

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

L. M. C., of C. W.—A steam pump of the description you speak of, and with its qualities, is desirable but the only true test of its effective economy is experiment.

J. A. D., of Fla.—We cannot consent to do any such thing, we have learned the folly of believing that such advice is rendered from disinterested motives.

A. B. K., of Canada—We can find only one patent issued to A. N. Henderson; but it is for a different purpose. There are numerous patents in this country for setting logs, called "self-setting," and we presume some are in use.

S. H., of Mass.—As soon as a final determination is made in your case we shall advise you. No alterations can now be made in the model under the same fee.

M. R., of Me.—You have entirely overlooked one fact, that is, "velocity;" surface pressure is not the only calculation to be made; the velocity and pressure must enter into computation.

C. B., of Ohio—The method you suggest for ventilating railroad cars has been before proposed; we doubt its patentability, as substantially the same plan has been secured to a Mr. Heckrote, of Maryland.

P. S., of N. B.—There are no patents in the name Hargus or Kendal, for candle making. We presume they have no patents for their processes.

M. W. S., of Mass.—The keeping of the stone wet is not the difficulty at all, nor was that mentioned to be the difficulty, for it would not answer to keep the stone always wet; the ink, in that case, as you see, could not be applied.

W. R., of R. I.—The engravings of your patent door will be inserted in our next number.

J. T. P., of Mass.—Your papers have been forwarded to the Patent Office, and you may look for the issue in about two months.

H. W. C., of Mass.—Your diagrams are in the hands of the engraver, and will be done this week.

S. L., of Maine.—To build a vault cheap and fire-proof, make the walls of rough stone, plastered with fire-proof cement, and make the roof of iron, with Hyatt's lights. It can be built cheaper, but not truly fire-proof. Wood can be rendered partially fire-proof by steeping it in alum.

W. P., of Mich.—The centrifugal force of the earth does not affect the waters of any river, any more than the motion of the earth on its axis affects the motion of our bodies. We do not see any good or useful result to be obtained from the discussion of the Mississippi question; its waters run down an inclined plane, in the common-sense view of the question.

M. K., of Mass.—Your ideas about ventilating cars is not new; the same proposition is advanced in the notice of Law's invention found on page 340, this volume Sci. Am.; it has often been submitted as the best plan for the purpose. The numbers we have sent, with the exception of an index of Vol. 2, none was ever published.

C. W. G., of Mass.—We have now a drawing in our possession embracing the same device for ventilating cars, as is proposed by you. It could not be patented.

Mechanics' Institute, Ohio—A railroad car brake, under the entire control of the engineer, and operated upon by steam, was projected some years ago by Robert Stephenson, of England. Several different plans have been proposed since his invention, but none of them have put into use.

J. H., of Ohio—The subject of car ventilation is now attracting much attention, and it is likely some good may result from it. For the benefit of yourself and many others, we deem it proper to state that trunks with bell-mouths, for taking in air, and wind tubes passing over or under trains, to receive air, either by a funnel-shaped mouth or by the application of a blower, are old and well known.

V. P. K., of N. Y.—Wherein do you gain anything over the plan represented by Mr. Paine? The idea appears to be similar. He says his plan works well practically.

J. W. Stuart, of Plattville, Wis., wishes information in regard to presses and grinders for manufacturing linseed oil. We are unable to answer his inquiries; perhaps some of our readers may.

D. M. D., of Pa.—We should think your plan a good one, and we request you to send us a small model and description of it.

J. F. H., of N. Y.—The law will allow you to take a patent for your own invention, because none but the original inventor can make application. We think the mode of temperingsprings is generally understood. Ballooning is of doubtful importance as a means of conveyance. Many have pursued the same train of reasoning with yourself.

H. J., of Pa.—We are engaged in the examination of the invention, and will soon report to you.

G. H., of Albany—In 1782, the Marquis De Joffrie, constructed a steamboat at Lyons, France, and employed paddles on an endless chain. It was not successful. In 1826, this invention was revived by a Mr. Palmer, of the Royal Mint. The invention is old and well known, and has been condemned for some cause. We cannot enumerate the number of times this invention has been submitted to us.

E. C. H., of Ohio—We have examined your improved File for Documents, and think it new. We have never seen anything of the kind before, and regard it as useful. Whether the Office would issue a patent for it is more than we can say; we think a patent should be granted.

H. & R., of N. H.—If you wish an engraving published, please send by express the Letters Patent, and when we get through with them, they will be returned.

E. G. F., of Halifax—We regret that we are unable to furnish the information desired by Mr. Potts, and know of no person to whom we can refer him.

W. C., of Me.—A patent was issued on the 19th of August last for a Register for omnibus drivers; you will find the claim on page 398 Vol. 6, Sci. Am.

D. B., of N. J.—So far as the passing of the heated products into the boiler is concerned, we have to say, that the plan has been proposed to us before, but there are practical difficulties in the way of its application. The heated products is carbonic acid gas, and the pressure of this gas must always exceed the pressure in the boiler. We also do not see how you will be able to make the fire draw when the water becomes as hot as the product which heats it.

Money received on account of Patent Office business for the week ending Saturday, July 31:

L. P. & W. F. D., of N. Y., \$10; A. H., of S. C., \$25; C. B., of N. Y., \$30; C. P., of N. Y., \$20; E. S., Jr., of Ct., \$20; M. J., of N. Y., \$30; W. N. C., of N. Y., \$30; J. T. & Sons, of N. Y., \$600; H. W., of Vt., \$10; B. & B., of Ct., \$25; J. P. W., of Ct., \$50; I. T. P., of Mass., \$25; J. D., of N. Y., \$20; I. P. B., of Ga., \$65; C. & B., of N. Y., \$20.

Specifications and drawings belonging to parties with the following initials have been forwarded to the Patent Office during the week ending Saturday, July 31:

E. S., Jr., of Ct.; C. P., of N. Y.; M. R., of Me.; J. D., of N. Y.; J. W., of Pa.; B. & B., of Ct.

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