

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

E. G. M., of Pa.—We know of no pump acting by weights only.

O S A., of N. Y.—We believe you do not infringe on Payne. We do not enter into such engagements; it would not answer to do so.

C. C., Jr., of R. I.—We have not seen the apparatus of Mr. Little for telegraphing; he promised to call and exhibit it, but has not done so.

A. J., of N. Y.—It will require ten horse-power to drive the upright and the circular saw, five for each; the engine will not be strained.

J. A. Driscoll, of Warren, R. I., unfortunately, deprived of both hands, desires information respecting improved artificial ones made of india rubber or gutta percha.

G. P., of Md.—We do not think you could obtain a patent for the car blind, simply changing the position of the slats could not be claimed as an invention of a patentable character.

B & L., of Wis.—It is out of our power to furnish you with such descriptions as you demand. The claims we publish weekly, and such specifications as you may require must be ordered from the Patent Office.

James Maxwell, 259 Bowery, N. Y., can furnish such information as some of our readers have sought for in regard to oil mills. He will expect pay for his services.

E. B. C., of Vt.—The improvement you propose in tape measures is not new, they have been sold in this market for many years.

E. L., of Troy—We shall require of you a sketch and description of your improved apparatus for ventilating cars before we can decide in reference to it. We apprehend that tubes have been abandoned as inefficient contrivances for the purpose.

R. W. A., of Ct.—We do not see anything new or patentable in your arrangement of car seats, and advise you not to make an application.

D. W. J., of Ind.—We have no engines on hand at present.

D. A. W., of —Rosin oil is employed, and that in a number of places; there is a work published by the Harpers, on Cotton Dyeing, price \$5, we believe, which is very good.

E. S., of N. H.—We do not see how the shock would be mitigated by your plan, it is new to us, but we do not believe it can accomplish the object intended. A plan for a tyre, with a bead on the inside, to fit into a groove in the rim of the wheel, is now before the Patent Office for a patent; you will perceive that it is somewhat better than to make the tyre concave on the inner side.

J. B. P., of N. V.—We have never seen the cloth wound off between two rollers, but it is easy to arrange the cloth roller so as to wind off the whole without stopping the loom.

E. S., of S. C.—The dial for registering carriages has been long known and used; we have never seen an insulator like yours, and it appears to be good, but we scarcely know how to base a claim for a patent.

"Ludo," Ill.—The report of the locomotive trial, at Lowell, was never published, that we know of, in any other channel but the newspaper.

O. R. W., of Ohio—We expect that you will be on hand with your long list of subscribers for the next volume; it will be a splendid one, this our readers expect, this they shall have.

R. C., of Miss.—If fuel is cheap in your place we advise you to get a steam engine often horse-power, with good large boiler, so that you will be able to run both an upright and circular saw, and employ some extra steam for drying the lumber; the saw dust, slabs etc., may suffice for fuel without the expense of any more, but we do not believe it, as you wish to use more steam than the amount required to drive the engine.

O. T. S., of Pa.—The Woodworth patent extension is defeated for the present; attempts may be made upon the next Congress to get it further extended; we opposed it as a matter of honest principle, because its owners had prosecuted other patentees whose inventions are entirely different from that of the Woodworth patent, and it appears to us that they must have felt and known they were doing wrong; honesty is the best policy: we advocate the rights of all but not of any one to ride down others.

A. L., of Ga.—The way for you to payenize your planks economically, is to immerse them in a solution of the sulphate of copper.

W. R., of N. Y.—A French gentleman, in a recent communication to the Academy of Sciences, states that he prevents incrustations in steam boilers using hard water, by employing 2 lbs. of the protochloride of tin for every 35 1-4 cubic feet; this is too expensive, although he says it prevents the incrustations perfectly; we do not advise any person to use it, owing to the expense.

D. McL., of Tenn.—Parker's patent has expired; his wheel is a good one; we have always thought that he was not to be blamed for what others had done; it appears to us that he is a worthy and deserving man.

R. O. H., of California—We are glad to hear of your welfare; if you could only get coal cheap in California, your plan would be to get an engine of 50 horse power at once; it would soon make the rock fly and the gold come into your coffers.

S. C. H., of Ohio—In the case of the Henry Clay, we are convinced that the proprietors were to blame more than the officers. A second thought will convince you that it would not be prudent to publish the letter, although we feel the same as you do.

C. J. D., of N. J.—We do not know of any one at present who would take an interest in your invention. It appears to be a good device for the purpose.

H. H., of Ct.—Holtzapfel's Mechanical Manipulation can be obtained of Messrs. Appleton, 200 Broadway. The Cyclopaedia we do not find in this market.

M. K., of Mass.—It is entirely new to us to operate the cow-catcher attached to locomotives: if any advantages are derivable from it, no doubt a patent could be obtained. We have no knowledge of the prize you mention.

J. McC., of —Your plan for propelling appears to be the same as that of Rumsey's. We cannot see any difference.

S. H., of Ind.—We do not see what advantage you would gain by your extra shaft connected with the governor.

J. McC., of Pa.—Experiments have proven that wood does not stand the weather in pavements of streets submitted to the action of horses' feet. The plan of Mr. Davis, which was proposed in this city two years ago, was to have square plates cast with ridges like yours, except being solid, and all dovetailed together upon a wooden foundation. If you can make your wood endure, it would answer well, still, we like the stone pavement best, if the blocks are about 6 inches by 9, of a rectangular form. Your plan is new, but it requires a test to prove its superiority.

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G. W., of R. I., \$55; F. H. S., of Md., \$40; R. R., of N. Y., \$70; G. & Co., Paris, \$350; S. G., of N. Y., \$20; R. L. O., of Ct., \$25; A. K. N., of N. Y., \$40; S. J., of N. Y., \$40; T. B. S., of N. J., \$15; G. W. M., of Wis., \$5.

Specifications and drawings belonging to parties with the following initials have been forwarded to the Patent Office during the week ending Saturday, Aug. 14:

C. B. H., of N. Y.; L. R. F., of Geo., D. R. R., of N. Y.; W. & F., of Ct.; R. R., of N. Y.; R. M. W., of Va.; R. L. O., of Ct.; V. P. & B. K., of N. Y.

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