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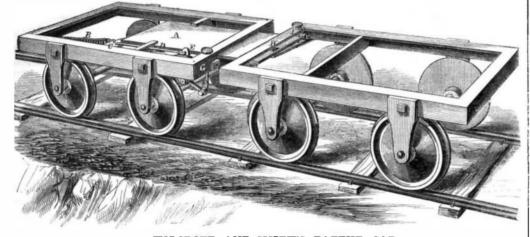
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It is well known that very many accidents have occurred from persons passing from one car to another on a railway train, when the latter is in rapid motion. In stepping across the intervening space, many have lost their footing, and fallen through to the track below. The engraving published herewith, is an illustration of a sliding platform, working at will, so as to bridge over the space between the cars, and enable the traveller to pass safely from one to the other. The following description will enable

card gives a certain amount of gloss ; but the texture of the paper, and the long washing and soaking of the prints, makes the surface even, and prevents the picture from being seen in all its perfection of detail. To render them smooth, it is customary after being mounted on card board, to roll them between polished steel rollers, or between polished steel plates and rollers. Many very excellent machines have been made for this purpose; but we now desire to call attention to a press which is being manufactured and sold very extensively by the Messrs. E. & H. T.

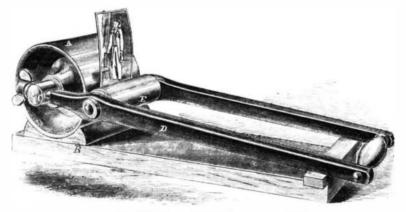
the roller having been adjusted to the proper pressure by experiment, the cards are inserted with the face towards the small roller. Thus as the steel roller is pulled forward over the picture by its handle, the card vibrates with it, remaining at all times tangental to the large cylinder, and the actual operation of the machine is similar to the rolling of a garden roller over the grass, the center being continually carried forward. It is needless to comment on the simplicity of this little machine; its rapid sale testifies to its excellence. These machines are manufactured exclusively by Messrs. E. & H. T. Anthony, 501 Broadway, New York, to whom all orders must be addressed.



#### HOLCROFT AND SMITH'S PATENT CAR.

tus :-The floors of the cars, and all other parts, are removed, in order to show the invention more clear-The plate A slides in a slot in the end of the lv. car frame and between guides set in the same ; it has a spiral spring, B, attached to the back of it. This spring is fastened to an arm C, that is jointed to one side of the frame; in the arm the link D is hooked. the other end proceeding to a right-angled lever, E, vibrating on a pin attached to a hanger; to the other end of this lever, the treadle-rod F is jointed, and proceeds thence upward through the timber G. In the plate A is a square hole, which takes a catch. H. in the end of the platform of the adjoining car; the edge of this spring being bevelled off, so that the bars, D; these holes are bushed with raw hide, so as

every one to understand the working of this appara- | Anthony, of 501 Broadway, of this city. This press of which the accompanying engraving is an illustration, is the invention of Mr. Coleman Sellers, of Philadelphia; and was patented by him July 29, 1862. It is designed with reference to cheapness, and durability of construction, with excellence of work produced. It consists of a cylinder of cast-iron, A, which is bolted to a wooden base, B; through the center of this cylinder passes a shaft, C, somewhat longer than the cylinder. Through the projecting ends of this shaft are bored parallel holes, to receive the screwed ends of two radius bars or arms, D. These arms serve to carry a small highly polished steel roller, F, the journals of which are carried in holes in the



#### SELLERS'S PHOTOGRAPHIC PRESS.

plate will shoot into it, and drop into its place; the catch is also released by pressing on the treadle I, when the bridge or sliding-plate A flies back to its place, drawn in by the spring before mentioned. The operation of this device is as follows :- By pressing on the treadle F, the plate is thrown forward, and hooks over the catch ; the passenger may then move over with safety ; on reaching the next car, a downward pressure on the treadle I releases the plate, which flies back to its former position, as before set forth. This invention was patented, through the SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN Patent Agency, by Holcroft and Smith, on June 2, 1863. For further informa-tion, address them at Chester Valley, Pa.

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to prevent their cutting for want of oil. The outer ends of the bars, D, are united by the handle, and the screwed ends passing through the center shaft have thumb nuts, to enable the steel roller to be drawn down against the cast-iron cylinder, and ad justed to the pressure suited to the work to be rolled or pressed. It is evident that as the large cylinder cannot revolve, being fastened to the base board, the small steel roller can only be caused to roll around a portion of its circumference, and the diameter of the cast-iron cylinder must be of such a size as to allow of the portion of its circumference utilized by the small roller in its vibration to be longer than the card or picture to be pressed. Thus, in the small machine used for card pictures, the cylinder is 4 inches wide on the face and 41 inches in diameter, which permits the rolling of stereoscopic pictures as well as cards; as it will roll a card 33 inches wide by 7 inches long. Upon the large cylinder is a flattened place under the small roller, when it is down as close to the base board as the handle will permit,



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