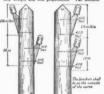
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ings, as branch wires can be run from the main line to high, and thus save wire and simplify the con-struction. Reference to Fig. 4, in which c, e, etc., represent the buildings to be connected, mn the main line and a and t the branch wires, will make this point

Poles twenty-two or twenty-five feet long of any good stock, cut when green, should be used. Cedar



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of the top of the pole should be about 5 or 6 inches In order to prolong the life of the poles and add to their attractiveness, all the bark should be removed, knots trimmed close and the butt cut off square. The top of the poles should be roofed as shown in Fig. 5.

POLE FITTINGS.

Where only one or two line wires are to be mounted on the poles, oak brackets fitted with glass insulators are fastened to the pole as indicated in Fig. 5 for straight lines, or as shown in Fig. 6 at curves. The brackets should be attached to the poles before the



BRACKETS. Brackets Figs. 7 and 8 are usually made of oak and given two coast of metallic paint and have a thread on the upper end to which is fastened a glass insulator, a type, as used in telephone work, is shown in Fig. 22.

They should be about 18 inches apart. The up-

per bracket should be 8 inches from the top of the pole

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