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Nickel Plating.—Sole manufacturers cast nickel anodes, pure nickel salts, importers Vienna lime, crocus, etc. Condit, Hanson & Van Winkle, Newark, N. J., and 92 and 94 Liberty St., New York.

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Rollstone Mac. Co.'s Wood Working Mach'y ad. p. 300. Recipes and Information on all Industrial Processes. Park Benjamin's Expert Office, 49 and 50 Astor House, New York.

Blake "Lion and Eagle" Imp'd Crusher. See p. 301.

Special Wood-Working Machinery of every variety. Levi Houston, Montgomery, Pa. See ad. page 301.

For Mill Mach'y & Mill Furnishing, see illus. adv. p. 317.

Peck's Patent Drop Press. See adv., page 301.

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For Pat. Safety Elevators, Hoisting Engines, Friction Clutch Pulleys, Cut-off Coupling, see Frisbie's ad. p. 316.

For Separators, Farm & Vertical Engines, see adv. p. 316.

For Patent Shapers and Planers, see illus. adv. p. 316.

Mineral Lands Prospected, Artesian Wells Bored, by Pa. Diamond Drill Co. Box 423, Pottsville, Pa. See p. 317.

Machine Knives for Wood-working Machinery, Book Binders, and Paper Mills. Large knife work a specialty. Also manufacturers of Solomon's Parallel Vise. Taylor, Stiles & Co., Riegelsville, N. J.

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For Superior Steam Heat Appar., see adv., page 332.

The "Fitchburg" Automatic Cut-off Horizontal Engines. The "Haskins" Engines and Boilers. Send for pamphlet. Fitchburg Steam Engine Co., Fitchburg, Mass.

Millstone Dressing Machine. See adv., page 334.

Steam Engines, Boilers, Portable Railroads, Sugar Mills. Atlantic Steam Engine Works, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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For Alcott's Improved Turbine, see adv. p. 234.

Holly System of Water Supply and Fire Protection for Cities and Villages. See advertisement in SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN of last week.

Inventors' Institute, Cooper Union. A permanent exhibition of inventions. Prospectus on application. 733 Broadway, N. Y.

Machine Diamonds, J. Dickinson, 64 Nassau St., N. Y.

Improved Work Holder for Lathes, Gear Cutting, Attachments for Lathes, Tyson Vase Engine, Small Steam Motor. No boiler, no danger. Send for new catalogue, 1880. Jackson & Tyler, Baltimore.

Comb'd Punch & Shears; Universal Lathe Chucks, Lambertville Iron Works, Lambertville, N. J. See ad. p. 301.

Nellis' Cast Tool Steel, Castings from which our specialty is Plow Shares. Also all kinds agricultural steels and ornamental fencings. Nellis, Shriver & Co., Pittsburg, Pa.

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New Economizer Portable Engine. See illus. adv. p. 333.

Wm. Sellers & Co., Phila., have introduced a new injector, worked by a single motion of a lever.

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HINTS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

No attention will be paid to communications unless accompanied with the full name and address of the writer. Names and addresses of correspondents will not be given to inquirers.

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 do not appear after a reasonable time should repeat them. If not then published, they may conclude that, for good reasons, the Editor declines them.

Persons desiring special information which is purely of a personal character, and not of general interest, should remit from \$1 to \$5, according to the subject, as we cannot be expected to spend time and labor to obtain such information without remuneration.

Any numbers of the SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN SUPPLEMENT referred to in these columns may be had at this office. Price 10 cents each.

(1) Z. C. S. asks for a rule for finding the sectional area of a boiler shell. A. By a table of areas, deduct the area of the diameter of the inside of shell from the area of the diameter of the outside of shell, the remainder is the sectional area of shell. Or multiply the thickness of the plate by the average of the circumference of the outside and inside diameters of shell, the product is the sectional area.

(2) A. P. asks: 1. What is the least pressure required to blow off with, the submerison and diameter of blow off pipe being given? A. Disregarding friction, etc., the pressure should be at least one pound for each two feet head of water above mouth of blow-

off pipe. 2. What size must a feed pump be, diameter of cylinder being given? A. The size of feed pump is determined by the quantity of water evaporated and not by the size of cylinder. 3. What size of safety valve does a boiler require (grate surface and steam pressure to be carried being given)? A. The rule of the United States steamboat inspectors is one square inch area of valve to each two square feet of grate surface. 3. What lift must a valve of given diameter have? A. One-fourth the diameter of valve. 5. What is the ratio of expansion of wrought iron? A. For each degree of heat (Fahrenheit) 1/8000 of one inch for each 100 feet length.

(3) H. L. S. asks if it is necessary to have an air pump in connection with an engine that exhausts into a keel condenser, said condenser being under the bottom of the boat and consequently always cold and not liable to get hot, pressure of steam 60 to 100 lb., revolutions 75 to 100. The idea of condensing in this manner is to save the fresh water so as to be used in place of salt. A. It is unnecessary to have an air pump if you wish the benefit of a vacuum, otherwise you can take the water from the condensing pipes with the feed pump.

(4) E. C. N. writes: I have made a dynamo electric machine about five times the size the one that was in the No. 161 SUPPLEMENT with a double coil in the armature, and use only one pair of brushes for my commutator. My machine works well and generates a great deal of electricity. I connect the circuit on the machine with No. 6 copper wire, and take my electricity from the binding posts of the brushes. When running the machine 800 revolutions per minute the machine will fuse 3 copper wires No. 30, 12 inches long, showing that I have great resistance in my machine. I will say right here that I have for field magnets soft cast iron 22 inches wide, 13 inches high, 2 inches thick, wound with 8 layers of double wire No. 14. The armature has one coil, is wound with 3 wires of No. 18, 7 layers; the other with 5 wires No. 18, 7 layers. My commutator is made different from any that I have seen or heard from. My first coil is put on the inside ring, and the wire soldered and the slot cut for neutral points; the other ring is on the same commutator with one-eighth of an inch apart and the slot cut 90 degrees from the others, slot one thirty-second inch. I have but very little sparks at the commutator. I have made a lamp somewhat after the form of Brush lamp, and use Brush carbons, and have a very large light with very small arc, not more than one-sixty-fourth of an inch, but the carbon arc incandescence one-half of inch. I have in my lamp on the coil or hollow magnet six layers of No. 14 wire. After running about one hour the coil gets so hot that I cannot handle it, and I have to shut down the machine. What is the trouble? The machine does not get very hot. A. Use coarser wire in your lamp helix. You have succeeded very well with your machine.

(5) T. B. asks: 1. Can I use electro-magnets for the dynamo-electric machine described in SUPPLEMENT No. 161, Fig. 6? A. Yes. 2. And if not, how can I make magnets permanent, and from what kind of iron are they made? A. Permanent magnets are made from steel, hardened and tempered. You will find directions for making permanent magnets in an article on telephones in SUPPLEMENT 142. 3. Can the part surrounding the armature be made of wrought iron pipe, as shown in Fig. 6? A. Yes.

(6) C. S. W. asks: Are there any coal or peat beds in the torrid zone? Where? What is the reason that there are more in the temperate zone than elsewhere? A. No peat. Very little coal of carboniferous period. Tertiary coal, "brown coal," abundant in South American tropics. A cool moist atmosphere is required to develop peat.

(7) T. C. asks: If a wire be attached to a safe or stove in an office of a hardware store and conveyed to the moist earth beneath, will it be a good protection against lightning? A. No; use a good lightning rod with large ground connections placed in moist earth.

(8) S. S. B. asks: 1. Is it practicable to use three-eighths inch gas pipe for a water grate in an upright boiler having one end connected to pump and the other to the crown sheet? Boiler is 16 inches diameter, 2 feet high, with 19 1/4 flues, 1 foot long. A. You could use them, but they would soon burn out. 2. Is such a boiler large enough to drive a 2 inch by 4 inch engine with 60 lb. steam, and 250 to 300 revolutions per minute? A. It may answer with an exhaust jet, but is rather small without it.

(9) J. E. E. asks (1) how to construct a galvanometer for testing electrical resistances. A. A simple galvanometer may be made by suspending a magnetized cambric needle over a flattened helix of fine wire. For details of construction of delicate instruments of this kind see Prescott's Electricity, or Frick's Physical Technics. 2. Can you give me better detail of the reversing gear of Mr. Maxim's steam launch, SUPPLEMENT No 158? It does not give a clear explanation as to the setting of the eccentric. How far should it be moved to give proper "lead" both ways? Has the loose piece on shaft that works in the drum more than one spiral groove? A. The eccentric will be set in the usual manner, and by throwing it across to the opposite side, it is in position for reverse motion without lead. You must lay out a diagram to get the proper lead and throw for your valve. We do not understand there is any spiral groove, though this would probably be better, as you could then get the proper lead in both directions. 3. What horse power would a 2 1/2 x 2 1/2 stroke engine give, 300 revolutions per minute, with 70 lb of steam? A. About three-fourths lb. horse power. 4. What size boat can I run with it at the rate of eight miles per hour? Also what size screw and pitch? A. Probably 12 feet long and 3 1/2 to 4 feet beam; screw 14 inches diameter and 2 feet 4 inches pitch. 5. Ports are 30-100 inch area: are they large enough? A. Ports should equal five-tenths inch. 6. What size pump shall I use? A. Half inch diameter of plunger, if it has the stroke of the engine.

(10) W. F. O. asks: Suppose a string fastened at one end will just support a weight of 25 lb. at the other. Unfasten it, and two persons pull upon it in opposite directions. How much can each pull without

breaking the string? A. 25 lb. This amount applied to each end brings a total strain of only 25 lb. on the string. Try this experiment with spring scales instead of a string.

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

I. P. B.—The incrustation consists chiefly of oxide of iron, lime carbonate, and organic matter. The water is probably unfit to drink. There is no practical way of purifying it.—E. B. S.—It is itacolumite, or flexible sandstone, often found in diamondiferous regions. It has been used for making grinding wheels.—W. H. G.—The slate carries a trace of copper, but probably no silver. A fire assay of a larger sample would be requisite to settle this point.—W. B.—It is a glass colored by oxide of cobalt—cobalt glass.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED.

On Solar and Planetary Force and Attraction. By D. H. On Stoves. By L. H. B. On Electrolysis and Demagnetization. By E. A. T. Instrument for Investigating Pressure. By H. W. F. Poetry. By T. S.

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INDEX OF INVENTIONS

FOR WHICH Letters Patent of the United States were Granted in the Week Ending

April 27, 1880,

AND EACH BEARING THAT DATE.

[Those marked (r) are reissued patents.]

A printed copy of the specification and drawing of any patent in the annexed list, also of any patent issued since 1866, 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. We also furnish copies of patents granted prior to 1866; but at increased cost, as the specifications not being printed, must be copied by hand.

Table listing various inventions and their patent numbers, including items like 'Acid apparatus for the manufacture of nitric acid', 'Advertising device', 'Air apparatus for purifying and cooling', etc.