

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

G. F. X., of N. Y.—From your letter we cannot learn much about your "pans," as the description is vague, but you will not infringe on any in use, we believe.

F. D. M., of La.—You will find an engraving and full description of Gen. Semplar's Prairie Steam Car in Vol. 1, No. 26, Sci. Am. We think Mr. Semplar's plan impracticable, although we are of the opinion that cars may be easily constructed to be operated on prairies by a stationary engine.

L. H., of Mass.—Your letter has been forwarded to Messrs. Couch & Alcott, who will give you attention.

H. W., of N. Y. City.—We have seen the notice you speak of in the "Farmer and Mechanic;" the improvement is no doubt a good one; you will find an engraving of it on page 377 Vol. 4, Sci. Am., Col. Steams resides in Dover N. H.

A. D., of S. C.—There is a difference between your Cotton Gin and the one patented by John Du Bois, as you will see upon reference to page 404, Vol. 4, Sci. Am.

A. M., of Ct.—We shall be glad to hear from you often; you will see that we are engaged upon the subject now, and all additional facts connected therewith are of value to us. You understand the subject.

A. B., of N. Y.—We pay particular attention to securing patents in France, and have located in Paris one of the most able and active gentlemen connected with the profession. We are ready to attend to your case immediately.

J. W. C., of Ind.—Mahan's work on Civil Engineering is an excellent one; price \$3. \$4 received and credited for two subscriptions, for which we are much obliged.

W. S., of Ohio.—Mr. John A. Etlzer resided in Philadelphia at the time his patent was issued.

J. B. R., of Ala.—We do not see how we could effect such an exchange as you propose. The supply of patented pumps is much beyond the demand in this section. We would do so with much pleasure if we could.

R. E. F., of F. C.—The point you bring to our notice is a very old one and could not be secured by a patent. John White, of New York, obtained a patent in 1835 for coffins of artificial stone or marble, and we believe it has never been introduced to any great extent. The metallic sarcophagi made by Raymond & Fisk, of this city, are of a more convenient and beautiful arrangement, and have been much used in transporting dead bodies from one place to another.

H. M., of Vt.—We shall keep your matter in mind, and may publish an engraving before long.

H. C. E., of Va.—In case of an application for a patent for additional improvements the claim in the original patent is subject to a re-examination, and if it shall appear that any part of the claim was not original at the time of granting the patent, a disclaimer must be filed for said part, or the claims restricted.

J. S. H., of N. Y.—There is no new process for stereotyping practiced; the old system is still pursued in all our foundries, and we believe it will be difficult to supplant it because it is so simple.

A. B., of Conn.—Your plan of the electro-magnet will certainly accomplish the object, but it is the same as Bain uses for his Electric Clock. We have seen two or three plans proposed to accomplish the object. You, we have no doubt, can devise a plan, but we do not believe that it would be of any pecuniary benefit.

O. C., of N. Y.—The great object and use of the plow is to turn over the land completely, covering the surface under. Your invention would defeat the object desired. A vertical revolving cylinder is not new in the plow. We have a model of one in our office. Your letter is O. K.

J. T. A., of Va.—A tub wheel we would not use, and we do not know who makes it. Parker's is good—none better. Did you write to Philadelphia? If you don't get an answer you must apply at some other place. Write to Mr. Finlay, at Cold Spring, Dutchess Co., N. Y., for his wheel, it is good and cheap.

C. A., of Pa.—Your engravings were forwarded to Mr. Dean, at Boston, by Express last Friday.

J. G. F., of Ill.—There were nine numbers of Dugan's work published before the work ceased, and sets of those can be furnished at \$0.75 each set, or 75 cents per number for any part desired.

B. S., of N. Y.—We should be glad to benefit you in regard to the bridge, if possible, but do not know of any concern at present who would undertake it. If we chance to hear of any you shall be informed.

R. B., of Phila.—Caveats are confidential papers, and no one outside of the office, except the inventor, can give such information as you ask. No caveat of this kind has passed through our office. This is all we can say about it. The fee is \$20.

H. C. B., of O.—Your letters are received, and the drawing which you enclosed are in progress of execution on wood. \$10 received.

T. E. W., of N. Y.; W. B., of O., and G. L. H., of Conn.—It was our intention to have forwarded your patent papers for execution last week, but owing to the illness of the examiner under whose supervision that class of inventions comes to which yours belong, the cases have been necessarily delayed until this week.

N. B., of N. Y.—An engraving of your invention in the Scientific American is what you should get as soon as possible, that is, if you have a true sense of that which would benefit yourself, and at the same time extend the area of useful knowledge.

S. K. J., of Mass.—It is not expected of you that you will be able to define all the applications of your inventions in a caveat, but it is best, for many reasons, to be as full as possible.

C. M. D., of Ala.—We will endeavor to get up engravings of a good hydraulic ram, and present as much information on the subject as we possibly can.

E. A. W., of O.—Your rail is new, but it would certainly be more expensive than any now in use, and the same advantages are gained by placing the posts of sleepers in elastic felt, as is now done on some of the English railways. The rail is patentable, it is for you to judge of its payability.

E. S. H., of N. Y.—Your plan for the draught of chimneys is already the subject of a patent.

T. A., of Ill.—The best cement you can use for your belts, is a strong solution of good isinglass. When you write for information always have the goodness to pay the postage. When you send money to pay for the papers we will send them.

H. M., of C.—We know of no Plane like yours; it appears to be new and useful. In getting up the engravings of any machine, we prefer to take our drawings from a model, otherwise, in every respect, the inventor must take all the responsibility.

J. C. D., of Pa.—We are about as much perplexed as you; we have not yet seen an experiment.

Money received on account of Patent Office business since May 20:

A. W. J., of Del., \$30; M. H., of Pa., \$30; M. & G. of S. C., \$1,000; A. F., of Mass., \$30; L. L., of Mass., \$30; T. E. W., of N. Y., \$50; L. C., of Ct., \$20; H. W., of Pa., \$30; R. McC., of Pa., \$50; G. H. R., of Ill., \$12.50.

Specifications and drawings of inventions belonging to parties with the following initials, have been forwarded to the Patent Office since May 20:

G. W., of Ky.; A. W. J., of Del.; S. W. K., of Pa.

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