The Blistering of Paint.

Charles E. Copp, in the Painter's Magazine.

Unless caused accidentally by the action of heat, or naturally by the sun's rays, helped along by pitch or oil in the wood, we may conclude that the blistering of paint is due to the presence of moisture in the wood which was either there when the paint was put on or has got there since by leaks, letting the water into the back of the wood, soaking it, and so forcing the paint to let go its hold.

In house painting, much of this occurs from too much haste in painting unseasoned spruce clapboards; or in painting them in the early morning after a very heavy dew has fallen on a hot summer's evening and before the sun has had time to dry them off The grass about the building is wet; you could not walk through it scarcely without wetting your feet; and why should not, with some movement of the atmosphere, the sides of your newly clapboarded building be wet also? They are; and though barely perceptible to the feeling of the palm of your hand, nevertheless those clapboards, like a sponge, have absorbed a considerable amount of moisture, which can but have a deleterious effect on your paint that you have put on before it has time to dry out. New spruce clapboards should also stand a fortnight or so after being put on, exposed to sunshine and storm so as to get well "tanned up" by the weather, and the grain opened so as to admit well the penetrating qualities of the paint, and, if dry when painted, your paint will stay there, if good for anything and decently applied. Of course it is understood that time enough must be given after a storm to have the work thoroughly dry before paint is put on, and this is usually done; but the other conditions above named are not always observed and as a consequence, somebody's paint is condemned when it is not to be blamed, but the one who used it is the guilty party. I know of three double tenement two and one-half story new houses that were painted in this city recently, two of them with a well-known and popular brand of ready mixed paint and the other with lead and oil, all of which blistered more or less, and the ready-mixed paint agent had to stand the cost of repainting his two houses because he guaranteed the paint not to peel, though it was no worse than the other one painted with lead and oil, and the contractor acknowledged the paint could not be at fault. Doubtless the trouble lay in one of the causes I have named and too much haste to get the paint on. When will the avaricious painter ever learn that "haste makes waste," and take time to do work as it ought to be done?

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much better, but rendering it impervious to moisture, while all the poor hand seems to think necessary is to smutch over the work so as to give it the appearance of having been done over with the same color! Thoroughness and appearances are vastly different matters.

Finally, if the painter's attention has been called to some of his work which has blistered, let him prick the blisters, and if water runs out of them he may rest assured that there is a leak somewhere, letting the water in on the back of his work; and it is only a question of searching until he finds it. It may be a leaky roof, which only much painstaking will locate the spot in. Underneath the projecting "visors" over the platforms of passenger cars I have known much of this trouble to be caused by a leak in a tin roof which has rusted through in a small spot hardly perceptible, by cinders soaked with water lying along beside the water cans. The painter will be blamed until he takes the trouble to get a ladder and begin the inquest. The new steam heat from the locomotive, lately adopted on most roads, when discharged under the cars at terminal points, will cause paint to blister and peel from those panels on each side of the car about midway and opposite the let-off valves; not because the steam is hot enough to do this but because of the moisture from the vapor that is continually arising and soaking into the ends of the panels and behind and around them. In fact, I have seen cars completely enveloped in the clouds of steam which were discharged from the train while standing still, which ought not to be done, but rather should be left off before the terminus is reached, while the train is in rapid motion.

No matter how righteous a paint may be, or however well put on, if the wood gets water-logged, it will blister and let go. Good paint and water have no affinity for each other; water is the third party which will cause a separation between paint and wood, however well married they have been.

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New Windsor	5.53	10.08	11.59	6.01	8.36	11.33	4.39
Linwood		10.13	12.05	6.06	8.43	11.40	4.45
Union Bridge	6.00	10.20	12.09	6.12	8.48	11.45	4.50
Middleburg		10.26	P M.	6.17	P M	AM.	P M.
Bruceville		10.29		6.22			
D. P. Creek		10.33		6.26			
Rocky Ridge		10.40		6.36			
Mechanicst'n	6.25	10.53		6.47			
Edgemont	7.06	11.45		7.35			
Waynesboro	†7.31	12.02		7.53			
Chambersb'g	†8.10	12.40		8.32			
Shippensburg	†8.37	1.11		9.00			
Hagerstown	7.30	12.15		8.05			
Williamsport		12.32		8.20			
	AM.	P M.		P M.			

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LEAVE	22. P M *	4. AM. †	8. AM. †	12. P M. †	18. P M. †	52. A M ‡	54. P M. ‡
Williamsport			6.45		1.35		
Hagerstown	4.15		7.02		1.50		
Shippensburg			6.07		12.50		
Chamb'rsburg			6.37		1.25		
Waynesboro			7.13		2.00		
Edgemont			7.37		2.25		
Mechanicst'n	5.18		8.19		3.16		
Rocky Ridge			8.29		3.29		
D. P. Creek			8.37		3.37		
Bruceville	5.37	6.25	8.41		3.44	6.25	
Middleburg		6.29	8.44		3.47	6.29	
Union Bridge	5.44	6.37	8.50	12.45	3.56	6.37	3.58
Linwood		6.41	8.54	12.49	4.01	6.43	4.03
New Windsor	5.52	6.46	8.59	12.55	4.08	6.50	4.09
Avondale		6.56		1.05	4.21	7.04	4.20
Westminster	6.06	7.02	9.16	1.12	4.32	7.13	4.28
Carrollton		7.15	9.32	1.27	4.47	7.32	4.44
Finksburg		7.25	9.44	1.40	5.01	7.48	4.58
Emory Grove		7.32		1.48	5.10	8.09	5.10
Glyndon	6.37	7.41	9.54	1.49	5.11	8.06	5.11
Owings Mills		7.52	10.04	2.00	5.25	8.20	5.25
Pikesville		8.04	10.12	2.10	5.36	8.32	5.38
Mt. Hope		8.11	10.17	2.16	5.43	8.40	5.46
Arlington		8.15	10.20	2.19	5.46	8.44	5.50
Baltimore	7.18	8.37	10.40	2.40	6.10	9.10	6.15
Washington							
Philadelphia New York	P M.	AM.	A M.	P M.	P M	AM	P M.

*Daily. †Daily, except Sunday. ‡Sunday.

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Leave east, p. m., Hillen Station, 5.15; Westminster, 7.01; New Windsor, 7.22; Linwood, 7.28; Union Bridge, 7.33.

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Leave west, a. m., Union Bridge, 5.10; Linwood, 5.17; New Windsor, 5.26; Westminster, 5.58; Carrollton, 6.14; Finksburg, 6.28; Glyndon, 6.40; Hillen, 7.40.

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Leave west, a. m., Hagerstown, 6.43; Blue Mountain, 7.15; Mechanicstown, 7.39; Frederick, 7.15; Bruceville, 7.57; Union Bridge, 8.04; New Windsor, 8.11; Westminster, 8.24; Glyndon, 8.52; Hillen, 9.31.

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