

about one ounce or less of the dry powdered salt with every 60 pounds of butter, and knead well.

(36) H. R. C. asks: Is there a point in the axis of a revolving wheel in which there is no motion?

(37) W. H. D. asks (1) if worn out files can be recut by using acid? A. Yes. 2. With what success? A. Fair.

(38) W. M. B. asks for an easy and cheap way to clean beer bottles, that is, what can I put in water to make them become clean, and at the same time remove old labels, etc.?

(39) C. D. writes: There is a bet between two miners here who are working Burell drills.

(40) J. H. desires a recipe to make Persian sherbet powders. A. We presume you refer to the following: Take 8 ounces carbonate of soda, 6 ounces tartaric acid, 2 pounds loaf sugar (finely powdered), 8 drachms essence of lemon.

(41) S. S. S. writes: I have a canvas and leather strop for stropping razors, but they don't put a keen edge on. What shall I put on to mend them? A. Razor paste is made as follows: Mix fine emery intimately with fat and wax until the proper consistency is obtained in the paste, and then rub it well into the leather strop.

(42) B. B. asks for a mixture that will clean rags that have been used in wiping off oil. A. Boil the rags with a dilute solution of caustic soda, and then wash in water to make them perfectly free from chemicals.

(43) G. W. S. asks: What can I coat a muslin bag with so that it will be air tight and pliable, that it may be readily rolled when not inflated? A. Take 1 1/2 ounces of India rubber, cut small, and of chloroform, 1 pint (washed), or carbon disulphide, 1 pint; digest in the cold until solution is complete.

(44) J. S. McL. asks how the letter press printing plates are made of celluloid. A. The process is patented and the property of a company. It is partially secret also.

(45) E. G. P. desires a receipt for whitening a helmet covered with white cotton cloth, something that will not rub off. A. There is no preparation for the purpose, but among individuals chalk is used frequently to cover over defects.

(46) S. J. H. asks for some means by which the odor of a new refrigerator can be gotten rid of. I have tried charcoal, but without relief.

or less. A. There is no very satisfactory means that we can recommend for this purpose. A vessel filled with water or milk will absorb odor about as quickly as anything. The refrigerator should be lined with metal, and that thoroughly washed.

(47) J. A. J. wishes to have full particulars of how to cover copper wire with gutta percha and cotton, etc., also how to construct a cheap machine to do the same.

(48) S. T.—We know of no mineral glaze that is pliable.

(49) J. M. S.—For cleaning a running engine, use tripoli or rotten stone with kerosene oil. If the hollow places get gummy, use a stick dipped in the mixture. Sometimes it is necessary to use emery cloth or flour of emery on neglected parts.

(50) T. C.—The "invention" you mention as having been recently brought out by an exhibition company for producing tableaux, etc., was fully described by us some twelve years ago, as Pepper's ghost.

(51) J. W. B. asks (1) how to make a Grenet battery. A. Procure two plates of zinc two inches by six, and four plates of carbon of the same size, and two jars adapted to receive them.

(52) C. L. M. asks: Which side of a belt should be run on the face of a pulley—the grain or flesh side? Which will develop the most power, and why? A. All the best belt makers say, run grain side to the pulley, and it is claimed that 33 per cent more power can thus be transmitted than with the flesh side next the pulley.

(53) E. J. S.—The Waterbury watch was invented by Mr. D. A. A. Buck, who also built an engine so small that, with boiler, governor, and pumps, it would stand on a gold dollar.

(54) J. T. asks: Will a spring, if it is held in tension, lose its elasticity if it is not used? Take for example a spring door hinge held either open or shut for a year at a time, and not used in that period, would the spring have lost much of its strength?

(55) H. H. L.—An electric current must have both quantity and intensity to kill an individual. We do not believe there is any practical way of glazing porous paper so it will take ink, except by the use of size, as paper manufacturers do.

(56) H. P. B.—No insulation for magnetism has been discovered. A substance for this purpose might find some applications which would render it valuable.

(57) W. H. B.—The pitch of screws is a matter of study in regard to the lines of the boat. The narrow, fine lined boat will allow of greater pitch than a blunt, wide boat.

Screws vary in pitch from one and a half to twice their diameters. You will find interesting details in regard to power, velocity, and form of screw propellers in SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN SUPPLEMENT, Nos. 370, 101, 272, 15, 208, and a book on screw propulsion, by Walker, 75 cents, which you may obtain through this office.

(58) G. M. G. asks: 1. What pressure is a steam trap for returning water from heating coils, etc., to the boiler liable to? A. The boiler pressure.

INDEX OF INVENTIONS For which Letters Patent of the United States were Granted June 30, 1885, AND EACH BEARING THAT DATE.

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Table listing inventions with patent numbers, including: Air compressor, W. T. Fox; Alarm, See Burglar alarm; Amalgamator, dry ore, H. Kappner; Axle and box, carriage, J. Fowler; Axle iron, carriage, C. F. Harrington; Axle nut, vehicle, A. V. Smith; Bandage, suspensory, E. G. Winchester; Bathtub, portable, C. A. Hayward; Bearing, anti-friction, T. R. Ferrall; Bed, sofa, J. Loebig; Bedstead, J. Garrard; Beeswax extractor, J. D. Enas; Belt clasp, G. E. Zeltmacher; Belting, B. L. Stowe; Bench, See Draw bench; Bicycle, W. N. Eyster; Blasting timber, W. T. McCall; Boiler, See Steam boiler; Bolt, See Flour bolt; Book backing, G. A. Schurmann; Boot and shoe edge trimmings, machines, cutter head for, C. A. Gilman; Boot or shoe, P. Fischer; Boots or shoes, manufacture of, G. Boivin; Bottle stopper, E. H. Morgan; Bottle washer, H. P. Merriam; Box, See Paper box; Box, A. Saupiquet; Bracelet clasp fastening, G. W. Washburn; Bracket, See Lamp bracket; Brake, See Car brake. Wagon brake; Bran duster and cleaner, Hogeboom & Smith; Breast shield, J. B. Phillips; Brick machine, H. Martin; Bridges, safety gate for pivot, J. H. Quackenbush; Bridle blinder, H. A. Johnson; Buckle, J. M. Basinger; Bureau, D. R. Kinley; Burglar alarm and sash fastener, combined, J. Prady; Burner, See Gas burner; Buttonholes, device for cutting and centering, F. W. Ostrom; Buttons to fabrics, implement for securing, Wilkins & Miller; Calcimine, K. A. Hohenstein; Camera, See Photographic camera; Can, See Creaming can. Oil can. Sheet metal can; Can heading machine, F. A. Walsh; Cane, apparatus for treating sugar, H. J. Chapin; Car brake, F. G. Susemihl; Car brake, Wescott & Bristol; Car brake and starter, E. L. Heidenreich; Car coupling, L. Anderson; Car coupling, E. M. Brown; Car coupling, Curtis & Wood, Jr.; Car coupling, M. Fennell; Car coupling, J. N. Leroux; Car coupling, J. McCoy; Car coupling, J. O'Brien; Car coupling, W. S. Temple; Car coupling, Westbrook & Cook; Car, dumping, J. M. Hartman; Car platform safety gate, J. T. Loweth; Car starter, J. King; Car starter, J. Van Zandt; Car ventilator, Doyle & Stanley; Car wheel, J. L. Tucker; Car wheel, self-lubricating, P. B. Perkins; Card window, railway, J. R. Whitney; Card grinding machine, wire, W. Decker; Carding machine, G. & E. Ashworth; Carriage, W. E. Roberts; Carriage and cradle, combined, Hemelright & Stone; Carriage seat, C. Morgan; Carriage spring, S. Gilbert; Carriage, spring, C. C. Hayes; Carrier, See Straw carrier. Trace carrier; Cartridge, A. S. Lyman; Cartridge loading machine, Strand & Gilburz; Case, See Clock case. Ticket case. Watch case; Cash and parcels in drygoods stores, device for transporting, J. R. Hinton; Cash carrying apparatus, D. H. Rice; Cash register and indicator, C. J. Weinman; Cement, manufacture of, Lesley & Griffith; Cement, manufacture of Portland, Lesley & Griffith; Chain, drive, E. Huber; Chair, See Convertible chair. Infant's posing chair. Revolving chair. Rocking chair; Check rower, O. J. Colton; Chickens, artificial mother for raising, H. B. Tatham, Jr.; Chocolate cream drops and other confectionery, marking, Hawley & Hoops; Chuck for rem settings, O. I. Loveren; Churn, Burt & Burgess; Cider press, E. W. Lehman; Cigar machine, G. W. Tanner; Cigar support, C. C. Knowlton; Clay crushing machine, Alsip & Drake; Clock case, A. D. Tyrrell; Clock, electric, F. Bauman; Coal drilling machine, Johnson & Thompson; Coffin, S. Coombe; Collar and swe t pad, horse, E. L. McClain;

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