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The iron frame, A, which supports the several parts of the machine is secured in a wall, and is made of cast-iron, and is of sufficient weight and strength to suit the purpose. A double drum, B, is journaled to the frame, A, and two ropes, rope ladders, or chains are attached thereto, one in each groove of the drum. To these ropes or chains adjustable seats are suspended by means of hooks.

When the drum, B, is revolved it imparts through the medium of the gear wheels an increased motion to the shaft, C, which in turn, by means of cranks, D, and E, of unequal radii, imparts a rocking motion to the shaft, F, that carries the pendulum or weight, H, which may be screwed up or down on the rod to regulate the rotary motion of the drum, B. Screwing up the weight toward the shaft, F, will permit the drum, B, to run with an increased velocity; screwing the weight down produces the opposite effect. By means of this device

the apparatus may be adjusted to any weight that is to be put upon the ropes or chains, or to any required velocity.

A jointed folding frame, I, is hinged to the top of the frame, A, and supports two rollers at its outer end.

In case of emergency the wicket is rolled to some convenient place, say a window or a balcony, and if time permits the folding frame, I, is made to project over the window sill or balcony. The end of either of the ropes wound on the drum is unhooked, and the imperiled person passes the rope first over one of the loose pulleys of a third occupant, and then passes it around his body, hooks it, and lets himself down easily and safely. By this time, if there are other inmates exposed, a second one unhooks the end of the other rope, and also lowers himself to the ground, and in so doing causes the drum to wind up the first rope, ready to repeat the operation in favor of a third occupant, as soon. Every person descending winds one of the ropes on the drum, and thus prepares the machine for another. Should it be required a line with a weight at one end may be provided in the apparatus, which may be attached by one end to a hook on the pendulum rod, while the end carrying the weight is let down upon the pavement. By means of this line so connected with the pendulum rod, persons ascending will be enabled to check their descent at will. But while this may be very convenient when time enough is allowed, and calm and order prevail, yet the apparatus is so constructed that in pressing emergencies no time is required but what is strictly necessary to roll the stand in some suitable place, take hold of

the end of one rope, and let one's self down, that is, a few seconds at most.

In addition to the above mentioned advantages, the apparatus herein described will be found of great service to facilitate the ascension of outsiders into buildings in conflagration, for the purpose of affording assistance, putting out fires, saving valuables, etc. It will also be found a safe and convenient auxiliary to masons engaged in erecting isolated chimneys, to ascend and descend.

From the above it will appear obvious that the apparatus just described possesses particular merits, which can hardly fail to command the attention of hotel-keepers, owners or managers of large factories, theatres, &c., and of all true philanthropists generally.

Among its chief merits may be mentioned:—compactness, simplicity, cheapness, comeliness, all-readiness, strength, reliability, comfort, and above all the PERFECT SAFETY with which the most nervous or unskilled persons may avail themselves of it in pressing emergencies. With such an apparatus at hand, everybody will feel personally secure against danger from fire.

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