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J. S., of Geo.—All our steamships have pipes so arranged that, by turning a cock, the water is let on to hose and worked by the engines like the feed pump; this is for the purpose of preventing accidents by fire, &c.

W. H. J., of N. C.—You cannot miss it if you employ the Conger wheel; you had better communicate with him in regard to particulars.

N. B. V., of Pa.—Your plan of wheel is not new, oblique paddles are well known, and a model similar to your sketch was in our possession some two years ago, left by a person belonging to Lynn.

J. T., of D. C. W.—We understand your water-motor completely; we are sorry that you did not inform us before you commenced to construct it: the apparatus is more than 2000 years old, we suppose; it is not so good as a water wheel; it will need frequent repairs, and it has six times the friction.

W. D. W., of Mich.—We have seen such an apparatus as you speak of, for indicating the number of revolutions made by a wheel, but we know not where they are made.

T. W. S., of Ohio—We see no objection to your suggestions about ventilation, and hope you may find it convenient to test it fairly.

T. W., of Ga.—The book which you ordered cannot be sent by mail. We will retain it for you subject to your order.

H. & R. F., of Pa.—An application is now pending before the board of examiners, at the Patent Office, for precisely the same arrangement for preventing cars from running off the track as you suggest.

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W. E. L., of Ohio—Your invention is not required in such a city as this; you cannot discharge but an exceedingly minute quantity of water from the siphon above the water line, this quantity is due to the excess of pressure on the long leg. We could not tell how profitable it might be, for patents depend a great deal on the way they are managed. If you think you could make it pay, you might secure it by a caveat.

H. S., of N. H.—It is an old plan of raising vessels by inflated bags of air.

L. M., of —In advocating a monument for Robert Fulton, we sincerely expressed our own feelings. There is a line of demarcation, which the christian must beware of stepping over, in denouncing things which do not square with his opinions.

C. L. A., of D. C.—We believe that the air tube to convey mails great distances is impracticable.

J. K., of C. W.—We could not speak personally of the economical value of the presses for making brick by great pressure, we only know that such machines are employed, and have been highly spoken of; Starbuck & Co., machinists, of Troy, N. Y., has made a number of them; they can inform you about them if you write.

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