

RECENTLY PATENTED INVENTIONS.

Electrical Devices.

COMBINATIONAL TELEGRAPH INSTRUMENT.—F. GONZÁLEZ-BARRIOSA, Panama, Panama. The invention relates to communication by wire, and more particularly to the production of a combinational instrument which may be used at will as a key, a sounder, a repeater, or a commutator. The invention also has reference to a system of wiring whereby this instrument may be connected for use in various relations. The apparatus is suitable for both open and closed circuits.

Of Interest to Farmers.

COTTON CHOPPER AND CULTIVATOR.—J. A. BARTLETT, W. S. DOWNS and J. B. TILLMAN, Dardanelle, Ark. In this patent the invention relates to agricultural implements, and especially to the class of cultivators. The object of the inventors is the provision of an implement of simple construction intended for the purpose of chopping or thinning cotton in the field, the invention adapting itself readily to be applied to an ordinary cultivator as an attachment.

ANIMAL-FEEDER.—P. E. HOWARD, Hitchcock, Oklahoma, and C. F. HOWARD, Deepwater, Mo. The invention refers to improvements in devices for supplying feed to animals, particularly hogs, an object being to provide a feeder adapted to supply shelled corn, bran, meal, or other food to a trough from which animals feed and so arranged that the flow of feed to the trough may be adjusted for the food it contains.

ANIMAL-STALL.—W. M. UNDERHILL, Oconto, Wis. One purpose of this inventor is to economize in the cost of construction of stalls and to provide each stall with an adjustable front bar placed far enough back to touch in front of the withers when the cow is eating from the floor or a low manger and to touch the lower part of the throat when the head is above the bar, such cross-bar being also placed so far back as to render it necessary for the cow to swing her head to the right or left crosswise of the stall when changing from one position to the other.

Of General Interest.

DIE.—G. KEPPEL, New York, N. Y. In this instance the invention of Mr. Keppel has reference to an improved apparatus for stamping articles from flat metal stock. It is especially intended for stamping in high relief images and the like on metal plates or disks for jewelry or for various other purposes.

CONSTRUCTION OF FALSE BEAMS, INTERIOR CORNICES, OR THE LIKE.—W. NIELSON, New York, N. Y. The object here is to provide certain improvements in the construction of false beams for ceilings, interior cornices, and like structures employed for embellishing the appearance of a room, the arrangement being such that the structure is fireproof, can be given any ornamental shape, can be readily placed and secured in position on the ceiling or wall, and cheaply manufactured.

PORTABLE DARK ROOM.—E. L. HALL, New York, N. Y. The purpose in this invention is to provide a collapsible dark room, one which can be compactly and flatly folded and conveniently carried in a dress-suit case, for example, and quickly and readily set up and braced in said set-up position. Further to provide sleeves at the ends of the device constructed of pliable material and arranged to fold into the body of the device when it is collapsed and so that when the arms of the operator are introduced the hands are free, yet a light-tight connection obtained between the arms of the operator and the sleeves.

Hardware.

DOOR-BRACE.—F. DAHLUND, Esmond, N. D. The object here is to provide a brace for trap doors, such as used in cellars and other places, arranged to permit of conveniently swinging the door upward into an open position and to automatically hold it therein. It is easily adjusted to suit different sizes of doors, as well as the weight thereof.

WRENCH.—W. V. GAGE, Omaha, Neb. Mr. Gage's invention relates to wrenches and spanners and is especially adapted to the form known as "S-wrenches," as well as to straight wrenches. The objects are to provide a wrench which will be adapted to operate upon nuts and bolt-heads of different sizes and thicknesses without the use of complicated adjusting devices and with a corresponding simplicity and cheapness of construction.

Machines and Mechanical Devices.

MACHINE FOR LAYING CABLES ON WINDING-DRUMS.—A. F. WHEATON, Menlo, Wash. This invention relates to improvements in mechanism for laying cables on the winding-drum of logging-engines, hoisting-engines, and the like, the object being to provide an automatically-controlled device by means of which the cable will be placed on the drum in even layers while moving in either direction along the drum, thus preventing injury to the cable by overlapping.

Pertaining to Vehicles.

FELLY-JOINT.—J. B. HIGGINOTHAM, Norman, Cleveland County, O. T. In this instance the invention relates to an improved device for connecting the sections of a wheel-felly so that the necessary tension may be exerted on said sections to draw them forcibly together and produce a rigid, self-sustaining felly, which with the addition of the tire encircling it forms a most secure and durable structure.

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I have every facility for manufacturing and marketing hardware and housefurnishing specialties. Wm. McDonald, 130 Main St., East Rochester, N. Y.

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We manufacture gasoline motor and high-grade machinery, castings best quality gray iron. Select patterns, and let us quote prices. Frontier Iron Works, Buffalo, N. Y.

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The SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN SUPPLEMENT is publishing a practical series of illustrated articles on experimental electro-chemistry by N. Monroe Hopkins.

Inquiry No. 6333.—For the manufacturer of the Ideal Spline Cabinet for blacking shoes.

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Inquiry No. 6334.—For makers of the handy potato and fruit slicer, having a plain bottom with fluted corrugated knife, with sliding holder for holding the vegetable.

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(9509) R. W. M. says: Has not electricity been used long enough as energizing force for running machinery and power plants, so that machinery and power plants thus worked, operated, energized, and installed should be expressed by a different word than "electrify" and its derivations? The common meaning of "electrify" is "to thrill," technical meaning "to charge with electricity." Now what is wanted is a word meaning "to work, operate, energize with or by electricity," and it is not hard to find it in the Greek compound "electron" and "ergon," the latter being well anglicized in the word "energy" and its derivations. Am I not right, thinking that a machine would run longer, stronger, and steadier electrized than it would if only electricized, that is, simply charged with electricity? A. It is all right to make a new word as a name for a new thing or fact. People will use it or not, however, as they choose. "Electrize" does not suggest its derivation from "ergon" and "elektron," the two Greek words, since the essential letter "r" of ergon does not appear in it. We hardly think people will take to the proper form of the derivative, which should be "electrize." It has an awkward sound.

(9510) C. S. asks: 1. I have a small induction coil. Length between end pieces 3 inches; core, 3/8 inch thick. Primary, three layers No. 18. Secondary, 5 ounces No. 30. Condenser, twenty sheets tinfoil 3 x 3 inches. This coil gives powerful shocks, but will not spark at the secondary. The vibrator does not buzz good. Is the core too small? I use one dry cell. Is it possible to work it with a telephone generator, thus doing away with the vibrator? A. Your little coil may give a spark 1/4 inch long if you put on more battery. Two or three cells of dry battery will be required for it, since dry cells are very weak affairs. The vibrator will work more forcibly if more current is given to it. The core is not magnetized strongly enough to make the vibrator move far and fast enough to break the circuit quickly. 2. How can you tell the proper amount of zinc sulphate and blue vitriol in a Crowfoot cell without a hydrometer? A. The copper sulphate solution in a Crowfoot battery must be saturated, and there must be crystals of the sulphate still remaining undissolved in the bottom of the jar on the copper plates. No zinc sulphate need be put into the cell at first. Put only water round the zinc at the top of the jar, and short-circuit the cell. Zinc sulphate will soon be formed, and the cell be ready for action in perhaps twelve hours. 3. Why is it that two Crowfoot cells will not ring a bell? A. Two Crowfoot cells will ring a bell whose resistance is low. If the resistance is high, more cells will be required to send current enough through the bell to ring it. 4. Is the powdered carbon that is packed around the carbon stick in a dry cell fit to use over again? A. The powder in a dry cell should not be used again. It is a mixture of carbon and manganese dioxide, and is rendered useless by the running of the cell. If it were only carbon, it might be used for any length of time.

(9511) T. J. W. says: 1. What is the reduction in volume of compressed air to 100 pounds? A. Compressed air at 100 pounds pressure fills 0.128 of its free volume. 2. What reduction in volume at 50 pounds? A. At 50 pounds pressure 0.227 of its free volume—isothermally. 3. (a) How many cylinders of a given size (say 3 x 6) would be required to compress air sufficient to run an ordinary reciprocating slide-valve engine of the same size, all running at same speed, engine carrying load at 200 revolutions per minute, compressors to maintain pressure of 100 pounds? (b) How many compressor cylinders could be cut out by reducing pressure to 50 pounds? A. The loss by the transmission of compressed air depends upon its use while hot from the compressor or after having cooled to atmospheric temperature. If used at the temperature of compression, the loss may be 50 per cent, or require twice as many compression cylinders as motor cylinders. If used cold, three times as many will be required to keep up the air supply. The same relation of cylinders will be required at any pressure.

NEW BOOKS, ETC.

WIRE AND WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY. By Edwin B. Moore. Springfield, Vt.: Springfield Reporter Publishing Company, 1904. 12mo.; pp. 38. Price, 50 cents.

This little pamphlet was written by a boy of sixteen years of age. In it he endeavors to give a brief but intelligible description of the science and mystery of the electrical telegraph, its practical applications and developments. The book is illustrated with a number of cuts, and is an interesting résumé of the subject.

FORGE PRACTICE. By John Lord Bacon. New York: John Wiley & Sons, 1904. London: Chapman & Hall, Ltd. 12mo.; pp. 257; 272 figures. Price, \$1.50.

This book is intended for the aid of students in shop work. It contains many practical illustrations of methods employed in all kinds of forging, welding, tempering, etc., as well as an interesting chapter on the metallurgy of iron and steel, which is illustrated with cuts from the SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN. The book will be found a practical aid to beginners in the working of iron.

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