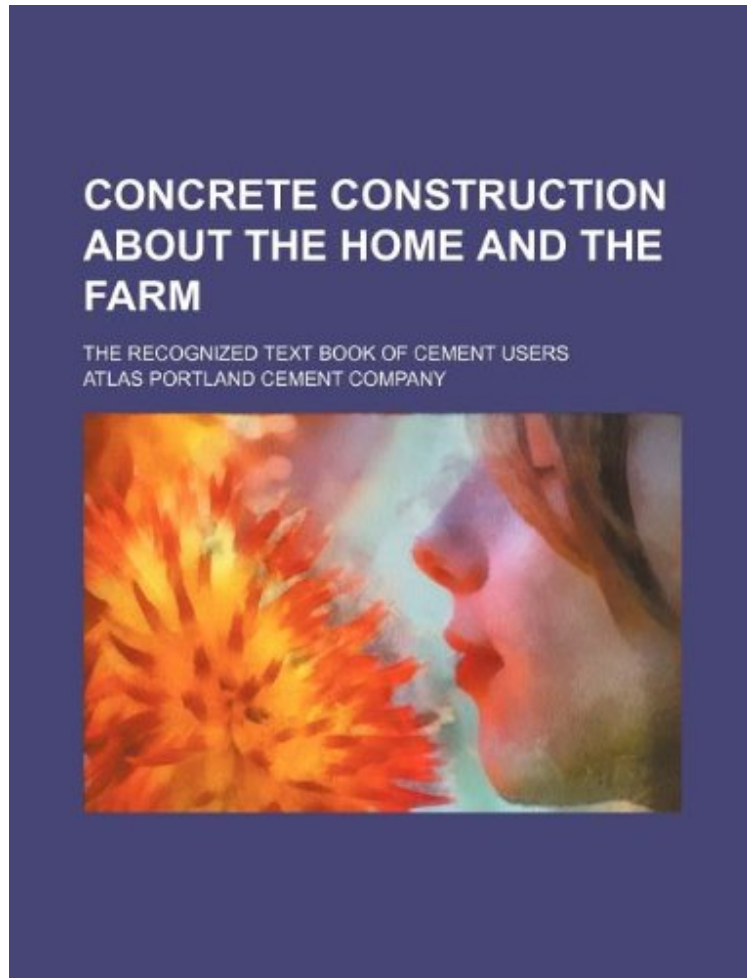


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described for facing curbing on page 79, so as to provide a space which can later be filled with mortar. Now pour into the forms thus made concrete in proportions one part "ATLAS" Portland Cement, two parts clean, coarse sand, and four parts broken stone or screened gravel, filling each step to within 1 inch of the top of the riser. As soon as this concrete has stiffened, but before it has set, carefully draw out the loose facing board and fill the spaces with mortar one part "ATLAS" Portland Cement to one and one-half parts clean, coarse sand, and also cover over the top of the step to the depth of 1 inch with the same mortar, so that it will come flush with the top of the riser plank. Float the surface lightly with a wooden float, and as soon as it has stiffened hard enough to work, trowel it thoroughly. Early next day remove the riser form, the bottom of which, as shown in the figure, is beveled and comes only to the top of the mortar surface, and trowel the face of each riser. A skilled plasterer should be employed for this work, as the surface is likely to crack if not handled in a workmanlike manner. Porch steps, and other short flights, can be built as follows: Build two 8-inch walls to a depth below frost, the upper surface conforming to the desired pitch of the steps, but 3 inches below the points where the inner edges of the treads meet the risers. Carry the outside form, however, on the same slope to Fig. 23. Fig. 22. Form for a Single Step. Fig. 23. Single Steps in Place. the line of the top of the risers. Between the walls build a sloping platform out of 1-inch boards supported by 2 x 4-i...