

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

G P, of Mich.—We think there is no journal of chemistry and pharmacy published here: the article upon inks you will find in one of our late numbers.

S. V. S., of Pa.—The balance, after paying for the subscribers you sent, we have passed to your credit on subscription, which will render the time of expiration with you No. 52 Vol. 7.

E. S., of Mich.—The best work on Mechanical Drawing, with which we are acquainted, is Minifie's: price \$3, exclusive of postage.

R. C. K., of Fla.—The package of back numbers of the Scientific American, which you ordered sent to your club by vessel, was shipped on the 16th inst., in the bark Glen, addressed as you directed. We thank you very kindly for raising so large a club for us.

A. P. R., of N. S.—We do not think your suggestion about the steam could be made practically useful: we believe it has been tried. The respirator is, without doubt, a useful article; in many places it has been employed to advantage—patents already exist in this country for the same article.

J. S. D., of Tenn.—Your drill is not patentable: Hall's patent covers all the novel points.

A. W., of Pa.—We think such instruments as you require can be had of Benj. Pike, Jr., 294, Broadway. No new publications upon the subject has appeared of late.

D. W., of Mass.—Your inquiry about the shingle machine is not understood by us.

A. C., of Ct.—No wonder we misapprehended the purport of your letter, but it was not our fault. We will be happy to hear of your success with the boiler, but you must consult economy of construction as one element of useful improvements.

H. J., of N. Y.—You ask, 'what would be the increase of power in your re-action wheel, with one discharge, if two openings of discharge are made—and what would be the horse-power moving under a head of 95 feet?' We cannot tell, for you have not stated whether a pint of water or 50 cubic feet are discharged per second: 'the power is as the quantity of water and perpendicular height.'

J. C., of R. I.—We must say, without any further consideration, that no such a thing as a self-acting motive power—perpetual motion—can be constructed: it is against the well-tried laws of mechanics. We have had the same plan as yours submitted to us a number of times—once from Mr. W. Foster, of this city, and once from Mr. J. Harvey, now of Indiana: don't spend money on it, for the power required to raise one of your floats, is just equal to the power required to sink its fellow.

D. P. A., of Ohio.—There is no publication devoted to carving that we know of, and presume there is none.

H. T., of N. Y.—You inquire what we think of it: we reply—well; send a model.

H. F., of Pa.—There is nothing in your arrangement for cutting sausage meat that will interfere with any existing patent, and it appears to us that it has new and patentable features in it: you had better send us a model.

J. M. C., of N. Y.—If your fountain pen is different from others in use, a patent could be obtained for it. The idea of supplying ink to a pen from the stock that retains it when not in use is well known, and patents have been issued for a number.

R. E., of Pa.—We know nothing of the utility of the Digestive Fluid: pepsin relates to a peculiar animal principle secreted by the stomach, and present in the gastric juice. There are many nostrums offered in the market that we have no confidence in; a well bred physician is more competent to prepare remedies than a majority of those claiming to have discovered wonders.

S. W., of N. Y.—There is no patentable combination in your device, and would be rejected for want of novelty.

Money received on account of Patent Office business for the week ending December 20.

C. A. M., of N. Y., \$38; G. W., of N. Y., \$60; C. B., of O., \$50; A. G. B., of Mass., \$50; W. B. O., of Ct., \$30; J. J., of N. J., \$55; W. D., of Pa., \$50; A. S., of Pa., \$10; S. M. P., of Pa., \$20.

Specifications and drawings belonging to parties with the following initials have been forwarded to the Patent Office during the week ending Dec. 20:—C. & J. K., of N. Y.; J. J., of N. J.; S. M. P., of Pa.

An Important Paragraph.

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