

strong, light wood, is triangular in shape, the three ends uniting at a center at each extreme. This frame is 48 feet long, and is very securely braced and lashed. It has been thoroughly tested and will support 1,400 pounds with safety.

The engine which drives the propeller is one of the ordinary gasoline type, furnishes 7 horse-power, and weighs 60 pounds. The transmitting mechanism is so adjusted and geared as to cause the propeller to make 150 revolutions per minute. Just what speed can be obtained under ordinary conditions, has not yet been definitely determined by the inventor.

The frame, or car, is placed directly below the balloon—about 12 feet—and weighs 65 pounds. The total weight of the airship is 220 pounds, while its buoyancy will lift nearly 500 pounds. The rudder, which is rectangular in shape, 5 x 3 1/2 feet, is very easily manipulated from any part of the car; and the engine is regulated by a steel lever. One person can very easily navigate this airship. The aeronaut can sit about midway of the frame, or he may move about freely if necessary without disturbing the general equilibrium to any extent.

A weight, which can be shifted from bow to stern, or vice-versa, permits the airship to be raised or lowered at will, a feature borrowed from Zeppelin's craft. Capt. Baldwin intends soon to construct another frame that will be 6 feet longer and 15 pounds lighter. He thinks it will increase the speed and facilitate the steering.

So confident is the inventor and builder of success that he has already entered his airship in the \$1,000,000 prize competition at the World's Fair. Capt. Baldwin expects to start soon for St. Louis with his aerial machine.

In working the ship, the propeller may be reversed at pleasure, thus pushing the vessel backward, whenever the same is necessary or desirable. The trials showed that the ship very readily obeyed her helm.

RECENTLY PATENTED INVENTIONS.

Electrical Devices.

THIRD-RAIL SYSTEM.—T. JENKINS, New York, N. Y. In this case the invention relates to the third-rail system for the propelling of cars, its principal objects being to furnish an effective protecting cover for the rail and a convenient support for the contact-shoe which will permit the shoe to be moved into and out of the cover and coaction with the rail.

ELECTRIC TROLLEY.—G. ONDO, Delancey, Pa. The invention has reference more especially to what are technically known as "trolley-binders," and one of the principal objects thereof is to overcome numerous disadvantages and objections common to many other structures hitherto devised for a similar purpose. The means employed guide the device to assume the proper relation with the conductor and retained in such relation and the same separated entirely from the conductor when desired.

Machines and Mechanical Devices.

FRICTION-CLUTCH.—C. SEYMOUR, Defiance, Ohio. The object of the invention is to provide a new and improved clutch arranged to hold a movable part under ordinary conditions in position, to allow a limited yielding movement of the said part when under an ordinary strain, and to permit the parts to move any desired distance when under an excessive strain. It is a division of the application for Letters Patent of the United States for a band-saw, formerly filed by Mr. Seymour.

Prime Movers and Their Accessories.

WINDMILL.—J. J. McLEAN, Moose Jaw, Canada. In this patent the invention has for its object to render the construction of windmills more simple, durable, economic, and effective than ordinarily and to provide a means whereby when the windmill is not in use the wind-wheel will be housed and perfectly protected and whereby more or less wind may be directed to the wheel as occasion may require. Means are provided, acting always to keep the blades perfectly facing the wind, which blades are a fixture in the construction of the wind-wheel.

FUSIBLE-PLUG VALVE.—J. L. DOWNS, North Bergen, N. J. Mr. Downs' purpose is to provide a means whereby in the event the water in a boiler should become so low that the heat from the fire-box melts the fusible

plug in the crown-sheet a valve may be quickly brought into action to close the receiver for the plug, and thus prevent steam from entering the box and extinguishing the fire, and also enabling the fire under such conditions to be properly attended to or drawn or banked without undue peril to the stoker or fireman.

Railways and Their Accessories.

HAND-STRAP FOR CARS.—J. S. PAXTON, New York, N. Y. The purpose of the invention is to provide a strap for cars having a panel in which an advertisement may be inserted and removed at will, which advertisement may be made to appear upon one or both sides of the panel. Another is to provide a frame for the panel, into which the panel may be readily introduced or from which it may be quickly removed, and also to provide a strap in two sections, upper and lower, the upper having a swivel connection with the frame of the panel and the lower a flexible connection with the frame.

Designs.

DESIGNS FOR A STOVE.—J. P. QUERBACKER, Louisville, Ky. The design in this patent is a stove ornamented throughout its side by an attractive scroll work which gives a pleasing ornamental effect and provides a graceful and artistic panel in the middle of the oven door which may be utilized for any desired purpose.

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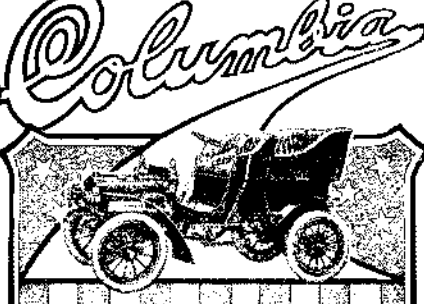
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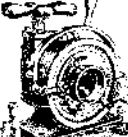


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