

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

H. W. Jr., of Va.—Tredgold's work on the Steam Engine is the best we know of, but it is very expensive; Scott Russell's and Lardner's are very good for cheap works.

G. R., Jr., of Pa.—The application of a movable flange to a car wheel is not new, and we doubt whether it would be of any practical value.

P. M., of Md.—Your device for fastening window sash is not patentable; Nim's patent covers essentially the same thing.

F. H. S., of Md.—We will attend to your request for an engraving of the Kiln.

C. C., of Pa.—There is no novelty in your press, it is the same as Bullock's.

L. & B., of Ohio—Engravings of machinery are not admitted into our columns without having letters of reference to enable us to fully describe them. Old inventions we must avoid as much as possible; if you have any thing new send it on.

E. M., of Ill.—You should, in our opinion, have received a patent; you must send for the papers yourself to the Patent Office, and get the gentlemen you mentioned to assist you.

Porter & Mercer, of Baltimore, Md., want a good machine for making wrought-iron spikes.

R. D., Sr., of Ky.—Your inventions may be very useful, but we are unable to judge from the description given. If you have not the means can you not employ some one to aid in testing them?—this we recommend you to do.

B. A. & Co., of Ohio—We cannot inform you where such a work as you want can be obtained; we presume it is an English publication.

Ch. H. R. B., of Wis.—We thank you for reminding us of our neglect in not thanking you for the five subscribers sent us at different times. We have many such valuable friends, so many in fact that we are unable to address them all personally, therefore to testify our gratitude we thank them all together.

G. M. K., of N. Y.—We were aware of a bill having been introduced into the Canadian Parliament during its last session, to reform the Patent Laws. We hope it will pass at the next session;—we have been corresponding of late with influential Canadians upon this subject. Legislation now-a-days is little to be depended upon for any thing like reform.

R. L. J., of La.—We are well aware that every improvement in the manufacture of sugar, is a blessing to our race; we hope your experiments will be successful, in a safe substitute for lead in any shape, as a purifier.

G. C., of N. Y.—Nine square feet of heating surface in a boiler is allowed for every horsepower.

B. R., of N. Y.—There is nothing patentable in your press. No name being signed to your letter it will not be preserved; we should not have answered it had we not supposed you ignorant of the rules which usually govern editorial offices, viz., to reject all unsigned communications.

E. F. W., of Conn.—For the want of time we cannot furnish the information you solicit about the chuck.—We are not in the habit of taking cases for investigation, unless they bear upon pending applications for patents, or on subjects requiring public discussion. Our other duties forbid it.

J. S. W., of Iowa.—The double shovel plow seems to be a new thing, and we think well of it. The sketch of the corn planter is a poor thing, and conveys scarcely any idea of the invention. From what we understand of it we see no new feature in the arrangement.

A. B., of Ohio.—You could not use Mr. Ralston's invention without liability to pay him for the right. His claim is supposed to be good until a similar and older device is shown. Your method of separating, if new, is patentable. We will give our opinion on this point upon being furnished with a sketch and proper description.

D. D., of Ill.—No advantage can be gained from your proposed plan for converting reciprocating into rotary motion. The endless chain pump and the scraper, do not possess any thing new, but the door fastener is new, we think, we do not know of anything like it. You had better send us a model.

R. E., of Ohio—We call your attention to our list of valuable prizes offered for the largest number of subscribers. You are in a position to furnish us with a very large list, and gain for yourself a handsome prize. We hope our friends generally will not allow so good an opportunity to pass without making earnest efforts.

L. & M. T., of Wis.—No application can be considered at the Patent Office until a model, specification, and drawings are furnished, and the fee of \$30 paid.

A. D., of Mass.—Newell's Lamp has been advertised as a patent; we were aware of this, but no patent was issued until the 4th inst. Inventors should be careful about advertising their inventions as patents before letters are issued.

J. G. P. & B. L., of Mass.—Plaster of Paris may be applied to other purposes than safes without infringing the Safe Patent, but we do not believe that you could obtain a patent for your application of it.

S. E. H., of N. J.—The india rubber on the face of the brake would wear out too soon; great heat is generated by the friction.

R. A. G., of N. Y.—Overman's Metallurgy is the best published here. But there is no work that treats so fully on lead as we would like. Overman's work is published by Appleton; its price, we believe, is \$3.

W. C. A., of Mo.—Keep your m— in an ice house, or under vacuum, after being deprived of its air by an air pump.

G. M. G., of La.—The power of an engine is indeed estimated theoretically, by the bore of the cylinder, and the length of stroke; but this is with an understanding of its velocity. The actual power is estimated by the pressure of the steam on the area of piston, and its velocity.

H. C., of Ind.—There are plenty of water engines working in the manner you propose. We may illustrate some of them in future numbers.

J. F. M., of N. Y.—You cannot obtain any advantage from a Barker Mill, by allowing the water, after it leaves the arms, to strike against stationary buckets. How could you expect it?

J. S., of Geo.—We understand you about the saw. You surely cannot use a saw of your construction, having a larger radius than a circular saw, driven by band and pulley. If its advantages can be substantiated, we do not see anything in the way of securing a patent; these you understand best; it appears in a more favorable light now than it did before.

L. M., of Mass.—We have very carefully examined the sketch of your bedstead fastening. In Vol. 5, Sci. Am., you will find an engraving of Taylor's Patent, which covers the same device, therefore you cannot obtain a patent for it.

C. C., of N. Y.—We cannot undertake to investigate a point of so little value; turn your attention to something more useful—something likely to benefit yourself and the community in which you live.

R. M., of Conn.—A patent was granted in 1846 to Thaddeus Hyatt, of this city, for vault covers, composed of iron and glass in the manner described by you; they are much in use in this city.

L. B. T., of Conn.—We do not think your project to prevent collisions foolish, but the only sure remedy is to have double tracks.

J. L., of Ky.—Twenty miles of water exercises no more pressure upon a gate, horizontally, than one mile of water; the pressure is as the height. When water acts different the laws of gravity must be suspended.

C. P. O., of R. I.—The observer of the meteor must have meant the real instant, not the rated hour.

S. McC., of S. C.—A wire rope will not, we think, answer your purpose, but if you think of trying one, write to the Trenton Iron Co., Trenton, N. J., where such ropes are made. Your expenses are indeed very great. At present we cannot tell you how to lessen them.

A. N. N., of Ind.—A self-capping gun is a new thing, without doubt; Maynard's is a self-primer. Send us a model.

C. M. S., of Mass.—Many people have a very bad habit of leaning back in chairs against any thing upon which it happens to be convenient to rest; many costly chairs are broken by this practice, and if you can adopt any device which will obviate this objection, you ought to have a patent for it. Your method is new, but we think it might be objected to as cumbersome.

J. K. W., of Ind.—We cannot give you any information about Mr. Robert's Machine not already published. He ought to answer your letter.

Unsigned Communications are rejected unless there is abundant reason to believe that the writer is ignorant of his duty in this respect. It is not at all likely that we shall make an unwarrantable use of the names of our correspondents, therefore why withhold them?

Money received on account of Patent Office business for the week ending Saturday, Oct. 8:—

J. P. H., of Ohio, \$25; H. T., of N. Y., \$200; A. H. B., of N. J., \$315.75; S. B., of Mass., \$30; W. B., of N. Y., \$250; C. R., of Ill., \$25; S. M., of Ill., \$5; O. B. J., of N. Y., \$55; A. M. G., of S. C., \$57; C. F. P., of Conn., \$30; J. B. M., of N. Y., \$20; W. H., of Wis., \$35.

Specifications and drawings belonging to parties with the following initials have been forwarded to the Patent Office during the week ending Saturday, Oct. 8:—

W. M. B., of Ohio; J. M., of N. Y.; H. S., of Texas; J. P. H., of Ohio; R. E., of Mich; W. H., of Wis.; A. B. J., of N. Y.; A. M. G., of S. C. (two cases); C. F. P., of Conn.; J. B. M., of N. Y.

A Chapter of Suggestions, &c.

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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 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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PATENTERS—Remember we are always willing to execute and publish engravings of your inventions, providing they are on interesting subjects, and have never appeared in any other publication. No engravings are inserted in our columns that have appeared in any other journal in this country, and we must be permitted to have the engraving executed to suit our own columns in size and style. Barely the expense of the engraving is charged by us, and the wood-cuts may be claimed by the inventor, and subsequently used to advantage in other journals.

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UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE, Washington, Sept. 17, 1858.

ON THE PETITION of James Baldwin, of Nashua, New Hampshire, praying for the extension of a patent granted to him on the thirty-first of January, 1841, for an improvement in shuttles for weaving cloth, for seven years from the expiration of said patent, which takes place on the thirty-first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

It is ordered that the said petition be heard at the Patent Office on Monday, the 8th of January 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, Pennsylvania; Evening Post, and Scientific American, New York; Boston Post, Boston, Massachusetts, and Patriot, Concord, New Hampshire, once a week for three successive weeks previous to the second Monday of January next, the day of hearing.

CHARLES MASON, CHAMBERLAIN 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. 3 8

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