

Amatite ROOFING

Why the Buyer of Amatite Never Complains



When a man buys ordinary ready roofing he usually neglects to paint it and after three or four years he comes back to the dealer with a protest. It is human nature to neglect painting roofs.

When a man buys Amatite Roofing he lays it on his building and in three or four years it is still as good as new and does not need any paint. He knows he has such a roof but not many are painted by that.

There is nothing to be gained by neglecting to paint a roof. Amatite Roofing is painted by that.

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concrete made of pitch and mineral matter.

This surface is plastic enough so that the material can be rolled up into handy rolls in the usual manner and handled just like any other ready roofing. When unrolled on the roof and nailed down it presents to the weather a continuous surface of mineral matter and pitch. On this surface wind, rain, storm, heat and cold have little effect. Year after year it lies up to the sky undisturbed and unaffected. It costs nothing to paint and it lives the owner from all possibilities.

Does it improve their business? Yes, it does. When they buy Amatite Roofing they are painted by that.

OXFORD SLANG

Some Oxfords have been known to be called "freshmen" when they first enter the University.

Oxford University has a fargon of its own, which is partly based on the slang of the public schools. Some of the expressions are rather low-down, but they are used when the first "freshmen" enter the University.

Steady, social life and sport each have their peculiar expressions. The first examination to be passed is the "Schools." The examinations are called "Schools" because they take place in the public schools. After "Schools" comes the "Divinity" examination, which all must pass. The undergraduate calls it "divers," then comes the "M.A." examination, which is the final examination for the B.A. degree called "M.A.s." Lectures in preparation for these examinations are called "lectures." If at the end of any term a student is not taking a public examination he has a college examination called "Collegers."

A man who is reading Chemistry is called a "chemist." If he is studying Mathematics he is called a "maths" man. The tutors are called "Pons."

In his social life, too, the Oxford man has his pet expressions. "Breakfast" is a favourite word for the display of hospitality. "Come to 'breakfast' with me," a "second year" man will say to a "freshman." The manservant who brings up the breakfast, makes the beds, cleans out the rooms, etc., is called a "scout." Breakfast, lunch, and tea are taken in a man's rooms, dinner is taken in "Hall." The bill for dinners is called "battles."

An average man's day put into Oxford largon would run something like this—

Get up and "keep a chapel," service being held every morning and evening. After "breakfast" go to "lectures." In the afternoon go and be "fresh" or take part in a football "game." He will, perhaps, take tea in the college Junior Common Room, or, familiarly, "J.C.R." At seven "Hall," after which he will read, having first, perhaps, "sported his cat" or closed his outer door to keep away intruders.

COSTLY SPITE

The most expensive act of damage ever committed by a railway worker was that of an Italian navy employed in the construction of a tunnel through one of the mountains in the Black Forest. Having a grudge against his foreman, he succeeded one night in altering the position of the stakes which marked the course of the work. The excavators were working upon the tunnel in two sections, one from the north and the other from the south. Owing to the shifting of the stakes the sections, instead of being directed to the same point, were found to be twenty-six feet apart when they reached the middle of the mountain. The northern half of the tunnel had, therefore, to be entirely reconstructed, at a cost of \$875,000.

BEING A FARMER

King George is a monarch who does not seem to make money by side-larks. From his model farms at Windsor, Balmoral, and Sandringham he derives a handsome revenue, and maintains a herd of several hundred superb cattle, which take prizes at agricultural shows all over the country. His Majesty is also keeping up the late King Edward's race-breeding establishment of Sandringham, where, in addition to racehorses, he raised hackneys, coach-horses, carriage-horses, and hunters.

MONEY FROM INVENTIONS

Many of the scions of Europe's reigning houses are in receipt of big sums from inventions for which they have been responsible. The reigning Grand Duke of Oldenburg, for example, has received a sum of money for his invention of a kind of propeller which most of the German warships and liners use. A distasteful, which is selling in hundreds of thousands, has been invented by the German Crown Prince. Another of the most up-to-date inventions is the invention of the Grand Duke of Mecklenburg.

FORWARD! CANADA

Sir Thomas Lipton at a dinner in Chicago praised Canada's bigness. "I once heard," he said, "a Saskatchewan farmer talk about the big farms they have up there."

"We have some sizable farms," he said, thoughtfully. "Yes, sir; pretty sizable. I've seen a man on one of our big farms start out in the spring and plow a straight furrow till fall. Then he turned around and harvested back."

"Wonderful," said I. "On our Saskatchewan farms," he went on, "it's the usual thing to see young married couples out to milk the cows. Their children bring home the milk."

"Wonderful," I repeated. "Once," he said, "I saw a Saskatchewan farmer's family prostrated with grief. The women were weeping, the dogs were barking, the children were squalling, and the tears swarmed down the man's face as he got into his twenty-mule team and drove off."

"Where was he going?" said I. "He was going half way across the farm to feed the pigs," said the Saskatchewan farmer.

"Did he ever get back?" I asked. "It was time for him 'yet' was the reply."

WHEN WOMEN LED

It was a scene that has been seen in the streets of Paris. A group of women were leading a procession of men.

In the French Revolution women often led the bands of patriots who were against the aristocrats. At Troyes a similar sight was seen during the champagne riots which convulsed the Aube Department of France.

At the head of the detachment which one district sent to join the "Red Battalion" marched a splendid-looking young woman, wearing a white-knitted cap, with the Revolutionary red ribbon twisted round it. For starting-point forty miles from Troyes, the girl trooped every step of the distance between dawn and dark. She was cheered by the crowds when she arrived in Troyes.

It was a girl, too, who headed the great recent strike in New York, three years ago.

Nearly all the big tenements in the Bowery, the most crowded section of darkest New York, are let to women, who sublet them in rooms or small flats to the poor. The rents are low. A man will have to pay twenty-five dollars a month for three small rooms on a fifth floor.

It will be remembered that at the end of 1907 Eastern America suffered from the worst times which had been known in the States for very many years, and the result was that evictions for non-payment of rent became more and more frequent.

A REDUCTION IN RENTS

It was Cecile Arkin, a nineteen-year-old girl, who devised the plan of campaign, and handed together no fewer than thirty thousand families, who all vowed to pay no more rent unless a general reduction of twenty per cent was granted. Each family picked itself to shelter as many as possible of the evicted ones.

The struggle was a long and bitter one. Hundreds of families were turned out, but in the end Cecile Arkin won a victory; for the agents, convinced, and a general reduction of ten per cent was the condition on which the strike was settled.

The last Civilist rising in Spain was headed by a woman. She was in 1901, and the insurrection broke out at Porga, in the turbulent province of Catalonia. The identity of the lady has never leaked out. She was tall, beautifully dressed, and rode magnificently.

It was announced at the time that she was Donna Blanca, Duchess of Ferrazza, and wife of Don Alfonso, brother of Don Carlos. But this surprise was proved to be false, and to this day her identity is a mystery. There has always been a deal of smuggling along the western end of the boundary line between the United States and Mexico.

The most notorious of all these smugglers was a Mexican woman known as Lalia, Queen of the Emigrants. She was quite young and extremely good-looking, and by her extraordinary talents rose to be head of a band of most daring smugglers.

A QUEEN BETRAYED

For nearly four years she reigned supreme, and then one day, as her long train of "burros" (donkeys), bearing contraband goods, was crossing the Rio Grande, she was surprised by a sudden shower of rifle-bullets. She had been betrayed, and a strong force of Mexican "Rurales" had been ambushed among the rocks. One of her arms was broken by a bullet, but with splendid courage she gathered her men and rode straight off the troops.

A soldier seized her bridle. She cut him down, and for some minutes a furious fight raged. Then numbers prevailed, and she and her surviving companions were pulled down. She died in hospital a few days later.

There is no part of the world and no race which does not produce its fighting women. Quite lately our Crown Colony of Southern Nigeria has been plagued by a lady of colour known as the "Omu."

Among her tribe she is reckoned officially as a man, and cannot have a husband.

After causing endless trouble to the authorities she made peace, and then coolly demanded a seat upon the legislative Council. So far this has not been granted, but it is possible we may hear more of this coal-black Suffragette.

PERSIAN WEDDINGS

Tying the matrimonial knot is a very prolonged and serious affair in Persia. In fact, a wedding may extend for a week. On the last day of the wedding the bride, who has been treated as a sort of outcast, is conducted by a near relative to a room where she undergoes further and more elaborate decoration.

She then returns to the guest-room, and her dowry is laid before her in trays. The dowry often comprises such queer things as cheap and brightly-coloured oleographs, gaudy vases, birdcages, and many useful household articles. Having kissed the hearthstone of her home, she is then given bread, salt, and a piece of gold, and thus equipped and closely veiled she is hoisted on to a gaily-adorned donkey and accompanied by a circular procession of friends, goes to a future home, where her husband awaits her.

"Are you a friend to William Biggins? That ne'er-do-well?" "I should think not, indeed!" "Then you'll hardly be likely to hear that he has inherited a big dredge thousand pounds."

"What? Dear old Bill!"

Asker: "How do you excuse those mother-in-law jokes of yours to your wife?"

Friend: "I tell her her mother-in-law is a good deal better than she is."

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