

portion percolates through various layers of filtering material and strainers, reaching the bottom thoroughly cleansed of all impurities.

HOT WATER HEATER.—Micheal E. Herbert, St. Joseph, Mo. In this heater, all the walls of the fire box constitute a water space, the grate also consisting of water tubes, and a series of drop tubes being arranged in the path of the discharge of the products of combustion, affording a great amount of surface for the absorption of heat.

LAMP CHIMNEY COVER PLATE.—James H. Hunt, Massillon, Ohio. This is a plate of non-combustible material, preferably mica, with a central aperture of less diameter than the lamp chimney, and fitting over its top, another plate sliding in guides being adapted to increase or diminish the draught.

CHIMNEY RACK.—Nehemiah H. Brown, Norwich, N. Y. This is a show rack for supporting the chimneys so they will be well displayed to view and readily accessible. It consists of a rotating cone having pins set at an angle in its side, a base and shaft supporting the cone.

RACK FOR HATS, ETC.—Howard U. Ackerman, North Indianapolis, Ind. This device has a wall board with enlarged openings for the passage of pins and their lugs, and the rack comprises a series of brackets each formed with hooks and connected by rods to each other to form a shelf.

SASH-CORD FASTENER.—Margaret J. Huffman, Ashland, Pa. This device consists of a box or casing to be secured in the upper ends of the stiles of each window sash, the box having an open outer side, a slot in its outer edge at the top, and pins, a hinged cover, and a double latch. When it is desired to remove the sash from the window, it is pulled out of its guideways, the lid of the box is swung, and the cord readily removed from the casing, so that the sash is disconnected, and can be moved away as may be desired.

CASH RECORDER AND DRAWER.—Lloyd M. Mills, Grand Rapids, Mich. This is a machine arranged to print on a tape a record of all sales made, and also print on a tape a detachable ticket indicating the individual sale. The device has a suitable casing in the bottom of which slides a money drawer, the locking bolt of which is connected with a lever. By the use of ten keys the operator can record any sale from one cent to a hundred dollars, the recording tape remaining inside the locked casing, and a corresponding coupon for each sale being cut off by a spring-pressed knife.

BOOK OR COPY HOLDER.—Barney Gardiner, Chippewa Falls, Wis. This is a simple device to support copy or a book at a distance above a table, in such position as may be desired. The device is capable of quick and convenient manipulation, and when not in use may be folded to occupy but a small space.

AUTOMATIC ADVERTISING DEVICE.—Theodore B. Hafertep, Chicago, Ill. An exhibitor for use in public conveyances is provided by this invention. It consists of an endless band supported to move longitudinally on a bracket frame projecting from the side or roof inside the vehicle, the band carrying advertisements in series, and motion being communicated to it from the car axle, so that when the car is moved in either direction all the advertisements on the band will be brought into view.

DISINFECTING APPARATUS.—Emil and Salomon Tausig, New York City. The graduated discharge of a disinfecting fluid in places needing such treatment is the object of this invention. The device is simple and inexpensive, and can be automatically actuated to allow the escape of the fluid, which is retained from discharge by hermetically sealing the containing vessel above the fluid that will flow from below when the partly established vacuum produced by such sealing is broken, and air admitted to equalize pressure of the atmosphere above the fluid and at the point of discharge.

ELECTRO-THERAPEUTIC PROCESS AND APPARATUS.—Joshua M. Wardell, Cadillac, Mich. This invention provides a process and an implement to facilitate injecting a fluid into the vaginal canal, and then applying an electrical current to and disseminating it through the fluid.

Designs.

SPOON.—J. S. Rathbone, Mystic, Conn. The handle of this spoon has a configuration and ornamentation representative of the golden rod, and inclosing a bust-like figure of Washington, while the bowl is ornamented by a shield.

Another design for a spoon by the same inventor also utilizes the golden rod in a similar manner, but the handle has on the front a different bust-like figure and on the back a shield, while in the bowl is a representation of an eagle.

SCARF PIN.—John G. Brokaw, Somerville, N. J. The head of this pin is an oval ring having ornamental appendages, a disk representing an eye, another disk showing a heart, and intermediately a representation of clasped hands, while a laterally curved bar is arranged on one side of the oval ring.

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THE CALIFORNIA VINE DISEASE. A preliminary report of investigations. By Newton B. Pierce. Washington: Government Printing Office. 1892. Pp. 222.

This monograph is an excellent exemplification of the solid work done by the Department of Agriculture of Washington. It is excellently printed and illustrated, some colored prints being especially worthy of notice. It has a very long index, and, if it may be accepted as a pledge of the work to be done by that department in the future, it will have the tendency to make all farmers wish well for the last of the federal departments.

ENERGY AND VISION. By S. P. Langley. National Academy of Sciences. Vol. V. First memoir. Pp. 18; 4 plates.

In commencing his paper the author says: "While it is quite a familiar fact that the luminosity of any spectral ray increases proportionately to the heat in this ray, and indeed is but another manifestation of the same energy, I have recently had occasion to notice that there is on the part of some physicists a failure to recognize how totally different optical effects may be produced by one and the same amount of energy, according to the wavelength in which this energy is exhibited. I have undertaken, therefore, during the last few months, an experimental reinvestigation of this subject with such a statement especially in view." The experiments are very interesting to those who are fond of advanced physics and reflect great credit upon this eminent scientist.

NATURE STORIES FOR YOUNG READERS. Boston: D. C. Heath & Co. An instructive little book for young people. Price 30 cents.

LE REGIME DES EAUX A LILLE. Etude sur l'Hygiene et l'Assainement des Villes. By Ange Descamps. Publication of the Société Industrielle du Nord de la France. 8vo. Pp. 140. Maps and plans.

This report is chiefly interesting to civil engineers, and we might remark to the engineers of Lille, for the work is of purely local interest. The Lillois are evidently extremely well pleased with their water supply, their sewers—and themselves.

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