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According to the Clay Worker, Indianapolis, the official experiments made by the German government in regard to laying bricks in winter show that, even without extraordinary precautions, good brick work can be readily put up in the coldest of weather, the principal thing governing the matter being to keep the brick dry and to see that the mortar does not freeze before the bricks are placed on top of it. Various devices are in use for keeping the mortar in proper condition on the mortar boards, such as the employment of sheet iron boards with lamps under them, and some other similarly contrived arrangements. A method which will secure an abundant supply of hot water to be conveniently thrown upon the mortar in very cold weather is found effective, though this kind of practice is resorted to only under the most adverse conditions, when the weather is exceedingly cold; in fact, in extreme temperatures only are such artificial or extra means brought into requisition.

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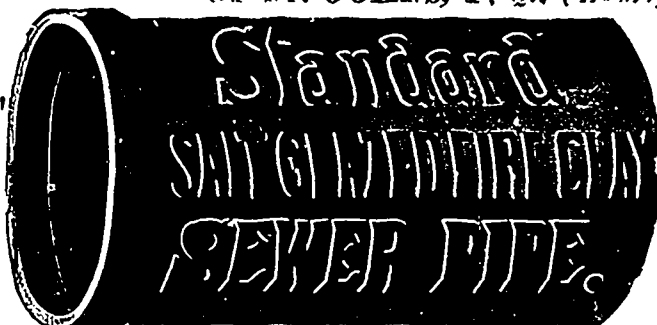
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