

silver bearing. No. 3 is titaniferous iron. No. 4 is spathic hornblende schist, possibly adjoining metaliferous films. No. 5 is a fine sandstone, or sandstone conglomerate containing lignite.

HINTS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We 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. The address of the writer should always be given.

Inquiries relating to patents, or to the patentability of inventions, assignments, etc., will not be published here.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.

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What will it cost to erect a factory to condense milk from 200 to 300 cows?

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Table listing various inventions such as 'Advertising brick, G. McMullen', 'Alkali from solutions, recovering, M. Nixon', 'Ammonia soda manufacture, E. Solvay', etc., with corresponding page numbers.

Table listing various inventions such as 'Fare register, W. H. Hornum (r)', 'Fence, D. E. Lupold', 'Fence post, A. Shaffer', 'Fence wire, metal, B. T. Frederick', etc., with corresponding page numbers.

Table listing various inventions such as 'Rubber, cutting, T. A. Richards', 'Sad iron, O. Avery, Jr.', 'Sand pump reel, M. B. McManus', 'Sash balance, W. Milner', etc., with corresponding page numbers.

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DESIGNS PATENTED.

Table listing various designs such as '10,363 to 10,367.—CARPETS.—J. Campbell, London, Eng.', '10,368 to 10,379.—CARPETS.—J. Fisher, New York city', '10,380.—SKATES.—E. H. Barney, Springfield, Mass.', etc.

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Table listing various inventions for the week ending January 1, 1878, such as 'Air-cooling apparatus, A. Albertson', 'Amalgamator, I. M. Phelps', 'Auger, H. L. Shaler', etc.

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