

Laksville Mo

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Judge A. W. Touger

Dear Sir

Will

you pardon me for presuming upon your time, long enough to read, if you do not answer this. I saw that you had patented some machine, and I at once came to the conclusion that you were the "very man" to assist me in procuring patents for a few little machines. The first is a "Bill or Letter File"; the best I think yet invented.

It has all the advantages that any "File" has got had, and some superior advantages.

The second & third are "Molapen-Files"

one of these draws the Molapas from the bung of the Barrel (a little enlarged) without having to turn the barrel upon its end, as usual, in order to bore the hole for the gate, and then turn the barrel down and roll it on skids in order to measure the Molapas.

The other draws the Molapas from the bung-hole, already made, without enlarging the hole, and without having to set the barrel up, as usual. With these, any boy can insert the "gate" and get to work, drawing the Molapas, without any assistance; When it takes at least three strong men, double the time, to do the work. One of these works inside the Barrel; The other outside; But either can be arranged for work by one boy. Both of these measure the Molapas as they draw them. They would cost but a trifle more to be manufactured than the present. They are practical, and easily kept in repair.

I have another, a rocker for a chair, (adjustable). Can be sold by dealers and put on and taken off by any one without tools. The rockers & fixtures can be sold for 25 cts a pair. They fit any common chair and can be put on or off in one minute.

I sent the model of this to Munn & Co. some time since and they said it was patentable.

I have another, for hitching and unhitching a horse to a buggy. Cheap and simple, and I think might be brought into common use.

My trouble is, I am poor and can't have these patented, nor introduced if patented. If you think these worthy of your consideration, and will agree to have them patented and share equally with me the profits, if any; I will try to send you some dealings made by myself which you can investigate. I am getting old and have a family to support and

Cannot lose time or Money without
some certainty of immediate income.
- I have once been a practical mechanic
but had to leave off my trade on account
^{lack} of physical strength. I think I have
some inventive genius and can see how
things may best be; But I am a poor calculator.
And my inventions prove worthless from lack
of application or development.

If you would like to test some or all
of these, drop me a word. If not, hand
this to some man that can and will aid
a poor fellow. And greatly oblige

Your Most Obedt Servt
D. E. Field

P.S.

I have had the pleasure of meeting you
on one or more occasions, and thought
I might take this liberty with you.

Judge Dilland will give you any
information as to my standing should
you wish any.

Respectfully
D. E. F.