## TO CORRESPONDENTS

＂R．M．of Va．＂－We have examined the drawings of your water wheel，and find that the principle is not new．The same devices are found in the rotary engine of Mr．Hale， patented sometime since，no patent could be btained for it．We shall be exceedingly glad improvements are viewed by us with a liberal eye，there are no standing offers in this coun－ try for inventions of any kind．We are not prepared to answer your other question as no drawings are furnished．
＂E．B．P．，of Tenn．＂－We have shown your letter to several machinery builders，none of whom would feel disposed to enter into any such arrangement as you propose
＂W P．，of N．Y．＂－The papers will be for warded direct to you from the office，they must a wait their turn．\＄1 received．
＂G．S．，of Ohio．＂－We do not know that Ranlett＇s Arcbitect could be obtained in Cin． cinnati．Your order has been faithfully atten－ ded to．
＂？R．S．B．，of Ohio．＂－The price of achro matic object glasses can be purchased here for $\$ 40$ ，the price of the best is $\$ 75$ ，warranted． You can apply to John Roach，optician，Nas－ sau st．，N．Y．
＂L．H．of Ohio．＂－There are so many differ－ ent kinds of pumps now in use，that it would be difficult for us to make a selection，one of the best is illustrated in No． 27
＂W．L．H．，of N．Y．＂一Ranlett＇s Arohitect can be sent by mail，but those noticed some time since cannot，as they are bound．
＂X．，of N．Y．＂－Your ideas are impracti－ ole，try again．
＂W．K．，of Texas．＂－It appears to us that your plan is new．You had better＂construct a model and forward us as soon as possible．－ the stave machine we think costs $\$ 600$ ．
＂H．L．M．，of Mich．＂－We have never seen an endless screw used，but we have seen a pin－ ion employed to work into a central rack rail for the locomotive，to climb the incline．It is patented．
＂T．S．J．，of N．Y．＂－Your plan is novel， but the only safety lies in low pressure boats \＆c．When do you hear of them exploding？ never．The question would also be，＂will your plan answer the purpose ？＂：We think not，you know how to burst a barrel of a gun．The spring we do not think patentable．
＂E，W．，of N．Y．＂－The effect cannot be produced unless the steam be heated entirely out of contact with water．The plan you speak of we have seen tried．
＂R．W．，of Ala．＂$-W e$ have just received yours．

A．H．，of N．H．＂－We now understand your sketch．We think it inferior to the＂steel－ yard．＂
＂A．C．L．，of Mich．＂－Submerged wheels are in common use，and so are tidal wheels，－ yours are somewhat different from those we have seen，but we have seen them with move－ able buckets．They have been condemed for liability of getting out of order．
＂H．B．S．，of Vt．＂－You might a voidtrouble by bringing the water in elevated spouts．We should adopt this plan even if it should cost more．

M．E．J．，of Mass．＂－Tlue drawing and de－ scription of your invention has been examined． We think a patent could be obtained on some of the points claimed．You had better send us a model as soon as convenient．
＂E．A．B．，of Mass．＂一The Anglers Alma－ nac is not published this year．We have given you credit for the money．
＂H．W．L．，of N．Y．＂—There are severa patents on bedstead fastenings，this is all we can say about them until we know what yours
＂J．H．W．，of Ill．＂－We wrote you on the 22nd inst．in answer to your order of the 4th．
＂E．S．G．，of Md．＂－We are unable to give you the information sought for．
＂J．，of Kensington．＂－Your question is an－ swered in the affirmative．
＂N．W．，of N．Y．＂一So far ass we can un－ derstand the principle of your invention we thinis it cannot be new．We have seen th thind same before．
＂E．C．，of Conn．＂－Your statement was correct and the missing numbers have been sent．
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＂R．C．V．，of N．Y．＂－We are wholly un－ advised on the point refered to．You had bet－ ter ddress Mr．M．
＂J．S．W．，of N．Y．－Railroad gates have been patented within the past year，of their utility we cannot speak
＂W．B．K．，of Mass．＂－We do not think the point referred to by you could be patented， as it involves no mechanical novelty．We can however better decide that point as we pro－

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＂A．W．P．，of Ohio．＂－Parties are scarce here who will advance money on obtaining foreign patents．If we have an opportunity of recommending any one，we shall take plea sure in so doing
＂A．D．B．，of Ala．＂一We cannot give you practical information upon the subject referred to，as we have never put one up．You had better consult some one older in the business than your self．
＂J．H．，of Ala．＂－Your subscription will not expire until No． 39 Vol． 6 ．The book or－ dered was sent on the 26th inst．
＂J．M．T．，of Ill．＂－We have examined closely the drawings of your invention，and find that it does not possess sufficient novelty to warrant an application．Machines for this purpose have been subject to numerous modifications，which fact you＇doubtless wel understand，and your＇s seems to present no fea tures of a patentable character．
＂R．B．，of N．Y．＂－Crawford，is the archi－ tect of the Washington Monument．The oth er information we cannot give，
＂S．P．，of N．Y．＂－Never let your water line be below your fire line，no safety other－ wise．
＂P．S．D．，of Penn．＂－We have just receiv ed yours with the Stereolaic Cloth Patterns．
＂C．R．，of Vt．＂一We will shortly give an rticle on the subject．
＂J．Van K．，of Boston．＂－We think your old patent covers the principal field－the im provement，however，appears to be a good one
＂G．W．S．，of N．Y．＂一We believe that a patent could not be secured for your mode of reducing the bark；for although the applica tion may be new，the manner of accomplishing it is well known，and the arrangement of the saws is like the cotton gin．We will mak the application if you desire，but it would be with doubts．
＂E．C．J．，of Mass．＂－You will please to send a model of your invention to this office This will prevent any future misunderstanding． ＂J．G．P．，of R．I．＂－Your business is pro－ gressing，but we shall have to write you in re gard to the printing．
＂J．W．B．，of Ct．＂－We cannot undertake your bu．
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