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PREFACE.

This little book has been prepared with the two-fold object of giving to inventors and others interested in new inventions some of the most needful information required when contemplating obtaining patents in every country where patent laws exist, together with statistics and particulars of the products and leading industries of each country. As these particulars have all been taken from the most reliable sources, a study of the same will enable an intending patentee to select the best fields for his invention. The cost of a patent in each country being shown, he may easily determine the outlay necessary to secure the most valuable property. The other details of patenting herein contained will be useful as showing the nature of the protection afforded in each country.

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INTRODUCTION.

It is proposed to show in the following pages, under the heading of each country, the cost of taking out letters patent; the maximum period for which patents are granted; the amount of taxes (if any) to sustain patents, and how payable; when application for patents should be made, and conditions of working patents in those countries where the law requires inventions to be put into operation to avoid forfeiture. Also, under the heading of each country, will be given its population, area, leading manufactures, and information regarding agriculture, mining, railways, etc.

In obtaining patents in foreign countries it is important to note the requirements as to when application should be made. Perhaps the safest plan is to cause foreign applications to be made on the day of issue of a United States patent. Should foreign applications be made at the same time as the United States application, or on any date prior to the United States issue, the term of the United States patent (which is greater than that allowed in most countries) would thereby be caused to expire with the shortest term foreign patent thus applied for. It is, moreover, imperative in some countries, notably, Germany and France, that applications should be made not after issue in the United States. This Agency has facilities for filing patent applications simultaneously in all parts of the world.

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THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY.

The following countries are parties to this convention, under which patentees have certain advantages:

Belgium.	Norway.
Brazil.	Portugal.
France.	Servia.
Great Britain.	Spain.
Gautemala.	Sweden.
Italy.	Switzerland.
Netherlands.	Tunis.

United States of America.

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The feature of interest to American inventors in the convention is that they are allowed protection for seven months in the allied countries, dating from the time of filing their United States applications. Should they make corresponding applications in any of the said countries within seven months from the date of their United States application, such foreign applications will be dated back to the date of the United States application. Thus, if any one else has applied abroad meanwhile, or the invention has been made public and worked in the other countries, the United States patentee will nevertheless be able to maintain his rights and take precedence from the date of his United States application.

CHARGES.

The prices quoted herein for obtaining patents include all government fees for the whole or part term of patent right, as shown. Our charges also cover the preparation of one sheet of drawings (in duplicate or triplicate, in accordance with the requirements of the different patent offices), and for other than English speaking countries we translate 2,000 words of description without further cost. If, however, more than one sheet of drawings is necessary to illustrate the invention, \$5 must be added to the quoted charges for each additional sheet, and for all over 2,000 words of description we charge 50 cents for every additional 100 words to be translated.

In the Australasian colonies, \$5 is charged for every 1,000 words or part of 1,000 after the first 2,000 words of description.

No other extras whatever are charged under any circumstances.

We are able to attend to the working of patents wherever required, and charges for this service will be furnished on application.

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ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

Total cost of 5 years' patent, - - -	\$200 00
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NO TAXES.

DURATION.—Patent cannot be extended beyond term for which originally obtained. When a foreign patent has been obtained, protection in the Republic will be limited to ten years.

APPLICATION must be made before complete publication of the invention in any country.

WORKING must be effected within two years from issue of patent.

Area in sq. miles.	Population.	Revenue.	Imports and Exports.
1,095,013	4,200,000	\$74,370,000	\$287,384,941

The principal productions are wool, hides, linseed, sugar, maize, wheat, and tobacco. Minerals are copper, silver, coal, salt, alum, sulphur, and gold. There are 5,000 miles of railways open, and 8,000 miles of telegraphs, the latter being the property of the Republic.

AUSTRIA HUNGARY.

Cost of patent, including first year's taxes, - \$60.00

TAXES are as follows:

Second, third, fourth and fifth years, each -	\$22 50
Sixth year, - - - - -	27 50
Seventh year, - - - - -	32 50
Eighth year, - - - - -	35 50
Ninth year, - - - - -	38 50
Tenth year, - - - - -	41 50
Eleventh year, - - - - -	47 50
Twelfth year, - - - - -	54 50
Thirteenth year, - - - - -	60 50
Fourteenth year, - - - - -	66 50
Fifteenth year, - - - - -	72 50

DURATION of patent is fifteen years, but it will expire simultaneously with a prior foreign patent of shorter term.

APPLICATION must be made before the invention has been completely published in the Empire.

WORKING must be commenced within one year from date of patent, and must not be discontinued for any two consecutive years.

Area in sq. Miles.	Population.	Revenue.	Imports and Exports.
261,649	41,827,700	\$371,262,885	\$907,700,415

The soil produces grain of all kinds, potatoes, beet-root, and wine. The minerals are gold, silver, copper, iron, quicksilver, lead, tin, zinc, coal, antimony, and sulphur. The chief manufactures are iron, woollens, cottons, glass, silk and silk goods, leather and leather goods, instruments, watches, etc. 14,500 miles of railway are open for traffic, and 105,360 miles of telegraph wire. The merchant marine consists of 9,728 vessels, with a burthen of 311,987 tons,

BARBADOES.

Total cost of patent, - - - - - \$125.00

TAXES AND DURATION.—The patent may be extended to second and third terms of seven years each, by the respective payments of \$150.00 and \$200.00.

APPLICATION should be made before the invention has been made known or used in the island.

WORKING must be effected within three years after filing the specification.

Area in sq. Miles.	Population.	Revenue.	Imports and Exports.
166	171,860	\$872,095	\$2,240,958

About 100,000 acres are highly cultivated. The principal exports are sugar, molasses, and rum.

BELGIUM.

Cost of patent, including Government fees
for first year, - - - - - \$30.00

TAXES are as follows: \$7.50 for the second year, and this amount increasing by \$2.00 each succeeding year.

DURATION of patent is twenty years, except where a prior foreign patent of shorter term has been obtained, when the Belgian patent will lapse with such foreign patent.

APPLICATION should be made before the invention has been completely published or used in Belgium. Official publication, such as that contained in the United States patents, is not a bar to patenting.

WORKING must be effected in Belgium within one year from the commencement of working abroad, and must be continued each succeeding year.

Area in sq. Miles.	Population.	Revenue.	Imports and Exports.
11,373	6,030,043	\$83,148,100	\$154,140,000

The chief minerals are coal, iron, zinc, lead, and copper. Belgium is an important manufacturing country, the leading manufactures being firearms, machinery, iron and steel, glass, woollens, cottons and linen, lace, hosiery, beet sugar, paper, and beer. There were, in 1886, 2,756 miles of railway, and 3,893 miles of telegraphs.

BRAZIL.

Cost of patent, including Government fees
for first year, - - - - - \$175.00

TAXES are as follows: \$20.00 for the second year, and this amount increasing by \$6.00 each succeeding year.

DURATION of patent is fifteen years, but it will expire with a prior foreign patent of shorter term.