## RECENTLY PATENTED INVENTIONS. Bicycle-Appliances.

adjustable handle-bar.-Morgan h. VaNERvera, Little Falls, N. Y. The stem of the handle-
bar at its upper portion is slotted at opposite sides. In bar at its upper portion is slotted at opposite siles. In
the upper portion of the stem a horizontal part is mounted to turn, which is provided with an annular des of the stem. Pawls are pivoted in the stem ides of the stem. Pawls are pivoted in the stem
ppposite each other and in a position to engage the eeth of the horizontal portion. The shanks of the peeth of the horizontal portion. The shanks of the
pawls being raised, the handle-bar can be adjusted to the desired position, even when the bicycle is going at full speed
Water-cycle. - John J. McClimont, Union,
Hudson Count 5 , N. J. The cycle is provided with a Hudson Count5, N.J. The cycle is provided with a number of floate upon which the frame of the macinine is carried. The cycle is driven by means of a pedal-
crank mechanism which actuates propellers through the medium of bevel-gears and connecting rods. The device medium of bevel-gears and connecting rods. The device
is guided by means of a hand operated steeriug wheel connected by chains and sprockets with the front float. DRIVING-WHEEL FOR CYCLES.-William H. Chapman, London, E., England. This invention seeks to provide a driving-wheel which can be removed with-
out dismounting the driving chain and gear-case. The wheel-hub is constructed in two portions, so coupled together that, by merely witbdrawing the central spindle along with one of tits bearings, the other bearing, to gether with the sprocket-wheel, driving-chain, and gearcase, being left in situ in the frame.
bicycle-tire armor.-Emil if. haupt, Manhattan, New York city. The steel armor extends across
the tread and at the sides of the tire. and is formed with the tread and at the sides of the tire. and is formed with
opposing ends. Clamps are adapted to support the end opposing ends. Clamps are adapted to support the end
purtions of the armor. A spring tension device conportions of the armor. A spring tension device con-
nected with the clamps serves to draw the ends of the armor toward each other and to provide a means wher ot to interfere in any appreciable degree with the elat ticity of the tire.

## Mechanical Devices.

glass-molding machine.-Henry bastow, Indiana, Pa. The machine comprises mechanism for holding the molten glass as the blow-plunger is dipped
therin. Guide-plates are mounted adjacent to the metherin. Guide-plates are mounted adjacent to the me-
chanism, and between the guide-plates a carriage slides chanism, and between the guide-plates a carriage slides
which is adapted to deliver the molten glass to the which is adapted to deliver the molten glass to the
glass-holding mechanism. A block is indepeudently slidable on the carriage and has a knife which severs a portion of the molten glass. The glass, after having been thus separated into masses sufficient to form jars or
bottles, is pressed into an approximate form, and, after having attained this form, is molded or blown into the exact form.
BRICK-PRESA.-Sylvester Taylor, Center, Indian Territory. Mounted to turn in the frame of the press is a vertically-disposed shaft carrying a number of arms
horizontally. Each arm has a mold in which a plunger horizontally. Each arm has a mold in which a plunger
reciprocates vertically. Feed-devices supply the molds as they turn with the shaft. A cover-plate is supported above the frame and is connected with an eccentric shaft by means of which the plate is caused to move
to and from the molds. A vertically-movable bar to and from the molds. A vertically-movable bar
is adapted to engage the plungers and push them up. The bar is located at a point beneath the cover-plate, to compress the brick. A fixed segment is located
at one side of the bar, and is adapted to have the at one side of the bar, and is adapted to have the
raised plunger movable over the upper face of the segment. Mechanism is mounted at the end of the segment opposite the vertically-movable bar, by which to raise the plangers further in order to dislodge the brick from he mold.
a UTOMATIC KEG-SOAKING APPARATUS. harles Zies, Baltimore. Md. It is the object of this invention to provide an improvement in that class of troughs for soaking beer-kegs which are provided with
automatic apparatus for causing the kegs to roll through the tank to a scrubbing-machine The inventor has devised improved means for submerging the kegs in the water contained in the tank, and for causing the kegs to roll and travel from one end of the tank to the other, where an improved elevating and delivery mechanism is arranged for automatic co- operation with the means for
submerging. The inventor furthermore provides an imsubmerging. The inventor furthermore provides an im-
proved guard for regulating the admission of kegs to the proved guard for regulating the admission of kegs to the with the other mechanism referred to.

Engineering-Improvements. AIR-COMPRESSOR.-HENRY E. Anderson, Cheboygan, Mich. The air-compressor comprises a cylinder ciprocation in the guideways, and are connected with the piston of an air-compressing cylinder. As the weights reach the top of the mechanism, they have a tendency to slide toward the opposite end of the guideways. As the weigbts drop, they movethe piston of the air-compressor,
and thus compress a certain quantity of air. From the and thus compress a certain quantity of air. From the
arrangement of weights it follows that a complete double arrangement of weights it follows that a complete double
stroke of the air-compressing piston is produced during each revolution of the device.
Traction-Engine.-. George Cashmore. Oak-
land, Cal. To provide an improved traction-engine, ar ranged to be driven by a gasoline or oil engine, and to be readily movable from place to place, is the purpose of this invention. The novel features of the invention are found in an ingenious reversing device, comprising a
driven shaft on which clutch gear-wheels are loosely driven shaft on which clutch gear-wheels are loosely
mounted, a double clutch mounted to turn with and to mounted, a double clutch mounted to turn with and to
slide on the shaft to engage either of the clutch gearsimultaneously in or out of mesh with the clutch gear wheels. A shifting-lever is provided for the clutch and is connected with the intermediate. gear-wheel to shift the latter on moving the clutch.
platform may be increased, and the additional step or
steps be held as firmly in place steps be held as firmly in place as the regular steps. The
lowermost of the car-steps is pivoted ; and by this pivoted step an extension-step is carried. The pivoted and extension steps can be operated by means of a shaft mounted upon the car-platform and is crank-connected with a flexible pitman joined to the pivoted step by a link. Mechanism is connected with the pitman for springing the pivoted step past the center of its pi
order to form a continuation of the regular steps.
COMBINED AIR-OPERATED CAR-COUPLING S. Bubb, Kittanning, Pa. The MECHANISM.- John S. Bubs, Kittanning, Pa. The present invention pro-
vides a quick-action pneumatic mechanism for automatically setting the coupling-pin to its coupling position. the mechanism is adapted to be set in operation to mo release devices operated either from the sides, top. or other portion of the car. The invention embodies
a novel arrangement of coupling means for joining the ain air-pipes, which means coact with and form thert of the air-operated coupling-pin adjusting mechanism. tion of air-operated means for setting the coupling-pin to ite uncoupling position, hose-coupling devices coacting herewith, and an air-brake mechanism combined with such devices and forming an interdependent part of the complete structure of the improvement, but capable of being operated independently of the air-operated coup-
ling-pin and hose air-coupling devices.

## Miscellaneous Inventions.

Cane-sling.-Daniel h. Walsh, Plaquemine, La This rane-sling consiets of a novel arrangement of chains
and hooks, the chains being passed around the cane and he hooksengaging the chains. The sling is to be used in transferring sugar cane, sorghum, and the like from carts to rail:oud cars, and is primarily designe
package intact, so ae to facilitate handling.
SURGICALSPLINT,-Robe W. Bat
SURGICAL SPLINT.-Robert W. BARTon, Marion, Kans. Primarily this invention is designed to provide a
simple form of splint for use in the treatment of compound and comminuted fractures, and is so constructer that extensibility can be effected without the use of weights, and without rearranging the bandage. The
splint comprises two sections or base portions of pliable splint comprises two sections or base portions of pliable
material secured in proper position on the limb, and a material secured in proper position on the limb, and a
bridge-portion counecting the two pliable sections so as bridge-portion counecting the two pliable sections so a ment. The surface of the injured portion can hence be left free for treatment without affecting the setting of the splint.
Binder-frame.-Harvey P. Jones, Chicago, Ill. The binder is provided with a main frame, with top and bottom clamping-plates fitted to slide toward and from
each other in the main frame, and with a right and left each other in the main frame, and with a right and lef
hand screw mounted to turn in the main frame, and en hand screw mounted to turn in the main frame, and en-
gaging nuts on the clamping-plates. The device forms a gaping nuts on the clamping-plates. The device forms a
detachable leaf-binder for books of any kind and so binds the leaves that they are separately movable and interchangeable, the operator being enabled readily to open the clamping plates by turning the screw for the insertion and removal of a leaf.
Windmill.-Hans H. Bergeland, Red Wing, Minn. The mill is provided with blades or wings which turn in a horizontal plane and which are carried on a vertically extending tower-shaft, and is furthermore provided with centrifugal governor which serves automatically to regulate the speed. The novelty of the invention resine
in the manner of mounting the blades in their casing so that they may be automatically feathered by the gover nor, according to the veiocity of revolution of the main
shaft, and according to the previous adjustment of the governor, by which adjustment a maximum speed may be set and maintained. Another novel feature is found in the hand- operated means located at the foot of the the mill.
GRAPHOPhone. - Inocenio Andion, New York crease the improvement in graphophones seeks to in recorder, to secure a more perfect recording action by concentrating the sounds and preventing tbe scattering or loss thereof. This object is attained by making the
recorder or reproducer in the form of an esterior shell, and providing it with a diaphragm-holder smaller than an annular chamber therefrom peripherall and the holder In the holder two spaced diaphragms are located. The holder is apertured peripherally between the diaphragms so that the chamber commun
shell ard diaphragm holder
Flue-stopper.-Wiliam D. Powley, Lexington, III. The present invention provides a device for closing the flues in chimneys and walls when the stove-pipes have been removed, so that the flues will not present an
unsightly appearance. The device embodies a cap to unsightly appearance. The device embodies a cap to
which two clamping.arms are pivotally connect. d , arms being actuated by a sliding cross head, all of the parts having a peculiar construction by which the stopper is made m
vices of its class.
Cap.-Charles J. Holzenthaler, Brooklyn, New
York city. The cap provided by York city. The cap provided by this inventor is designhave become shapeless. To this end, a metallic stiffener has been employed consisting of a continuous sheet-
metal rim for the side of the crown the rim being forme at its upper edge with an inturned annular and integral delt-fastener. - Russeli fraser, Brooklyn, tew York city. This belt-fastener consists of a con
tinuous lacing woven back and forth to join the ends of the belt. The lacing has its parts secured togethe at a number of points intermediate its ends, whereby it
is formed into independent loops, thus preventing the withdrawal of the entire lacing upon the breaking one or more of the loops. A number of strands may
break without affecting the strength of the lacing to any appreciable extent.
UMBRELLA-TOP Protector.-William O. ForsYty, Trinidad, Col. The covers of umbrellas and
parasols are subjected to considerable wear at the upper
provide a device for the protection of these portions.
This device consists of a cup-shaped body of rubber, f pivots of the ribs and is provided with staples for securing it to the ribs.
Climber.-Charles H. Cole, Brooklyn, New York city. The present invention provides a climber for the use of riggers and linemen. The climber comprises a shank having an opening in its lower portion, a bosing,
and a spur having a plate extended through the opeaing and a spur having a plate extended through the opening
and secured in the boxing. The spur may be easily re and secured in the boxing. The spur may be easily
moved for the purpose of sharpening or repairing it.

## Designs.

foot-brake dog.-Eugene b. Gray, Manhattan, New York city. The leading feature of this design resides in a guard located on the dog-arm, and extending
beyond the arm. The foot-brake dog, as a result, is more easil)
character.

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(7614) A. B. asks: What is a standard candle power and an easy way in which I can measure
the candle power of a kerosene lamp? A. A unit of the candle power of a kerosene lamp? A. A unit of
light, one candle, is the light given out by a sperm candle weighing six to the pound and burning 120 grains pe
hour. A wax candle may be weighed, burned 5 or 10 minutes, and again weighed. This will test the candle If it consumes nearly the properquantity, it may be used as a standard candle. Druggist grain weights will answer for weighing the candle. Fasten a sheet of white paper
so that the candle will illuminate it. Place the candle ore foot from the paper, and a lead pencil 3 to 4 inche from the paper so that its shadow cast by the candle will fall on the paper. Now place the lamp to be measured
so that the shadow of the pencil which the lamp will pro duce may fall by the side of the shadow cast by the are of equal intensity. Measure the distance of the are of equal intensi.y. Measure the sheet ot paper, in feet and fractions of a
lamp from the
foot. The square of this number is the candle power of foot. The
the lamp.
(7615) F. S. G. asks: 1. Which is better for the secondary of a 2 inch spark induction coil, double
cotton covered wire or single silk covered wire, both in regard to insulating or singlities and and space it will require A For the secondary of an induction coll use single silk-covered wire rather than double cotton-covered wire
Neither covering has any insulating qualities. No porou covering can insulate a wire any more than the air in the pores insulates it. The object of the covering is to pre vent contact. Insulation is had by shellac after a layer
is wound on. 2. Can you tell me any way to straighten is wound on. 2. Can you tell me any way to straighten
the No. 18 B \& S . iron wres, $111 / 2$ inches long, used to the No. 18 B \& S. iron wres, $111 / 2$ inches long, used to
make the core of the above coil? I find that to straighten make by hammering is a very tedious task. A. To
them by
straighten a wire, fasten one end in a vise, or around a stiff nail, driven in any convenient place Fasten the other end to a bar of wood or iron and pull till the wire is taut and straight as a line. Wire as heavy as 14 or 12 can be straightened by one man's strength. More power
can be put upon larger wires, using a vise and a screw can be put upon larger wires, using a vise and a screw
or lever. Any length can be straightened at one time ut it up after it is straightened.
(7616) W. A. G. C. asks: Can ice be madecolderthan 32 degrees? A. Water cannot under or
dinary conditions be cooled below $3 z^{\circ}$. It turns into ice at this temperature. But a block of ice behaves in all re
spects like a block of auy other solid, a piece of stone o iron for example, and may be cooled to any temperatur whatever below its melting point. Out of doors on winter's night with the thermometer indicating zero, the
ice and snow will be at a temperature far below $32^{\circ}$. In ice and snow will be at a temperature far below $32^{\circ}$. In an ice machine the ice in the cans after the freezing
completed may be cooled below $32^{\circ}$ by the brine, and will then cool a refrigerator more than ice which is at $32^{\circ}$ (7617) C. I. W. asks: 1. What number of wire should I use on local magnets for short circuit
work (sinch as electric bells and telegraph sounders) ? A. No. 28 or 30 wire may be used for sounders. On a shor circuit less hattery is required. The sounder is usually for the line. 2. I wish to build an eight light 16 candle power dynamo with round armature? What Supple
pand and contrat
between the degrees of freezingand $100^{\circ}$ above zero, and of those how much will they expand and contract? A. The
figures given below are called coefficients of expansion figures given below are called coefficients of expansion
They are the amounts by which a piece of the metal 1 inct long is expanded in length on heating it 1 degree Fah.
Brass, $0 \cdot 0000104$ inch ; aluminum, $0 \cdot 0000136$ inch; lead, 0.0000163 inch; tin. 0.000124 inch; zinc, 0.0000162 inch From these nimbers you can easily calculate how much a
piece of any length will expand oneheating it from freezing to 100 degrees. To find the length of a bar at any re Then find the number of degrees it is to be heated o cooled. Multiply the'coefficient of expansion by the number of degrees the bar is to be heated, and this by the
length of the bar. The product is the expansion. To this add the original length. If the bar is to
tract the expansion instead of adding it.
(7620) G. F. C. asks bow to magnetize a 6 inch compass needle by electricity. Please give size of
wire, number of turns, length of coil, size of core, and number of cells of 5 by 7 gravity battery (if that coil of wire of about! No. 16 and of such. A. Make needle to be magnetized shall be wholly within it. Conthrough the coil for a little while. No core is wanted in the coil. The needle is the core. Size of battery not important. One cell will do the work, more will do it quicker. You can test the needle by counting the num-
ber of swings it willmake in a minute. Repeat the mag. netizing till further magnetizing does not make it swing
(7621) R. J. P. asks how white ink is made. A. 1. Triturate together 1 part of honey and 2
parts dry ammonia alum. Dry thoroughly, and calcine in a shallow dish over the fire to whiteness. Cool, wash French zinc white, or white lead, rubbed up with gum precipitated barium sulphate, or flake white, with wat containing enough gum arabic to prevent the immediate
settling of the substance. Starch or magnesium carbonate may be used in a similar way. They must be re Paper Wealpable powders. 4. White fnk for Ble paper, leaving white lines.
(7622) A. O. writes : I would like to ask ingor rocking grates, such as used in locomotive boilers. granted to Eliphalet first patent on such grates was dent of Union College, Schnectady, N. Y. It rocked o wasused in his stoves, which were widely known. The of every sort." A grate adapted to revolve horizontally patented in England in 1819.
(7623) J. A. S. asks: 1. Is man originally a natural meat eater, or only by habit? A. The
possession of teeth adapted for eating both vegetable and animal food is understood to indicate man's origipiece of very fine wire one hundreal feet long, will any heat A. Thatdepends on the kind of wire and the temperature that so long a wire could be heated perceptibly 100 feet rom the source of heat. 3. What is the principal use
of the condenser in connection with the steam engine? A. The condenser reduces the pressure by nearly one . If the sound of several different instruments, playing transmitted to the record of graphophone, will there be combined sound? A. The combined or resultant vibration of the diaphragm is recorded by
(7624) C. B. asks if a common magnify ing glass can be substituted for a camera lens. If there
is any particular kind or size, I wish you would mention them. If they cannot be used, please state why not. A.
A common magnifying gloss can be used for a camera lens in taking landscapes by covering all of it but a small cover all but $1 / 4$ to $3 / 8$ inch of the middle if a lars opening is used the center of the picture and its edges cal Aberration" in any test book of physics.
(7625) E. H. H. asks: How are the high some chemical laboratories? A. The highest temperatures produced on the earth are produced by the electrical furnace. The apparatus for the measurement of the
temperatures is based upon the expansion of gases, upon the specific heat of the substances, and upon the laws of thermo-electric currents. A thermo-electric couple com-
posed of platinum and palladium will work up to the melting point of palladium, which is $1,700^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$., and one
made of platinum and an alloy of platinuul and rhodium will measure temperatures up to $1,2010^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. with an erro of less than $10^{\circ}$.

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