

## THE PATENT OFFICE.

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As the President of the United States, several of his Cabinet officers, and a large majority of the members of Congress are regular subscribers to "THE REVOLUTION," its columns are well adapted to the ventilation of the Patent Office.

Though the officers of the Patent Office are appointed solely with regard to their political accord with the party in power, unlike most departments of government this has been little used as a lubricator of the partisan machine, and changes are unfrequent. Hence, the partisan press cares little for its management, and as the journals which make science and invention a speciality are published by Patent Solicitors who are dependent on, and are under the ban of their dictators in the office, the general public are kept ignorant of the conduct of a department to which, more than to any other, in spite of its faults, we are directly indebted for our progress in wealth and civilization.

Facts in my possession (duplicates of which may be found on the files of the Patent Office), show an amount, of ignorance and stupidity in the conduct of its affairs which, if tolerated in some other departments would result in Revolution.

A large proportion of the examiners have no knowledge of practical science, and are so lax in official duty that they treat applicants for patents as their servants rather than as their masters, and ignoring arguments, affidavits, and even practical demonstrations relating to the utility of inventions, they refuse patents for valuable improvements, and often grant them for ridiculous and worthless novelties. Let Congress appoint a commission composed of men competent to make a thorough investigation, and sufficient evidence will be found on the files of the office to relieve of their positions at least four-fifths of its present incumbents.

Some special cases, with names of examiners, may appear in a future number of "THE REVOLUTION," which will make interesting reading for the Commissioner who appointed and Senators who confirmed such non-descripts in office.