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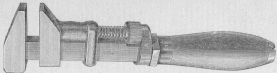
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FOREIGN PATENTS.

THE patent systems of the various countries of Europe differ in so many essential respects not only from that of the United States, but from each other, that although the applications for patents in those countries must be conducted by attorneys or solicitors in their respective capitals, it is very necessary for all Americans intending to apply for European patents to first secure the advice and aid of thoroughly competent agents in this country, so that their applications may be put in proper condition for transmission.

For foreign patents models are not required, and hence the total cost of the patents is limited to the Government and agency fees. There are many cases in which, in European countries, as much matter relating to one subject can be embraced in a single patent as would require two or more separate and distinct patents in the United States. It is important that this should be borne in mind by American inventors, and that in order to secure the greatest possible protection at the least expense, they should ask the advice only of such solicitors as are perfectly familiar with foreign practice, and capable of judging how much would be allowed under one patent. In many cases patents in England and France, and some of the other more important countries in Europe, can be secured at a cost in each country less than would, with cost of models, be involved in patenting the same amount of subject-matter in the United States.

MESSRS. BROWN, COOMBS & Co., of the "AMERICAN ARTISAN PATENT AGENCY," are very extensively engaged in procuring foreign patents. They have at their command such experience and business facilities as will enable them to prepare in the best possible manner, and as expeditiously as is practicable, such drawings, specifications, and other documents as are required. It may be here stated that the senior member of their firm, Mr. HENRY T. BROWN, during more than *twenty-two years'* practice, has prepared more foreign applications than any practitioner in the United States.

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