

only could not have been so great as 84 tons; this weight probably included water in boiler and the tender with water and coal. "Roper" gives the weight of the heaviest locomotive on the Pennsylvania Railroad as 60 tons, and says it is the heaviest locomotive in the world. An engine of the "Consolidation" class, with cylinders 20x24 inches, weighs 96,000 lbs. A medium class passenger locomotive weighs, with water in boiler, from 65,000 to 70,000 lbs., and tender, with water and coal, 46,000 lbs.

(4) W. C. J. writes: I have been experimenting on a plan for a steam gauge; I find it works well and cannot get out of order. As an atmospheric pressure is 15 lbs. per square inch, twice that would be thirty, three times forty-five, and so on. Now, supposing a piston be so constructed that the pressure of the boiler will compress the air in a tight tube and thus show what the pressure on the boiler is. Also to have the cylinder so constructed that when the piston moves up to the required pressure it shall open a port and let the steam escape. Some time ago I wished to purchase a new steam gauge; I took seven gauges for trial, and connected them all to the same boiler at the same time, and no two were alike. Now, as some of them showed as high as 20 lbs. more than others, how could I determine which was right? A. We advise you not to waste your time and money upon your proposed manometer gauge; they have been tried and abandoned long since. Of course you can purchase a cheap (and poor) gauge, as you can a cheap and poor watch. Some spring gauges are like Pindar's razors, not made to use, but to sell.

(5) C. W. K. writes: I wish to ascertain if there is any rule for finding the quantity of canal coal consumed, with the following data: Size of cylinder 6 1/2 inches, stroke 8 inches, number of revolutions 120 per minute, at steam pressure of 80 lbs. A. Find the weight of steam used by your engine, in any unit of time, say one minute or one hour; allow canal coal to evaporate 74 lbs. weight of water per pound of coal; divide the weight of steam used by 74, result is coal consumed in same time.

(6) "Subscriber" asks if it be safe to use an engine with 80 lbs. steam, the cylinder being little less than 1/2 inch thick the thinnest part. It is 22 inches long, 10 1/2 diameter. A.-Yes, so long as it receives no extra strain or shock; but do not allow water to work through the engine.

(7) C. F. writes: It is said that 2 inch pipe will not discharge any more water under the same head than as many 1/2 inch pipes, said 1/2 inch pipes holding the same amount of water. Give us the difference and the reason why. A. 2 inch pipe will discharge most; 16 pipes 1/2 inch equal in cross area one of 2 inches diameter. The frictional surface of one 2 inch pipe may be represented by 6, and the frictional surface of 16 pipes, 1/2 inch diameter, by 25--so the resistance from friction will be 4 times as much in the latter as the former.

(8) D. K. E. asks: 1. Could a small steam engine (screw propeller) be put into an ordinary row boat 16x3 1/2 feet? A. Yes, if the screw is properly immersed. 2. What would the engine cost, and how much power would be required to run 4 or 5 miles per hour? A. An engine with 3 inch cylinder would suit. Cost, about \$450 with boiler and shafts.

(9) J. N. L. asks: Is a 1 1/2 steam pipe sufficient to run a 9 inch cylinder, 16 inches stroke, steam engine to full capacity; the steam ports are 5 inches long by 3/8 wide, steam pressure 100 lbs. per square inch? A. No; use at least a 2-inch pipe for usual velocity.

(10) E. J. C. --For information on artificial incubation see SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN SUPPLEMENT, No. 54.

(11) J. L. C. writes: I have a tank in my house supplied with water which communicates with a tank 101 feet off in a direct line by a pipe with 1 1/4 inch bore; the pipe goes down perpendicularly 3 1/2 feet from the house tank and up perpendicularly 5 1/4 feet into the outside tank; the open end of the pipe in the house is 2 feet higher than the open end of the pipe in the other tank. 1. How much, if any, will the flow of water be increased by lowering the outer end of the pipe, say 1, 2, 3, or 4 feet? A. If the difference in height of open end of pipes is now 2 feet, and you increase it to 4 feet, the flow will be increased about 40 per cent. 2. Will more water pass through an inch perpendicular pipe 10 feet long, than through an inch pipe 1 inch long? A. Yes, if upper ends are at the same level and both supplied from the same tank or reservoir.

(12) J. L. R. asks: 1. Which will yield the greatest amount of heat: 1 lb. of best coal, or 1 lb. of alcohol when burned to best advantage? A. Coal, about 7 per cent more. 2. Why are not low pressure engines used in place of high pressure? Will they not give same power with far less fuel? A. They weigh more, cost more, occupy more room, and do not give much greater economy as the two classes are used in this country. 3. How many pounds will an ordinary horse pull on a straight pull? A. Necessarily indefinite; depends upon the weight of the horse, etc.

(13) S. C. C. asks: When a train of cars are rounding a curve, on which rail is the greater weight thrown, the inside or outside one? A. Outside one.

(14) J. A. H. asks: What can I use to prevent the forming of scales in a boiler? I am compelled to use water from a well which furnishes lime water. A. The mass of lime in your feed water should be separated in the heater; for removing lime scale already formed, use a small quantity of dissolved gum catechu daily, sent in through feed pump; watch carefully its effect, and increase or diminish the quantity as required. A small quantity of oak bark put in the boiler is said to be efficient.

(15) A. H. G. writes: You say in your issue of January 4th, 1879, in obtaining horse power of an engine, multiply area of piston, by pressure of steam, by length of stroke in feet, by double the number of revolutions. Do you not mean: "by revolutions per minute," instead of "double the number of revolutions?" A. No; double the number of revolutions equals number of strokes.

(16) J. H. R. asks: What is the number of threads to the inch in steam pipe? A.:

Table with 2 columns: Inside diameter of pipe, Threads per inch. Rows include diameters from 1/8 to 4 inches and corresponding thread counts.

(17) S. B. & H. W. ask why rotary engines are not more used. A. It is very difficult to keep them tight under continuous use, and in most of them steam cannot be worked expansively, therefore they are not economical.

(18) J. C. asks (1) if there is any way of keeping a cylinder, while in motion, and heated by steam, free from condensation. A. Surround your cylinder with a steam jacket and introduce either live or superheated steam. 2. What kind of journal boxes or zht such a cylinder to have, that they may cause no trouble from heating? A. Probably phosphor bronze boxes will be best.

(19) A. M. U. asks for a correct method for laying out a cog or spur wheel. A. See SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN, vol. 38, pp. 36 and 149.

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

H. M. H.—The bead contains copper, lead, antimony, traces of bismuth, and silver. The crystals are anhydrite calcium sulphate.—I. B. R.—It is galena—lead sulphide. It probably contains a small quantity of silver. The heavy mineral is barytes, or heavy spar—sulphate of barytes.—J. A. W.—It is a bituminous shale. It is impossible to make an analysis of any value on two ounces of water.—A. M.—It is a ferruginous quartz—not probably worth assaying. The dark fragment is an argillaceous shale.—The sample of clay in the Estabrook pen box (no name) contains much iron oxide and silica. It may be useful for manufacturing bricks and cheap pottery, tiles, drain pipe, etc.—J. N. W.—The potter's clay is of fair quality. It would be of more value if properly washed. The color is due to oxide of iron.—C.—The metal is lead—it contains a trace of silver. The mineral is muscovite.—C. D.—It is chiefly iron sulphide pyrite, of little value.—J. C.—The sample is the so-called millstone grit. It is too coarse to be of any practical value. Perhaps better stone may be found lower down.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED.

Fence. By G. T. B. On the Wagon Wheel Question. By G. S. W. On the Gey Motor. By C. H. H.

[OFFICIAL.]

INDEX OF INVENTIONS FOR WHICH Letters Patent of the United States were Granted in the Week Ending March 4, 1879, AND EACH BEARING THAT DATE. (Those marked (r) are reissued patents.)

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Ingram, Engraving machine, J. C. & G. M. Guerrant, Exercising machine, F. G. Johnson, Fare register, R. Gornall, Farm gate, T. Alton, Feather renovator, Lull & Brainerd, Feed water heater, E. Huber, Feed water heater, G. W. Storey, Fence post, G. D. Baily, Fence post, H. S. Palmer, Fence wire barbed, H. M. Vaughan, File, bill, M. Posz, Fire alarm box, automatic, Pond & Tenney, Fire alarm box, non-interfering, C. H. Pond, Flue roller and expander, J. H. McGraw, Fluting bed and roller, M. A. Perrigo, Garter, T. J. Carroll, Gas apparatus, illuminating, E. J. Jerzmanowski, Gas generating apparatus, E. J. Jerzmanowski, Gas retorts, head and lid of, C. W. Isbell, Glassware, shaper for tubular, A. H. Heisey, Grain, etc., cooler and drier, F. A. Luckenbach, Grate bar, J. B. Miller, Harrow, J. F. Wilcox, Harrow, J. H. Yager, Harvester elevator, C. Ainsworth, Hat, J. Thomas, Hat forming machine, R. Eickemeyer, Hat sweat band, C. O. Kanouse, Heating furnace, J. H. Merrill, Reel cutting die, H. Turner, Hog trap, R. D. Loudon, Hoisting apparatus, G. Sanford, Horse power, R. S. Leggett, Horse power tread, H. Smith, Horse tail protector, J. Briggie, Hose pipe supporter, W. P. Silvernail, Hose support, A. M. Waterworth, Hub, vehicle wheel, A. V. Holcomb, Hydrocarbon from substances which have been treated therewith, removing, W. Adamson, Indicator, F. N. Chase, Injector for beer kegs, salt, J. C. G. Hupfel, Insecticide, J. C. Benton, Iron, galvanizing and tinning, Wahl & Eltonhead, Ironing table, S. W. Kilbourne, Jewelry, sprig work for, L. Heckmann, Knob, sheet metal, H. A. Matthews, Lamp chimneys, etc., machine for flaring and crimping, R. Hemingray, Lantern, J. H. Irwin, Last maker's guide, J. Kimball, Lasting machine, S. E. Mower, Lasting machine, H. G. Thompson, Latch, W. I. Ludlow, Lead fumes, collecting waste, G. T. Lewis, Leather work, machine for opening and pressing seams in, G. W. Emerson et al., Lifting handle, chest or box, W. Bachtenkirch, Lock, J. J. Dinnan, Lock, W. I. Ludlow, Lock, W. H. Taylor, Mask, smoke excluding, G. Neally, Measuring lumber, device for, E. Neary, Mechanical medium, H. J. Stein, Middlings purifier, E. S. Bartholomew, Milk cooler, L. B. Austin, Motor, J. Plattenburg, Music leaf turner, O. H. Goodwin, Oil cloth, metallic binding strip for, C. E. Marshall, Oil press mat, Perkins & Baker, Packing, refrigerator door, H. W. Cass, Padlock, H. Budd, Paintings on panels and other surfaces, reproducing oil, H. Bogaerts, Paper, M. Newton, Paper folding machine, W. Spalckhaver, Paper folders, pasting mechanism for, S. D. Tucker, Paper pulp from wood, S. M. Allen, Pegging machine, A. W. Moore, Photographing objects in motion, method and apparatus for, E. J. Muybridge, Piano, pedal, W. J. Becker, Pinchers for attaching seam protectors, paper fasteners, etc., Rutz & Weiser, Pipe and nut wrench, D. Fisher, Plane, bench, L. C. Rodler, Plant digger, A. Kreider, Planter, corn, J. W. Bruner, Planter, corn, J. P. R. Mann, Planter, hand corn, A. M. Haswell, Planter, seed, Ide & Post, Plow, reversible gang, J. Chapman, Polisher for varnished surfaces, H. S. Bartholomew, Pressing machine and sheet tie, J. W. Jones, Printing machine, Anthony & Taylor, Printing press, E. L. Gilman, Printing press, A. Godfrey, Pulmonic fountain, C. S. Lockwood, Pump, R. A. McCauley, Pump, J. W. Robertson, Pump, T. B. Swan, Pump and syringe, breast, M. Von Beust, Pumping and cooling system, Molera & Cebrían, Pumping, forcing, and blowing, machinery for, R. Johnson, Quartz mill, D. H. Anderson, Rag engine, E. D. G. Jones, Railway system, flexible, O. C. Woolson, Refrigerator, J. R. Ludlow, Road engine, H. H. Bridenthal, Jr., Road engine, F. E. Culver, Rock chair spring, H. Gerrish, Safety pin, H. H. Thayer, Sash fastener, Ross & Fortmann, Saw, circular, J. A. Miller, Saw mill dog, E. H. Stearns, Scissors and shears, A. Clarke, Scoop, coal, J. Balmore, Scoop, weighing, J. Birks, Seed cleaner, blue grass, I. B. Sandusky, Sewer pipes and deodorizing the foul air therefrom, ventilating, A. W. Rand, Sewer and embroiderer, L. C. Mumford, Sewing machine, J. H. Applegate, Sewing machine feeder, N. Durkopp, Shaft, flexible, N. Stow, Shawl strap and head rest, H. H. McLane, Shirt, dress, H. F. Elias, Shoe, J. F. Emerson, Shoe sole trimmer, W. D. Orcutt, Shovel, W. Wharton, Jr., Snap hook, E. Kempshall, Sofa and chair back, J. H. Travis, Spinning machine spindle band holder, C. E. Herrick, Spools tension device for thread, R. O. Burgess, Spring shaper, S. A. Case, Stand for decanters, bottles, and jars, G. W. & J. Betjemann, Stand pipe and ladder, Tidball & Spencer, Steam boiler, G. W. Dootittle, Steam boiler, A. H. Fowler, Stencil plate, Krier & Irvin, Stereotype cast, M. J. Hughes, Storage tank, portable, T. B. Ritter, Stove, heating, McCaw & Brown, Stove pipe safe and register, H. B. Morrison, Sun dial, L. Thurston, Surveying instrument, H. S. S. Watkin, Swing, W. W. 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Marshall, Wave power for propelling vessels, J. B. Greene, Wells, sucker rod socket for oil, J. H. Bair, Whiffletree plate, H. Keyes, Whip rolling machine, O. Bryant, Wind wheel, C. V. Stevens, Yarn winder, J. T. A. Boyd, Yoke strap, neck, H. Keyes

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