

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A. B., of O.—We shall forward the specification for you to execute, early next week.

A. G. S. S., of —.—We regard your apparatus as new and patentable, and we can see no objection to its operation; you had better send us a model, and inform us in what State you reside, that we may address you by letter. The model should not be over 12 or 15 inches square, and very substantially made.

J. B., of N. Y.—We have long been familiar with such a Corn Sheller as you mention; it could not be patented.

J. P., of N. H.—We have carefully examined the model of your alleged improvement in Rotary Steam Engines, and regret to state that it does not possess any novel features, such as would warrant you in making an application of it: you will find substantially the same plan among the oldest inventions of the kind. Examine Hebert and Galloway on the Steam Engine if you have a copy convenient.

T. D., of Ala.—We have never heard of your plan for preventing incrustations proposed, nor have ever seen it in use; it is new to us, and we like it; the only objection against it, is the power required to work it, and the increase of expense; the question to be asked and answered is, will it pay the expense? We could not say yea or nay. Could you not try the question of economy by experiments? We can vouch for its originality.

S. L., of N. Y.—The sale of oatmeal is limited, and we believe the business would not be profitable; still, we cannot tell so well about mercantile affairs; the process of making corn starch is not patented that we know of; it is kept somewhat a secret, and is a profitable business. To make the oatmeal, you would have to erect a kiln, and the common oats will not answer; if you could get a good sale for the meal the business would pay well, we believe.

J. F. R., of Pa.—Yours containing the description of Mr. S.'s invention, came duly to hand, and will soon be attended to.

Dr. B. H. W., of Ky.—Yours of the 20th ult. came duly to hand, covering \$4, in full for freight on model.

C. R. T., of N. Y.—Will please send us a sketch and description of his improved Car Box, that we may more fully understand the nature of the invention. The patent you refer to has not prevented the issue of several patents, and if you have a new way of accomplishing the same result, you are justly entitled to a patent for it.

H. G., of Mo.—There is nothing new in either of your inventions. The same ideas have been suggested to us before.

S. C. K., of Wis.—We have examined the drawings and description of your alleged improvement in the Theodolite and Circumferenter, it appears to be substantially similar to the one described in No. 32 Vol. 4, Sci. Am., by W. M. Wilson; we believe his worked well.

J. H., of Ala.—We see nothing patentable in your wind-mill; the same plan, substantially, is employed for mining purposes in Cornwall, Eng., plans of which we have examined.

A. C., of N. Y.—We have repeatedly stated that Prof. Morse is justly entitled to his invention in the Electric Telegraph, and that he can sustain it. The invention is one of great beauty, and confers great credit on his genius. We also believe his invention to be different from Bain's, and that the latter's claims were justly sustained by Judge Cranch, in his decision in March, 1849.

L. T., of Ohio.—It will be the province of a jury to decide on the evidence given by experts, and you must abide the rendering of the jury or appeal to the full bench of the Supreme Court at Washington; of the merits of the case we cannot, neither would we wish to examine into it, as we have no time to attend to it. We hope justice will be done.

Money received on account of Patent Office business or the week ending May 1:

D. D., of Pa., \$30; G. N., of N. Y., \$30; Z. H., of O., \$100; J. A. J., of N. Y., \$10; C. F. B., of R. I., \$30; Miss L. A. S., of Pa., \$50; A. P., of Mass., \$30; H. H., Jr., of N. Y., \$30; S. M. B., of Vt., \$32; J. T., of N. Y., \$20; G. S., of N. Y., \$25; J. O., of N. Y., \$15; W. D., of L. I., \$35.

Specifications and drawings belonging to parties with the following initials have been forwarded to the Patent Office during the week ending May 1:

J. C., of N. Y.; C. F. B., of R. I.; Z. H., of N. Y.; B. T. N., of Mass.; R. S. R., of Ky.; J. T., of N. Y.; J. S. M., of Vt.; G. S., of N. Y.; N. M., of Pa.; W. D., of L. I.

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