

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A. L., of N. Y.—Every steam boiler is a vacuum pan, it may be said; the only air that is in one is that of the water; your plan would save nothing.

B. M., of R. I.—A long time prior to the establishment of galvanism as a science, it had been observed that if two different metals were placed in contact, under water, they were subject to a rapid oxidation, though the water had no perceptible action upon them when they were alone.

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W. J. J., of Mass.—We have none of the numbers of Vol. 4 that you ordered.

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W. B. H., of Ohio.—You say you are poor; we are honest. We could not obtain a patent for your invention, much as you think of it, and we therefore would not wish you to lose your money. We would say the same to a rich man. No power can be gained from a lever, as you know. The old revolving buckets and rollers, we think, are preferable to your plan, because the weight of the water is applied nearly vertically, but there are mechanical difficulties in the way of your plan, as in the old bucket plan.

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