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"J. O., of Pa." -In relation to your first letter, there was no mention made of a patent in it. It is very difficult to give advice on the point. We cannot say that you would get a patent. There are so many plans for reversing machinery, clutches, \&c., which lead us to express some doubts about a patent. We shall see you when you come
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tent could be obtained upon points involved in the combination. You had better construct a suitable model and forward it to this office for further attention.
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