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## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. H. C., of Pa.-The snapping noise which you hear when steam is let into cold pipes, is eaused by the ex pansion of the metal. Glass tumblers and earthenware vessels emit the same sounds when boiling water is poured into them.

.-We did not understand yourques tion about the india rubber balls; they are molded in two sections, then joined together at the edges, by heat ing them and pressing them together before they are vulcanized.

R.W., of Pa.-Wash your castings after they are treated with acid, in warm water, in which a little soda has been dissolved. You can dissolve the salt of sods in warm water, then pour it into the tub; if the castings are afterwards allowed to remain exposed to the air in a wet state they will still oxydize.

H. S., of Penn.-We do not know any other person than those you have named, who have machines for making bungs. Isinglass can be dissolved in water.

H Strauch, of Pottsville, Pa., wishes to know where he can purchase a machine for making bungs for casks.

J. S. H., of N. Y.-Direct your letter to the President of the University; he will get it, The cammon gauge in use here is Ashcroft's.

N. K., of N. Y.-Arsenic is the best substance for pre serving specimens of birds.

W. H. W., of Tenn.-There is no workthat we are ac quainted with peculiarly devoted to slide valve engines Any good work on the steam engine treats on slide valves, especially Clarke's work on Locomotives, which

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J. H.B., of P2.—The liquid gallon, U.S., contains 231 cubic inches. The stand pipe, as we understand it, would neither be a lossnorgain of power.

J. C. B., of Phila.—Parties in this city are desirous of procuring an interest in your invention; we will furnish you with their names on application.

R. J. N., of Geo.—We believe your pencil is patenta ble. The fee of the Patent Office is \$30: we prepare ful specifications.

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J. M. T., of Pa.—It would be well if the subject to which you allude was more thoroughly investigated; but you know we are devoted to the laws of physics.

J. G., of R. I.—We believe the cast steel is run into the cast-iron in a mold; we do not know any other mode of

uniting the two properly together.

F. B., of N. Y.—You can file a caveat for your plan, but it must contain a full description of the improve ment: we have little confidence in Ruthven's m The fee for an American patent is \$30. The fees for for

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S. K. L., of N. Y.—Although you have sent us some very useful information, your letter is so long, and the useful so mixed with that which is of no use, we cannot

afford time to correct and condense it.

E. C. H., of N. H.—We have personally given the same subject-cotton mixed with woolen yarn-a good deal

D. A. W., of Vt.-H. C. Baird, of Philadelphia, is pub lisher of the Chemistry of Dyeing. You must dye t cotton last, not first, and then you will be successful.

W. B., of Ct.-We have not had an opportunity of ex amining the globes to which you refer, and we did not wish to speakof them until we did no.

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R. B. B. of R. I.—All hydraulic rams may be said to be operated by back-water: it requires a well spring with some fall to work a water ram

W. F., of Mass.-We cannot publish your con

W. O., of N. Y.-We would submit the clothes to the action of steam, if theywere cotton; the plan we have heard as being best for woolen clothes is tobury them for a few days in earth; steaming, however, is the best

O. M., of Mass .-- We will devote a chapter to the sub ject on some future occasion, and use your balloon.

W. H. H., of N. J.-No advantage could accrue to you from pumping back the water to be used over again do not see any novelty in the plan.

W. A., of Ill .- You want a full description of the mode of constructing the telescope. You shouldget a work on optical instruments, as we have not space at present to give you a proper description.

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W. B., of Mass.—An elastic diaphragm in the air cham

ber, to accomplish the same object, has been used, which we think is better than the piston. A patent would be doubtful: we will give the communication attention.

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