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Enquiries relating to patents, or to the patentability of inventions, assignments, etc., will not be published here. All such questions, when initials only are given, are thrown into the waste basket, as it would fill half of our paper to print them all; but we generally take pleasure in answering briefly by mail if the writer's address is given.

Hundreds of enquiries analogous to the following are sent: "Where can a machine for making matches be obtained? Who sells a basket sifter? Who makes combined butter printers and scales? Whose are the best books on mechanical drawing? Who sells dies for cutting envelopes? Who makes a machine for dressing millstones? Where can lathes for turning butter ladies be bought? Who sells battery carbons? Where can a paper bag machine be bought? Whose is the best hammer hay press? Where can a computing machine be obtained? Who sells egg testers? Who makes pocket alarm watches? Where can information about the uses and selling prices of mica be found? Who sells flint glass for lenses? Whose is the best steam plow? What is the price of a terrestrial globe, 2 feet in diameter? How can the sugar-refining business be learned? Who sells corn mill apparatus, to do the best work with the least power?" All such personal enquiries are printed, as will be observed, in the column of "Business and Personal," which is specially set apart for that purpose, subject to the charge mentioned at the head of that column. Almost any desired information can in this way be expeditiously obtained.

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