

T. M. S. says: I would like to know how many pounds pressure it takes to burst the head of a barrel of...

J. F. W. asks if there is any way of distinguishing anthracite pig iron from charcoal pig iron?

S. A. T. says: The manner in which a pantograph is to be constructed is very plain (see page 99 of your current volume)...

G. N. A. says: I wish to know how the red and blue lights such as are seen at theaters are produced.

W. K. asks: Which is the best acid or combination of acids that will entirely destroy the fiber of paper?

W. R. J. says: The powder I enclose is the remains of an evaporated gallon of well water.

J. J. R. asks: Do pure wood ashes contain mineral matter? Answer: It was the opinion of the ancients...

W. H. F. says: I would like to know if there is any way that I can use to get the grime and dirt off of my hands.

S. R. asks: What proportion should there be between the steam port area of a steam engine, and the area of the piston?

A. B. says: A mercurial siphon gage has one leg twenty times the area of the other; what will be the rise of mercury in the smaller leg per pound pressure?

H. P. says: Take a fly wheel ten feet in diameter, with a hollow rim 12 inches depth and 2 feet face...

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED.

The Editor of the SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN acknowledges, with much pleasure, the receipt of original papers and contributions upon the following subjects:

- On the Metal Palladium. By G. J. R.
On the Influence of the Moon on the Tides. By W. S.
On the Formation of the Tides. By S. S. G.
On Steam Engine Economy. By C. H. C.
On the Dredging Machines Used at the Bar of the Mississippi River. By E. B. B.

- On Certain Mechanical Enterprises in Newark, N. J. By C. B.
On the Passage of the Sun from one Date to Another. By H. B.
On Lost Arts. By O.
On Perpetual Motion. By W. D. A.
On a Substitute for the Crank and on a Self Operating Water Wheel. By J. B. S.
On Positive and Negative Forces. By E.
On the High Prices of Certain Productions. By J. C. C.
On the Sidereal Day. By J. H.

[OFFICIAL.]

Index of Inventions

FOR WHICH

Letters Patent of the United States WERE GRANTED FOR THE WEEK ENDING

February 4, 1873,

AND EACH BEARING THAT DATE.

(Those marked (r) are reissued patents.)

Table listing inventions and their patent numbers, including items like Anchor, W. W. Smith, Auger, earth, Beach & Hanson, etc.

Table listing inventions and their patent numbers, including items like Harvester cutter, Wasson, Powers & Dungan, Harvester finger bar, C. A. Smith, etc.

APPLICATIONS FOR EXTENSIONS.

Applications have been duly filed, and are now pending for the extension of the following Letters Patent. Hearings upon the respective applications are appointed for the days hereinafter mentioned:

EXTENSIONS GRANTED.

23,001.—ELASTIC TOY.—L. P. Porter.
22,990.—MOP HEAD.—L. Taylor.
22,947.—WRENCH.—D. P. Foster.

DESIGNS PATENTED.

6,378.—CARD RECEIVER.—G. Gill, Taunton, Mass.
6,379 & 6,380.—CAKE BASKETS.—G. Gill, Taunton, Mass.

- 6,381.—CENTER PITCH.—S. Kellett, San Francisco, Cal
6,382.—URN.—P. P. Meyer, New York City.
6,383.—BEER MUG.—J. Oesterling, Wheeling, W. Va.
6,384.—VASE.—W. H. Wilkinson, New York City.

TRADE MARKS REGISTERED.

- 1,115.—HANS, ETC.—Evans Brothers, Cincinnati, Ohio.
1,116.—BEARING METAL.—I X L Metal Co., St. Louis, Mo.
1,117 & 1,118.—GALVANIZED IRON.—McCullough Iron Co. Philadelphia, Pa.
1,119.—BOOTS, ETC.—C. Merritt, South Weymouth, Mass
1,120 to 1,122.—GINS.—F. E. Suire & Co., Cincinnati, Ohio

SCHEDULE OF PATENT FEES:

Table listing patent fees: On each caveat \$10, On each Trade-Mark \$25, On filing each application for a Patent (17 years) \$15, etc.

CANADIAN PATENTS.

OFFICIAL LIST OF PATENTS GRANTED IN CANADA FROM DECEMBER 13, 1872, UP TO AND INCLUDING FEBRUARY 1, 1873.

Patents taken by citizens of the United States are marked U. S.

[NOTE.—Under the new patent law, now in vogue, American citizens may patent their inventions in Canada on favorable terms. For full particulars, address Munn & Co., Office SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN, 37 Park Row, N. Y.]

Table listing Canadian patents with details like Shoe pegging machine, H. Kuhlman, Ger., Dec. 13, 1900; Steam engine, C. Ievers, U. S., Dec. 19, 1901, etc.