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(4) W. P. P. says he is using an aniline ink with rubber stamps, but it fades, and asks if there is a remedy?

(5) S. A. H. asks how to make a Leyden jar? A. An ordinary candy jar, free from cracks and flaws, will answer; line inside and out to within 4 inches of the top with tinfoil, heat so as to drive off all moisture; give the glass above the foil, inside and out, several coats of shellac varnish, and use a cork carefully fitted, dried and baked in an oven, and varnished.

(6) G. R. asks: 1. What size of wire should be used in winding the cores of an electro-magnet, and with how many layers should each core be wound, each core being 36 inches long by 3 1/4 inches diameter?

(7) O. H. W. asks: 1. Will a frosted window give more or a better distributed light than a plain one of the same size? A. It aids the diffusion of light but decreases the intensity.

(8) C. A. K. asks: 1. What effect has Paris green on the system? A. It is an irritant poison, its action on the system being very nearly that of arsenic alone.

(9) E. C. H. asks for a simple rule how to place the weight from the fulcrum or pin of a safety valve, to produce 50 lbs. pressure.

(10) A. M. R. asks: 1. For a recipe for making ink suitable for use in post offices for cancelling with hand stamp? A. A fine grade of printing ink is ordinarily employed.

(11) L. B. B. asks: 1. How does a night glass differ from a common glass? A. The instrument sometimes called by seamen a night glass is composed of a convex object glass, and a concave eye lens placed at a distance equal to the difference of their focal lengths, the magnifying power being as the focal length of the object glass is to that of the eye lens.

(12) H. F. S. asks how Japanese lacquer is made? A. Melt 50 lbs. of Naples asphaltum and 8 lbs. dark gum anime, boil for about two hours in 12 gallons linseed oil; then melt 10 lbs. of dark gum amber and boil it with two gallons linseed oil; add this to the other and add dryers.

(13) D. J. T. asks for a cement for an aquarium that will not crack or peel from glass or galvanized iron? A. Take, by measure, 10 parts of litharge, 10 parts of plaster of Paris, 10 parts of fine dry white sand, and 1 part finely powdered resin.

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

E. P. C.—It is hornblende rock containing sulphides of iron and a little copper sulphide. The crystals are garnets.—E. T.—It is quartzite—composed of minute crystals of quartz.—G. M. L.—It is iron pyrites.—H. B. L.—The sand contains quartz, porphyry, felspar, fluor-spar, lime carbonate, pyrites, and possibly a little gold.—W. R. P.—It is a piece of agate.—O. B.—It is axinite, composed of silicates of lime, alumina, iron, manganese and boron.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED.

The Editor of the SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN acknowledges, with much pleasure, the receipt of original papers and contributions upon the following subjects: On What is Electricity. By J. H. R. On Science against Homeopathy. By J. W. C.

On the Liverpool Engineering Society. By W. W. On Aerial Navigation. By W. J. L. Also inquiries and answers from the following: I. B.—C. F. P.—P. McN.—J. F. & S.—H. B. L.—D. D. B.—J. R. E.—J. W. D.—J. E. M.

HINTS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Renew our request that correspondents, in referring to former answers or articles, will be kind enough to name the date of the paper and the page, or the number of the question.

Correspondents whose inquiries fail to appear should repeat them. If not then published, they may conclude that, for good reasons, the Editor declines them.

Inquiries 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 publishes photographic periodicals? Who publishes books on brass founding? Who makes vulcanizing apparatus for vulcanizing india rubber?" 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 Granted in the Week Ending

September 4, 1877,

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 with names and dates, including: Aerial currents, apparatus for, P. Mihan; Alarm register, Moffett & Dean; Atmospheric exhauster, A. B. Brown; Axes, machine for making, C. W. Cardot; Baker, altar bread or wafer, R. B. Daley; Baker, L. Drew (r); Bale tie, J. P. Verree; Baling press, Brooks & Jordan; Ballot box, L. Van Alstyne; Bath structure, Despoix & Reboul; Bed bottom, B. Essig; Bed bottom, G. Luciani; Bed bottom, H. Winger; Bed mat, child's, O. A. Lirette; Beeswax, bleaching, H. T. Yaryan; Belting, H. Royer; Bevel, carpenters', J. A. Traut; Boot sole pressing machine, J. T. & T. M. Gifford; Boots, manufacture of, H. Sauer bier; Bottle stopper, F. J. Seybold; Bottle stopper, D. H. Murphy; Brake lever, W. F. Osborn; Brick machine, Selden & McLean; Brick machine, H. L. Oliver; Building frame, Morris & Slanser; Burglar alarm, W. H. Reiff; Button, J. John; Can oil, W. Y. Horne; Can lock, W. L. Marshall; Candle holder, V. Walker; Car awning, street, F. P. McIntyre; Car axle box, S. A. Bemis; Car coupling, J. W. Eckman; Car coupling, T. C. Lord; Car coupling, D. V. B. Smart; Car coupling, D. Ziegler; Car mover, G. W. Leek; Car wheel and axle, I. H. Randall; Car window, I. H. Randall; Cars, unloading coal, W. D. Beebe; Carpenter's scribing tool, C. E. Billings; Carpet lining, etc., D. G. Rollin; Carriage, W. H. Hancock; Carriage pole tip, G. W. Hobbs; Chalk holder, tailors', E. S. Bartram; Chimney cap, ventilator, P. Mihan; Churn, N. W. Cone; Churn, E. Rhoades; Churn, W. H. Stearns; Churn, Goff & Hardick; Cigarette machine, W. Davies; Cigarette machine, J. Pollak; Cigars, manufacture of, G. W. Writner; Clamp, joiner's, W. H. Lilly; Cold drawing rods, etc., G. H. Billings (r); Condenser for distillation, F. M. Young; Corn fodder machine, D. F. Hull; Corset, T. S. Gilbert; Cotton gin attachment, M. M. Massey; Cuff fastener, J. H. Myers; Curry comb, C. E. L. Holmes; Curtain fixture, D. S. Van Etten; Dental engine, E. T. Starr; Doorhanger, T. J. Jones; Egg carrier, M. A. Howell, Jr.; Electro-magnetic alarm bell, P. Seiler; Fare register, W. H. Hornum; Files in hardening, straightening, W. S. Birks; Fire and marine escape, L. Living; Fire and waterproof composition, A. Jamieson; Flying machine, J. J. Pennington; Fog signal, G. Sweanor; Fruit dryer, W. W. Ferguson; Funnell, J. N. Berg; Furnace door, R. Hill; Furnace for roasting ores, Green & Halsey; Furniture, device for securing legs to, C. Hass; Garden sprinkler, M. Hermes; Gas burner, T. F. McGann; Gas generating apparatus, J. S. Wood; Gas furnace regulator, G. M. Hopkins; Gate, A. A. Brooks;

Table listing names and corresponding patent numbers, including: Gate, A. Hyre; Gate, L. T. Mason; Gate, K. E. Rudd; Grain binder, J. F. Gordon; Grain separator, T. Kenny; Graining wood, W. A. Wiles; Handcuff, O. C. Phelps (r); Harrow, G. D. Miles; Harvester, J. S. Marsh (r); Harvester, cotton, F. Van Dorn; Harvester cotton, Watkins & Sale; Harvester reel, C. Denton; Hoes, manufacture of, J. C. Smith; Hoop machine, J. A. Peoples; Hoop skirt former, C. A. Sprague; Horseshoe, C. H. Perkins; Horseshoe blanks, machine for, J. H. Snyder; Horseshoe nail blanks, machine for, J. Ferguson; Horseshoe nail plate, J. Ferguson; Horseshoe nail machine, J. Ferguson; Hydrant, H. Flint; Hydrant testing machine, W. C. Allison; Knee protector, M. C. Hiester; Lamp burner, E. Blackman; Lamps, etc., filler for, C. Chinnock; Lamps, heating attachment for, C. I. Payne; Last block fastener, W. Miller; Latch and handle, C. B. Rose; Latch for doors, etc., C. H. Smith; Leather rolling machine, A. Hawver; Leather scouring and dressing, T. L. Dabney; Leather scrubbing cylinder, A. Hawver; Lifting jack, W. G. Cline; Lifting jack, J. S. Kirkwood; Liquid measures, C. C. Redmond; Lock and electric burglar alarm, P. Seiler; Looms, shuttle box motion for, R. B. Goodyear; Mask, toilet, N. S. E. French; Milk cooler, E. W. Hoag; Molding plastic material, D. C. Lockwood; Mortising machine, W. W. Green, Jr.; Mosquito bar, M. Petrie; Nursing bottle, I. Bullard; Nutmeg grater, J. H. H. Wilson; Oil tank, T. Shaw; Ore separator, A. Work; Ore washer, J. S. Duncan; Packing box, G. Robinson, Jr.; Padlock, Smith & Egge; Padlock case, Smith & Egge; Paints, stripping tool for, L. Homann; Pendulum balls, regulating, H. C. Jacot; Pipe elbow machine, C. H. Amann (r); Pitcher, S. W. Babbitt; Planter, corn, G. E. Baites; Planter, corn, Gillett & Poole; Plow, Caldwell & Herren; Plow, ditching, S. Furnas; Plow, wheel, L. Chapman; Post office box, B. H. & W. H. Camp; Potato bug catcher, Corbin & Moseley; Printing press, M. Hainque; Propelling vessels, W. F. Morrison; Pump, G. W. Robaugh; Rag engine, E. D. Jones; Railroad switch, J. W. Harding; Railway gate, W. I. French; Railway truck and track, J. W. Eckman; Refrigerator, E. Zahring; Refrigerator ship, J. F. Baldwin (r); Sand pump, W. Forker; Sash fastener, Clark & Smith; Sash fastener, O. S. Sperry; Sash holder, A. W. Johnson; Sawing machine, A. T. Nichols (r); Scaffolding, H. J. Caswell; Screw-swaging machine, M. D. Leuhns; Seeding machine, C. E. Patric (r); Semaphore, electrical, U. Juston; Sewing machine, J. Tripp; Sewing machine for bags, etc., K. C. Atwood; Shackle and step, R. Doty; Sheep shears, J. C. Wightman; Sheet metal elbows, F. Hoeltge; Shingle, metallic roofing, C. Comstock; Shingle sawing machine, M. Prillaman; Shoemaker's pounding iron, F. Damos; Shutter fastener, R. Hayden; Slate frame attachment, F. S. Allen; Spinning frames, L. Coburn; Splints, D. Ahl; Stables, hatchway for, N. Smalley; Stamp canceller and postmarker, G. F. Almy; Steam boiler furnaces, R. K. McMurray; Stock feeder, Hayden & Knowles; Stone, surfacing, J. M. Poole; Stove, cooking, R. J. King; Stove, lamp, B. G. Lofstedt; Thrashing machine, J. & H. Kolling; Time lock, M. A. Dalton; Tobacco, preparing plug, G. B. Okell; Valve for steam cylinders, S. L. Wainshaw; Vapor burner, A. W. Johnson; Ventilator, C. L. Garfield; Vermin, process for destroying, T. S. Church; Wagon axle box, C. J. Valentine; Wash bench, G. W. Lengfield; Washing machine, Fager & Godwin; Watch key, G. Havell; Water elevator, W. Doty; Water gate for steam boilers, D. A. Woodbury; Water power, M. L. King; Water wheel, J. W. DeHaven; Windmill, M. L. Howard; Windmill, I. H. Palmer; Wood, preservig, I. Hayford; Wool polisher, G. Zimmer; Work stand, E. G. Gollner;

DESIGNS PATENTED.

10,173 to 10,194.—CARPETS.—J. L. Folsom, Brooklyn, N. Y. 10,195 to 10,203.—CARPETS.—O. Heinigke, New Utrecht, N. Y. 10,204 to 10,217.—CARPETS.—H. Horan, East Orange, N. J. 10,218.—CARPETS.—H. Nordman, New York city. 10,219 and 10,220.—CARPETS.—G. W. Piggott, New York city. 10,221 to 10,223.—CARPETS.—J. E. Rollings, New York city. 10,224.—CARPETS.—J. H. Smith, Enfield, Conn. 10,225 to 10,228.—CARPETS.—W. H. Smith, Enfield, Conn. 10,229.—CIGAR BOX.—J. Stratton & G. Storm, Bay Side, N. Y. 10,230.—EASY CHAIR.—F. Krayl, Chicago, Ill. 10,231.—PRINTED AND WOVEN FABRIC.—W. Morris, London, England. 10,232.—HANDLES FOR TABLE WARE.—J. A. Whalen, New York city.

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Notes & Queries

(1) A. L. B. asks if there is any way of making paper soluble in water? A. No. (2) A. H. asks how to neutralize the bad effect of gas in a room where plants are kept? A. The only way will be to stop the leakage of gas, if there be any, and provide better ventilation. (3) R. P. T. asks for a flavoring for cigars? A. Cinnamon and tonka beans may be bruised and macerated in rum and the tobacco sprinkled with the spirit. Cigars may be moistened externally with a tincture of cascarrilla or of gum benzoin.