

ENGINEERING INVENTIONS.

A steam governor has been patented by Mr. John Gerhardt, of Montreal, Quebec, Canada. The governor valve is operated by pivoted vanes arranged to be acted upon by centrifugal force and the resistance of the air for opening the vanes against the tension of a main spring arranged to normally hold the vanes closed or drawn inward toward the axis of the governor.

A check valve has been patented by Mr. Adam D. Glace, of Rocklin, Cal. This invention covers certain novel features in the making of a simple and inexpensive valve, intended to close positively to cut off a back pressure, thereby promoting durability and avoiding an overheating of an injector or inspirator, and preventing waste of any fluid passed through the valve.

A method of and apparatus for cooling furnace bosh jackets has been patented by Mr. James L. McMichael, of Glen Wilton, Va. This invention covers new means of applying and controlling the water, the construction being such that the water sprayed against the bosh from perforated tubes flows rapidly down to several troughs so arranged as to allow currents of air to act on the water and keep it cool.

A gas engine has been patented by Mr. Johannes Spiel, of Berlin, Germany. It has novel devices, whereby, with the first stroke of the piston, an explosive mixture of air and benzine, or naphtha, etc., is sucked up, while with the second stroke the mixture is compressed, and during the third stroke ignition at the dead point takes place, with explosion and expansion, the ignited gases being expelled with the fourth stroke.

A jointed link for engines has been patented by Mr. Edson Doe, of South Newbury, Vt. Combined with the crank shaft of an engine, the eccentric attached thereto, and the eccentric rods, and the crank shaft connected with the valve stem, is a jointed link and its holding bar, intended to give a perfect lead and cut off on both forward and back motion, each eccentric working independently, and one part of the link not affecting the movement of the other part.

MECHANICAL INVENTION.

A pivot cutting implement has been patented by Mr. Amos A. Wolcott, of Tom's River, N. J. It has a slotted spindle and slotted collar, with adjustable and removable cutters, springs, and adjusting rod, making a device for cutting pivots or bearings adapted to be used in ordinary lathes or by hand.

AGRICULTURAL INVENTIONS.

A corn planter has been patented by Mr. Frank H. Ryback, of Riverside, Iowa. It has seed droppers operated by sliding clips, which are actuated by levers carrying daggers, the invention being an improvement on a former patented invention of the same inventor, relating to improved device for operating the daggers.

A check row corn planter has been patented by Mr. Silvanus F. Enos, of Etna, Ill. It is so made that the seed will be dropped at uniform distances apart, the lines of the cross rows be marked, and that it can be readily operated to retard or hasten the dropping of the seed, while the dropping mechanism can be thrown out of gear by raising the forward part of the machine from the ground.

MISCELLANEOUS INVENTIONS.

A brush has been patented by Mr. William F. Howard, of Claremont, N. H. It has a U-shaped core, with tongues bent back as a fastening piece for bristles or other brush material, with other novel features, whereby a substantial article is produced in a simple and cheap way.

A steam clothes washer has been patented by Mr. Charles Boaz, of Utica, Ill. It consists of a clothes box made to be inserted in a boiler in such way as to leave a steam space under it, a vacant space at the sides, and a condensing chamber at the top, whereby the clothes will be washed exclusively by steam, and do not come directly in contact with the water.

A station indicator has been patented by Mr. Charles E. A. Brandes, of Brooklyn, N. Y. The invention consists of signs attached to bent rods hung on a cylinder having a transverse slot, a box being secured to the car and forming a bearing for the cylinder, making a simple and easily operated device for indicating any desired station at any desired time.

A flying target has been patented by Mr. Joseph H. Jacobs, of Atchison, Kan. It is made with sheet metal body, and has at its center an opening fitted to contain an image, instead of which a live bird may be used, making the target also a trap, the bird or image being released when the target is struck, and the target being one which can be repeatedly used.

A buggy iron has been patented by Mr. D'Alton Topliff, of Franklin, Ill. It is an angled iron, to be attached to the sills near their ends, and extended under the edges of the panels of the body to sustain the ends of the panels, the buggy body being of the usual description, with side panels and end boards, and having sills extending along the inner side of the panels at the bottom of the body.

A photographic camera has been patented by Messrs. Richard A. Anthony and William H. Lewis, of New York city. It is in the form of a hand bag or satchel, containing and concealing the camera, with apertures for the finder and camera tube, having doors which form, when closed, parts of the walls of the case, so that the user may carry and use the camera without being noticed.

A fence post has been patented by Messrs. William H. H. and Solomon Yount, of Troy, O. The post is preferably made of angle iron, with its lower end shaped to have attached thereto a base or point to go beneath the ground, and provided with flanges of sheet metal, the forward face of the post being perforated to receive staples by which fence wires are fastened in place.

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THE LIFE OF ROBERT FULTON. By Thomas W. Knox. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons.

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THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG. By the Comte de Paris. Philadelphia: Porter & Coates.

This is a detached portion of the author's history of the Civil War in America, the importance of the battle of Gettysburg a decisive turning point in the four years' conflict rendering its full treatment in a special volume a work of independent value. It is evident that great pains have been taken to render the account as accurate as thorough subsequent investigation could make it, and that the opinions expressed are entirely without partisan bias. The author's distinguished position, the facilities for observation afforded him as a staff officer, and the care which has been taken in collating information from the official records of both armies, all tend to make this one of the most generally satisfactory accounts of the battle that has yet appeared.

REPORT OF THE NEW YORK FOREST COMMISSION, 1885. Albany: The "Argus" Company, State Printers.

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(2) E. B. asks: 1. At what temperature does oxygen unite with carbon, that is, how high does the temperature of a mass of coal have to be before combustion takes place? A. At a low red heat; about 1,000° F. 2. Will oxygen unite with zinc or any other substance as readily when combined with hydrogen, and being in the form of water, as it will when uncombined, or as common air? A. It will not. 3. Is a loud sound heard any further than a light sound in an acoustic telephone? A. It is.

(3) B. F. W. writes: Have plate and other glass splashed with lime by plasterer. How can it be removed without injuring glass? A. Dilute muriatic acid will remove the stain, after you have scraped off the bulk of the lime. You will not injure the glass, but the acid will spoil the frame if allowed to act upon it. Apply with a sponge.

(4) C. G. B. writes: 1. I have a cane that I prize highly, with a tortoise shell handle, which I wish to bend to an opposite shape. Can it be softened without injury, and so bent? A. We should not advise you to attempt it yourself. It can be done by softening in steam, bending, and polishing. 2. At certain seasons, lemons are scarce and dear. Can the juice be preserved by bottling or canning for future use, and how? A. a. Keep the filtered juice, before it has passed into fermentation, without adding alcohol, in a bottle hermetically sealed. b. Heat the fresh juice not compounded with alcohol in a vessel to the boiling point, and close while boiling. c. Compound the unfermented juice with 10 per cent of alcohol and heat as in b. d. Fill the fermented juice in bottles without an addition of alcohol and without heating. e. Heat the fermented juice without an addition of alcohol in a closed vessel to the boiling point, and close while boiling. f. Compound the fermented juice with 10 per cent of alcohol, and heat as in c.

INDEX OF INVENTIONS

For which Letters Patent of the United States were Granted September 21, 1886,

AND EACH BEARING THAT DATE.

[See note at end of list about copies of these patents.]

Table listing various inventions and their patent numbers, including items like 'Acid, pan for concentrating sulphuric', 'Alarm for poison receptacles', 'Amalgamator and separator', etc.