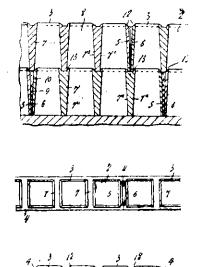
he laid obliquely under (or over) the joist at a point a few inches back from the edge of the last board hid, and in such a position that the lever shall be nearly upright, impinging against the edge of the last board laid. The lever will then be pushed or pulled inwards towards the section of flooring that is being laid, the eye on the lever (to which the link is articulated, connecting the lever with the clamp) being the fulcrum, thus making the lever one of the second class. The clamp will be made adjustable to the varying sizes of joists to which it may be applied. The implement may be used with flooring-boards, ceiling-board, match-boarding, and the like.

Building Block.—A patent No. 38,896 has been taken out by Wm. Lewis Packman, motor engineer, and Jas. Lewis of Pembroke Street, gasfitter, both of Carterton. The block is made with a plurality of vertical compartments or apertures, preferably four in number, and around the top of each aperture is a lip or projecting rim forming a rebate, which lip or rim fits into the bottom of the aperture of a superposed block. The partitions at each end of the block have an aggregate thickness equal to the thickness of the intermediate partitions of the block. Both sides of each partition and the inferior sides of



the block are sloped to permit the ready withdrawal of the cores whereby the apertures are formed. The outer sides of the end partitions are also sloped, forming a tapering gap for the reception of cement, which is poured therein for the purpose of the apertures are sloped so that, when a superposed block is in position, a channel is formed for the reception of cement, which is poured down the sides of the compartments. The exterior of the sides of the block is divided into two panels, so that when the blocks are laid with one compartment at the end of cach block overlapping a compartment of another block the bond is preserved throughout the structure.

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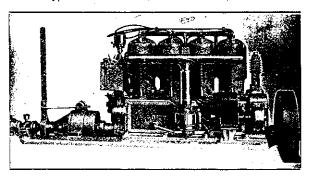
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During the month the foundation stone to a new annexe to the Mater Misericordine Hospital was laid. The addition to the hospital comprises a separate block in brick, only the first section of which is to be erected at present. This section will, at a cost of about £5,000, provide 17 single bedrooms for patients, and will include an up-to-date operating room, besides a surgeons' room, X-ray-room, chemical laboratory, and anaesthetic

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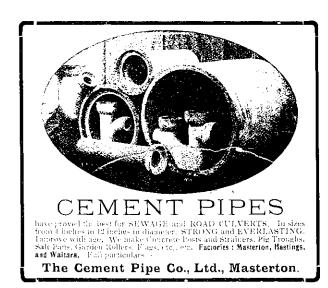
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