

# THE CANADIAN ARCHITECT AND BUILDER

## STOPPING THE SUCTION IN PLASTERED WALLS.

Where glue size will not stop the suction in walls or ceilings, a varnish size is the best remedy. Take good hard oil finish of copal varnish and thin it down with an equal measure of turpentine, or if this be too heavy, use two measures of turps to one of varnish. The condition of the surface must guide you in preparing the size. It must be so thin that it will dry flat, or very nearly flat. You must also see that the size is dry and hard before applying the paint, otherwise it may crawl or crack. See our answer in these columns to O. L. P. on the subject of a size for plastered walls, which may guide you in the matter of applying the glue size at the proper time and stop suction more effectively.

For painting over tarred surfaces or timber which has been treated with cresote, mix the pigments with as follows. If the tarred or creosoted work is to be painted white, procure 14 pounds of pure zinc white in paste and mix with it  $1\frac{1}{2}$  pints of boiled linseed oil,  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint of deodorised or coal tar naphtha, and  $\frac{1}{4}$  pint of cheap oak varnish. Mix well, and apply two coats in the same way as ordinary paint. Any paint may be prepared in a similar manner by using the above proportions of materials, omitting the zinc white and replacing with a strong staining paint ground to a paste in oil.

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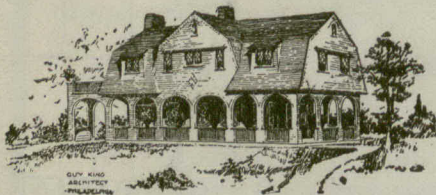
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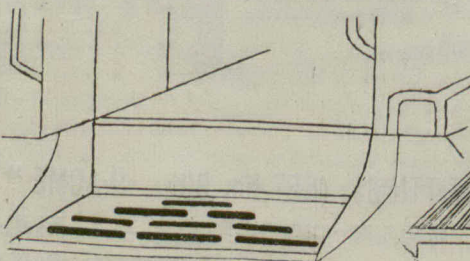
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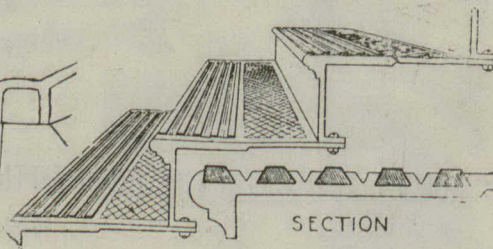
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