## RECENTLY PATENTED INVENTIONS. Engineering.

Rotary Engine.-Albert D. Bellinger, Black River Falls, Wis. This engine has a cylinder with a ring lining having annular shoulaers, a whec turning in the cylinder comprising a rim carried by a spider, a lining held on the rim and packing plates extending from it and its lining to the shoulders on the ling of the cylinhold the packing rings in place. The invention also emsimple and durable engine which will utilize the motiv agent to its fulleat extent while reducing friction to a mimimum and compensativg for any endwise thrust or movement of the ehaft, so as not to disturb the relative position of the piston and cylinder
Spark Arrester.-Harry B. Maxwell, Stromsburg, Neb. The exhaust chamber, according to this improvement, has a reducing nozzle, and an ex-
haust nozzle is held to deliver into the nozzle of the haust nozzle is held to deliver into the nozzle of the
chamber, while a longitudinally adjustable petticoat pipe chamber, while a longitudinally adjustable petticoat pipe
is held in the chamber nozzle, the arrangement, instead is held in the chamber nozze, the arrangement, instesd
of interfering with the draught of the engine, being deof interfering with the draught of the engine,
signed to increase the draught, while absolutely preventing any live sparks from being thrown from the stack, which is provided with a convenient carrier to receive and carry the sparks to any desired point.
Flue Cleaner.-Perry A. Burgess, teamboat Springs, Col. This device comprises a blade other end of the latter being detachably secured to the handle, while the rod also works through a guide secured to the handle. The device may be inserted through a small aperture and adjusted after being entered to extend
transversels to the pipe or fue, the guide serving to hold transversels to the pipe or flue, the guide serving to hold
the adjusting rod in the correctposition, and also stiffenthe adjusting rod in the correct position,
ing the rod to act as an efficient brace.

## Electrical.

Railway Signaling Circuit.-Louis Thaler, New York City. Combined with non-insulated
track rails are connected insulated bars in parallel with track rails are connected insulated bars in parallel with
and eustained on the rails slightly above their top faces, here being a battery and an electric indicator in open circuit with the bars, the circuit to be closed by the car ple mechanism for the automatic electric operation of a eignal at a station when the block is occupied, the circuit
being completed through the ground as part of the circuit being completed through the ground as part of the circuit train.
Street Electric Lamps.-Charles R. Eddy, Springfield, Mo. This invention provides a sim-
ple and inexpensive windlass for raising and lowering street electric lamps, for cleaning and supplying new car bons, etc. The device has a detachable crank member having unlocking means by which the shaft-locking de-
rices of the windlass may be operated to unlock them when the crank is applied, the shaft of the windlass be ing normally held locked. Only a single crank is neces-
sary for operating a number of windlasses, which automatically lock themselves as soon as the crank is re-
Insulator.-Augustus R. Lane, New York City. This device consists essentially of a some-
what C-shaped metal frame, with a screw projecting from what C-shaped metal frame, with a screw projecting from
ite bottom portion, whereby the frame may be attached to a pole or other support, and a set screw passing through its upper portion, to bear upon and hold in posiwo sections of glass having opposite grooves in which the conductor is held when the sections are placed to gether and held in position by the set screw. Several of these clamp frames may be formed upon a single skeleto frame if deaired, needing only one screw extension fo attachment to a support.

## Mechanical.

Anti-Friction Bearing.-Peter Beckman, Bucksport, Me. This is a novel form of bearhaving horizontal bearing portions, there being on the shaft a beariog disk rolling ou balls traveling in annula grooves in the lower face of the disk and the upper face of the bearing portion. To prevent lateral thrust or
movement and further decrease friction, similar balls are movement and further decrease friction, similar balls are
arranged in annular grooves in the bearing portions and arranged in annul
around the shaft.
Hand Power Attachment.-Finley M. Foster, New York City. This is a simple and inex peneive device whereby sewing machines, etc., may be
run by lever power actuated by hand, or in conjunction run by lever power actuated by hand, or in conjunction
with foot power applied in the usual way. Clamp plates to be firmly screwed on the machine support a shouldere ond which forms a journal for a hand lever, whose oute with the treadle, so that by operating the hand lever th machine may be run without pressing upon the pedal.
Lubricator.-Charles Tregoning, New York City. This is a device eepecially adapted fo
use upon elevator machinery, whereby all the pulleys on ase upon elevator machinery, whereby all the pulleys on a mount of oil used being under ready control. The shaft on which the pulleys to be oiled are mounted has an
exteriorlongitudinalchannel in which is fitted a tubular exteriorlongitudinal channel in which is fitted a tubular
valve, each pulley covering an aperture in the valve cas valve, each pulley covering an aperture in the valve cas
ing. At the open end of the valve casing is a head with the latter being adapted to move a valve slide adapted to open or close the apertares in the $v$.

## Agricultural.

Harrow.-Niels L. Beck, Brayton, Owa. According to this improvement, the constraction of the body of the harrow is such that the body may con-
veniently be made as long or as wide as may be desired, and be readily put together in a short time. A principa feature of the invention is the construction of the harrow leeth and their location in blocks, each block being adspted to carry a tooth, and the manner in which the
only as carriers for the teet
ing devices for the frame.
Corn Planter Attachment.-Andrew W. Trotter, Petersville, Ind. This is a furrowclosing or covering attachment located at the rear of the
seed drop tube, and consiste of a standard secored to fixed support on the planter, and carrying a covering wheel at the rear of the lower end of the seed drop tube, the wheel standing at angle to the path of this tube and
diagonally across the furrow made by the plow. The dediagonally across the furrow made by the plow. The de vice closes the furrow and di
over the seeds dropped therein.

SeedPlanter.-Alexander Lear mouth and Arnold A. Beltman, Tower City, North Dafarrowing wheels mounted in elastic or spring bearing These wheels are made as light as may be desirable, and each wheel has an independent bearing, so arranged that the wheel is normally held down with considerable force by a spring-pressed plunger, but should the wheels en-
counter any obstacle, they are free to rise and pass over it, at once resuming again their normal position to conSPRINKIN
SPRINKLING DEVICE.-Henry I. The frame of this device is carried upon wheels, to liquid-holding vessel, for the mixing and distribution of liquid preparations upon growing phants. The device forms an efficient poison distributor, the liquid being projected out upon the plants from a jet nozzle.

## Miscellaneous.

Violin Supporter.-Giorgio Narberti, 318 Second Avenue, New York City. This is a
device to hold the violin in correct and artistic position device to hold the violin in correct and artistic position
on the body of the performer, enabling the latter to on the body of the performer, enabling the latter to
play and lead at the same time. The invention consists play and lead at the same time. The invention consiste
principally of an arm having a limited swinging motion
on the end of the violin body a breast plate pivotally on the end at one end to the free end of the arm, and locking device for locking the breastplate to the arm in either a vertical or horizontal and folded position. A
curved collar or neck plate is also secured by a set screw curved collar or neck plate is also secured by a set screw
in a socket on the free end of the arm, and the collar and in a socket on the free end of the arm, and the collar an hold the violin in proper place, facilitating the execution of any desired passage of music with great ease, so that Piano.-William $\mathbf{P}$
Pravo. Winam P. Haines, New York with guideways support the action, and, brackets forme with guideways support the action, and a rall sliding in
the guideways carries strips of damper fabric adapted to be moved into or out of the path of the hammers, so that the player can, without changing his position, instantly change the piano from loud to mute, or vice ver may be desired for practicing or other purposes.
Grand Stand. - Pascal P. Cuplin, West Bend, Iowa. This is a stand which may be revolved,
either having a revoluble base held to float in a reser either having a revoluble base held to float in a reser
voir or being mounted to be turned on a post by gear voir or being mounted to be turned on a post by gear
teeth on the flange of the base, the usual superstrueture teeth on the flange of the base, the usual superstrueture
of such a stand being carried by the base. It is more eepecially adapted for use in connection with race tracks, pecially adapted for use in connection with race tracks,
as it may be placed inside the track, thus being nearer as it may be placed inside the track, thus being nearer during the progress of the race keeps the competitors all the time in view.
Culvert.-Charles B.Davis, Savona, N. Y. This invention consists of two series of curved metallic plates placed one on top of the other to break joints,
and riveted together to form a double-walled arch, flanges being formed on the ends of the sets of plates and bent in opposite directions to form a foot for the arch. The construction forms a simple and durable culvert, readily
set up in place and cheaply manufactured, stones or other set up in place and cheaply manufacturea, stones or other finish the culvert as desired.
FAN.-Theodore F. Davis, Marshallown, Iowa. This invention provides an improvement in
the class of fans used upon grain separators to blow the grain and chaff upon and over the riddles and sieves, the fan having an air opening the entire width of the fan blades and parallel with the axis of the fan, so that there is a perfectly equal and even current of air generated, enabling the grain to be perfectly cleaned. The opening has a cap or damper which may be nicely controlled
to admit just the desired amount of air to the fan casing.
Fire Escape. -Perry A. Burgess, Steamboat Springs, col. This device has a frame to be hung where convenient on the building, and a harness for causing a sprocket wheel and ratchet wheel in the frame to be turned, actuating an escapement which takes the place of a brake and permits one to descend safely to the
round. The escape also forms a convenient means for ground. The escape also forms a convenient means for
lowering valuable packages. The device is so compactly constructed that it may be conveniently carried in a per-
Dental Appliance.-Samuel P. Sharp, Knoxville, Tenn. This is an improvement in the lass of angled tool holders for dental engines. The imor ded attachment may be applied to any existing form
of dental engines, or it may have a handle of its own dental engines, or it
Making Extracts.-John E. McCar, Elkins, Weat Va., deceased (Ella M. McCarty, adparatus, according invention covers a process and apis submerged in hot water in a closed vessel, under regulated presesure and temperature, while simultaneously and mechanically there is produced a vertical circu-
lation of hot liquid throagh the mass. The invention is designed to effect economy in the extraction of tannin from barks and wood, reducing the time and obtaining a BAG OR Poder
BAG OR Pouch.-Frederick M. Turck dew York City. This invention provides a fastening device which may be osed upon all kinds of receptacles
for malling purposes, or for the transportation of merchandise, when the receptacles are of paper, fabric, or other pliable material. The means of attaching the flap
to the body of the bag are simple and durable, ine

APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING Aur.-John Runciman, Goderich, Can da. This aphich and sloping upward and inward is arranged a dry ing table having an outlet at the center, in connection with mechanism to transfer salt from the pan to the dry ing table and work it npon the latter to the central out drying of the salt and making it ready for grading and drying of the salt and making it ready for gra
Watch Chain Charm, etc.-Samuel A. Stahl and Benjamin Klipper, Knozville, Tenn. Thi the land and water of the earth, with holes through it at places of historical or national importance, in combina on with a microscope inserted at such places and connotoriety to the places.
Bicycle Gear.-William Mahoney, New York City. This is a speed-multiplying gear, for use in connection with safety bicycles, so that a person
may drive the machine very rapidly without making hi feet move very fast.
Fire Kindler.-Albert Johnson, Haverhill, Mass. A cheaply formed wire handle has a of asbestos or other indestructible absorbent, and the
swab is kept immersed in oil until required for use, when the absorbed oil adapts it for burning a long time The device may also be advantageously used for thaw-
ing pipes, burning insects off trees, and for other purровes.
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13-90. Rochester, N. Y. 1893.
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## HINTS TO CORRESPONDENTS.


(4684) D. G. E. asks : How many pounds of coal will be required to heat one ton of sand
from $40^{\circ}$ Fah. to $212^{\circ}$ Fah., the sand being contained in $n$ iron cylinder 12 inches in diameter and surrounded by the fire, and bituminous coal being used. A. It will require 61 pounds of good coal, provided no heat is lost; practicall
quired.
(4685) F. W. T. writes: I have "Experimental science," and there are a few things I would ke to ask you with reference to the simple motor on
page 499. 1. In Fig. 486, should the wireused in making the core of the armature be insulated or should it just be covered with adhesive tape when it is finished? A. It is of some advantage to varnish the iron wire used in making the rmature core before it is wound on the spool, unless the wire is sufficiently oxidized to practi-
cally insulate it. 2. Should it be iron or copper wire ? A. By referring to the description of the motor given in "Experimental Science" you will notice that copper wire will not do. The core should be made of soft iron wire. 3. About how near should the armature come to
ouching the wider part of the ffeld magnet when the motor is in position ? A. As near as possible without coming into actual contact with the fleld magnet. 4 Should the armature revolve on the steel shaft like a
wagon wheel on the axle or should it be stationary in wagon wheel on the axle or should it be stationary in
the armature and revolve in the journal boxes? A. The armature should be secured to the shaft so as to carry the shaft with it. 5. How are the commutator brushes made? A. The commutator brushea are simply bundlea of very thin spring copper. 6. Wouldn't it be cheaper to buy them? A. No. 7. Is the current from the battery
sent through the same binding posts as those to which commutator brushes are attached? A. Yes
(4686) G. E. H. asks : 1. What is the
M. F.of a3x zinc carbon cell ? A. 177 to 2 volte.

Size has no connection with voltage. 2. What is the
E. M. F. of an ordinary phonograph cell ? A. Two E. M. F. of an ordinary phonograph cell ? A. Two mate cell, giving 1.75 to 2 volts. The other is the Lalande-Edison cell, giving 0.5 to 0.75 volt. 3. Will you name a treatment for tartar on the teeth? A. Let a dentist clean them once a year. Use best quality of tooth powder. It is an excellent practice to rub the teeth with a stick
chewed to a brush
(4687) L. G. asks : What changes will be necessary in the 8 light dynamo described in Scientific Ambric an Suprinment, No. 600, to change it to a cotrcuit of How are spherical armatures wound a Have volt circuit ? How are spherical armatures wound ? Have you
a Supplement describing same? A. We think the dynamo to which you refer is too small for $11 / 4$ horse power. In the construction of a machine to run on a 110 volt circuit, we advise you to consult Supplement, No. 844, containing a description of the small Edison dynamo and motor. We believe spherical armatures are wound on the open circuit plan. Nearly all the books on
(4688) W. E. P. \& A. F. K. ask : Do ivers which flow toward the equator, by reason of the centrifugal force, of a necessity flow up hill? and Why he Nile runs north and the Mississippi runs south ? A. All rivers run down hin by the force of gravity. The by its centrifugal force, and of which the surface of the ocean is the fixed datum or level. All streams, whether nning north or south, that are above the datum of the sea level run by virtue of theses two forces to a lowe evel. The fact of streams running farther from the the forces that hold the earth's surface to its spheroidal form are considered. The conditions of gravity and centriugal force apply equally to running water and to the
(4689) L. B. says: I wish to put a stern paddle wheel in a flat bottom boat, 15 feet long, $33 / 2$ wide, or shallow water. I have a 50 pound fly wheel, 30 inche diameter. How many paddles, what size, what diameter best ? What is limit of aped in auch a boat manner as in bicycle? A. Make your wheel 2 feet wide feet diameter, 12 buckets 6 inches wide, 50 revolutions per minate. Will give you a speed of about 5 miles per hour. Doubtful if you can get this speed in the way you propose to work the wheel.
(4690) F. T. R. asks: What would probably be the result if a channel were cut into the crater into it ? A. Probably it would become an extinct volcano if the quantity of water were sufficient.
(4691) E. A.-For information on electroplating machines we refer you to the Scientific American Supplement. Glass after being ground to a powder. Coffee grows on bushes to a height of from 9 15 feet.
(4692) C. S. J.-Tabby is a shell concrete, made of equal parts of lime, broken shells and
sand. The old tabby buildings along the Southern coast derive their strength from good work and age. Have no
(4693) J. G. asks: Was the subject, "The Human Body as a Maguet," ever discussed in the
Scientrific American $\stackrel{\text { i }}{ }$ A. We do not call to mind any scientific articles on the human body as a magnet. W ho not think magnetism was ever discovered in the
human body.
(4694) R. L.-You can use four cells of ing. Gravity batteries, which are not expensive, can be purchased from any of the dealers in this city.
(4695̃) P. \& D. ask : Does the upper part of a wheel move faster than the lower in rotating?
A. The upper part of a carriage wheel in traveling on he ground moves mach faster than the lower par of the wheels. It has several times been explained in ScI antific Aurrican.
(4696) S. A. C.-The best single book for the study of armature winding is Thompson's "Dynamo Electric Machinery," which we can furnish by mail (4697) M. J. K. writes : My brother is going to start a brass foundry. What I wish to know is,
what height and width (or area) will the stack or chimney requre to be for two or three fires for melting brass We have the furnace for smallicrucibles which has a grate
surface of $14 \times 14$ inches $=196$ inches or $11 / s$ square feet surface of $14 \times 14$ inches $=196$ inches or $11 / 5$ square feet
nearly. We want the other fires to be larger, say 2 feet nearly. We want the other fires to be larger, say 2 feet
square for large crucibles. If you can furnish or give paper on the same would be very thankful. A. You will
eldom run more than two formaces at once, which will in seldom run more than two fornaces at once, which will in
dicatea good eized business. A chimney 16 inches squar inside and 50 feet high should give ample dranght for your furnaces. 'We have no paper on brass foundry
plant, but have an excellent book, "Brass Founders Manual," by Graham, \$1 mailed. Larkin's " Brass an ron Founders
(4698) W. C. M. writes : Kindly tell me of a preparation that I can use, not to be costly, that can form or press in a plaster fiask like accompanying
sample. Also tell me if you know of any attempta to sample. Also tell me if you know of any attempts to make locomotive boilers return tubular and what was the
objection to them. About what is the difference in saving of fuel between a straight fiue boiler and a triple re turn tube? Would not half the number of flues that are in a locomotive boiler be sufficient to carry off the smoke and gases? A. The sample appears to be blotting and a little oil to soften the mixture. We know of nothing cheaper that has the properties you require The area of the tubes of a locomotive is not larg
enough in the present construction to allow the gases of combed. There will be no gain by returaing the tube anless the shell is made larger.
(4699) C. C. P. asks: Can very hot ai
do one-third of the work? Will it not all be condensed?
If it can be done, is there any economy in using sir with steam? Is it safe to use air mixed with steam? Is it steam boiler for useful work. There is no danger nor is there any profit. It condenses according to the pressure and does not give out as much work as it costs to put
it infthe boiler.
(4700) H. A. G. asks how to tempe twist drills uniformly, that is to temper the whole drill a once. A. Twist drills should be packed in sand in an ron box and heated slowly to a cherry red, then dipped vertically in water. Brighten the surface and heat the drills evenly till an orange brown color appears on the ight surface
(4701) H. H. B. asks : 1. Is a coil of a magnet the same resistance as the wire before it is wound
on the coilj? A. The resistance of the wire after it has een coiled on the magnet is slightly greater than it is in the original coil, on account of the hardening of the wire negligible. 2. Would it release a building from danger of being struck by lightning if it were well insulated from the earth? A. No. 3. What can you put in sorgham so that it won't melt down in warm weather? 'The taffy is for making popcorn balls. A. Boil it for a longer, time. Do not put in anything additional.
(4702) D. B. says : The purpose for which the answer is required is for a system of water works, distance from inlet to outlet of pipe 6 and 10 miles
respectively; height or fall from inlet to outlet 100 and 125 respectively; height or fall from inlet to outlet 100 and 125
feet respectively; size of pipe 4 and 6 zinches. Question: feet respectively; size of pipe 4 and 6 -inches. Question:
Number of gallons that would flow through the outlet of a 4 inch pipe with a fall of 100 feet? Also from a 6 inch pipe with a fall of 125 feet? A. The 4 inch pipe, 6 miles,
100 feet head, will deliver 63 gallons per mmute. The 6 inch pipe, 10 miles, 125 feet head, will deliver 151 gal lons per minute.
(4703) C. E. H.-Aluminum weighs 163 pounds per cubic foot, pure, casting. Much thatis called
(4704) L. C. asks : 1. What is the proper oil to use in coloring hard pine floors? A. Use
boiled linseed oil for floors. 2. Is there any coloring matter which you can put in the oil which will make them darker? A. A little burnt umber in the oil for
darker shade. 3. What is the best method to apply the oil ? A. Apply by rubbing the oil stain on the floor with a coarse woolen cloth. As little excess of oil as possible, so that it will dry quickly. For a new pine floor nothing is better than shellac varnish.
(4705) Constant Reader.-For a general description of the process of zinc etching, see SUPPLEment, No.
stadter's "Photo Engraving," price $\$ 3$. We can also supply Wood's "Modern Methods of Illustrating Books," by mail for $\$ 1.50$.
(4706) H. P. R. asks: Why are coil pipes used on some steam gauges and not on others ? A.
Every steam gauge should have an inverted siphon in the connecting pipe to prevent the steam reaching the ir. terior of the gange to its injury. This may be asmall coil or the pipemay drop enough to prevent the water return-
ing to the boiler and the steam from reaching the gauge. TO INVENTORS.
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