

and connected by compound positive clutches at both crank and main shafts, are fitted on the forecastle head for working the anchors.

The steam steering is of the Caldwell combined steam and hand type, with control shafting to the steering standard on the navigating bridge, and is placed in the engine-room casing. Hastie's hand-screw steering is fitted aft immediately over the rudder head, for use in case the steam gear breaks down.

SOME CURIOSITIES OF INVENTION. (Concluded from page 332.)

by cork bulwarks b. We wonder if the inventor really believes in the efficacy of the hand-operated screw propeller which he has provided.

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals would undoubtedly interest itself in restraining the inventor who devised the arrangement here shown to enable a dog or cat to run a sewing machine. We once heard of a man who patented a contrivance for driving a coffee mill by means of a bicycle, so that by the simple contrivance of riding a bicycle it was possible to obtain not only a certain amount of exhilarating exercise, but also to provide enough ground coffee for breakfast.

A grain of common sense is to be found in the trunk that becomes its own luggage trolley, for it must be confessed that the ordinary trunk when full is not the easiest thing in the world to handle. The inventor has provided a single wheel and a folding lever handle which serves the purpose of pushing the wheeled trunk along.

The handle shown for carrying parcels used in carriages has been employed in European railways. The device consists simply of two straps and a rest board, with the whole easily detachable. Straps serve the purpose of binding the rest board and walking sticks and umbrellas together.

A boat driven by windmills is certainly a mechanical curiosity. Just why this complicated arrangement of bevel gears connecting the propeller shaft with the vertical windmill shaft should be better than canvas transcends our imagination.

There is a touch of the Yankee in the fishing device, the last of the inventions illustrated. Evidently the inventor was accustomed to fishing in streams where bites were few and far between, and where patience was ill rewarded. He has contrived a fishing pole with a swinging arm carrying a clapper which is made to ring a bell as soon as a fish bites and swings the arm down.

BIRDS OF PASSAGE.

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of the return of the same individuals. Some wonderful European records of the return of a species to a given nesting site are given by the late Prof. Alfred Newton. A common falcon, Falco peregrinus, a cosmopolitan bird commonly known as the duck hawk, in this country, had its eyrie at one point in Finland for 110 years; that is to say, there was at this same point an occupied nest of this species from 1736 to 1855.

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