

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"Western New Yorkers"—There can be no doubt of a general disappointment in respect to the conduct of the American Institute regarding the Ray Premiums.

F. V. of Mich.—We think it not best to mention your improvements in our columns

F. R. B. of Ill.—The "Gilder's and Painter's Companion" is a small book; cost \$1, postage about 25 cents, it is a very good work.

A. C. B. of Albany—There is not the slightest hope of our being able to furnish you with those back volumes.

J. F. S. of Ohio—We would supply your subscribers with the back numbers with pleasure if we had them, but they are all gone.

J. R. K. of Ga.—Your caveat will take effect from the day it was filed, which was on the 11th inst.

H. M. D. of Mass.—There is no reliable map of all the railroads built and in contemplation.

B. H. W. of Mo.—There is nothing new in your suggestions about locomotives; essentially the same plan is now in use.

W. J. T. of Pa.—There is nothing new in your method of gearing locomotive wheels for ascending incline planes; the same thing is in use and is generally well known.

S. S. of R. I.—We do not know of any patent improvement in the drill which will prevent you from obtaining a patent.

C. W. E. of Ohio—We have carefully examined the sketches of the four devices you have submitted to us for our opinion, and do not discover sufficient novelty or utility in either of them to warrant application for letters patent.

J. W. B. of Tenn.—We have examined the sketch of your so-called perpetual motion. We have no faith in it whatever, and advise you not to waste away your time on a subject so wild and chimerical.

T. J. H. of Conn.—There is nothing patentable in your alleged improvement in firemen's ladders.

J. M. of N. Y.—We sent you the premium money (3 twenty dollar gold pieces) by the American Express Co., last Saturday.

L. A. M. of Vt.—We shipped the Encyclopedias to you by Express, last Friday week.

J. S. of Md.—A stereotypic of the Crystal Palace was sent to you last Monday.

A. R. of Pa.—Yours will receive attention.

A. L. S. of N. Y.—The privilege which A granted to B and C is covered by the written agreement, nothing more and nothing less, except what may have been given before witnesses verbally.

Money received on account of Patent Office business for the week ending Saturday, Dec. 18:—

S. R. & H. of N. Y., \$44.95; S. B. of Ind., \$25; J. McM. of Ky., \$50; C. & R. of Mass., \$30; E. B. of R. I., \$30; L. B. F. of N. Y., \$25; J. W. T. of Tenn., \$30; J. H. of N. Y., \$30; H. F. R. of Pa., \$31; E. L. N. of Mass., \$55; W. McB. of Ohio, \$30; C. S. B. of L. I., \$20.

Specifications and drawings belonging to parties with the following initials have been forwarded to the Patent Office during the week ending Saturday, Dec. 18:—

S. B. of Ind.; G. B. D. of Mass.; L. B. F. of N. Y.; S. E. S. of Vt.; R. O. B. of Ill. (2 cases); E. L. N. of Mass.; F. H. of N. J.

A Chapter of Suggestions, &c.

ALL GONE, ALL GONE.—At the commencement of the present volume, we printed 5,000 extra copies, which we concluded would be sufficient for the subsequent demand.

PATENT CLAIMS.—Persons desiring the claims of any invention which has been patented within fourteen years, can obtain a copy by addressing a letter to this office—stating the name of the patentee, and enclosing one dollar, as fee for copying.

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American and Foreign Patent Agency

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CERTIFICATE.—College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, Oct. 17, 1852. We have examined the Patent Safety Lamp and Lamp Feeder, of Mr. John Newell, of Boston, and are fully convinced, from the experiments we have made with them, that he has obtained the great desideratum of preventing the risk of explosive action in the use of burning fluids in Lamps and Feeders.

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EXHIBITION OF WORKS OF AMERICAN Industry at Washington City.—The first exhibition of the Metropolitan Mechanics' Institute will be opened on Thursday, the 24th of February, 1853, in the new and splendid hall of the east wing of the Patent Office, one of the largest and most magnificent rooms in the United States, being 275 feet long by 70 feet wide.

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