

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

E. B., of Mass.—You will not infringe on any patent, neither have you produced anything new; see volume 5 of our paper for a number of engravings illustrating it.

J. P. C., of Vt.—You have never read "Monge's Statics;" we have only to say, that time and pressure must enter into your calculations. No power applied is lost but by friction—resistance. There is no such thing as "swallowing up power by velocity;" pressure and velocity measure power: no more can be obtained by machinery than that applied: you have a wrong idea of what power is—without motion there is no mechanical power.

J. B. S., of —.—Yes, there is a work for the purpose stated, it is "Practical Mineralogy and Assaying;" it is published by Lindsay & Blackstone, Philadelphia.

J. P. P., of Ala.—A patent would be refused upon the ground that it was a method well-known to chill the surface of various mechanical devices, and was merely an application of a well-known process.

J. Y. S., of Pa.—We do not wish to become interested in your invention; it is a thing we cannot do. The application of iron to cribs could not be patented; if you have a new method of constructing them a patent could be obtained: \$1 received.

A. M. P., of Ohio.—The principle involved in your combination is essentially similar to Rouse's Patent; there is no doubt of its good qualities.

M. O. G., of La.—In the treatment of saccharine juices so much has been written that we are at a loss to know what would be best for you: practice is what you want as a guide.

H. T. E., of Sandusky City—Your favor of the 4th, enclosing a draft for 35 subscribers, came safe to hand, and each name has been entered for Volume 7. We are very much obliged for so fine a list: it is next to the largest we have received from one place where no agents are located. The rates you have taken are correct, and you can order more as you state.

M. W. H., of Ind.—The application of the spring to the purpose specified by you, could not be patented, and you are advised not to make an application. \$2 received.

C. B., of Ohio—Previous to the receipt of your favor of the 7th, we had written you imparting all the information we possessed in the matter of your inquiry.

E. B., of New York—We do not know of a single factory for making the dextrine in this country; we believe it is all imported; we do not know whether it would pay or not—that would depend on the price it could be manufactured for; we could give you information of where to go and find out the selling price.

J. S., of Ky.—Will you be pleased to read Mr. Conger's opinion carefully; he does not state the velocity of the wheel moving with that of the water, but the escaping water; if a wheel moves faster than the entering water, where does its velocity come from? There must be something wrong somewhere; give the subject closer attention in reference to this point.

P. M. L., of Hartford—Acetic acid is the pure acid of vinegar; it occurs, ready formed, in several products of the vegetable kingdom, and is generated during the spontaneous fermentation of many vegetable and animal juices; by real acetic acid is meant such an acid as occurs in a dry acetate; it cannot exist in an uncombined state.

G. McF., of Ct.—A patent was issued to R. Cook for the same device; it is now on exhibition at the Fair, and was illustrated in Vol. 5, Sci. Am.

A. S. B., of N. Y.—Your dollar came duly to hand, and the papers were sent some days since.

W. F. R., of Pa.—Two copies of Minifie's Drawing were forwarded to your address last Thursday week.

M. M., of Wis.—The Commissioner's letter was forwarded to your address on the 11th inst.

E. B. P., of Tenn.—Your subscription is paid up to No. 52: Mr K's to No. 26, and the back numbers have been sent. The value of a patented article depends, in many cases, upon the importance of the location, and patentees cannot embrace all this information in the published notice. We have thought of your suggestions before. \$5 received.

R. E. J., of N. Y.—Etherine is a peculiar carburetted hydrogen, which has also been regarded as the basis of ether: it was named etherum by Dr. Kane, and is identical with the etherite of Berzelius. Ether is produced by the distillation of alcohol with an acid: it is sometimes distinguished as sulphuric ether, from the mode of preparing it; but, when well rectified, the ether is the same, whatever acid has been employed.

T. A. C., of R. I.—We overlooked your address; the engine has not yet made its appearance in this section: we shall illustrate it soon.

H. A., of Ill.—The law requires assignments to be recorded in the Patent Office within three months after they are executed; if you have an agreement with the parties they cannot avoid paying you the price specified.

W. H. P., of Pa.—There is no work, that we are acquainted with, upon the teeth of saws, but we have seen some with an angle tooth and a flem tooth intermediate. Experience is the only true guide in respect to the number of teeth and their form; the form you send is good for a circular saw, and there can be no doubt but for a circular saw, to run in one direction, the common form of teeth is not scientific.

D. W. H., of Ill.—It is not possible for us to understand the description of your Seed Drill; the reason of this is owing to your sketch being so obscure.

L. H., of Pa.—Your arrangement of the drill appears to be good; no model is required when a caveat is filed. The government fee is \$20, and goes as two-thirds of the fee when application is made.

C. M. R. & Co., of Ohio—Your letter of the 22nd ult. came duly to hand; the Daniel Planing Machine is not made in this city, and we forwarded your letter to Messrs. Ball & Rice, Worcester, Mass., for attention.

K. E., of N. Y.—We do not know of any sugar refiner like yours; there are, however, several very efficient machines for the purpose in this country. \$2 received for the Sci. Am.

L. S., of Wis.—There is a chance for a patent on the "Grinder" if it is new; we can judge on this point much better from a sketch and description, or a model.

Money received on account of Patent Office business for the week ending October 15th.

T. G., of Mass., \$20; D. A. B., of Pa., \$30; A. L. S., of N. Y., \$25; T. S., of N. Y., \$50; L. K., of N. Y., \$50; S. R., of Md., \$30; J. C. S., of N. Y., \$40; W. V., of Md., \$73; L. C., of Ct., \$30; W. H., of Wis., \$10; J. P. H., of N. H., \$30; J. D., of Pa., \$30; R. A. S., of Ky., \$20; C. H., of Pa., \$20; C. & McD., of Pa., \$50.

Specifications and drawings belonging to parties with the following initials have been forwarded to the patent office during the week ending Oct. 18th. T. G., of Mass.; L. N., Jr., of Mass.; T. S., of N. Y.; A. L. S., of N. Y.

We have some communications so long and tedious that we shall require a fee for reading and attending to them. Parties who furnish pages and pages of manuscript, expecting us to attend to them, must afford us proof that they value the labor of others.

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