

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

H. S., of Phila.—We do not see what advantage you could gain by the cylinder surrounding the Loper Propeller; the spiral propeller avoids the evil you wish to obviate.

J. R., of Pa.—Propellers are now used on the Delaware and Raritan Canal, but we are unable to say whether your arrangement is like them or not.

Dr. E. C., of Mo.—We notice that Dr. Marcy has just published a work on the "Theory and Practice of Homöopathy." It can be had of Wm. Radda, 322 Broadway.

Dr. J. H., of Ala.—We have sent you Nos. 23 and 23, to complete your file. We are unable to give you the information you desire as to the cost of the planing machine iron, and do not know of any one here to whom we could apply.

W. H. H., of Wis.—You can sell your invention to any one who may choose to purchase, without forfeiting the right to take a patent.

S. T., of Ohio.—We should regard your Corn Shelter as possessing novelty sufficient to warrant an application for a patent.

W. W. B., of O.—We are unable to furnish the information about the mills you desire; it can only be obtained of those who are engaged in the manufacture of the different kinds of machinery you require.

L. B. G., of Pa.—Your sketch of an alleged improvement in brakes has been examined and believed not to present anything new.

O. P. S., of O.—We have examined the sketches of your improved combination for the manufacture of homony; we do not know of any such arrangement, and believe it to be new and patentable.

M. R. & D. R. L., of Miss.—Your letter of the 6th inst. is received. We shall wait for the model, which has not yet arrived.

Dr. S. G., of La.—Yours, enclosing \$5, came safe to hand, for which we are much obliged.

E. E. J., of Mo.—You are correct about the pressure; it would be equal on all sides. We thank you for the very flattering testimonial to the Sci. Am.

F. M., of N. Y.—We are still awaiting further developments about the pendulum—a series of correct experiments with the pendulum vibrating say 24 hours.

Money received on account of Patent Office business since June 24:

L. P., of N. Y., \$39; T. R. R., of Mass., \$39; J. B., of N. Y., \$30; C. S., of N. Y., \$15; W. A. C., of Ct., \$20; M. M. H., of Pa., \$25; E. W., of Mass., \$20; A. D. S., of N. Y., \$4; M. M., of Wis., \$20; W. M. S., of N. Y., \$20; E. D. W., of N. Y., \$16; A. H., of Y., \$65; E. B., of N. Y., \$25; T. H. D., of N. H., \$30.

Back Numbers and Volumes.

In reply to many interrogatories as to what back numbers and volumes of the Scientific American can be furnished, we make the following statement: Of Volumes 1, 2, and 3—none.

New Edition of the Patent Laws.

We have just issued another edition of the American Patent Laws, which was delayed until after the adjournment of the last Congress, on account of an expected modification in them.

Post Office Stamps.

In consequence of the change of rates on the first of next month, we would respectfully notify the public that henceforth, until further notice, Post Office Stamps will not be received at this office in payment for subscriptions to the Scientific American.

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IMPORTANT TO INVENTORS.—The undersigned having for several years been extensively engaged in procuring Letters Patent for new mechanical and chemical inventions, offer their services to inventors upon most reasonable terms.

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H. C. BROWN'S PREMIUM SASH BALANCE.—We, the undersigned having carefully examined the model of H. C. Brown's improved method of hanging Window Sash, as invented and patented by him on the 14th of May, 1850, do most confidently believe, for beauty, simplicity, cheapness, durability, and ease of adjustment, it far exceeds anything of the kind we have ever seen or known.

H. C. BROWN'S PATENT PREMIUM SASH BALANCE, a substitute for box frames and weights, at about one-third of their cost, and really more beautiful and convenient, will be exhibited by the patentee, at the Merchants' Exchange, for a few days from the 4th of July next.

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