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How to keep silt and sand from clogging telephone cable ducts was one problem put up to engineers at Bell Telephone Laboratories. No known method of joining sections of vitrified clay conduit effected a seepage-tight joint.
With scientific thoroughness, telephone men made many tests under service conditions. They devised a bandage of cheese-cloth, waterproof paper and mortar. Easily made and applied, this mortar bandage is tight against silt and sand. It prevents clogging, greatly simplifies the installation of new telephone cables and the removal of old ones. Through solving such interesting problems, Bell System men work steadily nearer to their goal telephone service of highest possible efficiency.


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