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3614.-F. Paterson, Kingston, Frontenac county, Ont. Improvements on steamboats, called "Paterson's Steamboat." July 8, 1874.

3,615 .- R. M. Caffall, Alton, Hants county, England. Improvements on appliances for and means of automatically preventing the back rush of gas from gasometers for purifying the gas, and for improving the brilliancy of the lights or flames of gas, called "Caffall's Self Acting Safety Valve." July 8, 1874.

3,616.—J. Scott and A. Scott, Richmond, District of St. Francis, P.Q. Improvements on force pumps for elevating water, etc., and also adapted to fire engines, called "Scott's Improved Pump." July 8, 1874."

3.617.-R. M. Caffall and A. Thomas, London, England Improvements on apparatus or movable extension pieces for sealing and unsealing dip pipes in gas hydraulic mains when required, called "Caffall & Tho mas's Movable Seal for Gas Dip Pipes." July 8, 1874. 3,618.—J. S. Perry and A. Dickey, Albany, Albany county, N. Y., U. S. Improvements on heating stoves, called "Improvements on Heating Stoves." July 8, 1874.

3,619.-G. M. Hinkley, Milwaukee, Milwaukee county Wis., U. S. Improvements on saw guides, called "Hinkley's Saw Guide." July 8, 1874.

8,620.-T. Robertson, Toronto, York county, Ont. Improvements in lozenge-making machines. called "Rebertson's Lozenge Machine." July8, 1874.

3,621.-S. P. M. Tasker, Philadelphia, Philadelphia county, Pa. Improvements on a metallurgical furnace, called "Tasker's Metallurgical Furnace." July 8,1874. 8,62.—ii. Stiatt, Troy, Renderlact county, N. Y., U. S. Improvement on potato diggers and gatherers, called "Strait's Potato Digger and Gatherer." July 8, 1874.

3,623.—A. Strange and K. H. Cornish, London, England. Improvement on machinery for preparing spinning of throwing and doubling cotton, silk, wool, and other fibrous or filamentous substances, called "Strange & Cornish's Spinning Apparatus." July 8, 1874.

3,624.—T. Barnes and R. H. Hudgin, township of Har-

wick, Kent county, Ont. Improvements on farm and carriage gates, called "Barnes & Hudgin's Farm and Carriage Gate." July 8, 1874.

3,625 .- J. H. Wentworth, Boston, Suffolk county, Mass. U. S., assignee of B. Simpson, same place. Improve ments in stoves, called "The Improved Stove." July 8, 1874. 8,626.—B. Scott, Brighton, Beaver county, Pa., U. S

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zer), township of Stephen, Huron county, Ont. Improvements on fanning mills, called "Sweitzer's Improved Labor Saving Fanning Mill." July 9, 1874.
3,628.—J. Hedges, West Wareham, Plymouth county,

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3,636 .— A. Walker, Mornington. Perth county, Ont. Improvements on broadcast seed sowers, called "Walker's Broadcast Seed Sower." July 16. 1874. ,637.—J. Milton House, Orillia, Simcoe county, Oat.

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8,638.—H. Thorne, assignee of P. Oakley, Toronto, York county, Ont. Extension of No. 8, called "Oakley's Lock Washer." July 16, 1874. 3,639.—J. Lott, Liverpool, Lancaster county, England. Improvements on an apparatus for trimming the edges of straps, called "Lott's Strap Trimmer." July 16,1874. 8,640.—J. C. Scott. St. Thomas, Montmaguy county.Quebee. Improvements in brakes for stopping railway cars and generally to arrest the revolution of wheels, called "Scott's Patent Brake." July 16, 1874.

641.—H. Henika, M. F. Carder and O. M. Allen, Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo county, Mich., U. S. Improvements on burial caskets, called "Henika & Carder's Globe Burial Casket." July 16, 1874. ,642.—G. F. Simonds and J. A. Farson. Improvements

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5,643.—J. E. Landers, New Bedford, Bristol county, Mass., U. S. Improvements in flower pots, called "Lander's Improved Double Interlocking Flower

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3,646.—J. Prince and M. D. Martin, North Troy, Orleans

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8,654.—D. V. Wood, Hoboken, N. J., U. S. Improvements on steam hammers, called "Wood's Steam Hammer."

3,655.—W. Hamilton, Erie. Erie county, Pa., U. S. Improvements on lubricators, called "Hamilton's Steam Needle Lubricator." July 16, 1874.

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