

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. R., of Mass.—You cannot get a tough metal mixed with tin and zinc—it will not do.

S. N. P., of Mo.—We have never seen the same plan of the float and weight, as the one you have sent. The only plans in use are the float inside attached to a valve, so as to pull up the valve when the float sinks below a certain level.

F. C. W., of Ohio.—There is not the slightest chance for you to obtain a patent on the washing machine; similar arrangements of crank levers and driving wheels are and have been common for years, and plans much more simple than yours are in use, producing like results. You cannot obtain a patent.

E. S. Z., of Md.—You cannot protect yourself in the manufacture of such an article as you speak of; it would be common to all.

A. S., of N. H.—It is doubtful about your being able to obtain a patent. We have seen matches set upon blocks where no waste of wood took place in the preparation, the blocks being split vertically, and left to hang together, substantially the same as yours.

J. T. W., of Ohio.—We have transmitted your sketch to Mr. Smith for his attention.

R. & S. H., of Ind.—We suppose the Fair of the American Institute will open about the 1st of October; no announcements have as yet been made. There are machines for folding papers, books, &c. You had better send us a drawing of yours, that we may determine upon the difference between yours and others. The model of the brake can be sent to the American Institute.

A. J. G., of N. Y.—A fee of \$30, paid into the Patent Office, covers as many claims as can be made on the machine.

J. M. T., of Ill.—We thank you for the information in regard to the reaper; we would use it, but it would involve us in a personal matter, which we always avoid.

C. A. B., of Texas.—We have requested a manufacturer in this city to give such information about the magic lanterns as you desire.

W. M., of Geo.—Reuben Rich's Water Wheel was patented July, 1842.

L. S., of Ohio.—We do not know where you can obtain the publications mentioned in yours of the 18th. Mr. H. Bailliere, 290 Broadway, is an importer and publisher of scientific books, and could doubtless supply you.

W. P., of Mo.—There is nothing new in your chain paddle wheel. The plan is well known and has been for many years.

P. W. C., of Eastville.—We think Mr. Verleger's invention different from Everett's.

B. W. G., of Ct.—The application of gutta percha to the manufacture of chess-men is not patentable. It could be employed for that purpose, mixed with some non-conducting substance like black lead, as gutta percha softens under slight heat.

A. C., of Ct.—The arrangement for supplying the boiler with water is not patentable, for it has been often done upon the same principle. The principle of Lord Dundonald's Boiler, last week, and Montgomery's this week, in the Sci. Am., embrace that of yours in relation to the circulation of the water.

J. B., of N. J.—If you mean to work the boat by steam, it would be cheaper to propel the boat at once by having the engine on board; but it may not be for the purpose you want it; we shall try and find a plan.

Money received on account of Patent Office business or the week ending March 27.

W. S., of N. Y., \$30; J. S. & S. J. M., of Ct., \$20; M. & T., of Mass., \$10; F. & H., of Mass., \$20; E. D., of N. Y., \$65; C. W. G., of N. Y., \$25; R. F. W., of N. Y., \$25; T. J. E., of N. Y., \$30; V. E. R., of Ill., \$60; J. H., of O., \$50; W. McQ., of N. Y., \$30; N. B., of R. I., \$30; D. S., of N. Y., \$25; J. A. B., of N. Y., \$20; J. T., of N. Y., \$30.

Specifications and drawings belonging to parties with the following initials have been forwarded to the Patent Office during the week ending March 27:

W. T. P. & R., of N. Y.; J. S. & S. J. M., of Ct.; E. H., of N. Y.; C. W. G., of N. Y.; D. S., of N. Y.; J. A. B., of N. Y.; H. G. DeW., of N. Y.

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