

## AS TO INVENTIONS.

*To the Editor of The New York Times:*

As to that sewing-machine patent, I only gave my recollection of what a leading American patent attorney told me, to my discomfiture.

But as to encyclopedias and the like—they are not infallible. The first edition of one of our most famous dictionaries stated that in chess the object was to take your opponent's king!

We are told that Watt invented the steam engine. He did not. We are also asked to believe that Fulton invented the steamboat; whereas the Delawarean Oliver Evans, many years before the Clermont, ran a steamboat down Market Street, Philadelphia, on its own wheels and under its own power, took off into or onto the Delaware, and paddled about; thus antedating both the steamboat and the automobile with the Oructor Amphibolus.

**ROBERT GRIMSHAW.**

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