

RECENTLY PATENTED INVENTIONS.

Electrical Devices.

CLIP.—L. STEINBERGER, Brooklyn, N. Y. This clip belongs to that kind used for suspending wires, cables, and other electric conductors.

TROLLEY.—J. H. WALKER, Lexington, Ky. In the present case the invention is an improvement in trolleys, and particularly in the means for supporting the wheel and lubricating it.

Mr. Walker has also invented another improvement in trolleys. It has for an object, among others, to provide novel means whereby to support the trolley-wheel, to prevent the wire from dropping immediately alongside the wheel, and for securing a more effective conduction of the current from the wheel and along the pole.

Household Utilities.

HOSE ATTACHMENT.—W. G. MCKAY, Leadville, Col. To prevent water and dirt collecting around a hose and to enable this article to be moved with greater ease, the inventor provides an attachable support, any number of which may be applied to the hose to raise it from the floor or from the ground in case of use on a lawn or the like.

WASHTUB.—G. V. BLACKSTONE, Jamestown, N. Y. The aim of this invention is to provide certain new and useful improvements in washtubs whereby the tub is greatly strengthened and the legs securely held in position on the tub-body to insure a firm standing of the washing-machine on the floor, and at the same time relieving the lower hoop of a portion of the strain incident to the swelling of the bottom of the tub.

FLOUR-SIFTER.—G. W. HANCOCK, Lynchburg, Va. The aim of this invention is to furnish a manually-operated device adapted to sift flour, meal or other powdered substances faster and with more ease and cleanliness than can be done by the old-style wood or tin rimmed sifters.

BED-COVER HOLDER.—F. C. BILLINGS, Macon, Mo. This invention relates to clamping devices such as shown in a former patent granted to Mr. Billings; and the object is to provide a bed-cover holder cheap to manufacture, easily applied and designed for holding the coverings securely in position and to allow convenient opening of the holder for removal of the covering.

Miscellaneous.

DISPLAY-TRAY.—J. H. SMITH, Brooklyn, N. Y. The present invention refers to store-furniture; and its object is to furnish a new and improved display-tray more especially designed for containing and neatly displaying hosiery and like articles and arranged to hold different sizes of an article of a certain price.

RIFLE-RANGE.—J. DE ST. LEGIER and E. HERBAGE, Hicksville, N. Y. The purpose of this invention is to provide a target-box so constructed that it will be quickly freed from smoke and to so construct the sight tube that the smoke will pass out therefrom almost simultaneously with the explosion, enabling the marksman to plainly read the target immediately after firing.

TRIPOD.—W. F. FOLMER, New York, N. Y. This tripod is especially designed for use with cameras, but it may be employed wherever a tripod is necessary. It is so constructed that the legs while pivotally connected with the head, preferably in a detached manner, can be quickly and rapidly spread apart and locked to the head, remaining until purposely released.

SUBCALIBER FIREARM.—G. H. GARRISON, Rockford, Ill. The claim of the inventor of this firearm is, that he provides an attachment or auxiliary means adapted to be placed in the breech of standard-gauge rifles in order to make the arm available for use in discharging cartridges of smaller caliber.

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(9089) M. H. N. asks: If a raceway measures 2 feet 6 inches deep and 5 feet 8 inches wide, and water flows at the rate of 60 feet per minute, what is the flow per hour, and what is the probable amount of horse power obtainable from a head of 18 feet? A. A flow of water 2 feet 6 inches deep by 5 feet 8 inches wide at the rate of 60 feet per minute, at a head of 18 feet, is, theoretically, equal to 28.9 horse power. About 75 or 80 per cent of this could be utilized commercially by a turbine, if the flow of water and head remain constant.

(9090) J. N. R. says: You will do me quite a favor if you will solve the following problem for me: Supposing we have a vessel with a hole in the bottom into which fits a hollow tube closed at both ends and six inches long. We will say this tube fits the hole so that no water could leak through, yet works with perfect ease. Now say we should put into this vessel four inches of water; what would the result be if the tube weighed one-fifth the weight of the water? Would the tube rise, or would it go through, or would it remain stationary? Have submitted this problem to several very "learned" men in this city, but none of them seem to "have time" to work it. They all say they could do it if they just had time. By solving the above for me and explaining why, you will confer a great favor. A. If the hole in the bottom of your vessel is round and smooth, and the hollow tube fits it perfectly and without friction, as you say, the tube will fall through the hole, whether there is water in the vessel or not, and it will take just the same force to hold it up when the vessel is full of water as when it is empty. The reason for this is that water exerts a buoyant effect on bodies which are immersed in it, by causing an upward pressure on the bottom of them. If your tube is so protected by the hole in the bottom of the vessel that the water cannot get underneath, it can have no buoyant effect. If you fill your vessel sufficiently full of water to have the water cover the upper end of the tube, the water will exert a downward pressure on the top of the tube, which should be added to the weight of the tube, in order to get the total force with which it tends to slide through the hole.

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