

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

T. W., of Ky.—Several attempts have been made to use steam carriages on common roads; in point of economy they will not answer.

S. W., of Pa.—The method of treating journals is very good, it is similar to Babbitt's. The difference between the liquid and the gas of carbonic acid is 2000, that is, 1 cubic inch of the liquid will expand to 2000 cubic inches; it is however, very difficult to tell the exact expansion of this acid, for it is exceedingly sensitive to heat and cold.

H. W. H., of Va.—We will wait until you arrive with your model, so as to obtain more pointed information respecting its merits.

W. F., of Mass.—We understand you now; you may rest assured that you could obtain no "power" equal to that expended in revolving or vibrating your machine.

C. S., of Mass.—We believe that the faculty of judging of colors is as strong and universal in men as women. We do not see a reason for placing the evidence of this faculty in the eye-brow; we do not know a single person afflicted with this disease.

S., of E.—We cannot see how your funnel boiler feeder can operate at all.

Z. E. C., of Ct.—There is a mode of reducing hard steel so as to make it forgible; the mode you can find in any good work on metallurgy; it would occupy too much room to give you the information through our columns.

B., of Mo.—We are not aware of an apparatus in existence for making ice, without an air-pump and freezing mixtures, that is, in warm and in temperate weather.

J. K. F., of Ohio.—The "relay magnet" is for the purpose of closing the circuit to make the local battery operate the receiving magnet; this was a great improvement when invented. Your plan cannot meet the case, as the size and multiplicity of magnets are not the things required.

W. T. C., of Ohio.—There is no patent on the chain pump; we do not know the price of the article in this market; your subscription expires with No. 26, Vol. 9.

A. H. & Co., of Mass.—We will endeavor to procure and publish the specification of Mr. E.'s patent.

J. S., of N. Y.—The extra weight will be an objection to the car; so much so as to preclude the possibility of its introduction; one ton and a half is too much of an increase in the weight of a single passenger car.

E. D., of Pa.—As we understand your letter (your pencil sketch is too obscure), your steam pump is operated upon the same plan as that of Worthington & Baker's; as described by you, it appears to be the same, only you take your steam at the middle of the slide, which is not new.

J. P., of N. C.—There are no infallible rules for detecting counterfeit money; it requires practice and constant knowledge of money to do it.

J. K., of Pa.—We have never seen the same plan of banding and pulleys in use as that which you propose, and consider it patentable if useful; but we cannot see any advantage to be derived from it; experience, however, and fair trials have perhaps proved its advantages to you, and you can therefore prove its utility.

C. L. R., Jr., of Ct.—Get Gwynne's pump; for more information see the advertisement in some of your recent back numbers of the Sci. Am.

Money received on account of Patent Office business for the week ending Saturday, Aug. 27:—

G. W. B., of N. Y., \$37.25; W. & C., of Ill., \$30; G. J. P., of Mass., \$30; L. P., of Vt., \$50; F. & R., of Vt., \$25; H. L., of Mass., \$25; R. K., of Mass., \$40; W. C., of Va., \$30; B. D. S., of Va., \$105; T. & Sons, of N. Y., \$200; J. J., of N. Y., \$55; E. J. M., of Conn., \$30; G. C., of Me., \$35.

Specifications and drawings belonging to parties with the following initials have been forwarded to the Patent Office during the week ending Saturday Aug. 27:—

L. P., of Vt., (2 cases); D. E. McD., of Mass.; G. H., of N. Y.; J. W. M., of Ala.; J. R. M., of Ohio; H. F. B., of Mich.; J. C., of N. Y.

A Chapter of Suggestions, &c.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Condense your ideas into as brief space as possible, and write them out legibly, always remembering to add your name to the communication. Anonymous letters receive no attention at this office. If you have questions to ask, do it in as few words as possible, and if you have some invention to describe, come right to the business at the commencement of your letter, and do not fill up the best part of your sheet in making apologies for having the presumption to address us. We are always willing to impart information if we have the kind solicited.

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GIVE INTELLIGIBLE DIRECTIONS.—We often receive letters with money enclosed, requesting the paper sent or the amount of the enclosure but no name of State given, and often with the name of the post office also omitted. Persons should be careful to write their names plainly when they address publishers, and to name the post office at which they wish to receive their paper, and the State in which the post office is located.

The above chapter of variety we have inserted for the mutual benefit of our patrons and ourselves. If our subscribers will retain in mind the suggestions contained in the above paragraphs, they will be likely to be benefitted thereby; besides they will save us much valuable time and a good deal of perplexity.

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UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE, Washington, July 28, 1853.

ON THE PETITION OF JOHN H. TIMS, of Newark, N. J., praying for the extension of a patent granted to him on the 31st day of October, 1839, for an improvement in bearings and oil boxes for railroad cars, &c., for seven years from the expiration of said patent, which takes place on the 31st day of October, 1853.

It is ordered that the said petition be heard at the Patent Office on Monday, the 3rd of October next, at 12 o'clock, M.; and all persons are notified to appear and show cause, if any they have, why said petition ought not to be granted.

Persons opposing the extension are required to file in the Patent Office their objections, specially set forth in writing, at least twenty days before the day of hearing; all testimony filed by either party to be used at the said hearing, must be taken and transmitted in accordance with the rules of the office, which will be furnished on application.

Ordered, also, that this notice be published in the Union, Intelligencer, and Evening Star, Washington, D. C.; Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.; Evening Post, New York; Boston Post, Boston, Mass.; and Inquirer, Cincinnati, Ohio, once a week for three successive weeks previous to the third day of October next, the day of hearing. CHARLES W. COPELAND, Commissioner of Patents.

P. S.—Editors of the above papers will please copy and send their bills to the Patent Office, with a paper containing this notice. 483

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LAWRENCE SCIENTIFIC SCHOOL, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. The next term of this institution will open on the first day of Sept., 1853, and continue 20 weeks. Instruction by recitations, lectures and practical exercises, according to the nature of the study, will be given in Astronomy, by Messrs. Bond; Botany, by Prof. Gray; Chemistry, Analytical and Practical, by Prof. Horsford; Comparative Anatomy and Physiology, by Prof. Wyman; Engineering, by Prof. Eustis; Mathematics, by Prof. Pierce; Mineralogy, by Prof. Cooke; Physics, by Prof. Lovering; Zoology and Geology, by Prof. Agassiz. For further information concerning the School, application may be made to Prof. E. N. Horsford, Dean of the Faculty. Cambridge, Mass., July 15, 1853. 44 8*

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