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S.L. G., of N. Y .- Your name has been corrected on our books; we cannot inform you what the larg est locomotive in the country does weigh.

H. H. M., of Ill .- From your drawing we judge it is the same as the compound rail: you have been anticipated. We cannot see upon what point we could base a claim to the level you speak of, and assuredly it cannot be combined with your other patent, for it is entirely distinct: the improvement in the pillar fo the purpose stated, we believe is patentable

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