

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

W. P., of Ill.—You are well aware, we suppose, that the air engine, acting nearly on the principle you describe, is older than the steam engine; you have only looked to the pressure of the air to assist in one direction, while it resists to the same amount in the other direction, and nothing is gained, and nothing lost, to be sure. The air-tight cylinder was one of the grandest improvements ever made on the steam engine.

T. J. J., of N. Y.—A wedge rail and grooved wheel has been long known; they were used before the T rail. They do not answer at all. This same plan was proposed by Mr. French, of Va., for steep inclines. In your plan for engraving, the whole work would have to be done on the wax, as carefully as on the clean wood. This would take as long, as the wood is very easy to work. The plan is the same as that for etching copper-plates.

J. L. P., of Phila.—The galvanizing of the iron is to cover it with zinc. Clean the iron well, then have the zinc melted in an iron vessel, and put in some salamoniac and tallow, then dip in your plates. We do not know the establishment where the galvanizing is carried on.

J. L. B., of —.—We do not know what would be the price of the agricultural analyzing apparatus to which you refer, nor where it could be found. The best works on the subject of Agricultural Chemistry, are those of Johnston, Norton, and Liebig. Get those and you can do all the rest. We will try and fulfill your request at some future time.

W. P., of Mich.—It is indeed true that you can destroy the equilibrium of pressure in a water box, by the inequality of the surface so as to produce motion on the side of the greatest pressure, but what amount of motion do you get? Any more than you give? No. There is no new power called into existence, and none but what is well known. We could not advise you to go to any more expense, for no ultimate benefit will result from the same.

C. J. M., of Ohio.—Yours next week.

V. K. of —.—The depilatory powder to which you refer is not sold in this city. We could not speak personally of its merits. It does not at least remove the hair permanently.

J. E., of Ohio.—Its density is uniform throughout, but for railroad purposes it has been tried—and faithfully tried—and found unfit for the purpose.

A. B. G., of Ct.—Euclid is the best work you can get.

W. S., of Pa.—Gun-flints are all made by hand; we could give you the description, but it is too long to give here. The process is described in Barlow's Encyclopedia.

H. & W., of Andersonville.—We omitted to state in our letter, a few days since, that the \$1 bill enclosed in yours of the 10th, was good; it was passed to your credit.

S. S., of Phila.—Geo. Bruce resides in this city and carries on an extensive type foundry.

D. B., of Mass.—We do not understand the advantages likely to arise from your plan for propelling canal boats over some others; neither do we see any patentable novelty in it to justify an application.

J. P. G., of Me.—The elements in your machine for governing the water in steam boilers seem to be good, but this can never be satisfactorily determined without the aid of experiments, which must be made to satisfy yourself and others interested. There appears to be novelty in the arrangement which could be made the subject of a patent.

C. R., of Ill.—There is nothing so durable for the purpose as Roman cement. \$1 received.

M. M., of Wis.—The proper way for you to obtain the desired information is to address a letter to the Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D. C., he will give you the information: no one else can.

X. Y. Z., of Mass.—We cannot give the information you ask for.

J. M. J., of Me.—Such a machine as you refer to was patented some time since, by Joseph Graume, of Cincinnati, Ohio. The price, &c., we cannot give, but presume it can be obtained by addressing him as above.

T. B., of New Haven.—The price of Brewster's Optics, we think, is one dollar. It is the best work upon the subject up to this time.

R. B., F., of N. Y.—Pocket microscopes can be had for prices varying from \$1 to \$25; a good one can be obtained for \$12. John Roach, 79 Nassau st., has them for sale. \$1 received.

O. A. J., of Vt.—We have forwarded two copies of the Scalpel, as you directed.

H. E., of Cincinnati.—You could not obtain a patent for the sliding letters; they have been used before, and were made the subject of a patent some years since.

A. E. C., of Miss.—The circumstance you mention is not at all surprising or unusual: by reference to page 418, Patent Office Report, for 1849, Dr. Page mentions the fact that a patent was granted for one species of atmospheric churn, and before the fact could have been known far beyond the walls of the Patent Office, six inventors from different parts of the country were all pressing their claims before the Office for the same contrivance; cases of this kind have come under our own personal observations.

E. C., of La.—We can scarcely imagine how you are to accomplish the object you propose; it is contrary to the laws of chemical affinity. We think you will be disappointed in the end.

F. V., of Mich.—Your method of attaching the single wheel to the Cultivator could not be patented; contrivances for this purpose have been used before, and in a manner substantially similar to yours. We cannot encourage you to spend money upon an application.

A. H., of Mo.—The arrangement of the brushes we do not think could be secured by a patent. Some machines have been brought forward for cleaning streets where the dirt was all taken up and placed in a receptacle—none seem to have been effectual up to this time. We entertain the opinion that yours would not obviate a single difficulty not attained by Bishop's machine; neither can we see how a valid claim to a patent could be based.

C. A. C., of Md.—It would cost you about \$300, by packet, to visit the World's Fair and remain three or four weeks, we should think; about two months would be consumed in going and coming.

J. L. M., of Ala.—The improved Corn Sheller belongs to Carter & Harris, of Yorkshire, N. Y., and is good, the price we cannot give. The "Refrigerator" is a good article, but as yet we have not heard of its being brought into the market. Messrs. Geo. Vail & Co. manufacture the horse power of Mr. Bogardus. Some improvements have been made whereby the friction is lessened, and is now, perhaps, as good for 4 horses as any in use: it is much used for cotton gins. James Stewart, of this city, makes good turning lathes at prices varying from \$25 to \$100. N. Hunt & Co., 110 Water street, Boston, are sole agents for Swingle's Patent Mortising and Boring Machine, price \$125. Small sized mortising machines for light work can be had for \$20.

W. L. L., of Pa.—The work to which you refer has been discontinued. Engineers and railroad companies would not support it.

M. S., of Ct.—Next week we will present to our readers an engraving of the Wind Mill.

W. F., of Boston. There are a number of engravings required to illustrate the welding process: they are now in the hands of the engraver.

J. C. H., of Miss.—We do not know where or at what price, such springs could be had as you require; H. H. Day, of this city, could make an india rubber one we should think. If such an one would answer your purpose you could address him upon the subject.

Money received on account of Patent Office business since March 26:—

E. B., of N. Y., \$700; M. C. B., of N. H., \$15; W. & B. D., of Ct., \$30; G. B. C., of N. Y., \$55; C. F. B., of R. I., \$40; G. H. R., of Ill., \$30; W. H. H., of N. Y., \$20; J. C. B., of Ark., \$30; A. G. D., of Ct., \$45; W. G., of N. Y., \$10; G. B. W., of N. Y., \$10; T. & G., of N. Y., \$30; H. & E., of N. Y., \$30; A. S. B., of N. Y., \$55.

Specifications and drawings of inventions belonging to parties with the following initials, have been forwarded to the Patent Office since March 26:

W. & B. D., of Conn.; G. W., of Mass.; B. & M., of N. Y.; W. G., of N. Y.; I. B. L., of Vt.; S. G. S., of Ga.; and A. G. D., of Ct.

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