The qualifications for high and responsible positions are ar various as the positions themselves; and a man may oftej poseess brilliant talents, and yet lack some apparently minor but all essential endowment or acquirement without whicl, a particular place must be forever inaccessible to him. It a particular place must be forever inaccessible to him. It
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positions, or judgment matured by experience; whatever it is it must be acquired before he can reasonably expect corresponding promotion. If a young man feels that he possesses the necessary ability for success in learned professions, yet lacks the courage to endure the self-denial which is usually to be expected at the outset of a career in any of them, he is small potatoes, and will probably go through life with the feeling that he might have made some noise in the world had not cruel desting been so unfavorable to his youthful ashad not cruel destiny been so unfavorable to his youthful as-
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is small potatoes, and the chances are much against his ever being anything else. As a straw at the source of a river may change its current, so a sing! e act at the outset of business life may oirect its entire course. Only the greatest minds can reclaim a misdirected life, and secure success in spite of the lost opportunities, and accumulated difficulties resulting from it.

We do not believe that men often fail to reach their proper level; and it is fair to inftr, that, when a person is found at mature years occupying a very inferior position, that there was something about him that made him small potatoes. The exceptions to this, if there are any, only prove the rule; and it may be said to be as certain as any principle in busi. ness can be, that, in any profession, good ability, close application, and patient courageous effort, during the day of small things, will ultimately be rewarded by success.

## IMPROVEMENTIN WATER WHEELS.

It is rare that it fedls to our lot to notice a patent so simple and so obviously useful that it can be fully described without engravings. In this case, however, we are enabled to do this, as the improvement does not relate to the general structure of water wheels, but only to the prevention of the oxidization of iron wheels, without reference to their form, and also to the reduction of the friction of the water upn the working parts of such wheels. The improvement is the invention of Mr. James P. Collins, of Troy, N. Y., and consists in enameling all portions of any water wheel exposed to the action or force of the water with some suitable material. or combination of materials, thereby giving a smooth and glazed surface, over which the water flows with greatly diminished friction, of course adding proportionally to the efficiency of the wheel. It is obvious, also, that all chemical action of the water must be entirely prevented by such a coating. The patent upon this improvement does not limit the inventor to any particular silicious substance or combinathe inventor to any particular silicious substance or combina-
tion of substances, and he is at liberty to use any materials for the purpose above described that he may find upon experiment to be useful. The inventor does not intend to confine the apolication of this improvement to the wheels of his own manufacture, but will dispose of rights to manufacturers of water wheels throughout the United States. All applications should be made to J. P. Collins, Troy, N. Y.

## The New English Ironclad.

The shipwights at Chatham dockyard, England, commenced laying the blocks and ways for the new armor-clad turret ship Glatton. An exchange says,
"The drawings and plans received at Chatham dockyard from the Admiralty, show the Glaiton to be a vessel of 2700 tuns burden, with a length of 245 feet, and a breadth of beam of 49 feet. It is, however, in her armor plating that she will surpass in defensive powers every ship yet constructed; it being intended to plate her with armor 12 inches in thickness along her most exposed parts, while on her turrets the Glatton will carry armor 14 inches in thickness, laid on a 10 -inch backing of teak, with the usual inner "skin" plating. Unlike the Monarch一the deck of which is encumberea with a topgallant forecastle—the single turret of the Glatton can be directed towards every point of the compass. Her offensive directed towards every point of the compass. Her ofensive
will, at the same time, be on a par with her defensive powers, it being intended to arm her with a couple of 25 -tun gunsit being intended to arm her with a couple of 25 -tun guns-
the most formidable armament yet given to a vessel of war.

## What Breaks Down Young Men,

It is a commonly received notion that hard study is the unhealthy element of college life. But from tables of the mortality of Harvard University, collected 1 y Professor Pierce from the last triennial catalogue, it is clearly demonstrated that the excess of deaths for the first ten years after graduation is found in that portion of each class inferior in schol. arehip. Every one who has seen the curriculum knows that where Æschylus and political economy injures one, late hours and rum punches use up a dozen; and that the two little fingers are heavier than the loins of Euclid. Dissipation is a swift and sure destroyer, and every young man who follows it is, as the early flower, exposed to untimely frost. Those who have been inveigled in the path of vice are named "Le gion," for they are many-enough to convince every novitiate that he has no security that he shall escape a similar fate. A few hours of sleep each nigbt, high living, and plenty of "smashes," make war upon every function of the human body. Empashes," make war upon every function of the human body.
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limbs, the bones, the flesh, every part and faculty, are overlimbs, the bones, the flesh, every part and faculty, are over-
tasked, worn, and weakened, by the terrific energy of passion loosed from restraint, until, like a dilapidated mansion, the "earthly house of this tabernacle" falls into ruinous decay. Fast young man, right about!

Singular Optical Effect of Certain Sounds.
A correspondent from Michigan writes, that whenever he hears sounds of a certain bell in his neighborhood, he expecirnces a sensation of flashes of light, or, rather, shadows, flashes of to be referred to reflex nervous action The thena are doubtless more liable to such reflex effects than any other, often being more iable to such reffex effects than any other, often being
affecter bv disturbances in remote organs, as, for instance the stomach. Instances are on record where sight was so depraved by disordered digestion, that apparitions of people, distant places, etc., were seen by the patient, these symptoms entirely disappearing upon the removal of the disturbing cause.

Japanese Paper.-The Japanese manufacture and use paper to as great an extent as perhaps any other nation. There are very few of their industrial operations that do not nvolve the use of this material. Both for ornamental and useful purposes it seems to be the sine qua non. Fans, lanterns, umbrellas, pocket handkerchiefs, cloaks, and windows are made of it. The paper strings and hats lately introduced into this country have been in use for centucies in Japan.

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81,573.-RAALLWAY CHAIR.-Samuel T. Alexander, Pitts-



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81,576. NoN-CORROSIVE VALVE SEAT.-E. H. Ashcroft. Bos-
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 81,583.-Mop Wringer.-Myron J. Barcalo, Mount Morris

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 81588 - Refrigerator,-Ed win D. Brainard, Albany, N.Y.
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 81573.-SAFETY ATHACHMENT FOR Eug-CARrier.-Abner
 mi,594. ${ }^{\text {mandit. }}$ Hand Spinning Machine.-J. W. Burkhart, Came-


 1,59b-Anisal Trap.-Alexander Campbell, Oxford, Ind.
 81,597.-COAN-YLANTEム.- S. O. Campbell, Leavenworth,


di,598.-Base Ball Tally-Board.-Thomas L. Canary,








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 81,605 .-Distilling Apparatus for Spirits.-J. C. Cook-





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81,608.-Machine for Grindina Metal Articles.-J. P.











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 81,6ijo.-Combined Latch and Lock.-S. A. Green, Lexing-



 81, 627 .-Beeding Machine.- Joseph Haas, El Paso, Ill.


















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 81.640.- FENCE GATE. - Jaspèr S. Jewett, Otta wa, Ill.


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 described. 81,695 . Hot-air Register Attachment.-Hector Sinclair,













 81 , 1 , 01 . Set Souky Plow.-A. R. Stanley and H. W. Ensign,




 81,703.- Ventiliating-sash AdJUSTER.-W. C. Stickney and
 81,704.-WATER WREEL-- Brush Sutherland, Chicago, Ill.


 81,705.-OILLRR for Machinery.-Newton Tallman, West

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81,718.- $-T T_{M B L E R}$ BRUSH. - Gerhart Wiesler, Chicago, Ill .







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COMPOUND.- Henry F. Wilson, (assignor to




















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81,780. PLow.-John Ball, Canton, Ohio.

 81,771-CLEVIS For PLow.- John Ball, Canton, Ohio.














 81,734.-Self-Lighting Gas Burner.-Arthur Barbarin,















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81,739.- TEALLING MACHINE.-Edwin Birkenshaw, Ashue-
 81,740-- FIBER AND GUM FABRIC.-A Adolphus F. Boshop,
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 81,742--Charcoas Fchinace.-C. W. Briggs, Springfield


 1,743.- APPABATUS FOR Rendering Lard, TALlow, Etc










 81,744.-Rendering and Refining Lard, Oils, etc.-Amos



 81,745.-BALLING PREss.-Charles Brown, Buffalo, N. Y.,



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 81,762.-REvolving Funace for Roasting Ores.-Fred-




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 81,764.- VIse.-Isaac Fisher, St. Loais, Mo.









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81,780-GRINDING MILL.-Ed ward Harrison, New Haven





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 81,782. - MITER Bo But - W. H. Herbert, Blissfield, Mich.


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 81,786.-Whip Holder.-Albert W. Johnson, New York

 81,787.-Harness Makers' Clamp.-Jesse F. Johnson, Mon-

 81,788.-Harness.-W. A. Jordan, New Orleans, La.





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81,792.-CAM FOR OPERATING SHOTTLE Box.-C. H. Knowl-

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 sit forth. AnimaL Trap.-H. S. Lesher, Galesburg, II.

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 ner described.
81,801 .-W Ell Tube.-Lorenzo Lovejoy, Malden, Mass.


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 81,807.-Cdltivator.-D. McNeeley and C. J. Cady, Spur

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81,831.-Flour Bolt.- H. N. Shultz, Sabillasville, Md.

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81,835 -BREAST-PIN FASTENLNG.-Thomas W. F. Smitten,

 81.836.-F ENCE.- Jacob Southwick, Brant, N. Y.





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81,840.- WATER-HEATER FOR STEAM-GENERATORS.- James

 81, 841 .-MACHINE FOR CLIEANING Feathers.-Thomas Tay




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81,843. TIGHTENING BAND FOR V USSHLS. John Tingley Pbiladelphia, Pa., assignor to himself and Samuel L. Davis, Camden, N.

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 81,853.-Hor Air Engine.-Francis H. Wenham, London


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81,854.-Planing Machine.-Alonzo Whitcomb, Worces-
 81,855.-Box Opener.- John Willard, Norwich, Conn.
 81,856.-Froir JAR.-E R. Williams, Rochester, N. Y.
 81.857.-Hand Plow.-W. B. Winton, Marion, Iowa. 1. claim the curved serrited spring metal bor or plate, D, Incombination
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hially as specifled.
81.859.--CotTer Head-Edward S. Wright (assignor to



81,860.--Pullet.-John A. Rurnap, Albany, N. Y




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79,942.-Aniline Dpe.-Dated July 14, 1868 ; reissue 3,103. Benoit Bloch, Sulultz, France.
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70,523.-APPARATUS FOR RAISING and SECURING THE LEGS
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36,987. STEAM ENGINE PACKING. Dated November 25








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186.--Corset.--Luman L. Chapman, Philadelphia, Pa. 3,188-CARPE STOVE PLATrs. - John D. Flansburgh, Phila-
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3,189.--BASE OF A MORTISING MACHINE.-D. L. Gibbs,Wor
 3,191.--Pattern for Knitted Fabric.--Joseph D. McKee 3,192.-Patrern for Knitted Fabric.-Joseph D. McKee, Philadelphia, Pa. Bucks County, Pa., antedated August 11, 18868.

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