

RECENTLY PATENTED INVENTIONS.

Engineering.

STEAM CYLINDER.—Charles F. Hinrichs and Joel C. Barker, Poplar Bluff, Mo. The cylinder, according to this invention, consists of a split tube or casing, with longitudinal and end flanges, with a groove or recess, and a lining or shell fitting in the casing, where it may be tightly clamped and held from turning, but which can be readily removed when worn out and another substituted in its place, without necessitating the reboring of the cylinder. It is designed in practice to furnish one new lining and an extra set of piston rings with each cylinder, so that a worn or damaged cylinder may be quickly repaired.

PACKING EXTRACTOR.—Addison Goodrich, Astoria, Oregon. This is a device for quickly and easily taking out the worn-out packings from stuffing boxes without removing or injuring the rod or stem. It consists of a screw-threaded bushing made in sections and adapted to be placed in the stuffing box, one section having tongues and the other having grooves, while there is an annular packing groove in its head and an annular inwardly projecting flange at its bottom for supporting the packing.

Railway Appliances.

SWITCH DEVICE FOR CARS.—James M. Pickell, Lake City, Fla. This is an attachment capable of ready application to the dash board of a street car, where it may be operated by either the hand or foot of the driver, or the operator of a cable or electric car, to move the frog of a switch without having to stop the car. A spring-actuated rod having a horizontal curved shoe at its lower end is held to slide in a casing, the rod terminating at its upper end in a crank, with means for guiding the rod vertically and laterally, whereby the shoe may be turned as desired, while it will when released return to its normal position, the oscillations of the car not interfering with its efficiency.

Mechanical Appliances.

GIN SAW GUARD.—Wiley S. Killingsworth, Laurens, S. C. Separate grooved guard fingers are mounted rigidly upon the cross bar of the framework below the saws, and extend up around their lower portion, covering the periphery of the saws between the gin ribs and the brush at the lower side of the saws to protect the hand and arm of the operator from being accidentally cut by the saws. The fingers are cheaply made of cast iron, and are applicable to all gins, one being applied to each individual saw.

HORSESHOE BLANKS.—John F. Robinson, Rockaway, N. J. This invention provides a machine for the forming of these blanks in series from a hot bar of iron or steel. It is a machine having two revolvable rolls on a housing frame, each roll having a series of horseshoe mould half sections on it, and adapted to mate in pairs, the bottom half section of each mould having sockets to form toe and heel calks on the blanks, with knife dies to sever the blanks. As the rolls are rotated toward each other the metal is forced into the moulds and crowded into the cavities, producing the calks, creases, and nail hole marks on each blank, which is cut off as it is formed.

SPOKE TENONS.—Jefferson M. Sherman, Brushton, N. Y. This invention covers an improvement in machines for turning tenons on wheel spokes, especially the spokes of carriage wheels. It consists of two aligning pairs of jaws connected by spring bars, one pair of jaws being adapted to hold a spoke and the opposite pair being hinged together and provided with a locking device, while also carrying a revolvable cutter head and suitable feed mechanism. The machine is of simple construction and easily operated and is designed to turn the tenons rapidly and accurately.

SPLIT SPINDLES.—Charles E. Soderberg, Worcester, Mass. Heretofore these spindles for weaving shuttles have been made by welding two strips of steel, the body and point previous to welding being rolled half round on each piece, the spindle being liable to overheating, causing waste, and the weld when not exact causing splitting of the spindle throughout. The invention provides an improved method of making the spindle from a single piece of stock, by first punching or otherwise forming a slot in the spindle blank, and then rolling or hammering the blank by suitable machinery to form the spindle body.

Miscellaneous.

SCALPING AND BOLTING FLOUR.—John Metherell, Murfreesborough, Tenn. This invention provides an improved apparatus for scalping, re-scalping, and bolting the flour from wheat or other grain after granulating, to render pure flour and perfect separation of the various stocks simultaneously. The machine has a plurality of bolting reels arranged one within the other and supported to revolve independently, whereby the reels may be moved at different speeds and in opposite directions, the mechanism for revolving adjacent reels in opposite directions being so arranged that the stock may be bolted from one reel upon a clear portion of the next outer reel, with other novel features. The machine is designed to effectively accomplish a classification of grades in succession, and keep its grades pure from beginning to finish.

GUN CARRIAGE BRAKE.—Adolf T. Resow, Essen, Germany. This is a self-acting brake for traveling gun carriages, the invention covering a mechanism whereby the brake blocks are brought automatically into and out of contact with the wheel tires of field and other guns, the movements of the carriage wheels being thereby controlled. A three-armed lever is mounted in a slidable bearing, one arm being connected with the brake block and another arm adapted to engage the hub of the wheel, while a lever mechanism tilts the third arm for adjusting a sliding block. The brakes are automatically applied as the carriage runs back after a discharge, and released when the gun is again to be brought into position.

AMALGAMATOR.—Thomas Shannon, Whitewood, South Dakota. This is an improved mercury amalgamator, in which the amalgamating vessel has a false bottom, with cross slats forming spaces for the quicksilver and amalgam. The bottom is removable, when it is desired to withdraw the amalgamated mercury and precious mineral, being held in place by retaining bars which extend above it and are secured by screws turned through the amalgamating vessel from the outside. The agitator or stirrer is supported to turn in the amalgamating vessel, and has arms above the mercury line to disintegrate the pulp rising through the mercury to separate its particles and insure the deposit of practically all the gold and silver.

TWO WHEELED VEHICLE.—John F. Barrows, Saginaw, Mich. This is a vehicle specially designed for carrying organs, upright pianos, sewing machines, furniture, etc., to permit of easily loading and unloading the articles, which are made to ride very easily. At the rear of the axle, between the wheels, is a frame with upright bars connected with the vehicle body, horizontal arms extending from the lower ends of the bars and connected by a board on which is held an adjustable cushioned arm to lock the article in place. By connecting the axle rigidly with the springs and the latter with the shafts, the jogging motion usual to ordinary road carts is overcome and the vehicle runs smoothly.

LAMP.—Charles H. Van Hise, New York City. This invention relates to oil-burning lamps for lighting streets, the lamp containing means for self-extinguishment at a predetermined time, these devices being also readily applied to portable lamps for use in the house. A sleeve and thimble envelop the wick tube, while a deflector plate and tube-inclosing device may be simultaneously moved toward or from each other by a mechanism provided, there being a hollow float in the oil chamber carrying a standard with a thumb piece and series of pins spaced to represent intervals of time. A rocking tripping bar, to one end of which a gravity block is loosely secured, is raised by the falling of the float throwing the extinguishing mechanism into closed adjustment.

ICE PICK, SHAVER AND SCOOP.—Frederick K. Kaiser, Wilmington, Del. In this combination implement the hand bar or blade is made with a pick point, behind which is held a scoop body formed with a cutting edge, there being a gauge plate at the pick blade next its point to control the depth of cut of the forward end of the scoop, which has a detachable cover with catch or latch devices. The implement may also be used for loosening and handling any caked or granulated substance.

STOVE DRUM AND DAMPER.—Thomas Power, Portland, North Dakota. This drum is in the shape of an inverted cone, and is preferably about the length of one joint of stove pipe, being placed in position on the stove by taking off the lower joint of pipe that bears against the stove collar and replacing it with the drum. In connection with the drum a tubular damper is provided, of the stove pipe section, by means of which the heat may be more or less confined for utilization in the drum for warming and cooking various articles of food, thereby adding to the cooking capacity of the stove, while the draught will be all the time under complete control.

SCRATCH OR MATTING BRUSH.—Stephen D. Engle, Hazleton, Pa. This is a revolving brush wheel for jewelers and engravers, with tufts of glass fiber or spun glass arranged at suitable distances apart around and secured within its hub. The ends of the tufts repeatedly strike the metal they are used on, and such a brush wheel is designed to always preserve sharp cutting ends on the glass fibers instead of blunting, while they will not corrode or become bent out of shape, to cause them to drag on the work and make scratches instead of pits. These brushes are designed to wear longer and act on harder surfaces than either the hinged or unhinged metallic bristles.

SKID FOR PILING BARRELS, ETC.—James C. Boyle, Omaha, Neb. This invention provides a sectionally constructed plank or series of skids, being fractional portions of a plank of novel construction, to facilitate the piling up of tierces, barrels, and other like packages in any number of tiers. The skids are each made of an upper board and a leg piece shaped to fit down in between each two adjacent barrels in the same tier, the leg piece tapering on its sides to hug closely the barrels and keep the top board at its proper height and level. In use a number of these skids are first arranged on the lower tier, and as the barrels are rolled to place, the skids are successively removed to be replaced on the barrels above for another tier.

CIGAR FILLER MACHINE.—Thomas Hancock and Lee B. Hancock, Richmond, Va. By this machine the tobacco is pressed into suitably shaped bunches, which are cut at proper lengths for the filler of the cigar and ready for the binder. On a suitable frame or table is journaled a revolving feed table with an annular pocket, and tobacco of proper lengths is laid on the supporting table, radially to the axis of the feed table; over a portion of the pocket projects a former or bunching housing of glass, or of metal with sight openings, there being at the discharge end a cutter operated by a gravity dog or pawl engaged by radial projections on the revolving table. The table is fed around in short intermittent movements, and the machine may also be used for making cigarettes, cheroots, etc.

CIGAR OR PIPE HOLDER.—James Skuce, Truesdell, Wis. This device has two tube sections connected at right angles with a lower parallel tube, forming a central drop tube between its mouth end and the outer end, the drop tube being so constructed as to arrest and condense the nicotine and other volatile matters, while the holder has a sufficiently long smoke passage to insure the cooling of the smoke before it reaches the mouth of the smoker. The parts may be readily taken apart for cleaning and easily put together. The outer end of the device is adapted to receive a cigar holder or the stem of a pipe.

BUNKER COVER FASTENER.—John S. Farlow, Philadelphia, Pa. Combined with a cover plate, in a nut mounted centrally in which a post is held to move perpendicularly, is a screw mechanism for moving the post, on opposite sides of which are pivoted levers having their outer ends arranged to extend beyond the edge of the cover plate while their inner ends are loosely secured to the post. The fastening may be used to secure any cover or hatch in place, but is more especially designed for the bunker covers and scupper hatches of sea-going vessels, so that they shall be water-tight, notwithstanding the wave concussions and shifting of coal in the bunker.

COVER.—Hasbrouck Alliger, Rondout, N. Y. This is a removable cover for condensed milk cans, cups, tumblers, etc., and is adapted to be moved laterally to open or close the receptacle. The device consists of a semicircular clip or band of spring metal adapted to be conveniently clasped about the glass or other vessel near its top, and having an upwardly extending eye on which the lid is pivotally connected to the band by a pin, there being a washer interposed between the eye of the clip and the lid, while the lid has a knob extension opposite its pivotal point for convenience in moving it to either side.

INCUBATOR.—George W. Murphy & Co., Quincy, Ill. are the patentees of an incubator which was described as follows in a previous issue: The invention provides a novel construction designed to facilitate the automatic regulation of the temperature of the incubator by means of a balance thermometer and other peculiar features, and whereby a constant and perfect circulation of water in the heating chamber is obtained. The body of the incubator is made impervious to moisture and cold, and the trays are so made that the heat will reach almost the whole surface of the eggs, the position of the latter being changed expeditiously and conveniently, without liability to breakage. The pans for the interior of the hatching chamber are designed to absorb any surplus of moisture, while also serving to direct the heat in currents to the trays.

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(3341) W. S. asks (1) for an Aristo toning bath that the paper will not curl in. A. Try soaking in a mixture of alcohol and glycerine before developing. 2. A recipe for a good cheap chewing gum. A. Mix paraffin with a very little olive oil and glycerine by melting. Vary proportions to suit climate. 3. A recipe for making extract of lemon. A. Partially dry 4 ounces outside rind of lemons, pound in a mortar, agitate with 2 quarts deodorized alcohol until color is extracted, add 6 ounces recent oil of lemon, agitating and filtering after standing some days. 4. A receipt for extract of ginger? A. Pack 4 ounces ginger in a percolator, moisten with alcohol, percolate until 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ pints have passed, add 8 ounces sirup. 5. A recipe for dissolving gold for photo purposes? A. Dissolve in hydrochloric acid to which nitric acid is added from time to time. After solution evaporate nearly to dryness and dissolve in water. 6. A recipe for making chocolate sirup that will keep for a long time. A. Mix 8 ounces chocolate with 2 pints water, stir, and warm over a slow fire. Strain, and add 4 pounds white sugar.

(3342) W. H. K. writes: There is a number of tables in different works which claim to give the degrees of heat at which different metals fuse; they differ very much in statement. Can you inform me by what means this is ascertained? Is there a special instrument made for the purpose? If so what is its name and where procured? A. Pyrometers of various construction have been applied to determining melting points of metals. The high degree determinations are not to be considered perfectly accurate. The instruments can be obtained from dealers in scientific apparatus. The determinations require a high degree of skill.

(3343) F. L. asks: 1. How can I produce a viscous or mucous fermentation of sugar? A. Procure the proper culture germ from a sample already in the mucous fermentation. Inoculate the sugar solution therewith. 2. Would the same process work with starch? A. This must be tried. It possibly may work, although a sugar is the proper basis for this ferment to work upon.

(3344) D. H. asks: Is there any known process by which eggs can be preserved and packed so they will keep fresh and good for weeks or months, at any season of the year? A. Eggs are now indefinitely preserved in a fresh state in cold storage room, where they can be kept at a low temperature, about 40° Fah. Egg packing liquid is made as follows: Lime 1 bushel (slaked with water), common salt 2 or 3 pounds, cream of tartar $\frac{1}{4}$ pound, water q. s. to form a mixture