Mr. Valentine Blanchard has made known a very simple and excellent plan for keeping wet plates in a sensitive con dition for a considerable time, after removal from the bath The plan is to add a few grains of a salt of bromine-cadmi um or ammonium-to the collodion. An old collodion work best. We have tried it with success, adding two grains of bromide of ammonium to the ounce of collodion. In some instances our plates remained three hours in the shield before exposure, and developed without surface stains. The ration ale of this method is explained as follows by the Plotographic Nevos

The value of a bromide in securing immunity from stains, comets, and other markings has long been known; but it mode of operation in doing this has not been well under stood. Its action in permitting long keeping, however, is easily explained. The process of double decomposition, in which the bromide salts employed in the collodion ar changed into bromide of silver, is much slower, as is wel known, than is the conversion of iodides; and when a simply bromized collodion is employed, the immersion in the nitrate bath needs to be very much prolonged, in order to convert the whole of the bromide in the collodion into bromide of silver. In effecting his purpose Mr. Blanchard just pursues the opposite course. Employing a very highly bromized col lodion, he gives the plate the shortest possible immersion in the nitrate bath, keeping it in motion from the first, to get rid rapidly of the greasy, streaky appearance of the plate The solution running evenly over the film, without streaks or oily-looking lines, which is generally regarded as the indication of sumcient immersion, is, in reality, no test of th it merely indicates that the alcohol and etherin the film have become thoroughly mixed with the aqueous solution, and that the mutual repulsion has ceased. Under ordinary cir cumstances, however, by the time this is thoroughly effected, the mutual decomposition of the iodides originally in the col lodion and the nitrate of silver, and the formation of iodide of silver and a nitrate of potash, or other base is also complete With bromides, as we have said, this operation is not so rap idly completed; if therefore, a collodion film containing a large portion of bromide be immersed and kept in motion so as rapidly to get rid of greasiness, and then removed after a very brief immersion, the film will contain a large portion o the bromide-say, of cadmium or ammonium-which remains this fomposed, and is not converted into bromide of silver. this fact lies the safety of the plate for long exposures. Th on the surface of the film, or, by the concentration of the solution caused by evaporation, acquiring a readier tendency to abnormal reduction-now performs a different office: being in contact with the unconverted bromide of cadminm or am monium, it is decomposed by it, and aids in the formation of bromide of siver in the bilm. Instead of being made stronge by evaporation of water, the free nitrate is made weaker by the loss of the silver which combines with the bromine, the the nitric acid, combining with the base which leaves a hygroscopic, and therefore beneficial salt. It will thus be readily seen how the use of a large portion of bromide and a very short immersion of the plate in the nitrate bath tend to prevent the stains of crystallization or of reduction consequent on long exposure in warm weather. The mode in which the effect in question is secured in the case described may possibly suggest an explanation of the general action of bromides a aids to clean negatives. It is probable in most cases where a freely bromized collodion is employed, and the plate kept in the nitrate bath the usual two or three minutes, that some portion of unconverted bromide remains in the film, and that the formation of bromide or silver goes on after the plate leaves the bath, the bromide of silver being formed at the expense of the free nitrate on the film, which is thus much weakened. As the use of a weak solution of nitrate silver, at times secured by re-dipping the plate in a weak bath, is known to be conductive to cleanliness, the weakening of the free ni trate by the formation of bromide of silver may also be a source of the cleanlin
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The amount of bromide in collodion for very ${ }^{\text {r }}$ long expo sures may vary from two grains to two and a-half. Any sol uble bromide may, we presume, be used without impropriety.

## Sheathing Iron Vessels with wood

A correspondent gives us an account of a method of re pairing an iron steamer running between New York City and South Amboy, which, in fifteen years' service had become very much corroded externally, although her frame wa sound. She was taken out of the water and planked with planks being bolted from the keel to the guard braces, the with large square washers on the inside of the hull ; an oak keel was also added and the work was done within five weeks. She is 270 feet long and 30 feet beam, and required over 9000 bolts. She is now believer to be good for at least another fifteen years' work. Parties specially interested in the object are advised to investigate the matter. It is very important i as feasible as our correspondent believes it to be

Something New in the Moon.-At a late session of the French Academy of Sciences, M. Delaunay read a paper, by M. Flammarion, on the subject of a recent change in the moon's surface. A crater well defined and perfectly well known to astronomers has disappeared within a year, and its place is now marked by a large white spot in the middle of a plain. It is the first time that any change in the moon's sur face has been noticed. M. Chacomar made a like observation.

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65,785.-Glue.-William Adamson, Philadelphia, Pa.
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to the tongue or equivalent part arranged to operate as described.

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 on the feed mechanism. Apparatus for Lighting Gas Engineb.
65.808 .-ELECTric






 65.810.-SEED PLANTER.-C. T. Holman, Conneautville. Pa



 65,811--Water Elevator.-Thomas Holmes, Bristol, R. I
 65,812.- Breech-LOADING FIRE-ARM.-W. W. Hubbell (as



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 65,815.-SHOE HOLDER.-L. C. Keeler, Montrose, Pa.

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65,841.-Ditching Maceine.-Nathan Starbuck, Wilming-
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65,842 .-METHOD OF Bottling Mineral Waters.-Charles
H. Thomas, Philadelphia, Pa.
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65,845.-Mode of Dressing Side Straps for Harness.



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 65, 856 . - MACHINE FOR FASTENING BALE TIES.-Joseph Ad-


 65,857. - Stopper for Bottles, Jugs, etc.-J. B. Ale ªn $^{\text {an }}$
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 65,864.-Wood TuRNING Laties.-Frederick Baldwin, Brat








65,887.-CORN HUSKER.-E. M. Bates, East Rochester, Ohio
65,887.-Corn Husker.-E. M. Bates, East Rochester, Ohio.
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the purpose described. 6,68 -CORN SHELLER.-F. A. Bolles, Unadilla, N. Y

65,869.- METHOD OF SUPPLyING LOCoMOTVE TENDERS WITE


 65,870.-WASHING-MACHINE.-Alex. Brooks, Waverly, N. Y.







 65,874.- MTEAM Generator.-Thomas S. Clogston, Boston












 65,880 -Purification of Coal Gas.-Alexander Angus















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 65,892.-COMPOUND FOR TEMPERING STEEL-William G Kiser, Milwankee . 1 is






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substantially , deseribed. 65,896. - Vegetable Lifter.-Christopher C. Fellows, Cen
 65,897 .-Device for Measuring Liquids.-Albert Ficket

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 65,926- Machine For Coating Hats. - Jules Francois



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 65,929. WW EATHER STRIP.-IRaac H. MCOMber, El Paso, III.






 siseified. - Lamp Burner-George Neilson, Boston, Mass.

 65,934.-TANNING COMPOOND.. William H. Newby, Sey-


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 65,937. Rrook Mecking Chair and Trunk.-Thomas Nye, West


 65,938.-Cultivator-Lorenzo D. Pelton and Joseph Bar



 65,939.-MACHINE FOR PRODUCLING BLAST IN GAS CARBD


 65,90. -MACOINE FOR HEADING CARTRIDGE CAsES.-Tim






 6,941.-FORGING APPARATUS.-John Price N. Y. City.












 and 65,946 - Apparatus for Tempering Steel Plates.-

 I Clewaink he improved method of holding saws in metallic saw frames, substantially as shown and described.

 65,949--BDRGLAR Alarm.-Henry R. Robbins,Baltimore,Md.
 65,950-DDODRLE SEATMNG MACHINE.-J. Rupp, (assignor to











 65,954.- Wood PLANING MAchine.-Frederick Schmidt,
 65, 555. . MAveracture or


 65,957.-Instrument for opening Sheet Metal Cans.-
 65,958.
 65,959--FRDIT LADDER-Daniel C: Smith, Adrian, Mich,





 65,962. - Crlinner Press for Extractivg Oil from Fish.-

 65,963.- SLeerring Cass--John Swan, Baltimore, Md.
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tially as and for the purposes specified.

65,974.-Gate.-S. H. Wheeler, Dowagiac, Mich
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$65,976 .-$ Seed and Guano Planter.-Thomas W. White,



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2,647- - Machine for Making Nails and Tacks.-Orin L



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2,656- Weaving Corded Fabrics.-Wm. Smith, New York


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2,674.-Plow Clevis--G. P. Darrow (assignor to James L 2,675.-Cloce Case.-A. C. Felton, Boston, Mass.
2,676- Combined Hammer, Tack Drawer, Wrench, etc 2,677-Soldier's Monument. - Dayton Morgan, Chilli 2,678.- Post-office Balance-W. W. Reynolds, Brandon 2,679. - Counter Scale.-W. W. Reynolds, Brandon, Vt 2,880.-Cook's Stove.-Samuel Saylor, Philadelphia, Pa
 2,681.-Tea or Coffle Pot-Geo. Jones, Saugerties, N. Y


