correspondents. We are always glad to publish anything want of uniformity in the expense of illumination through levers so combined as to give the long end of each in favor of that we consider suggestive, or likely to lead to useful research. Many communications, although they may contain entirely erroneous statements and false reasoning, are noticed because they afford an opportunity for the imparting of useful information, or the correction of popular errors. Our readers would be surprised, were we to merely give the titles of some of the communications we receive. Here is a correspondent who writes us upon the duality of sex in the human brain; another who thinks there is a relation between the phenomena of thought and the planets Venus and Mercury ; still another who most degmatically states that he has with out experiment, by pure reasoning, discovered the relation of matter in its ultimate condition, and wishes us to occupy four columns of space with his ideas upon the sabject. In striking contrast with these is one from a school boy, asking for information upon a subject which shows that he is inquisitive in the right direction, and couched in language which gives evi dence of improved opportunities, and large promise for the future. Welcome, my lad! Your inquiry shall receive attention in due time, while other more pretentious, but far less valuable correspondence, finds its way into the waste-basket.

## COPPERED IRON ROLLERS FOR CALICO PRINTING.

The last number of the London Mechanics' Magazine says, that to save a portion of the large amount of capital invested in copper printing rollers by calico manufacturers which lies necessarily idle, "the Swiss printers have been experimenting," and with complete success, with iron rollers coated with copper of sufficient thickness to allow of the pattern being engraved upon it. The mode of ceating adopted by the Swiss is said to be a secret; but there are several plans by which a thin layer of copper can be obtained upon which as much metal as may be wished can be thrown down by the ordinary electrotype process. We have published several modes of coppering iron already, and add one more devised by Weiskopf. He first brushes the object (say roller) over with a solution made by dissolving one part of nitrate of copper in fifty parts of hydrochloric acid; and afterward with a second solution of ten parts nitrate of copper, ten parts chloride of copper, and eighty parts hydrochloric acid. This latter solution is applied very quickly with a soft brush The copper is deposited in a few seconds, and the object must be rinsed immediately in cold water and wiped with a soft cloth. By repeating the application of this second solution the copper coati, g may be obtained of any desired thickness. This process, the author says, is to be recommended for its simplicity, cheapness. and the durability of the cop. er layer. Our own experience with the coating of copper with acid solutions similar to this has shown us that unless the application be made very quickly indeed, the copper does not adhere firmly to the iron and is apt to blister and peel off. For coating rollers, therefore, we should recommend an alkaline process-either Weil's or the old cyanide plan. When the pattern is out of date, the Swiss convert the old roller into a new one by covering all parts of the roller except the engraved pattern, with an insulating varnish, then immersing it in a bath, to fill up the pattern with freshly deposited copper. The roller is then ready to have a new pattern engraved upon it."

We can scarcely reconcile the two statements in the above extract that the Swiss process is a "secret," and that they "immerse the roller in a bath" to fill up, by deposition, the depressions of the engraving. We have, also, very little faith in coating iron rollers with copper for calico printing by the electroty ee process. Several plans for coating iron with copper by deposition have been proposed, but we have yet to know of any that have been entirely successful-that is, have produced a perfect homogeneous and solid coating It is almost impossible to make the surface of the iron so chemically clean and to so free it from all minute irregularities that the copper will combine with it and secure a perfect copper covered surface. The colors used in printing frequently contain acids, and if the slightest pin hole exists in the copper covering these acids would certainly affect the colors by the oxidation of the iron, and tend to undermine the cooper.

The rollers used in calico printing are hollow, to receive a mandrel, but are composed entirely of copper. When the pattern engraved on a set of rollers has been used sufficiently, the roller is turned in a lathe to remove the engraving, and then ground and polished. Thus the roller may be used for a large number of patterns, being reengraved and turned until the shell becomes too thin. The worn out roller and the turnings are worth nearly if not quite as much as pig

the manufacturers.

ings of the public begin to be troublesome and seem to subsides for a season.

It is high time that a remedy for such wholesale imposition should be prescribed. The standard of quality should be fixed by law, in lieu of anything better; but we are confident | fulcrum, the point of resistance is but one; i\* is thorefore that our suggestion contained in the article above referred to certain that whatever weight the descending ball may have, would be a much better check than any legislation upon the multiplied by the difference between the point of power and subject could be. The suggestion referred to was the invention of a meter that should register for quality as well as quantity. The idea seems to us perfectly practicable, and the man who can invent a cheap and accurate apparatus by which the daily quality of gas, as well as its average quality for a given time, can be registered, would find a buyer in nearly every consumer of gas. With such tell-tales in every house, gas companies could not practice the irregularities hitherto' complained of. People would know what they were buying and would be on an equal footing with the monopolists, who, not content with legitimate profits, seek to swell their gains by depreciating the quality of their products.

We know of no more promising field for inventive genius than this, and we are confident a rich reward awaits the in ventor that shall succeed in supplying this growing want in all gas-consuming towns.

# OFFICIAL EXAMINATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR PATENTS.

Applications for patents are distributed into thirty-six different classes under the following classifications :

L AGRICULTURE. 11. AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS (Preparation of ). III BUILDERS' HARDWARE. IV. CALORIF CS. V. CARRIAGES. CHEMICAL PROCESSES. VII. CIVIL ENGINEERING. VIII. CLAY MAN-UFACTURES. IX COMPOSITIONS. X. FELTING AND HAT MAK-ING. XI. FINE ARTS. XII. FIRE-ARMS. XIII. GLASS MANUFACTURE. XIV. GRINDING MILLS. XV. HARVESIERS. XVI. HOUSEHOLD FUR-NITURE. XVII. HYDRAULICS AND PNEUMATICS. XVII ILLUMI-NATION. X.X LEATHER MANUFACTURES. XX. MECHANICAL ENGINEERING. XXI. METALLURGY. XXII. METAL WORKING. XXIII NAVIGATION. XXIV. PAPER M KING. XXV. PHILOSOPHI-C'LINSTRUMENTS. XXVI. PRESSES. XXVII. PRINTING AND STA TIONERY. XXVIII RAILROADS AND CARS. XXIX.SEWING MA-CHINES XXX.SPORUS, GAMES. AND TOYS. XXXI. STEAM AND CHINES XXX. SPORTS, GAMES. AND TOYS. AIR ENGINES. XXXII STONE WORKING. XXXIII. SURGICAL AP-PARATUS. XXXIV. TEXTILE MANUF CTURES. XXXV. WEARING APPAREL. XXXVI. WOOD WORKING.

These classes are distributed to twenty principal examiners, and their assistants, and each class embraces a variety of subjects, as for example class thirty-six, devoted to "Wood-Working," contains nearly 500 modifications of machines and implements applied to that branch of industry. Now when an application for a patent is filed it goes to the class or subdivision to which it belongs, and is examined when that comes up, and not upon the plan adopted by the miller who grinds out his grist in regular rotation.

It would not be possible for an examiner to get through with his cases properly unless he should take up and dispose of all that relate to the same subject on his file. This explantion will enable applicants for patents to understand why some cases remain longer than others in the Patent Office.

# PATENT OFFICE MATTERS.

Commissioner Foote has appointed James S. Grinnell chief clerk, in place of A M. Stout, resigned Mr. Grinnell was for several years chief clerk in the Agricultural Department, but more recently Examiner in charge of the class of Lumber in the Patent Office. He is a gentleman well qualified to perform the duties of the office, and his appointment, we are sure, will give satisfaction to inventors, and all others who have occasion to do business with the Patent Office. General W. H. Browne, of this city, has been appointed a First Assistant Examiner and assigned to duty with General Schoepf in the classes of Land Conveyance and Mechanical Engineering. Horace Binney, of Philadelphia, Pa., has also been appointed a First Assistant, and Emmett Quinn a Second Assistant Examiner.

The Commissioner, in order to reduce the expenses of the fice has notified rooms that their services will not be required after the 1st proximo; and there will also, we understand, be a reduction of the clerical force in the draftsmen's and other rooms, after that date.

these are not published is perhaps a matter of surprise to our | we showed that the meters were unjustly blamed for the four and one half ounces, operating upon a combination of corresponding portions of the year, and that the real fault the power, and while the ball on one end is passing down by was to be referred to the inferior quality of gas furnished by its own gravity through an arc of 90°, the other end of the lever, loaded with a ball of the same weight, is being carried It is not unfrequently the case that the standard of quality | up through an arc of 95°, the difference between the arcs beis allowed to sink so low that three feet of gas give no better ing occasioned by the inclination of the planes by which the illumination than two feet of the proper quality ought to balls are conveyed from one end of the levers to the other. give. The three feet of poor gas cost the producers but little. This excess of distance through which the balls pass on the more than two feet of good gas, and the companies add | end of resistance seems to be easily overcome by the third largely to their dividends by the traud. When the murmur- lever, which is attached to the second in such a way that it de-cribes a greater arc than is described on the descending threaten opposition, up goes the standard, and the clamor end, which seems a contradiction in mechanics, and yet it is so, and at the same time retaining the balance of power in favor of the end of power.

> "While the ball in its descent is twelve inches from the point of resistance, would give the potential power of the machine; and it is manifest that a ball of four-and a-half ounces will exert an influence equal to fifty-six ounces on the machine. Wonderful as this may seem, yet it mu t be so

> "To describe this beautiful piece of mechanism, is out of the question, and the more we say seems only the more to bother the mind; we, therefore, advise those who are interested, if an opportunity offers, to go and see it and solve the problem for themselves. The man who ventures a negative opinion on any question in this nineteenth century, stands on slippery ground. We prefer to see rather than denounce."

> Genius is capable of wonderful things to be sure, and no man can fix its limits But the most ingenious machines, if they operate at all, must move in accordance with natural laws. The phenomenon which astonishes our editorial friend is that of a 41 ounce ball going down hill and at the same time drawing up the hill a weight of 56 ounces. This apparent contradiction has bothered his mind out of its ccmmon sense.

> The Berks County self-motor is nothing but a piece of mechanical legerdemain, deriving its motion from a concealed source, probably a clock work or an electro-magnet. Such persetual motions" are very old.

> An engraving of a machine answering somewhat to the description of the "Berks," was published and explained some years ago in the SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN.

## Trial Trip of the First Locomotive.

Major Horatio Allen, the engineer of the New York and Erie Railroad, gives the following account of the first trip made by a locomotive on this continent:

"When was it? Who was it? And who awakened its energies and directed its movements? It was in the year 1828, on the backs of the Lackawaxen, at the commencement of the railroads connecting the canal of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company with their coal mines-and he who addresses you was the only person on that locomotive. The circumstances which led to my being alone on the road were these: The road had been built in the summer; the structure was of hemlock timber, and rails of large dimensions notched on caps placed far apart. The timber had cracked and warped from exposure to the sun. After about three hundred feet of straight line, the road crossed the Lackawaxen creek on trestle work about thirty feet high, with a curve of three hundred and fifty five to four hundred feet radius. The impression was very general that the iron monster would either break down the road, or it would leave the track at the curve and plunge into the creek.

" My reply to such apprehensions was that it was too late to consider the probability of such occurrences; there was no other course than to have a trial made of the strange animal which had been brought here at great expense; but that it was not necessary that more than one should be involved in its fate: that I would take the first ride alone, and the time would come when I should look back to the incident with great interest.

"As I placed my hand on the throttle-valve handle, I was undecided whether I would move slowly or with a fair degree of speed : but believing that the road would prove safe, and preferring, if we did go down, to go handsomely, and without any evidence of timidity, I started with considerable velocity, passed the curve over the creek safely, and was soon out of hearing of the vast assemblage. At the end of two or three miles I reversed the valve the valve and returned without accident, having thus made the first railroad trip by locomotive, on the Western hemisphere."



copper to be wrought over again.

We have often thought that iron rollers might be substituted for those made entirely of copper, having a casing of copper-not, however. deposited by the battery-but a sheath or hollow cylinder of copper might be forced upon the iron core by hydraulic pressure and made of sufficient thickness to be engraved and used for printing a number of times. This would seem to be more reasonable than the [lan proposed by the Mechanics' Magazine, as it would be certain to secure solid metal for the reception of the engraving.

## THE QUALITY OF ILLUMINATING GAS.

In looking over our exchanges we notice frequent complaints in regard to the poor quality of illuminating gas furnished by the different gas manufacturing companies These complaints are not confined to particular cities, but seem t be nearly universal. Some seem to cling, however, to the idea that it is not the quality of the gas that is at fault, but the meters. In an article entitled "Gas Measurement," pub- and must be seen to be understood. lished on page 337, Vol. XVIII. of the SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN,

## Perpetual Motion.

An exhibition of a "Perpetual Motion" machine is now going on at Wilkesbarre, Pa., which seems to astonish the natives, if we may judge from the laudatory editorials of some of the papers in that region. One of our Wilkesbarre cotemporaries says :

"We are free to confess that we were disappointed in point of mechanism; it is one of the finest pieces of mechanism that we ever saw, and in a scientific point of view it is a puzzler, and worthy a visit from every mechanic and every ohilosopher, and we are satisfied that all will be pleased as well as astonish d. To describe this wonder of the nineteenth century is a task, and beyond the possibility of description,

"The power is derived from four brass balls weighing each planks, doors, and staircases.

# Conduction of Air and Hydrogen.

Prof. Tyndall, in his lecture on "Vibratory Motion" at the Royal Institution, illustrated the very low conducting power of hydrogen for sound by a novel experiment. A bell struck by clockwork was placed under the receiver of an air pump, and the air exhausted as perfectly as possible. By applying the ear close to the glass a faint sound could still be heard. The exhausted receiver was then filled with hydrogen, when the bell was again heard to sound, but faintly. On pumping out the hydrogen all trace of sound ceased, even when the ear was placed close to the receiver. Hydrogen being about fifteen times lighter than air, it might be supposed that its low conducting power arose from its tenuity. But such is not the case; the conducting power of air, rarefied fi teen fold, and therefore of the same density, exceeds that of hydrogen in a marked degree.



It is stated that timber rendered fire proof by saturation with silicates is extensively used in Germany for flooring

# THE NEW TEMPLE EMANUEL.

The above is the name of the new Jewish synagogue recently dedicated situated on Fifth avenue and Forty-third street, New York city. Few buildings ever erected in this country, have attracted more attention, or are more entitled to admiration than this edifice. As a specimen of Moorish architecture, slightly modified to adapt the structure to its destined use, it affords a good study to professional architects and to all lovers of art. It occupies a lot one hundred and four feet on Fifth avenue, and one hundred and eighty-four feet on Forty-third street. It consists of a nave thirty-four feet wide, one hundred and sixty feet long, and seventy two feet high, with transepts of about ninety feet in length, attached to which are aisles about twenty feet wide, containing the galleries. In front, on either side of the nave, rise two towers detached above the aisle walls, but connected with the nave by two bridges on a line with its ceiling and with the choir gallery, as well as by open balconies running all around the front. These towers are to be about one hundred and seventy feet high, and are to terminate in stone cupolas, the surfaces of which are to be covered with relief ornaments. The building is built of sandstone, out of the New Jersey, Cleveland, and New Brunswick quarries-each of these being used and a ranged with reference to its color. The entire cost of the structure and ground will amount to nearly a million dollars. The architects elected by the building committee were Mr L-opold Eidlisz and Mr. Henry Feu erbach.

The Evening Post gives a graphic description of the new temple and designates it as a "poem in stone :"

"All admirers of fine architecture will first be impressed with the façade Its fine proportions. varied color, and rich ornamentation are elements of beauty worthy of close study. The openings of the nave-the five entrance doors, the rose window and the transverse gallery near the apex-together with those of the tower crowned with open octagonal domes, are so many distinct forms hapily grouped and tastefully treated The ornamentation throughout is honest, appropriate, and rich. Foliated capitals, delicately sculpture i, and clustered columns attached to the doors and windows, fretted spandrils and light pionacles, rising like winarets from the buttresses of nave and transepts, supply imaginative points of great value in the matter of expression. The bright cream. colored pinnacles relieving against a blue sky and on the brown rubble, sparkling like so many jewels in their setting, animate the entire front and forestall anything like monotony of outline. Various intaglio designs, consisting of intricate mazes of lines peculiar to the Moorish system of decoration, fascinate the eye and enliven surfaces that would otherwise appear sombre. This fine combination of ample forms and ornamental devices, each in appropriate relationship for use and beauty, secures to this building an elegant and majestic air, which more ostentatious structures of greater magnitude fail to convey. The secret of this effect does not lie in size or in richness of decoration, but in proportion, a quality of all others in architectural art the subtlest and most rarely encountered.

#### USE OF COLOR.

"Attractive as the exterior is, the interior far snrpasses it. 82,079.-MANUFACTURE OF ARTIFICIAL FUEL.-George H. On entering the building we seem transported to another Bronson, New York city. Iclaum the process of making artificialfuel in which pitch or other similar material is used to produce the agglomeration of the articles of the sub-stance or substances which constitute the basks of the fuel, by erst heating the coal or other substance, and, while it is heated, introducing among it the pitch or other similar material in a powdered state, substantially as herein described. FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 15, 1868. sphere. Here we enter on the realm of color; forms seem to Reported Officially for the Scientific American. have vanished or to resolve themselves into radiant splendor. Color as an architectural element appears to reign supreme : PATENTS ARE GRANTED FOR SEVENTEEN YEARS, the following we have that which the Orientals, the acknowledged masters being a schedule of tees: -82,060 — APPARATUS FOR DOMESTIC MANUFACTURE OF GAS. John W. Brown, Wooster, Ohio, I claim, 1st, The refort, D. no combination with a gas apparatus adapted to domestic use, and as described, construct d substantially as set 10,700. 21, The arraingement wherevy the apparatus is made self-regulating, by the pressure of the gas in the gas holder, substantially as shown and de-scribed of this element of art, most delighted in. The problem they bave solved through the skillful handling of ornament, and a consequent distribution of color, is the production of genesorbed. 3d. Using the surplus gas as fuel, either under the retort for generating gas, or lor other purceses, by the automatic arrangement, substantially as ral effects not only pleasing in themselves, but also harmonizing with the constructive masses. The Jews in their Bisecribed. 4th, in combination with a gas apparatus, the washer and tar receptacle, and purifier, K when the same are constructed and arranged substan-ally as described. 5th, The rake, I, in the retort, substantially as and for the purpose set forth. ble, and the Mohammedans in their Koran, prohibited from In addition to which there are some small revenue-stamp taxes. Residents depicting animated forms, have been obliged to make the of Canada and Nova Scotia pay \$500 on application. most of color on its own merits; color, consequently, is their 82,081.—CHAIR SEAT —E. L Buckingham, Jefferson, Wis. I claim the strips, b, composing the chair bottom, secured in the rais, A, by being passed over and under said rails, the ends being iose ted in oblique slots, a, and there retained by the strip. (C, applied t) the outer edge of the rails, A, all sub stantially as berein shown and described. principal decorative medium. Yellow or gold, blue, red, IF Pamphletscontaining the Patent Laws and full particulars of the mode black, and white are their vehicles of art expression. All of apply ng for Letters Patent, spec fy ng s ze of model required, and much muddy compounds of hybrid tiats, miscalled color in many other nformation useful to Inventors, may be had gratis by addressing MUNN & CO., Publishers of the Sc entific American. New York. 82,082. -CARRIAGE SPRING.-Azro Buzzell, West Fairlee, Vt. modern pictures, are completely ignored. The only figures I claim my improved arrangement of the threesprings A B C, as described, without any connection extending from or about from the middle of one price, B, to or about to that of the spring, C, the whole being as shown in they employ are delicate arabasques, and patterns arranged 82.058 -MORTISING CHISEL. - Otis Adams and James Hatch. in a capricious but still regular manner, and which, adapted the drawings. San Francisco, (3a). We claim making the lips beveled from the edge to the main part of the chizel, and with the ends beveled and inclined, as herein set forth. 82,083. -LUBRICATING MATERIAL.-Calvin Carpenter, Jr., Astoria, N. Y., assignor to H. H. Wolcott, New York city. I claim a lubricating material prepared from crude petroleum, in the man-ner hove set form. to the eye in conformity with its sensuous aptitude challenge c) bisel, and with the ends beveled ant inclined, as here in all part of the exisel, and with the ends beveled ant inclined, as here in set forth.
(82,059).—LAMP BURNER.—Thomas Adams, Hudson City, N. J., assignor to himself, JL. Romer, and H.T. McConn, Brockrn, N.Y. I claim, 1st, The flattened, cone shaped wick tube, A, provided with a tri-angular openung, f, for admission of airti front, as it server, of the single wick, to establish a current through the center of the flattened os that in the passage of the single flat wick through it in a straight line, or thereabouts, from below, said wick is made to assume an annular form at its exit from all table, substantially as epcoder ating device, E, relatively to the straight or entering portion, of the tuber, and convert here wick from a flat or straight into a round or annular form at each over straight into a round or annular form and convert the wick from a flat or entaring distance of a character, as a second by a second barrier and annular form at each or entarial to a round or annular form or enlarged character, as second bar, if, the base portion of the barren, of choular or enlarged character, as second and divided, as ach (for ming a cap, D), between the collar serve of the lame has and our openung or openings to the flate, as and for the purport. no criticism on the score of their non-resemblance to known natural objects. Gorgeous hues, therefore, in true complenor above set forth. 82,084. - ANGULAR SHAFT COUPLING. - John M. Case, Wormentary union, cover the spacious walls of this elifice ; the thington, Obio. I claim, ist. Forming the bars, upon which the segmental cogs. E, are cast i.d. subtantially as berein shown and described and for the purpose act eye wanders over them attentive to their innumerable hars-lid, substantially as berein shown and described and for the purpose set forth. 2d, Formingrims of 2 anges upon the sides of the segmental cogs, E, for the purpose of providing their lateral movement, and rellevis the side presmonies as the ear listens to the infinite harmonies of musical sounds. Draped arches, festooned with divers tints, support purpose of provembing their lateral movement, and relieving the sure upon the connecting bars, F. as herein shown and described 82,085.—WRENCH. Luke Chapman, Collinsville, Conn. I claim the combination with the jaw A, provided with the recess, B, annular groove, C, of the nut, D, and the spring ling, E, substantially as for the purpose set forth. blue panels decked with golden stars, while the stained glass windows, more like luminous interstices than anything else, pour in a flood of prismatic brilliancy to blend all together in soft and radiant light. The obscurities of the triforium, the 82.086.-CAR WHEEL AND FROG.-W. H. Childe, Gainesost herein set forth 82030. -CULTIVATOR -A. H Allison, Charlottesville, Ind. ville, Ala. · I claim uniting railroads of different gages by means of a frog applied at the junction of two or more trecks, in i const ureted as described, and by railroad wheels being employed forether, but one for user also permitting wheels with a single tread to pass over it, all substantially as described. sanctuary, the organ-loft, and other spaces, lend an air of 22 00. -COLLITVATOR. - A. II ATHSON, Challottes ville, Indro-ticl an, lst, The yoke, C, secured to the under side of the ton cue, and pro-vights, if, provided with adjusting boles, double tree, c, wrns, c'c', and braves, connecting the ends of the yoke with the main frame, all constructed, arranged, and operated in the manner and for the purpose set forth. 21, The seams, G G, binged to the adjusting block, g g, and provided with the shanks, i, and braves, h, in communiton with the bails, J, and foot pieces, Z Z, all constructed, arranged, and operated as set iorth. mystery to the general tone, which is again enhanced by the dark reflections of the richly carved wood work. The general effect is one of subdued richness, an effect in harmony 82 087.-MEASURING FUNNEL.-Charles Chinnock, Brookwith a spirit of adoration, and with that instinct which leads lyn, N. Y. I claim the arrangement within the funnel of the stem, B, carrying the man to exalt worship by art. 82,061.—SCHOOL DESK -Herbert L. Andrews, Chicago, Ill. 1'claim, 1st. The standard, composed of two parts, A B. one provided with the projection, g, and axie, 1, and the other with the flange, a, in combination with the arm, G, the estandards being secured by the selews and nues, all sub valve, c. at is lower end, whereby the weight of the funct constant is to we we and whereby the weight of the funct closes the valve when the latter is suspended by the stem for filling, substantially as herein set tor'h. "The use of color in this building will attract all eyes to it, and make it a model for imitation far and wide. Mr. Eidlitz 82.088.-FEED BAG.-Charles Chinnock, Brooklyn, N. Y., Substituty as specified. 2d. The Combination and arrangement of the recess, b, when filled with rub-fer, or ott. relastic material, stand ru, B, and projecting need, b, of the arm C, substantially as and for the pu poses specified. 82,032.—ELACK BOAND. Herbert L Andrews, Chicago III. I claim the blackmard, A, when provided with the groove, a arms, e, pins or hooks, c, and supported, constructed, and operating substantially as speci-fied. which the an analysis of the second structure is a solution of the se assign r to J. Little Hyde, New York city. I claim the combination of the engless cord, c, and pulleys or slides, b, with the fee bag, A, all arr mens and operating essentially as we forth. has used color elsewhere, and notably in St. George's Church, but no where on the same grand and effective scale as here 82.089. -CULTIVATOR. - Joseph H. Clifton, Newcastle, Pa. Decorative motives generally consist of meaningless imita-I claim, 1st. The heard, A, province d with the koives, a, etc., and teeth, b, as a of or the purpose set for h. 2d, the board, A, in combination with the bar, c, and teeth, c', as and for the purpose set forth. tions of Renaissance ornaments, mouldings, pauels and tracery bolstered up with artificial shadows, expressing no sen-82,063.-LEATHER STRETCHING MACHINE.-W. R. Andrews, timent and symbolizing no truth. Color, as here employed, 82,090. -SHUTTLR.- Nathan Clough, Lowell, Mass., and and Robert Dingwell. Newaik, N.J. We claim. 1st, The movable beam, B, in combination with the cross slat, C, When constructed and operated substantially as and for the purpose set forth. 2d, Operating the movable beam, B, by means of theratchet bars, E E, and James Balvin, Manchester, N.H. We claim a shuttle naving its tip-shank riveted to the wooden plug, and the plug secured in the shuttle, as herein described. conforms to natural law, and is therefore a truth in itself. None of its combinations suggests the intellectual perversity

associated with Renaissance symbols so conventionally applied to public and private edifices everywhere."

### VENTILATION.

The Journal of the Franklin Institute, contains the first, or a part of the first of a second course of lectures on ventilation. delivered by Lewis W. Leeds, before the Franklin Institute during the winter of 1867-'68. There seems to be such an itching for scientific laurels at the present time, that the most common subjects, upon which all that is pertinent can be said plainly and briefly, are made the vehicles of professional display ad nauseam.

The subject of ventilation is an important one, and perbaps is not appreciated as it should be, or sufficiently provided for in either public or private edifices. Grant all that; but does it follow, that in order to cure the evil, long harangues upon the constitution of air, the physiology of respi ration, the anatomy of the lungs, and the circulatory system, the diffusion of gases, and all the technical information in the remotest degree connected with the subject, should be aired in trying to convince people that unless they breath pure air their health will suffer? The first installment of these lectures treats of all the above-mentioned subjects, and more too. How much is to follow before the real gist of the subject shall be reached, we are unable to say. Perhaps a discussion of the respiratory apparatus of fishes and reptiles, with some accounts of toads which have been imbedded in rocks for nobody knows how many centuries, without breathing, and have emerged from their rocky prisons, "fresh as when in their pristine youth, etc," and hopped away without even thanking their deliverers. This might be made applicable to the subject of ventilation, as thus: The toad does not breath in the same way as man inhales the ambient air, consequently what is fun to them, would be death to you, my hearers Moreover, all the stories of living toads, imbedded in rocks and trees. are humbugs-except the trees were hollow and the rocks had holes in them-from which we conclude that man could not breath without air, or live without breathing. Quoderat demonstrandum.

How to get the pure air is the question ; a purely mechanical one. Hot air rises-cold air falls. The impure gases do the same thing; therefore it is only necessary to provide for the escape of foul gases at the bottom of a room, provided it is heat-d with warm air or at the top, if heated by radiation; the pure air being admitted in the latter case through openings protected so that strong currents shall not be formed, and the exchange of air being fully provided for by passing the vitiated gases through heated flues, or drawing them off by fans or other apparatus.

There is the whole thing in a nutshell and all the scien tific discussion of things upon the earth or under the earth can't make it more sc; so the SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN believes and we believe its practical readers will concur.



screws, D D, when constructed and arranged as specified, and for the purpose a set forth.

82,064.—STOCK PUMP.—W. T. Armstrong, Freeland, Ill. 182,064.—STOCK PUMP.— W. T. Armstrong, Freeland, 11. I claim the oox pamp. E, constructed as described, in combination with the stationary pap. F, rod, D, and the compound huged platform, B C, all constructed and arr agest to op rate substantially as snown and de cribed. 82(0) 5.—MOLDING PIPE — John Aston, Pittsburg, assignor to Wilham Smith, Allegheny City, Pa. I claum, 1st. The combined arrangement of the flask, G, and hinged door G, substantially as described. 2d Die pit, A. tarnaces, B, with their flues, C, and outlets, CC, ramming up stools, D, stoppers, E, nozzle, F, and sliding thumbler, FF, the bars, K, and shelp pates, L, whencombinedand arranged substantially as herein described and for the purpose set forth.

<sup>2d</sup> The pit, A. furnaces, B. with their flurs, C. and outlets, Co, ramming up stools, D. stoppers, E. nozzle, F., and sliding thmlb-., Fr, the bars, K., and slide p-ates, L. whencombuled and arranged substantially ashere in described and for the purpose set forth. 3. Drying pipe molds by means of passing currents of heated air or gases through them, without removing them from the pt in which the operations of molding and casting are carried on, substantially as described. 28.0% - JuURNAL BYX. -John E. Atwood. Mansfield, Conn., assignor to himself, A. Sprague, and W. Sprazue, Prividence, R. I. I caum the annular rise of collars, B<sup>+</sup> near each end of the Lournal, in combination, with the casp or shields, D, and the chambers, C<sup>+</sup>, provide i in the journal box, all arranged substantially ashere in set forch, for the purpose specifie.

S2 067. -SHINGLE MACHINE. -J. E. Austin Osweg , N. Y. JOINT OF THE STACHINE. -J. E. Austin Osweg, N. Y. I claim, 1st, The method of operating the filting taoles, W F, namely, the projecting arms, t, obliquely slotted side bars, H h, the hooking connecting roads. It and crank wheels, J having adjustable wrists or crank puns, all ar-ranged and operating as berein shown and described, and for the purpose set forth. 24, In connection with the tables E the letter.

forth. 24, In connection with the tables, F, the laterally adjustable plate and socket block, N II M, and vertically adjustable fuleru a olock, K L, construct-ed and op. rading as n-rede show on, and for the burrose describe 1. 3d, The bolt cutters, C C, baving a horizontal movement on frame, D, and provided with wedges, ss, for acting on incluned surfaces of said frame, D, in such manner that all sides of the bolt holders arelifted alike, in connec-tion with t.ppet lever, R, and ink, P, or other surface device for obtaining the sliding movement of bolt holders on irams, D, as and for the purpose described.

82,058.—WAGON AXLE. C. D. Bachelder, Camden, Me.

82,068. — WAGON AXLE. C. D. Bachelder, Camden, Me. I claim, ist, The combination, with an axterprovided with an oil rec'ss, b, of the dap, g, arranged oil ugit the enn, and provided with a slot for the wick, substantially as and for the purpose described. 24. The rec'ss, b, provided with the divising rib. c. having a recess, d, for the wick, communicating with the recess, b, by the holds, e, substantially as and for the purpose set forth. 82,069. — WAGON JACK — E. R. Baldwin, Southfield, Mass. I claim the c. mbination, with the bracket, B, and stand. A. or the frontion roll rs and b, when applied and arr ngred as and for the purpose set forth. 82,070. — KNOB LATCH. – T. C. Ball, Bellows Falls, Vt. I claim the combination of the lock ring, b, slots, c, and projections, k k, with and between the plates. rescu cheon, b, and its projections, k k, and the ring, g, with its slot, i, all operating together as and for the purpose storth.

82 0/1.-ENAMEL FOR WINDOW-SHADES Edward C. Ban-

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82,074 -l'LANE.-Valentin Bitsch, St. Louis, Mo.

i claim the combination of the bit, a, having its lower cutting edges to form a re-entering ang e, with the open shack bit, a', having its lower cut-ting edges arranged with beveled corners, ac ing with the olans stock, A, to form blind slats, whose narrow edges are chamtered, substantially as set

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82,077. -- MACHINE FOR FORMING EAVES-TROUGHS.-- John Brett, Memphis. Mich.

Brett, Memphis, Alch. I claim the excess trough former constructed as herein described, of the grooved bed plate, A. crimping clash, F, hinged there's, with its hinged continuiton, H I, and slotted roller, D, all arranged and constructed as herein shown and described.

82.078 - SAW SHARPENING DEVICE. - P. M. Bristol, Ludington, Mich. I claim the swaging apparatus consisting of shaft C, wheel, D, and rest, E, arranged and combined substantially as described.