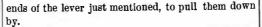
Improved Horse-power.

In many places it is inexpedient to use steam power on account of the danger from fire, and the expense of keeping costly machinery for only occasional service. Farmers and others are always requiring power for different purposes, either for sawing wood, thrashing grain, or cutting hay. For such purposes, or for small manufacturers, the machine here shown will be found useful.

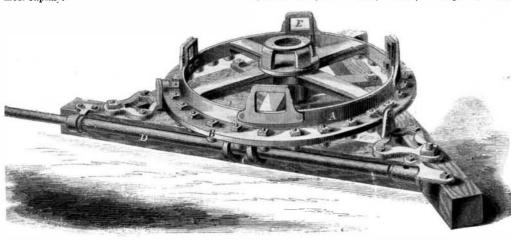
It consists in detail of a wheel, A, armed with pins, B, on which are friction rollers. These pins work against a helix, C, on the shaft, D, and, by pressing on the sides thereof, cause the shaft to rotate most rapidly.



When the gate is to be opened, the line, H, is pulled down, which raises the slide and the gate. latter then runs back on the lever, D, and is prevented from running off by the inclined plane at the end.

When the operator has passed through, the gate shuts itself, or if it should fail to do so can be started by elevating the opposite lever slightly, which will depress the slide so as to allow it to run down to the closing point.

This gate was patented through the Scientific American Patent Agency by S. Grenell, G. Bez, and H. C. Stoll, of Mokena, Illinois, on Sept. 5, 1865.



SWEETLAND'S HORSE-POWER.

In the rim of the wheel, A. there are sockets E. For further information address Geo. Bez. Mokena cast, which carry levers not shown, and to these the horse is attached; any number can thus be accomodated by increasing the levers. The present machine is for four horses.

The frame of the machine is triangular, and shafts can be applied on three sides, so that work of different kinds can go on at the same time It is claimed to be one of the most efficient horse-powers in use, and capable of exerting the most force for its weight and size.

The construction of the machine is very simple and easily understood from the engraving without further comment.

For additional information apply to J. B. Sweetland, Pontiac, Mich. by whom it was patented through the Scientific American Patent Agency on July 4, 1865.

Improved Gate.

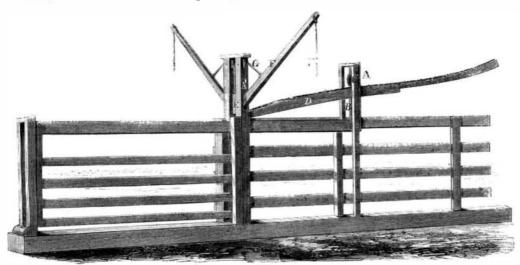
This gate is one of that class which can be opened by a person on horseback or from a wagon. By this | petitors will place their engines. A large boiler or

Illinois.

Expansion of Ice.

In Silliman's Journal of Science is a report of experiments made by Rev. Frederic Gardiner on the ice of the Kennebec river. By inserting a line of stakes in the ice across the river in the early part of February, he found, in the middle of March, that there had been an expansion of the ice of over twelve feet in a breadth of five hundred feet. As during this time the temperature of the water was nearly equal, the expansion must have been due to the sun's rays, which was proved by the fact that there was the least expansion on the eastern side, where the ice was partially shielded irom the sun by a high bank.

A Proposition.—The Boston Daily Advertiser says:-"Efforts are in progress to have a congress of steam engine builders, with a view of ascertaining the relative value of new steam engines. It is proposed to fit up a large room, in which the com-



GRENELL, BEZ & STOLL'S GATE,

plan the trouble of alighting is avoided. The opera- | tank will be provided, which will be filled with air at tion is also much easier than in gates that have to be lifted bodily before they can be swung round.

In construction this gate is hung between uprights, A and A', and has a vertical arm, B, which is fitted with a roller, C. This roller runs on a lever, D. Between the upright, A', is a slide, E, to which the gate is hung and to which the levers, F, are attached by means of cords, G; a line, H, depends from the Try compressed molasses.—Eds.

a given pressure. Each engine, in turn, will be connected with the tank, and the compressed air turned on, and the revolutions of the engine noted. The engine which makes the greatest number will be judged the best."

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