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S. N. D., of N .- You are correct in regard to the con venience of drawing ap water in buckets with hinged valves in their bottoms, to open and close by the pressure of the water. But you do not seem to be aware

that such buckets are old and well-known.

"A Correspondent" sends us a sketch of a brick machine from Paducah, Ky., but fails to sign his name to bis letter. If he will supply this omission we will an-

G. B. D., of Tenn.-We think that " Moseley s Mechanics applied to the Arts," and "Dr. Lardner on the Steam Engine," would suit you. Both can be procured from Wiley & Halstead, this city. The other books are hard and dry.

R. H. L., of Wis.-The best battery for galvanizing purposes is Smee's. You can drill glass with diamond dust and a steel drill.

P. C., of Mass.—Providing funnels with a vent tube at their sides to admit the escape of air or gas from vessels into which liquids are being poured is not new or

John C. Elder, of Baton Rouge, La., wishes to pur-

chase a spoke-turning machine.

F. A. F., of Mass.—We think that you could obtain amianthus at the store of any large philosophical instrument maker.

W. H. G. of Mass. - The water of the osean increase in density as you descend and so does anything thrown into it : so the relative density remains the same, and a cannon ball would sink to the bottom.

M. M. K., of Texas.-You propose to employ a num ber of springs tangent to the circumference of the wheel for the alleged purpose of preventing the jolting of carriages. It is entirely impracticable to undertak such a system. It might do very well for a toy, but it

could never do for loaded vehicles.

C. H. N., of Pa.—Robert L. Pell is President of the America Institute. A letter addressed to the care of the Institute would reach him safely. He has paid much attention to the artificial propagation of fish, and is no doubt capable of giving you sound and useful advice on this subject.

F. F. A., of Pa.-In volume X. of the SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN, we published a history of reaping and mow ing machines, and if you refer to it you will find several modifications of the circular cutter. A recent patent by Stephen R. Hunter, of Cortlandt, N. Y., also employs a series of circular cutters.

M. A. W., of Ct.-We have examined a sketch and rough description of your plan for preventing the escaping sparks. &c., from locomotives from coming in act with houses in the sides of the streets through which they travel, and so far as novel v is concerned we believe it to contain sufficient to form a patentable claim. The objection to locomotives passing through inhabited streets is not confined to smoke, sparks, &c escaping from them, but mainly applies to the danger to life, and the disagreeable noises and other incon veniencies they produce.

J. C. R., of Va .- The alkali will not injure the hide at all, and if you will put about two bushels of wood ashes into your lime with half thequantity of lime uzually employed, you will make a much handsomer leather and more durable, wit i less handling.

Z. Y. X., of Pa.-Professor Rodgers only meant that the stalactites which he had in that particular instance increased at the rate of one-tenth of an inch a year, but they may increase at a greater rate in different localities and under different ircumstances.

R. M., of Ind -In Vol. IX., Sor. AM., you will find an engraving of the weighing and packing machine of N. B. Harris & Co., of Philadelphia.

W. M. P., of C. W.—We should think common glue the best thing you could use to attach paper labels.
G. S. P., of Ill.—The idea of obtaining motive power

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E. C., of Ohio.-To cut files with a diamond is not patentable.

C. F. A., of Boston.—We cannot name such a work as you want. Inquire of some botanic physician in

T. E. M., of R. I .- A patent cannot be obtained for ship's rudder having the spindle passing through the center of two blades instead of having the spindle at one side of a single blade as is the common custom.

A. F., of Me .- We cannot inform you how to pre pare the ergot or spurred rye, which has been recommended for consumptive patients. Physicians ought to be the best judges on these matters.

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The New American Cyclopædia—Volume III.—
Beam—Browning. D. Appleton & Co., 346 and 348
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