

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"C. H. of N. Y."—Your invention will produce no gain, but much loss of power. The most advantageous way in which water power can be used is its direct application to a wheel. Steam, having a far more elastic property than cold water, is usually confined by an engine something like yours; but it is at a great loss of power.

"A. J. G. of N. Y."—The Scientific Mechanic has long since ceased to exist.

"E. C. of Mass."—The Encyclopedia of Chemistry now publishing in numbers by Cary & Hart of Philadelphia, and to be had at Hotchkiss & Co.'s Publication Store, in your place, contains the methods and theory of making white lead.

"J. H. C. of Ohio."—We know of no person at present who would join you; from what you write, we think you have hit upon something which will prove valuable.

"S. of Penn."—Chains have been made of the same form as yours and for that no patent could be secured, but for the steel surfaces we are not aware of any patent granted, or the same thing having been known before. The patent fee, without which no application can be noticed at the Patent Office, is \$30.

"W. T. J. of Me."—We do not know of any electro-magnetic battery, constructed like yours. We consider that you have made a beautiful and useful improvement.

A correspondent writes us and signs himself "Orange County," wishing to know if a pool from 20 to 30 feet deep can be emptied by a tube with a curve leading down a declivity. We answer that it can, and any work on Natural Philosophy will explain the subject. The principles of the syphon is old but the interrogations of "Orange County," warn us not to forget to teach the old as well the new. In fact there is no such thing as "old philosophic truths;" they are ever fresh and ever young, to all generations.

"M. W. of Me."—We again repeat what we have often before said that we cannot weary ourselves to give advice gratis to those who are not our Patrons. We wish all to remember this, and to tell their neighbors of it too.

"E. H. of Boston."—We do not know of a single manufactory of Plate Glass in our country. We hope to see this branch of the arts established soon in America. The materials are abundant.

"I. P. H. of Maine."—We do not know of any hydraulic ram exactly like the one in your sketch, but there are plenty of good rams to be bought in this city.

"O. B. of Ohio." "R. S. I. of Mass.," and "N. B. L. of La."—Your volumes of Scientific American have been sent by Express, and we hope they will reach you safely.

"A. C. B. of N. C."—We shipped that parcel of Gutta Percha, by the packet ship Isabella, which sailed for your port last Saturday.

"E. H. B. of Mass."—Write to the Commissioner of Patents. Many patents have been granted, that have been applied for since you have made application.

Encyclopedia of Chemistry.

We have received from the publishers Messrs. Cary and Hart, of Philadelphia, the first eleven numbers of their splendid work with the above title. This work is published in monthly numbers at 25 cents each, a price which can be paid by every man who has constant labor, and every man who has any desire at all of acquiring a knowledge of the beauties and benefits of chemistry, should not be without this work. It is edited by J. C. Booth and C. Morfitt of Philadelphia, gentlemen well known as authors and as practical and analytic chemists. Every number as it comes out, is wrote up to the very moment it goes to press and contains every thing that is new. It is certainly a valuable work.

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We have received Number 3 of this valuable publication, and most heartily recommend it to our architects and carpenters, and to all who have a taste for that Science. It is published by Wm. Graham, Tribune Buildings, N. Y. Each number is illustrated with two or more beautiful designs, with working plans and full specifications, price, &c.

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THE Subscriber has just arrived from England, and is desirous of obtaining a situation in a cotton manufactory to superintend either spinning, doubling or warping operations. He is practically acquainted with spinning and doubling in their various branches, and with fancy and plain warping, and has not only superintended spinning operations, &c. but has manufactured himself. He has recommendations from most influential and respectable persons in England, both as it respects character and qualifications, and will be happy to fill any situation relative to the above manufacturing operations. The most satisfactory evidence will be given to manufacturers who are desirous of obtaining an agent or superintendent. Address "Atkinson," Paterson, New Jersey. au5 2t\*

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THIS Machine, on which Letters Patent were granted May 1st, 1847, has been in successful operation for the past year, and hundreds of thousands of staves have been dressed by it. It is warranted to dress the same quantity of staves with as little power as any that can be started, also leave the full thickness on thin edges and thin ends, and conform as near to the crooks and twists of the timber as can be desired. The jointing of the machine which accompanies it, has been subjected to the severest test, and pronounced superior to that performed by hand. Application for a patent on the Jointer has been made.

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For rights and machines address the proprietors at their Manufactory, Artizan street, New Haven, Connecticut, where machines in full operation may be seen. JUDSON & PARDEE. New Haven, July 17, 1848. jy29 3m\*

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To Manufacturers of Cotton.

THE Subscriber, having had some 35 years experience in the manufacture of Cotton Goods, together with building machinery of various kinds, has completed by drawings and specifications, five improvements, (for which he is taking measures to obtain letters patent,) which will reduce the cost of manufacture, in labor and tools used in the art, so that more and better goods can be produced in 10 hours, than has yet been accomplished in the longest day that any one set of hands ever labored. He feels confident of receiving the gratitude of all the lady weavers, who may have the opportunity of working his warp yarn.

He is now ready to commence the SUPERINTENDENCE of a mill, anywhere North of Mason & Dixon's line; and would allow any company, who will try his plans, all the profits of one year in the market. WM. HOWARD, Jr. jy29 2t\* 238 Eddy st. Providence, R. I.

Patent Agency.

THE undersigned having established permanent Agencies in England, Ireland, Scotland, France and Belgium (with the leading manufacturers and inventors of which countries he is personally acquainted), is enabled to transact all business entrusted to his care with perfect safety and dispatch; and such is the integrity, energy and legal ability of our agents, that the patentee is, in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, sure to reap a rich harvest from any invention which passes through our hands. Since the first of March last we have sold three patents in Great Britain for \$17,500, and five in France for 35,000 francs.

For integrity, the undersigned refers to:—Horace Greeley, Esq. Tribune Buildings, New York. CLINTON G. GILROY, All letters must be post paid, and addressed to Clinton G. Gilroy, 71 Nassau st. New York. jy13 3m\*

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It is capable of raising the heaviest Locomotive with ease, being portable, strong and powerful, and not likely to get out of order.

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JACK SCREWS,

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The object of this Agency is to enable inventors to realize something for their inventions, either by the sale of Patent Goods or Patent Rights.

Charges moderate, and no charge will be made until the inventor realizes something from his invention.

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It will Dress and Joint Staves of all shapes, kinds and dimensions, and of promiscuous widths, as they come from a mixed pile, at the rate of from 6 to 8 staves per minute, finishing them, before they leave the machine, ready for the truss hoop. They are both dressed and jointed very smoothly and handsomely, bringing each stave of equal width at the two ends without waste of stock and perfectly to correspond with very twist or crook, and with as little power in proportion to the work done, as any other machine.

For rights (which are indisputable,) or machines, address, post paid.

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