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IMPROVEMENT IN WATER-WHEELS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, WM. H. RECTOR and HENRY C. BLACK, of Santa Rosa, in the county of Sonoma and State of California, have invented a new and Improved Water-Wheel, of which the following is a specification:

Our invention consists of a reaction-wheel of the S-shaped type, receiving water from the under side, and having a water tank or chamber on the shaft, subject to downward pressure of water to counterbalance the upward pressure on the under side.

Figure 1 is a transverse sectional elevation of our improved combined wheel on the line x of Fig. 2, and Fig. 2 is a plan view.

A is the well-known S-shaped reaction-wheel, receiving the water at the center of the bottom B, and discharging it at the ends of the hollow arms C, on the shaft N of which we arrange a chamber, D, in which we apply water from the fore-bay by a pipe, E, or other means, to subject the shaft to downward pres-

sure, for balancing the upward pressure of water entering from below. The chamber will be packed water-tight to prevent leakage. F represents the wheel-rim, arranged outside of the wheel A, with buckets G to receive the jets discharging from A to utilize the power thereof.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination, with a reaction-wheel receiving water from the center of bottom, of a chamber, D, arranged on the shaft N, and receiving water from above, as shown and described, whereby the upward and downward pressures are counterbalanced, for the purpose specified.

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