Ozone.

Prof. Farady has gone far to demonstrate that Sohoenbein's ozone is not a peroxide of hydrogen but merely an allotropic form of oxygen. It is best obtained by placing a piece of phosphorous half covered with water in a two quart bottle loosely stopped. In five or six hours the process is complete, when the phosphorous and water may be removed and the ozone left for experiments. The test for ozone is a mixture of one part iodide potassium, 10 of starch, 200 of water boiled together for a few minutes and then spread upon paper. In an ozonized atmosphere it instantly turns blue from the liberation of iodine.—Ozone differs from oxygen in the ordinary state by its far higher power, acting rapidly upon lead and even silver and discharging vegetable colors.

To Remove Stains from Mourning Dresses.

Boil a handful of fig leaves in two quarts of water until reduced to a pint. Bombazines, crape, cloth, &c., need only be rubbed with a sponge dipped in this liquor, and the effect will be instantaneously produced.—[Exchange.

Beware of using the above, for it cannot remove a single stain, and those who rub crape with a sponge, will find to their cost, that they have spoiled its dress and finish completely.

There are two kinds of stains on mourning dresses, and black colored goods which are entirely different, the one is dirt such as grease, &c., the other is the discharge of color. The latter is easily distinguished because it presents a yellow burned look. Sometimes a little ammonia will restore the color, that is, if it has been discharged by a weak acid, but generally, nothing will do but re dye. Grease and dirt can only be removed by washing, a little alcohol will remove a faint grease spot, and this is a very safe remedy.

Inverted Locomotion.

Some interest has been excited in Pittsburg by the performance of a Mr. McCormick, who walks head downwards, on (or rather under) a slab of polished marble, to which his feet attach themselves, as he asserts by atmospheric pressure. He made some six or seven steps, the slab being only nine feet long. This experiment is said to be the result of many years of research and labor, and involving philosophical principles.—[Ex.

[This is a tough story, and the philosophical principles involved, must be of that sort denominated philosophy *falsely so called*.

American Yachts.

The yacht America has beat all the yachts of the Royal Squadron and every other squadron in England with the greatest ease. This must mortify the pride of that nautical nation.

Fire Annihilater.

We shall publish engravings and a full specification of this invention next week. It is now in the hands of some of the richest capitalists in our country, and will soon be before the public for general introduction. Our remarks will be freely and impartially given. If it is all that is said about it, insurance companies will not be long in existence, and fire companies will soon be disbanded. If not, it is one of the greatest schemes ever got up in our country to make money out of the public. We shall give it our attention.

"Behold They Come."

Since the new prospectus for volume 7 was first published in the Scientific American, (two weeks ago) over 6,000 new and old subscribers have manifested their wish to become patrons to the next volume, (commencing next week) and remitted their money in advance, according to the advertised terms.

Taking the success we have been favored with for the last two weeks, for a criterion, we may confidently expect over 20,000 patrons to our new volume, which will encourage us to bestow far greater expense in the editorial and engraving department of the paper than we have ever before been able to do.

Come, Inventors and Mechanics, send in your names, and get your fellow mechanics and neighbors to remit with you. The more we have to feed, the better fare we will serve you.

Scientific American for Binding.

As this number closes volume 6, we would suggest to those that desire to have their numbers bound to send them to this office and have them executed in our usual manner, for the low price of 75 cents.

You can depend upon having your volumes well bound by sending them to this office, as they will be executed to conform in style with hundreds that we have bound for ourselves and the trade.

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We present a title page with this number, and our readers will know how to use it in binding their volumes. The Scientific American is held to be one of the best standard works for binding that is published.

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Every subscriber would do well to try and get one or more in the same place, for the larger the package of papers, the greater is the chance of its regularity. A single paper is often mislaid, but it is not so with a larger package.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

S. J. W., of Mich.—Your engine though somewhat ingenious would not, we are convinced, be worth much in practice, nor so far as we construe your invention, are there any new principles developed there in. Compressed air has been used with and without exposure to heat more than a century and a half ago, also alcohol and ether have been applied as media for boiling at a low temperature, we should advise you not to prosecute your invention, as the arrangement though probably new, embraces nothing but old and exploded theories.

J. D. L., of N. H.—As to the practicability of your invention, we cannot speak without the aid of experiment, but we incline to the opinion that it will work. That the plan is new we have no doubt so far as we understand it.

P. L. S., of Troy.—We approve of your arrangement, and think it may work well. You had better send us a small model, neatly made to represent the invention, and on its receipt we will advise you more fully in in regard to its patentability.

A. M., of Canada.—There are several excellent brick machines now in use in this country, but we are wholly unable to state where they are manufactured.

A. C. C., of Mass.—Your apparatus is believed to possess novelty sufficient to warrant an application for a patent. The engraving would cost six dollars.

D. H., of Ala.—We answered your letter on the 3d inst.

J. E. M., of Boston.—We are unable to give such information as you desire, not knowing of any such concern.

S. M., of Ohio.—We do not discover any patentable difference between your brake and the one illustrated in 41, Vol. 4, and you are advised not to spend money upon an application.

H. M. of O.—Several different contrivances have be exhibited to us for a self-acting gate to be used on railroads, and to be operated by the passing train of cars, but we are not aware that any have been adopted on any of the roads. We secured a patent on one of the devices for Mr. R. Coffin, of West Haverhill, Mass.

M. G. P., of Del.—Mr. Morse, the patentee for burning tan, saw-dust, etc., resides at Athol, Mass.

G. C. B., of Mass.—The application of Mr. G. is still pending at the Patent Office.

E. P. G., of Mass.—We consider your invention patentable, but could judge better upon that point if you would send us a model.

E. M. of Ind.—The Builder is published in London ot a high price. We do not know that a specimen number could be obtained here, without destroying a file of the work. We thank you for the compliment to the Scientific American.

W. A. C. of N. Y.—There seems to be novelty and utility in your contrivance for mortising machines, and we would think it best for you to bring us a model when you come on in October.

H. M., of Vt.—Your kind offices have been duly appreciated. We hope you may be able to procure the additional subscribers you speak of. You may send a model of the bevel plane and we will have an engraving made of it.

D. S. M., of ——.—Your device for balancing mill stones is believed to be new and patentable. We do not see anything about the offer upon which a patent coould be obtained. $1 credited for six months subscription.

L. R., of N. Y.—To disturb forces is not to come in contact with a power any more than to wake a person fraom sleep. You peruse a good explanation of this in Mr. Conger's article on Water Wheels, Nos. 51-2, Vol. 6.

S. C., of N. Y.—Yours will meet with attention.

D. L., of N. Y.—We know of no good feed for bees except the sugar syrup. Honey is somewhat different from cane sugar, as it contains glucose and an uncryst lizable sugar, but we do not know its quantitative analysis. The honey from sugar should granulate faster than other honey.

S. F., of N. Y.—Use a cylinder of 6 inches diameter, and 12 inches stroke. It will work more than two horse power, but so much the better. The power depends on the steam pressure.

Money received on account of Patent Office business for the week ending September 6:

B. & W. of Conn., $10. D. T., of N. Y., $20. T. N. B., of —— $30. B. O. B., of N. Y., $25. J. H. B., of Conn., $15. J. S., of O., $30. J. B. S. H., of Mass., $50. A. K., of N. Y., $10. J. M. T., of N. Y. $60. G. & M., of Mich., $18. E. L. H., of N. Y., $50. P. M. & Co:, of N. H., $8. W. B. L., of N. Y., $20. C. J. G., of N. Y., $57. B. B., of Conn., $50. J. J. A., of N. Y., $10. R. Bro., & Co., of N. Y., $40.

Specifications and drawings of inventions belonging to parties with the following initials, have been forward to the Patent Office during the week ending September 6:—

B. & W., of Conn. W. S., of R. I. R. V. D. G. o N. Y. T. M., of Pa. W. W. L., of Conn. B. O. B., of N. Y. M. & G. of Mich. F. C. G., of N. Y. R. Bro. & Co, of N. Y. J. J. A., of N. Y. D. B. of Conn. P. M. & H., of N. H.

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. The pamphlet contains not only the laws but all information touching the rules and regulations of the Patent Office We shall continue to furnish them for 12 1-2 cents per copy.

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