

STRAIGHTENING A CHIMNEY STACK.

Mr. W. B. Seamans, superintendent of the Concrete Manufacturing Company, of Earnest, Pa., recently accomplished a job of straightening a chimney stack in a novel and ingenious way. The height of the stack is 122 feet, and it is 11 feet square at the base. It weighs 400 pounds and is slightly tapering at the top, the walls being 36 inches thick. The top was found to be leaning 45 inches from a vertical line. To sink the side 4 1/2 inches, 10 1/2 inches of brickwork was removed from the foundation on three sides. As the bricks were removed square blocks of wood were inserted, one after the other, until three sides of the stack rested on the blocks. Between the blocks, supporting the stack temporarily, substantial brick piers 6 inches high were built, leaving a space 4 1/2 inches between the top of the piers and the bottom of the undermined brickwork. The blocks were then set on fire and all were kept burning briskly. If one burned faster than the others the fire on that particular block was checked, so that all were made to burn uniformly, and as the blocks were being reduced to ashes the stack slowly righted. As the top gradually swung back through the 45 inch arc small fissures appeared near the base. Into every crevice a steel wedge was driven, maintaining the solidity of the walls.

It took one full day to complete the work and one hour was consumed in reducing the wooden blocks to ashes.

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