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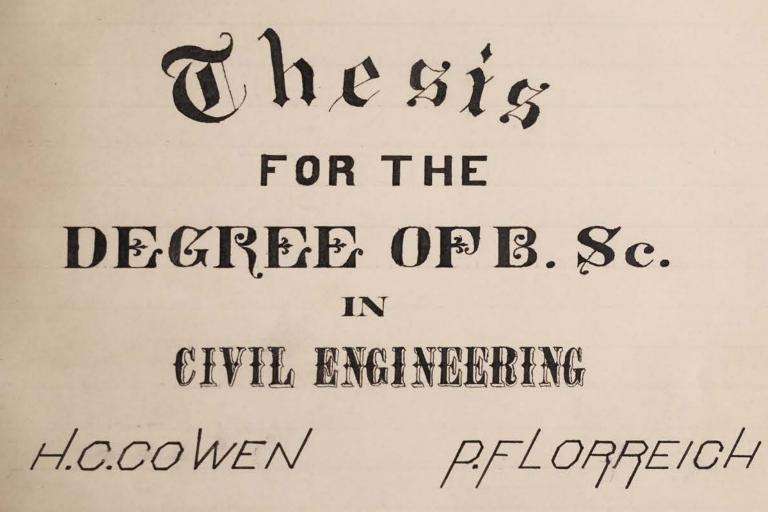
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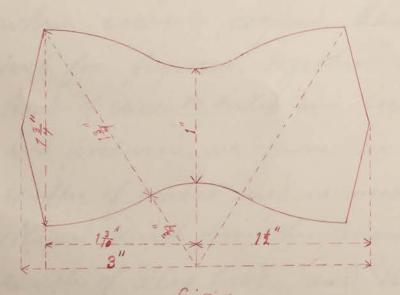
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Black Diamond		16	9.5	Louisville Rosendale
Speed Mills		23.2		Louisville Rosendale
Flag		16.5		Louisville Rosendale
Brooklyn Bridge		13.6		New York Rosendale
Utica	27.6	23.2	11.2	Illinois Rosendale
Akron	21	16	6.5	Ohio Rosendale
Saylor	10	2.4	0	American Portland
Atlas	11	6	0.6	American Portland
Hilton	18.6	10.6	0.7	Einglish Portland.

Table I

In making the test for checking and cracking, two pats of neat cement were made, each about three inches in diameter and one half inch thick. One of these was immersed in in water, the other allowed to set in air, and their appearance closely noted from time to time. All of the brands tested apparently bore this test equally well, none of the pats showing any blotches, but remaining of a uniform color while induration was going on, and showing no cracks around the edges of the pats when fully set. This series of tests was carried out in full at a uniform temperature of about 60° to 70°. See also the results from test (C). The results of test "C" are given in Table II. In making this test the laboratory in which the pats were exposed was kept at a uniform temperature of 60°.

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BlackDiamond										
Speed Mills	36'	30'	1.0'	3'	3	/ <sup>ħ</sup> /'	52'	24'	14'	22'
Flag	13'	10'	2'	2'	2'	19'	15'	4'	9'	26'
Brooklyn Bridge	13'	1 26	1 <sup>ħ</sup> 8'	20'	6'	2*50	2 33	1#13'	/ħ//'	47'
Utica	18'	/6'	26'	18'	17'	/*3'	59	48'	4 <sup>3</sup> 35	5h41'
Akron	37'	35'	/9'	5'	11'	119	172	37'	8 2/	1756
Saylor										' <i>18<sup>‡</sup>5</i> '
Atlas						3*40				
Hilton	50'	7'	d's		1/0'	135'	fall	2	733	17.
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			Begun to	o Set		Fully Set						
Brands					Tempera	ture						
	32 <sup>0</sup>	60 <sup>0</sup>	100 <sup>0</sup>	150°	212 <sup>0</sup>	32 <sup>0</sup>	60°	100°	150°	212°		
Black Diamond	59'	34'	12'	4'	3'	1h 38'	1h 22'	22'	12'	10'		
Speed Mills	36'	30'	10'	3'	3	1h 1'	52'	24'	14'	22'		
Flag	13'	10'	2'	2'	2'	19'	15'	4'	9'	26'		
Brooklyn Bridge	1h 3'	1h 26'	1h 8'	20'	6'	2h 50'	2h 53	1h 13'	1h 11'	47'		
Utica	18'	16'	26'	18'	17'	1h 3'	59'	48'	4h 35	5h 41		
Akron	37'	35'	19'	5'	11'	1h 19'	1h 17'	37'	8h 21'	1756		
Saylor		24'	19'	1h 7′	1h 50′		1h 29'	3h 20'	8h 42'	18h 5		
Atlas	36	42'	21'	8'	3'	3h 40'	3h 55'	2h 30'	44'	35'		
Hilton	50'	7'			1h 10'	1h 5'			7h 33'	17'		

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The pats were about 3" in diameter and 1/2" thick, and were made as nearly uniform in size and degree of plasticity as was possible. The water and cement for each pat were separately heated to the degree at which the test was to be made, and were then quickly and thoroughly mixed and exposed on pieces of slate also heated to the same temperature as the water and cement. For determining the time of setting, the wire test was used as recommended by Gen. Gillmore. It is as follows; The pat is said to have begun to set where it just supports a wire 1/12" in diameter and loaded to weigh one quarter pound; and it is said to have fully set when it just supports a wire 1/24" in diameter, and loaded to weigh one pound.

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temperature of 212° requiring five hours and forty minutes until fully set, and (2) the Akron brand, at the same temp., requiring eighteen hours to fully set. Both of these cements were apparently much injured by the increased temperature. The pats had but little strength, and both were easily crumbled, even after being fully set.

All the Rosendale cements mixed at 212° were very badly checked and cracked while setting.

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Brands		Temperature 32° 50° 75° 100° 150°									
Drands	32° .	50°	750	100°	150°	Frozen					
Black Diamond	69#	71#	89*	94#	135#	40*					
Speed Mills	/10*	105#	99 <sup>**</sup>	99#	118#	82*					
Flag											
Brooklyn Bridge	53*		44*	57*		58*					
Utica	33*	40*	6)#	76*	100#	*					
Akron			heigh			i Jas					
Saylor	131*			260#	390*	154*					
Atlas			and the	*							
Hilton	258#	324#	370*	408*	403*	203*					
* Completely ru	ined										

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Brands			Т	emperature		
	32 <sup>0</sup>	50°	75 <sup>0</sup>	100°	150°	Frozen
Black Diamond	69*	71*	89*	94*	135*	40*
Speed Mills	110*	105*	99*	99*	118*	82*
Flag						
Brooklyn Bridge	53*		44*	57*		58*
Utica	33*	40*	69*	76*	100*	*
Akron						
Saylor	131*			260*	390*	154*
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The temperature of 32°, for the tests shown in column one of table No III, was maintained by keeping the briquettes,

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were not injured by freezing The results of these tests are shown in following table.

		/ Cement 2 Sana		/Cement   Sand	/ <i>Cement</i> 2 Sand
Hilton	7/#	28#	Black Diamond	t 34#	14#
Speed Mills	56#	22#	Utica	26#	12#

The briquetter in these tests were kept at a temperature of 32° and then inmened in Water containing melting mow for the same length of time, and then broken.

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	1 Cement 1 Sand	1 Cement 2 Sand		1 Cement 1 Sand	1 Cement 2 Sand
Hilton	71 <sup>#</sup>	28 <sup>#</sup>	Black Diamond	34#	14#
Speed Mills	56 <sup>#</sup>	22 <sup>#</sup>	Utica	26#	12#

The briquettes in these tests were kept at a temperature of 32° and then immersed in water containing melting snow for the same length of time, and then broken.

Some tests were also made to determine the effect clay & soil on cements. The cements used in these experiments were Hilton and Akron. The clay & soil was pulverized before it was mixed with the cements. The clay was the ordinary yellow impervious clay. The soil used was the ordinary black sandy loam

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	Vent		Soz	5		Clay 10% 25% 50%			
	xcui	5%	10%	25%	50%	10%	25%	50%	
Hilton	4.03*	320*	176*	11*	.00*	241*	100*	44#	
Akron	102*	76*	51#	21*	00#				
Akron	102*	26*	5/*	21*	00"				

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	Beş	our Full	ý.	Boiled	
Hilton	403* 2	90*245	* Utica	21#	60#
Akron	103# 8.	7* 43*	Diamon	d 62*	89"
Speed Mills					403*
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	Neat		Soil			Clay		
	5%	10%	25%	50%	10%	25%	50%	
Hilton	403 <sup>#</sup>	320#	176#	11#	00#	241#	100#	44#
Akron	102#	76#	51#	21#	00#			

		Begun	Fully		Boiled	
Hilton	403#	290#	245#	Utica	21#	60#
Akron	103#	87 <sup>#</sup>	43#	Diamond	62#	89#
Speed Mills	154 <sup>#</sup>	138 <sup>#</sup>	41#	Hilton	280 <sup>#</sup>	403#

The results recorded in the first column were obtained from briquettes made before the cement had begun to set. Those in 2nd column, from briquettes made after cement had begun to set and those in 3rd column after cement was fully set. The results recorded in column four show the effect of boiling briquettes.

#### Table IV

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