

sun to shine through. The beam of light passing through the hole will cross the circle once before noon and once in the afternoon. Watch when it crosses the circle in the morning, and mark the point of intersection. Repeat the operation in the afternoon. The points of intersection will lie at equal distances from the true meridian. Join the two points by a line, and bisect it to find its middle point. A line joining this middle point and the center of the vertical pin will lie on the meridian. It is better to draw several concentric circles and perform the same operation with each to secure accuracy. They should be so drawn that the beam will cross them between the hours of 9 and 12 in the morning. The best time to do this is about the summer solstice. It will be sufficiently accurate for your purpose, however, to do it now. Glass lamp chimneys should be annealed at the time they are manufactured. We do not think you will succeed in annealing them in a stove oven.

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**Recent American and Foreign Patents.**

*Under this heading we shall publish weekly notes of some of the more prominent home and foreign patents.*

**SPRING SCISSORS.**—Albert Murdock, North Bridgewater, Mass.—This invention has for its object to construct scissors which can be constantly kept in the hand without being in the way of other work to be done, so that they may be used on sewing machines for clipping threads, and the like purposes, without requiring the machine to be stopped, and also for other purposes. The invention consists in arranging on one blade, which is provided with a ring handle, another blade without a handle and held open by a spring.

**VELOCIPEDE.**—W. S. Hill, Manchester, N. H.—This invention relates to a new three-wheeled velocipede, which is so constructed, that it will, when passing over uneven ground or when describing a curve, not lose its balance, but will be adjustable to retain the center of gravity in the proper position.

**SAW FILER AND JOINTER.**—C. G. Miller, Brattleborough, Vt.—This invention relates to a new apparatus for filing and jointing circular saws, and has for its object to produce an instrument, which can be adjusted to all kinds of saws in any suitable position, and for files of any suitable length.

**COTTON GIN.**—R. W. Stough, Griffin, Ga.—This invention relates to an improved arrangement of means for communicating a lateral movement to the cotton, as it is fed up to the saws, in order to produce a more uniform action of the saws thereon.

**HARROW.**—B. B. Williams, LaCade, Mo.—This invention is designed to arrange harrows so that they may be readily folded into such a shape that they may be drawn over the ground, when it is required to remove them from one place of operation to another, without the teeth being in contact with the ground.

**VALVES AND VALVE SPRINGS, FOR MELODEONS, ORGANS, ETC.**—A. L. Swan, Cherry Valley, N. Y.—This invention relates to improvements in valves and the springs employed for closing them, such as are used in melodeons, organs, and other similar instruments, designed to produce valves which will close more tightly, and more durable and sensitive springs.

**CARRIAGE COUPLING.**—Henry J. Pringle and William Pringle, Columbus, Ohio.—This invention has for its object to furnish an improved coupling for connecting the forward axle to the reach, and other parts of the carriage, which shall be simple in construction and reliable in operation.

**INSECT DESTROYER.**—Jacob Hinds, Hindsburg, N. Y.—This invention relates to a new and useful composition for destroying insects on vines, trees, and shrubbery, and which composition, when used in connection with coal tar or pine tar, is a specific against the ravages of the "wire worm."

**HAND TRUCK FOR SACKING GRAIN AND MOVING THE SAME.**—Wm. Brocklesby, Jr., Caledonia, Ohio.—The object of this invention is to provide a simple and efficient hand truck, whereby grain, or other analogous matter, may be sacked and transported to any part of a warehouse, mill, barn, or other building, with convenience and dispatch.

**WELL AUGER.**—A. A. McMahen, Oxford, Miss.—The object of this invention is to provide a simple, and effective apparatus for boring wells and deepholes for other purposes.

**HOUSEHOLD MACHINE.**—William W. Wilson, Geneva, Wis.—The object of this invention is to produce an improved household machine, by combining, in the same machine, a washing machine and churn, and in so devising the mechanism of the same that they can be operated separately or together in a simple and effective manner.

**DUMPING WAGON AND CAR.**—Thomas H. Gary, Bristol, Md.—The object of this invention is to simplify and improve the device allowed to me January 22d, 1869.

**PICKER.**—A. H. Carroll, Baltimore, Md.—The object of this invention is to construct the picker in such a manner that it will keep the rod more constantly and uniformly lubricated than heretofore, and will not spatter the oil upon the cloth.

**BROOM HEAD.**—W. C. Spellman, Baltimore, Md.—The object of this invention is to provide a new and improved mode of fastening the brush to the head.

**ADJUSTABLE BREAST COLLAR.**—George W. Blaksley, Rockford, Ill.—The object of this invention is to provide for public use a breast collar so constructed as to be easier for the horse and to be adjustable in position.

**PICTURE AND ADVERTISING FRAME.**—W. H. Sadler and J. M. Drysdale, Baltimore, Md.—The object of this invention is to provide for public use, a cheap, convenient, and ornamental device for holding and displaying pictures, cards, or advertisements, and so constructed that at any time one or more of the pictures, cards, etc., may be removed or introduced without disturbing the others, and without the necessity of taking the frame down from the wall, or removing its glass or back, while at all times its contents are securely held, and cannot be tampered with by any one but the proprietor.

**SELF-ADJUSTING WATCH KEY OR HOLDING TOOL.**—John S. Birch, New York city.—The nature of this invention consists in so constructing a watch key, or instrument for holding small objects, that it shall accommodate itself to the size of the object held, holding it firmly and securely. This is very important in most of the manipulations connected with watchwork and in manufacturing and repairing jewelry, and is especially important in the winding and setting of watch movements, the arbors of which are usually dissimilar in size, and yet in all cases, from the delicacy of the mechanism requiring that the key should exactly fit the arbor.

**CLOTHES DRYER.**—Louis Winterhalder and David Wilson, New York city.—This invention relates to a new clothes dryer of that class in which a series of bars are pivoted to a frame in such manner that they can be folded apart to form the dryer or together when not to be used.

**COMBINED WASHING AND WRINGING MACHINE.**—H. O. Reddish, Linden, N. Y.—This invention has for its object to furnish an improved machine, simple in construction, easily operated, and effective in operation, and which shall be so constructed and arranged that the clothes may be thoroughly washed, and, at the same time, wrung out so as to pass from the machine into the clothes bucket or other receptacle prepared to receive them ready to be hung out to dry.

**SEED PLANTER.**—I. F. Herrin, San Antonio, Texas.—This invention has for its object to furnish a simple, convenient, effective, and accurate machine, by means of which the planting may be readily done in exact check row, and which will allow the dropping device to be instantly thrown into or out of gear when desired.

**CULTIVATOR.**—James B. Sexton, Pella, Iowa.—This invention has for its object to improve the construction of the parts of a cultivator, by means of which the plow beams and draft are connected with the truck so as to make the plows readily adjustable, and so as to enable the draft to be readily adjusted, according to the comparative strength of the two horses.

**HAT SHAPING MACHINE.**—George W. Gallagiere and E. W. Ruby, New Milford, Conn.—This invention has for its object to furnish a simple, convenient, and effective machine for "curling" hats, which will do quickly, accurately, and well, work that has heretofore been done only by hand.

**VISE.**—J. D. Beck, Liberty, Pa.—This invention has for its object to furnish an improved vise, which shall be so constructed and arranged as to securely hold irregular, beveled, or plain work, and which shall, at the same time, be simple in construction and easily adjusted.

**APPARATUS FOR FORCING LIQUIDS FROM CLOSE VESSELS.**—J. L. Treat, New York city.—This invention has for its object to furnish a simple, convenient, and reliable apparatus, by means of which beer or other liquids may be forced out of close casks, and raised to the desired position by the pressure of atmospheric air.

**SLED BRAKE.**—Samuel W. Barber, Heath, Mass.—This invention has for its object to furnish an improved self-applying sled brake, which shall be so constructed and arranged as to be applied by the action of the team in

holding back, and which shall steady the load at the same time that it relieves the horses.

**FANNING MILLS.**—Harvey F. Siebert, Brady's Bend, Pa.—This invention has for its object to improve the construction of fanning mills so as to make them more effective and reliable in operation.

**WEATHER STRIP.**—E. Mears, Battle Ground, Ind.—This invention relates to a new weather strip for doors, said strip being so arranged that it will be closed over the outer edge of the sill, and still allow the door to be opened to the inside. The invention consists in the use of a hinged weather strip, provided with a spring in such manner, that it will, by the said spring, be swung up, and out of the way of the sill whenever the door is open, but when the door is closed, the weather strip strikes against a fixed bracket or stop provided on the door frame, and is thereby folded over the outer edge of the sill to securely close the crevice formed between the door and sill.

**LOCK NUTS.**—Almon Roff, Southport, Conn.—The object of this invention is to so arrange a system of nuts on screws or bolts, that when the said nuts have been adjusted on the screws, they cannot be displaced spontaneously by jarring or other motion. The invention consists in the combination of set screws, with a right and left-hand nut, working on separate threads, or of one nut and one screw working in opposite directions for locking the nuts together when they are adjusted.

**VELOCIPEDE.**—John J. White, Philadelphia, Pa.—This invention relates to a new velocipede, which consists entirely of two wheels and their connecting axle, the axle supporting a frame in which the seat and driving gear are arranged so that they can be conveniently operated. The wheels can, with this arrangement, be made very large to obtain great velocity, and the whole apparatus can be made light and convenient.

**CIGAR MACHINE.**—R. M. Cole, Burlington, Vt.—This invention has for its object to construct a machine for rolling cigars in which both right and left-handed wrappers can be used, in which the cigar can be seen while it is being formed, and which can be retained in motion continually, even when no tobacco is rolled in it. The invention also consists in rolling the cigar within an endless apron, which is so held between suitable forms or molds that it imparts to the cigar the requisite shape. The apron is guided over rollers, which impart continuous motion to it, and of which some can be shifted without straining and interfering with the motion of the apron.

**ELECTRIC ORGAN ACTION.**—Holborne L. Roosevelt, New York city.—The object of this invention is to apply electricity to a battery or other source to the operation of organs, so that the keys can be played at a suitable distance from the organ and without any difficulty. The invention consists in a novel manner of connecting the wires with the keys and pallets, by dropping them into cups that are partly filled with mercury, the wires on the keys being held away from the mercury by means of springs as long as the keys are not touched. When, however, a key is depressed, this wire is dropped in the mercury, and a current thereby established by which two coils are charged, to cause them to attract an armature.

**BREECH-LOADING PISTOL.**—John McGoveren, New York city.—This invention consists of an improved method of maintaining the barrel in its position in the stock, and of restoring it to the said position when displaced for loading.

**NURSING TABLE.**—Jeremiah Larkin, Unionville, S. C.—This invention relates to improvements in tables, to render them useful for sick persons, in helping themselves when unattended by nurses.

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- 88,767.—MOTIVE POWER.—John B. Atwater, Chicago, Ill.
- 88,768.—FEEDING TROUGH FOR HORSES.—Addison D. Barrett, Cambridgeport, Mass.
- 88,769.—KROUT-CUTTING MACHINE.—W. K. Baylor and Conrad Rapp, Batesville, Ind.
- 88,770.—GATE.—Jacob Behel, Rockford, Ill.
- 88,771.—STEAM ENGINE VALVE GEAR.—Riley Bowers, Chillicothe, Ohio.
- 88,772.—BED BOTTOM.—Charles A. Brigham, Cleveland, Ohio.
- 88,773.—GATE.—Lorenzo D. Brooks, Syene, Wis.
- 88,774.—AUTOMATIC BOILER FEEDER.—Daniel L. F. Chase, Boston, Mass.
- 88,775.—BALING PRESS.—Peter K. Dederick, Greenbush, N. Y. Antedated April 8, 1869.
- 88,776.—FOLDING CHAIR.—Carl Dieterich, Roslindale (West Roxbury), Mass.
- 88,777.—HOLDER FOR STOVE LIDS.—Lindley M. Doudna, Washington, D. C.
- 88,778.—ANIMAL TRAP.—Josiah W. Ellis, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- 88,779.—MODE OF ORNAMENTS CANDLES.—Arthur Field, Upper Marsh Lambeth, and William Bryer Nation, No. 394 Old Kent Road, England; (said Nation assigns his right to said Field).
- 88,780.—TUCK-CREASING ATTACHMENT FOR SEWING MACHINES.—H. W. Fuller, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- 88,781.—ANCHOR.—J. Durrell Greene, Cambridge, assignor to himself and Charles H. F. Plympton, Boston, Mass.
- 88,782.—PORTABLE FENCE.—Frank W. Groff, Indianapolis, Ind.
- 88,783.—BOLT MACHINE.—Moore Hardaway, St. Louis, Mo.
- 88,784.—LAMP FOR COOKING PURPOSES.—Mary E. Hatch, Beloit, Wis.
- 88,785.—EARTH SCRAPER.—John Y. Herston, Warrick county, Ind.
- 88,786.—MANUFACTURE OF RAILS FOR RAILROADS.—Charles Hewitt, Hamilton township, N. J.
- 88,787.—SEEDER AND CULTIVATOR.—E. W. Hewitt and Geo. Gorgam, Pocatonia, Ill.
- 88,788.—CASTING TWEEDS.—Wm. M. Johnston (assignor to himself and David P. Estep), Pittsburgh, Pa.
- 88,789.—CARRIAGE JACK.—A. W. Keeler and Jacob Eckert, Lafayette, N. Y.
- 88,790.—CORN SHELLER.—Elisha Kelley, Locust Grove, Ohio.
- 88,791.—COMBINED KNOB LATCH AND LOCK.—J. B. Kelley, Brandon, Vt.
- 88,792.—FLOUR BOLT.—Ira B. Ketchum, Rochester, Minn.
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- 88,795.—MACHINE FOR MANUFACTURING ROOFING TILE.—Charles Messenger, Cleveland, Ohio.
- 88,796.—WAGON BRAKE.—C. H. Mills, Ravenna, Ohio.
- 88,797.—SLED BRAKE.—S. A. Mitchell, Alstead Center, N. H.
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- 88,799.—METAL BIRD HOUSE.—John Murdock, Jersey City, N. J., assignor to John Savery's Sons, New York city.