"In the Herreshoff launches the engines are by preference of the com-
pound type and of the simplest design; the two cylinders are connected at right angles, and the control of the vessel is thus made complete, there
being no time lost and no unrertainty in the starting, etopping, and backbeing no time lost and no unrertainty in the starting, etopping, and back-
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expansion of from four to five times, so that all from this source is actained. The boiler is practically inexplodible, being composed of a coil of iron pipe from two to three inches in outside ever, is comparativcly low. ranging for ordinary use from 40 to 60 lb . per '
square inch above the atmosphere; the engines being made strong enough o run under a pressure of 15 lb ., or as much as the boiler can be made to furnish. This boiier has a forced circulation, is absolutely safe both on account of its strength and of the very small quantities of steam and water which it contains; it is operated by natural draught, which, how-
ever, can be increased by a small steam jet thrown into the chimney ever, cen er increaser by a small steam jet thrown into the chimncy
whenever there may be demand for the maximum quantity of steam. The economic vaporization is as good as that of any other marine boiler. Tinis boiler, owing to its forced circulation, with the feed water entering at the top of the coil while the stcam is drawn off at the bottom, can be successfuly employ with the highest rate of combusti:ngiven by a powerful fan blast deliveting the air into a closed ashpit; that is to eay, with a combustion of io lio. of coal and over juer square foot of grate surof tubes that canl be worked at exceptionally high rates of combustion. In tubes that canl be worked at "xceptionally high rates of combustion.
In all or boilers of this kind the rate of combistion is limited by the fact that as soon as the quantity of heat thrown in a given time on the tubes reaches a very moderate amount, the water is driven from the iron, which, deprived of tinat protection, speedily burns ont.
"The coil boiler is the lightest ever constructed for its power, and the weight of water contained in is is the least. This boiler is
feature of the Herresloff system and the only part patented. eature of the Herreshoff system and the only part patented.
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"The eng, ne is condensing, the steam from the cylinder being exhausted formed by a copper pipe secured to the outside of the hull just above the formed by a copper pipe secured to the outside of the hull just above the
keel. By this means the boiler is supplied with fresl water, and the slight quantity lost by leakage is restorcd from a small tank situated beneath the boiler.
"The continuous scrvice of the launch is thus limited by only the weight of coal it can carry, aud not uy the weight of water it can carry. The bunkers can easily and quickly be refilled from other vessels at any local-
ity, but the filling of tanks with fresh water can only be done whcre fresh watercan be oltained.
"The use of condensing engines with surface condensers renders the can continuously steam, and from its freedom from noisc. When the enines are stopped temporarily. the steam is then blown from the boiler lirectly into the condenser and there condensed, the condenser, under the contact with continuously changing outsicic water even when the vesel contact
at rest.
"The navy launck carries 960 potinds of coal in the bunkers, and 2.500 pounds of water in the tanks, and in smooth water can muintain a speed
of 7 statute milcs forfour consecutive hours, atter which the tenks must of 7 statute
be refllled.
" The Herreshoff launch carries 1,120 pounds of coal in the bunkers, and can maintain a specd of 7 Etatute milcs for twenty-cight consecutive hours, fter which the bunkers must be refllled. But if there be added usutuu
weight the 2,500 pounds in water in the navy launch, then the consecutive steaming of the Berreshoff hunch can be extended to nin ry-eight hours. "The maximum spech of the navy launch was 8.5 statute miles perhour, nd of the Herreshoff launch 11 :statute miles per hour.
"Whent the two launches were tried together in very rough water, against a strong heat wind and sea. the superiority of the Herreshoff launch was much more marked than in smooth water. While the navy launch took in so much water over the bows as to endanger her safety, and to require much better trimmed, lizhttr, more buoyant, and every way superior in $\mid$ nautical qualitics to the navy launch, at the same time making double the speed.
"As rerards economy of fucl, the Herreshoff launch develops the indi-
cated horse power with tess than lalif the coal required in the navy launch. cated horse power with tess than half the coal required in the navy launch.
In every particular the superiority of the Herreshoff launches to the navy launch was so marked as to be apparent to the most cursory observation.
Their weight was one-lialf and their economy of fuel was donble; their Their weight was one-lalf and their economy of fuel was double; their
nautical qualities were much tiner, their carrying capacity was greater, their finish and general arra::gement were better, they were noiseless, and heir capability of continuous scrvice was enormously gre'ter. The superior adaptability of tlic Iferreclioff system to that of any other known to us, for steam launches, steam yachts, stcam pinnaces, torpedo hoats, small gun boais. etc., is so urquestionable, that after the most extensive experiments and thorough examination of the subject, we are conistrained to recommend it, though comparatively new. to the scrious attention of the department for such classes of vesscls. The management of the boiler
duffers from the management of boilers of other types, but is soon acquired by the humblest inte ligeace, and we believe the engineering of the Navy should be familiarized with it as spectily as possible, as its use is certain to extend as its merit becomes understood."
In addition to marine work the IIcreshoff company are at present giving particalar attention to engines for electric light. The quickness with which stean may be raised, the freedom from danger of explosion, the lightness of both boiler and engine, and the perfection of the mechanical details, render this system valuable for this purpose, and ad. mits of placing powerful machines in the midst of crowded cities without danger to life or property.
This system has also been sucecssfully faplnyed in working bridire draws, dummy engines, lortable and stationary pumping engines. For sa:v mills it, has peculiar adeantages. Its safety, port:uility, and its quick and powerful steaming qualities, give it the precedence nver other steam motors.
The entire range of the manufactures of the Herreshoff company exhibit circful and intelligent supervision, and workmauship that is in every way superior.

## Manuracturing in New York Citg

Of late jears Philacidphia has justly boasted of being not only the largest manufacturing center in the United States, but the largest in the world. If the chicf special agent for the collection of manufacturing statistics for New York, Mr. Charles E. Hill, is correctly reported, our city now takes the first place in productive industry as we!l as in commerce and populati,n. Mr. Hill estimates that the final footings will show the value of our manufactured products to be futlv $\$ 400,000,000$ or nearly $\$ 77,000$, c.00 more than Philadelphia's product. This excludes the numerous factories situated in what are practically suburbs of the city, and operated by New York capital and brains.

## dECISIONS RELATING TO PATENTS

United States Circuit Court-Northern District of fllinois.
arbed wire fences.-wabhburn \& moen mantfactich ing company et al. vs. haish. washbern \& moen mand facturing company vs. same.
Drummond and Blodgett, Judges

1. An assignment purporting to convey all the right, itle, and interest in letters patent "excepting thirty two or hirty three counties, herctofore sold and assigned," without designating the counties thus previously sold, is not so ar ambiguous as that nothing passes therebs, the reserva tion being such as is capable of being made certain by competent evidence, showing what counties have been actually conveyed
2. The action of the Patent Office in reissuing a patent o assignees raises a presumption of title in the assignee, named, and if the defendant wished to raise the question as o whetber a rescrvation contained in an assignment init inded the territory in contruversy, he should have raised it in his answer, or at least have put in proof tending to 3. Euch fact.
3. Evidence a'most wholly made up of the recollections of witnesses revived after the lapse of many ycars, and contradicted in most instances by explicit testimony of other equally credible witnesses, leaves so much doubt as to the actual existence of the device as to make it unsafe to defeat patent on the ground of public use thus sought to be established.
4. Evidence of the state of the art showing the prior ex istence of analogous devices for substantially the same pur pose, but not fully exbibiting the device patented, operates to narrow the field for the excrcise of inventive faculty and limit the range of the patents.
5. A device, in order to be patentable, must be the result of invention, but the mere mechanical adaptation of old things to new uses is not usually invention. unless in com-
6. Invention appearing, the la w does not attempt to measare its extent or degree.
7. Utility is suggestive of originality, and the fact of the acceptance of a device or combination by the public and putting it into extensive use, is accepted as evidence that it 8, An the proct of invention
8. An inventor mav, in his reissue specification, make bis description more full and accurate; but he must not substantially change it so as to describe another device or cover anything not in the original.
9. Thr original patent was for "the method of providing the wirrs of a wire fence with a scrics of spur wheels," and a reiss ae was obtained for a "fcnce wire provided with spurs for the purpose specified ;" IIcld, not to be a depart. ure from the original invention, the only changes in the specification scrving merely to give point or direction to the invention claimed
10. Matter so described in the original specification that it might have been claimed in the original patent, may properly be claimed in the reissue.

## NEW INVENTIONS.

Mr. Rush E. Avery, of New York city, bas patented a folding cot which can be folded or erected without attaching or detaching or coupling any of its parts. It is very convenient for transportation, occupying only a very small space when foided.
A safety attachment for watches has been patented by Mr. James Roberts, of Brooklyn, N. Y. A plate or ring, havings scalloped edges, is slipped over the stem of the watch, projecting horizontally, and so ncarly filling the pocket that when a thicf attempts to extract the watch the projecting plate will catch in the lining of the pocket atd alarm the owner. Or, if the thicf attempts to take hold of the plate itself, the pressure of his fingers in the narrow space be ween the plate and the porket will alarm the owner.
Mr. William Hoffmeister, of Mossy Creck, Tenn., has patented a double try-square. Two ordinary try-squares are joince together side by side, a suitable and adjustable dislance apart, by a metal plate and screws or equivalent means, by which means the square may be made to straddle boards
of different thicknesses. The scope of the torll is by this means muci increased, and kinds of work performed with it which are not possible with the ordinary try-square.
Mr. Wilbelm Espig, of Bcrlin: Germany, has patented billiard table, which provides means for adjusting the bed to different heights from the floor, and also for extending its frame for the reception of table hoards whereby it may be onverted into an ordinary dining lable
Mr. Francis Hopkins, of New York city, has patented an improvement in eyeglasses, the object of which is to obtain a firmer gripe upon the nose without tightening the spring, to prevent the glasses from slipping forward on the nose, and to hold them on the nose nearer to and on the same plane with the eyes. This is accomplished by
Mr. Willıam H. Older, of Packwaukee, Wis., has patente an improved $\mathfrak{d}$ construction of buildings designed especially for barns upon prairies and other parts of the country where timber is scarce. A peculiarly constructed frame of timber and wire, the timbers being secnred by bolts, is the principal feature of the invention. The outside may be covered
with straw thatch, tarred paper, etc. A serviceable building with straw thatch, tarred paper, etc. A serviceable building cost.

In a thill coupling patented by Mr. Levi B. Stuart, of Seymour, Conn., a gronved cushion and centrally grooved plate are claimed to provide a more durable and more casily adjustable spring to prevent rattling of shafts on their bolts than bas hitherto been supplied.
A log tripper patented by Mr. Levi Gunter, of Guntber's Mills, S. C., consists of a novel arrangement of levers and an improved hook, whereby a saving in power and labor for turning logs in saw mills is effected.
Mr. Samuel White, of Eau Claire, Wis., has patented an mproved head block for sawmills which comprises improvements in the jacks or standards of the head blocks, the dogs for holding the logs upon the carriage, and the means for receding the jacks upon the bead blocks.
Mr. Charles P. Batt, of Plœnixville, Pa., has patented a
pendulum scale which consists in a novel combination and arrangement with each other of a pair of weighted levers, a p:iir of connecting bars, and a vertically operating scalebeam and indicator.
Mr. Edwin B. Hutchinson, of Detroit, Mich., has patented an improved account-book, which saves time and work in making up trial-halances from a ledger. The book is bound with hait leaves that are rulcd for an index, and fitted with a removable pad provided with leaves ruled in columns for account totals, arranged for two or more balances, which pall when in place forms, with the bound half leaves, a complete trial-balance buok, into which the headings or names can be copicd on the bound portion and the accounts carried out upon the pad leaves for two or more balances, and the pad renewed by another when exhausted, a!l with but one entry of the names or tecuditiry.
Mr. Ura H. Palmer, of Elizaville. Ky., has patented a wheat beater for flour mills, in which the grain is heated by the direct contact of hot air, the air being heated by a lamp and circulated in currents through perforated tubes, among which the grain passes by virtue of its own gravity. Mr. Prosper Humbert, of Mustin, Texas, has patented a three-wheeled velicle which bas one or more scats so ar-
ranged that the forward seat turns with the horses so that the driver is always directly in the rear of the horses, and holds be reins at the same leogth no matter how much the horses may turn to cither side.
Mr. George B. Taylor, of New Brunswick, N. J., bas patented a feed-witer heater forsteam engine boilers and locomotives. The heating chamber is formed of two plates attached to a frame, and its interior is divided into zigzag form by strips extending alternately from the top to the hottom, and from the buttom to the top. The beating is accomplished by the products of combustion as they pass through the smoke box.
Mr. Charles Niederaucr, of La Grange, Texas, has patented a cultivator in which the standards may be adjusted to regulate the depth of the cultivators or plows to avoid obstructions. Each cultivator or plow standard has attached to it an adjustable segment, and the standards are all operated together by a lever and link connections. The plows are thus raised, while the main frame upon which the operator rides is not raised.
Mr. Gottliel, Kinsey, of Lock Seventeen, Ohio, bas patented an attachment for reapers and mowers which is a substitute for ordinary recl, and which, while less expensive, is claimed to be equally as effective. It consists substantially in a rake which is automatically raised, swung forward, lowered, and drawn back as the machine advances to draw the grain or grass against the cutter bar.
$\mathbf{M}_{1}$. Jacob Gilstrap, of La Plata, Mo., has patented a wind whecl of that class in which the access of wind is controlled by binged valves resulated by the action of a governor. Instead of two cords and rings for connecting each valve to the governor Mr. Gilstrap uses only one cord to operate the valve in one direction, its movement in the other direction being controlled by a spring. By this means the number of parts is greally lessened and a consequent reduc. tion in friction results.
Mr. John Coyle, of East New York, N. Y., bas patented a combined lampwick-trimmer and burner and chimney cleaner constructed of a brush, a square staple, and a serrated disk, whereby the charred portion of the wick can be removed, the wick and burner brushed off, and the inner surface of a lamp chimney cleaned.
Mr. William Jones, of Nashville, Tenn., bas patented a machine for making rim tops of vessels. It operates upon a straight strip of metal, flanged at one edge, to convert it into a hoop of the desired dimensions and of such sbape in crosssection as renders it peculiarly suited to form the flange for the cover of sheet metal vesscls.
Mr. Bolivar J. Quattlebaum, of Williston, S. C., has patented a portable dental engine which may readily be set up in small compass and readily taken down and packed in small compass for transportation. The frame of the machine can be adjusted to form a case for the working parts when packed.

## Separation of Cobalt and Nickel.

Reichel gives the following new method for the qualita ive separation of these two troublesome metals, especially when there is but little cobalt in the prescuce of a larger quantity of nickel. Both metals are precipitated with pritassic hydrate solution and filtered. The unwashed precipitate is thrown into a test tube and heated with very strong pot ash until it boils. Under these circumstances the cobalt dissolves with a blue color, thus proving its presence in a very simple manuer.
Z. A. C.

## Scarlet for Felts.

The following two processes give shades which bear soaping. The dyeing is done in a well-tinned pan or a wooden cistern the goods are entered, at $115^{\circ}$ Fab., in water, to which $11 / 2 \mathrm{lb}$. white argol is added, and boiled strongly for a long time, turning cocasionally. Lift, and add the dissolved coloring matter; re-enter, turn, and add graduaily, lifting the goods before each addition of 11 lb . tin composition. The beck is then brought to a boil again, which is kept up for half an hour. Lift, cool, and wash well.
If the argol does not lonsen the tissue sufficiently, it is recommended to add a small quantity acetate of soda
The tin composition is prepared as follows: Muriatic acid, 3 l. ., nitric acid, 1 lb .; water, 1 lb .
To every 6 lb . of this mixture 1 lb . of granulated tin is added, with the aid a gentle heat.
Sulphuric acid may be used instead of the tin spirits, but the shades are less pure.
The first method consists in dycing the goods thus mordanted with the " Ponce:u 2 R" of the Aniline Color Company of Berlin. In the second the goods mordanted in the same way are dyed with "Ponceau S extra," made by the same company -Muster Zoitung für Faerberei.

## CONTINUOUS-SLIDE LANTERN.

The engraving shows a lantern which possesses certain advantages, and is specially adapted for lectures where the subjects follow each other in an unbroken scries. Mistakes arising from the insertion of a wrong slide, or an inverted subject, are apt to mar an evening's entertainment. But, as will be seen, errors of this nature are altogether avoided, and hy a simple mechanical arrangement, the slides present themselves in perfect order and at their allotted times.
The instrument is fixed to the top of the pack ing case, B, by the screws, A A; the lid of the case, G , serves to elevate or depress the lantern which may be fixed in position at any angle. Reared above the chinney are two metal up rigbts, secured to the sides of the lantern. These carry at their apex a wooden cube covered with fine leather; each side of this cube corresponds with the size of the slides. But, by the aid of strong ribbon binding, the slides are so united as to form a flexible band which traverses the cube and deseends into the case, B, through slots, D D. The cube turns on its axis, E, to which is attached a milled head. Tue band is made so that the slides can be detaclied and re placed by a new series at will.
The advantages of this simple arrangement are so obvious as hardly to require further comment. The operator has only to turn the milled bead of the cube in order to bring his subjects, one after the other, into position. This system might be applied also to the dissolving view api)aratus The heat from the chinney is never so intense as to interfere in any way with the slides, while it clears them of surface moisture, by which they might be obscured during cold weather.

## An Aluminum Battery

A curious and novel voltaic cell has been de vised by Herr Wöhler, and described in Liebig's Annalen. The chiof peculiarity is that both plates are of the same metal-aluminum-and a tolerably strong current is supplied. The cel consists of a glass vessel six inches bigh, filled with very dilute hydrochloric acid, or caustic soda, and containing an inner porous pot filled with concentrated nitric acici. In each compart ment is placed a cylinder of aluminum provided with a projecting lug which passes through the cover of the vessel, and acts as a contact piece for the electrodes or conducting wires. As soon as the aluminum cylinders are plunged into the acids, a current is given off sufficiently powerful to heat a platinum wire red hot.

To Make Chloride of Goid and Nitrate of Sllver.* Procure 8 grammes $=5$ dwts. of fine gold, and after rolling out to thin plate, cut into small strips. Get an olive oil flask, and clean it well with a warm and saturated solution of soda and water Fill the flask half full of water, and set on a sand bith over a heat that will slowly briag the water to boiling, which will both temper and test the flask; if it stands this test it is fit to be used. Put the pieces of gold ino the flask, then mix in a small bottle balf an ounce of pure nitric and two ounces of muriatic acid, and pour some of this into the flask to cover the pieces of gold, place it in a sand bath over a gentle heat, and put over the mouth of the fitsk a small biece of glass to prevent the solution from
spirling out while in action. As soon as the acid ceases to spirliner out while in action. As soon as the acid ceases to act on the gold, and if any remains undissolved. add more of the mixed acid, and continue to add little at the time as often as it stops acting on the gold until all is diasolved: remove then the flask from the sand bath and let it cool, then add to it about its like quantity of water, and boil over a heated sand bath until about hillf of it is evaporated; renove and pour the solution into a glass or porcclain dish,
*From the Deutsche Chemiker Zeitung, by H. Busb, Hull.
and rinse the flask several times with small quantities of warm water, which add to the solution.
Now prepare a filter in a small glass funnel, place it in the flask, and tilter the solution back, and before the filteriug is nearly completed pour a few drops of water at a time into the filter in order to wash the gold out of it, and until the solution is increased to about a third in bulk, then return it to the sand bath and evaporate again to about half; after this pour the solution into an evaporating dish and rinse the flask with warm water and add the rinsing to the contents in the evaporating dish, then add about 1 gr. 50 centigr. of fine table salt for each gramme or $11 / 2$ dwt. for each dwt. of gold dissolved; place it on the sand bath, stir it well with a glass rod until perfcctly dry, then allow it to cool when it will be ready for use, or to be poured into smal bottles for sale. The 8 gramme or 5 dwt. of gold used will realize 24 bottles containing 1 gramme or 15 grains of chloride of gold to each bottle and will pay well for the trouble of preparation. The chlıride of gold prepared in this manner will answer for making solutions for electro-gilding or for photographic purposes.
To make nitrate of silver, take granulated fine silver and put into a glass flask similar as used for dissolving gold, pour pure nitric acill mixed with about half the quantity of warm water into the flask to cover well the silver, place the flask in a sand bath over a gentle heal or into a vessel of hot water, which must be kept hot by placing over a spirit lamp until the acid ceases acting on the silver; if silver remains undissolved in the flask, remove it from the sand and let it


## CONTINUOUS-SLIDE LANTERN

cool; then pour off the liquid into a porcelain dish, add a little more acid to the remaining silver in the flask, and place it again over heat until dissolution of silver ceases, and keep on repeating the decanting and adding until all the silver is dissolved. By this methorl an excess oî acid is avoided. After the solution has cooled add to it about half its quantity of water and filter it through asbestos broken up and placed in the filter in the neck of the funnel; after filtering pour into an evaporating dish and place it on a beated sand bath and evaporate until you perceive a light scum on the surface of the liquid, when it is removed and allowed to cool, and when nearly cold is placed on ice covered over and left undisturbed for twenty four hours, when crystals of nitrate of silver will form; the crystals are removed with a pair of platinum pincers into a glass funnel placed into the neck of a bottle, and as soon as the crystals have given over dripping pour quickly about an ounce of water over the crystals, and after done dripping repeat it twice more take the crystals out of the funnel and spread them out on a clina plate and place on a warm slove to dry. Pour then the washings of the crystals back to the remaining silver solution not yet crsstallized, evaporate and filter the same as before and set by to crystallize, and repeat the process until nearly all the silver is disposed of. The small remainder of silver solution may be decomposed into chloride of silver by adding gradually small quantities of salt water.

In order to obtain crystals of large size, the moment of forming the scum on the solution has to be watched during evaporation and advantage taken of by removing it from the sand bath at this point. Another advantage of greatly accelerating the formation of crystals is to put a picce of nitrate of silver into the solution before placing it on the ice. This method will produce nitrate of silver of a better and purer quality than generally bought of dealers.

## MISCELLANEOUS INVENTIONS.

An improved end gate for wagon bodies, patented by Mr. Thomas Dwyer, of Kendall, Ill., supplies drop end gates which may be turned down and supported in horizontal positions to serve as platforms fur convenience in shoveling oats out of wagons. It may also be turned down in a vertical position out of the way. Quadrantal wings with stop devices enable these adjustments to be easily made, and hold the gate securely when aljusted.
Mr. George T. Hedrick, of Weaverton, Ky., has patented a nozzle and stopper for grain bars. It is metallic, and the bag is gathered and attached to it by a draw string. The stopper is a metallic disk with a spring catch which engage interrupted flanges on the interior of the nozzle.
A lock and lateb combined, patented by Mr. Charles F. Batt, of Phœnixville, Pit, is so constructed that the lock cannot be readily picked, and both tie bolt and the lateh can be operated by the same key. It also allows the latch to be thrown nut of or into gear with the spindle.
Mr. Earnest J. Krause, of Carlisle, Pa., has patented a fire escape ladder, which provides means for adapting the hooks of a fire escape ladder to window sills of all widtbs, and for hriding the ladder as firmly on narrow silis as on broad ladder
ones.
Mr. Orlando H. Jadwin, of Bronklyn. N. Y. has patented an improved cable traction for street cars. A peculiar clutch attached to the car serves, at the will of the conductur, to attach the car to the traveling cable, which runs in a channel or trough formed in the ground. Devices are aiso supplied to hold the calle in position at strect corners, etc. The clamping of the cable by the clutch is gradual and uniform.
Mr. James Pardee, of Pliillipsburg, Montana Territory, has patented an improvement in rotary ore-roasting furnaces, intender to increase the capacity, effectiveness, and working econo mies of this class of furnaces, and more especially applicalle to what is known as the How ell rorary furnace. The improvement corsists in a diaphragm or partition placed in the rear of the furnace feed pipe, by which means the crushed ore is given time to become heated and aggregated before dropping through the moving current of air and flame, and in this condition is not carried by the draught into the dust chambers in such quantities as heretofore.
Mr. James M. Totten. of Sharon, Wis., has patented an improved adjustible wrench. The shank has a socketed mortised block at the lower end, and a cross bolt passing through the shank, which holds side sliding plates. By slicling out the side sliding plates from the block and fastening them by the bolt, the wrench may be made to fit varinus sizes of nuts.
Mr. August W. Klamer, of C'ahoka, Mo., has patented a draught equalizer for side reaping machines. A rectangular framework is adjust ably secured to the tongue or pole of the velicle, projecting on one side thercof and carrving the whiffetrees, thereby afforiing the horses a power ful leverage agaiust the side pull of the machine.
Mr. Charles Stcinfels, of Elizabeth, N. J., has patented a screw polishing machine, which auto matically seizes and properly presents the heads of the screws to polishing whecls, the screrws be fed to the machine in mass.
Mr. Heinrich Trenk, of Beriin, Germany, has patented a composition for use in tanning, consisting of a conceutrated solution of crude tartar or argol, to which a small quantity of chloride of zinc or analogous chloride has been added. This composition is used after the hides or slins have been treated by the tanning liquer, and its action is to make the finished leather more deuse and compact.
A hitching strap, patented by Mr. John D. Stotlemeyer, of Hancock, Md., prevents horses, when bitched, from falling, and assists them in recovering therr feet when down. A portion of the strap is made of a strong strip of elastic rulbber, provided with a snap hook, and suitably attached to the leather portion of the strep.
In an apparatus for watering stock, patented by Mr. James Ray, of Huntsville, Mo., a trough or receiver is provided with a device wbereby water flowing into it from a pipe is automatically prevented from flowing as soon as the water reaches a prescribed level in the trough. The troughs may be arranged in a scries, delivering water one to another, in such manner that none shall be wasted by overflow. A novel arrancement of float lever valves and float valves is used to accomplish the end sought.
A cheese cutter, patented by Mr. Lionel J. Smith, of Peshtigo, Wis., is so constructed that cheeses can be easily, accurately, and quickly cut into pieces of any desired size.

