

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"J. K. of Troy, N. Y."—We will answer by mail. It is evident that the French Sewing Machine is a little different from the American, and it is no better. It could not prevent your patent we think, nor the other machines, if your case be rightly managed.

"R. P. of N. Y."—We received yours from Schenectady.

"J. S. D. of N. H."—We referred only to music boxes that play a certain number of tunes, and have never heard of one able to play over a certain number, nor do we believe there ever has been. The plan to set it to play any tune from the gamut, is certainly something new. Get up your model and if it operates successfully your fortune is certainly made, and nothing can hinder a patent.

"L. B. of N. Y."—The exploding of the two gases in the cylinder, could be of no benefit practically, as the expense would far surpass that of steam. Carbonic acid gas has been tried and effectually, but the expense did not warrant a prosecution of the project, although a very good speed was obtained with a boat propelled by gas on the Thames in 1823. We must state that an explosive material is of no use as a mechanical propellant. Weight and expansion are our handmaids,—these we can control. Whenever steam becomes explosive then we cannot master it.

"F. S. of Portland, Me."—Your volume of the Scientific American was sent by express last Monday.

"J. C. of Pa."—Your plan is a good improvement but you must compare the claim of the original patent, (which is not in the document sent,) and see whether there would be a conflict or not. It was rather too much to expect an examination of such a document, nevertheless we did so from your candid statement.

"G. G. of Mass."—It is not possible to comply at present with your offer. You had better endeavor to get the application sent and we will forward the model, and await the result. "There's a good time coming."

"P. G. of Geneva, N. Y."—You will hear from us soon.

"G. R. Jr. of New York."—All right We have since learned that the Herman had a longer passage than was at first reported.

"E. W. of Maine."—Your drawings are now made, and the papers will very soon be sent.

"P. G. of Mass."—You must not expect so many favors, they don't always make the pot boil.

"A. A. of Mass."—We are glad you corrected the mistake, and we should have been happy to have got the news earlier. We shall notice it in full in another number.

"D. W. of La."—Yours has just come to hand. We shall answer soon.

"J. M. V. of N. Y."—Some of the British Engines, are rated at a certain amount of horse power, but they use a divisor of 66,000 for calculating the power. This has deceived many.

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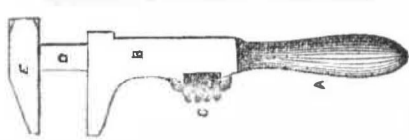
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