## ENGINEERING INVENTIONS.

A safety water gauge valve has been patented by Mr. Peter Barclay, of East Boston, Mass. This invention provides a valve of which one section will be automatically seated in case the glass should be broken, and in which the other section may be turned down upon its seat, thus releasing the section which is closed.

A car coupling has been patented by Mr. Francis M. Hewett, of Beirne, Ark. The drawhead has hinged spring-actuating jaws which engage with one end of a double-headed coupling bar, the other end of the bar being held in a similar manner within the drawhead of the adjacent car, the device being operable from either side of the car to release the coupling bar.

A car coupling has been patented by Mr. Edward McC. Reynolds, of St. Louis, Mo. The coupling hook or drawbar is adapted to be pivotally supported between its ends, its forward end having means for coupling with a meeting drawbar, and its rear end having a hook or shoulder to engage against the rear side of a suitable shoulder or bearing on the drawhead, with other novel features.

## AGRICULTURAL INVENTION.

A gopher cultivator has been patented by Mr. Thor. O. Thorson, of Elliott, Ill. It is so constructed that the shovels may be given any desired inclination that the nature of the ground and character of the work demands for successful cultivation, the invention covering various novel features of construction and the combination of parts.

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## MISCELLANEOUS INVENTIONS.

A snow shoe attachment has been patented by Mr. Benjamin C. Woodbury, of Patten, Me. It is a flexible hinged foot, or toe and heel attachment, designed to give freedom to the working of the foot without restricting the turning of the snow shoe by the foot.

A passenger elevator has been patented by Mr. Seth K. Humphrey, of Faribault, Minn. It has an endless chain passing over sprocket wheels, of which one is rotated platforms fastened on the chain, and guides for holding the platforms, making an elevator especially adapted for carrying employes in factories mills. etc.

A vegetable slicer has been patented by Mr. David F. McDonald, of Lake Butler, Fla. It is so made that the gauge plate serves also as a rest plate or support on which the vegetables rest, and as the carriage reciprocates, the vegetables will be cut into slices and drop on a plate, whence they may drop into any suitable receptacle.

A curtain fixture has been patented by Mr. Robert P. Trimble, of Oregon, Mo. This inven-tion covers an improvement on a former patented invention of a curtain shade and lambrequin fixture of the same inventor, and consists of a peculiar construction of the castings, with reference to the cheaper production of the fixture.

A folding ladder has been patented by Mr. William S. Ethridge, of Paluxy, Texas. It is so made that it can be arranged foruse to form a protected way through which parties may pass, being especially applicable for use in mines, and for a fire escape, while it may be folded in small space for convenience in stor ing and transportation.

An expansible lunch box has been pa tented by Mr. John S. McGuire, of Bayonne, N. J. Combined with telescopically sliding box like sections, with a cover on the upper section, are adjustable straps and buckles for connecting the cover with the lower section, making a box which can be enlarged as desired and contracted when not in use,

A counting attachment for thrashers has been patented by Messrs. Jefferson C. Rand and Edwin Thompson, of Maynard, Iowa. This invention covers a novel construction and combination of parts in a practical adding or counting device to be used principally for tallying the measures of grain in connection with thrashing machines.

A faucet has been patented by Mr. William B. Rodman, of Norfolk, Va. It is particularly adapted for use with stationary basins, and is so made that either or both hot and cold water may be made to flow from one spout and be controlled by one handle, and the flow be increased or diminished, or the proportions changed, as desired.

A reel for harvesters has been patented by Messrs. J. Calder Cunningham and George A. Cunningham, of Washington, Kansas. Combined with the reel and its driving mechanism is an adjusting and holding mechanism, the invention being an improve-

Mr Willer

to elevate water from a well in a bucket in such manner ing the iron magnetic folds of dynamo electric ma that when the bucket has reached its highest point it will be automatically engaged by a hinged chute, and the water emptied through the bottom of the bucket into the chute, the apparatus being operable by a windmill.

A photographic accessory has been patented by Mr. John W. Tinsman, of Kirksville, Mo. It comprises a novel form of clamping frame, with other details, for exposing on the floor or about the base of a subject grasses, weeds, or grain, or other vegetable products, including cut flowers, to give a rural or ornamental appearance to the picture when photographed.

A device for holding cans has been patented by Mr. George W. Hill, of Stark's Point, Washington Ter. It is a device for holding cans, casks, barrels, and similar receptacles in such way as to has a fixed collar, and there is a fixed bushing in which facilitate emptying them, and consists of a bracket or the pin turns, washers being held on the pin and against frame adapted to be attached to a wall, with a spiderlike bottom to be supported in such bracket, with other novel features.

A continuous dough press has been patented by Mr. Justin J. Langles, of New Orleans, La. Plain rollers are journaled in a frame to revolve toward each other, with a trough arranged between them, its sides in close proximity to the rollers, and with an aperture in its bottom and dies in the bottom of the and they are clamped between spacing frames having a trough, for pressing dough in continuous strips or sheets

A fish trap has been patented by Mr. Abner H. McDowell, of Progress, Va. It differs from the ordinary trap principally in having the guide hood at the rear end of the trap and a box on the side, the improvement being simple and inexpensive, and such as can be attached to any trap already in the wster, whereby the fish may be caught at low or high tide, and safely retained without danger of being stolen

A medical compound for dyspepsia. etc., has been patented by Mr. Albert Marx, of Baltimore, Md. It consists of water pepper, root ginger garden melisse, peppermint leaves, pennyroyal, lobelia inflata, rosemary, cramp bark, golden seal, blood root prickly ash bark, wahoo bark, capsicum, golden rod horseradish. and other ingredients, in certain propor tions and prepared after a described manner.

A temple plate for power looms has een patented by Mr. John J. Honan, of Fall River, It has a slotted bottom plate having at one end M888. a lug, with a slot between the lug and the body of the plate for the passage of the selvedge of the woven fabric, with other novel features, the improved plate being one which can be attached to all kinds of temples, especially the well known Dutcher temple.

A leveling rod has been patented by Mr. Walter J. Ritchie, of Lima, Ohio. It is so constructed that the engineer or surveyor may read the elevations in feet and fractions of a foot through the telescope attached to a leveling instrument at a distance of a thousand feet or more, thus keeping his own record and dispensing with reports of such elevatio rodmen

An apparatus for distilling wood has been patented by Mr. Gasper Hunziker, of Cloverdale Cal. It embraces a cage on wheels for running the wood on rails into an oven having a specially construct ed bottom to aid m the passage of the heat and escape of the products of distillation, with various other novel features, being an improvement on a former patented invention of the same inventor.

A grain weighing apparatus has been patented by Mr. Le Roy C. Tryon, of Marseilles, Ill. It has a stationary hopper with a sliding bottom operated by a measuring receptacle pivoted on the weighing beam, and connected with the mechanism for returning the receptacle after dumping the measured grain, mak ing a machine that will automatically weigh and measure grain with great accuracy.

A trousers stretcher has been patented by Messrs. Walter A. and Harrison S. Rollins, of Chicago, Ill. It has end clamps, side bars arranged in pairs, joint bars pivotally connected at their opposite ends with inner ends of the side bars, and means to secure the joint bars in different adjustments with reference to the side bars, making a convenient device for restoring distorted garments to their proper shape.

A permutation padlock has been patented by Messrs. Marshall B. Palmer and Clark S. Mudge, of Germantown, Neb. The main frame has recessed side faces to receive disks formed with slots which extend from the peripheral edges of the disks inward toward the center, with other novel features, making a strong and simple lock, very difficult to open

unless one has the two combinations necessary, An automatic egg boiler has been pa tented by Mr. George L. Dale. of New York City. It ment on a former patented invention of the same in- has inner and outer chambers so arranged that the egge will be subjected to sufficient heat to produce a proper A hitching device has been patented coagulation of the albumen, but not subjected to so great a heat as usual, whereby the albumen is made hard, instead of soft and creamy, as designed by the use of this invention. A combined cart saddle and yoke has been patented by Mr. Thaddeus Ivey, of Ashpole, N. C. The invention consists in the peculiar construction and arrangement of a yoke suspending the tongue or shafts by a chain, and having a peculiar adjustable connection with the saddle sustained upon the backs of the two horses, the device being one which can be used in conjunction with the ordinary traces and singletrees. An automatic grain weighing scale has been patented by Mr. Henry Cutter, of North Wilbraham, Mass. Combined with an oscillating lever are weighing beams loosely connected with the lever by S-shaped hooks, grain boxes supported on the beams and a pivoted grain spout adapted to connect alternately with the grain boxes, and operated from the oscillating lever, with other novel features, the scale being simple and durable. A zinc casting machine has been patented by Messrs. Joseph J. Smith, of Jamaica, N. Y.,

chines from the iron bed plates, and provides for the core being held firmly in place in the flask, no pressure being required to force the fluid metal into the mould, and producing castings rapidly of very superior quality.

A grain weighing apparatus has been patented by Mr. George P. Jameson, of Abingdon, Ill. Combined with a spring weighing scale is a counterbalanced grain cylinder, lugs on the sides of the cylinder engaging hooks carried by adjustable lever arms, so that when the uppermost compartment of the cylinder is filled with a certain amount of grain the lugs are disengaged from the hooks, with other novel features, the machine being also adapted for weighing other substances.

A piano tuning pin has been patented by Mr. Fred E. H. Goodenow, of Springfield, Mo. It the top and bottom of the bushing, a clamping collar being held on the pin and turning with it, while there is a nutfor pressing the clamping collar against the lower washer, the pin being securely held in place and not materially influenced by changes of temperature.

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(2) W. M.-The brazing of iron and steel is readily accomplished by first cleaning the surfaces that are to be brazed free from scale or rust and make them to fit closely, as the brass or copper used for  $\frac{1}{2}$  its composition. The relative resistances of German brazing does not flow well into open spaces. Rub the solver and copper are given as 21-17 (German silver) is surfaces to be united with borax and water, then tie to 1616 (annealed copper). 2. Why is the E. M. F. of the partstogether with iron wire or in any other conpulverized borax and tie on a piece of ordinary yellow brass large enough to fill the joint. Sprinkle the brass with borax powder, and place the work 'in a forge fire with the brass on the upper side, and heat gently until the brass melts and draws through the joint. Copper may also be used in the same way, it being very suit. For Wheatstone's method any sensitive galvanometer able and strong for iron. Good tough brass is best for steel

(3) J. P. B. writes: Some three weeks since, a large barn containing baled hay was burned in this place. The fire was first seen near the floor of the loft, and there were several layers of bales of hay above from the north. We are anxious to know the origin of page 370. The gravity is not suitable for a standard. A the fire. Will baled hay become heated so as to become ignited and take fire? A. Baled hay that has not been well cured is liable to heat and ferment; and if packed closely in a barn, its spontaneous ignition would be posknown to ignite in the central portion of the sawdust. A short time since, we saw a smoking barrel rolled out of a store and broken open. It was filled with sawdust room by the heated currents. as a packing for telegraph insulators. The sawdust on the outer side next the barrel was wet, the interior was charred. The report was that the barrel had been received the day before as freight, and had been wet in a shower. Cotton in bales stowed as freight in ships has been known to take fire. A wet bale was probably the cause.

motors generally cause loss of both time and money. its surface, which is the unit usually used. Another Fo maintain a horse power for five hours will require 1.650 net tons, to which must be added a large percentage for the friction of the machinery. To wind up the weight requires a full horse power for 5 hours and enough more to overcome the friction. The friction alone of such contrivances is almost unavoidably very great. The power to drive an ordinary tower clock is comparatively small, always depending upon its size and perfection. A one man power for half an hour will run the clock a day or a week, according to its onstruction

(5) O. S. P.-For casehardening large pieces of steel, a box of cast or wrought iron should be provided large enough to hold one or two of the pieces with sufficient room all around to pack well with the casehardening materials, which may be leather scrap, hoof shavings, or horn shavings, slightly burned and pulverized, which may be mixed with an equal quantity of pulverized charcoal. Pack the pieces to be casehardened in the iron box so as not to touch each other or the box. Put an iron cover on the box and lute with clay. Heat gradually in a furnace to a full red, keep at an even temperature for from 2 to 4 hours, raise the heat to a cherry red during the last hour, then remove the cover and take out the pieces and plunge endwis vertically in water at shop temperature; 2 per cent of hydrochloric acid in the water improves its tempering qualities and gives the metal an even gray color

(6) J. T. writes: This bank is heated by steam, and the air is oppressively dry. Is there any be agitated by churning, shaking, or otherwise, but device on the market for introducing steam into rooms in a noiseless way ? A. You may take steam from the radiators with a very minute air valve. This will have an odor. A better way is to have small tin boxes fastened against the pipes behind the radiator in such a way as to allow of removal for cleaning. Keep them full of clean water.

(7) M. N. B. asks (1) how to take down the rust of old cast iron and steel machines, which have not been in use for ten years. A. Scrape off all rust scales, boil in strong caustic soda and water to remove grease and oil. Then dip in a bath of hydrochloric acid 1 part, water 4 parts, for a few hours or until the rust is removed. Wash in hot water, then dip in strong hot lime water and dry. 2. A receipt for japanning small hooks. A. String the hooks on fine wire dipped in thin japan varnish, and hang in an oven heated to 260° to dry. If varnish is too thick, thin with turpen tine.

(8) J. T. T. writes: We are having iron castings made in which we cast a ¾ inch wrought iron rod, and we find after the casting is cold that the rod is loose. How can this be prevented? A. Tin the rod A. Thoroughly dry and clean the tanks. Paint with 2 or such parts as are required to adhere.

(9) Subscriber asks what chemical preparation becomes ignited on coming in contact with water. A. Metallic potassium. It is very dangerous as it explodes when thrown upon water. Phosphide of calcium ignities when moistened.

(10) O. D. asks (1) if an induction coil would be injured by using too many cells to operate it. A. Yes; you must be very careful not to use too strong a current. 2. How can I get a copy of the Smithsonian report? A. Address your representative in Congress, or the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.

(11) A. J. asks: What acid is used in engraving on glass, causing the picture to appear as if ground ? A. Hydrofiuoric acid is used in glass etching, and the sand blast is often used to effect the result de

(12) H. A. R. asks: 1. Can you tell, as as closely as possible, what lengths of No. 28 (B. & S. gauge) copper and German silver wire represent one ohm, according to the standard determined by the Paris congress, read of not long ago? A. Of No. 28 cop per wire 67:542 feet are given as corresponding to 1 ohm resistance. This is only approximate in practice, as every particle of impurity affects the conductivity of wire. The resistance of Germansilver varies also with Daniell's cell sometimes given as 1.079, 1.105, and 1.122 venient manner. Sprinkle the edge of the point with volts? Is the first the actual working E. M. F. and the last two potential or chemical E. M. F.? A. The E. M. F. of a. Daniell cell varies with the solutions used. 3. Will a differential galvanometer do to measure the E. M. F. of a battery by Wheatstone's method? What is a convenient resistance for such a galvanometer? A will answer. A good galvanometer, giving resistances etc., is very fully described in SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN SUPPLEMENT, No. 628. 4. Will a gravity Daniell do for measuring, or has it too high resistance, and what form of the same cell has the lowest resistance with least polarization? A. A good Daniell standard battery is described in the SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN, vol. 56, No. 24.

method of determining the mean density of the earth the descent through 30 feet of space of a weight of is founded on the change of the intensity of gravity in descending deep mines.

> (15) A. R. D.-Professor C. V. Riley akes the following reply: The twig of Euonymus (lati foliat) sent is infested with a scale insect, Chionaspie euonymi, Comstock, described and figured Rep. Dept. Agr. 1880, page 313, plates v., Fig. 3, xvii., Fig. 2. It is common on Euonymus, and has also been taken from orange in Louisiana. Those remedies which have been successful against scale insects infesting orange trees will prove successful against this. The most successful wash is the kerosene emulsion, made by either of the following formulæ:

1. Kerosene...... 2 parts Milk.....1 part.

Sour milk (not buttermilk) is preferable, as the emulsion is more stable when thus made. Instead of milk, water can be used by adding a small amount of soap. The proportions remain about the same. The following formula is a very convenient one to use for small quantities :

Kerosene	quarts.
Water	quart.

In either case the milk, or soap and water, should be heated to boiling, and with the latter the soap tho roughly dissolved, then the kerosene added while hot, and the mixture thoroughly agitated until it forms a homogeneous mass of cream-like consistency. It can where a force pump is at hand, the most convenient method is to pump the liquid back in upon itself violently, forcing it through a small nozzle. This continued for five to fifteen minutes will produce a good emulsion, if proper care has been taken in preparing the mixture. The emulsion will remain stable for an indefinite period, and should be diluted only as wanted for use. The strength required varies for different insects, also some plants will bear it stronger than others. This wash can safely be used on orange 1 part to 10 of water. The treatment should not be repeated until first application has had time to be effectual, say ten days or two weeks. It is best not to apply during freezing weather. On a small scale application may be made with brush or cloth, but the most convenient and effective method is with force pump, using a fine spray nozzle like the cyclore or some other good nozzle. The treatment of such insects has been fully discussed from time to time in my official reports, and especially in Hubbard's report on Insects Affecting the Orange.

(16) P. G. asks: What kind of paint can I use to keep cold water iron tanks from sweating? coats Prince's metallic paint in boiled linseed oil, first coat to be dry before painting second coat. No paint will entirely prevent sweating, but it does diminish it.

(17) A. M. D. asks if the use of sal soda to clean the scale and grease from a steam boiler would he detrimentat to the hoiler. A. Sal soda and caustic coda are both used for cleaning boilers. They are not injurious. See also for other boiler cleaners, "Davis on Boiler Incrustation," which we can furnish for \$2.00.

(18) R. W. J. asks if one 2 inch pipe will carry more water than four 1 inch pipes, all things being equal. A. Area of 2 inch pipe equals 3.1416 inches; area of four 1 inch pipes equals 3.1416; the internal surface of 2 inch pipe=6.2832; the internal surface of four 1 inch pipe=12.664; the coefficient of discharge for one 2 inch pipe is 26.66; the coefficient of discharge for four 1 inch pipes is 1884. These figures give the proportionate discharge of one 2 inch pipe or four 1 inch pipes for any length.

#### NEW BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS.

POPE'S ESSAY ON MAN, WITH RESPOND-ING ESSAY, MAN SEEN IN THE DEEP-ENING DAWN. By Caleb S. Weeks. Fowler & Wells Co., Publishers. Paper. 25 cents.

On one page is given Pope's grand essay, and on the opposite page Week's responding essay-the latter being written in like form, like meter, and with the same number of lines as the original. It is designed to explain and amplify the prototype in the light of the learning and philosophy of the present century.

ANDARDS OF LENGTH AND THEIR PRACTICAL APPLICATION. Edited by George M. Bond. The Pratt & Ŵhitney<sup>−</sup> Company, Hartford, Conn.

This book affords a resume of methods employed, by the enterprising company publishing the work, for the production of standard gauges, to insure uniformityand interchangeability in every department of manufactures. It includes reports by Professor William A. Rogers. the Committee on Standards and Gauges of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. and other valua-

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(4) M. R. W. asks for a weight motor that could be cheaply constructed, to developsay one horse power for about five hours at a time, and whether of a cubic foot of water being known, and the contents such motor would be practicable for continuous use. Howheavyweights would be required? Also the power needed to drive the works of large tower clocks where the weight of 1 cubic foot of water to obtain the weights are used ? A. Efforts to utilize large weight weight of the earth in pounds, or units of gravity at way, New York.

large sized porous cup Daniell has the lowest resistance for a non-polarizing battery.

(13) C. H.—The position of foul air in a room depends entirely upon its kind. The foul air sible. A box packed with damp sawdust has been caused by the escape of gases (as coal gas) rises to the memoranda on each leaf. Upon each slip also is printed top of the room, and the carbonic acid gas from something pertaining to cycling, a collection of quotaburning gas or a stove is only carried to the top of a tions illustrating the popularity and universality of cy-

(14) O. E. V. asks how the world is weighed and its density and mass computed. A. The density, mass, or weight of the earth was found by the observed force of attraction of a known mass of lead or iron for another mass: or of a mountain by the defiection of a torsion thread or plumb line. In this manner the mean density of the earth has been found to be from 4.71 to 6.56 times the weight of water, 5.66 being accredited as the most reliable. The weight of the earth being computed in cubic feet, we have but to multiply the number of cubic feet by 5.66 times

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