

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

G. P., of Mich.—We shall give something more about the inks by-and-by.

C. H. R., of N. C.—We do not know where a second-hand screw lathe can be found: they are rarely ever offered for sale. \$2 received and credited.

G. J. S., of Mass.—We think your Apple Pearing machine new in some respects, sufficient to warrant an application for a patent. You had better send a small model to this office. You cannot secure it in any other way than to make an application for a patent.

W. & Co., of O.—We know of nothing that will effectually prevent iron or steel from rusting, if exposed to dampness, but good copal varnish, thoroughly applied, and the metal exposed to a gentle heat in an oven, will be a good preventive.

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A. N. T., of N. Y.—If you will send your volumes all down we will endeavor to have them done for you by the time specified. For that fine list of subscribers accept our hearty thanks.

W. N. M., of Va.—A patent was issued to Robert C. Marsh, on the 26th Dec., 1845. "The American Miller," a book published by H. C. Baird, of Philadelphia, will give you the information desired about the mill stones.

A. C., of Conn.—We do not remember about the article on the boiler, but we do not believe that a rotary steam boiler can ever be made to work so economically as a stationary one. We have never seen a lubricator made to act upon the same principle as the one you have sketched: it is ingenious, and strikes us very favorably. It must, however, be exceedingly well arranged and constructed to work well, but this can be done.

J. C. B., of Texas.—The submerged tidal water wheel is not patentable. In our Vol. 4, you will find two of them illustrated. McCormick's Reaper has received the greatest praise, and is perhaps the very one you want.

L. B., of Pa.—We are not agents for Lerow & Blodgett, and do not know anything about the matter. J. A. Lerow, resides in Fitchburg, Mass.

M. S., of Ohio.—Your pump is in our opinion a decidedly novel, and would undoubtedly work, but whether advantageously or not, is a matter of experiment; the strap, in forcing out the water, would have the pressure to overcome, as any other lifter, independently of the friction produced by its crossing the partition.

J. D. J., of N. C.—We think your invention quite a novelty, but we doubt its utility. You could easily try an experiment on a small scale and satisfy yourself of what we already believe, that it will not do.

J. K. J., of Pa.—We do not exactly comprehend your meaning about the conical spring: no such communication appears on our files. Let us hear from you again. Thank you for the fine list of subscribers. \$15 received.

Dr. R. W. W., of Ala.—We will renew our exertions to obtain the work you want, and will send it by mail if successful.

C. A., of Me.—We have examined the sketch of your improvements in soldering machines, and think a claim can be made upon it which will pass through the office; you had better send a model.

W. C., of C. W.—Will be on the look out for the information you require, and in case we succeed will inform you by letter.

J. M. B., of Ohio.—During the early history of railroads, various plans were adopted for ascending inclines—sometimes the tops of the rails were grooved and the wheels made to fit them. Again, the tread of the wheel was grooved, or a rack employed. Some have proposed the employment of supplementary rails and driving wheels similar to yours, these rails being raised, and of course the wheels made to fit. We do not think your plan patentable.

E. S. Z., of Md.—Not being able to give such information as you desire about the price of chisels, we refer you to Messrs. Couch & Alcott, Oriskany Falls, N. Y.

T. B., of R. I.—We do not think the work you refer to could be of much service, you being unacquainted with the art. Cameras can be had of John Roach, Nassau street, at prices varying from \$65 to \$125.

H. B. S., of Vt.—You had better send a model of your invention, as we think it possesses novelty of a patentable character. When you send the model enclose the amount of government fee, \$30, and the bill for our services will be rendered when the papers are prepared.

Money received on account of Patent Office business for the week ending September 27th.

H. M., of Pa. \$30; E. S., of Mass. \$50; J. S., of O. \$20; J. H. B., of Ct. \$15; D. T., of N. Y. \$30; J. R., of N. Y. \$30; A. W., of Mass. \$45; J. C. L. & Co., of Ct. \$50; P. & J. R. T., of Ct. \$50; W. H. N., of Ct. \$30; L. N., of Mass. \$30; W. H. B., of R. I. \$35; E. B. L., of N. Y. \$40; T. N. B., of Mass. \$15; A. C., of Ct. \$30; J. Van B., of N. Y. \$20; T. G., of Mass. \$30.

Specifications and drawings belonging to parties with the following initials have been forwarded to the patent office during the week ending September 27th.

T. B. W., of N. Y.; E. S., of Ct.; J. H. B., of Ct.; J. S., of O.; W. N., of Ct.; V. B. S., of Ct.; J. R., of N. Y.; W. C. B., of N. Y.; S. H., of Mass.; J. B. H., of Mass.; J. M. T., of N. Y.; S. W. & R. M. D., of Mass.; E. L. H., of N. Y.; J. Van B., of N. Y.

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