## THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES. other various forms of fire-goods are usually applied, have, not be necessary to keep large stocks of varied shapes of

On the 20th of May, 1867, the "first stone" of the Royal Albert Hall of Arts and Sciences, of which we present an illustration, was laid with all due solemnity and ceremonial by her Majesty the Queen; and now, at the end of little over two years, the vast building is nearly completed, and is only waiting to be covered in by its vast roof to allow of all its in terior fítings and arrangements being set up. In form it bears some resemblance to a Roman amphitheater, although its material-namely, red brick faced with terra cotta-goes far to destroy the illusion. Still, it is only justice to the architect to admit that the general effect of his work is both pleasing and imposing. Its magnitude will be best indicated by giving the exact dimensions in figures. The long diametcr of the outer wall is 272 feet, the short. est 238 feet, the length between the porches 338 feet, the breadth of the ellipse 332 feet, and the hight 135 feet. The interior is arranged to accommodate comfortably an audience of 8,000 , to be divided as follows: In the arena situate in the center of the building ituate in the center of the building, , 000 can be accommodated for the mucal perfor. by when space s not occupied, by a flower show or an industrial exhibition. The amphitheater, which rises gradually all round the arena under the boxes, will hold 1,400 , the boxes 1,100 , the balcony 2,500 , and the gallery2,000. Theboxes have already subscribed for it at $\$ 5,000$ each, and a great number of the single seats at $\$ 500$, but it is calculated that between 5,000 and 6,000 sittings will still be available as a source of revenue for carrying out the objects of the hall. The building is now complete both is to its outer and inner walls, betwe which it should be mentioned ruv and it should be mentioned, run vast and airy corridorsor promade as well as ingress and egress. The next great work will be the fixing in its place of the immense roof of iron and glass, for the purposes of which the whole interior of the building is at present filled with a perfect forest of scaffolding. This roof will be the greatest span of any work of the kind yet erected. Its long diameter will be 219 feet 4 inches; short, 185 feet 4 inchcs-an immense weight, it will ba said, to be self-sus tained. As, however, the calculations have all been made for lead, where glass is only to be used there is every glass is only to be used, there is every reason to calculate on its strength and
durability.
The only remarkable feature remain ing to be noticed is the great organ in course of erection by Mr. Willis, the builder of the organ in St. George's Hall, Liverpool. Its dimensions will be 75 feet wide at the base, 44 feet in depth, 60 feet in width, and hight 100 feet. There are to be 112 steps, and the bellows is to be kept going by two steam engines of from 6 to 8 -horse power each. The largest organ at present known is the great organ at the Crystal Palace, but in the Kensing ton instrument the smallest pipe in the front will be longer than the longest pipe in the interior of its Sydenham predecessor. It is expected that the whole work-building, organ, and ap proaches-will be finished so as to open simultaneously with the projected International Industrial Exhibition in 1871, and that one of the earliest uses to which it will be put will be the cere monial distribution of the prizes which will arise out of these exhibitions. The entire programme of its contemplated uses comprehends congresses, national and international, of science and art, performancos of music on the grandest scale, distributions of prizes by public bodis, ant and science con and industrial exhibitions, and the occasional display of pictures and sculpture. For this latter purpose there will be an immense top-lighted gallery running all rouud the hall. It is satis-
 gland. Instead of using fire-bricks, lumps, stones, tiles, or other forms of matorials or compounds, in construction, burnt internally or externally to the structure so that it may be or unburnt, powdered ganister stone, quartz, sand, mica, easily and speedily repaired,
sandstone, or other silicious material, plumbago, lime, baryta,
steatite, and magnesia, are used, alone or separately, ried proportions with fire.clays, or with each or silicious or other solutions, mised or not with hair, fiber,sawsilicious or other solutions, mixed or not with hair, fiber,sawdust, shavings, or pulverized coke, or with other analogous materials. In applying the materials in a plastic state, wire
building which is to add that, in a 8,000 persons, due care has been taken to provide ample facil ities for entrance and exit.-London Artizan.

## Substitute ror Fire-Brick.

Improvements in the method of using and applying cer tain materials in an unmanufactured state, in order to form a substitute for fire-bricks or fire-goods hitherto employed in
the construction of furnaces in which fire-bricks, tiles, and
may be used to support the materials while in course of ap- the better protection of those engaged in the business. The Thication to the furnace until the material is dry enough. large French-glass soda bottles, five sixteenths of an inch Thus the furnace is built entirely of such materials in their tlick, are at present filled with a patent French apparatus raw plastic state in connection with brick or other walls, with a pressure of 125 pounds. The bottle is surmounted by the object being the substitution for fire-goods, and their con- a metallic cap that closes with a spring when full. The sequent cost of manutacture, fuel, carriage, and skilled la- workmen have heretofore been accustomed to protect the face plied by time and expenso will be saved in construction, and it will
only with a delicate wire screen, having the entire body exposed to those terrible missiles, that are liable at any mo ment to be hurled with deadly violence against their persone

## Facts for the Ladies

Mrs. Bartlett, of Black River Falls, Wis., has made, with one "Wheeler
Wilson" needle, six hundred pairs of heavy canvas pants, worn by log. gers, earning, within two years, upward of si
ink the work for her own and other families

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Under thes heading we shall publish weekly notes of some of the more prom-
inent home and foreign patents.
Lock and Latcin.-Charles Godfrey Gumpel, Leicester Square, London England. -7 his invention consists in the application of pins or sliders, of any suitable section, passing through the bolt or bolts, or sliding picce or
pieces, acting on the boit or bolts, and a fixce pieceor bolt guide, or pieces or guides, in or on which the bolt or belts, or sliding piece or pieces, moves or move.
tion comprises an arrangement of a number of hoes or scrapers, at suitable
intervals, in a row suspended froin a beam or frame, provided with guiding intervals, in a row suspended froin a beam or frame, provided with guiding
handles and connected at right angles to another frame mounted adjustably handles and connected at right angles to an ther frame mounted adjustably
on one wheel, to the front of which latter frame the animal is to be hitched for drawing the same across the rows of plants.
Ditching Machine.-.J. W. McGehee, Fayetteville, Texas.-This inven-
tion consists essentially of a boring or frame of a truck, and having an enlarged head projecting in advance of the truck, and rotated so as to bore out a groove as the truck is moved along, securing the earth taken back throuะh
carries it up to a spout chuting it to one side.
Combined Stove Pipe, Shifif, and Clotities Horse.- W. C. Burnham, Blooming Grove, N. Y.-This invention relates to an improved stove pipe attachment, for usc as a stove pipe, shelf, and clothes horse, or frame, for
holding clothes around the pive for drying while serving as a shelf ; also, for holding vessels containiag food to be kept warin.
Ax.-Ernest Quast, Freedom, Mo.-This invention consists in making so phat when put together and joined by rivets, a groove will be formed dovetailed at the base, forholding the bits which are fitted to it, so that part of the rivets will pass through the tongues fitted to the said grooves.
Filiter Rack.-E. C.Andrews, Seneca Falls, n. X.-This invention re lates to improvements in racksforchemists' use, in supporting the funnel shaped paper filters usied by them for filtering liquids, and it consists of a
skeleton frame, made of wire or other suitable substance, and so arranged as to expose the greatest possible amount of the surface of the paper to the air while filtering, or to prevent the contact of the paper with the side of the common funnel whe
rack in the saic funnel.
Water Wheel-Denison Chase, Orange, Mass.-This invention consist in an improved forin of the buckets and of the bottom of the wheel, calcu centage of power by the said discharge. The invention also coinprises an improved arrangement of the gate, and the supports and adjusting device
of the bridge tree, which improvements aare also applicable to othe of the
eity.-This Cane. Cmbrella, and Seat.-Gillespie Sweeney, New York
city.-This invention reates to an Improved cane, seat, and umbrella combined together in one article, in an arrangement capable of adjustm cnt
for use in the capacity of either one of the said articles, and consists of a sheath answering for the cane, divided into three parts, and inclosing in one part the umbrella from the point below the lower ends of the ribs when folded, thestockisenlargedatthis point and provided with ribs, braces, and a web of canvas stitched across the ends of the ribs, which spread ou similarly in some rcspects to the umbrella, and form a seat when the top
is plaeed on the ground thislatterpart is inclosed within the part of the sheath forming the hande, which is divided longitudially from the to down and hinged to the aforesaid enlargement of the stock. These tw parts fasten togetherwith a strons cord
Winding and Settive Attachmentr for Watcues.-Charles Spiro
New York city.-Thisinvention comprises the attachment to the fusee ofa ratchet clutch permanently fixed to it, and a drum carrying a movable clutc and a gear wheel, to which a folding hande of peculiar construction is con
nected, whereby the movable clutch may be pressed dovn into gear with the fixed clutch, and the latter turned to wind the wateh, or the movable clutch is moved up out of connection with the other, so as turn independ ently of it, at the same time bringing the toothed wheel into gear with train of gears connecting with the lands for setting.
Cooring Stove.-James Grimes, Portsmouth, Ohio.-This invention re lates to new and useful improvements in cooking stoves, and consists in he arrangement of the thues benea
vided cross center and in air tubes.
Car Cocpling.-John D. Kerrison, New York city.-Tilis invention re lates to a newa and uscful improvement in couplings for railroad cars, whereby many ort the objections to ordinary car couplings are obviated.
Wasming Machine.-Herrmann Cramer, Sonora, Cal.-This Invention re lates to a new and useful improvement in machines for washing clothes,
and consists in a hollow revolving cylinder with open rim, serrated on its and consists in a hollow revolving cylinder with open rim, serrated on its inner surfa
therewith.
Thill Cotpling.-W.II. Cox and Theophilus Larouche, Williamstown,
Y.-This invention relates to a new and useful improvement in devices
coupling thills to buggies or other vehicles. coupling thills to buggies or other vehicles.
This invention consists in mating the staff of the umbrella or parasoli sections jointed together, and in a gutter around therim of the umbrella sections jointed together, a nd in a gutter around therim of the umbrella,
for conducting the water to. one point, with a single opening for its dis-
charge. charge.
Self Supporting G.ıtr.--J. R. Davis, Covington, Ga.-This invention relates to a new and vseful improvement in the method of hanging and pporting farm and other gates.
Tube Weld.s.-Ass Waters, Mobile, Ala.-This invention relates to a new
and useful improvement in "Tube," or "Drive wells," and consists in cov and useful improvement in "Tube," or "Drive wells," and consists in cov-
ering the perforated well tube with wire cloth, and in protecting the wire ering the periorated well tube with wire cloth,
cloth covering with a perforated metallic shield.
Water elevator.-G. W. Dickerson, Prairietown, Ind.-This invention relates to new and usefus.
from wells and cisterns.
Conbination Envelope Opener.-C. b. Stevens, Riverton, Conn.-This
invention relates to a new and useful improvement in an instrume nt for pening the envelopes of letters, public documents, etc., and cons:sts in peculiariy formed cutting blade and handle, and combining these with nink and lead eraser
Torbine Water Wheicl.-Philip O. Palmer, Swoope's Depot, Va.-The
object of this invention is to save the water, and to improve the construc object of this invention is to save the water, and to improve the construc
tion of the gates so that they can be more easily op erated and adjuste than heretofore.
Composition for destroyng insects on Fh.owers, Plants, etc.--Joh stroying insects on flowers, plants, vines, and bushes. It is made in liquid
formand applied by sprinkling, eitller with a wisp of hay or a watering formand
Thlll Coupling.-Cyrus Fisheir, Canton, Mass.-This invention has fo its object the fastening of the thills of a carriage to its forward axle, so that they can be readily and easily detached, when desired, and it consists in a strap bolt attached to the rear end of each of the thills and 6 tting a
hole in a trunnioned block, which is cons ned between clips on the axle, the sald strap bolt having a screw-threaded end, by means of whiob and a nut, casualdetachment of the thills is prevented.

File.-Albert Thompson, Norway, Maine.-This invention consists in
naking a fle with two sets of tecth on opposite sides, one set inclined in a direction the revese or the other, in order that when a stroke in one direc tion has been made, the file may be turned over,and a return cutting strok
be made with it, thus very much expediting the labor of fling a saw or ther article.
Scroll-sawing Machine.-William, Oller, Scenery Hill, Pa.-This inven-
tion cosists in making a saw in a fraine consisting of two pairs of metallic tion consists in making a saw in a fraine consisting of two pairs of metanc
levers, one pair at each side of the saw, said levers having their fulcra at the top and bottom of vertical metallic bars, placed one at each side the
saw and said levers being connected with the lower pair at their outer saw, and said levers being connected with the lower pair at their outer
ends by means of extensible rods, by which the framemay be tightened or ends by means of extensible rods, by which the frame may be tightened or
loosened at pleasure, and is made at once strong, ff exible, and clastic, so as to admit of all the necessary movements of the saw.
Elevated Oven rangr.-Philip Rollhaus, Portchester, n. y.-This in vention relates to a new manner of arranging the pipes between the water
back and the boiler, with an object of allowing them to be made with short turn to enable the use of brass pipes.
Corn Surcler.--iichry P. Watts, Lynchburs, Va.-This invention has
for its object to furnish an improved machine for removing corn from the obboth when dry and when green, which machine shall be simple in con struction, easily and conveniently operated, and effective in operation. BEDSTEAD.-D. M. Estey, Brattleborough, Vt.-This invention has for
object to so improve the construction of bedsteads that the slats may secured in place without the use of ledges or strips attached to the inner sides of the rails, and which shall, at the same time, allow the said slats to beconveniently taken out and put in when required.
Combined Double shoveland Tivo-Horse Culimvitor.-S. G. Rayl, Agency City, Iowa.-This invention has for its object to furnish a simple, din rows, and which shall be so constructed and arranged that the double adjusted for use as single-horse cultivators.
Beass and Grrders.-Richard J. Gatling, Indianapolis, Ind.-This inven tion has for its object to furnish improved girders and beams for fire-proof
buildingsand other uses, which shall be so constructed that the flooring and laths can be nailed directly to said beams and girders, and which may at the same time be constructed with less powerful machinery and at less
expensethan when made in the ordinary manner.
Forming Brrs and Augers.-James Swan, Seymour, Conn.--This inven tion has for its object to furnish an improved method of upsetting and
turning the lips and forming the screw points of double, curved-lipped bitsand augurs from the pressed and crimped blanks by means,of a pair o duplicate dies.
Machine for Mafing Horse Shops.-Frederick D. Althause, Morris,
ania, N. Y., and John F. Allen, Tremont, N. Y.--This invention has for its object to furnish an improved machine for forming horseshoe which shall be so constructed and arranged that the hot bars may be fed
in at one end of the machine and come out at the otherend in the form o erfectshoes.
Circle, or fifth Wherlfor Vehicles.--C.St. James, Pittsfield, Mass. -This invention has for its object to furnish an improvement in the con
struction of the circle, or fifth wheel of vehicles, so as to aroid the use of king-bolt, and which, at the same time, shall be so constructed as to allow the wear to be conveniently takon up to keep the parts always close an the wea
fim.
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Can Opener.-H. C. Alexander, New York city.-This invention has for object to furnish a
Letter Csfriers' Alarmi-Edward h. Ripley, Boston Highlands, Mass. the doors of houses, offices, etc., which are kept conetantly or occasionally locked or bolted, which shall be so constructed and arranged as to enabl the letter carrier to pass letters and other small packages through said door, and at the same time will notify the inmates of their delivery. Thishing Macmive.- Isace Erb, Bowmansville P. O., Lancaster, N. Y.Which shall be so constructed and arranged that while washing the clothe over and presser to be turned back out of the tub andoutof the way whil putting in and taking out the clothes, and which will, at the same time allow a steam-tight cover to be applied to the tub.
Corn Culifivators.-A. J. Grush, Springfield, III.-The object of this in vention is to provide a cultivator capable, by a slight ad justment, o
adaptation for use and for guidance, either for the operator to ride upon it r walk behind it. It is also designed to provide certain adjusting device for the plow beams forgoverning the depth of plowing and their distance
apart; also an adjustable arrangement forthe plow handles, and an arrange ment of means for suspending the plows above the ground.
Dress Prorector.-Mrs.A.H.Graton, Lawrence, Kansas.-This invention
nsists of a short annular sack, preferably of water-proof substance shaped and adapted for receiving the lower parts of the skirts, aud to hol them up out of the water and mud, by being suspended at the outsido by
straps from a belt around the waist, and at the part inside the skirts, by traps from a belt around the waist, and at the part inside the skirts, b

Faiss Gate.-George F . Bissell, Oneopta, N.Y.-Theobject in this inven
tion is to improve and perfect the farm gata, various styles of which are in use, an
ing it.
apparatus for Measuring Water and other liquids.-John Wins is to obtain uniformity in the pressure upon the several parts of a meter nd, consequently, greater accuracy, with a minimum of wear and tear in orking, together with correct measurement of the liquid passed through Folding Chir.-Nicholas Collignon and Claudius O. Collignon, Closter,
V. J.-This invention relates. to chairs which ford up into a small space torage than chairs of ordinary construction.
Suddand button Fabtenixg.-c. L. Horack, Willimantic, Conn.-This arention relates to a new and useful improvem ent in a device for fasten ing stu
uses.
Convertible Whiting Desk.-Frederick Robbin, hudson City,n.J.This invention consists in so constructing and arranging the top and the case containing the dred
may be formed at will
Field Press.-E. J. Marsters, Shaw'sflat, Cal.-This invention relatest ported from one place to another, to press the material directly on the fiel or wherever it may be desired. The invention consists in the general con
tructlon of the apparatus, which is mounted upon a wagon, and which so got up by the application of toggle levers and other devices, that Earth Closers and Urinals.-Augustus Fraser Baira, Pimlico, London, England.-This invention consists in constructing an earth closet which is
provided with a receptacle beneath theseatf orreceiving thedeposits with provided with a receptacle beneath theseat for receiving thedeposits wit
which the earth is to be mixed, and with a shoot or passage opening into and to theceptacle for conveynged another opening by which the eart is supplied from a hopper to the said shoot.
Foundery Molding.-Thomas G. Lucas, Middletown, Conn.-This in patterns for making castings of iron or other metal, and consists in the use of draft plates (one or more) in combination with the pattern.
Composilion for Destroying Insects on Fruir Trees.-John Ahearn,
Baltimore, Md.-Tlis invention consists of a composition of six simple and
nexpensiveingredients for application to the roots, trunks, and limbs of nexpensiveingredients for application to the roots, trunks, and limbs of
rees, to destroying grubs and worms, and to prevent the ravages of in

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96,761.-CAN Opener.-H. C. Alexander, New York city.
96,762 .-Horseshoe Machine.-Frederick D. Althause 96,762.-Horsesshoe Machine.- Frederick D. Althause, Mor-
 96,764.-MACHINE FOR MAKING MATCH BLOCKS.-Emery $\Lambda \mathrm{n}$ 9rews. Portland, Me., and wh. Trucker, Philadelphia, Pa, Palls, N. Y 96,766.-TUBing Clutch.-Joel N.Angiier, Titusville, Pa.
96,767.-EARTH Closet.-Augustus Fraser Baird, Pimlico

96,769- Rallway-rail Splice.-Jason T. Bartlett (assignor 96, to himself and Ed ward E. Batman), Boston, Mass. 96,771.-FARM GATE.-Geo. F. Bissell, Oneonta, N. Y.
$96,772 .-L A N T E R$. $-W \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{H}$.
Bonnell, Buffalo, N. Y.



 96,778.- Folding CuArr.-Nicholas Collignon and Claudius 96, assignon to hinsus For Tyiva Fleeces.-Solon Cooley (as assignor to himself and Ceylon M. Keliy), Caro, Mich.
$96,780 .-$ WASHING MACHINE.-Hermann Cramer, Sonora, 96, 7818 .- 1 - pparatus for Unloading Cars.-John Dable,

 96,786.-WAshing Machine.-Isaac Erb, Lancaster, Iv. Y. 96,787\%-BEDSTEAD.-D. M. Estey, Brattleborough, Vt. 96,788.-CAABINET FOR LADIES.-Alexander J. Forbes, San 96,789. 7 Rigatisal 96,790- Proces for Reducrive Rebelirous OnEs of THE
 96,792. - anchert, NLENDAR Clock.-Daniel J. Gale,Sheboygan Falls, 96,793.-BEAM.-Richand J. Gatling, Indianapolis, Ind. 96,794--GAVELFORK.-TMos. R. George, West Dryden, N. Y
96,795.-SEWING MACHINE FAN.-D. W. Glassio, Nashville, 96, Tenn. SEWING MACHINE FAN.-D. W.Glassie, Nashville,
96, 96 . 96,797. . DRESS $\triangle$ ND SKIRT PROTECTOR.-A. H. Graton, Law
 96, 799.-Cooring Stovi-James Grimes, Portsmouth, Ohio
96800 - Machine for Tenoning Spokes.-Milourn Gunn, $96,800-$ Machine for Tenoning Spokes.-Milburn Gunn
Jefiersontown Ky.
 96,80are. England $96,804$. Prtsmoth, Ohio 96,805.-Portable Fence.-Lewis Hazlett and Samuel D

 96. Fnilier, Boston, Mass. Bur 0 . C. L. Horack, Willimantic, Conn.

96,809.- Hemmer for Sewing Machines.-E. Howell, Ash 96,810.-Horse Hay Fork.-Amos B. Hunt, Matteson, Mich 96,811.-Lath Mill.-John S Hyde, Pentwatcr, Mich.
 Yo, York. city. FENCE.-Andrew Kull, Jr., Bloomfield, Wis. 96,815.- Manufacture of Plastic Veneer.-Chas. Kuttler 96,816. - RALLWAY CAR Coupling.-Leo Laley, Goshen, Ind.
96,817.-HELLCUTTING MACHINE. - Richard C. Lambart.
 96, ${ }^{\text {and }}$ Geo. We. W. Wutler. Joniet. IIl. 96,802.-Fluting Machine.-Hannah Luchs, Washington, 96, D.c.-A Animal Trap.-Wm. Luker, Kalamazoo, Mich.
$96,822 .-$ FIELD Press.- E. J. Marsters, Slaw's Flat, Cal.

 $96,825 .-G \operatorname{tain}$ Drill.-Wm. H. Moore, Jr., Blooining Grove,

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