PRINTING-TELEGRAPH RECEIVER. -D. WHITE, 50 Clanricarde Gardens, London, England. Mr. White's improvements relate to printing-telegraph receivers of the class which print the characters in successive lines across a sheet of paper, and the objects of his invention are to provide a simple mechanism by which the characters are printed successively across the sheet without either the type or the paper being moved laterally and also a means whereby at the end of each line the paper is moved up ready for the new line.

SAFETY TROLLEY-ALARM.-W. M. GRUNER and W. C. FINK, Springdale, Pa. The invention refers to safety trolley-alarms, an alarm on the car adapted to be sounded upon jumping of the trolley from the conductor-wire or breaking of the trolley-sheave through special devices or instrumentalities employing a local circuit with a special circuit-closer, the closer being adapted in its operation to simultaneously, through a special subtrolley, complete or restore the motor-circuit from the conductor-wire down through the car to ground or through metallic return

ACCUMULATOR PLATE OR GRID.-J. VON DER POPPENBURG, Charlottenburg, near Berlin, Germany. The present invention relates to the manufacture of accumulator plates or grids of that kind in which the active material, together with the current-conductor imbedded in it is inclosed by a frame made of some non-conductor of electricity, as described in a former patent granted this inventor. As it is impos-sible to effect the mechanical connection be-tween the frame and the current-conductor solely or chiefly by the active material or paste this connection has been effected according to the aforesaid patent by means of cross-bars of non-conducting material, which gives support to the conductor in the frame,

ELECTRIC PUMP .-- O. G. DOBERT, New York, N. Y. In this instance the invention re-lates to electric pumps, and the more particular object is to produce a type of electric motor and connections therefor so as to render the same suitable for operating a reciprocating It may be used upon new machinery, pump. but is also particularly adapted for service in supplanting steam machinery with electric ma-chinery without disturbing a reciprocating for application to the doors of residences, the supplanting steam machinery with electric mapump already in use.

THERMOSTATIC POLE-CHANGER.-J. P. JENSEN, 37 Havnegade, Esbjerg, Denmark. The only be opened from the outside by one familiar purpose of this improvement is to cause the with the combination. The invention involves sunbeams or the increase of temperature to influence an electric-contact arrangement in such | ated in the dark to set the combination. a way that the direction of the current in a motor is shifted by sunshine or shadow. Here by the motor is turned, respectively, in the one or the other direction, and this alternate movement is made use of in an appropriate manner

ELECTRIC BLOCK-SIGNAL .--- W. S. JACKson, Hoboken, N. J. This improvement re-lates to electric block-signaling systems especially adapted for use in connection with overhead electric railways, although essential parts of the invention may be used in connection with other kinds of systems. In the present invention Mr. Jackson aims to simplify and generally improve the system disclosed in a prior application for letters patent filed by him.

BLOCK-SIGNAL SYSTEM .--- I. H. FRAN-CISCO, Rutland, Vt. While this inventor shows his system as applied to a double-track railway, he does not limit himself to double-track railways. Obviously by omitting certain duplicate parts the system can be used with single-track railways. With Mr. Francisco's system either the entire road or so much of it as is to be protected in the manner indicated is divided into blocks as usual.

# Engineering Improvements.

EXPLOSIVE-ENGINE. - M. H. ROBERTS, Rolfe, Iowa. Mr. Roberts seeks to provide an force of working agent of mixed air and gas or gasolene; and primarily seeks to provide an engine of this character capable of being operated under an economical use of the working agent and having its several parts co-operatively arranged to provide for a uniform and effective action

BOILERS .- J. J. DE LANCEY, Binghamton, changed by the rider without leaving the sad-N. Y. The object in this case is to provide a die, thus enabling the gear to be changed at draft attachment arranged for reversing the will to suit the conditions of the road over draft in the fire-box to permit of reducing the which the bicycle is being driven. devices hitherto devised for similar purposes RAILWAY-CARS.—J. H. BRUCE, Pittsburg, Pa. heat in the fire-box and extinguishing the fire therein in case of an emergency, such as the water falling below the safety-level or the injectors failing to work or other causes liable to produce an explosion of the boilers. AUTOMATIC AIR-BRAKE .--- C. H. NELSON, other articles. One object in view is to furnish Trinidad, Col. In the present instance the ina machine by which the wire may be coiled vention has special reference to means for snugly and regularly around the work, provision equalizing the release of air-pressure in the sevbeing made for effecting a variation in the eral brake-cylinders on the cars of a train, so spacing of the coils of the wire. that the brakes of the several cars may be applied simultaneously, also to means for equaliz-FRAMES.-Z. E. BOOTH, New Bedford, Mass. ing the application or force of the several This invention provides a ring and traveler brakes of each car, and also to means for a for use in spinning-frames and in twisting-

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ROTARY ENGINE .--E. W. BULL, Cobourg, Canada. The object of the invention is to provide a new and improved rotary engine which is simple and durable in construction, readily reversed, and arranged to utilize the motive agent to the fullest advantage. This utilization is secured by the steam entering the cylinder acting simultaneously on the two pistonheads, so as to force the steam in opposite directions.

VALVE-GEAR FOR EXPLOSIVE-ENGINES. -W. J. MCVICKER, Rogers, Neb. In this patent the invention refers to improvements in gas or gasolene engines of the four-stroke cycle-compression type, the object being to provide means for operating the exhaust-valve by the explosion of gas or gasolene vapor in an auxiliary cylinder containing a movable piston, thus dispensing with gears, cams, eccentrics, etc., and to provide means by which the speed of the engine may be exclusively controlled by electricity.

ROTARY ENGINE .- M. D. KALBACH, Le banon, Pa. The object in this case is to provide an improvement in that class of rotary engines which are operated by direct impact of a gaseous fluid, such as steam or air, the latter being worked expansively. The motive fluid is directed against radial blades of a rotary wheel, and the casing surrounding the latter is provided with a steam-passage which permits gradual expansion of fluid in passing from inlet port to exhaust. Valves govern the direction of the flow of motive-fluid, so that the engine may be reversed at will.

TRANSFER-BRIDGE.-A. H. MALLERY, New York, N. Y. An object in this improvement is the provision of a bridge so constructed and ar-ranged that it will at all times practically maintain an even balance, and, further, to provide a simple means for securing the bridge to a boat or float whereby no torsional strain will be imparted to the bridge through the rocking motion of the float.

#### Hardware.

PERMUTATION-LOCK. - I. G. FRENCH, arrangement being such that it may be readily opened from the inside of the house, but can an arrangement whereby the lock may be oper-

### Household Utilities.

FOLDING BED.-C. P. BROWN, Springlake, Mich. In his present invention Mr. Brown disks, and means of adjusting the type-disks seeks to provide means whereby metallic bed- and justifying the composed line of matter, gavel in a self-binding harvester. A rigid steads of plain or ornamental design may be also means for producing a matrix by the folded easily and quickly, such improvements being of a nature which enables him to fold or | lines. unfold the parts without modifying the factory or standard design of the head or foot sec- PILE FABRICS.-J. W. SMITH, Amsterdam, tions of the bed or the angle-iron bed-frame of the spring.

PAN.-F. B. TUPPER and G. M. AUSTIN, North Berwick, Maine. In this patent the im- of the jacquard apparatus and the harness provement refers to a pan intended especially threads, comparatively wide fabrics may be for baking purposes, the article being formed operated upon with a loom taking up a limited of an integral sheet of metal, the side and amount of floor space. Each design is made end walls being bent up and engaged together by two jacquard cylinders of different sizes in a certain manner, so as to provide ease of mounted upon opposite sides of the needle construction with a maximum degree of strength and durability.

# Machines and Mechanical Devices.

WIGLEY, Brewton, Ala. Collars which clamp It is well known that shells once fired are not it into a rearmost position at the time the coal and hold the circular saw upon mandrels some- of the same size, and that it is desirable to regets low in the pit, and to permit the fireman times get out of true. Turning off these cold form or reshape shells once used in order to lars to a true plane again is usually done by adapt them for reuse in the same gun. Mr. the coal in the rear of the pit. hand, but it is unsatisfactory. This invention Wetsig's apparatus comprises fixed parts CONVERTIBLE PASSENGE engine adapted to operate under an explosive provides a simple machine designed as an at- adapted to be secured to a wall or other fixed tachment to the sawmill husk or frame by which the work of truing the collars is conveniently, rapidly and accurately effected.

GEARING.—M. E. BACON and C. H. BACON, Flushing, Mich. This invention has reference to a gearing adapted especially for the driving of bicycles and by means of which the ratio DRAFT ATTACHMENT FOR LOCOMOTIVE of the gearing may be quickly and easily

RING AND TRAVELER FOR SPINNING.

frames wherein the invention insures the fast running of the traveler in the ring, at the same time increasing the capacity of the machine and causing an even twist of the fibers to produce a uniform cylindrical yarn or thread. clination transversely of the lathe-bed.

TUBE-EXPANDER.-C. B. CARTY, Washington, N. C. One of the leading features of TUS.—C. W. PLATT, Windfall, Indiana. this invention is the corrugation of the rollers, 'The invention provides a casing for inclosing causing the rollers to make irregular and crossing indentations in the tube, thus facilitating are adapted to fully expose the revenue stamps the work of expanding it. The invention also on the box of cigars and also to expose the relates to features of construction concerned with the other parts of the expander, which enable the action of the rollers to be rendered more thoroughly effective.

T'RANSMISSION-GEAR. - W. W. ADAMS, Brockton, Mass. This apparatus comprises sets a coin passage a customer can see the coin fall of gears having intermediate gears to transmit until it enters the casing. Stamps are canreversely. These gears, excepting the inter- celled to comply with the revenue law. axes, and along one axis runs a shifting key acting with devices on the adjacent gears to render them fast or loose on their shaft. When a gear is made fast to the shaft, transmission is effected through this gear at a speed depending upon the ratio of the gear to its mate, and in direction depending upon the presence or absence of intermediate gear or equivalent means.

BED-PLATE FOR BALING PRESSES .- F. J. COAD and E. BIDDLE, Dallas, Ore. Much difficulty and expense are often encountered with many forms of baling-presses in use, due to the bearings and other elements thereof either spreading apart or getting out of alinement and which often results in the breaking out of teeth and other parts of cogs, racks, and pinions employed or causes such excessive binding as to render it very difficult to operate the press. The invention overcomes all these objections.

SANDING-MACHINE FOR MOLDS .- F. J. WILES, Stonypoint, N. Y. One of the principal objects of this invention is the provision of means for overcoming numerous disadvantages found to exist in many machines for molds for brick and the like, and to provide a machine of this kind which is effective and reliable in use, and comparatively inexpensive to manufacture. This machine will be easily controlled and regulated.

MACHINE FOR PRODUCING STEREO TYPE OR ELECTROTYPE MATRICES AND PRINTING-BLOCKS.—A. KRAUS, 10 Rue Marbeuf, Paris, France, and N. Collins, 2 Gray's Inn Road, London, England. This invention refers to a machine for composing type and producing therefrom a stereotype-matrix or a printing-surface, according as the type-faces are in relief or are sunk. It comprises a key-controlled rotary barrel, juxtaposed typesuccessive impression of successively-composed notch forming the separated side sections,

LOOM FOR WEAVING FIGURED DOUBLE-N. Y. This loom is adapted for weaving figured double pile fabrics, and especially the so-called "three-shot" velvet. By a novel arrangement mechanism. The loom has a large number of advantages.

PING, AND RECAPPING CARTRIDGE- man to readily remove the coal from the pit, SAW-COLLAR-TRUING MACHINE.-R. O. SHELLS.-E. L. WETSIG, Junction City, Kan. to permit of opening the gate and swinging support and other parts adapted to slide on or in such parts, whereby shells may be resized |

**OPERATING DEVICE FOR ELEVATOR-**CARS .- P. F. FoLEY, New York, N. Y. One of dispatch. In other words, to employ a minithe principal objects of this improvement which mum number of parts which may be produced relates more especially to mechanical devices at small cost and to adopt such construction for raising and lowering the cars of elevators, as will effect the change in short time and

Mr. Booth has secured another adjustment is effected by the ordinary feedmatically or by hand. Transverse adjustment of the attachment proper is effected by the cross feed-screw of the lathe-carriage. The principal feature of the attachment is its in-

> COIN-CONTROLLED VENDING APPARAcigars and the several operative parts. Means cigars in the box so that the operator can see them until all are discharged. Thus the last one sold is exposed prior to purchase. Access is had to the interior to open the machine to insert fresh cigars or remove coins. Through

#### Of Interest to Farmers.

HARVESTER.-E. A. CALLING, Brady, Neb. The invention has reference to harvesters, more definitely stated an improved attachment for reapers, headers, and other harvesting machines, having for its object to lift the fallen grain and carry it into the path of the cutting apparatus. Means are used to meet the requirements of the different kind or conditions of the grain.

POTATO-PLANTER.-F. E. SHAW, Evart, Mich. The purpose in this case is to provide a machine which when supplied with seedpotatoes will automatically drop the seed at suitable distances apart, whereby to properly space the hills, in connection with which machine a marker may or may not be used, and, further, to provide means for automatically opening a furrow and covering the seed dropped into it.

SOD-CUTTER.-J. M. HARLAN, Ardmore, Pa. When this machine is moved along, the annular cutters will form the longitudinal cuts, then the transverse cutting blade will go into operation to form the transverse cuts, after which the under cuts will be made by an undercutting blade, and thus the sod will be completely separated or released from the ground, and the series of sods will be all of the same dimensions.

CORN-SHOCKER .- T. L. CREATH, Mount Sterling, Ohio. In this patent the invention has reference to an apparatus adapted to be used in connection with a corn-harvester, the apparatus receiving the corn from the harvester and packing it into bundles ready for tying, after which operation the shock is deposited on the ground as the machine moves along the rows of corn.

KNOTTER.-J. E. FREIDINGER, Hastings, This device ties a knot which binds the Neb. finger is provided in its outer end with a one shorter than the other and sloped on its outer side at its end, and the longer section sloped at its end approximately in alinement with the sloped end of the shorter section, and a movable finger pivoted to the rigid finger and provided at its end with a hook working in the notch of the rigid finger and projecting below it in closed position of the pivoted finger.

#### **Railways and Their Accessories.**

LOCOMOTIVE-TENDER GATE. - H. O. MCCLAIN, Lincoln, Neb. The object in this instance is to provide a gate arranged to hold coal or other fuel in the pit in a proper posi-APPARATUS FOR RESIZING, DECAP- tion when the pit is filled, to allow the fireto have access to the pit for the removal of

CONVERTIBLE PA\$SENGER-CAR. -KIMBLE, Zanesville, Ohio. This car is adapted to be changed from an open or summer car to a closed or winter car, or vice versa. and also decapped and recapped by a simple manipulation of parts. effected with economy of material and with

quick release of air-pressure on the locomotive. frames arranged to insure an easy, free, and FEED-WATER HEATER.-R. B. BENHAM, fast running of the traveler in the ring with-JR,. Bland, New Mex. In carrying out the out causing undue friction of the working parts present invention the inventor has particularly and without danger of injuring the yarn or in view arranging a coil or coils of pipes forming a feed-water heater in the front end of a locomotive-boiler a short distance from the formation for an even, perfectly cylindrical yarn and is adapted to be adjusted lengthwise and at resorts, etc., and its object is the provision flue-sheet, thereby allowing the hot air and or thread and increasing the capacity of the also transversely of the same. Longitudinal of a railway having a continuous track for

and also to provide devices of this kind which WIRE-WINDING MACHINE.-J. G. BAUER.

parts, which are not easily broken nor liable brushes for use on electric motors or dynamos, to get out of order. although it may be used to wind wire on

CENTER-GRINDER FOR LATHES .- T. H. COULTER, Brooklyn, Ohio. In this case the in-vention relates to that class of lathe attachments used for regrinding small projecting cones known as "centers." These centers from

certain causes become untrue and have to be reground. Mr. Coulter's improvement comprehends the general features of other grinder devices, but provides a very simple and convenient construction which is quickly applied to any lathe and is so organized as to get a high speed and an effective grinding action. LATHE ATTACHMENT .-- J. W. BRONAUGH,

In this instance the invention relates to brake-Ravenna, Ohio. This machine is adapted for are exceedingly simple and inexpensive to operating devices for railway-cars; and one use in winding wire on carbon plates to produce manufacture and comprising few elements or of the principal objects is the provision of means for overcoming many disadvantages found in other devices, and to provide devices of this kind effective in use, besides comprising few parts, not liable to get out of order, easily regulated and controlled, and which will possess the capacity for long and repeated service.

RAILWAY .--- S. E. JACKMAN, New York, N. Y. In this invention the improvement refers to railways such as are used for amusement in pleasure resorts, exhibitions, and the like; and its object is to provide a new and im-proved switch or inclined railway, arranged to take up comparatively little space, but affording a long and interesting ride. Another railthread and at the same time producing an even JR., Manchester, Va. The attachment in this way invention of Mr. Jackman relates to twisting of the fibers, thereby insuring the invention may be applied to any ordinary lathe switchback or inclined gravity railways, used the cars to travel on and arranged to facili power delivered to a secondary wheel or shaft tate the entrance and exit of passengers and to

afford them an exciting and interesting ride. CAR-COUPLING .- S. E. JACKMAN, New York, N. Y. This case is a division of the application for former letters patent filed by Mr. Jackman. The invention relates to amusement devices, such as inclined or switch-back railways; and its object is to provide a coupler for convenient and safe coupling of In the present case the invention refers to imthe cars and arranged to prevent coupled cars provements in jacks for raising vehicle-axles or from jumping forward off the track, especially when running over steep inclined portions in the track of the railway.

DEVICE FOR REPAIRING OR SPLICING RAILS .- O. D. BINETT, New York. It frequently happens that railway-rails become broken intermediate the ends of joints thereof due to various causes-as, for example, when subjected to undue lateral strains, exerted thereon by trains passing over the same, more especially in climates subject to rapid changes in temperature. This device may be quickly applied to the broken portion of the rail for the purpose of mending or splicing it, without the necessity of detaching the rail or any portion thereof.

LINE-PIPE COUPLING .--- H. B. SCHRADER, Alliance, Neb. In this patent the invention has for its object the provision of an automatic coupling of simple and inexpensive construction having no sharp curves or loops in its ports to obstruct the passage of air or steam and in which air or steam pressure is utilized to cause a strict connection between the coupling members.

COUPLING FOR AIR-BRAKE HOSE .---- A F. ALLEN and J. F. LENHOFF, Wilmington, Del. The purpose of the invention is to provide a coupling which will act automatically in coupling and uncoupling, effecting a coupling the moment two cars similarly equipped are brought together and an uncoupling the instant one car is drawn from the other, thereby obviating the necessity of and consequent danger to an attendant employed to effect air-brake couplings between cars, besides securing a great saving of time.

AIR-BRAKE ATTACHMENT.-H. F. ONG, Wendling, Ore. In this invention the purpose is to provide a means acting as an auxiliary to the ordinary brake apparatus and serving automatically to apply the brakes should the car or train of cars begin to move and also patent granted to Mr. Burton. acting automatically to release the brakes upon the proper action of the engineer or other | Y. trainman upon the ordinary brake apparatus.

# Vehicles and Their Accessories.

RESILIENT CORE AND TIRE .--- C. MILLER, Binghamton, N. Y. In this case the invention refers to cushion-tires of that character embodying an inner core and an outer shoe or casing, and the object is to provide for interlocking the core and the casing so as to prevent turning or torsional twisting of the sore within the shoe or casing, and to provide improvements in the manner of clamping the shoe or casing upon the core and connecting the two members to the rim.

India. This invention relates to rolling stock and also enabling suitable lengths of different for single-rail tramways, such as shown in colored threads or silks to be drawn from the former letters patent granted to Mr. Ewing. spools accordingly as required. The object is to provide a device for use on POCKET MATCH-SAFE. power-driven traction-engines, and other vehicles traveling on single-rail tramways and arranged to steer the vehicle along The panel upon which the matches are to be the single rail without a steersman and to allow of running it with safety over the road at a very high rate of speed.

DEVICE FOR REMOVING VEHICLE-TIRES .- H. ATWATER, Vacaville, Cal. One of the principal objects of this improvement is to provide a device which shall be positive in operation, one wherein the vehicle-wheel will be tightly and firmly grasped while the tire is being removed therefrom and one wherein the clenching and forcing members or jaws will not be continually slipping or bending under the strain placed thereon.

wagon-tops and particularly to the manner of hanging and operating the curtains and apron thereof. In wagons of this type trouble and

revolving in a fixed unchanging direction may be automatically increased or diminished by merely reversing the direction in which the prime moving shaft, axle, or wheel rotates. It is applicable to bicycles, similarly-propelled vehicles, and other forms of utilizing or converting mechanical energy.

JACK.-W. W. Dwigans, Arkadelphia, Ark. other loads, an object being to provide a jack this patent the improvement has reference to leg is thrown over the pommel the latter is of simple and light yet strong construction by means for rapidly rotating various objects, received in the pocket and the skirt hangs means of which heavy loads may be lifted with comparatively little manual exertion and also the brush of a chimney or bottle cleaner. It waist and pommel-leg. The improvement does to so construct the device that it may be conveniently carried under the seat.

#### Miscellaneous.

GLASS-BLOWING APPARATUS. - P. T. SIEVERT, Dresden, Germany. This apparatus is more especially designed for manufacturing for hoisting buckets and other articles. glass articles such as vessels of cylindrical or other shapes and hollow glass bodies subsequently to be formed into sheet or window glass, the device being arranged to insure a proper distribution of the glass material to produce articles having walls of uniform thickness.

PROCESS OF MANUFACTURING HOL-LOW GLASS ARTICLES .- P. T. SIEVERT, Dresden, Germany. The invention relates principally to improvements in a process for manufacturing hollow articles, from which sheet or window glass may be made, in which process the melted mass is spread upon a table, held firmly at its outer rim, preliminarily blown into a convenient shape in the open air or in a mold, and then blown out to any size, shape, and thickness, whether for the purpose of slitting and spreading the resulting hollow body into one or more sheets or for forming vessels of cylindrical or other shapes without such opening and spreading.

FOLDING BOX .--- W. E. BURTON, New York. N. Y. The object of the present invention is to provide a folding box formed of a single blank and arranged to economize in the use of the material, to allow convenient and quick invention is to provide an attachment to the setting up of the box from the fiat blank and to securely lock the integral parts in the setup position. The invention relates to foldingboxes, such as shown and described in a former

FOLDING HAT.-R. PLATO, New York, N. Y. In this instance the invention refers to outing-bats made of canvas or like fabric ma-

terial; and its object is to provide a folding hat which is simple and durable in construction, cheap to manufacture, and arranged to allow of folding into a comparatively small space without danger of impairing the stiffness of the brim of the hat. The extended hat is not liable to wrinkle up and collapse.

WORK-BOX.-R. G. McDowell, Anaconda, Mont. The principal object of this invention is the provision of a device by which a number of spools of sewing thread or silk may be detachedly or removably supported within easy reach of a seamstress while at work, thereby

STEERING DEVICE.-C. EWING, Madras, overcoming many annoyances and loss of time, an enemy's lines. It will be useful in many

POCKET MATCH-SAFE.-E. J. MOORE, rolling-stock, New York, N. Y. This contrivance is espe-ngle-rail tram- cially adapted for carrying "safety-matches." struck is protected effectually when not in use. and therefore cannot be damaged by moisture or by pocket wear, and the means for protecting such panels are simple and readily tention in this case is to provide a novel operated. The material over which matches are drawn may be readily replaced when unduly worn.

> SAFETY-GUARD FOR RAZORS .--- A. A. an attachable guard which may be applied upon any razor-blade of ordinary form, be adjustable

WAGON-TOP.-J. POHLIG, New Orleans, La. with regard to the cutting edge of the razor, This invention relates to improvements in the light, shapely, convenient to place and remove, and that will effectively protect the face from injury while the razor is used freely.

RAZOR AND GUARD.-J. H. HILTON, New loss of time occur in adjusting curtains and they are often unevenly rolled. The object is provide a new and improved razor and guard to obviate these objections by so arranging the arranged to permit convenient adjustment of apron and curtains that they may be rolled or the guard relative to the cutting edge of the wagon and so that when rolled they present a worn down too far for the guard to be effective worn down too far for the guard to be effective

NON-REFILLABLE BOTTLE.-H: A. CLIN- ments in nose-pieces for eyeglasses, an object TON, Newark, N. J. The purpose of the in-being to furnish a nose piece of simple convention is to provide a simple and economic struction that may be readily adjusted to a form of device adapted to be firmly secured to person's nose and that will bear lightly on the neck of any ordinary bottle, which device is so constructed as to admit of liquid being pinching. freely poured out from the bottle, but which RIDIN

CAIN and N. B. CAIN, Port Jervis, N. Y. In and sliding agitator by means of which a rapid rotation is imparted to the beater or brush.

SAFETY HOISTING-HOOK -J M WAID. Colebrook, Ohio. This invention refers to hooks It consists of a special hook and peculiar safetycatch with novel locking-dogs, and among its advantages may be mentioned the fact that in any position of the hook the dog and engaged member will remain locked; and, also the form of the catch, which is formed so that should the hook in use contact a beam or other structure, the curved outer edge of the catch device would ride it free from holding engagement with the beam or other struc ture.

ADDING REGISTER .--- H. G. WHITE, Waverly, Mo. The register comprises a rotatable position and manipulated so that a belt can be disk mounted between two fixed disks. The rotatable disk is provided with twenty consecutively numbered teeth which may be singly seen through a notch in the fixed disks. Another circle of figures ranging from 21 to 40 appears through an opening in the front disk. In operation the figures are added by tens and each ten is registered by moving a tooth so that only the addition of units need be mentally done. An intermediate circle of figures provides for adding by twenties.

DEVICE FOR OPENING BUCKLES.-G. F. CAREY, New York, N. Y. The purpose of the tongues of buckles whereby the latter may be quickly opened with gloved hands and in cold weather when the fingers are more or less light. numb, and whereby, further, the billet-strap a convenient and quick manner without touching the tongue of the buckle.

COMBINED WAIST-BRACE AND BELT-HOLDER. — CAROLINE BREMER, Davenport, Iowa. Specifically stated, the invention consists of an elongated metal plate having peculiar fastening and belt-holding means adapted to provide a bracing-support to the waist, compelling the wearer to walk in straight, erect position, and thereby giving neatness to the figure of the wearer in front and back. Means are included for holding down the waist and skirt belt in front.

DISPATCH-BOMB. - H. B. LITTLEPAGE, Washington, D. C. The bomb may be fired in a high trajectory and carry a message over ways. Thus, in ordering in reserves at a certain point, it can be done almost instantaneously and the exact point given without fear of interception. The Invention will be valuable when the army and navy are co-operating and useful for ships of war or commerce in communicating with the shore or life-saving stations.

GAGES.-R. S. MEARS, Topeka, Kan. The inapplied and can be conveniently and quickly simple guard and mirror which will prevent injury from flying glass to a person near the water-gage if the tube is suddenly burst by pressure of steam and which also by reflection of the mirror will clearly display the contents densation from the drying cans or cylinders Lux, St. Paul, Minn. In this improvement the of the intact tube for inspection to readily used in cotton mills, bleacheries, paper-mills, object is to provide details of construction for note the level of water in the gage and etc., although its application is not confined boiler.

> CIGAR-BAND .--- L. M. WEILLER, New York, N. Y. In this instance the object is to removably secure a match to a cigar or other like accumulates. articles by means of an encircling band. Any Mr. Weiller's invention, but he contemplates improvement in that class of cases or boxes the use of "safety-matches," since in their for holding cigars or cigarettes which are manufacture no ingredient is employed which adapted to be carried in the pocket and to be affects the cigar, and he therefore provides a so manipulated that an inner slidable box or striking-surface upon the band, upon which the match may be ignited.

various points on the nose without slipping or

RIDING-HABIT .--- A. LOSCALZO, New York, will prevent the bottle from being refilled and N. Y. In this skirt a pocket is formed for offered a second time as an original package. the pommel, as heretofore; but the seams are BEATING OR WHISKING DEVICE .-- W. R. so disposed that the pocket constitutes the sole irregularity in the skirt, and when the such as the beater-plate of an egg-beater or gracefully and smoothly from the wearer's comprises a certain arrangement of a spiral not interfere with the perfect ease of the wearer.

> DUST-GUARD.-J. MALTRY, Omaha, Neb. The present application is a division of a former application of Mr. Maltry. The invention comprises the combination, with the inner open end of the oil-box. of two peculiarly-arranged collars spaced by a ring and held yieldingly against the oil-box by means of springpressed rods which are engaged with the axlebox in a peculiar manner.

> SHIRT-WAIST AND SKIRT SUPPORTER. ALVAH WILTSEY, New York, N. Y. The purpose in this case is to provide a device adapted for holding a shirt-waist in position at the waist-line of the wearer and likewise the waist-band to the skirt, preventing the former from riding up and the latter from dropping down. The device can be conveniently held in connected therewith, which belt when tight-ened will automatically cause the clamping members to fasten upon and hold the parts introduced without damage to the parts.

> LIGHT-EXCLUDING ATTACHMENT FOR CAMERA-PLATE HOLDERS .- R. A. BACON, New York, N. Y. Many artistic and valuable pictures are ruined through a ray of light striking the plate at the instant the dark slide is withdrawn from the plate-holder. The object in this invention is to overcome this difficulty by providing an attachment which will be extremely simple and economic in its construction and one which may be readily used in a camera or a plate holder in such manner as to effectively exclude every ray of

> COLLAR-FASTENING .- J. W. ALEXANDER, New York, N. Y. This device fastens the front portion of a shirt-neckband and attaches a collar thereto. It often happens that one or both of the buttonholes at the front of a shirt-neckband become broken out or so enlarged that an ordinary collar button cannot be used. The object is to provide a fastening device that may be readily attached to a neckband having a broken buttonhole, holding the ends of the band together and also the ends of the collar.

SNATCH-BLOCK.-F. M. EBY, Cottagegrove, Ore. In this patent the invention consists in certain novel constructions and combinations of parts, and is an improvement in snatch-blocks, particularly in that class of snatch-blocks which are designed to open by displacement of one of the side plates of the block-frame.

COAT-STAY .--- C. RICHMAN, New York, N. Y. The main object in this case is to provide a permanent stay for use within a coat between the cloth and linings to prevent the front portions of the coat from wrinkling when unbuttoned, as is often the result when there is GUARD AND MIRROR FOR WATER. no such support; and a further object is to so improve the shape and construction of the stay that it is better adapted than others of its class to fit a person's chest and shoulder.

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CIGAR-CASE .- W. W. PUGH, Washington, suitable match may be used in connection with D. C. The present invention refers to an case containing the cigars may be projected when it is desired to select or remove a cigar

neat and smooth appearance.

PROPELLING DEVICE FOR VEHICLES.

J. P. LANGE, Passaic, N. J. The purpose of this invention is to furnish a propelling device for vehicles, which is arranged for quick and convenient attachment to an ordinary roadwagon, buggy, or like vehicle, the propelling machinery being separated and spaced from the parts.

VEHICLE-BRAKE MECHANISM .--- O. MIN-TON, New York, N. Y. In Mr. Minton's patent particularly in a subway or tunnel. the invention has reference particularly to improvements in brake mechanism for automobiles or motor-vehicles, and the object is the provision of a simple means to insure the cutting off of the steam or other motive agent upon applying the brake.

worn-out one. SCENIC APPARATUS .- W. A. HADDEN, New

York, N. Y. In this device a series of pictures arranged in various attitudes gives the illusion of movement when consecutively and rapidly brought before the vision; an object is to provide a device in which the pictures are stavchicle for convenient access to the working tionary, while the illusion of movement is given to a person while rapidly passing along

the series of illustrations in a railway-car,

TURPENTINE-POCKET.—A. G. GEIGER Congaree Township, S. C. This may be classified as an improvement in devices adapted for attachment to the trees below the incision formed and adapted for catching the liquid. The device is fitted by form and construction

REVERSIBLY-CHANGED-SPEED DRIVING to be attached to a trunk by driving it into the MECHANISM.-R. M. HEAD. Allegheny, Pa. bark so that it stands inclined outwardly and 'fhe object of this inventor's improvements is upwardly, and thus constitutes the outer side to provide a mechanism whereby the motive of a pocket for the turpentine.

DOUBLE-ACTING COMBINATION-LOCK or cigarette. and the substitution of a new blade for the VALVE FOR BARRELS. ETC.-W. H. BAKER, veniently used for holding various other articles. New York, N. Y. In this patent the in-

being not only to prevent the contents of the ized persons, but also to prevent the removal of the valve itself from the receptacle. invention relates to improvements in apparatus

for loading lumber, timber, or other material loading.

patent the invention has reference to improve- will afford support thereto by holding the

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bination-lock valves for use particularly grove, Ore. Mr. Welsh's invention has for an upon receptacles, such as barrels, etc., the idea object the provision of an automatic trip whereby the hauling line or other object being receptacle from being removed by unauthor- hauled approaches the block to permit the log to pass the block, thus obviating the necessity of a signalman at each block and the stoppage APPARATUS FOR LOADING VESSELS .- of the engine, as is usual under the present C. J. INGARD, Port Townsend, Wash. This condition for the release of an ordinary snatchblock

HAMES AND HORSE-COLLAR.-R. J. of a heavy nature on vessels, and the object HOTCHKISS, Pepacton, N. Y. The object of in view is the provision of a device of this the improvement is to provide a collar which character by means of which the lumber, tim- will distribute the draft strain it sustains over ber, or other material may be rapidly placed on a considerable area of the breast and shoul-a vessel, thus resulting in great economy of ders of the animal, so as to enable the animal to draw a heavy loao without galling the

NOSE-PIECE FOR EYEGLASSES.—W. F. shoulders, a further object being to so com-KORNEMANN, New York, N. Y. In the present bine a pair of hames with the collar that they

 $parts^3$  of the collar in positions to receive the strains of pulling the load without imposing such strains upon the hames.

WELL-ROD EXTRACTOR .--- W. W. FRENCH, Vanderbilt, Mich. In this patent the invention consists in the novel construction and arrangement of a clutch device, and the object of the inventor is the provision of a simple and practical apparatus for extracting from wellcasings the working rod whenever it becomes broken or uncoupled at a point low down in the well.

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(9228) R. E. W. says: In the SCIEN-

TIFIC AMERICAN of June 13, 1903, page 444, is an article regarding the Parsons turbine as an air compressor. Can you give me formula for computing volume and pressure of air compressed by this method? I wish to build an experimental machine, but can find no data on the subject, such as inclination and number of vanes and variation of pressure with variation of speed. A. The principle on which the Parsons turbine, when used as an air compressor, acts is similar to that of the ordinary revolving disk fans, such as are commonly used to keep the air circulating in offices and restaurants. These fans act exactly as the screw-propeller of a boat does; the velocity and volume of the air current produced depending upon the size and the angle of the vanes, and the number of revolutions per minute which the fan makes. If Mechanics' Tools and materials. Net price catalogue. you will imagine such a fan placed inside a pipe approximately equal to its own diameter, you can readily see that if there were no slippage between the air and the fan, the quantity of air moved per minute would equal the area of the fan times the pitch of the blades times the number of revolutions made per minute. From this you can easily determine the velocity of the air current. The pressure against which such a fan may work is proportional to the square of this maximum velocity There is however, always a certain percentage of slippage, so that the volume of air and its velocity, as determined above, must be multiplied by a certain coefficient. The value of this coefficient depends entirely upon the size and number of the vanes, their pitch or angle, and the speed at which they are run. Unfortunately there are no experimental data to cover the case of the Parsons turbine, and the speed, size, and angle of the vanes here will be so different from the conthat it is almost impossible to predict what coefficients should be used. The effect of the several rows of blades on the Parsons turbine, if the different rows of blades are all set at the same angle, would be simply to reduce the slippage, and to thus make possible the use of a very much higher pitch-producing a correspondingly greater velocity or pres-sure of the air current—than would be otherwise admissible. We trust that this explanation will be of service to you in directing the experiments which you are about to make, and we regret that there are no more definite data that we can send you as a guide.

(9229) W. R. writes: Your answer to W. E. H. (9107), July 25, states that only the unless a power had been applied to them. For lar, no matter how good the watch may be. his information, I would state that instead of springs or weights for driving clocks, or shot waterwheel (although he objects to THE PRACTICAL PHYSICS OF THE MODERN water) to drive a clock perpetually, not by per- STEAM BOILER. RV F. J. Rowan

tie a fine cord, which does not easily stretch. around the three pins, forming a triangle. Now remove the pin at the extremity of the minor axis, and with a pencil having a sharp point, take the thread on the point of the pencil where the pin has been removed. Now draw the curve, keeping the thread at a uni-form tension. The loop of thread slips around the pins which are at the two foci, and each point of the curve obeys the definition of an ellipse, which is: "A curve each point of which has the sum of its distances from two fixed points a constant quantity." This constant quantity is the major axis.

(9231) H. F. says: I have had a curious experience with watches that I am at a loss to explain, and should be glad to know whether there is any reason why a tical results of the most recent investigations watch might keep good time when carried by watch might keep good time when carried by and experiments have been embodied in it. one person and be wholly unreliable when car-the development of the practice of spraying ried by another, under apparently the same conditions. My first watch had been in use a good many years when it came into my possession. After some time, about half of which the watch was in the repair shop, I concluded that it was worn out, and bought a new one with as good works as I could get. This watch kept accurate time for two or three days, or even a week at a time, then it be came very irregular. It was as likely to be one time of day as any other. I reset it several times, and then took it back for regula tion. This experience I kept repeating for six months, the jeweler meanwhile declaring that thoroughly examines the use of electricity in the watch kept good time so long as it remained with him, and I fancy, suspecting that I did not keep it wound. At last, however, he took the watch and gave me another, which behaved precisely the same way. It may sometimes have run two weeks accurately, but very seldom more than two or three days. As an investigating experiment, I exchanged watches with a friend who had a perfect timekeeper. My watch was carried six weeks by this person, keeping accurate time during that period. In the meantime, the watch I borrowed lost time regularly, at the rate of half an hour in three or four days. This watch during the six weeks never behaved quite as erratically as mine, but it never kept good time it was our pleasure to comment upon about while I carried it. I now have my own third watch, and am never able to keep it going more than a few days without finding it one, two, or three hours behind time. It must stop and start again, for it could not lose so much in so short a time, though it is always going when I examine it. I think it all necessary. The author has, therefore, starts with the movement of looking at it. Since this experience my first watch has proved a satisfactory timekeeper in other hands. I inquired of a watchmaker, who assured me that there is a great difference in people in their capacity to carry watches and have them keep good time. He attributed it to the difference in the movements of the different people. This does not seem a plausible explanation, and if true, would not be satisfactory in this case, for my movements are less active than those of the person who carried my watch. I have met two people who claim that they have never been able to carry a watch, and have given it up. I am curious to know if there is any reason why I or any one should not be able to carry a watch, the watch being in good condition and kept wound, and if there be any cause, what it is. Can you give me any advice in regard to the matter? A. We have referred your statement regarding the change in the rate of a watch when different people carry it, to a wholesale dealer in watches in this city, and his reply is to the effect that it is not proved that the carriage of the person can affect the running of a watch. The difference in the stepping of one person and another is not sufficient to change the running of a watch appreciably, certainly not to the extent which you describe. 'The irregularity you ascribe to the watches is, force of gravity by falling weights, or I might by this good authority, considered to be due add, a wound-up spring or springs when uncoil- to the treatment of the watch in service. ing, would give him the motor or power he is This is, in his opinion, irregularity in the in search of. He objects to the aid of steam, time of winding as the most important; laywater, electricity, etc., but only wants a me- ing it down at night in different positions, chanical power, such as wedges, inclined sometimes on its back and sometimes on its planes, or levers. Surely, he must know that face, and sometimes hanging it up in the no power could be given out from these agents pocket. These things make any watch irregu-

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SPRAYING CROPS: WHY, WHEN, AND HOW. By Clarence M. Weed, D.Sc. New York: Orange Judd Company. 1903. 16mo. Pp. 136. Price 50 cents.

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