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SOFTENING OLD PUTTY.—Old putty frequently adheres so tenaciously to the window frames and panes that an effort to remove the putty in this state is apt to damage them. A good way to make the putty soft and plastic enough in a few hours, so that it can be taken off like fresh putty, is by the use of kerosene, which entirely dissolves the linseed oil of the putty, transformed into resin, and quickly penetrates the same.

CEMENTING LEATHER TO IRON.—To cement leather to iron, cut the leather roughly to shape, allowing about one inch per foot in the width of the pulley. Then soak the leather in water until it is wet through. Now stretch it well in the direction of the circumference of the pulley and cut it to exact shape and length. It should next be sewn up butt to butt, with a shoemaker's awl and thread, and the leather, having been stretched in the direction of circumference only, will, as it gets dry, have a tendency to resume its former shape, thereby shortening in circumference and "clip" to the pulley. A shallow groove might be made for the stitches to sink in.

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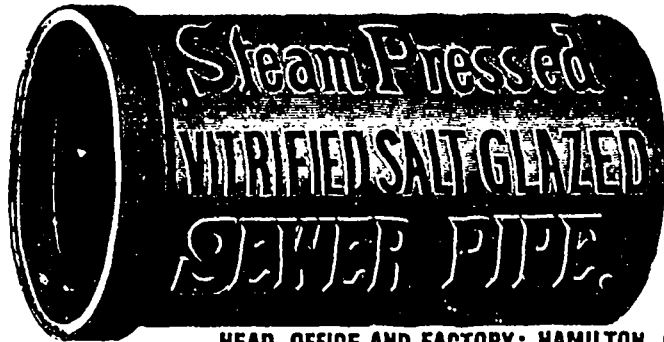
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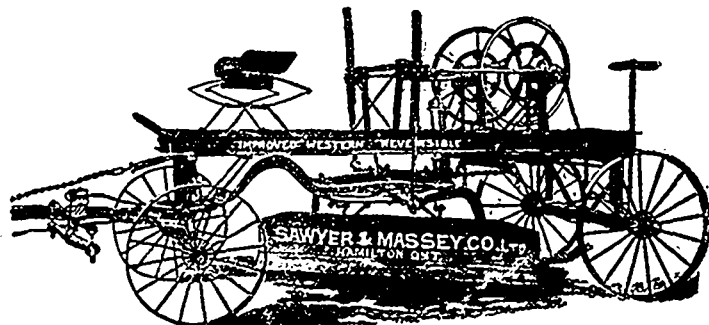
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