nal of the shaft, D, in its bearing in upright, c', whereby the guard or fender, shaft, D, and beater, E, may be readily detached when neces-

[This invention consists in the employment or use of a horizontal rotating bowl, in connection with a rotary heater, arranged in a novel vay to effect the desired end.]

way to effect the desired end.]

2,791.—J. D. Potts, of Pittsburgh, Pa., for Improvement in Retrackers for Railroad Cars:

I claim, first, The construction of the adjustable track or retracker, inclined, and resting on and secured te a horizontal base, substantially as described to operate in the manner and for the purposes set forth. Second, I claim the device of points on the under side of this base, whereby the track can be secured in any position desired, by foreing said points into the ties, or other wooden support of the rails, either by bringing on the adjustable track the weight of the car or engine to be put on, or by other means.

Third In retrackers constructed substantially as described I claim.

by bringing on the adjustable track the weight of the car or engine to be put on, or by other means.

Third. In retrackers constructed substantially as described, I claim the combination of inclines and levels, whereby when the wheels are brought thereon, they are so moved that the wheel lying entirely outside the rails has its flange first lifted above the rails of the road, and then gradually lowered, so that it touches said rail; and that the wheel, lying between the lift of the road and the gradually lowered, so that it touches said rail; and that the wheel, lying between the lift of the road arised above the rails of the road, and of its own arravity guided by the incline, is forced towards said rail, thus bringing its own and the treak and lacing the two wheels as nearly representations on the track, and placing the two wheels as nearly simultaneously as possible on their proper rails.

Fourth, I claim the arrangement whereby the flanges of the wheels are guided by coming against the sides of the retrackers to the track on which they are to be placed.

Fifth, I claim the ellp which, by 'projecting over the rail of the road, prevents the flange of the wheel from going between said rail and the adjustable track.

Sixth, I claim the arrangement whereby each of the two adjustable tracks, constituting a set, is arranged so that it can be used for either wheels between the rails, as is required.

Seventh, I claim the devices whereby the incline and base are united, as shown.

2,792.—A. D. Puffer, of Somerville, Mass., for Improve-

2,792.—A. D. Puller, of Somervine, Mass., for improvement in Soda Fountains:

I claim passing the pipes which convey the soda and sirups to the draught cock, within the trough, F, where they are cooled by the water from the melting ice, as set forth.

Second, The arrangement within a single draught stand of the compartments, B C and D, all in contiguity with the central cooler communicating with each other by the air passages, h, and closed by tightfitting plugs, z, whereby, while the sirups are kept separate they are all ejected by the operation of the same force pump, as set forth.

all ejected by the operation of the same force pump, as set forth. 2,793.—W. F. Quinby, of Stanton, Del., far Improved Apparatus for Navigating the Air:

I chain first, The employment, in combination with the boat-like car, of oscillating wings, A dd, constructed and applied to operate subtantially as and for the purpose set forth.

Second, The combination of the wings, A dd, the screw propeller, C, and the spiral-bladed wheels, I I', the whole operating together substantially as and for the purpose specified.

2,794.—J. W. Shipman, of Springfield Center, N. Y., for Improvement in Presses for Heps, Hay, &c.:
I claim the combination of the cam piece and socket, H', and toggles, I I, with the box, F, hinged rack bar, E, and bars, D D, as shown and described.

[The object of this invention is to obtain a press of simple construc. tion, which may be operated manually and with great facility for com pressing substances for baling.];

2.795.—Philander Shaw, of Boston, Mass., for Improve

2,795.—Philander Shaw, of Boston, Mass., for Improvement in Hot-Air Engines:
I claim, first, The combined arrangement in a caloric engine, operating substantially as shown and described, of the cylinders, pistons, reservoir and furnace. The cylinders and therraccessories acting together to rotate one shaft, and the cylinders being located partly within and partly without the reservoir which contains a supply of compressed and heated air, and afurnace which heats the said supply, which, with the gaseous products of combustion, passes through the engine.

eugine.
Second, The combination of the finished or upper part of the cylinder, with its head, piston and trunk therewith connected, all operating together, substantially as described, and withinlet and outlet valves, and suitable packing round the said trunk, to form an annular air

together, substantially as uescalation, and suitable packing round the said trunk, to form an annular air pump.

Third, The chamber or groove around the cylinder, arranged and operating substantially as specified, at or near where the lower part of the piston comes at the termination of its downward movement. Fourth, The isolated oil trugh within the chamber or groove around and within the cylinder, for the specified purpose.

Fifth, The inwardly projecting flange, a garranged and operating substantially as shown and described.

Sixth, Admitting into the cylinder comparatively pure and cool air, from a reservoir in which it is constantly maintained compressed, at the place and times and by suitable valve gearing, substantially as and for the purposes specified.

7,797.—J. H. Shotwell, of Rahway, N. J., for Improved Air-heating Apparatus for Engine Furnaces: I claim the combination of the steam passages, e, with air passages, and water passages, g, combined, arranged and operating in the namer and for the purposes set forth.

This invention consists in a simple apparatus for heating air for sun plying the fires of a steam boiler and furnace, and also for heating ai for warming buildings, whereby great economy is effected in the saving of fuel.]

2 798. Henry Sidle, of Dillsburg, Pa., for Improvementin

Churns:
I claim the combination of the fillets or cleats, f, with the dashes, I and G, when the whole are arranged and constructed to operate in the namer and for the purposes described.

The respective Cal., for Im-

2,799.—Joseph Stewart, of San Francisco, Cal., for Improvement in Maneuvering Heavy Guns:

Ichim the combination of the shaft, S, and rope or chain, D, with the inclined chassis. A, and gun carriage, B, substantially as described, and for the purposes and uses as set forth.

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90.—J. A. Strong, of Hyde Park, Vt., for Improved Self-Waiting Table: claim providing the self-waiting table, B G D, with a stationary tral part, C, adapted to support dishes, lamps, or the like, and supted by a spindle or neck of less diameter serving to guide and rethe annular revolving part, D, substantially as and for the pure set forth.

2,801.—Rollin White, of Davenport, Iowa, for Improve-

2,801.—Rollin White, of Davenport, Iowa, for Improvement in Cartridges:

I claim, first, The construction of the case of a cartridge of two or more pieces of metal movable longitudinally relatively to each other, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

Second, So constructing the case or pellet, g, containing the percussion priming, and applying the same to the base of the cartridge that it will be caused to operate as a valve to close the vent thereof by the force of the explosion of the charge.

Third, Fitting the percussion cap or pellet, g, to a shoulder, i, formed around the vent in the base of the cartridge case, substantially as described, for the purpose of a firm bearing, to support the said cap or pellet against the blow of the ammer, and so insuring the explosion of the orimine.

pellet against the blowof the hammer, and so insuring the explosion of the priming.
2,502.—J. W. Whittier, of Cambridge, Mass., for an Improvement in Fastening Window Blinds:
I claim the levers, B and D, the notched rest or support, A, and the plate or catch, A, constructed, combined and arranged as and for the purpose above set forth.

3.—A. J. Wiley, of South Attleborough, Mass., for an Improvement in Making Joint Wire or Stock for Jew-

elry:
him the making of joint wire or joint stock from one piece
al, as described, and I claim the making of joint wire or joint stock from one piece neval, as described, and I claim making the said joint wire or joint stock, substantially in the nanner shown and described.

2,804.—I. F. Williams, of New York City, for an Improved Machine for Applying Flocks to Felt Rubber Goods:
I claim, first, The arrangement of the gumming table so as to be an

incline plane, as described, in combination with a self adjustable gum distributor, for the purposes set forth.
Second, I also claim the use of throat, F, and smut collector. G, or optimized deveces, in the sifter case, as a method of preventing masses of a summer of the claim glock from mutting the cloth, substantially as described. Third, also from mutting the cloth, substantially as described, and for the purposes set forty greaters, H, substantially as described, and for the purposes set forty. It is combination with the revolving beaters, H, substantially as described, and Fourth, I also claim the use of the cloth tension roller, I, in combination with the carrying roller, K, at the back end of the machine, arranged in all ne below the revolving beaters, while the roller, I, is arranged on a line above the gumming table, so as to support the cloth on these two points, and thus prevent the blows of the beaters drawing or jerking the cloth over the surface of the gumming table.

Fifth, I also claim the combination of the finishing brush, J, with the revolving beaters, substantially as described.

2,805.—S. D. Woodbury, of Lynn, Mass., for an Improvement in Elastic Carriage Wheels:

I claim rendering a carriage wheel elastic, by making the felly in two concentric parts, F and f, and interposing a belt, or keyer, of India rabber, or other elastic material, R, substantially as described, and for the objects specified.

Solo.—G. F. Blake, of Medford, Mass., assignor to Himself and Peter Hubbell, of Charlestown, Mass., for an Improvement in Machines for Pulverlzing and Cleaning Clay:

ing Clay:
I claim, first, In combination with a machine for cleaning and pulverizing clay, the reciprocating wipe or plunger, W, constructed and operating substantially as described.

Second, The revolving grate, constructed and operating as described.
Third, The stationary fingers, w, constructed, arranged and operating as set forth.

ng as set forth.

2,807.—S. E. Bolles, of Mattapoisett, Mass., assignor to Himself and Thomas Ellis, of Rochester, Mass., for an Improvement in Carriage-Pole Supporter:

I claim my improved carriage-pole supporter, having its several parts constructed and carranged in relation to each other, and so as to operate together, substantially as shown and described.

etner, substanually as shown and described.

608.—R.·G. Holmes, of Worcester, Mass., assignor to Himself and Jonathan Luther, of the same place, for an Improved Clothes Washer and Wringer: claim the arrangement of the guides, J, with the roller slides, H, lers, G, springs, I, and bar, K, as shown and described.

[This invention relates to an improvement in that class of clothes wringers, in which elastic pressure rollers are employed for exhausting the moisture from the clothes.]

2,809.—William McCord, of Sing Sing, N. Y., and Edmund Maher, of New York City, assignor to William McCord aforesaid, for an Improvement in Repeating Orduance,

We claim; first, Embracing and holding the cartridge chambers, O, pposite the gun barrel, B, by means of the oscillating and reciprocating jaws, O'D, constructed, combined, arranged and operating as described.

Second. We claim the applications of the combined of the co

ing jaws, C'D, constructed, combined, arranged and operating as described.

Second, We claim the employment of the bars, L, and segment of a cog wheel, M, on the oscillating jaw, C', and slide, N, with cogged rack on its lower surface, and a ridge on its upper one, for throwing off from said jaw, C', the exploded carridge chambers, and admitting loaded ones singly from the hopper, as set forth.

Third, We claim the peculiar form of the opening or space, D3, in the reciprocating jaw viece, D, in connection with the crank, E', by which the necessary stoppage is given the said jaw piece at the end of every reciprocal throw of the same, as fully set forth.

Fourth, We claim covering the nipple ends of the cartridge chambers with a cap, P, having a headed or valve pin, P', working tessely in an opening immediately opposite the percussion cap on the nipple, substantially in the manner and for the purpose set forth.

2.810.—1. D, Owen, of Carlinville, III. Assignor to Him-

810.—J. D. Owen, of Carlinville, Ill., assignor to Himself, E. L. Owen and G. W. Barnett, for an Improvement in Post-Hole Excavators:
[claim the combination of the cylinder, a, the follower, D, and the d, c, when constructed and arranged substantially as described for purpose of excavating holes for posts. 2.810.-

the purpose of excavating hoies for posts.

2,811.—R. H. Peck, of Wolcott, Vt., assignor to Himself and E. Gifford, of Cady's Falls, Vt., for an Improved Churn:

1 claim the combination and arrangement of the frame, A. adapted to receive the tub, with its frame work, C, the crank shaft, H. and its gear wheel, G. mounted thereon, the tub, B. the upright revolving dasher, E.e., with its gear wheel, F. the cross piece, a, and the hanged cap, I, the whole operating together in the manner and for the purpose described.

described.

2,812.—Francis A. Pratt, of Hartford, Conn., assignor to G. S. Lincoln & Co., of the same place, for an Improvement in Stopping and Changing Motion:

I claim adapting the action of the levers, e.e., to the rim of a pulley, D, in combination with the wedge collar, I, substantially in the manner as and for the purpose described.

D, in combination with the wedge collar, I, substantially in the manner as and for the purpose described.

2.813.—S. D. Tucker, of Troy, N. Y., assignor to C. S. Sill, of the same place, for an Improvement in Cording Guides for Sewing Machines:

I claim, first, The arrangement of the lower outside guide, F, with the bending shell, A. core, B, and two inside guides, C. D, as and for the purpose specified and shown.

Second, The arrangement of the cord-guiding aperture, e, with the bending shell, A, core, B, inside guides, C. D, and lower outside guide, F, as and for the purpose specified and shown.

Third, The arrangement of the upper outside guides, G, with the bending shell, A, core, B, and two inside guides, C. D, as and for the purpose specified and shown.

Fourth, The arrangement of the core-guide, e, with the bending shell. A, core, B, inside guides, C. D, and upper outside guide, G, as and for the purpose specified and shown.

Fitth, The arrangement of the two outside guides, F G, with the folding shell, A, core, B, and two inside guides, C. D, as and for the purpose specified and shown.

Sixth, The arrangement of the cord-guiding opening, e, with the bending shell, A, core, B, two inside guides, C. D, and two outside guides, C. B, substantially as and for the purpose specified and shown.

Sixth, The arrangement of the cord-guiding opening, e, with the bending shell, A, core, B, two inside guides, C. D, and two outside guides, C. B, substantially as and for the purpose specified and shown.

Seventh, The arrangement of the cloth-passage, h, in the upper side of the folding shell, A, as and for the purpose specified and shown.

RE-ISSUE.

J. S. Smith, of New York City, for an Improvement in Epaulets. Patented April 12, 1859:

I claim the construction arrangement and combination of epaulets, substantially as described, the same consisting of the following three elements combined:—

substantially as described, the Same Constantially as described, the same constantially elements combined:

— First, A shell, or epaulet proper, with its usual appliance or appliances for its attachment to the coat.

Second, A bullion, or fringe, permanently attached or secured to a frame, plate or what is termed an adjuster, and

Third, A mechanical device for holding the said frame, plate or adjuster whithin the shell, substantially in the manner and for the purposes set forth.

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J. R. P., of Ohio.-We have received no information respecting experiments with rifled howitzers. Gun cotton has been used for exploding shells, and we believe it is very suitable for this purpose.

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