, and the necessary power obtained, and will also allow of its being easily removed and re-attached when it is desirable.

**HOOP MACHINE**—W. B. Wood, of Pittsburgh, Mass.: I do not claim splitting hoop poles by forcing them against the edge of a stationary knife. Nor do I claim shaving them by means of revolving cutters. Neither do I claim any of the individual devices employed, nor their combinations.

But I claim the peculiar arrangement of the several parts of the described machine, operating in the manner specified, for the purpose of splitting the poles and shaving the hoops at one operation, as set forth.

**PINCERS FOR LASTING BOOTS AND SHOES**—Benj. F. Sturtevant of Skowhegan, Me., assignor to E. Townsend, of Boston, Mass.: I do not claim a lasting tool in which the two sets of jaws are brought together by means of a screw, as this is a well known method of constructing such tools.

I am also aware that the exterior jaws of such tools have been caused to close upon a central step or block, thus forming a species of compound pincers or lasting tool.

But I claim the described instrument for lasting boots constructed and operating in the manner substantially as set forth.

**MILL STONE DRESS**—W. P. Coleman, of New Orleans, La.: I do not claim a circle dress or curved furrows, the radii of which are equal to the radius of the stone or thereabouts, nor yet the straight tangential furrows, of themselves or apart from their relative arrangement, combination, and operation together in the two stones.

Neither do I claim of itself the curved furrows arching in opposite directions in the two stones, and gathering in the grain towards the eye.

But I claim forming the master and subordinate furrows, C, D, of the stones, substantially as described, viz., the straight portions of the furrows being tangential with the eye, and with circles concentric therewith, and the curved portion being segments of a circle of equal curvature, or thereabouts, so that of the outer peripheries of the stones for the purpose of rapidly throwing the grain outwards in the early action of the furrows, and retarding or gathering it in by the after or outer portions thereof, as set forth.

**COILED SPRING FOR R.R. CARS**—Carlos French, of Seymour, Conn.: I claim composing the coiled leaf of two or more leaves placed the one below the other, said component leaves being welded together at one or both ends thereof, substantially as set forth.

**RE-ISSUES.**

**BURNING WET FUEL**—Moses Thompson, of New Orleans, La. Patented April 10, 1855: I do not claim the described arrangement of a series of fire chambers to communicate with one common flue irrespective of the purpose for which, and the manner in which I employ the said arrangement.

But I claim the combustion for the purposes of a high degree of heat of bagasse, refuse tan saw dust, and other wet refuse substance or very wet green wood, by the employment of a series of fire chambers arranged in any manner substantially as described, to communicate with one common flue or mixing chamber, when any number of said chambers are nearly closed to the admission of air when first charged, as described, whilst the remaining chamber or chambers, is in full communication with the flue, and has a free supply of air admitted, and the ash pit of each chamber, in its turn, is nearly closed and then opened, and has air admitted, where the heat required is rendered continuous and comparatively uniform, while the fuel in some of the chambers is being heated and decomposed to a desirable degree, as set forth.

**BUFF FOR POLISHING SPOONS**—Luther Boardman, of East Haddam, Conn. Patented Dec. 15, 1849: I claim a cylindrical buff composed of soft leather disks or rings, when the outer portions of said disks are left perfectly free from each other, so as to admit of the yielding necessary for their proper action, substantially as described.

**HAT BONIES**—Chas. St. John, H. A. Burr, Albert H. Wright, and J. M. Riblet, of New York City, assignors of H. A. Wells, deceased. Patented April 25, 1846: We do not wish to be understood as limiting the claim to such mode of application, as other modes may be devised, operating on the same principle, or having the same mode of operation, and only differing therefrom in the substitution of equivalent means.

We claim forming the hat of fur fibers on a perforated cone or other form, substantially as described, in combination with the hardening of such hat, while on such cone or other form, to give it the required consistency to admit of taking it off in a suitable condition for sizing by the well known process of felting, substantially as described.

**DOOR LOCKS**—J. P. Sherwood, of Sandy Hill, N. Y., assignor to Calvin Adams, and re-issued to said Sherwood. Patented December 17, 1842, and re-issued to said Adams May 13th, 1851: I claim making the cases of door locks and latches doubled faced, or so finished that either side may be used for the outside, in order that the same lock or cased fastening may answer for a right or left hand door, substantially as described.

I also claim the peculiar construction and double action, upon an inclined and horizontal track or way, of the locking car, B, as described, and the combination of the locking car, B, and safety cars, G, G2, with one another, and with the connecting or vibrating bar and bolt, A, as described, so as to fasten the bolt, C, securely, and prevent its being picked.

I also claim so constructing the bolt, as described, that by simply turning it over in the lock case, it is adapted to a right or left hand door.

**DESIGNS.**

**COOKING STOVES**—Daniel Wilson, of Nashua, N. H.

**CYLINDRICAL COAL STOVES**—Russel Wheeler and S. A. Bailey, of Utica, N. Y.

**COOKING STOVES**—H. E. Bridge, of St. Louis, Mo.

**BUST OF J. C. FREMONT**—John Gott, of Albany, N. Y.

**STOVES**—N. S. Vedder and W. L. Sanderson, of Troy, N. Y., assignors to North, Chase, and North, of Philadelphia, Pa.

**STOVES**—S. W. Gibbs, of Albany, N. Y., assignor to North, Chase, and North, of Philadelphia, Pa.

**PARLOR STOVES**—Jacob Beesley and E. J. Delaney, (assignors to Cresson, Stuart, and Peterson,) of Philadelphia, Pa.

**COOKING STOVES**—N. S. Vedder, of Troy, N. Y., assignor to Graf, Reisinger & Graf.

**COOKING STOVE PLATES**—N. S. Vedder (assignor to Mann, Torrance & Co.) of Troy, N. Y.

**STOVES**—Garretson Smith, Henry Brown, and J. A. Read, of Philadelphia, Pa., assignors to Hayward, Bartlett & Co.

**Francis' Metallic Boats in England.**

Renewed experiments—we learn by the London *Mechanic's Magazine*—have been made recently with the above-named boats at the Woolwich Arsenal. These were very satisfactory, and the authorities, Sir G. Pollock Sir F. Abbott, Gen. Brooke, and Col. Tulloch, expressed their decision of urging the government to adopt them for every purpose to which they can be applied.