

MINERALS, ETC.—Specimens have been received from the following correspondents, and examined, with the results stated:

A. J. H.—Package labelled No. 1 contained a quantity of fine sandstone, a crystal of carbonate of lime, calcite, and a specimen of marcasite or white iron pyrites. They are of little value. Package No. 2 has not been received.—M. J. D.—No. 1 is mica schist in sandstone. No. 2 is principally magnetite. No. 3 is agate imbedded in quartz. No. 4 is quartz. No. 5 is hematite. No. 6 is hornblende and mica. No. 7 is aragonite. No. 8 is fine white sandstone. No. 9 is sandstone. No. 10 is a variety of light colored shale. No. 11 is dark limestone. No. 12 is decomposed slate. No. 13 is sandstone. The Indian arrowhead is of flint.—S. D. M.—Your communication in regard to formations on specimens of coal sent by you will be answered in full shortly.—J. W. C.—These insects are not described in our works on entomology. We would require more of them for further investigation, as these were few in number and much mutilated.—N. B. W.—No. 1 does not contain silver; it consists chiefly of galena. No. 2 is principally marcasite. No. 3 is baric sulphate. No. 4. The amount of alumina is too large for it to rank with other analyses of kaolin. No. 5 is sulphide of iron.—G. B. McE.—They are of no value. The bright metallic appearance is due to mica.

E. P. says: I have a surveyor's steel chain, the links of which are not soldered or brazed. Can you inform me of the simplest method by which it can be done? C. B. L. asks: How can I color and polish the sections of walnuts to make them look like jet?

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED.

The Editor of the SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN acknowledges, with much pleasure, the receipt of original papers and contributions upon the following subjects:

- On Apparitions. By J.
On Hammocks. By J. M. C.
On Steam Cars. By F. G. W.
On Vegetable Sponges. By W. H. C.
On Collegiate Races. By C.
On Mining Cables. By C. T. S.
On the Science of Geometry. By F. G. C.
On Modern Science. By H. B. C.
On Death by Strychnin. By S. J. P.
On the Grasshopper Plague. By G. P. Z.

Also inquiries and answers from the following: G. P.—N. C. Jr.—N. J. N.—A. E. B.—R. J. T.—S. K. O.—W. E. S.—J. R.—L. C. J.

HINTS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Correspondents whose inquiries fail to appear should repeat them. If not then published, they may conclude that, for good reasons, the Editor declines them. The address of the writer should always be given.

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 inquiries analogous to the following are sent: "Who sells aneroid barometers? Who sells steel, hard enough to cut glass? Who manufactures the so-called fish guano? Who publishes books on aeronautics?" All such personal inquiries 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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INDEX OF INVENTIONS

FOR WHICH

Letters Patent of the United States were

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Table listing inventions with patent numbers, including Air ship, Alarm, burglar, Auger, Baking stand, Barrel head, Bed lounge, Bell, door, Blower, Bobbin winder, Bolt work for doors, Bosom form, Box dressing machine, Brake shoe, Bridle bit, Brush, Buckle, Butter pail, Cigar box, Clock calendar, Clothes dryer, Clothes line reel, Coad hod, Cock, stop, Commode or stand, Corn drill, Corn sheller, Cracker machine, Crackers, device for glazing, Cribs, etc., Crucible, J. Felix, Curtain roller, Cutter head, Cyclophore, Dental forceps, Dental plugger, Dental sucker, Dial, sun, W. H. McCoy, Door, W. C. Hurd, Door check, Dredging box, Drill, expansion, M. C. Bullock, Drilling machine, Dryer for paint, Egg tester, Engine, governor, Engine lubricator, steam, Engine, rotary, Engine, steam, Engines, carriage for portable, Engines, valve and gearing for steam, Envelope, document, Fare register, Felly plate, Fences, making tabs for wire, Fences, tightening wire, Fertilizer distributor, Fire arm, breech-loading, Fire escape, Fishing and similar floats, Floor, lint room, Fountains, ornamental jet for, Furnace grate, Furnace, hot air, Furnace, steam boiler, Gage, taper, C. B. Hunt, Gas and water regulator, Gas, apparatus for purifying, Gas machines, pressure blower for, Gas retorts, supplying oil to, Gases, apparatus for hydrating, Gate, L. S. Cohn, Gate, automatic, L. N. Allendorf, Gate, farm, A. Callahan, Gate, farm, miller & Hillson, Gems, setting, T. W. Fry, Governor, steam, Grain tally, W. Schnebly, Grating roller, Hand rest, accountant's, Harrow, Chamberlain & Seiple, Harrow, S. G. Jones, Harrow, W. H. Parlin, Hatters, sizing plank for, Hay knife, Kelllogg, Hay loader, Heater, etc., for boilers, Heater for rollers, Hemp and flax machine, Hose spanner, Ice hook, Ice pick and can opener, Inhaler, pocket, Injector, Iron, compound for coating, Jack, lifting, Journal bearings, heat indicator for, Key holder, F. W. Coleman, Kiln, brick, Knife, hay, Lamp, J. B. Godwin, Lamp car, Lamps, etc., extension fixture for, Leather dressing, Leather, manufacturing, Leather, tanning, Lever, safety pinion, Lime kiln, Lime fastener, Liquid mixer, Lock, time, Loom shuttle, Looms, wire heddle for, Lubricator, Davis and Du Bois, Lubricator, Richter and Merkel, Lubricator, steam engine, Mantel, iron, T. F. Baker, Metal bending machine, Milk strainer, Mill, flour, Mill, rolling, I. Hahn, Mirror, window, Molding machine, Molding machine, Frank and Spire, Molding machine, A. S. Gear, Motor, hydraulic, Nail plate feeder, Newspaper forms, Nut lock, Ore stamp feeder, Oven for firing pottery, Padlock, H. S. Lockwood, Paper bag machine, Paper barrel and box, Paper collar machine, Paper stock, grinding, Pavement, wood, J. J. Schroyer, Pavement, wood, Paving block, Peg cutting machine, Pen and pencil case, Photometer, O. Schuette, Pianoforte case, Piano, joiner's, Picture frame, Picture holder, stereoscopic, Pipe stem, H. C. Fritz, Pipes, forming sockets on,

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