WEIGH-CRANE.-E. SCHENCK, Darmstadt, gine and converting this waste heat into me-Germany. The invention adapts the jib of the chanical energy. crane to act as the weigh-beam and arranges the chain, cable, or the like to pass through the rotary point or fulcrum of the jib before reaching the drum. This avoids the accur. y of the machine being affected by the chain, cable or the like, running to the drum. By the swinging of this lever no movement of chain or cable is occasioned in the pulling direction, and no disturbing frictional resistances are set up.

MOTOR.-C. BELL-RINGING SIMON Avilla, Ind. This device automatically rings a bell. The invention is expected to be useful in many connections, but has its greatest utility when used as an attachment for ringing a locomotive bell. The object is to pro-duce a device which is simple in construction and which will be operated from a moving part of the machinery of a locomotive.

SELF-ACTING SPINNING-MULE.-J. H. RYALLS, Charlottesville, Va. Mr. Ryalls' in-vention is embodied in improved means for locking pawls when released from a ratchet wheel, leaving the gearing free. The sole purpose is to loc the welg led and counterbal-anced lever when required. When the lever is forced down and locked the pawls are out of engagement with the ratchet wheel, and when the locking device is tripped, the cone water, and the gases generated by the comreleases the pawls and thus leaves the connected gear free to rotate.

WASHING-MACHINE .-- C. E. MITCHELL, chines Fort Payne, Ala. The object of the invention quickly and thoroughly washed and wix_out without relates to engines of the two-cycle case, trunk, or the like. danger of tearing or damaging the finest fabrics. Clothing first passes from the water to disks, so that the water is partly pressed out between the disks and drum and returns to the tub. and then as the clothing passes between the drum and roller the dirt is scrubbed out.

FAN ATTACHMENT FOR SEWING-MA-CHINES .- S. E. HARTMANN, New York, N. Y. The invention pertains to improvements in sewing-machines, and more particularly to an port has been closed. improved fan attachment for use in connection with power-operated machines, whereby the fan may be continuously operated directly from the power shaft independent of the machine proper.

COMPRESSED-AIR WATER ELEVATOR. F. ALLISON, Chattanooga, Tenn. In this invention twin chambers, or cylinders, are submerged in water, or otherwise adapted to be filled automatically with water under greater or less pressure, and air under pressure is admitted alternately to the chambers or cylinders so as to expel the contents of one chamber as the other fills. The novelty is embodied in the construction and arrangement of automatic valve mechanism, air cylinders and pistons slidable therein; also air pipes connecting chambers and their passages, and an auto-matic device for holding one of the valves temporarily in the position into which it is manually controlled and which utilizes the brake section is in intermediate or coasting thrown.

Musical Devices.

MUSIC-TUNER .- J. F. YOUNG and E. L. BRENNAN, Morristown, N. J. The object of the improvement is to produce a device simple in construction, and which will operate be secured at the door of mail cars to engage substantially automatically to turn the leaves a bag located adjacent to the track and to of the music, and further to provide such an arrangement as will enable the leaves to be re- mail can be taken aboard the mail car without turned to their normal condition when the stopping the train. An object is to provide a piece is to be played a second time.

HARMONICA .- W. B. YATES, Alviso, Cal. The improvement is in harmonicas or mouth organs. The object is to arrange the harmonica music scale into separate distinct oc-The instrument provides a perfected taves. mouth harmonica, perfect in octave, harmonic, diatonic, and numeral progression, and capable of producing a greater variety of music than those instruments now in use.

Prime Movers and Their Accessories. MEANS FOR PACKING VALVE-RODS OR SHAFTS UNDER PRESSURE .-- O. E. LEIB and E. B. WITTE, Trenton, N. J. The invention refers to new means whereby a fluid may be prevented from escaping by a valve rod, a shaft, or other rotating or reciprocating member while the ordinary packing is being re-placed or other parts being repaired. The object is to so construct the rod and the bushing within which the packing is seated that by a longitudinal movement of the rod a tight joint may be effected entirely independent of original packing, and this joint firmly held until the original packing is readjusted or replaced. VALVE .- B. V. CONSTANTINOV, New York, N. Y. In this patent the invention relates to improvements in valves for water, steam, or mitting of an even and uninterrupted flow of liquid around the valve. GAS-ENGINE SYSTEM .-- J. L. TATE, Jer sey City, N. J. The object in this case is to provide means for cooling the cylinder of the engine by the circulation of cold air through the jacket, thus eliminating the water jacket commonly used and avoiding the necessity of ing the heat of exhaust gases from the en- held to the line at any desired point and the invention, and date of this paper.

REVERSING-VALVE FOR STEAM-EN GINES .- W. A. FLOWERS, Aberdeen, Wash. In the present patent the invention is an improvement in reversing valves and particularly for steam-engines of that class in which a steam-chest is dispensed with, the cylinder being provided with small longitudinal bores to receive rocking valves that control admission and exhaust of steam.

ROTARY VALVE FOR STEAM-ENGINES. W. A. FLOWERS, Aberdeen, Wash. This invention has reference to steam engines, and more particularly to the means employed for controlling the admission and exhaust of steam from the piston cylinder. It provides a single rotary valve operated from the crankshaft ? 7 adapted to be oscillated by a cam or eccentric located thereon. Also improved means whereby the engine may be more easily reversed and controlled.

PRODUCTION OF FLUID FOR POWER. F. MILLER, Turin, Via S. Anselmo 1, Italy. According to the present invention liquid fuel, such as for instance benzin, is mixed with

and led to burn into a receptacle wherein water comes in close contact with the burning carriages, go-carts and similar vehicles, and mixture whereby it is vaporized, so that the fluid under pressure, composed of vaporized bustion of the fuel with air, is produced which can be utilized for working power ma-

INTERNAL-COMBUSTION ENGINE .---- H. A. type and is intended to provide certain i aprovements in the means of compressing the explosive charge, and delivering it to the cylinder. Means are also provided whereby the time of admission of the gas to the cylinder may be controlled, rather than the time of ignition, thus permitting of the use of pl 'num or the like as the igniter. Provision is made for the escape of exhaust gas through the piston rod after the main exhaust

Railways and Their Accessories.

CAR-FENDER.-S. ISHII, New York, N. Y. This patent discloses a fender in which canvas is stretched over a frame of special construcfolded back and forth on itself, a multifold giving the desired strength. At the front of the fender rollers are mounted to rotate in approximately horizontal planes and around these a leather strap or belt extends to increase the protective means afforded by the fender.

of this class used upon railway or other cars. The object is to provide a brake which can be movements of the wheels to set the brakes. Means provide for setting the brake instantly, or gradually and smoothly.

MAIL-BAG CATCHER.—T. E. SHEFFEY, Decatur, Ala. The invention pertains more par-ticularly to that class of devices adapted to hold it when a train is moving, whereby the catcher having a movable laterally extended when it is adapted for use as a shovel-board fork rod for engaging the bag, and means for in loading a wagon. securing the fork rod in different positions.

MINE-CAR AXLE .- C. A. KELLER, Rose dale, Ind. One purpose of the invention is to provide a form of axle especially adapted for application to mine and similar cars, the construction of the axle being such that the wheels may freely revolve without rubbing against the sides of the body of the car even lenses seated in the bands and of the same under the roughest conditions of use, and so that the body will be prevented from shifting on the axle.

RAILWAY-SWITCH .--- T. J. BURKE, New Orleans, La. By raising a hand lever the horizontal plate may be placed at any height York, N. Y. In this stand design the center is to enable it to pass over obstructions in the path of the car and when the lever is set article. From this circle there is a slope plate will be held locked in raised position, the lever being engaged by a spring catch se-nude children amidst fruit. leaves and drepvertically a shaft and the above mentioned to the base of stand, the slope being ornacured in the platform guard. This is the eries. normal position of the lever when the switchoperating mechanism is out of use; and the lever may be instantly lowered and shifted laterally so as to lower and rotate the shaft as required to operate the switch in one opera-

whereby it may be easily and quickly adjusted thereon.

Pertaining to Vehicles.

AXLE.-G. G. SMITH. Binghamton, N. Y In this invention the improvement is designed to overcome the disadvantages in the common form of axle now in use. It overcomes some present objectionable features by forming the spindle of the axle angular in cross section, preferably tapering, and covering it with a removable, cylindrical thimble which may be replaced when it becomes loose from wear.

WHEEL.-H. F. BROADHURST, 7 Barnstap Mansions, Rosebery avenue, London, E. C., England. The object here is to provide a spring road-wheel for vehicles, the inventi being specially (although not exclusively) designed to provide a construction whereby a wheel having a broad tread may be capable of always maintaining contact with the roadway across virtually the entire width of the tread of the wheel, notwithstanding that the plane of the wheel-rim may not be perpendicular to the surface of the roadway.

FOLDING VEHICLE .- R. J. EHLERS, New York, N. Y. The invention pertains to baby the object is to provide a vehicle, arranged to securely hold the parts in position when extended, and to allow quick changing of the vehicle from an extended to a folding position and vice versa, the vehicle when folded forming an exceedingly compact flat parcel. can be conveniently carried about or which

HANDLE-BAR .-- C. ALTENBURGER, Chicago, Ill. The invention relates to improvements in handle bars for bicycles or the like, the object being to provide a bar so constructed as to have the required rigidity for steering purposes, but to yield vertically under pressure, thus relieving the rider's arms from the strain or jar incident to a rigid bar.

WHIFFLETREE .- P. L. VINSON, Newbern, N. C. The invention pertains to spring whitfletrees, the object being to cause the moving strain to be transmitted to the body of the vehicle and sudden strains on the shoulders of the horses and on the vehicle prevented. In use with a double team where a pair of whiffletrees are used attached to a doubletree, tion and portions of the canvas being preferably the latter may also be made as an elliptic folded back and forth on itself, a multifold spring and the spring whifiletrees hung to each end thereof.

MOTOR-VEHICLE.-C. MESSICK, JR., Hackensack, N. J. The invention relates to devices for operating a motor bicycle through the pedal mechanism. One purpose is to provide spark-control for the motor, operated by BRAKE.--N. J. CLUTE, Schenectady, N. Y. back-pedaling, or by hand, which will reduce This invention relates to brakes, and it is the speed more or less, or permit it to travel particularly useful in connection with devices at full speed, which control when placed in position to drive the motor at low speed will yet permit it to continue running while the position, or in actual braking position. Re-leasable means are provided by pedaling for maintaining the coasting or other positions of the device against the main spring.

> END-GATE .- A. ROBERTS, Damar, Kan. The invention relates to an improvement in end gates of vehicles and particularly to means for securing the same in working position. The gate may be placed in vertical position, when it performs the function of an end-gate, or it may be supported in an inclined position,

Designs.

DESIGN FOR A BARBER'S SIGN .- J. C. SMITH, Marion, Ind. In this design, a triangular upright sheet metal casting has alternating bands of red, white, and blue painted color as the bands, which lenses are to be illuminated from a lamp or other source of light within the casing.

DESIGN FOR A CLOCK-STAND OR SIMI-LAR ARTICLE .- C. G. CANIVET, JR., New



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(10609) C. L. T. asks how to exterminate mites. A. Mix together 10 parts of naphthalene, 10 parts of phenic acid, 5 of camphor, 5 of lemon oil, 2 of thyme oil, 2 of oil of lavender, and 2 of the oil of juniper, in 500 parts of pure alcohol.

(10610) M. T. F. asks for a paste for cleaning gloves. A. Take 4 parts of water and dissolve in it 3 parts of soft soap to which add 1-16 of a part of oil of lemon, and make a paste of desired consistency by adding a sufficient quantity of prepared chalk. paste is particularly suitable to kid gloves.

(10611) J. N. T. asks for a blue ink for writing upon glass. A. In 150 parts of alcohol dissolve 20 parts of rosin, and add to this drop by drop, stirring continuously, a solution of 35 parts of borax in 250 parts of water. This being accomplished, dissolve in the solution sufficient methylene blue to give it the desired tint.

(10612) J. B. W. asks for ironing preparations. A. Ironing wax: Melt carefully together Japan wax 200, paraffine 200, stearic acid 100, and pour into mold, pass the hot flat iron over this mass, which causes the iron to slide better and the laundered work to become glossy. Laundry gloss: Heat potassium carbonate 15, spirit 100, stearic acid 15, and water 200, until the mass is uniform, thin with hot water 650, and stir until cool. Scent with oil of lavender as desired.

(10613) C. L. asks how to remove oil spots from leather. A. To remove oil stains from leather, dal) the spot carefully with spirits of sal-ammoniac, and after allow-Ing it to act for awhile, wash with clean water. This treatment may have to be re-peated a few times, taking care, however, not to injure the color of the leather. Sometimes the spot may be removed very simply by spreading the place rather thickly with butter, letting this act for a few hours. Next scrape off the butter with the point of a knife, and rinse the stain with soap and lukewarm water. (10614) M. E. E. asks for a formula for waterproof glue for cardboard. A. Melt together equal parts of good pitch and guttapercha; of this take 9 parts, and add to it 3 parts of boiled linseed oil and 11/2 parts of litharge. Place this over the fire and stir it till all the ingredients are intimately mixed. It may be diluted with a little benzine or oil of turpentine, and must be warm when used. (10615) J. G. B. asks for a formula for Japan bronze. A. The formulæ that we

give below contain a large percentage of lead, which greatly improves the patina. The ingredients and the ratio of their parts for three sorts of modern Japanese bronze follow: 1. Copper 81.62 per cent, tin 4.61 per cent, lead 10.21 per cent. 2. Copper 76.60 per cent, tin 4.38 per cent, lead 11.88 per cent, zinc 6.53 per cent. 3. Copper 88.55 per cent, tin 2.42 per cent, lead 4.72 per cent, zinc 3.20 per cent. Sometimes a little antimony is added just before casting, and such a composition would be represented more nearly by this formula: 4. Copper 68.25 per cent, tin 5.47 per cent, zinc 8.88 per cent, lead 17.06

Pertaining to Recreation.

foot. A further object is to provide a con-

struction which is simple, not likely to get out of order, and which will enable the polycycle to be steered.

FISHING-FLOAT .-- W. N. SIMMONS, Pass Christian, Miss. The invention has reference to an improved float or barb for use on fishmaintaining a constant supply of cooling ing lines, and the object thereof is to provide be furnished by Munn & Co. for ten cents each. water. Further, to provide means for utilizing reans by which the same may be securely please state the name of the patentee, title of

DESIGN FOR AN ADVERTISING DEVICE. -II. F. C. SOELLNER, New York, N. Y. The ornamental design in this instance consists of a light skeleton open-work frame representing the form of a very plain but graceful bottle. A shield occupies the usual place for a label on a bottle.

DESIGN FOR A PORTABLE STANDARD like pipes, and the object is to so arrange a pressure-actuated valve that it will open uniformly throughout the circumference, thus per-the object is to produce a skate which is standard for lighting fixtures the top of the adapted to be operated by a movement of one's column has a fluted edge. Under this the standard takes a bulb form and then is straight half way down, when it gradually broadens. The flanged base is very broad, making the design very graceful and substantial. Leaves reach up the standard about twothirds the length.

NOTE.-Copies of any of these patents will

er cent, antimony 0.34 per cent.

(10616) J. G. B. asks how to cement celluloid. A. If celluloid is to be warmed only sufficiently to be able to bend it, then a bath in boiling water will do. In steam at 120 deg. C., however, it becomes so soft that it may be easily kneaded like dough, so that one may even imbed in it metal, wood, or any similar material. If it be intended to soften it to solubility, the celluloid must then be scraped fine and macerated in 90 per cent alcohol, whereupon it takes on the character of cement and may be used to join broken pieces of celluloid together. Solutions of celluloid may be prepared: 1. With 5 grammes of celluloid in 16 grammes each of amyl acetate, acetone, and sulphuric ether. 2. With 10 grammes of celluloid in 30 grammes each of sulphuric ether, acetone, amyl acetate, and 4 grammes camphor. 3. With 5 grammes celluloid in 50 grammes alcohol and 5 grammes camphor. 4. With 5 grammes celluloid in 50 grammes amyl acetate. 5. With 5 grammes celluloid in 25 grammes amyl acetate and 25 grammes acetone. It is often desirable to

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CONCRETE STEEL BUILDINGS. Being a Companion Volume to the Treatise on Concrete Steel. By W. N. Twelvetrees. London and New York: The Macmillan Company. York: The Macmillan Company. With 331 illustrations. 12mo.; cloth; 408 pages. Price, \$3.25. presentation of detailed particulars of

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PRACTICAL METAL TURNING. A Handbook for Machinists, Technical Students, and Amateurs. By Joseph G. Horner. Illustrated with 488 engravings. New York: The Norman W. Henley Publishing Company. 8vo.; cloth; 404 pages. Price, \$3.50.

In this work little is said of the lathe itself, preference being given to the practice of turning rather than to lathe design, a wide subject, undergoing rapid changes. Although it would be a hopeless task to attempt to treat the subject exhaustively in one small volume, few matters of importance seem to have been omitted. The principles and practice in the different branches are considered, and well illustrated. All the different kinds of chucks of usual form as well as some less usual ones, are shown. The important section devoted to modern turret practice is a feature of the book; boring is another subject which is fully treated; and the chapter on tool holders illustrates a large number of types. Screw-cutting is discussed at reasonable length. The last chapter contains a generous body of information relating to high-speed steels and their work.

NOTES ON CONSTRUCTION IN MILD STEEL. By Henry Fidler. With illustrations from working drawings, diagrams, and tables. London and New York: Longmans, Green & Co. 8vo.; cloth; 448 pages. Price, \$5.

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from an unpolluted source is highly desirable, Boile and inspires the confidence of the public in the management of water works. This confidence, however, may be also secured in a water drawn from polluted sources, provided Boot the water be properly purified for use. It is Bott the object of this work to present all the problems of water works management, both of systems where the water is drawn from polluted and from unpolluted sources. Its scope is broad, even dealing with the legal aspect of the case, and with the financial management

ARMATURE CONSTRUCTION. By H. M. Ho-bart and A. G. Ellis. With 420 illustrations, including numerous scolored diagrams. London and New Macmillan Company. *4.50 colored diagrams. London and New York: The Macmillan Company. 8vo.; cloth; 348 pages, Price, \$4.50. The design and manufacture of dynamo-'

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