

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"D. E. of Mass."—We cannot see any advantage to be gained by the two wheels, but a loss by the friction of the chain.

"E. G. of N. Y."—Your leather splitting machine is good and we do not think there is anything in the way of your getting a patent but it is scarcely possible to get any person to engage in purchase before a patent is secured.

"S. M. of Ohio."—As we predicted to you, it would have been better to have paid a decent price to those who could explain and thoroughly illustrate the subject, instead of igniting the powder by throwing cold water upon it.

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"W. M. Davis of Maine."—Your communication is unavoidably delayed until next week.

"J. C. of Mass."—The papers of your dredging apparatus will be forwarded in a few days. They have required much writing.

"M. C. of Ala."—You shall hear from us again. Your Table is excellent.

"R. McQ. of Texas."—You will find something to suit you on the last page.

"R. S. I. of S. C."—We are not able to give the exact proportion of ingredients at present, but may soon.

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The Western Journal.

We have received No. 5 of this valuable magazine, published at St. Louis, by Travers and Risk. It contains an excellent article on the Geology of the Mississippi valley, and another on steam navigation to China.

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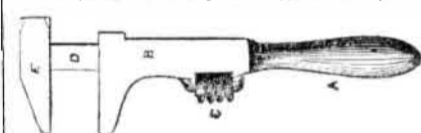
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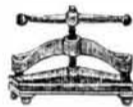
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November 29, 1847. d18 6m

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