

Correspondents

From the success of the Atlantic Cable, correspondents will at once see the propriety of our omitting their articles on the subject of failure.

H. J. R., of Va.—Very fine impressions of ferns may be obtained by thoroughly saturating them in common paper, and laying them flat between white sheets of paper without much pressure, and letting them dry out.

J. G., of Del.—Revolving sails have often been suggested as a means for propelling and guiding balloons. We have no confidence in the success of any such scheme.

M. G., of Ohio.—The exclusive claim which your employer sets up to an invention made by you, because you happened then to work for him, reminds us of a New Zealand chief, who maintained that he had a good title to his land because he had eaten the former owner. The claim of your employer will not avail, unless by special contract you made the invention for him. You had better proceed at once to apply for the patent. Inventors many times lose the full benefit of their improvements by unnecessary delays.

C. L. McGrew, Lexington, Mo., wishes to purchase an engine pump capable of drawing water about thirty feet through a two and a-half inch pipe, and thence forcing it to the top of a three or four-story building, to be used as a fire-extinguisher.

C. C., of Conn.—The amount of force exerted by one pound of gunpowder is 231,240 pounds raised one foot high.

W. H. S., of Phila.—Orfila's celebrated hair dye is said to be simply carbonate of lime, made by boiling, for an hour and a quarter, four parts of sulphate of lime with five parts of slaked lime, in thirty parts of water. Filter the liquor and collect the powder, which, if applied in a warm solution, will dye the hair a fine black in one hour.

S. O., of Conn.—The best method that we can recommend you to adopt for protecting your shingles is to kyanize them, or give them a coat of red lead and boiled oil before using.

J. S. R., of Ill.—The bait used by English and other rat-catchers to tempt the wily animals into their wire prisons, is the oil of rhodium, for which rats have as great a partiality as cats have for their peculiar "nip."

B. S., of Md.—The breaking strain given in an item on wire rope, a few weeks ago, was the amount to each square inch. The British government require that all wrought iron furnished to them shall sustain the weight often times to the sectional square inch.

J. Q., of ————Your suggestions concerning the Atlantic Cable are old, and have been decided to be useless.

M. A. S., of Ill.—The best method of constructing an ice house is to build its walls entirely underground, with a foot space outside for rice, chaff, charcoal, sawdust, or other good non-conducting material. The covering, and other parts above ground, should also be made double, and filled in with the same non-conducting substance.

W. K., of Ill.—The employment of ambrotypes, or pictures taken on glass, for magic lantern purposes, in the manner you indicate, has been done before, and is not therefore patentable.

W. H. R., of Va.—Railroad station indicators made as you propose, to wit, the names of the stations painted on an endless belt moved by a crank, are quite old. Your device is not patentable.

A. M., of Iowa.—By covering common bricks with common salt, and heating them until the whole surface is glazed, they will be protected from the action of the weather, and have a hard, durable, and vitreous coating.

J. M. A., of R. I.—Your engine is what is variously known as "Hornblower's engine," and "Wolf's engine," and was invented by Hornblower nearly eighty years ago. Such engines, with cylinders side by side, are now, or were, many years ago, in use on some English steamers. But this method of using steam is not so good as using it with a high degree of expansion in a single cylinder.

Money received at the Scientific American Office on account of Patent Office business, for the week ending Saturday, August 7, 1858:—

- J. H. C., of N. Y., \$100; W. C., of N. J., \$30; W. A. M., of Minn., \$27; W. D., of Texas, \$25; W. D., of N. Y., \$25; J. A. McC., of N. Y., \$25; J. P. B., of N. Y., \$30; R. H. E., of Ill., \$35; W. M. S., of N. Y., \$25; A. W. H., of Conn., \$25; J. W. M., of Pa., \$35; J. L., of Mass., \$35; G. C., of Ky., \$30; J. C. F., of Texas, \$35; W. W. H., of Texas, \$30; H. H., of Ind., \$30; J. M. B., of —, \$30; J. A. Jr., of Mass., \$30; O. H. S. B., of Ind., \$27; M. & W., of Ill., \$25; T. E. McN., of Pa., \$55; W. H. T., of Mass., \$30; B. O., of Ohio, \$27; E. M. B., of Wis., \$55; A. P., of Tenn., \$25; E. D., of Md., \$250; W. G. S., of Ill., \$30; A. S. M., of S. C., \$55; J. P. E., of Pa., \$35; A. F. T., of Mass., \$55; G. & D., of Texas, \$30; A. S., of Pa., \$30; A. S. S., of Ohio, \$25; W. G. B., of Ill., \$30; I. M. M., of Ind., \$30; B. P. B., of Pa., \$35; B. & H., of Mass., \$32; J. W. N., of Conn., \$32; T. W. B., of N. Y., \$100; T. H., of Ohio, \$30; J. A., of S. C., \$5; A. H., of N. Y., \$30; K. F., of Wis., \$25; M. A. W., of Ohio, \$15; J. K., of N. Y., \$25; J. R., of Mass., \$30.

Specifications and drawings belonging to parties with the following initials have been forwarded to the Patent Office during the week ending Saturday, August 7, 1858:—

- O. H. S. B., of Ind.; C. P. G., of Ill.; J. C. F., of Ohio; A. P., of Tenn.; J. K., of N. Y.; K. F., of Wis.; J. C. F., of Texas; J. H., of N. Y.; B. P. B., of Pa.; T. H., of Ohio; A. W. H., of Conn.; J. M., of Iowa; J. L., of Mass.; W. D., of N. J.; B. O., of Ohio; J. A., of S. C.; M. A. W., of Ohio; W. A. M., of Minn.

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