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The new Commissioner of Patents, the Hon. John S. Seymour, deserves praise for his recent efforts to bring up to date the work now pending in the United States Patent Office.

RESUMPTION OF PUBLICATION OF THE PATENT OFFICE GAZETTE.

At last, after a considerable delay, the Patent Office Gazette may be said to have resumed publication. The issue dated July 4 is now out. In a few days we are promised the Gazette of July 11; the other Gazettes are to come out so that the issue of August 1 will be but a few days late.

THE EDISON ELECTRIC LIGHT SUITS.

A number of suits have within the past few years been brought by the owners of the Edison electric light patents against opposition companies, to enjoin the manufacture and use of incandescent electric lamps.

mains and wires. It was here that Edison appeared with his invention. In the famous second claim of his patent he claims "The combination of carbon filaments with a receiver made entirely of glass, and conductors passing through the glass and from which receiver the air is exhausted, for the purposes set forth."

It is also perfectly true that to give this claim as wide scope under the patent statutes as the invention would seem to deserve is difficult. Edison in his early work on the incandescent lamp pursued his experiments under such conditions as to impart a peculiarly meritorious character to his investigations.

THE FALL IN THE VALUE OF GENERAL ELECTRIC STOCK.

The recent fall in the prices of all securities in Wall Street has been attended by a great decline in the value of the General Electric stock, which represents the consolidation of the Edison General and Thomson-Houston companies.

THE Engineers' Congress will be held during the week beginning July 31, and practically all of the arrangements for these congresses have been perfected. A large number of papers have already been handed in, and many more are promised in each division.

In New York City there are so many railway lines, steam elevated, cable and horse cars, that one may ride for six hours at a total cost of 50 cents.