

1233. To Guillaume Charles Denis, Director of the Gas Works of Arras (Pas-de-Calais), in the Empire of France, for the invention of "an improved apparatus for purifying the lighting gas resulting from the distilling of coal."

1234. And to John Jackson, of Belmont Works, Battersea, in the county of Surrey, Engineer, for the invention of "improvements in night lights."

On their several petitions, recorded in the Office of the Commissioners on the 1st day of May, 1866.

1236. To Fortuné François Benvenuti, of Swansea, in the county of Glamorgan, Member of the National Academy of France, for the invention of "an improved feeding holder, applicable to writing and drawing pens."

1240. To George Davies, of No. 1, Serle-street, Lincoln's-inn, in the county of Middlesex, and No. 87, St. Vincent-street, in the city of Glasgow, Civil Engineer and Patent Agent, for the invention of "improvements in the method of heating the boilers of locomotive and other steam engines, and in the apparatus employed for such purpose."—A communication to him from abroad by David Greene Haskins, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, in the United States of America.

1242. To William Cormack, of Commercial-road, in the county of Middlesex, Chemist, for the invention of "improvements in deodorising, revivifying, and calcining animal and vegetable charcoal, and in the apparatus employed therein."

1244. To Amable Adolphe Costallat, of 13, Rue de Choiseul, Paris, in the Empire of France, for the invention of "a new means for manufacturing artificial flowers."

1246. To William Hubert Stanley, of Chipping Campden, in the county of Gloucester, Civil Engineer, for the invention of "improvements in cricket wickets."

1248. To Warren de la Rue, of Bunhill-row, in the city of London, for the invention of "improvements in the manufacture of steel and iron."

1252. And to David Urquhart, of Rickmansworth, in the county of Hertford, Gentleman, for the invention of "improvements in the construction of furnaces or fireplaces for economizing the fuel employed for warming, heating, and ventilating buildings."

On their several petitions, recorded in the Office of the Commissioners on the 2nd day of May, 1866.

1258. To Jared Wilson Post and William McIntyre Cranston, of 77, Upper Thames-street, in the city of London, for the invention of "improvements in scrapers for cleaning gun barrels and other tubes."—A communication to them from abroad by Ephraim Lauriston Pratt, a person resident at Boston, Massachusetts, United States of America.

On their petition, recorded in the Office of the Commissioners on the 3rd day of May, 1866.

1260. To Edward Field, of Chandos-chambers, Adelphi, in the city of Westminster, Consulting Engineer, for the invention of "improvements in attaching buttons, clasps, hooks and eyes, or other similar fastenings, to leather or other partially elastic or yielding materials."

1264. To Henry Douglas and James Douglas, both of Glasgow, in the county of Lanark, North Britain, Paper Tube Manufacturers, for

the invention of "improvements in making cop tubes, and in apparatus therefor."

1268. To Richard Darragh, of Bessbrook, in the county of Armagh, in Ireland, Temple and Shuttle Maker, for the invention of "improvements in shuttles."

1274. To John Graham Hope, of Edinburgh, in the county of Mid Lothian, North Britain, Manufacturing Chemist, for the invention of "an improved composition for destroying vermin on sheep and other animals, and for preserving them therefrom."

1278. To William Young, Manager of the Oil Works, Straiton, in the county of Mid Lothian, and Peter Brash, of Leith, in the same county, Soap, Candle, and Oil Manufacturer, for the invention of "improvements in the distillation of coal, shale, and other bituminous substances, to obtain oily matters therefrom, also in the redistillation of products thereby obtained."

1279. And to George Tomlinson Bousfield, of Loughborough Park, Brixton, in the county of Surrey, for the invention of "improvements in steps for the spindles of spinning frames."—A communication to him from abroad by Thomas Marsh, a person resident at Central Falls, Smithfield, in the county of Providence, and State of Rhode Island, United States of America.

On their several petitions, recorded in the Office of the Commissioners on the 4th day of May, 1866.

1282. To George Davies, of No. 1, Serle-street, Lincoln's-inn, in the county of Middlesex, and No. 87, St. Vincent-street, in the city of Glasgow, Civil Engineer and Patent Agent, for the invention of "improved apparatus for exhausting and compressing air, applicable to the transmission of despatches and other objects through tubes and to raising water."—A communication to him from abroad by Jean Baptiste Java Mignon and Stanislas Henri Rouart, of Paris, France.

1283. To Clinton Edgecumbe Brooman, of the firm of Robertson, Brooman, and Company, of 166, Fleet-street, in the city of London, Patent Agents, for the invention of "improvements in machinery for combing wool and other fibres."—A communication to him from abroad by Amedée Prouvost, of Roubaix, France.

1286. To Augustus Lea Bricknell, of Stratford-on-Avon, in the county of Warwick, Cabinet Maker, for the invention of "improvements in apparatus applicable as a rotary engine, pump, and water meter."

1287. To Jonathan Law Booth, of Rochester, in the county of Monroe, and State of New York, United States of America, for the invention of "improvements in rails for railways, and in the mode of, and apparatus for, producing the same."

1288. To John Henry Johnson, of 47, Lincoln's-inn-fields, in the county of Middlesex, Gentleman, for the invention of "improvements in machinery or apparatus for washing wool."—A communication to him from abroad by Julien Désiré Houget and Charles Teston, both of Verviers, in the Kingdom of Belgium.

1290. To James Hartshorn, of Nottingham, for the invention of "an improved method or system of producing mattings or tabby weavings in lace manufactured in twist lace machines."—A communication to him from abroad by Leon Berquier, a person resident at St. Pierre-les-Calais, France.