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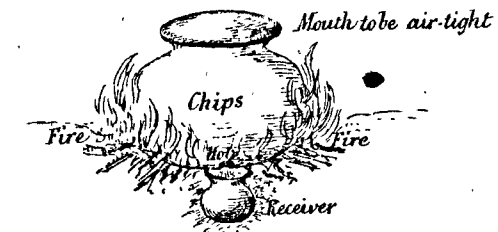
No. 222. Read the following letter from S. BROWN, Esq., Civil Engineer, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Nagpoor, 21st August 1865 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to the enclosed advertisement, as taken from the "Bengal Hurkaru," dated 14th instant, I would beg to submit that a far more ready remedy against the ravages of white-ants is at hand than what is proposed by the Contributor, and further not likely to affect the prejudices of caste or creed.

2. The remedy is to use the *chips* taken from *Teak* wood, put into a pot of a large size and then heated with fuel of cowdung or wood, as convenient; a hole is bored at the bottom of the pot, and another small pot is put under ground to receive the oil. The shavings of wood of any store in the Department Public Works will answer.

TEAK WOOD CHIPS.



3. I have tried the oil extensively, and found it answer admirably. It also makes excellent varnish. At Sumbulpoor, in the Central Provinces, the price was only one Anna per quart, and doubtless you will find this not exceeded.

4. I hope to hear the remedy has been successful.

No. 223. ORDER THEREON, 11th September 1865, No 2,655.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 33.

1. The Government are obliged to Mr. Brown for his communication.

2. The Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division, and the Officer in charge of the Store Department, will be requested to test Mr. Brown's remedy and to report the result for the information of Government.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,  
Secretary to Government.

To S. Brown, Esq., Civil Engineer, Nagpoor.  
To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.  
" Officer in charge of the Store Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

REMEDY FOR WHITE ANTS.—Upwards of two years ago the Madras Government offered a reward of £50 to any one who would make known an effectual remedy against the ravages of white ants. The following remedy has been recently suggested by an official in Bengal, who has claimed the promised reward, on the experiment being tried and proving successful:—

"Steep beef (offal will do) in cold water, say half a pound to a quart of water, for about four hours; and after squeezing the juice well out of the meat, daub the timber all over with the water, rubbing also the beef on it about an hour. This to be repeated two or three times to allow the water to soak into the wood. The bricks of the foundation and flooring, as well as the three last layers of bricks, before the beams are put on for the roof, should be set in mortar mixed with beef water, so also should the fine plastering. By this means it will be found that the white ants will never attack a house so built."

As the official who has suggested the above remedy, states that it was been successfully applied in the District of Cuddapah, the matter has been referred to the Superintending Engineer of that District for enquiry and report.—*Ibid.*

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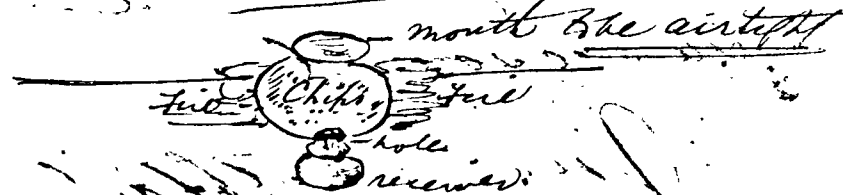
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