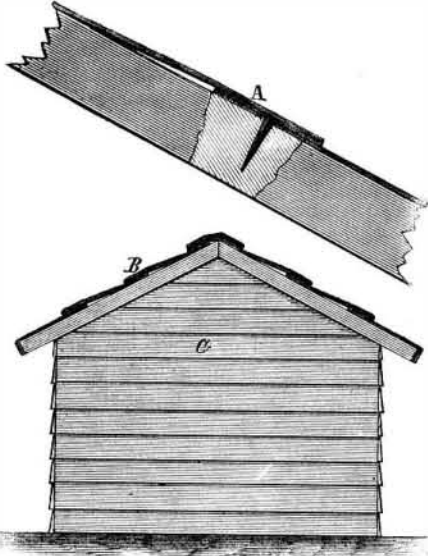


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The improvement is the subject of a patent issued through the Scientific American Patent Agency to C. J. Fay, in January, 1867, and includes the method of attaching the paper to the roofs, sides, flooring and ceiling of buildings, and to the decks of vessels, to awnings and carriages. The paper is manufactured in strips of proper width for the purpose required, and creased at regular intervals for folding and

marked for the insertion of the nails or tacks which secure it to the surface on which it rests. The plan protects the nails from oxidation by covering them with the impervious paper. This method may be seen at A, where the tack is driven through the paper into the board and the paper is then folded over it. It is used on the siding or roof of a house in the same manner, as seen at B and C.

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Tests of the Potter Rail.

In No. 4, current volume we illustrated a rail made of Bessemer steel and iron at the Wyandotte Rolling Mills, at Wyandotte Mich. The heads are of steel and the web and bottom of iron. A few weeks ago a test of the security of the weld was made, an account of which we copy from the *Journal of the Franklin Institute* :—

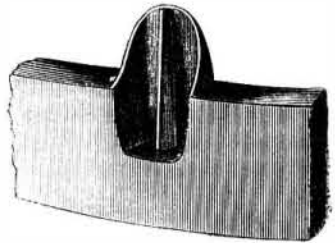
"A weight of sixteen hundred pounds was allowed to fall four feet upon a piece of Doddized rail five feet long; it broke at the first blow. A piece of the steel-headed rail made at Wyandotte was then put under the drop, and subjected to four blows as follows: For the first blow the weight was raised five feet; for the second, ten feet. The rail was then turned over, and received the third blow with a fall of fifteen feet; and the fourth blow with a fall of twenty feet, bent the rail almost double. The rail was then taken to the steam hammer whose weight was eight thousand eight hundred pounds, and received ten or twelve blows."

"When the bar was nearly straightened out, it broke, but the iron and steel remained perfectly welded together. One of these pieces was then subjected to one hundred blows from the eight thousand eight hundred pound hammer on the head

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