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"W. S of Vt"-We have answered youby mail.

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" J. T. Packard, of Mass."-Your letter was rather late in coming.

"S. T of Md."-No doubt but you are anxious to know the decision of the Patent Office, but we cannot give you any advice.

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" Erratta."-In our article last week on Seidlitz Powders, for "Glauber salts," read Rochelle salts.

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