the fixed collars, ji, er their fequivalents, so as to recive and turn
with the ends of thie governor arms, e e, and thereby obviate exces-
sive friction and destructive wear, substantially as specified, 2,740.-D. S. Kimball, of Lowell, Mass.," for Improvemen in Carding Engines
I clamn my inproved carding machine, having its parts constructer and made to operate tngether, in manner substantially as set forth,
I also claim the application of the gards, $c$ or or their equivalents,
to the sides of the screen, and so as to operate with the main card cyl. to the sides of the screen, and go as to operate
inder, in manner and for the purpose set forth.
2,741.-Thomas Lee, of Newark, N. J., for Improvement in Breech-Loading Firearm:
 ances, substantially such as shown, for orenening and closing the breech
all essentallv for the purvose and in the manner set forth. 2,742.-Elisha Matteson, of Brooklyn, N. Y., for Improve ment in Projectiles for Firearms:
I claim, first, Making the base of the angular passage, B C C A $A^{\prime}$, of
the projectile in its transverse vertical sectin in the form of a section
of a truncated cone, in the manner and for the purpose described.
Second, $A$ cartridge formed of the improved projectile. $A$ B $A^{\prime}$, Second, A cartridge formed of the improved projectile, ABC A A A,
and the ordinary charged paper or bag case and a rubber band, in the
manner and for the purpose described.
2,743.-Morris Mattson, of Boston; Mass., for Improvement in Enema Syringes:
I claim the connection, consisting of the perforated screw plug, $\mathrm{m}_{\text {, }}$
on to which the connecting pipe screws, connining the bag between the pipe an
described.
2,744.-J. C. and C. N. Mayberry, of White Rock, Ill., for claimprovement in Harvesting The elevated yoke, $\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{E}}$ connecting the línked rear rail,
 the purposes set forth. one endin an inclined frame, $\mathrm{L} M$, jointed midway of ths length in
standards, g , in the manner and for the purpose shown and explained [This invention relates to certain improvements in that class of har vesters in which the team is placed behind the frame of the machine, and an endless apron employed for discharging the cut grain. The object of the invention is to balance the machine more evenly than hitherto, cause the same to work steadier or with less vibration, equalize the draught, render the cutting device capable o fon to be ad and lowered with facility, and enable the discharg
2,745.-Wm. Morehouse, of Buffalo, N. Y., for Improve ment in Lamps:
I claim the combination of the cylinder or case, $D$, thbe, $C$, and
plates, $E,{ }_{F}$ arranged relatively, with the wick tube, $B$, and cone or
deflector, $E$, wo operate as and for the purpose se tor,
[An engraving of thisinvention will soon appear in our paper.]
2,746.-Wm. Morehouse, of Buffalo, N. Y., for Improvement in Sash suppigiters:
I claim a sash retainer , sirsirste asid operating in the manner
and for the purpose set firth.
I claim constructing bearings, d, of the box, E, plane-surfaced,
I ciaim constructing the bearings, d, of the box, E, plane-surfaced,
a prit of aengh greater than the dlameter of the axle of the wheel, $B_{\text {, }}$
in the manner and for the purpose set forth
I claim regulating the pressure ot the roller, B, upon the sash rail, i,
by means of the inclined shouldered brake, H, and tapered set screw, , in the manner and for the purpose specified
2,747.-L. H. Olmsted, of Binghamton, N. Y., for Improvement in Oilers:
I clam an oiler, made with a semi-spherical bottom, without seam,
a fexible cover and a conducting wire attached to the extremity of the
tube, all as shown and described. tube, all as shown and described
[The nature of this invention consists in making the body of an ler of semi-spherical form, so that no matter in what position it is placed, if left free to act of itself it will assume an upright position. It also consists if making the cover of the oiler flexible instead of the
bottom or sides, thus bringing all seams above the oll in the can. It bottom or sides, thus bringing all seams above the ofl in the cap. It also consists in an arrangement.of candinting . Wire to prevent waste
of ofl by running down on the outside of the nozzle every time the oiler is used.]
2,748.-H. J. Phillips, of New York City, for Improvement in Convertible Overcoat and Tent
I claim a combined tent, overcoat and cape, made as shown and de-
scribed.
2,749.-Charles Ray, of Boston, Mass., for Improvement in Stirrups:
I claim the application to the sides of stirrups of a revol ving sur.
face, howerer arrange, so as to prevent the feet of the rider from
catching in the stirrups, in combination with a step or botiom having catching in the stirrups, in combination with a step or botiom having a fixed and non-rotatingsurface, and which bottom shall be
2,750.—Addison M. Sawyer, of Fitchburg, Mass., for Improvement in Canister Shot for Ordnance
I claima a canister shot, constructed in the manner substantially as
described.
2,751.-Thomas Schankwiler, of Fayette, N. Y., for Im. proved Mode of Constructing Horse Powers

2,752.-W. G. Sherwin, James McFarland and Charles Thieme, of Cincinrati, Ohio, for an Improvement in Breech-Loading Ordnance
I.claim, frst, The arrangements of a nipple, $H$ I, at the bottom of a
cartridgechamber when in position for loading, so that the vent will
be autamatically closed be autamatically closed, substantially as set forth, which requires the
seonnd, In combination with a faucet rueech, which
chare in a vertcial position, as explaned, the projecting point or
points, In of the nipple for the purpose of opening the cartridge by its charge in a vertical position, as explained, the praiecting point or
poinst, , of the nipple, for the purpose of opening the cartridge by its
ownweigh in the oct of loading,
Third, The cock or capper, $J$, adapted to perform the several oflices Third, The cock or capper, $J$, adapted to perform the several oflices
of capping, fring and uncapping the nipple, together wwith holding
the orbatory brech rigidy and exactly to tis place while discharging,
substantially as set forih.

2,753.-Aaron Shute, of Flushing, N. Y., for an Improvement in Fire-Escapes
I claim the chain ladder, , when connected to the building and to the tilling-box, D, and the latter provided with catches or levers, b b,
arranged as described or in any equivalent way, so as to aomit of the
releasing of the box, $D$, and the llberation of the ladder, E, when re. releasing of the bos, $D$, and the liberat
quired, and for the purpose set forth.
2,754.-David N. Skillings, of Boston, Mass., assignor to Himself and D. B., Flynt, of Cambridge, Mass., for an Improvement in Portable. Houses
I claim my improved portable house, having its framing constructed
subtantiall as described, and the sides, end and roof constructed in
sections, as set forth, and applied to the framing in the manner speci-
2,755.-Charles Ward, of Salem, Mass., for an Improv Mode of Securing Knobs to Doors, Drawers, \& C.:
I claim the described attachment for fastening on knobs or other ar
ticleb, substantially as specified.
2,756.-S. L. Whetstone, of Cincinnati, Ohio, for an Im* provement in Locomotives.:
I clatm ttie use in a locomotire of Wheels applied to bear against op-
posite sides of a rall, in combination with wheels running upon top of posite sides of a rall, in combination with whels running upon top of
the same rail, whenthe side wheats derile guntrobe pressure fram the
weight ot the locomotive through a system of levers, or their substan

2,757.-W. A. Wood, of Hoosick Falls, N. Y., for an ImA. in Rakes for Harvesters

Irlaim. first. A jointed rake stale that will, in connection with an endless traveling belt, traverse the the sides of of the connection with an and ane
herefrom, and deliver the cut grain, substantially as described swep herefrom, and deliver the cut grain, substantially as described.
Second, I claim connecting the jointed rake stale to the outer
rgrain side of the platform, so that the delivery point for the eavel
nay be next to, or at, or near the rear of the man frame, substantally any described. to, or at, or near the rear of the main frame, substantlally
as
,758.-George Bradley, of Paterson, N. J., assignor to ties. ment in Carding Engines: cylinder, c, covered with card clothing, or equivalent material, whtch retainst thestrippings.to be au-
tomatically operated against the main cylinder, so as to strip it during a certain period and then to be separated therefrom, and to be in turn
stripped or cleaned by suitable mechanism, and to deposit the strip.
pings separate from the fi hers which are being carded, substantirlly ings separate from the fi hers which are being carded, substantinlly
the manner and for the prposedescribed.
Second, Turning the stripping cylinder, C , slowly backward, or in stripper and thereby subjecting its surface to the action of the clearsadd strip ping cylinder, C, to and fr
a sand forthe purposes set forth.
2,759.-D. H. Chamberlain, of West Roxbury, Mass., aston, Mass., for an improvement in Tubes for Surface Condensers :
Conndensers :
I claim a surface condenser having
2,760.-W, E. Frost. of Clinton Mass, assignor to Was
burn \& Moen, of Worcester, Mass., for an Improvement in Shirt Wire
I claim a skirt wire, A, provided with an openly braided covering,
, when combined with a suitable size, or glazing, b, as set forth. [This invention has for its object, first, economy in stock; second, rapidity of construction; third, an improved appearance when in a
finished state; fourth, durability, and, fifth, a greater facility than usual inished state; fourth, durability, and, fifth, a greaterfacility than usual n manufacturing the skirts.]
2,761.-John W.'lane, of Newton, N. J., assigner to W' and B. Doligin
I claim the water chamber, or reservor, $C$, in combination with the
induction plpe formed of twotparts, Band'B sorranged and apphed to
the pump to operate as and for the purpese set rourth. purpose set fourth.
2,762.-E. C. Townsend (assignor to Smith \& Browner) of New York City, for Improvement in Neck Ties:
I ciaim a neck tie made of paper, and adapted to the neck of the wearer, substantially in the manner described.
2,763.-Christian Weitman (assignor to himself, H. W. Glynn and A. Hageman), of Independence, Iowa, for Improved Device for Shrinking Tires :
I claim the plate, $A$, provided with a series of semicircular concen-
tric holes, a, a nd pins, , in combination with the chain, B, and lever,
C, ali arrang , ali arranged substantially as and for the purpose set forth.
The object of this invention is to obtain a simple device whereby he tires of wheels may be shrunk so as to fit snugly and tightly to the wheels without the necessity of cutting and re-welding them, the invention admitting of ordinary persons, not mechanics, such as farmers eamsters, \&c., setting the tires of their own vehicles when necessary without the ald of a mechanic.]
2,764.-G.F. Wilson, of Providence, R. I., for Improve ment in Army Cooking Wagons
I claim, first, ex.ricinise the above mentioned oven with an army
wagon or other vehicle, substantially as described. wagon or other vehicle, substantially as described.
Second, The combination of the said oven or baker with either the
boileror or broiling apparatus or bheth and this combination with the
wagon su bstantialy as described, for the purpose of making a portable my cooking stove.
,765.-Arnold Hamilton, of Broad Brook, Conn., for ImIctarovement the comin Breech-Loading Firearms and arrangement of the sliding.charge chanber. C, with the contcal-shaped chamber of the barrel, A, at
its breech and the levertoothed sector, F E, substantially as and for
the purpose described.

## RE-ISSUES.

131.-Wendell Wright, of New York City, for Improve ment in Friction Clutches. Patented June 15, 1852 : I claim, first, Operating the friction segments to bring them into and
out of contact with the rnner periphery of the puley y means of a
connection with a sleeve, E, sliding longitudinally upon the shaft of ounnection with a sleeve, $E$, sliding longitudinally upon the shaft of
che pptley, substantially as described.
Second, So supplying the friction segments in combination with the saft hand pulley that the centrifuga torce developed in the segments
by their rotary motion shall be allowed to force them outward gainst
he inner periphery of the pulley, and so be productive of friction the inner periphery of the pulley, and so be productive of friction
between the segments and pulley and made instrumental in or accesso
ry to the transmission of rotary motion, substantially as described.
132.- [Re-issues Nos. 127 and 128, of October 29, were cancelled, and Nos. 132 and 133 issued in lieu there-
of.] D. G. Littlefield, of Albany, N. Y., for Improve ment in Stoves:
I claim an organization which temporarily confines the gases of the
supply coal in a coalsupply chamber, then burns the gasesof the sup. plvply coal, and the a gassesopthe chamber, then burns the gasesof the supthereaftercirculates the spent gases or aportion of them over the top of
the coal supply chamber and betw en it and the outer wall of the stove,
and finally discharges 133.-D. G. Littlefield, of Albany, N. Y., for Improvement in Stoves. Patented, Tan. 24, 1854: Improve I claim, frrst, The vertical wedge shaped passages between the grate
bars of the fire pot substantlall as decriber.
Second, The employment of a grated fire pot forming a do nward continuation of a coal supply pot, in combination with a gas-con.
suming chamber or fue between the outer case and the connected fire andcoal supply pot, and an externaily discharging spent-gas pipe,
subsantiall as and for the purpose set forth
Third, I claim an illuminated esterior wall, $M$, in combination with a coal supply chamber and an intermediate gas-consuming chamber,
substantially as described. designs.
H. G. Thompson (assignor to Hartford Carpet Cornpary) New York City, for 15 patents for Designs for Garpet
Patterns.

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C. G., of Mo.-The method practiced in the French cavalry in the Crimea, of securing their horses at night, was to stretch a tening it securely, and then tying the horse to it by one of his fore legs.
H. R., of Md.-We shall be happy to attend to the examination of your rejected case at the Patent Offce. If the reasons
for refusing your claims are unsound, which is not unusual, we can no doubt prosecute them to a successful issue, in spite of the rejec tion.
G. C., of Mass.-We advise you to have a preliminary examination made of your invention through the Patent Offce. This examination is carefully made through our Branch OMice, and will generally determine beforehand the novelty of your plan. As a precautionary measure we recommend $i t$ to inventors who intend to apply fora patent.
A. D: C., of Mass.-A cement of plaster of Paris should be able to stop the leak in your jar containing the silver solution Apply a thin cement of the plaster on the inside, so as to fill up the
H. W. C., of N. Y.-A gun has been constructed with a wrought-iron cylinder heated and suspended in a mould and molten ${ }^{\text {cast }}$ gun.
D. T., of Ohio.-You can obtain carbonic acid gas in large quantities by heating chalk in a clay retort up to a red beat. This is the cheapest mode of obtaining this gas known to us, but a more simple method consists in pouring sulphuric acid amiong chalk free.
N. Van H., of Pa.-Beechwood boiled in linseed oil for about three minutes and fitted endwise in journal boxes, makes ver
durable and excellent bearings for the shafting of machinery. P. S., of Mass.-You wish to know the cheapest solution that you can use for neutralizing sulphuric acid in your blocks of timber. A caustic alkaline lye made by stirring equal weights of common soda and fresh slacked lime in water, then allowing the sediment to settle to the bottom of the vessel, is the cheapest and best that you can use. The clear lye thus made is the well-known "washing fuid," and it is the lye that is employed for
H. G., of N. Y.-The Commissioner of Patents has no power to annulan existing patent. He can order an interference to be declared between an existing patent and a pending application for a patent for the same invention, and then reqtire testimony from each party in order to substantiate the question of priority of invention. If this is proved by the applicant for the pending case, the

H. D. P., of N. Y.-On page 356, Vol. III. (new series) of the Scientific American, you will find an engraving of President May 22 1849, and 111 expire thes over sand bars. It was patented May 22, 1849, and will expire the same month and day in 1863, unless he gets a renewal of his patent, which it is not probable he will do,
Weare not aware whether he is or is not the first President elected We are not aware whether he
from the ranks of inventors.
D. J. C., of Mass.-The back pressure of the atmosphere on exhaust ports of an engine is in proportion to the size of the ports and itis the same relalively as it regards the size of the mazzle of a gun. The larger the area of muzzle in proportion to the bore of the barrel the greater, therefore, shonld be the recoll of the gun.
A. B. C., of C. W.-We do not know the addmess of the manufacturers of enameled cloth for carriage top but thearticle is made in Newark, N.J.
E. D. H. of C. W.-The McNary Knitting Machine Co., No. 25 William street, have patents for kniting stockings complete. Address also, J. B. Aiken, of Manchestery. H.
R. W., of Ill.-We are not aquainted with the proportions of the ingredients used in making Arnold's writing fluid. It has G. P., of N. Y.-Lead one-eighth of an inch thick will resist the pressure of steam, provided the pipe is small enough. The larger the pipe the thicker must the lead be. Iron is better
W. B., of Iowa.-Make the area of the chimney of your steam boiler equal to that of all the flues, carry it up 40 feet high, make the inside smooth, with a good coat of plaster and you will obtain a good draft. There are 10 fears of the chimney drawing if it is kept warm and dry.-There is a great variety of opinions among millers respecting the best dress of burr stones. Study those which have been illustrated in the Scientific American. See -page 192,
Vol. 4, presentseries. L. C. R., of N. J.-The flooring of a basementwith a cellar underneath should endure as long as that of any other floor if you maintain a circulation of air underneath. If you char the jotse of such flooring by slightly burning them they will last much longer Hot pitch, or a solution of sulphate of copper, appried to the joists and flooring will also tend to rendar them more enduring.

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## What a Bee Keeper has Observed.

It is found that a bee hive requires to be ventilated and at the same time to afford protection from the cold. Both of these desiderata are secured in the hive represented in the annexed engravings.
Each wall of the hive is made of two sheets of wire cloth-say one and a half inches apart-with the space between filled with straw. This porous structure admits of the most thorough ventilation, and perfectly protects the bees from the cold. The outer sheet of wire is attached with screws so that it may be readily removed with the straw for the purpose of examining the interior of the hive. The bees are then seen through the meshes of the inner cloth. The inner
its eggs in some crack or crevice in the hive, it wil sometimes attempt to force its way in against the guard at the entrance. I have often seen it caught and torn to pieces by the bees while attempting this forcible entrance.
"Since I have placed my bees in the wire hive thes have become so strong and healthy that I do not have much concern about the bee moth. These hives are tight and yet admit of a uniform ventilation, so that if the entrance is entirely closed the bees do not suffer for want of air ; neither do they become alarmed, as is often the case in some hives, under the excitement of whichthey generate heat and soon perish. I have at times seen my bees so completely close the entrance


## SMITH'S IMPROVED BEE HIVE

sheet is also secured in a way to permit it to be taken out for convenience in removing the comb.
The hive is represented in Fig. 1, and the wire frame in Fig. 2. A is the top box that covers the honey boxes, ventilated and chamfered at the bottom to insure a closer fit to the hive, and also to avoid crushing bees in putting it on, as well as to leave no place for the miller to deposit its eggs. The size of the entrance, $b$, may be regulated by the board, $c$, which is secured to the front of the top box by screws passing through the inclined slots in the boards, so that by pushing the board endwise it may be varied at will. The opening may be closed entirely by pushing together the blocks, $d d$.

The bottom of the hive is made in the form of an inverted pyramid, with an opening at the center, which is closed by means of a tin cup that may be removed to throw out the dirt produced by the bees.

In relation to this hive the inventor says :-
"Since I have been using my wire hives I have learned so much of the ingenuity and cunning of the honey bee and also of the bee moth, that I am persuaded that all the bees need to protect themselves from the destructive work of the moth, is a good and healthy hive, one that is protected from the exterior, so that the moth can find no place to deposit its eggs and have them hatched by the warmth of the bees or sun, and where the young worm can find no food on which to subsist until it finds its way into the hive. If bees are placed in a poor hive they know it as well as, and sometimes better, than their masters, and very frequently become disgusted and leave for the woods. But if placed in a good hive they will manifest their knowledge of its worth to them by their energetic labor and faithful watch over the entrance at night. The miller finds no admittance there, and if it cannot find a suitable place to deposit
of their hive that it would be impossible for the mille to enter, which they could not do in a common wooden box hive without smothering the inmates. In such a hive they are obliged to keep up a constant fanning all night long as well as during the day, in order to supply their home with fresh air. This labor

## fig. 2


in the wire hive is entirely dispensed with, and the bees being at all times kept dry and healthy, are able to defend themselves against their common enemy, the bee moth.
"Some persons thought that the first thing the bee would do on being placed in the wire hive would be to gum up the meshes, but my experience ha convinced me that the bees will gum the wire only where they attach their combs and around the edges where it is attached to the frame, unless the light is admitted to
the hive or it is so poorly made as to admit the entrance of ants. The bees will not spend time to gum it and thus deprive themselves of a good and regular ventilation; indeed, they would remove the gum in order to get more air if by any circumstance they were induced to gum it. This I have tested the past summer.
E"I have learned more of the nature and habits of this little insect this past year than I was ever able to do before. My hiveadmits of a close examination without disturbing the bees, and while they are busy at work in the summer I can take my seat at theside of a hive and observe theoperators as long as it seems profitable. I can go from hive to hive and by simply withdrawing the sash containing the straw, look at any side of my hive without arresting their labor. It is not like a glass hive in this respect, for in that the bees must be more or less of their time engaged in fanning their hives to supply themselves with fresh air, and to keep the hive dry. In the wire hive there is another advantage over the glass ones, in the fact that no obstruction is offered to a perfect observation of the interior of the former, which is 'precluded in the latter from the moisture that gathers on the glass. It is also always clean, and the bees can hold on to it and run over it with ease, which is not the case with glass.."
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