

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

R. W., of Pa.—There can be no doubt about the excitement respecting reaping machines: we are glad to see such an interest manifested by our farmers for improved machinery, and appreciate your acknowledgments respecting the good which the Sci. Am. has done in this field. We are collecting reliable information respecting reaping machines; we shall publish the same with some engravings in our next volume. We shall have something to say about old Reapers.

R. S., of Ill.—We know of no manner in which you can prevent parties, who manufacture from the same machine, selling their products to go into the limits of your territory. It is the machine that is patented, and the Letters of Grant do not cover the products. Perhaps your assignor has a special clause attached to his assignments, which confine each assignee to the sale of the product in his own territory, in which event the party, from whom you received your grant, could interpose and prevent others from obtruding their products upon your territory.

F. A. L., of Mass.—A patent was granted not long since for embedding imitation of marble chimney-pieces, painted on glass, into an iron case, by means of cement.

J. P. O., of Pa.—The information you solicit respecting the price of seamless stocking looms we cannot give.

G. D., of N. Y.—We believe your mode of attaching hubs to axles is new and patentable. We have never seen the like before.

S. L. S., of Ohio.—We have never seen the machine patented by Mr. Smith, but from the nature of his claim we should think your drill an improvement on his. We are more strongly of the opinion than ever that your machine would receive a patent on certain points, but we could not so well define the particular points on which to base the claims until we have a model to examine. Your subscription expired at No. 43, but for the dollar enclosed in your last letter we have re-entered your name for another six months. Sent back numbers.

G. E. D., of Me.—The notice must have got into your paper by mistake: your subscription is paid to the middle of next volume.

W. G. H., of Pa.—We have now credited you for the whole of Vol. 8.

T. H., of Pa.—Oxygen is not that which makes what we call "impure or bad iron," other matters, sulphur, phosphorus, &c., are the evils. Nitrogen would be of no use in a furnace; there would be no combustion without the oxygen. No oxygen is admitted into a crucible; the charcoal does absorb the oxygen during combustion.

J. S., of Ohio.—It is a common custom, in the East Indies, to hang up mats in the windows of the houses and keep them wet during the hot season. The air passes through the moist mats, and the evaporation enables Europeans to bear the weather tolerably. We have never heard of a blanket arranged like a syphon, as you have done, nor has it ever been applied to the same apparatus before. We believe it to be good and patentable.

A. K., of N. Y.—A patent for a life-preserving hat was patented in this country, in 1840, by an Englishman of the name of White. The plan you suggest seems to be precisely the same as the one described in the patent alluded to.

P. S., of Iowa.—The Patent fees are required at the time the application is made. It will be necessary that you forward the model to us, accompanied with government fees (\$30), free of expense. The examinations are about three months behind at the Office.

T. S. P., of Pa.—The first 26 Nos. of Vol. 7, Sci. Am. we will send you on receipt of \$1. For further information concerning the Voltmeter Battery, address George Mathiot, Washington, D. C.

S. B., of O.—We regret to be obliged to inform you that neither of the plans you submit are patentable.

L. J. G., of Md.—If your pump will work as you have illustrated it by diagram, you have an important invention. The best thing you can do is to build one and try it; we predict it will not operate at all.

B. D. G., of S. C.—If you will turn to the 4th page of your second volume of the Sci. Am., you will find the full claims of Howe's Sewing Machine.

G. C. C., of N. Y.—There are more than one patented machine for making mouldings. The work is done by machinery in this city, in a number of establishments.

E. C., of Boston.—We know of no portable mills with bolts attached that are kept for sale in this city. Your subscription would have expired with the volume had you not remitted.

W. F., of Pa.—Your plan for gathering fruit may be very good, but there is nothing patentable about it.

B. M. H., of Ind.—We are unable to discover from your description that you have made any invention whatever. You certainly would not ask for a patent on a square box, because it was made water-tight and the applying such a box for any specific purpose would not require invention. Who is the next man with a life preserver? We have had scores of letters on the subject of life preservers since the burning of the ferry Clay, and not one of them suggests a new idea.

G. M. R., of Pa.—Your bundle of drawings and manuscript has arrived, but we cannot afford the time it would occupy to even read all your communications without attempting to decipher your diagrams. Send us \$5 and we will report on all the inventions.

Money received on account of Patent Office business for the week ending Saturday Aug. 28:

K. & N., of Pa., \$15; E. W. N., of Mass., \$40; T. S., of Pa., \$20; J. W. M., of N. Y., \$20; J. L. B., of N. Y., \$65; F. T., of N. Y., \$2; M. J., of N. Y., \$20; P. J. C., of Ct., \$40; W. N. C., of N. Y., \$20; J. F. M., of Pa., \$20; J. D. W., of N. Y., \$30; G. & Co., Paris, \$350; L. E. B., of Vt., \$30; G. & S., of N. C., \$10; J. W. M., of N. H., \$35; J. I., of N. Y., \$33; W. M., of Ga., \$15; W. M., of N. Y., \$55.

Specifications and drawings belonging to parties with the following initials have been forwarded to the Patent Office during the week ending Saturday, Aug. 28:

C. B., of N. Y.; T. S., of Pa.; M. J., of N. Y.; P. J. C., of Ct.; J. J. W., of Mass.; W. N. C., of N. Y.; G. & S., of N. C.; J. I., of N. Y.; T. & C., of Ky; re-issue.

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