

hulling grain and seeds, and in the machinery or apparatus employed therein."—A communication from Charles Theodore Laborey, of Paris, Mechanician.

912. And to William Little, of the Strand, for the invention of "improvements in lamps for burning paraffine and bituminous oils or naphthas."

On their several petitions, recorded in the Office of the Commissioners on the 16th day of April, 1856.

914. To Charles Hulme, Samuel Ivers, and John Yardley, all of Farnworth, in the county of Lancaster, Mechanics, for the invention of "certain improvements in power looms for weaving."

916. To John Henry Johnson, of 47, Lincoln's-inn-fields, in the county of Middlesex, and of Glasgow, North Britain, Gentleman, for the invention of "improvements in the manufacture of tyres."—A communication from Messrs. Jackson, Brothers, Petin, Gaudet, and Company, of Rive de Gier, France.

918. To Samuel Eyre, of Bouverie-street, in the city of London, Advertizement Contractor, for the invention of "an improved application of portable mirror."

920. And to John Skirrow Wright, of Birmingham, in the county of Warwick, Manufacturer, for the invention of "improvements in the construction and ornamentation of belt or band fastenings."

On their several petitions, recorded in the Office of the Commissioners on the 17th day of April, 1856.

922. To William Westley, of Willington, in the county of Derby, Civil Engineer, for the invention of "a new or improved nail or spike."

924. To John Marsh, of Burnt Tree, near Dudley, in the county of Worcester, Manufacturer, for the invention of "improvements in fire grates."

926. To Charles Frederick Stansbury, of the American and European Patent Offices, 67, Gracechurch-street, London, for the invention of "an improved mode of splicing and fastening the adjacent ends of the rails of a railway track."—A communication.

928. To Uriah Scott, of Camden Town, in the county of Middlesex, Engineer, for the invention of "improvements in metal fittings for furniture."

930. To Thomas Walker, of Birmingham, in the county of Warwick, Engineer, for the invention of "improvements in governors or regulators of steam and other motive power engines."

932. To Julius Jeffreys, of Kingston-hill, in the county of Surrey, for the invention of "improvements in instruments for aiding respiration."

934. And to Josiah George Jennings, of Great Charlotte-street, Blackfriars-road, in the county of Surrey, for the invention of "improvements in pumps."

On their several petitions recorded in the Office of the Commissioners on the 18th day of April, 1856.

938. To Edmund Hunt, of No. 31, Walnut Tree-walk, in the parish of Saint Mary, Lambeth, in the county of Surrey, Practical Chemist, for the invention of "improvements in Hansom cabs and similar vehicles, parts of which improvements are also applicable to other carriages."

940. To William Adkins, of Smallbrook-street, Birmingham, in the county of Warwick, Draper, for the invention of "measuring fabrics which he proposes designating the automaton measurer or draper's assistant."

942. To William Jean Jules Varillat, of Rouen, in the Empire of France, for the invention of "improvements in the apparatus for the extraction of colouring, tanning, and saccharine matters from vegetable substances."

944. To Abram Longbottom, of Moorgate-street, in the city of London, and of Baltimore, in the United States of America, Engineer, for the invention of "improved means of lighting and ventilating mines."

946. And to François Jean Bouwens, of Malines, in the Kingdom of Belgium, Architect, for the invention of "a new rotative steam engine."

On their several petitions, recorded in the Office of the Commissioners on the 19th day of April, 1856.

948. To James Nasmyth, of Patricroft, near Manchester, in the county of Lancaster, Engineer, and Herbert Minton, of Stoke-upon-Trent, in the county of Stafford, China Manufacturer, for the invention of "certain improvements in machinery or apparatus employed in manufacturing tiles, bricks, and other articles from pulverized clay."

950. To Jules Dortet, Gentleman, of Paris, in the French Empire, for the invention of "an improved padlock."

952. To Joseph Auguste Marie Touët Chambor, of Paris, in the Empire of France, for the invention of "improvements in fire-places."

954. And to James Hansor, of 2, Portland-place, Wandsworth-road, in the county of Surrey, Practical Chemist, for the invention of "improvements in the manufacture of illuminating gas."

On their several petitions, recorded in the Office of the Commissioners on the 21st day of April, 1856.

956. To John Thomas Stroud, of Suffolk-street, Birmingham, in the county of Warwick, for the invention of "improvements in stop cocks or taps for regulating or cutting off the passage of gas to combined gas burners."

958. To Alexander Symons, of George-street, Mansion House, in the city of London, and Edward Burgess, of Clerkenwell-green, in the county of Middlesex, for the invention of "improvements in apparatus for producing alarms to indicate burglary by means of electricity."

960. To Alfred Vincent Newton, of the Office for Patents, 66, Chancery-lane, in the county of Middlesex, Mechanical Draughtsman, for the invention of "a new method of obtaining purified oil from coal, shale, and other bituminous substances."—A communication from Alfred Ely Beach, of New York.

962. To William Smith, of Woolston, Fenny Stratford, for the invention of "improvements in constructing and applying windlasses for working ploughs and other agricultural implements."

964. To David Lloyd, of the Ebbw Vale Iron Works, South Wales, Engineer, for the invention of "improvements in washing minerals, coal, and ores."

966. To Thomas Evans Blackwell, of 1, Cornwallis-grove, Clifton, for the invention of "an improvement in treating water for the use of brewers."

968. And to Richard Archibald Brooman of 166, Fleet-street, in the city of London, Patent Agent, for the invention of "improvements in or connected with centrifugal machinery."—A communication.

On their several petitions recorded in the Office of the Commissioners, on the 22nd day of April, 1856.