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## Steam Fire Englnes.

The Philadelphia "North American," says: "We learn from good authority that a joint committee of the City Councils have accepted a proposal made by Mr. Harrison, an eminent and wealthy engineer and machinist of this city, to construct, upon a plan of his own, a steam fireengine which shall answer the purpose designed at least as well, if not better, than the engine now in use in Cincinnati. If the apparatus, when completed, should prove upon trial to be what the inventor predicts, it is to be accepted by the City Corporation, and put in use forthwith for the extinguishment of fires. We are further informed that the engine is now in course of construction at one of our machine establishments, where the extensive facilities afforded will ensure its rapid completion. This is a movement in the right direction, which will be hailed with pleasure by the mass of our citizens."

Parian Marble.
Consists almost entirely of carbonate of lime, and is much softer and more transparent than that of Carrara. The term marble is applied to those fine varieties of granular and compact limestone, which being of a closer grain, are susceptable of a superior polish, and are remarkable for their whiteness, their blackness, or the beauty and varieties of their colors. Blue and green marblesfrequently owe their tints to minute particles of hornblende. The black varieties are colored by carbon, and sometimes by bitumen.

## Tin in California.

It is said that a tin mine has been found near San Francisco, by some workmen in the employ of the "Mountain Lake Water Co.," while tunneling through a hill near the Presidio. The Cornwall mines in England are now the principal and almost the only source from which the world derives this metal. Next to iron and copper, tin is the most useful of metals, and is the most generally employed in the arts. It is employed in covering iron plates to make the sheets used for kettles and pans, and also by practical chemists in making coloring mordants.

Mlesourl Hemp
The inerease of receipts at St. Louis over last year, in this important staple, foot up about 14,324 bales, making an aggregate of 68,450 , against 49,124 for 1852 . When to this is added the enhanced rates at which this article sold (a considerable portion of the crop bringing as high as 20 per cent advance on the sales of the previous season,) a money blasce in favor of the : present year may safely be estimated at from $\$ 200,000$ to $\$ 300,000$.

The Timber Seized since July 1, on the Wisconsin and Chippewa rivers, as having been feloniously cut on Government land, amounts to sisty million of feet, and is valued at from $\$ 250,000$ to $\$ 500,000$.

Wrecks at Key West.-Twenty-eight vessels were wrecked on the Florida Reef during the last year, and twenty-nine arrived in distress.Estimated loss \$2,082,500

ECCLES' PATENT CHECK LOOMS.---Fig. 1.


The annexed engravings are views of Eecles' Patent Power Loom for weaving checks or ginghams; this loom is manufactured by that distinguished and extensive company "Ames Manufacturing Co.," Chicopee, Mass., James T. Ames, agent.
Figure 1 is a perspective view of the loom; fig. ${ }^{2}$ is a sectional elevation of the compound motion for operating the shuttle box. Fig. s shows the gearing driven from the cam shaft, C, with which it is coupled by the clutch, D.

Figure 2.

from the bevel wheel, $r$, to the one, $i$, which |leys on the loom frame, and finally around the runs in an opposite direction to 0 . P is a stay sprocket wheel, which is secured on the inner pin, which carries the gear, $r$, and causes the end of the revolving shuttle box, B. It will reverse motion of 0 and $i$. $S$ is a peculiar star therefore be observed that the shuttle box will inner end of said shaft, there is an endless be operated just as the star wheel, S , is moved. inner end of said shaft, there is an endless
chain, $g$, which passes between two small pul. $\begin{aligned} & \text { There are four slots in said star wheel, and } \\ & \text { there are pins, } p\end{aligned}$, on the gearing, 0 i. as whall shaft, $I$, as seen in fig. 3, into

