

to aggregate these amount to millions of dollars every year. A patent costs, all, about \$60, and this is all the outlay required to give an unprincipled person the power to tax the public at will. The patent system has been so don't of incalculable value, but this irritating and injurious defect in it has grown to such proportions that the whole system is suffering in popular estimation. Probably a change will be effected very soon and relief will be afforded. In the meantime patience must be exercised, although it is hard to be patient with such an evil.—*New York Times*.