the stem, but is adapted to be driven home by means of an operating nut $F$ that is threaded upon the stem The expander is provided with lugs at each side, which carry setscrews adapted to be screwed into engagement with the pipe after the expander has been adjusted to proper position. A cap $\boldsymbol{G}$ serves to close the end of the tubular stem. In applying the plug to a pipe, the cup $A$ is first inserted, after which the ex pander is mounted on the stem and, by operating the nut $F$, forced into the cup, causing the latter to engage the walls of the pipe so firmly as not only to insure a hermetic connection, but also to avoid the possibility of the cup being thrown out of the pipe by the pressure therein. The setscrews will then serve merely as an additional precaution against dislodgment. To aid in centering the expander when it is introduced into the cup, a flange is formed on its periphery which lightly engages the inner walls of the pipe. A patent on this test plug has just been granted to Mr. A. Redenbaugh, of Brown Street and Allegheny Avenue, Allegheny, Pa.

## Brief Notes Concerniug Inventions.

A new type of rifle sight and wind gage has been brought before the British military authorities. It is the invention of the Australian government architect, and is already in use in Australia. With this appli ance greater certainty in marksmanship can be as sured. With the existing system of sighting, in the excitement of firing the marksman is liable to move on his vernier scale either more or less divisions than his commanding officer instructs, with the result that his shot becomes useless. With this new appliance, however, every time the soldier moves the governing screw of his scale to mark one "vernier," a slight click is emitted by the sight, thereby indicating that the scale has been moved, a similar click being made for every revolution of the screw corresponding to one division of the scale. When the sight clicks as the result of a turn of the screw, it becomes locked and cannot be moved until the marksman alters the screw. Thus on the command "two to right" or "four to left," the soldier turns the screw in the required direction until he has heard the sight click twice or four times as the case may be. Moreover, the soldier
can always tell immediately when his rifle is upright, as the "ladder" sight in this device is always vertical. In allowing for wind force, too, the marksman need not twist his rifle in the slightest. Instead, by turning the screw the ladder containing the $V$ sight is moved until the "barleycorn" at the end of the gun barrel is in the correct position. One feature of the device is that it can be easily and quickly removed when desired, its removal rendering the rifle useless, while the sight is not liable to damage when on the march, being carried in a small case in the pocket. The efficacy of the instrument, and its influence upon more accurate shooting, have been strikingly demonstrated by the results of the Victorian Rifle Association, whose aggregates since the adoption of the sight have been higher than before.
When the Prince of Wales visited a block of artisans' tenements that had been erected by the municipal authorities of one of the London boroughs, he sug. gested that an immense advantage might be bestowed upon the tenants by designing a range the fire in which could serve for either or both of two adjacent rooms, thereby dispensing with the necessity and expense of maintaining two fires, which is at present incurred, the range being requisite for the cooking of the meals and the other for the living room. The Prince's suggestion was accepted by the architect, Mr. C. S. Joseph, who has now succeeded in designing a double fireplace especially for the equipment of such dwellings for the laboring classes. The invention is of a simple character. In the division wall separating the living room from the kitchen one flue is placed, and the fire grate comprises two combined grates, the one being of the ordinary open type for the living room, and the other a closed range for cooking and heating purposes. The combined grate is divided by a shutter which slides up and down in the center between the two sections of the grate. If a fire is desired only in the range or open grate the shutter is lowered, thereby shutting off the unrequired section; if the fire is required in both rooms, then the shutter is left open. Should the fire be required only in the open grate, the shutter is raised upon the completion of cooking. By a simple movement the fire burning in the range can be discharged into the required open
grate, and the dividing shutter again lowered. The arrangement for operating the shutter is simple, and can be easily manipulated from either of the two rooms. The successful embodiment of the royal idea has resulted in still another useful boon for tenants. The stove has been provided with a small boiler, by means of which a supply of hot water can always be maintained, whether the fire is burning in the open grate or range. This enables each tenant to have a bath fitted with both hot and cold water in his own tenement, instead of using the facilities for this purpose that are provided in one quarter of the building for all the tenants. For economizing space the bath has been provided with a portable cover, so that it may be used as a table. The invention has been greatly appre ciated by the tenants of the buildings, and it will be genevally adopted for all future tenements.
A new type of telegraph receiver has been devised by Mr. Ernest Oldenburg, a well-known English elec trical engineer, the most noticeable feature of which is its extreme sensitiveness, the faint impulses of a pocket battery being easily detected. This receiver, to which the name "capilliform" has been given, is based upon the capillary action of mercury in a vertical tube under the influence of electric impulses, on somewhat similar lines to the capillary receiver em ployed in the Orling-Armstrong system of low-tension wireless telegraphy. The influence of an electric current upon the surface tension of mercury, and conse quently the form of its meniscus, has long been known, and the success of the "capilliform" receiver as devised by Mr. Oldenburg depends upon the ingenious methods he has adopted for magnifying the impulses and contriving the device in such a way that it can be utilized as the receiving instrument of an ordinary telegraphic installation. It is anticipated that the instrument will be of great utility for those phases of work where a delicately sensitive receiver is required more especially in connection with submarine and theric telegraphy, since it responds to far fainter cur rents than any appliance at present in vogue, a small raction of a volt being quite sufficient to operate the instrument. Moreover, the complete apparatus is confined within such small limits that it can be carried in the pocket

## recently patented inventions. <br> \section*{Pertaining to Appare}

SAFETY-PIN.-R. Devglas, New York, N. Y. One purpose in this invention is to provide a construction of safety-pin whereby the
device may be turned end for end, taking the device may be turned end for end, taking the
material from the pin or thrust member therematerial from the pin or thrust member there-
of onto its body member, thereby preventing of onto its body member, thereby preventing
the device from leaving the material even the device from leaving the material even
should the pin or stick member leave the head should the pin or stick member leave the head
of the device, since when the latter is reof the device, since when the latter is re-
versed it cannot be withdrawn unless returned to its initial position.
hose-supporter.-L. C. Stukenberg, Browns, Ala. One of the objects of this imthe hose at diametrically opposite points, especially avoiding the use of metal or other parts that would be uncomfortable to the wearer. it keeps the sock smooth and tight around the leg, ankle, and foot.

Of Interest to Farmers.
MUD KNIFE AND SHIELD FOR HAR-VESTER-WHEELS.-W. D. Taylor, Hartford Kan. The invention consists of a knife-blade disposed adjacent to the edge of the wheel-
tread and parallel to the vertical plane of the wheel and a shield projecting laterally from the knife to prevent mud, straw, or trash eing carried upwardly by the wheel and also
o prevent these materials being carried above he knife and deposited on the driving mechan. ism of the harvester.
COMBINATION INCUBATOR AND brooder.-Verenica Hartnety, Sutton, Neb. In the operation of this invention when the
chicks commence to hatch the brooder is placed chicks commence to hatch the brooder is placed n position on the incubator and the chicks as hatched removed thereto, thus utilizing all the waste heat from the lamp in warming the brooder. The heating pipes are arranged
above the egg-trays, and in the brooder the heating-pipes are above the chicks. Space beween the walls of the boiler provides a deadradiation from the boiler-walls.
GRANARY.-E. G. Ware, Emporia, Kan. The object here is to produce a granary, which nay be uickly assembled to form the complete structure or disconnected if the structure is to be moved to another place. While the granary
is in its nature portable, a further object of the invention is to construct the parts so that may readily have its capacity adapted to the be used.

Of General Interest
RANGE-FINDER.-H. C. Percy, Natchitoches, La. This patentee employs in connec-
tion with a sighting telescope means for romputing the sides of a triangle having a known
base line. This consists of a tritnsulatr framte
having a base line adapted to be brought into coinciaence with the known base line, the side orrespe trangle being movable into positions corresponding to those of the triangle with re-
spect to the known base line. In connection with the frame there is provided a bar for computing east or west departures, the bar being arranged parallel to the base line with its center in line perpendicular to the center of the base line; graduations each side ILLUMINABLE SPECULUM.-R. H. W pler, New York, N. Y. The invention is mor particularly employed for examining cavities in various parts of the human body. It relates to means whereby focal range of the cystoscope is modified in such manner that the particular length of the tube used for the sight barrel may be varied to suit different conditions and whereby the clearness of
brought to view is greatly increased.
FENCE-POST AND SOCKET THEREFOR.W. L. Welch, Jamaica, N. Y. The post proper is particularly intended and adapted for use for
attachment and support of clothes-lines, and the latter may be conveniently secured to or hung upon the cross-bar of the post proper. It post proper is supported in a metal or othe socket fixed in the ground by cement or otherwise.
CLOSURE FOR BOTTLES, ETC.-J. W. Hull, San Antonio, Texas. The object in this case is to produce a simple, cheap, and ef ficient closure which can be readily applied to the bottle and which cannot be removed without evidence of such fact. Owing to the ductibility thickness of the edge and body of the stopper, the stoppers can be readily locked into the groove in the bottle-neck and form a hermetic seal at that point.
WELL-BUCKET.-J. F. Holman, Neosho, special construction at each of its ends, b which the same is prevented from encounterin any part or parts of the joints between the
superposed sections of the lining of a well either superposed sections of the lining of a well either in lowering the bucket within or elevating the same from the well. It is constructed entirely of a single piece of metal or other suitable material, and formed to work in a well with-
out hindrance or obstruction to its out hindrance

STEP-LADDER.-H. B. Ferbes, Ogden, Utah. The invention consists of novel sheet ladder-steps and its front legs, combined with a sheet-metal bracket for connecting the upper ends of the legs with the top board, also afends of the legs with the top board, also af-
fording means to which the rear legs of the latter are pivoted. The front and rear legs
are adjustably connected together by strips, adapting the legs to be folded when not in

CALENDAR-CHART.-J. B. Lindsey, Lork
wood, Mo. The purpose of the invention is to provide a calendar device or chart so arranged that the number of days from a given date to
any other date in the past or future and maturity dates can be readily and expeditiously found and accurately read in days. Twelve the board in such manner that they may be re ved when desired
window.-S. U. Barr, New York, N. Y In the present invention the object of the
patentee is the provision of a new and im. patentee is the provision of a new and im.
proved window which is simple and compact in construction, completely air-tight and dust opening or closing of the sash. By the ar rangement of the packing warping of the sash is avoided.
ATTACHMENT FOR HORSESHOES.-J. W Buck, New York, N. Y. Mr. Buck's improvement relates to an attachment for horseshoes, the principal objects thereof being to provide means for preventing slipping, said means be ing attachable over an ordinary horseshoe, and to provide means for securing it properly in
position and adjusting it upon the hoof of the horse.

## Heating and Lighting.

bURNER.-P. Mischie, East Rutherford, . J. The object of the invention is to provide burner arranged to prevertine udesirable and to insure a proper mixture of the gas ul flame. It reates production of a power cent gas-burners, and like devices in which a mixture of gas and air is burned.

## Household Utilities

DEVICE FOR SUPPORTING FOWLS.H. M. Vandermilit, Suffern, N. Y. One object upport in an elevated position a fowl with its breast down during the roasting period, thereby admitting of the uniform circulation of heat about it and its retention in a convenjent shape, aso to make provision for the for fowls of varying sizes.

## COMBINED SINK, BAT

COMBINED SINK, BATH, AND WASH purpose here is to provide a structure especially dapted for use in a small flat, tenement, or apartment house where there is little available room for necessary single plumbing and wherein in a single article will be combined sink, a bath, and a wash tub, each adapta-
ion being as perfect and as convenient for use as a series of equivalent independent deices.
dOUbLE-ACTING windOw-SHADE. - M. Ecker, Boston, Mass. The object of the in-
vention is to produce a construction and ar-


#### Abstract

thenden of parts whis will enable the shade window and to enable the shade to cover any portion of a window, extending upwardly BEATER OR MIXER.-E. J. Schuirmann and T. R. Schuirmann, Chenoa, III. In this patent the invention has reference to machines capable of use as egg-beaters, cake-beaters, cream-whippers, or churns, and the object of he invention is to provide a device wherein completely inclosed during the operation of the


 detice.Machines and Mechanical Devices.
MACHINE FOR CORING AND SLICING fruit.-P. Hansen, Jersey City, N. J. One purpose in this case is to provide a machine
for simultaneously coring and slicing apples in such manner as to be rapidly and cleanly accomplished and so that the slices will be of uniform thickness.: Another is to provide a machine in which the operations will be automatically done and so timed that there is no danger of mishap to the fruit and so that but one attendant, a feeder, is required.
ROCK-DRILL.-F. E. Glaze, Victor, Col. The drill is more particularly intenced for use in boring or drilling rock. The object had in view is to provide or construct boring and
drilling tools with means rendering them selfdrilling tools with means rendering them self-
cleaning-that is, adapting them for of the dust and chippings during operation thereof.
MECHANISM FOR OPERATING AWNINGS: -W. O. Calmar, San Francisco, Cal. The object in this instance is to provide a simple
construction for locking the gearing to hold the awning in any desired position. The device is applicable either on the right or left side. Ratchets and other devices are dispensed with, and the spring-pressed block entering the
crank-aperture from the inside locks the gearing crank-aperture from the in
in the simplest manner.

Prime Movers and Their Accessories. aUTOMATIC CLUTCH-COUPLING FOR SHAFTS.-J. F. Thomas, New London, Wis. The invention pertains to shafting; and the
object is to produce a coupling adapted to be place in driving-shafting which will be inefplace in driving-shafting which will be inef-
fective when the driving-shaft is rotating at low speed, but which will come into operation automatically when the speed is suficiently increased.

Pertaining to Recreation.

## PUZZLE.-C. C. Hayhurst, Barberton, Ohio.

 The invention relates to puzzles in which one or more balls and devious runs or pathways are employed for conducting the balls from astarting-point to a goal. The object is to pro vide a puzzle which is simple in construction


## Pertaining to Vehicles. TIRUCK.-A. Sci AFER and G. Wanee, Red Buff, Cal. In the present patent the invention Bluff, Cal. In the present patent the invention has refernce to trucks, more particularly hand

 trucks, and has for its object the provision of a novel construction permitting the truck to be wheeled up and down stairs or steps, as bicycle-jump.-A. Ginnelly and B. Gilcerra, Los Banos, Cal. This pump is adapt-ed for inflating bicycle-tires, and an object of the improvement is to incorporate a pum
the frame of the bicycle, so that the pum will always be convenient for usc and readily ac ing a separate pump, which would be liable to be mislaid or lost. den, N. D. This invention refers to improve ments in hooks for altaching harness-traces
10 whillietrees, tle object being to provide a device so constructed that the cockeye of a trace may be readily engaged therewith or de-
tached therefrom, but cannot be accidentally detached.
bicychd--T. swixhask, somath, Mo. The invention relates to ticycles. The object of
the inventor is the inventor is 10 produce a licycle laving im-
proved driving mechanisn which will enable the driving forces to be advantageously applice
1:) the driving mechanism. Advantageons iicans are provided for diminishing the rertical "gear," and applying the brake in this

## Besigns. JESIGN FOR A VESSEL FOR TABLE

 Isk.--A. Parm Tati, New York, N. Y. This shows a biscuit jar, with a handle at cach end. one end of the hande of the oval-shaped cover The base of the jar is flanged and at fourpoints gives slight indications of feet. Mr. raroutaid has invemted another design for a somewhat elongated in height and its base, acteristic sweep of lines that mark and give DESIGN FOR A IBAIGGE.-A. II. Koretschny, Jersey City, N. J. This ornamental de
sign for a badge corn prises a crescent and bastione towe. The latter has a key-holeshaped window and door, and is clasped by the resting down on the inner circle edge of the
DESIGN FOR RIbBoN:-( t . A. Morgan, of the fou. dencminations in playing cards, then four aces, and then the two groups again, mamental design. The various groups spread out in fan-shape in opposing directions. Small scroll work runs principally back of the
aces. be furnishe by Munn \& Co. for ten conts each. Piases state the name of the patentoc, bitle of
the invention, and date of this paper.

## Notes and Queries.


(10:0) : R. L. M. asks how to make transferring varnish. A. Mastic in tears, $61 / 2$
ounces: resin, $121 / 2$ ounces; pale Venice tur ounces: resin, $121 / 2$ ounces; pale Venice tur-
pentine, 25 ounces ; sandarac. 25 ounces; alcohol, 5 pints. Dissolve in a clean bottle or can the sum is dissolved strain it hlrongh a lawn
(10505) G. N. O. asks how to make gravel and tar walks. A. Take 2 parts rary
dry lime rubbish and 1 part coal ashes, also


