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Wanted—A heavy first class Tenoning Machine. Address A. W. Gray's Sons, Middletown Springs, Vt.

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Emery Grinders, Emery Wheels, best & Cheapest. Awarded Medal and Diploma by Centennial Commission. Address American Twist Drill Co., Woonsocket, R. I.

Shingle, Heading and Stave Machine. See advertisement of Trevor & Co., Lockport, N. Y.

Chester Steel Castings Co. make castings twice as strong as malleable iron castings at about the same price. See their advertisement, page 397.

Patent Scroll and Band Saws, best and cheapest in use. Cordeman, Egan & Co., Cincinnati, Ohio.

To Clean Boiler Tubes—Use National Steel Tube Cleaner, tempered and strong. Chalmers Spence Co., N. Y.

The best Sewing Machine in the world—Makes the Lock Stitch, the Chain Stitch, and Embroidery Stitch from two whole Spools. Agents wanted everywhere.

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D. Frisbie & Co. manufacture the Friction Pulley—Captain—best in the World. New Haven, Conn.

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Lansdell's Pat. Steam Syphons—Lansdell & Leng's Lever and Cam Valve. Leng & Ogdon, 212 Pearl St., N. Y.

Best Bolter for Sawing Handles, Furniture Stuff, Wagon Stuff, Fence Boards, &c. Send for Circulars. Richard W. Montross, Galien, Mich.

Steel Stamps & Brass Stencils, for Marking Tools, Patents, Boxes, &c. E. H. Payne, M'r, Burlington, Vt.

For Specialties in Woolens, Seamless Roller Covers, Printers' Blankets, &c., address H. Waterbury & Co., Rensselaerville, Albany Co., N. Y.

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To Lease—The largest portion of the building corner Canal, Center, and Walker Sts., now occupied as a Billiard Manufactory and Sales Room. See advertisement in another column.

Superior Lace Leather, all Sizes, Cheap. Hooks and Couplings for flat and round Belts. Send for catalogue. C. W. Army, 148 North 9d St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Magic Lanterns, Stereopticons, for Parlor Entertainments and Public Exhibitions. Pays well on small capital. 74 Page Catalogue free. Centennial Medal and Diploma awarded. McAllister, 49 Nassau St., N. Y.

Fire Hose, Rubber Lined Linen, also Cotton, finest quality. Eureka Fire Hose Co., 13 Barclay st., New York.

The Scientific American Supplement—Any desired back number can be had for 10 cents, at this office, or almost any news store.

To stop leaks in boiler tubes, use Quinn's Patent Ferrules. Address B. M. Co., So. Newmarket, N. H.

Water, Gas, and Steam Pipe, Wrought Iron. Send for prices. Bailey, Farrell & Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.

For Solid Wrought-Iron Beams, etc., see advertisement. Address Union Iron Mills, Pittsburgh, Pa. for lithograph, &c.

Solid Emery Vulcanite Wheels—The Solid Original Emery Wheel—other kinds imitations and inferior. Caution.—Our name is stamped in full on all our best Standard Belting, Packing, and Hose. Buy that only. The best is the cheapest. New York Belting and Packing Company, 37 and 39 Park Row, New York.

M. Shaw, Manufacturer of Insulated Wire for galvanic and telegraph purposes, &c., 259 W. 27th St., N. Y.

F. C. Beach & Co., makers of the Tom Thumb Telegraph and other electrical machines, have removed to 530 Water Street, New York.

Power & Foot Presses & all Fruit-can Tools. Ferracute Wks., Bridgeton, N. J. & C. 27, Mch, Hall, Cent'l.

For Solid Emery Wheels and Machinery, send to the Union Stone Co., Boston, Mass., for circular.

For best Presses, Dies, and Fruit Can Tools, Bliss & Williams, cor. of Plymouth and Jay, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Steel Castings, from one lb. to five thousand lbs. Invaluable for strength and durability. Circulars free. Pittsburgh Steel Casting Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Hydraulic Presses and Jacks, new and second hand. Lathes and Machinery for Polishing and Buffing metals. E. Lyon, 470 Grand Street, New York.

Diamond Tools—J. Dickinson, 64 Nassau St., N. Y.

large percentage of metal having a silvery appearance. How can I separate the gold from all other metals? A. Sylvanite contains 56 per cent of tellurium, 28 of gold, and 16 of silver. It frequently contains as well some antimony and lead.

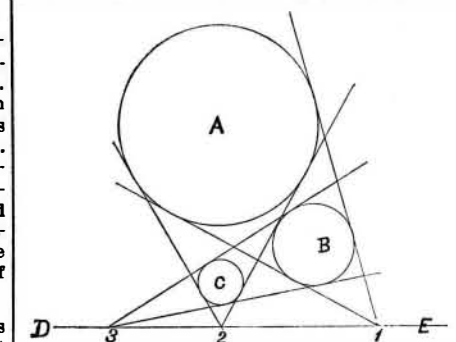
(3) A. O. W. says: I want to vulcanize rubber, and cannot get chloride of sulphur. Please give me the formula for it. A. Chloride of sulphur is obtained by passing dry chlorine gas slowly over molten sulphur, and collecting the product in a condenser.

(4) A. C. G. asks: How can I make a composition of chalk or plaster of Paris for making molds that will not dissolve in water? And how can I take impressions or make molds in metal from natural objects? A. Molds of this character are not absolutely insoluble in water.

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

N. V. W.—No. 1 is chlorite schist containing a small amount of carbonate of nickel. In large amounts it would be valuable. No. 2 is chlorite, a hydrous silicate of alumina and magnesia, containing a small percentage of oxide of iron and sometimes a small amount of oxide of chromium.

D. M. asks: What preparation can be used on tenor drums, which will be waterproof and at the same time stand the beating?—J. B. C. asks: Is there any demonstration to the following theorem? Draw three circles of any unequal diameters, as A, B, C. Produce the tangent lines, as shown, until they meet, from A through B, from A through C, and B through C.



ters, as A, B, C. Produce the tangent lines, as shown, until they meet, from A through B, from A through C, and B through C. It will be found in all cases that the meeting points are in a straight line, as 1, 2, and 3 in the straight line, D E. The same result is obtained in whatever position the circles may be placed, or under any variations of their diameters, provided they are all unequal.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED.

The Editor of the SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN acknowledges, with much pleasure, the receipt of original papers and contributions upon the following subjects: On the True Science of Religion. By T. B. McC. On Boiler Explosions. By T. J. B. On Cutting Tools. By J. R. On Ventilation. By G. W. W. On the United States Patent Association. By J. A. R. On the Expansion of Superheated Steam. By G. A. W. On Steel. Ry G. W. T. On Aeronautics. By C. E. D. On the Mississippi Jetties. By A. S. On Violins. By E. P. W. On Calipers. By E. R.

Also inquiries and answers from the following: J. M. McF.—A. S.—F. O. H.—T. J. B.—F. W. N.—J. H. D.—J. G.—R. F. W.—P. Q.—N. O.—A. W. K.

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.

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INDEX OF INVENTIONS

FOR WHICH Letters Patent of the United States were Granted in the Week Ending November 7, 1876, AND EACH BEARING THAT DATE. (Those marked (r) are reissued patents.)

A complete copy of any patent in the annexed list, including both the specifications and drawings, will be furnished from this office for one dollar. In ordering, please state the number and date of the patent desired, and remit to Munn & Co., 37 Park Row, New York City.

Table listing inventions and their patent numbers. Includes items like Abdominal supporter, Advertising clock, Anthracene, Bale tie, Bevel square, Bill file, Book, Books, Boot-crimping apparatus, Boot sole, Breechloading fire arms, Brick kiln, Bridle bit, Broom, Bucket ear, Burglar alarm, Burton, Car axle box, Car brakes, Car coupling, Car coupling, Car coupling, Car coupling, Car fare register, Car starter, Carburetor, Carpet stretcher, Carpet stretcher, Carriage coupling, Cast iron, Casting printers' leads, Chainpump bucket, Cigar box, Cigarette machine, Clothesdryer, Clothesdryer, Corn planter, Cotton and hay press, Cotton gin feeder and picker, Coupling pin machine, Cultivating harrow, Cultivator, Cupola furnace, Cupboard, Curtain fixture, Damping paper, Derrick, Desiccating eggs, Desiccating eggs, Ditching machine, Door bolt, Door spring, Dredging apparatus, Dumpingcar, Ear muffler, Earth auger, Electric stop motion, Elevator, Explosive compound, Extension table, Feed trough, Feed water heater, Fence, Fence, Filtering liquids, Fire arms, Fire extinguishers, Fire place grate, Folding chair, Food cup for bird cages.

Table listing inventions and their patent numbers. Includes items like Freezing machine, Fruit butter, Furnace door, Fuse, Gage cock, Galvanic battery, Gas meter, Gas meter and carburetor, Gaseller, Gate, Gate, Gold separator, Hammers, Harrow, Harrow, Hay loader, Heat regulator, Heater, Hides, Hoe, Horse collar, Horses, Horseshoe machine, Horseshoe nail plate, Hotel range, Hydrant, Hydraulic propulsion, Ice machine, Illuminating apparatus, Ironing apparatus, Ironing table, Knob roses, Lamp burner, Lamp-chimney holder, Lightning rod, Lining, Liquid filter, Lithographic transfer, Loom harness eye, Lumber edging machine, Mechanical movement, Mechanic's gage, Metal tubes, Milk can, Milk pan, Mill spindle, Motor for churns, Navigating torpedo boats, Nitrogenous fertilizers, Nutlock, Odorless closet, Oil and gas stove, Oil stove, Ornamental chain link, Package band, Padlock, Paper bag machine, Paper bag machine, Paper box, Paper calendering machine, Paperfish, Paper for perforating, Paper pulp process, Pattern for casting, Peanut heater, Pencil sharpener, Pencil with movable leads, Petroleum stove, Planting and sawing machine, Planing support, Plug for drain pipes, Polishing stone cylinders, Preserving meats, Preserving wood, Printing press, Pulverized fuel feeder, Pump valve, Radialdrilling machine, Railway signal, Railway switch, Railway ticket and stamp, Railway train reflector, Refrigerating building, Refrigerator car, Rein holder, Revolving churn, Revolving fire arm, Ring holder, Rock drill, Roller skate, Sash fastener, Sawmill carriage dog, Scarf, Screw propeller, Screw propeller, Screw propeller, Sewing machine, Sewing machine cabinet, Shaft coupling, Shank stiffeners, Sheetmetal cleaning, Sheet metal, Sheet metal, Shoe tip, Shoemaker's pinchers, Sliding gage, Slate, Sliding rowlock, Snap hook, Sowing fertilizers, Spinning ring, Spring bed bottom, Spring hinge, Spring hoe for grain drills, Stair covering, Steam boiler blow-off, Steam trap, Step ladder, Stone pavement, Stove pipe shelf, Street sweeper, Subsoil plow, Sugar apparatus, Swage for implements, Swivel snap for harness, Table cutlery, Tanning leather, Telegraph cut-out, Ticket punch, Tire upsetter, Toolholder, Transom lifter and sash center, Traveling bag frame, Tumbler washer, Umbrella runner, Urn for growing plants, Wagon brake lever, Wagon, Wagon, Wagon, Wash tub, Washing machine.

Notes & Queries

J. N. P. will find directions for making friction matches on p. 75, vol. 29.—R. J. will find directions for nickel plating on p. 255, vol. 33.—J. N. will find the article on the friction of water in pipes on p. 48, vol. 29.—C. F. can remove moles from the skin by following the directions on p. 347, vol. 32.—C. R. S. will find on p. 120, vol. 33, directions for making muslin uninflamable.—J. F., M. M., W. G. E., B. P., M. T. B., H. A., and others who ask us to recommend books on industrial and scientific subjects, should address the booksellers who advertise in our columns, all of whom are trustworthy firms, for catalogues.

(1) R. C. says: A. asserts that water has been lifted 32 feet 8 inches with a common lift pump. B. asserts that it never has been lifted higher than 32 feet. Which is right? A. Water was once raised 32 feet 11 inches by a lift pump at the Brooklyn navy yard. This is the greatest result of which we have heard.

(2) E. L. says: I have a small piece of sylvanite, said to yield \$40 gold to the lb. I suppose that it also contains tellurium and silver. I have used the blowpipe upon it and melted out a