series of leaf-carrying frames mounted to swing from one side to another. Each frame is adapted to hold a leaf of music so that the several frames may be manually thrown to turn the different leaves. The music-leaf turner may be manipulated with great ease, and may be folded very compactly.

SEWING-MACHINE ATTACHMENT. - CARL F CAIN and HERMANN SANGTINETTE. Brattleboro, Vt. This attachment consists of a gage especially adapted to insure the stitching of aseam of predetermined width, or to locate a line of stitching a predetermined distance from the edge or seam of a garment or from a line of stitching. The gage bears a scale in inches and fractions of an inch, and is so constructed that it may be accurately set before it is applied to the bed-plate of the The attachment may be placed in position on machine. the plate or removed therefrom without dislodging the scale-bar.

PNEUMATIC SHOE-STUFFER .- FRED Q. WHITE Aurora, Mo. The shoe-stuffer provided by the present invertion is especially designed to give a shoe the desired shape to display it in a shop-window. The stuffer consists of an inflatable bag in the form of a shoe which bag is provided at the toe with a hood which receives a rod whereby the toe can be pushed into the

ROTARY BRUSH. - NEIL CAMPBELL, Jersey City, N. J. In this invention a broom-head for rotary streetsweepers is provided, which comprises peripheral and radial webs having axially-extending and alining perforations receiving connecting ribs. The ribs space the broom-material between them. Backing boards secured to the radial webs within the ribs support the inner ends of the broom-material and hold it in place. With this construction the broom may be made of sufficient strength to withstand hard usage. The broom-head is easily repaired and thus no inconsiderable expense is saved.

TRAP-NET.-ABNER S. CHASE, Marshalltown, Iowa. The trap-net is composed of two sections, the upper of which has a line connected with its upper portion. This upper section has additional lines connected with its lower portion and reeved through the lower section. By drawing on the first-named line the upper section may be lifted from the lower section, and by drawing on the second-named lines the two sections may be drawn together.

ATTACHMENT FOR SPECTACLE-TEMPLES. LEO F. C. GIEBERICH, Manhattan, New York city. It sometimes happens that the fine wire forming the hook of the spectacle temple embeds itseif in the soft tissues of the skin and thus produces painful irritation. The inventor of this attachment overcomes the difficulty by providing the hook with a protector formed of cork rolled into tubular form with a plurality of lavers, the outer one of which is secured to the preceding layer to give the protector a permanent form.

HINGE FOR COUCHES, BEDS, OR ADJUSTABLE CHAIRS. - AMBROSE HUTTINGER, Cleveland, Ohio. The present invention is an improvement upon a similar hinge patented by the same inventor and seeks to simplify the previous construction. The hinge sections areconnected with two frames. One of the sections is toothed, A locking-lever is pivoted to the frame of the other section and is arranged to engage the toothed section. A release ing-lever is pivoted to the locking-lever and is arranged to hold it out of engagement with the toothed, hinged section. The invention dispenses with the necessity of a foot-lever, and enables the head portion of a couch, bed, or chair to be adjusted to any inclination.

LABEL-CABINET.-CLARENCE A. KNAPPENBERGER and HENRY H. BARNES, Jr., La Harpe, Ill. To construct a druggist's label-case for use in finding and applying the right labels to bottles and packages is the purpose of this invention. Druggists usually employ thread-cases or improvised sets of drawers for this purpose, with the result that it is not possible readily to determine which drawer contains the label sought. In this label-cabinet, an outer case, having trunnions on the inside and back of the front edge, and holders consisting of a front part having a glass panel, are provided. Grooves in two end pieces receive the trunnions within the case. Means are provided for separating and retaining the labels. When a label-holder is turned down or opened, the labels are made easily accessible; when the holder is turned up, it acts as a door to close up the opening in the front of the case.

ANIMAL-TRAP. - FRANK J. HEDA, Vesta, Neb. The trap is constructed of a length of wire coiled to form a casing, the wire having its resilient end extending longitudinally along the outer side of the casing. A trigger is attached to the casing and serves to hold the spring end of the wire in proximity to the casing. A loop is carried by the spring end of the wire and projects normally into the casing to impale the animal when the trigger is released.

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(7598) C. M. D. answers T. E.'s query No. 7551, as to whether a dynamo works well in a low temperature, as follows: A dynamo will work better at a low temperature than at a high one. The lower temperature keeps the iron cores and especially the copper conducting wires cool, securing greater conductivity. The same applies to the outside wiring. A Thomson-Houston arc generator shows the difference very markedly by the position of its regulator armature on hot or cold nights On warm nights full load would bring armature nearly flat on stop, while at zero the same machine would have a surplus good for one or sometimes two 45 volt lampsarcs. [The above statement is of course true, though in answering the original query, it was not necessary to go into this matter at all, since the only point raised was whether cold weather would prevent a dynamo and storage battery from working. The temperature coefficient of copper is about 0'002 per degree Fah., that is, copper improves two-tenths per cent for each degree it is cooled. The night temperature in this city between the hottest and coldest nights is about 90 degrees. For 100 degrees the conductivity of the copper is about twenty per cent higher in the coldest night of winter than in the hottest night of summer. This is the whole difference in capacity of a series would machine, such as is the Thomson-Houston; but in a shunt wound machine the difference is still greater.]

(7599) H. W. C. asks: 1. What substance, if any, is opaque to the lines of force coming from a permanent magnet? A. An iron screen surrounding a of wire coiled to nt end extending t the casing. A tree to hold the to the casing. A wire and projects animal when the F. DOUGHERTY, f rame and legs t augnort at was first the integrated provided to the acetylene burning in the air between the jets, is t augnort at was first the integrated provided to the casing. A to the

can be sung, but no words can be formed so long as the ocal organs are not allowed to move

(7602) R. G. asks: What sizes wire by B. & S. gage correspond to No. 20 and No. 18 American gage? A. No. 20 American wire gage corresponds to No. 21 B. & S. gage. No. 18 A. W. G. corresponds to No. 19 B. & S.

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 supporting the top. On the top are supported two pockets, between which a hollowed block containing an ink-well is placed. In front of each pocket a smaller pocket is secured. SPOON.—AUGUST MILLER, Taunton, Mass. The chief feature of this design is to be found in the peculiar ornaments of the spoon, ornaments which consist principally of scrolls and fleurs-de-lis. HEATER.—JAMES S. MACKENZIE, North Bend, O. The design provides a heater which is adapted to fit between the stove and stove-pipe. Through the heater, pipes run, which conduct air from the atmosphere through the heater and to the room in which the stove is placed. Heated air is thus constantly supplied with no additional expense in fuel. SAFETY-PIN. — SILAS P. TOMENNS, Tilly Foster, N. Y. The safety-pin is provided with a hook adjacent to a longitudinal member of the pin. The safety-pin is primarily designed for use on horse-blankets, the hook being slipped over a part of the harness to prevent the blanket's blowing about. NOTE.—Copies of any of these patents will be furnished by Munn & Co. for 10 cents each. Please send the name of the patentee, title of the invention, and date 	use the electricity that is found on the belts in a machine shop when the machinery is running? A. A comb such as is need in all static machines will draw the electricity from a belt. (7600) H. P. G. writes : Please inform me how to make a simple electric friction machine ? A. You will find full instructions for making a Holtz ma- chine, which gives the same kind of electricity in far greater power than the friction machine, in SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN SUPPLEMENT, NOS. 278, 279, 282, price 10 cents each, with many experiments which may be per- formed with it. (7601) J. S. C. asks : How is it we can speak any word at any rate of vibration in the musical scale? For instance, I can say boy or any other word in f, a very slow rate of vibration, or in e, a much more rapid rate; in fact, from the very lowest to the highest rate of vibration per second, showing that it is not the number of vibrations per second. A. You do not speak a word at any rate of vibration in the musical scale. The tone is formed by the vocal cords in the larynx at any rate of vibration which their tension allows. This tone is formed into words by the mouth, nose, tongue, teeth, lips, and palate, and in this form it issues from	Bug gathering and destroying machine, J. N. Morgan	Harvester, corn. W hitney & Steward
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