

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

E. V. of N. H.—Your plan of the steam engine is not quite new to us, excepting the mode of working the valves; in Vol. 4, Sci. Am., we published an illustration of a cylinder moving on a fixed piston: your plan is not so good, in our opinion, as many of the engines in common use; you can save one piston rod at least, by using a vibrating engine.

Rev. S. T. of —On page 28, Vol. 4, of our paper, there is a process described, to color and render stone impervious to moisture; if specially desired, we could give you a good deal of information about artificial stone.

G. W. C. of Me.—We are not able to see into your plan of propelling the vessel by the water in which she sails. The description, we understand, but how the wheel can operate we cannot see.

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G. B. W. of Ill.—Yes!

W. H. G. of Ky.—We know of no work to recommend you upon that subject.

J. H. of O.—The work of which you inquire the price is \$5, but it could not be sent by mail; it weighs over 32 oz.

A. P. C. of Ky.—We have examined the plan of your press, and do not see anything to prevent its operating well; it is simply a compound screw-press, and not patented, according to our judgment.

J. M. G. of Ohio.—A. K. Carter, of Newark, N. J., is the assignee of Blanchard's Patent Lathe, for turning spokes and other irregular forms; we do not know the price. Express our thanks to Mr. Jones for his fine list of subscribers.

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Money received on account of Patent Office business for the week ending November 15.

G. J. W. of Me., \$30; W. & S. of N. Y., \$20; B. & W. of Ct., \$25; C. B. M. of N. Y., \$50; G. G. of N. Y., \$20; D. W. of N. Y., \$10; F. P. of N. Y., \$30; J. D. of Pa., \$15.

Specifications and drawings belonging to parties with the following initials have been forwarded to the Patent Office during the week ending Nov. 15:—B. & W. of Ct.; D. W. of N. Y.; W. W. V. of Md.; J. W. M. of N. H.; J. Van H. of Ill.

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