

providing means of adjustment and means of regulating the air supply through the sleeve to the nozzle.

INLAYING METAL GOODS.—Henri F. L. Aumont, London, England. This inventor has devised a mode of inlaying with tortoiseshell or celluloid, watch cases, jewelry, ornaments, etc., of gold and silver and other metals without the use of cement, producing a transparent, enamel-like effect.

MANHOLE FOR SEWERS.—George Wright, Winnipeg, Canada. To ventilate the manholes of sewers and purify their obnoxious or deleterious gases, the manhole in this invention, fitted internally with a cast iron cylinder provided with a ventilating cover, near which is held a mud pan, while a deodorizing basket is removably supported at the lower end of the cylinder.

UMBRELLA.—William R. Tebow, Tiskilwa, Ill. This inventor has devised a strong and durable runner and improved the construction of the crown-piece, connecting the ribs and braces with the crown-piece and runner by ball joints, to cause the parts to work easily.

POCKET KNIFE.—John P. Nordlow, Worcester, Mass. In the knife devised by this inventor the blade is so held in the handle that the blade may be quickly and easily opened and rigidly held in open position, no matter how long the blade may be.

POCKET KNIFE.—Carl C. Moritz and Stephen D. Greenwood, Salt Lake City, Utah. This knife costs but little more than an ordinary one, but it is so constructed that it may be easily separated into its parts, and the blades, partition plates, and springs readily removed and new parts substituted.

HAIR CURLER.—Thomas C. Moore, Great Falls, Montana. This implement has a tapered tubular body at whose larger end is a radial flange on which is loosely fitted a ring or collar to which is pivoted a clamp arm.

HOOK AND EYE.—Joseph F. Schoepl, Pittsburg, Pa. This invention provides a connecting device formed of a body portion with hook members extended from one side, wings projecting from the ends and an extension from the body between the wings.

HEAD REST FOR BEDSTEADS.—George G. J. Millar, Groveport, Ohio. This is an improvement upon a formerly patented invention of the same inventor, providing for invalids a head rest which is readily adjustable to any desired position without throwing the body out of a straight line, and without much exertion of the attendant.

BEER DRAWING AND SAVING APPARATUS.—William R. Dales, New York City. This apparatus comprises a vacuum tank and a beer discharge pipe connected by a two-way faucet to which a head is applied, with means for controlling the discharge and inlet pipes.

HORSESHOE.—Erasmus Richardson, Esben, Kansas. This is a compound or double shoe, one section being a light racing shoe permanently nailed on, over which fits a recessed heavier section, temporarily nailed in place, and to be used only when training.

CASKET HANDLE.—Lyman E. Woodard, Owosso, Mich. The wall of the casket, according to this invention, has a recessed and perforated ear, in which is a washer, the ear and washer being secured in place by a screw, and forming a base for attachable handles.

DESIGN FOR A ROPE CLAMP FRAME.—Per O. Olsson, Marshall, Minn. The edge contour of this frame presents a series of alternate convexities and concavities, the plate being essentially a plane surface, disposed on which is a ridge-like figure.

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