

RECENTLY PATENTED INVENTIONS.

Electrical Apparatus.

ELECTRIC COUPLING.—T. C. JAMES, Manistee, Mich. The electric coupling is designed particularly for connecting signal wires between the cars of a railway train. It provides a joint of simple construction so arranged that should the sections be separated, either intentionally or through accident, the circuit will be completed in each section, and will therefore not interfere with the signaling system.

Machines and Mechanical Devices.

WEIGHING-MACHINE.—C. B. COMEGYS, Ashgrove, Mo. The machine is designed to weigh out merchandise by its value—that is to say, when properly set, to weigh out the worth in merchandise of a certain sum of money and to automatically cut off the merchandise when the proper amount has been delivered.

UNIVERSAL PRINTING-MACHINE.—C. L. DAWSON, Jacksonville, Ill. This machine will quickly and cheaply print announcements in letters of large size, and is particularly adapted for use of stores, real estate agents and others. The apparatus comprehends a universal letter type which is constructed in separate sections, so as to be capable of printing any letter or numeral by a selective action which brings into printing position such of the sections as are required for any particular letter.

CLUTCH.—E. DYSTERUD, Monterey, Mexico. The clutch is designed especially for use in connection with alternating-current electric motors. It comprises a clutch member carried by a rotary part of the motor and controlled by centrifugal force, this clutch member working with the second member fast on the shaft which is to be driven. When the motor is revolving at low speed the shaft is not driven therefrom; the centrifugal force, however, attending a revolution at high speed causes the clutch members to be engaged and the shaft is driven.

EMBOSSING-MACHINE.—I. CLAPPER, Osna-burg, Ohio. The machine affords improvements in embossing or printing ornamental designs on hollow building blocks or tiles during the process of forming the same, and is so constructed as to permit ready adjustment of the embossing cylinder for any desired depth of impression.

CARDING-MACHINE ATTACHMENT.—C. D. INGRAHAM, Penacook, N. H. Mr. Ingraham provides a new and improved carding machine attachment for preventing any of the stock from passing over the ends of the cylinder and going to waste and causing all the stock in the lap to pass to the doffer to insure formation of a lap of uniform thickness throughout its width.

MACHINE FOR MAKING BASKET-COV-ERS.—C. ENGBERG, St. Joseph, Mich. This invention, relating to machines for making covers for baskets and other receptacles, involves certain novel mechanism concerning the holder for the work and the means for rotating or otherwise actuating the holder as it co-acts with the stapling or nailing device.

MACHINE FOR POLISHING RINGS.—G. H. GASKINS, Portsmouth, Va. Mr. Gaskins provides a ring-carrier for the rings to be polished, a polishing strap to operate between its ends on the ring, and a carrier for this strap which is capable of reciprocation. The inventor informs us that the machine has been built and is now running successfully and giving satisfaction in the United States Navy Yard at Norfolk, Va.

Medical Apparatus.

APPLICATOR.—G. J. VAN SCHOTT, Passaic, N. J. The invention provides a new and improved applicator more especially designed to enable the patient, unaided by a physician, to apply medications to the cervix uteri or to the cervical canal without danger of injuring any of the interior parts of the vagina and womb.

BURNER AND INHALER.—W. R. WARNER, Vergennes, Vt. The burner and inhaler is arranged to permit the user to burn suitable herbs or drugs in a very convenient manner and to bring the fumes arising from the burning process directly to the mouth or nostrils of a patient to insure proper application of the fumes without waste of the herbs or drugs.

Miscellaneous Inventions.

PIPE AND FLUE CLEANER.—C. F. CRAD-ICK and G. W. FARLIN, Jr., Butte, Mont. This simple and practical device affords effective means for the loosening and removal of soot accumulation from the interior of a stove-pipe and also from the ordinary chimney flue in a dwelling. It further affords an efficient implement for removing an obstruction from a sewer pipe or the like.

HEEL FOR BOOTS OR SHOES.—J. G. REA, Paterson, N. J. The heel can be readily secured in position and the worn-out sections removed and interchanged or replaced by new ones. It comprises a plurality of rubber blocks clustered together and secured by a circum-scribing endless metallic band.

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THE NATION'S BASKETS.

The Mergenthaler-Horton Basket Machine Company is making great preparations for handling the big basket crops which are offered to it. An order has just been given out for the manufacture of 100 new machines for making 8-pound grape baskets. These 100 machines combined will have a capacity of 400,000 8-pound baskets per day. Some idea of the immensity of the demand for this size of baskets may be gathered from the fact that the contracts which are now offered to the Company for baskets of this size alone will require the running of these 100 machines 10 hours a day 300 days in the year.

Four hundred thousand baskets per day for 300 days is 120 million baskets. If anyone were to see one or two millions of baskets piled up together, he would imagine that there were enough baskets in the pile to pack the grapes of the universe. Yet the State of New York alone demands at least one-half of the 120 million of 8-pound grape baskets, which these machines of the Basket Company will make each year.

There is a net profit to the Basket Company of not less than \$6.00 per thousand on all baskets of this size. And this profit of \$6.00 remains after reducing the selling price of baskets \$2.00 per thousand below any wholesale price ever made. It can therefore be easily seen that the product of these machines alone will earn a net profit to the Company of \$720,000 per year, or over 7 per cent on the entire capital stock.

THE 5-POUND GRAPE BASKET.

The demand for 5-pound grape baskets is fully as great as for 8-pound grape baskets. The Company has already been compelled, for lack of machines, to refuse an order for 45 million 5-pound grape baskets for this year's crop. It now has machines to the number of 26 in operation making 5-pound grape baskets, and will place an order for 75 more of these machines just as soon as it can be done without retarding the work of the 100 machines already referred to as being made to make 8-pound baskets.

PROFIT ON GRAPE BASKETS.

Before this time next year these 200 machines will be working steadily, turning out baskets for next year's crop. The profit on 5-pound grape baskets, as handled by this Company, amounts to a little over \$5.00 per thousand net. The number of baskets which these 5-pound machines will make each year is fully as great as the number which the 8-pound machines will make. Figuring it as 120 million of 5-pound baskets at a profit of \$5.00 per thousand, and it is easy to see that this item will add \$600,000 a year to the Company's profit, or a total for grape baskets alone of \$1,300,000, which is over 13 per cent on the entire capital of the Company, earned by the business in grape baskets which the Company's automatic machines absolutely control.

QUART BERRY BASKETS.

The volume of business in quart berry baskets amounts in dollars and cents to fully as much as the volume of business in grape baskets, and this Company's equipment for making the quart berry basket is being rapidly extended. At the present time there are already 8 berry basket machines in operation. These machines have a capacity of 12,000 berry baskets per day each, or a total of 96,000 berry baskets per day. Negotiations looking toward the completion of a contract for the manufacture of 50 more of these berry basket machines are going forward as rapidly as possible. When these machines are completed, which will be within a few months, the Company's capacity for making berry baskets will be about one and one-half billions per year.

The selling price of berry baskets at the lowest rate known anywhere is \$2.25 per thousand; this Company is prepared to sell these berry baskets at \$1.60 per thousand and make a net profit of \$1.00 per thousand out of this for every thousand baskets made. More than one-half of the entire berry basket business is already offered to this Company, and it is merely a question of the completion of the negotiations when the entire demand for berry baskets will be turned over to this Company to supply. It is absolutely certain that the whole berry basket business will be contracted to this Company before its machines can possibly be completed to turn out the work. A very simple calculation on the volume of berry basket business, as stated above, sold at the unheard-of low price of \$1.60 per thousand, out of which the Company makes a clean \$1.00, will add one and one-half millions more to the yearly profit of the Company. This will make a total of profit earned on grape baskets and berry baskets of \$2,800,000 per year, or 28 per cent on the entire capital of the Company.

THE TILL BASKET.

Next in order of calculation is the basket known as the Till Basket. This basket is used for the shipment of peaches from Georgia and the Southern States; for the shipment of plums and for the shipment of tomatoes from all the Southern points to the Northern markets.

The Mergenthaler-Horton Basket Machine Company has just perfected a machine for the manufacture of these "till baskets." This machine works on the same principle as the machine for making quart berry baskets, and will turn out these "till peach baskets" at the same speed that the berry basket machine turns out berry baskets, which is 12,000 per day.

35 PER CENT TO 40 PER CENT ON ENTIRE CAPITAL.

From the fragmentary statistics which it has been possible to secure, and the offers that have been made to the Company of orders for this class of baskets, it is entirely reasonable to believe that the Company's profit on this class of baskets alone will amount to over \$1,000,000 per year. Adding this profit to the figures already demonstrated in the foregoing, it becomes an immediate commercial certainty that the Mergenthaler-Horton Basket Machine Company will earn a profit for its shareholders amounting to between 35 and 40 per cent on the entire capital of the Company, without taking into account at all the tremendous volume of business which it is making preparation to handle on the Pacific coast. This volume of business from California, Washington and Oregon is very large. Last year the shipments of fruit east from California amounted to over 200 carloads per week for eight months in the year. The baskets for the handling of this great California and Pacific coast demand will add very largely to the Company's profits. No figures could now be made on this field of operations which would have a sufficiently authentic basis to warrant the effort in setting them forth, but everyone who gives the matter an instant's thought can see that the expectation to handle the entire basket trade of the Pacific coast is an entirely justifiable one, and indeed overtures of business from the fruit people controlling the California trade, are already in progress.

An illustration of the superiority of the automatic machine labor over hand labor in the matter of speed and excellence is given at the exhibitions this Company is carrying on in New York, Chicago, Boston and Philadelphia, and will shortly be opened in St. Louis, Buffalo and Pittsburgh.

Shares of the Mergenthaler-Horton Basket Machine Company's stock are now being sold at 75 cents a share (par value \$1.00 full paid and non-assessable). It will be seen from the resume of the basket situation as herein set forth, that no more attractive opportunity for the investment of small or large sums can possibly be found, than in the shares of this Company.

Checks for subscriptions should be drawn to the order of Charles R. Barlow, Treasurer. The Directors reserve the right to reject any subscription. No subscription accepted for less than 50 shares. The price of shares in this Company will be advanced almost immediately, and may be advanced without further notice. The executive offices of the Company are at 287 Broadway, New York.

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