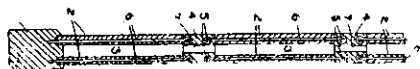


Concrete Wall Construction.—A patent, No. 43,475, has been taken out by Wm. John James, of Mount Eden, Auckland, contractor. The invention consists in constructing outside walls and partitions by means of rows of pre-cast slabs placed edge to edge and grounded together, and also bound together by upper and lower courses or bands of concrete, the latter extending right around the outside walls of a building and through parti-



tions, except where broken by window and door openings. The slabs of outside walls are arranged edge to edge in double rows to provide cavity walls, while the slabs of partitions are arranged in single rows. Openings are formed through the courses or bands of concrete, to provide for the passage of air vertically through the walls. The courses or bands of concrete are reinforced, and the slabs are provided with projecting reinforcements, which enter the aforesaid bands or courses.

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