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To Stop Leaks in Boiler Tubes, use Quinn's Pat. Ferrules. Address S. M. Co., So. Newmarket, N. H.

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Light and Fine Machinery and Tools to Order. Lathe catalogue for stamp. Edward O. Chase, Newark, N. J.

Chemist's Pocket Book.—For Chemical Manufacturers, Metallurgists, Dyers, Distillers, Brewers, Sugar Refiners, Photographers, etc. By Thomas Bayley. \$2, mail free. E. & F. N. -pon, 46 Broome St., New York.

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Malleable and Gray Iron Castings to order, by Capital City Malleable Iron Co., Albany, N. Y.

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Combination Roll and Rubber Co., 27 Barclay St., N. Y. Wringer Rolls and Moulded Goods Specialties. Send for Pamphlet of Compilation of Tests of Turbine Water Wheels. Barber, Keiser & Co., Allentown, Pa.

List of Machinists in United States and Canada, just compiled; price \$10. A. C. Farley & Co., Philadelphia. Presses & Dies (fruit cans) Ayar Mach. Wks., Salem, N. J.

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Malleable and Gray Iron Castings, all descriptions, by Erie Malleable Iron Company, limited, Erie, Pa.

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Presses, Dies, Tools for working Sheet Metals, etc. Fruit and other Can Tools. E. W. Bliss, Brooklyn, N. Y. Cope & Maxwell Mfg Co.'s Pump adv., page 45.

For Paf. Safety Elevators, Hoisting Engines, Friction Clutch Pulleys, Cut-off Coupling, see Frisbie's adv. p. 45. Safety Boilers. See Harrison Boiler Works adv., p. 44.

Mineral Lands Prospected, Artesian Wells Bored, by Pa. Diamond Drill Co. Box 423, Pottsville, Pa. See p. 45.

Improved Skinner Portable Engines. Erie, Pa. Clark & Heald Machine Co. See adv., p. 62.

Ajax Metals for Locomotive Boxes, Journal Bearings, etc. Sold in ingots or castings. See adv., p. 61.

Draughtsman's Sensitive Paper, T. H. McCollin, Phila., Pa. For Mill Mach'y & Mill Furnishing, see illus. adv. p. 60.

Common Sense Dry Kiln. Adapted to drying of all material where kiln, etc., drying houses are used. See p. 62.

The Porter-Allen High Speed Steam Engine. South-work Foundry & Mach. Co., 460 Washington Ave., Phila., Pa.

Skinner's Chuck. Universal, and Eccentric. See p. 61.

See Bentel, Margand & Co.'s adv., page 76.

Silica Paints (not mixed); all shades. 40 Bleeker St., N. Y.

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

Steam Hammers, Improved Hydraulic Jacks, and Tube Expanders. R. DuBois, 34 Columbia St., New York.

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Elevators, Freight and Passenger, Shafting, Pulleys and Hangers. I. S. Graves & Son, Rochester, N. Y.

Gould & Eberhardt's Machinists' Tools. See adv., p. 77.

Gear Wheels for Models (list free); Experimental Work, etc. D. Gilbert & Son, 212 Chester St., Phila., Pa.

Barrel, Key, Hoghead, Stave Mach'y. See adv. p. 76.

For Heavy Punches, etc., see illustrated advertisement of Hilles & Jones, on page 76.

Centrifugal Pumps, 100 to 35,000 gals. per min. See p. 77.

The Medart Pat. Wrought Rim Pulley. See adv., p. 76.

Our goods speak for themselves, and a trial will convince the most skeptical of their superiority over all others. Lehigh Valley Emery Wheel Co., Lehighon, Pa.

Pays well on small investment.—Stereopticons, Magic Lanterns, and Views illustrating every subject for public exhibitions. Lanterns for colleges, Sunday schools, and home amusement. 116 page illustrated catalogue free. McAllister, Manufacturing Optician, 49 Nassau St., N. Y.

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For best low price Planer and Matchner, and latest improved Sash, Door, and Blind Machinery, Send for catalogue to Rowley & Hermance, Williamsport, Pa.

C. B. Rogers & Co., Norwich, Conn. Wood Working Machinery of every kind. See adv., page 77.

Portable Power Drills. See Stow Shaft adv., p. 76.

The only economical and practical Gas Engine in the market is the new "Otto" Silent, built by Schleicher Schumm & Co., Philadelphia, Pa. Send for circular.

The Sweetland Chuck. See illus. adv., p. 78.

Electric Lights.—Thomson Houston System of the Arc type. Estimates given and contracts made. 631 Arch, Phil.

Ore Breaker, Crusher, and Pulverizer. Smaller sizes run by horse power. See p. 77. Totten & Co., Pittsburg.

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

Notes & Queries

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.

Correspondents sending samples of minerals, etc., for examination, should be careful to distinctly mark or label their specimens so as to avoid error in their identification.

TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS.—The destruction of our old offices by fire January 31, 1882, caused the loss of a considerable number of inquiries from correspondents and of our replies thereto, which we had in hand for publication. Those of our friends who find their inquiries neglected will know from the above the reason why; and they will oblige the editor by repeating their inquiries without delay.

(1) J. B. L. asks: What is the explosive matter used in caps for toy pistols? Have tried chlorate potash and flour sulph; chlorate 2 grains to sulph., 1 grain. Will not work. I have also tried charcoal and chlorate, but without success, though the preparation explodes in a mortar. A. Usually a mixture of gunpowder and potassium chlorate. See Fulminating Compounds, page 48, volume xlv.

(2) F. F. writes: What can I put in sperm oil to prevent its gummy? A friend suggests a solution of soda. How could I mix it? Is there anything better that I could try, as I should think that the solution of soda would rust the machinery? A. Alkali will not accomplish what you require. The oil is usually treated by exposing it to contact with lead shavings for a few days. See "Lubricants," SUPPLEMENT No. 316. 2. Is sulphur good to cool hot bearings; and why? or what is the nature of sulphur, that it reduces the friction? A. No; when mixed with a heavy fluid vehicle it can sometimes be used advantageously on heavy bearings to relieve friction.

(3) B. C. B. writes: Is there any acid or compound that will dissolve or cut out the lime deposit in the waterback of a stove where hard water is used? A. We know of nothing that could be safely applied in the way proposed. Any solvent that would take out the lime would be apt to corrode the iron.

(4) F. H. L. asks what it is that is used on paper and silk that when it is exposed to heat or dampness will change from blue to pink—being blue when exposed to heat or dryness, and pink when exposed to cold or moisture. A. The liquid you refer to is very probably a dilute aqueous solution of pure cobalt chloride.

(5) J. B. G. asks: By what means can I blue the barrel of a gun or make it look like blue steel? I think chloride of iron and gallic acid are two of the compounds used, but I wish to be certain of it. A. Try the following: Scour the steel with a small quantity of a strong aqueous solution of soda, rinse in water, warm, and brush over with a solution of a quarter of an ounce chloride of iron dissolved in five ounces of water, and let it dry; then apply in the same manner a solution of one-fifth of an ounce pyrogallic acid in one ounce water, dry, and brush. Does not wear well without lacquering. The blue oxide is sometimes imitated by using a thin alcoholic shellac varnish colored with aniline blue or Prussian blue.

(6) R. S. M. writes: The countershaft of my planer and matcher broke square off, just at the edge of the journal. It is attached to frame, has three bearings, and ran smooth and had no jar. It just came in two, and stopped while running smooth. A. The probability is that the journal bearings were not in line, and the shaft was sprung at every revolution, until a break occurred, like bending a wire many times across the finger.

INDEX OF INVENTIONS FOR WHICH Letters Patent of the United States were Granted in the Week Ending January 17, 1882, AND EACH BEARING THAT DATE.

[Those marked (r) are reissued patents.]

Table listing inventions with patent numbers and names. Includes entries like Alarm, Attrition mill, Axle box, Carriage spring, etc.

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