tached to the bars, A A', and arranged in relation with the jaws, to operate as and for the purpose specified. Second, The key, H, when used in connection with the bars, A A', jaws, D D, cams, ff, stock, C, and cam, F, as and for the purpose set forth.

[This invention consists in the employment or use of a stationary and movable jaw fitted to a segment stock and used in connection with a cam and lever, key and bearing plate, whereby tires for wheels may be readily shrunk or upset and contracted to suit the wheels without being cut and rewelded.]

35,098 .- Ross Johnson, of Frederick, Md., for Improve

35,098.—Ross Johnson, of Frederick, Md., for Improvement in Plows:
First, I claim a solid or unbroken faced moldboard, having a friction roller, e, or rollers, e and e', of continuous unbroken working face and so secured centrally and longitudinally in the working face of the moldboard, that sad roller or rollers shall present a fush bearing to the turrow silce as it rises upon, passes over and falls away from the moldboard, in the manner and for the purpose specified.
Second, I claim the east rises upon, passes over and falls away from the moldboard, in the manner and for the purpose specified.
Third, I claim the rotary enter, h, in combination with the plow point, F, extension, g, thereof, and moldboard, b, in the manner and for the purpose specified.
Youth, I claim the steady roller, G, in combination with the land side, a, moldboard, b, plow point, F, and cutter, h, in the manner and for the purpose set forth.

site, a, moldboard, b, plow point, F, and cutter, h, in the manner and for the purpose set forh. 35,099.-C. W. Lemley, of Pavilion, N. Y., for Improve-ment in Machines for Boring Seats of Buggies: I claim a machine for boring the corner holes in bugy seats, and rices of a like insture, constitute of a combination of proper means for regulating and determining the point where and the angleat which the said holes are to be bored, substantially as described. Talso claim a machine which possesses the capacity of regulating and eterming the place and angle of the corner holes, as well as prop-er means for determining the bevel of the posts in their cross section for that angle, substantially as described. Thurther claim a machine which possesses the capacity of regulating and determining the place and angle of the corner holes, as well as proper means for determining the bevel or miter of the shoulders of the tenons on the posts for that angle, as described. And, findly, I claim a machine consisting of a combination of proper means to bore the corner or post hole, as set forth. And, findly, I claim a machine consisting of a combination of proper means to bore the corner or post hole cased set., as and their crosssection, and the bevel or ther or or bale shoulders of the tenone, for that particular angle or cruer or post hole, as set fort. And, findly, I claim a machine consisting of a combination of proper means to bore the corner or miter of the shoulders of the tenone, for that particular angle or cruer or or solute hole, as speci-lied.

35,100.-R. O. Lowrey, of Saratoga Springs, N. Y., for Improvement in Wind Mills : I claim, first, The arms, H, with termini of the construction de-sorthed, in combination with the hinging brackets, J, of the wings or

scribed, in combination with the hinging brackets, σ , or the ways or blades, I, substantially as set forth. Second, In combination with the arms, H, and brackets, J, I claim the levers, K, rollers, h, stops, i, cords, L, and ring weight, C, sub stantially in the manner and for the purpose described. Third. The arrangement of a shding ring weight, constructed as de-scribed, in combination with the vertical shaft, A, blades, I, and clutch lever, D, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

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35,101.—J. Luccock and J. M. L. Gowdy, of Peoria, Ill., for Improvement in Churns:
We claim the combination of the rotary dashers, C C' C'', of unequal lengths with the racks or breakers, D, when constructed, arranged and operating as described for the purpose set forth.

35,102.--W. J. Lyman, of East Hampton, and A. E. Lyman of Williamsburg, Mass., for Improvement in Coffins : We claim the improved collin, substantially as described, as a new

We claim the improv rticle of manufacture

aruses or manuracture.
 35,103.—William Mansfield, Jedediah Morse and H. H. Mansfield, of Canton, Mass., for Improvement in Projectiles for Ordnance, &c.:
 We claim, first, The spiral-air passages, c.c. formed between two cones, B b, and combining with a central air passage, a, substantially as and for the purpose specified.
 Second, The combination of the external conical surface, f, forming the exterior of a hollow cone and and the shoulder, g, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

lOne object of this invention is to obtain a rotary motion of an elong to ne objector this invention is to obtain a totaly invention of an early ated projectile about its axis, by the action of the atmosphere upon it, when discharged from a smooth-bore gun, and to this end a part of the invention consists in providing in the rear of the projectile twoor more spiral air passages formed between the cones, and communicating with a central passage in the front part of the projectile. Another object is to insure the projectile striking on its point, and to this end another part of the invention consists in making the rear portion of the exterior of the projectile of conical form, externally as well as internally, the exterior surface of such conical portion being in the rear of ashoulder; over which, in the flight of the projectile, the air rushes against the said surface on all sides thereof.] a sh

against the saturative on an sines thereof.] 35,104.—Enoch Osgood, of Boston, Mass., for Improved Regulator Valve for Air, (ias, &c.: I claim the combination of a valve and a disphragm enough larger than the valve to give it any desired power over it, wanted to close it, to hold and balance any pressure that may come in between them to be weighed out by weights on the diaphragm, to give the desired press-ure wanted in the chamber below the valve for use, constructed and for the purpose described.

35,105.—Gordon McKay, of Boston, Mass., for Improve-ment in Boots and Shoes :

I claim the formation of a quitting scan or seams within those used for holding the vamp, said quitting being formed of chain or tambour stiches passing through the whole thickness of the sole, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

as and for the purposes set form. 35,106.—S. H. Noble, of Vernen Springs, Iowa, for Im-provement in Sled and Sleigh Runners : I ckein, as a new article of manufacture, a sled or sleigh runner formed of a castiron crook, B. with or without the shoe, C, and a straight wooden portion, A, combined or put together, substantially as shown and described.

[This invention consists in constructing a sled or sleigh runner of

cast metal and wood combined, in such a manner that a straight piece of wood may be used for the main portion of the runner, and the cast metal for the crook or curve, and also the shoe of the wood portion.]

35,107.--J. P. Marshal, of Millbury, Mass., for Improve-ment in Breech-Loading Firearms: I clam, first, The combination of the meaning *i*-mestructure station-ary breech. C, with the movable lower, D, E, arranged for conjoint operation in the manner and for the purpose specified. Second, The combination of the operating lever, H, and movable breech, with the lock bolt, J, and trigger, P, substantially as and for the numeric described.

"Scond, The combination of a trigger, P, substantian, a the breech, with the lock bolt, J, and trigger, P, substantian, a the purpose described. Third, the combination of the breech pin, X, constructed as described, with the screw, G, plate, E, and cylinder, D, arranged and operating as and for the purpose set forth. Fourth, Forming the cone sets and its labeled of the same piece with the lock blate, in the manner and for the purpose set forth. Frith, Forming a circular flange around the vent of the stationary breech piece to fit into a cavity, or recess, of corresponding size, in the rear side of the come sheld, in the manner and for the purpose theorithed. 35,108.-H. H. Palmer, of Rockford, Ill., for Improvement in Pumps: I claim the combination of cl

in Pumps : laim the combination of the water chamber, II, with the suspen-rod, E, when arranged and operating as described for the purpose orth.

stop rou, b, which arrange a strange a set forth. I also claim suspending the water chamber from the platform, A, by means of the rods, J and K, and guide ring, I, as and for the purpose downibed

me des seriped. I also claim the combination of the flanged standard, B, air vessel, piston tube, F, piston, G, and water chamber, H, when the whole C

are arranged for joint operation, substantially in the manner de-

scribed. 35,109.—John Percy, of Albany. N. Y., for Improvement in Machinery for Ginning Cotton : I claim the construction of a picker for a cotton gin consisting of a hollow revolving cylinder, D, having through its outer periphery slots or openings for the passage thorough them of teeth, j, a flixed to rods which oscillate in bearings placed near the outer periphery of a pair of elisks, E, located within the cylinder; these disks being arranged to re-volve simultaneously with the cylinder, D, on an axis eccentre to its axis, so as to cause the said teeth to vibrate back and for the through the slots, substantially in the manner and for the purpose set forth.

35,110.-H. C. Pierce, of Homer, N. Y., Improvement in

35,110.-H. C. FIETCE, or Homer, M. Z., S., S., S., S., Churns: Churns: I claim, first, The arrangement of the eccentric lever, L, spring catch, M, and ratchet plate, N, in combination with the wheel, K, pui-tons, C and F, disk, D, and dasher slatt, B, substantially as an for the purpose described. Second, I also claim the employment of the wings, G, in combina-tion with the disk, D, and holes, H H, substantially as and for the pur-pose set forth. Third, I also claim the employment of the plate, I, or its cruivalent, in combination with the disk, D, wings, G, and holes, II, for the pur-pose of controlling the admission of air, to the interior of the churn, extension of the the disk.

35,111.—L. B. Prindle, of Litchfield, Conn., for Improve-ment in Cups for Elevators of Flouring Mills: I claim, as a new article of manufacture and sale, making elevating cups of malicable casis iron, for the purposes set forth.

cups of malleable cast iron, for the purposes set forth. 35,112.—Gelston Sanford, of New York City, for Improve-ment in Head Rests for Car Seats: I claim an adjustable portable rest for the head, to be attached to the back of a car seat, and so arranged that it can be folded together so as to occupy less space when not in use, substantially as specified.

So as to occupites space when not in the substantially as specified. 35,113.—Isaac Sherwood, of Unadilla, N. Y., for Improve-ment in Water Elevators : I claim, first, A water elevator, having, in combination, the wheels, D and D2 and E, constructed and operating substantially as described Second, In combination therewith the double-acting lever, G and 02 H K K2, constructed and operating substantially as described.

35,114.—Isaac Stead, of Philadelphia, Pa., for Improvement in Condensing Carding Engines: I claim, first, The revolving toothed cylinder, I, in combination with the dofling cylinder, B, of a condensing carding engine, as forming a fiber separator, asdescribed. Second, I claim the stripper, S, in combination with the revolving-toothed cylinder, I, for the purpose of removing the fibers which may collect on the teeth, and carrying them back to the main cylinder, as described in specification.

described in specification. 35;115.—E. M. Stevens, of Boston, Mass., for Improved Clothes Wringer: I claim, first, The jointed levers, F F, provided with thumb screws, h h, substantially as set forth and for the objects specified. Second, Making the core, W, of the rolis futted, and fitting into the fluttes, cylinders of rubber, r, surrounded by a rubber tubing, R, sub-stantially us and for the objects specified. Third, The combination and arrangement of the lever, K, self.ad-justing foot, N, and thumb screw, M, substantially as described and for the objects specified.

16.--A. Steward, of Plano, Ill., for Improvement in Stationary Counter Scissors : laim stationary scissors, hung and operated substantially as de-ed 35,116

scribed. I claim, also, in combination therewith, a measure so arranged that the cutting blades shall operate at one extremity thereof, as described. 35,117-N. W. Taylor and J. W. Brightman, of Cleve-land, Ohio, for Improvement in Machines for Drying

the turner 35,117.--N. W. Taylor and land, Ohio, for Improvement in Macmuce... Sized Paper: We claim, first, The described construction of a drier, consisting of an inclosed chamber, provided with suitable openings, for the pur-poses specified, and which can be closed at pleasure, and having within said chamber the bearing rollers placed in horizontal rows, and the successive sets so arranged in relation to each other and the points of introduction for the paper and the heated air, that the paper will pass continually from a moist to a dry and heated atmosphere, as and for the purpose specified. Second, We claim moving the rollers, S M N O P, at decreasing ve-locities, for the purpose set forth. Third, We claim the plates, R, and openings, a' b', arranged as and for the purpose described. Third, We claim the plates, R, and preings, a' b', arranged as and for the purpose described.

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35,118.—Thomas Tripp, of Amsterdam, N. Y, for Improved Water Wheels:
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35,218.—Thomas Tripp, of Amsterdam, N. Y, for Improved Water Wheels.
Second. The extension of the lower middle point of the main buckets, C, C, Fig. 1, at the point 1, so as to receive the inclined auxiliary buckets, as represented.
Third, The curvature of the inner bottom edges of the main buckets, as represented.
Fourth, The curvature of the inner bottom edges of the bottom of the inclined auxiliary buckets as represented.
Fourth, The curvature of the wheel boing arcs of the same circle as the addre wheels, as applied to water wheels.
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35,119.—George Turner, of Cambridge, Ohio, for Im-

35,119.-George Turner, of Cambridge, Onio, for improvement in Corn Shellers: I claim the tapering cylinder, D, with teeth further apart on the large end, and closer together as they approach the small end, so arranged and operated that the ear of corn shall first be received at the large end of said cylinder, and pass toward the small end in process of being shelled, in combination with the springs, B and P, and inclined plane, G, in the manner and for the purposes set forth.

plane, G, in the manner and for the purposes set forth. 35,120.—Amos Westcott, of Syracuse, N. Y., for Improve-ment in Churns: 1 claim the combination of the plano-diagonal dasher paddles, Fig. 7, A and B. with the box, Fig. 4 and with the shaft. A A, Fig. 5, when these paddles are set in such a manner about the shaft, Figs. 5 and 6, as that when the shaft is turned in such direction as to make the diag-onal faces of the paddles strike the cream or milk, their effect will be to force the particles of butter, whether large or small, which may be foating in the fluid, toward a vertical plane in the box of the churn, parallel to its ends. I also claim the employment of the fan wheel, Figs. 3 and 4, con

arallel to its ends. I also claim the employment of the fan wheel, Figs. 3 and 4, con ructed essentially as and for the purposes set forth, in combinatior rith the other parts of the churn, as described.

with the other parts of the churn, as described.
34,121.—D. H. Whittemore, of Worcester, Mass., for Improvement in Straw Cutters:
I claim, first, So arranging twe cylinders together that the periphery of one shall move faster than that of the other, and at some point between them the knife or knives upon one shall move past the knife or knives upon one shall move past the knife or knives upon one shall move past the knife or knives upon one shall move past the knife or knives upon one shall move past the knife or knives upon one shall move past the knife or knives upon one shall be produced thereby. Second, I claim arranging two cylinders together, in such a manner that the irrelative position with the feed in the hopper can be changed for the purpose of varying the length of the feed cut, or so placing them upon the frame that the line of center of the two cylinders will not be at right angles: with the bottom of the hopper, as represented in the drawings, for the purpose of producing a short cut, substantially a set forth.

In a substantially as the purpose of producing a short cut, substantially as set forth. Third, I claim combining with said share-cutting cylinders the mov able mouth piece, L, sub: 'I utily in the manner and for the purpose set forth.

set forth.
35,122.—1. A Williams, of Utica, N.Y., for Improvement in Locomotive Lamps
I claim the perforated cylinders, E F, one or more. in combination with the cap or deflector, G, and hollow wick tube, C, arranged sub-startially as and for the purpose specified.
I further claim the perforated cylinders, E F, one or more, cap or deflector, G, perforated hollow base. K, provided with the perforated cap, L, in combination with the hollow cylindrical wick tube, C, all arranged for joint operation, substanlially as and for the purpose set forth.

35,123.-Lorenzo Winslow, of Rochester, New York, for Improved Wrench: claim the arrangement within the jaw, B, of the dog, d, and

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spring, S, in relation to the notched shank, A, the whole operating in the manner and for the purpose, substantially as set forth.

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the manner and for the purpose, substantially as set forth. 35,124.—D. T. Yeakel, of Lafayette, Ind., for Improve-ment in Mode of Constructing Ordnance: I claim the use of plate or sheet iron or steel, in the manufacture or construction of large iron or steel cylinders, by winding the plate or sheet iron or steel (the plate or sheet being in width equal to the desired length of the cylinder) around a central mandrel, until by repeated continuous layers the miended size is produced, and after the first layer around the central mandrel (which may or may not be wedded to the mandrel) each part of the plate, or sheet of iron or steel so wound to be welded to the part immediately under it. [An encodyrappid this invention will appear in our next number.] [An engraving of this invention will appear in our next number.]

35,125.—D. C. Lawrence, of Cedar Falls, Iowa, for Im-provement in Spring Balances: I claim a spring balance, made of a single piece of wire, substan-tially in the manner and for the purpose set forth.

tially in the manner and for the purpose set forth.
35,126.—E. L. Pratt, of Philadelphia, Pa., assignor to J.
B. Collin, of Boston, Mass., for Improvement in the Thread Tension of Sewing Machines:
I claim so combining and arranging the tension devices which operate upon the threads used in a sewing machine which makes the double chain or Grover & Baker sitch that a relative, or any desimad relative proportion of the whole tension upon the threads is made to be automatically operative upon each thread, and so maintained when the total tension on the threads is increased or diminished, so arrangement and combination being such that charges in the amount of the tension may be made with facility, substantially as escribed.

35,127.—Coleman Sellers (assignor to William Sellers & Co.), of Philadelphia, Pa., for Improvement in Wheel

Co.), of Philadelphia, Pa., for Improvement in Wheel Press: Iclaim the use of an adjustable upright, H, or its equivalent, suc-stantially in the manner and for the purpose specified. The hinged attachment of the blocking piece, N, or its equivalent, to the forcing up plunger, substantially in the manner and for the pur-pose specified.

pose specified.
35,128.—Thomas Shaw, of Philadelphia, Pa., assignor to himself and Philip S. Justice, for Improvement in Laying Telegraphic Cables.
I claim the partial supporting of the telegraphic cable, while paying out, by means of an additional cable, when connected with friction clutches, as described.

clutches, as described.
35,129.—H. D. Stover of New York City, and W. W. W. Wood, of Philadelphia, Pa., assignor to said H. D. Stover, for Improved Shutters for the Portholes of Vessels, &c.:
We claim, first, The construction and arrangement of shields or armor to the portholes of war vessels or floating batteries, substantially as shown and described, by forming twoor more plane or curred plates, impenetrable to shot, and arranged at such angles in relation to each other, and to the side walls of said vessel or mattery, as to insure the glancing off of the projectiles thrown upon or against them, as, set forth.

to each other, and to the side walls of said vessel or hattery, as to in-sure the giancing off of the projectiles thrown upon or against them, as set forth. Second, In combination with [movable shields, operating as de-scribed, we claim the convex-shaped or angular blocks, arranged to close the top opening between the shields and side walls, and to hold the said shields, when closed, at their requisite angles, substantially as shown and described. Third, In combination with such movable shields, closing automati-cally or otherwise, in the manner described, we claim so forming cor-responding recesses to the inner edges of the shields, as that the shields, by closing against the gun, shall leave a vertical space, sufi-ciently narrow to prevent projectiles from penetrating, yet wide enough to allow of the gun being sighted through it.

enough to allow of the gun being sighted through it. 35,130.—Samuel Vanstone, of Providence, R. I., assignor to Wm. P. Pierce, of Boston, Mass., for Improvement in Machines for Cutting Files: I claim the two disk cylinders, operating simultaneously upon the two sides of the blank, in combination with the peculiar construction of the disk cylinders, substantially as described, for the jurpose specified.

31.—J. H. and A. E. Redstone (assignor to themselves and James M. Ray), of Indianapolis, Ind., for Im-provement for Changing a Rotary into a Reciprocating Motion : 35,131

We claim the combination, in the manner described, of the groove, C, slot, D, and slide, A, when operated, substantially as set forth.

1, and B, and share R, when operates used substituting as set later. RE-ISSUES. ,304.—J. E. Émerson, of Trenton, N. J., for Improve-ment in Mode of Fastening Tools to their Handles. Patented March 29, 1859. I claim, first, The use of picks, axes, or other analogous tools with-ut eyes therein, when the same are fastened to a handle by means of stirrup, an iron Inading, a gift and key my wedge. Second, I claim the from backing of a their Le, for combination with he transverse key or wedge, and the eyeless pick, ax, or other analo-ous tool. the trans

goins tool. Third, I claim the key or wedge, when the same is used transversely to the tool for attaching picks, axes, or other analogous tools to

1.305.—S. S. White, of Philadelphia, Pa., for Improvement in the Manufacture of Artificial Teeth. Patented January J, 1862. I claim the manufacture of mineral teeth, with pins having heads, I d, at their outer ends, substantially as specified.

DESIGNS. -C. H. Frost, of Peekskill, N. Y., for Design for a 1,568.—C. H. Frost Cook's Stove.

1,569.-W. H. Green and P. J. Clark (assignor to S. S. Clark) of Meriden, Conn., for Design for a Chandelier, 1,570.-N. P. Maker, of Pawtucket, R. I., for Design for a Crucifix

1,571.-J. B. Sargent, of New Britain, Conn., for Design for a Coffin Handle.

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