

ENGINEERING INVENTIONS.

Mr. De Witt C. Cumings, of Carthage, Jefferson County, N. Y., is the patentee of an improved counter shaft, including an independent short shaft in line with the counter shaft, intended to secure better alignment, do away with the ordinary loose pulley, and provide means for better lubrication.

A bearing for the spindles of amalgamating pans has been patented by Mr. Andrew Wallace, of Leadville, Col. The invention covers an improved contrivance of devices for centering and tightening the sliding jackets of the grinding mullers, with a spindle of angular or flat sided shape, on which the hollow space of the jacket fits, with adjusting wedges and screws for centering and tightening.

A car coupling has been patented by Mr. Hugh Graham, of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada. There are sliding blocks and springs in the sockets of the drawheads, to hold the links up level and to hold up the coupling pins for self-coupling, the blocks having spring latches so they may be easily set for holding up either the links or pins, with various other improvements, whereby the cars may be coupled or uncoupled without going between them.

A car coupling has been patented by Mr. Frederick E. Grothaus, of Boerne, Texas. Two coupling hooks are pivoted on a projection from the bottom of the car, passing through a guide slot, and connected with a vertically movable bar for raising them; the coupling hooks are raised and their free ends pressed together, and when released they swing downward and their free ends are separated to allow the hooks to catch on the front posts of the coupling box on the opposite car.

MECHANICAL INVENTIONS.

A turning machine has been patented by Mr. Albert T. Booth, of Meriden, Conn. This invention consists of a sliding tube in a revolving tube, the latter having a nipple on the end which contains a chuck fixed on the end of the sliding tube, and the sliding tube having bevel projections on its inner end, thus making an improved machine for turning metal or wood.

AGRICULTURAL INVENTIONS.

A hay stacker has been patented by Mr. John M. Coe, of Sloan, Iowa. This invention covers a novel construction and combination of parts to take hay from the ground, elevate it to the desired height, and then drop it upon the stack, to be stowed away by an attendant.

A rice drill has been patented by Mr. Arthur De L. Middleton, of Charleston, S. C. There are seed boxes outside of the wheels, so seeds can be planted along the edges of drains or ditches, all the seed boxes are provided with covers, and there are various novel devices and peculiarities of construction and arrangement.

MISCELLANEOUS INVENTIONS.

A wagon running gear has been patented by Messrs. John B. Spry and Thomas Barry, of Valparaiso, Ind. The invention covers some novel details in the construction and combination of parts, to increase the strength and durability of wagon gearings.

A portable folding parlor bowling alley has been patented by Mr. William M. Goodenough, of Newark, N. J. It is formed of a series of sections hinged or otherwise attached to each other, with a folding box at one end adapted to receive the balls that have been rolled at the pins.

A package and book holder has been patented by Mr. Charles Huff, of St. Louis, Mo. It consists of a combination of right angular wire frame, a spring frame pivoted thereto, a handle, cross piece, and rack, all making a convenient carrier and holder for books and packages.

A baling press has been patented by Mr. Simon P. Harbaugh, of Cumberland, Md. This invention consists of a novel construction whereby the baling of cotton, hay, and other substances is facilitated, and it may also serve as a platform scale to weigh the bales as they are discharged from the press.

A saw handle has been patented by Messrs. Rufus H. and William D. Shumway, of Lebanon Springs, N. Y. In combination with the handles of cross cut saws are plates made to form longitudinal grooves, cross grooves, and locking cavities, with a saw blade holding hook to engage with the walls of either of the cavities, with other novel features.

An ear corn feed regulator has been patented by Mr. Samuel E. Marsh, of Tarkio, Mo. It consists of pronged wheels and a discharging shelf arranged with the chute and hopper of an elevator carrying belt on the hopper of a storage crib, for feeding corn regularly to the buckets of the elevator, or from different sections of the crib.

A trace bearer for pad skirts has been patented by Mr. Simmons D. Taylor, of Carthage, N. Y. The bearer consists of an elongated loop or metal frame, by which the trace is prevented from wearing off the skirt, and the bearer will last longer than the usual trace bearer, which is facilitated by a special construction and arrangement of parts.

A saw table gauge has been patented by Mr. Henry L. Hopkins, of Caro, Mich. This is an attachment for scroll sawing machines, a parallel wayed frame, with ways therefor, being secured to the sawing machine in a vertical plane nearly at right angles to the plane of the saw, and a saw table being pivoted in the parallel frame.

A propeller for small boats has been patented by Mr. John B. Kibler, of Minneapolis, Minn. A bottomless socket, with an upright post adjustably secured therein, is attached to the side of the boat, and this is made to sustain a paddle bar to be operated by a crank within the boat, by which the latter may be propelled in any desired direction.

A well bucket fixture has been patented by Mr. Frank L. Howell, of Neligh, Neb. This invention

relates to sheet metal well buckets with a bottom ring supporting the valve, and the valve having a stem on its lower side for raising it, and the improvements cover improved construction and arrangement of the ring and valve.

A corkscrew has been patented by Mr. William E. Alvord, of Appleton, Wis. The corkscrew is formed on the lower end of a rod contained in an externally threaded tube, which in turn is contained in an internally threaded tube, the object being to construct the corkscrew that the cork can be extracted without requiring the operator to pull on the corkscrew.

A friction clutch has been patented by Mr. William H. Rascoe, of Plattsburg, N. Y. In combination with a shaft is a loose wheel with recesses containing rollers, against which blocks rest, which are pressed by springs against the rollers, causing the rollers to bind on the wheel or shaft when the wheel revolves in one direction, but not when revolving in the reverse direction.

A refrigerator has been patented by Mr. Harvey W. Nash, of Amsterdam, N. Y. The ice box or crate, and other parts in the refrigerator, are so suspended that the water, condensing on such parts, as well as the drip water, cannot follow down the connections to dampen the walls of the refrigerator, thus rendering unnecessary the lining of the refrigerator with metal.

A magazine gun has been patented by Mr. Franklin J. Evans, of Iowa Falls, Iowa. The gun has a reciprocating breech block, with a lever pivoted thereto, and a stop bar in the breech cavity; there is also a lifting lever pivoted under the stop bar, with various other improvements, and the gun may also be used with single cartridges without employing the magazine.

A tailor's pressing machine has been patented by Mr. Edward Walker, of New York city. It is made with an ironing board mounted on a carriage adapted to run on a table, above which a smoothing iron is pivoted in a frame suspended from a weighted lever, which can be operated by a foot lever under the table, the double smoothing iron being heated by a gas pipe.

An adjustable trestle has been patented by Mr. Edward Owen, of Jackson, Tenn. It is for the use of carpenters, brick layers, and others, and has a slotted top bar and mortised longitudinal beam below and adapted to receive a frame, whose side bars have internal ratchet teeth, engaged by pawls pivoted to the longitudinal bar; this so fold may be raised or lowered without interfering with the work.

A clasp for holding stockings, shirt sleeves, etc., has been patented by Messrs. Charles F. and William J. Walters, of Gang Mills, N. Y. It is formed of a U-shaped frame, with bends in the shanks, to the inner free ends of which a V-shaped frame is pivoted, adapted to be pressed between the shanks of the other. The same inventors have also patented a stocking supporter and garter, being a device for holding the stocking from a waist belt or corset or other article of clothing. An improved garter has likewise been patented by the same inventors, one which does not cut into the skin or bind on the same, does not tear the clothes, and holds the hose securely.

NEW BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS.

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(2) E. H. I. writes: I see in SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN SUPPLEMENT, No. 160, in giving directions for making an induction coil, it directs making the secondary coil in two sections. Will not one do just as well, or almost as well? A. When the coil is made in two sections, there is less danger of internal discharges. If you make your coil continuous, you will have to make the insulation very perfect and secure.

(3) E. V. D. asks: 1. What is the temperature of steam under pressure of one atmosphere, under two atmospheres, three, etc.?

A. 1 atmosphere..... 251°
2 "..... 276°
3 "..... 295°
4 "..... 311°
5 "..... 324°
6 "..... 335°
7 "..... 345°
8 "..... 355°

2. Will "live steam" impart heat more quickly than steam as it is condensing? A. Live steam at high pressures only gives out heat by condensation, unless superheated. The word live only means steam from the boiler, as distinguished from steam from the exhaust.

(4) W. E. S. asks: In order to steer a boat clear of obstacles in a current (particularly in rapids) with which it is going and down which its course lies, is it necessary that there should be a propulsion of the boat independent of that which is caused by the current? In other words, in the case stated, is the rudder obeyed only when the boat is going (by means of steam or other independent agency) at a speed greater than that of the current? A. The boat must go faster (or slower) than the current to be able to influence its course by the rudder.

(5) J. F. P. asks, to settle an "argument," Which will most increase the power of a locomotive 16 inches diameter, 24 inches stroke—to add 1 inch to stroke or 1 inch to the diameter? A. One inch added to the stroke would add one-twenty-fourth to the power, and one inch added to diameter would increase the power one-eighth, or three times as much as adding one inch to the stroke.

(6) B. B. T. writes: We have two sets of boilers, 30 feet apart. No. 1 is 16 feet long, 48 inches diameter, and has twenty-four 0.5 inch tubes. No. 2 are two boilers connected by steam dome and mud drum, 24 feet long, 36 inches diameter, with two 13 inch flues. No. 1 furnishes more steam than we need for engine, and as we carry the same pressure on both sets could we connect by a pipe? If so, what size would you advise, and where connect it? A. You can connect them by a pipe not less than 4 inches diameter, but you must keep your safety valves, gauge cocks, etc., on both sets of boilers the same as if worked separately. There should also be stop valves in the steam pipes, outside the safety valve, so that either set of boilers can be shut off if necessary.

(7) A. C. asks a remedy for the roaring noise produced by the condensation of steam in cold water, the end of the pipe expanding into a coil. A. Have a drain cock at the end of the coil to draw off the condensed water, and not let the steam discharge into the tank, or preferably, place a false bottom across