

rise and fall of water in inches and fractions of an inch, and provides for an annunciator for indicating at a distant point the variations in water level beyond the prescribed limits, and also to indicate in which one of several boilers the water is too high or too low.

A hair crimper has been patented by Dina and Rudolph Jordan, of New York city. It consists of two shanks pivoted at one end and connected by a spring clasp at the opposite end, the face of one shank having a groove and the face of the other fitting in the groove, making a device by which the air may be conveniently held in the crimper as long as desirable to form a perfect curl.

A bolt has been patented by Mr. Henry A. Brown, of Toledo, O. It is a round bolt threaded at one end to receive a nut, and having an oblong countersink head, to be received in a countersink or recess of similar form in the tire or other metal work where the bolt is to be used, thus preventing the bolt from revolving while the nut is turned on or off, and avoiding the weakening of the metal by making a round countersink.

A headstall for stock has been patented by Mr. Francis M. Medling, of Rutherford Depot, Tenn. It is so made as to carry a spring with points that rest upon the nose of the animal in a way that will not interfere with its ability to graze or drink, but, on attempting to push off the top rail of a fence, or to suck, the points will prick the nose and deter the animal from accomplishing its object.

A stethoscope has been patented by Mr. Louis D. Radzinsky, of McKeesport, Pa. Its cup is made of soft rubber, in order to be practically a non-conductor of external sounds, and it has a peculiarly constructed tambourine, or drum, whereby the sounds from different regions of the chest or other parts of the body are intensified, the earmuffs being also of soft rubber, with an ear canicula of hard rubber or similar material.

An incubator has been patented by Mr. Frank Rosebrook, of Elmira, N. Y. Combined with the boiler is a hot water tank divided by partitions into channels that conduct the water first to the outside of the tank, then back to the center, a system of pipes connecting the hot water tank and the boiler, and water pans resting upon the pipes, making an improved arrangement for the uniform distribution of heat necessary for hatching.

A gas heating attachment for reversible sad irons has been patented by Mr. Henry C. Fox, of Evansville, Ind. This invention provides a burner calculated to give a flame of great intensity without any increased consumption of gas, and for a more perfect general distribution of the flame over the interior surface of the several sides to be heated, the device being also applicable to cylinders or other hollow bodies requiring to be heated on their interior.

A ditching machine has been patented by Mr. John C. Sage, of Gainesville, Ga. It is mounted on a car, with a vertically adjustable crosspiece carrying plows, with movable carriages and conveyer frames hinged therein, with means for adjusting their lower ends vertically, and flanged conveyer belts and means for rotating them, the machine being calculated for digging ditches, excavating the foundations of houses, and similar work.

A harness hook has been patented by Mr. John H. O'Donnell, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. It is intended especially for use as a check rein hook, the base, by which the hook is secured to the saddle, having at its forward end a lateral notch to receive the free end of a latch hook or open link pivoted to turn in a plane at right angles to that of the hook proper, so the rein cannot be released until the link is adjusted to open position.

A straw-board lining machine has been patented by Mr. Arnold W. Schlichte, of New York city. The mechanism is such that the operator is able to sever the web which constitutes the lining material between each sheet of board after the material has been pasted and pressed to place upon the board, the parts being so arranged that sheets of board of varying size may be used without changing the adjustment of the machine.

A burglar-proof safe has been patented by Messrs. John W. Norris, of Chicago, Ill., and Thomas M. Brintnall, of Maryville, Mo. The invention consists essentially in interlocking the bolt ribs with the safe door by dovetail joints, providing a construction to connect the bolt-carrying devices without the introduction of screws or threaded bolts, and making a firmer and stronger connection between the doors and the bolt-carrying devices.

A watch has been patented by Mr. Domingo T. Garcia, of Guadalajara, Mexico. It has two crown wheels mounted on an arbor in the case, one of the wheels having more teeth than the other, a pinion engaging the teeth of both crown wheels, with a crown scape wheel on its shaft, with other novel features, making a watch with very few parts and designed to be very accurate.

A clock has likewise been patented by the same inventor, whose construction is based upon the principle of differential gearing. It has but few parts, two toothed wheels being mounted on the same shaft, one fixed and the other loose, an escapement anchor pallet engaging with both wheels, the loose escapement wheel having part of its face cut out and a circular scale formed around the opening, with other novel features, the use of the usual multiplying train being dispensed with.

A parasol for children's carriages has been patented by Mr. John McAlister, of Jersey City, N. J. A notched runner is held on a clamp attachable to the stationary rod fastened to the carriage, a stick with a notched collar supporting the braces, a cord from the upper end of the stick passing through the runner, and a spring on the stick engaging with a slot in the runner, so the parasol can be supported in an angular position, and opened and closed from the top or outside.

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