Crushers

PAINT FOR GALVANIZED IRON.

In an article in the Painters' Magazine which points out that oil paint peels off galvanized iron readily if not soon renewed, the following treatment is advised: Dissolve two ounces of chloride of copper, two ounces nitrate of copper and two ounces sal ammoniac in one gallon of water; then add two fluid ounces of crude hydrochloric acid. This solution must be made in stone or earthenware to prevent precipitation of the copper salts. Cover the surface of the galvanized iron with this solution and it will assume a black color, which on drying over night will turn light gray and upon which a red lead priming, thinned with equal parts of raw linseed oil and turpentine, will hold like grim death. Subsequent coats can be given in colors rich in oils, etc. Galvanized iron should at no time be first coated with an all oil paint.

CEMENT WASH FOR THE PROTECTION OF IRONWORK.

Coatings or coverings of cement have been employed by certain railway companies in France for some years past to protect the metallic portions of bridges crossing their lines from the rapid de-struction to which such parts are liable by reason of oxidation, through being continually exposed to the action of clouds of steam and gas, products of combustion escaping from the locomotives. Formerly the practice was to protect such structures as were most exposed to such deterioration by providing sheet metal guards, in the form of reversed channels, secured to beams in a direction parallel to the lines, which guards were replaced as soon as they had become worn out. At present, however, ironwork in situations where it exposed to the above deteriorating effects is usually protected by a coating of cement. A method of applying the cement which is used in Austria, and which is highly spoken of, consists in brushing down the ironwork with a heather broom, dampening it with a rag or whitewash brush, and afterwards applying two coats of Portland cement wash made rather thick, and having added to it a proportion of fine sharp sand. In Berlin a coating of mortar containing a third part of cement has likewise been successfully employed for preserving the parts of ironwork which are buried in the ground. At Zeebrugge, in Belgium, where a deep-water harbor is now in course of construction, a portion of the pier of 300 metres in length is being formed of open work, and the steel piles of this part are endued with a coating of semi-fluid cement mortar, applied by semi-fluid cement mortar, applied means of an apparatus worked by compressed air, the piles having been first subjected to a preliminary cleansing by means of a sand blast prejected by the same apparatus.

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