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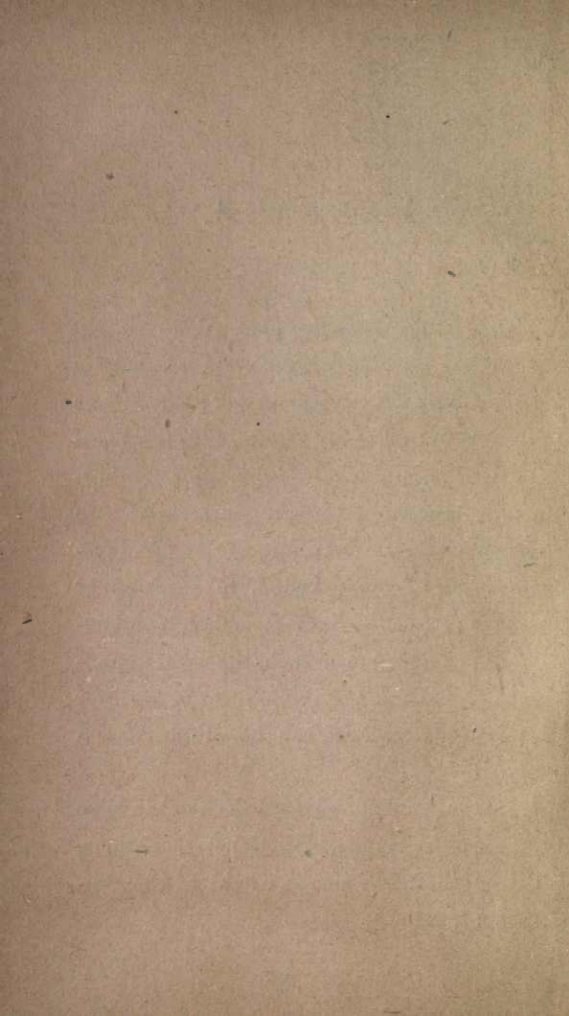
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## P R E F A C E .

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This little Work is intended to supply what has no doubt been often wanted by many Engineers—a certain and ready means of correctly and easily ascertaining the Pressures of Embankments, Submerged or otherwise, composed of different materials; also the Moments of Retaining Walls of different forms of cross-section, to successfully withstand those pressures; so that, by knowing the exact value of each, the right dimensions of the most suitable form of wall for the purpose required can be at once ascertained.

As the method adopted does not involve the use of any long or laborious calculations, it is hoped it will prove useful to the Profession generally.





## RETAINING WALLS.

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Retaining walls are adopted as a necessary expedient in railway and other practice, often under very peculiar circumstances, as when there is not sufficient room for the slope of the embankment; it being sometimes perched high on a steep mountain's side, and where it would have been hardly possible to construct a railway at all, except by securing it with a massive wall occupying comparatively little space.

When it is also remembered how fearfully terrible any accident would be if it was to occur in such a dangerous situation—if by any erroneous calculation or mistaken judgment on the part of the engineer sufficient strength had not been given to the work, the wall which was to have supported the embankment, suddenly giving way, falling over into a deep ravine or chasm, a large portion of the embankment going

with it, and, it may be also, a passing train—there can be no doubt but that the nature of the material of which the embankment is to be made should be understood, and the best form and requisite dimensions for the wall should be well considered and accurately ascertained beforehand, so that it may be amply strong enough.

At the same time that the wall should be made perfectly secure, it is also often desirable that any unnecessary excess of strength should not be given to it, and so thereby avoid increasing its cost considerably, as the value of work is often very much enhanced when it has to be executed in such inaccessible situations as before mentioned, where all the materials for building it may have to be brought from a great distance.

The engineer thus may be at a loss to determine of what size a retaining wall should be built, so as to be safe against all contingencies that can occur, and yet also to be economical.

In many cases there have been failures which may have arisen from not correctly ascertaining beforehand how the material of

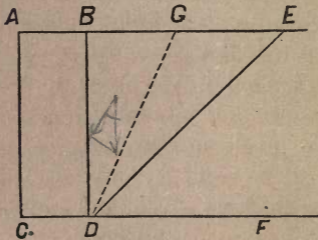
which the embankment is composed will be affected by the alternations of wet and dry weather before it is thoroughly consolidated, and the precise angle at which its slope will stand in either case, thereby causing a considerable difference in its pressure against the wall.

A retaining wall also, as in the case of the wing-walls of a bridge, being built at the same time that the embankment is being filled in behind it, has often to withstand then a considerable greater pressure than it will have to do afterwards when the embankment is settled; this also perhaps when its work is green, and not prepared to resist the pressure intended for it. Sometimes also the punning of the material behind it has (as is often the case) not been done effectually, and a heavy rain changes the dry earth or clay into a wet sludge, causing it to swell considerably.

It therefore being such an important point in railway construction, it would no doubt be very desirable if some simple form of calculation were used, not only strictly accurate, but easily adapted to any circum-

stances that may occur. In the case of a wall where the embankment is level with its top the calculation of the pressure is well known, being very simple, and is as follows:

Let  $B D$  be the back of a retaining wall,  $D E$  the natural slope of the embankment,



then if we bisect the  $\angle B D E$  by the line  $D G$ ,  $B D G$  is the portion of the embankment supported by the retaining wall.

Now the weight of  $B D G$  : pressure of its weight against the wall ::  $B D$  ::  $B G$  ::  $H$  :  $H \text{ tang. } \angle B D G$ . The weight of

$$B D G = \frac{H}{2} \times B G \times W =$$

$$\frac{H}{2} \times H \text{ tang. } \angle B D G \times W =$$

$$H^2 \times \frac{\text{tang. } \angle \text{BDG}}{2} \times W.$$

Pressure of weight of

$$\begin{aligned} \text{BDG} &= H^2 \times \frac{\text{tang. } \angle \text{BDG}}{2} \times W \times \text{tang. } \angle \text{BDG} \\ &= H^2 \times \frac{\text{tang.}^2 \angle \text{BDG}}{2} \times W. \end{aligned}$$

Moment of pressure of weight of

$$\begin{aligned} \text{BDG} &= H^2 \times \frac{\text{tang.}^2 \angle \text{BDG}}{2} \times W \times \frac{H}{3} \\ &= \frac{H^3}{6} \times \text{tang.}^2 \angle \text{BDG} \times W, \end{aligned}$$

and the double of this moment for stability

$$= \frac{H^3}{3} \times \text{tang.}^2 \angle \text{BDG} \times W.$$

In the case of a vertical wall, as ABCD, its weight = WHB, and the moment of its weight

$$= \frac{WHB^2}{2};$$

then for equilibrium,

$$\frac{WHB^2}{2} = \frac{H^3}{6} \times \text{tang.}^2 \angle \text{BDG} \times W,$$

$$\text{and } B = H \text{ tang. } \angle \text{BDG} \frac{\sqrt{\frac{W}{3}}}{\sqrt{W}},$$

and for stability,

$$\frac{W H B^2}{2} = \frac{H^3}{3} \times \text{tang.}^2 \angle B D G \times W,$$

$$\text{and } B = H \text{ tang. } \angle B D G \frac{\sqrt{\frac{2W}{3}}}{\sqrt{W}}.$$

The figures in the columns of Table No. 1, are calculated from this last formula, and are

$$H \text{ tang. } \angle B D G \sqrt{\frac{2W}{3}},$$

so if divided by the square root of the weight of a cubic foot of the wall, they will give the thickness of the wall.

Table No. 2 gives double the moments of the pressure of the weight of different materials to form the embankment, calculated from the formula

$$\frac{H^3}{3} \times \text{tang.}^2 \angle B D G \times W,$$

and which, if made equal to either of the moments of the weight of different forms of retaining walls given, the dimensions of that form of retaining wall required can be readily ascertained.

Having now given the usual formulæ and

Tables for easy calculation deduced from them, for calculating the dimensions of a retaining wall with an embankment level with its top, what is next required is a convenient and ready method of accurately calculating the pressure of a surcharged embankment. The author is not aware if the method of calculation and formulæ he gives here are new, but the Tables for general use have, he thinks, the merit of simplicity.

When the embankment slopes away upwards above the top of the wall, the calculation of its pressure is a little more complex, and no method of finding it has yet been given that is simple, or that can be easily used in practice. Moseley, Hann, and Rankine, in their works give equations very abstruse, and apparently of no practical application. Hann also takes into account the pressure of the slope of the embankment resting on the top of the wall, a refinement of the calculation practically altogether unnecessary, and which, by complicating the original equation, renders mistakes more likely to occur.

If A C be the natural slope of the embankment rising upwards above the top of the wall A B G H, B E a line parallel to it from the foot of the wall, B C bisecting the  $\angle A B E$ , then A B C is the portion of the embankment to be retained by the wall. Now when A B is vertical, the length of the slope to be retained, A C, will be equal to the height of the wall. If  $\angle E B F =$  the angle of the slope of the embankment  $= \phi$ , then

$$\angle A B C = \angle A C B = \frac{90^\circ - \phi}{2},$$

and if H = height of the wall, then

$$B C = H \frac{\sin. (90^\circ + \phi)}{\sin \left( \frac{90^\circ - \phi}{2} \right)} = H \theta; \quad A L = H \sqrt{1 - \frac{\theta^2}{4}},$$

and the weight of

$$B A C = \frac{W H^2}{2} \theta \sqrt{1 - \frac{\theta^2}{4}},$$

W being the weight of a cubic foot of the embankment. Pressure of the weight of

$$B A C = \frac{W H^2}{2} \theta \sqrt{1 - \frac{\theta^2}{4}} \times \text{tang.} \frac{90^\circ - \phi}{2},$$

moment of pressure of weight of



$$BAC = \frac{WH^2}{2} \theta \sqrt{1 - \frac{\theta^2}{4}} \times \text{tang.} \frac{90^\circ - \phi}{2} \times \frac{H}{3} =$$

$$\frac{WH^3}{6} \theta \sqrt{1 - \frac{\theta^2}{4}} \times \text{tang.} \frac{90^\circ - \phi}{2},$$

double this moment for stability

$$= \frac{WH^3}{3} \theta \sqrt{1 - \frac{\theta^2}{4}} \times \text{tang.} \frac{90^\circ - \phi}{2}.$$

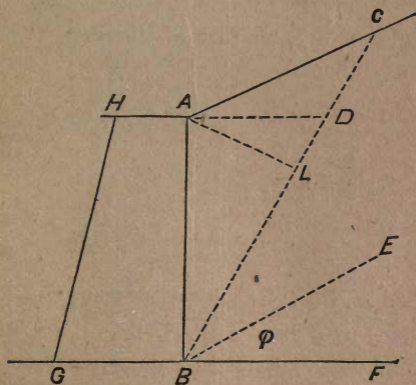


Table No. 3 gives the value of

$$\left( \theta \sqrt{1 - \frac{\theta^2}{4}} \times \text{tang.} \frac{90^\circ - \phi}{2} \right) = c,$$

for every deg. of inclination of the slope of the embankment from 15 deg. to 40 deg.,

so that by multiplying  $\frac{WH^3}{3}$  by this value, double the moment of the pressure of the embankment will be given, and Table No. 5 gives double the moments of different kinds of material accordingly.

In the case of a vertical wall, the moment of its weight  $= \frac{WHB^2}{2}$ ,  $W$  being the weight of a cubic foot of the wall. Then for equilibrium,

$$\frac{WHB^2}{2} = \frac{cWH^3}{6}, \text{ and } B = .5773 H \frac{\sqrt{cW}}{\sqrt{W}},$$

and for stability,

$$\frac{WHB^2}{2} = \frac{cWH^3}{3}, \text{ and } B = .81649 H \frac{\sqrt{cW}}{\sqrt{W}}.$$

Table No. 4 is calculated from the formula  $.81649 H \sqrt{cW}$ , so that the figures in that Table, divided by the square root of the weight of a cubic foot of the wall, will give the thickness of the wall required for stability.

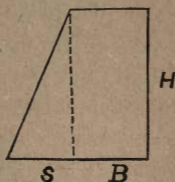
Table No. 5 gives double the moments of the pressure of the weight of different materials to form a surcharged embankment,

with a retaining wall up to 30 ft. in height, and which if made equal to either of the moments of the weight of different forms of retaining walls given afterwards, the dimensions required for that form of wall can be at once found.

The moment of a wall of this section is

$$\frac{W H}{2} \left( (B + S)^2 - \frac{S^2}{3} \right),$$

where B is the vertical portion of the wall,



and S is the slope. If  $S = \frac{1}{4}$ , or 3'' to a ft., its moment

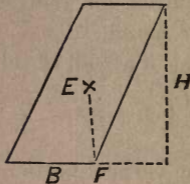
$$= \frac{W H}{2} \left( \left( B \times \frac{H}{4} \right)^2 - \frac{H^2}{48} \right).$$

The moment of a battering wall of equal thickness

$$= \frac{W H B}{2} (B + S H),$$

where  $B$  = thickness of wall, and  $S H$  = the batter of the slope on the face. If

$$S = \frac{1}{4}, \text{ its moment} = \frac{W H B}{2} \left( B + \frac{H}{4} \right),$$



and if  $E F$ , the perpendicular from its centre of gravity, falls on its inside corner, its moment =  $W H B^2$ , and the wall then will have the greatest amount of resisting power with security, and also with a minimum amount of material in it. In that case, if  $M$  = moment of earth,  $W$  = weight of a cubic foot of the wall; for stability,

$$S = \sqrt{\frac{2 M}{W H^3}}, \text{ } S H \text{ being} = B.$$

To exemplify this, let  $H$  = 20 feet,  $S = \frac{1}{4}$ ,  $W$  = sand of 120 lbs. to the cubic foot in a surcharged embankment,  $W$  = brick of 120 lbs. to the cubic foot in the

wall. Then by Table No. 5, the double moment of that kind of sand = 160,000.

Then for the first section of wall,

$$\frac{120 \times 20}{2} \left( \left( B + \frac{20}{4} \right)^2 - \frac{20^2}{48} \right) = 160,000, \text{ and}$$

$B = 6.9$ . In this case, weight of wall

$$= 120 \left( (20 \times 6.9) + \left( \frac{5 \times 20}{2} \right) \right) = 22,560.$$

For second section of wall,

$$\frac{B \times 20 \times 120}{2} \left( B + \frac{20}{4} \right) = 160,000,$$

and  $B = 9.31$ , weight of wall =  $9.31 \times$

$20 \times 120 = 22344$ . For second section

of wall, and a perpendicular from its centre of gravity to fall on its inside corner,

$120 \times 20 \times B^2 = 160,000$ , and  $B = 8.16$ ,

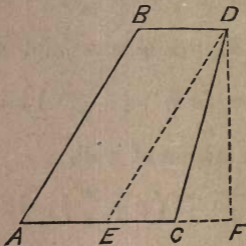
weight of wall =  $8.16 \times 120 \times 20 = 19593$

only, showing a considerable saving of material with this wall.

At the same time, though this wall has the greatest amount of resisting power with the smallest amount of material in it, yet perhaps it may be a question if it would not be advisable to make walls of great height thicker from their base upwards to one-

third of their height, which is the centre of pressure.

If we now consider a wall of this form of cross-section, the outside slope of which is



$S$  to 1, and the inside slope next to the embankment  $S'$  to 1, we find that its weight is

$$W H B + \frac{W H^2}{2} (S - S'),$$

and the moment of its weight

$$= \frac{W H}{2} \left( H (S - S') \left( \frac{2 S H - S' H}{3} + B \right) + B (S H + B) \right),$$

or if we call it  $C E$  and  $C F$ , where  $C E$  is the difference between the slopes of the front and back of the wall,  $D E$  being drawn parallel to the face  $A B$ , and  $C F$  is

the batter of the back of the wall, then its weight is

$$= W H \left( B + \frac{E C}{2} \right),$$

and the moment of its weight

$$= W H \left( B \left( \frac{E F + B}{2} \right) + E C \left( \frac{E C}{3} + \frac{C F}{6} + \frac{B}{2} \right) \right).$$

Then, if the height of the wall be 20 ft., and its weight be 120 lbs. per cubic foot, as before, its outside slope  $\frac{1}{4}$  to 1, and its inside slope next to the embankment  $\frac{1}{8}$  to 1, then  $C F = 2\frac{1}{2}$  ft.,  $E C = 2\frac{1}{2}$  ft., and its moment

$$= 120 \times 20 \left( B \left( \frac{5 + B}{2} \right) + 2\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{2\frac{1}{2}}{3} + \frac{2\frac{1}{2}}{6} + \frac{B}{2} \right) \right),$$

$$= 160,000, \text{ the double moment of the embankment.}$$

From this equation we find  $B = 8.088$ , and therefore the weight of that wall

$$= 120 \times 20 \left( 8.088 + \frac{2.5}{2} \right) = 22411,$$

and which is, what might have been expected from the form of its cross-section,

being between that of the first form of wall before mentioned, whose weight was 22560, and that of the second form, whose weight was 22344, less than the one and more than the other.

The form of cross-section of wall, having its front and back parallel, with the perpendicular from its centre of gravity falling on its inside corner, having been proved to be the most economical in material, it may be asked, why should not this principle be carried further, and walls generally be built thicker at the top than at the bottom, so as to have their centre of gravity higher up? This, by increasing the distance of a perpendicular from it to the outside edge of the wall at its foot, would much increase its resisting power to the overturning force of the bank. It no doubt could be done, and where the wall is of great thickness it may be safe to do so, but as there is a fear, however, of too much reducing the thickness of the wall at one-third of its height, where is the centre of pressure, perhaps it may be advisable to make the form of equal thickness throughout, the limit of our endeavor



to economize material with these forms of wall.

The moment of this form of wall, with its vertical side against the embankment, is

$$\frac{W H B^2}{3},$$

and if it be required to support water, whose



double moment is  $20.83 H^3$ , we find from the equation

$$\frac{W H B^2}{3} = 20.83 H^3, B = \frac{7.9 H}{\sqrt{W}},$$

$W$  being the weight of a cubic foot of the wall.

When the sloping side of the wall is next to the water, the pressure of the water on it assists the resisting power of the wall.

Its moment is

$$\frac{W H B^2}{6},$$

and the pressure of the water on the slope

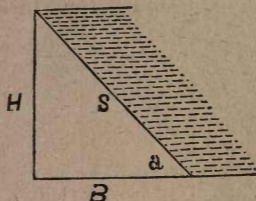
$$S = 62.5 S \times \frac{H}{2} = 31.25 S H.$$

Thus, when resolved into the horizontal and vertical forces, the former is

$$31.25 S H \times \sin. \angle a = 31.25 S H \times \frac{H}{S} = 31.25 H^2,$$

and the latter is

$$31.25 S H \times \cos. a = 31.25 S H \times \frac{B}{S} = 31.25 H B.$$



The moment of the former force

$$= 31.25 H^2 \times \frac{H}{3} = 10.41\dot{6} H^3,$$

and which tends to overturn the wall; and the moment of the latter force

$$= 31.25 H B \times \frac{2B}{3} = 20.8\dot{3} H B^2,$$

and which tends to assist the wall. The total moment of the wall for stability must therefore = 2 (moment horizontal force - moment vertical force)

$$= 2 (10.41\dot{6} H^3 - 20.8\dot{3} H B^2) = 20.8\dot{3} H (H^2 - 2 B^2).$$

Then

$$\frac{W H B^2}{6} = 20.83 H (H^2 - 2 B^2),$$

and

$$B = \frac{11.18 H}{\sqrt{W + 250}}.$$

If we take  $H = 20$  feet, and  $W = 120$  lbs. per cubic foot, then in the first case,

$$B = \frac{7.9 \times 20}{\sqrt{120}} = 14.42,$$

and the weight of the wall

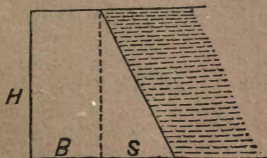
$$= \frac{120 \times 20 \times 14.42}{2} = 17304;$$

and in the second case

$$B = \frac{11.18 \times 20}{\sqrt{120 + 250}} = 11.62,$$

and the weight of the wall

$$= \frac{120 \times 20 \times 11.62}{2} = 13949.$$



The moment of a wall of this section is

$$\frac{W H}{2} \left( (B + S)^2 - \frac{S^2}{3} \right),$$

as before mentioned, when the water presses against the vertical side, but if it is on the slope, the moment is

$$\frac{W H}{2} \left( B (B + S) + \frac{S^2}{3} \right).$$

If we have an embankment of this form of

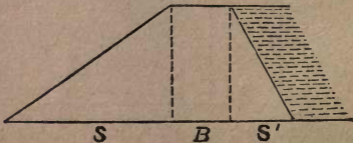


cross-section, where the slopes are the same on both sides, its moment is

$$W H \left( B \left( \frac{B + 3 S}{2} \right) + S^2 \right).$$

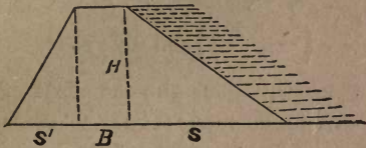
If the steeper slope is on the inside of the embankment, its moment is

$$W H \left( B \left( S + \frac{B + S'}{2} \right) + \left( S + \frac{S'}{2} \right) \left( \frac{S + S'}{3} \right) \right).$$



If the steeper slope is on the outside of the embankment, its moment is

$$W H \left( B \left( S' + \frac{B + S}{2} \right) + \left( S' + \frac{S}{2} \right) \left( \frac{S' + S}{3} \right) \right).$$



If in these last five equations  $W = 120$  lbs. to the cubic foot,  $H = 20$  feet,  $S = 20$  feet,  $S' = 10$  feet, and  $B = 10$  feet, then the moment of the first section

$$= \frac{120 \times 20}{2} \left( (10 + 20)^2 - \frac{20^2}{3} \right) = 920,000;$$

of the second section

$$= \frac{120 \times 20}{2} \left( 10 (10 + 20) + \frac{20^2}{3} \right) = 520,000;$$

of the third section

$$\begin{aligned} &= 120 \times 20 \left( 10 \left( \frac{10 + 3 \times 20}{2} \right) + 20^2 \right) \\ &= 1,800,000; \end{aligned}$$

of the fourth section

$$\begin{aligned} &= 120 \times 20 \left( 10 \left( 20 + \frac{10 + 10}{2} \right) + \left( 20 + \frac{10}{2} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left( \frac{20 + 10}{3} \right) \right) = 1,320,000; \end{aligned}$$

of the fifth section

$$= 120 \times 20 \left( 10 \left( 10 + \frac{10 + 20}{2} \right) + \left( 10 + \frac{20}{2} \right) \left( \frac{10 + 20}{3} \right) \right) = 1,080,000.$$

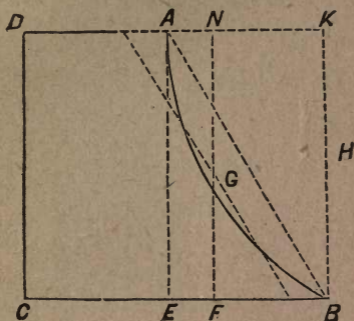
In these equations the moments of the walls are to be made equal to twice the difference of the moments of the horizontal and vertical forces of the water, as before, when the sloping side is next to the water. If the wall is to be built with a curved batter instead of a slope, to facilitate the calculation of its moment we may assume the curve to be of a parabolic form, and from which, in the curves generally used for that purpose, it will not sensibly differ. The calculations of the moments of a few forms of wall with curved batter are given, to show how they have been arrived at.

To find the moment of a retaining wall with curved batter generally, let  $A B E$  be of the parabolic form, then the area of

$$A B E = \frac{H}{3} \times B E.$$

Now the centre of gravity of  $A B E$  will be found sufficiently correct for all practical

purposes if it is taken to be in the perpendicular line  $G F$ , which will bisect  $A B E$ .



Now

$$A E F G = A E F N - A G N =$$

$$H \times E F - \frac{2}{3} G N \times E F = \frac{A B E}{2} = \frac{H}{6} \times B E,$$

$$A K = B E : B K^2 = H^2 :: A N = E F : G N^2,$$

$$G N = H \sqrt{\frac{E F}{B E}}$$

$$H \times E F - \frac{2}{3} H \sqrt{\frac{E F}{B E}} \times E F = \frac{H}{6} B E,$$

$$\frac{2}{3} \sqrt{\frac{E F}{B E}} = 1 - \frac{B E}{6 E F},$$

$$\frac{E F}{B E} = \frac{9}{4} - \frac{3 B E}{4 E F} + \frac{B E^2}{16 E F^2},$$

$$BE^3 - 12BE^2 \times EF + 36BE \times EF^2 - 16EF^3 = 0,$$

$$(BE - 4EF)(BE^2 - 8BE \times EF + 4EF^2) = 0,$$

$$BE - 4EF = 0, BF = \frac{3BE}{4}.$$

Moment of

$$ABE = \frac{H}{3} BE \times \frac{3BE}{4} = H \frac{BE^2}{4};$$

moment of

$$AECD = (H \times CE) \left( BE + \frac{CE}{2} \right);$$

moment of

$$ABCD = H \left( \frac{CE^2}{2} + CE \times BE + \frac{BE^2}{4} \right)$$

$$= \frac{H}{2} \left( (CE + BE)^2 - \frac{BE^2}{2} \right).$$

If we take a triangle of equal area with  $AGBE$ , and similar to a triangle  $ABE$ , we shall find that its base will

$$= BE \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} = .8165 BE,$$

and therefore the distance of a perpendicular from its centre of gravity to

$$E = \frac{.8165 BE}{3} = .2722 BE,$$

and therefore,  $BE - .2722 BE = .7278 BE$  from  $B$ , or nearly the same as before. Let  $CE = 6$ , and other values as before, then

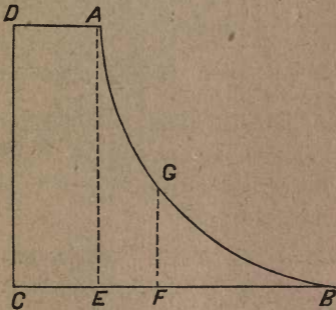


$$120 \frac{20}{2} \left( (6 + BE)^2 - \frac{BE^2}{2} \right) =$$

$$160,000, BE = 6.403,$$

and weight of wall

$$= 120 \left( 20 \times 6 + \frac{1}{3} 20 \times 6.4 \right) = 19523.$$



To find the moment of ABCD when  $ABE = AECD$ . Then

$$BE = 3CE, \text{ area of } ABE = H \times \frac{BE}{3} = H \times CE.$$

Moment of

$$ABCD = (H \times CE) \left( BE + \frac{CE}{2} \right) +$$

$$\left( H \times \frac{BE}{3} \right) \left( \frac{3BE}{4} \right) = (H \times CE)$$

$$\left(3 C E + \frac{C E}{2}\right) + (H \times C E) \frac{3}{4} 3 C E = H \frac{7}{2} C E^2$$

$$+ H \frac{9}{4} C E^2 = H \frac{23}{4} C E^2 = H \frac{23}{64} B C^2.$$

Then

$$120 \times 20 \frac{23}{64} B C^2 = 160,000,$$

$$B C = 13.62, C E = 3.4, B E = 10.21,$$

and weight of wall,

$$= 120 \left(20 \times 3.4 + 20 \frac{10.21}{3}\right) = 16344.$$

When both the front and back of the wall are curved and parallel. When  $E F$  passes through the centre of gravity, to find  $E A$ . Area of

$$E A B F = H \times E A + \frac{H}{3} (B F - E A) =$$

$$\frac{2 H}{3} E A + \frac{H}{3} B F,$$

area of

$$E F C D = H \times C F + \frac{2 H}{3} (E D - C F)$$

$$= \frac{H}{3} C F + \frac{2 H}{3} E D,$$

then, when  $E F$  bisects  $A B C D$ ,

$$\frac{2 H}{3} E A + \frac{H}{3} B F = \frac{H}{3} C F + \frac{2 H}{3} E D,$$

$$B F = C F + 2 (E D - E A).$$

For stability,

$$BF = \frac{3BC}{4} = \frac{3AD}{4},$$

$$CF = \frac{BC}{4} = \frac{AD}{4},$$

$$\frac{3AD}{4} = \frac{AD}{4} + 2(ED - EA),$$



$$AD = 4ED - 4EA,$$

and as

$$4AD = 4ED + 4EA,$$

$$3AD = 8EA, \quad EA = \frac{3}{8}AD.$$

To find EA when the perpendicular which bisects ABCD passing through its centre of gravity falls on its inside corner.

Area of

$$ECD = \frac{2}{3}H \times ED = \frac{2}{3}H(AD - EA).$$

Area of

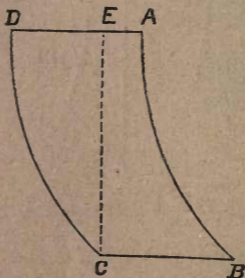
$$A B C E = H \times E A + \frac{H}{3} (B C - E A),$$

$$\frac{2 H}{3} (A D - E A) = H \times E A + \frac{H}{3} (B C - E A),$$

$$= \frac{2 H}{3} E A + \frac{H}{3} B C,$$

$$\frac{4 H}{3} E A = \frac{2 H}{3} A D - \frac{H}{3} B C = \frac{H}{3} B C,$$

$$E A = \frac{B C}{4}.$$



To find the moment of A B C D when the curves of the front and back of the wall are of different radii. Area of

$$E F C D = H \times C F + \frac{2 H}{3} (D E - C F)$$

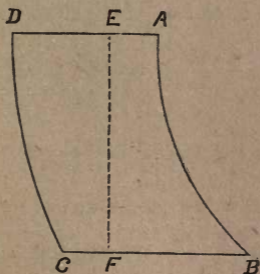
$$= \frac{H}{3} C F + \frac{2 H}{3} D E,$$

area of

$$\begin{aligned} E A B F &= H \times E A + \frac{H}{3} (B F - E A) \\ &= \frac{2 H}{3} E A + \frac{H}{3} B F, \end{aligned}$$

area of

$$\begin{aligned} A B C D &= \frac{H}{3} C F + \frac{2 H}{3} D E + \frac{2 H}{3} E A + \\ &\frac{H}{3} B F = \frac{H}{3} (B C + 2 D A); \end{aligned}$$



moment of A B C D for stability

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{3 B C}{4} \times \frac{H}{3} (B C + 2 D A) \\ &= \frac{H \times B C}{4} (B C + 2 D A). \end{aligned}$$

As

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{H}{3} C F + \frac{2 H}{3} D E &= \frac{2 H}{3} E A + \frac{H}{3} B F, \\ C F + 2 D E &= 2 E A + B F, \end{aligned}$$

adding  $2 EA$  to both sides,

$$CF + 2DA = 4EA + BF,$$

$$EA = \frac{2DA + CF - BF}{4}$$

generally, and for stability,

$$EA = \frac{DA}{2} + \frac{BC}{4} - \frac{3BC}{4} = \frac{DA}{2} - \frac{BC}{8}.$$

If  $DA$  is to be  $\frac{3}{4} BC$ , then the moment

$$\frac{H \times BC}{4} (BC + 2DA)$$

will be

$$\frac{H \times BC}{4} \left( BC + \frac{3}{2} BC \right) = H \frac{5BC^2}{8}.$$

Then, with values as before,

$$120 \times 20 \frac{5BC^2}{8} = 160,000, \quad BC = 10.32,$$

$$DA = \frac{3}{4} 10.32 = 7.74,$$

weight of wall

$$= 120 \times \frac{20}{3} (10.32 + 2 \times 7.74) = 20640.$$

If  $DA$  is to be  $\frac{2}{3} BC$ , then the moment

$$\frac{H \times BC}{4} (BC + 2DA)$$

will be

$$\frac{H \times B C}{4} \left( B C + \frac{4}{3} B C \right) = H \frac{7 B C^2}{12}.$$

Then, with values as before,

$$120 \times 20 \frac{7 B C^2}{12} = 160,000, \quad B C = 10.69,$$

$$D A = \frac{2}{3} 10.69 = 7.13,$$

weight of wall

$$= 120 \times \frac{20}{3} (10.69 + 2 \times 7.13) = 19960.$$

If  $D A$  is to be  $\frac{1}{2} B C$ , then the moment

$$\frac{H \times B C}{4} (B C + 2 D A)$$

will be

$$\frac{H \times B C}{4} (B C + B C) = H \frac{B C^2}{2}.$$

Then, with values as before,

$$120 \times 20 \frac{B C^2}{2} = 160,000, \quad B C = 11.54,$$

$$D A = \frac{1}{2} 11.54 = 5.77,$$

weight of wall

$$= 120 \times \frac{20}{3} (11.54 + 2 \times 5.77) = 18464.$$

If  $D A$  is to be  $\frac{1}{4} B C$ , then the moment

$$\frac{H \times B C}{4} (B C + 2 D A)$$

will be

$$\frac{H \times B C}{4} \left( B C + \frac{1}{2} B C \right) = H \frac{3 B C^2}{8}.$$

Then, with values as before,

$$120 \times 20 \frac{3 B C^2}{8} = 160,000, B C = 13.3,$$

$$D A = \frac{1}{4} 13.3 = 3.3,$$

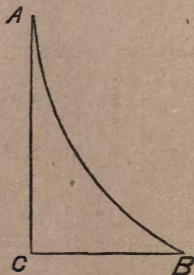
weight of wall

$$= 120 \times \frac{20}{3} (13.3 + 2 \times 3.3) = 16000.$$

If a wall of this section is required, its moment is

$$H \times \frac{B C^2}{4},$$

and if it supports water level with the top,



$$120 \times 20 \frac{B C^2}{4} = 166,666, B C = 16.6;$$

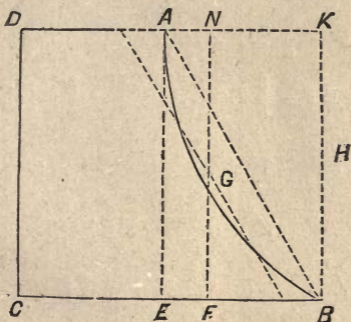
and weight of wall



$$= 123 \times 20 \times \frac{16.6}{3} = 13333.$$

Now as 17304 was required for the triangular form of wall with the same values, there is shown to be a great saving of material with the form of wall with curved batter.

As the form of wall with a curved batter of the semi-cubical parabolic section, has been proved by several writers to be everywhere of equal strength, the calculations for finding the dimensions of retaining



walls with a batter of that curve are also given, as they may be found useful in some cases. Let A G B in this figure be a curve

of that form, with  $GF$  passing through its centre of gravity. Then

$$AK^2 = BE^2 : BK^3 = H^3 :: AH^2 = EF^2 : GN^3,$$

$$GN = H \sqrt[3]{\frac{EF^2}{BE^2}},$$

area of  $ABE = \frac{2H}{5} \times BE,$

area of  $AGN = \frac{3AN}{5} \times GH,$

area of  $A E F G = H \times E F - \frac{3}{5} AN \times GN,$

$$H \times E F - \frac{3}{5} AN \times NG = \frac{H}{5} \times BE,$$

$$H \times E F - \frac{3}{5} E F \times H \sqrt[3]{\frac{E F^2}{B E^2}} = \frac{H}{5} \times B E,$$

$$E F - \frac{3}{5} E F \sqrt[3]{\frac{E F^2}{B E^2}} = \frac{B E}{5},$$

$$\frac{3}{5} E F \sqrt[3]{\frac{E F^2}{B E^2}} = E F - \frac{B E}{5},$$

$$E F \sqrt[3]{\frac{E F^2}{B E^2}} = \frac{5 E F}{3} - \frac{B E}{3},$$

$$\sqrt[3]{\frac{E F^2}{B E^2}} = \frac{5}{3} - \frac{B E}{3 E F} = \frac{5 - \frac{B E}{E F}}{3},$$

$$\frac{E F^2}{B E^2} = \frac{\left(5 - \frac{B E}{E F}\right)^3}{27}, \quad \frac{\left(5 - \frac{B E}{E F}\right)^3}{\frac{E F^2}{B E^2}} = 27,$$

$$\frac{B E^2}{E F^2} \left(5 - \frac{B E}{E F}\right)^3 = 27, \quad \frac{B E}{E F} = 3.759,$$

$$B E = 3.759 E F = 3.759 (B E - B F),$$

$$3.759 B F = 3.759 B E - B E,$$

$$B F = \frac{2.759 B E}{3.759} = .734 B E.$$

Moment of

$$A B E = \frac{2 H}{5} B E \times .734 B E = .2936 B E^2 \times H;$$

moment of

$$A E C D = (H \times C E) \left(B E + \frac{C E}{2}\right);$$

moment of

$$\begin{aligned} A B C D &= H \left(\frac{C E^2}{2} + C E \times B E + .2936 B E^2\right) \\ &= \frac{H}{2} ((C E + B E)^2 - .4128 B E^2). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $C E = 6$ , and other values as before, then

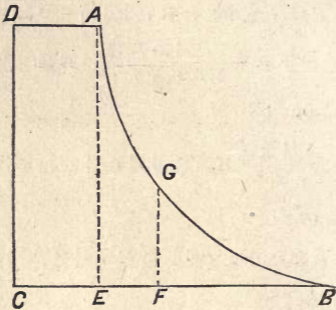
$$120 \frac{20}{2} ((6 + B E)^2 - .4128 B E^2) = 160,000,$$

$B E = 6.22$ , and weight of wall

$$= 120 \left(20 \times 6 + \frac{2}{5} 20 \times 6.22\right) = 20369.$$

To find the moment of  $A B C D$  when

$A B E = A E C D$ . Then  $B E = \frac{5}{2} C E$ ,  
 area of  $A B E = H \times \frac{2}{5} B E = H \times C E$ .



Moment of

$$\begin{aligned}
 A B C D &= (H \times C E) \left( B E + \frac{C E}{2} \right) + \\
 &\left( H \times \frac{2}{5} B E \right) (.734 B E) = (H \times C E) \\
 &\left( \frac{5}{2} C E + \frac{C E}{2} \right) + (H \times C E) \left( .734 \times \frac{5}{2} C E \right) \\
 &= (H \times C E) 3 C E + (H \times C E) 1.835 C E \\
 &= 4.835 H \times C E^2. \text{ Then } 120 \times 20 \times 4.835 C E^2 \\
 &= 160,000, C E = 3.71, B E = \frac{5}{2} 3.71 = 9.28,
 \end{aligned}$$

and weight of wall

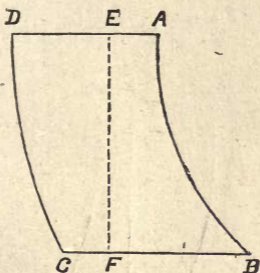
$$= 120 \times 20 \left( 3.71 + \frac{2}{5} 9.28 \right) = 17808.$$

When both the front and back of the wall are curved and parallel. When  $EF$  passes through the centre of gravity, to find  $EA$ . Area of

$$\begin{aligned} EABF &= H \times EA + \frac{2H}{5} (BF - EA) \\ &= \frac{3H}{5} EA + \frac{2H}{5} BF, \end{aligned}$$

area of

$$\begin{aligned} EBCD &= H \times CF + \frac{3H}{5} (ED - CF) \\ &= \frac{2H}{5} CF + \frac{3H}{5} ED, \end{aligned}$$



then when  $EF$  bisects  $ABCD$ ,

$$\frac{3H}{5} EA + \frac{2H}{5} BF = \frac{2H}{5} CF + \frac{3H}{5} ED,$$

$$2BF = 2CF + 3ED - 3EA;$$

for stability,

$$BF = \frac{3BC}{4} = \frac{3AD}{4}, \quad CF = \frac{AD}{4},$$

so 
$$\frac{3AD}{2} = \frac{AD}{2} + 3ED - 3EA,$$

$AD = 3ED - 3EA,$  and as  $3AD = 3ED + EA,$

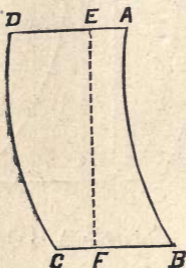
subtracting,

$$2AD = 6EA, \quad EA = \frac{AD}{3}.$$

To find EA when the perpendicular which bisects ABCD passing through its centre of gravity, falls on its inside corner.

Area of

$$ECD = \frac{3H}{5} ED = \frac{3H}{5} (AD - EA),$$



area of

$$ABCE = H \times EA + \frac{2H}{5} (BC - EA),$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{3H}{5} (AD - EA) &= H \times EA + \frac{2H}{5} (BC - EA) \\ &= \frac{3H}{5} EA + \frac{2H}{5} BC, \\ \frac{6H}{5} EA &= \frac{3H}{5} AD - \frac{2H}{5} BC = \frac{H}{5} BC, \\ EA &= \frac{BC}{6}. \end{aligned}$$

To find the moment of ABCD when the curves of the front and back of the wall are of different radii. Area of

$$\begin{aligned} EFCD &= H \times CF + \frac{3H}{5} (DE - CF) \\ &= \frac{2H}{5} CF + \frac{3H}{5} DE, \end{aligned}$$

area of

$$\begin{aligned} EABF &= H \times EA + \frac{2H}{5} (BF - EA) \\ &= \frac{3H}{5} EA + \frac{2H}{5} BF, \end{aligned}$$

area of

$$ABCD = \frac{2H}{5} CF + \frac{3H}{5} DE +$$

$$\frac{3H}{5} EA + \frac{2H}{5} BF = \frac{H}{5} (2BC + 3AD);$$

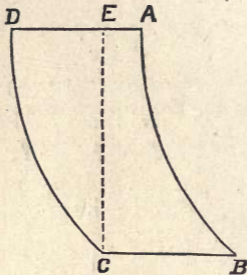
moment of ABCD for stability

$$= \frac{3 \cdot BC}{4} \times \frac{H}{5} (2BC + 3AD)$$

$$= \frac{3H \times BC}{20} (2BC + 3AD).$$

$$\text{As } \frac{2H}{5} CF + \frac{3H}{5} DE = \frac{3H}{5} EA + \frac{2H}{5} BE,$$

$$2CF + 3DE = 3EA + 2BF,$$



adding  $3EA$  to both sides,

$$2CF + 3DA = 6EA + 2BF,$$

$$EA = \frac{3DA + 2CF - 2BF}{6}$$

generally, and for stability,

$$EA = \frac{3DA + \frac{BC}{2} - \frac{3BC}{2}}{6} = \frac{DA}{2} - \frac{BC}{6}.$$

If  $DA$  is to be  $\frac{3}{4}BC$ , then the moment

$$\frac{3H \times BC}{20} (2BC + 3AD)$$

will be



$$\frac{3 H \times B C}{20} \left( 2 B C + \frac{9}{4} B C \right) = \frac{H 51 B C^2}{80}.$$

Then, with values as before,

$$120 \times 20 \frac{51 B C^2}{80} = 160,000, B C = 10.23,$$

$$D A = \frac{3}{4} 10.23 = 7.67,$$

weight of wall

$$= 120 \times \frac{20}{5} (2 \times 10.23 + 3 \times 7.67) = 20860.$$

If D.A is to be  $\frac{2}{3} B C$ , then the moment

$$\frac{3 H \times B C}{20} (2 B C + 3 A D)$$

will be

$$\frac{3 H \times B C}{20} (2 B C + 2 B C) = H \frac{3 B C^2}{5}.$$

Then, with values as before,

$$120 \times 20 \frac{3 B C^2}{5} = 160,000,$$

$$B C = 10.54, D A = \frac{2}{3} 10.54 = 7.03,$$

weight of wall

$$= 120 \times \frac{20}{5} (2 \times 10.54 + 3 \times 7.03) = 20238.$$

If D.A is to be  $\frac{1}{2} B C$ , then the moment

$$\frac{3 H \times B C}{20} (2 B C + 3 A D)$$

will be

$$\frac{3 H \times B C}{20} \left( 2 B C + \frac{3}{2} B C \right) = H \frac{21 B C^2}{40}.$$

Then, with values as before,

$$120 \times 20 \frac{21 B C^2}{40} = 160,000,$$

$$B C = 11.27, D A = \frac{1}{2} 11.27 = 5.63,$$

weight of wall

$$= 120 \times \frac{20}{5} (2 \times 11.27 + 3 \times 5.63) = 18930.$$

If A D is to be  $\frac{1}{3}$  B C, then the moment

$$\frac{3 H \times B C}{20} (2 B C + 3 A D)$$

will be

$$\frac{3 H \times B C}{20} (2 B C + B C) = H \frac{9 B C^2}{20}.$$

Then, with values as before,

$$120 \times 20 \frac{9 B C^2}{20} = 160,000,$$

$$B C = 12.17, D A = \frac{1}{3} 12.17 = 4.06,$$

weight of wall

$$120 \times \frac{20}{5} (2 \times 12.17 + 3 \times 4.06) = 17526.$$

If  $DA$  is to be  $\frac{1}{4} BC$ , then the moment

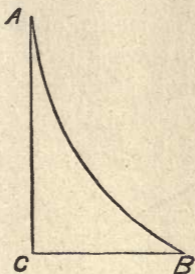
$$\frac{3 H \times B C}{20} (2 B C + 3 A D)$$

will be

$$\frac{3 H \times B C}{20} \left( 2 B C + \frac{3}{4} B C \right) = H \frac{33 B C^2}{80}.$$

Then, with values as before,

$$120 \times 20 \frac{33 B C^2}{80} = 160,000,$$



$$B C = 12.71, D A = \frac{1}{4} 12.71 = 3.18,$$

weight of wall

$$= 120 \times \frac{20}{5} (2 \times 12.71 + 3 \times 3.18) = 16780.$$

If a wall of this section is required, its

moment is  $.2936 B C^2 \times H$ , and if it supports water level with the top,

$$120 \times 20 \times .2936 B C^2 = 166,666, B C = 15.38,$$

and weight of wall

$$= 120 + 20 \times \frac{2 \times 15.38}{5} = 14764.$$

Having now given methods for finding the correct dimensions of the different forms of wall that are generally used in practice, the author does not wish to express any opinion on the merits of any particular form of wall, leaving it to the superior judgment of more experienced engineers to determine the section of wall they may consider most suitable in each case.

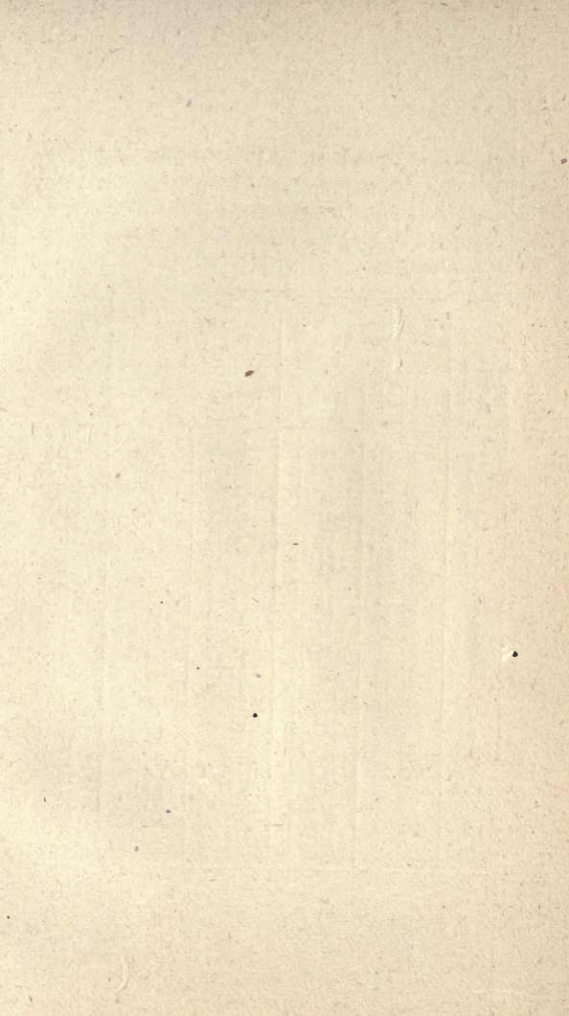


TABLE 1.—*Thickness of Vertical Retaining Walls, to sustain the Pressure of Earth, Sand, etc., level with its top. The Moment of the Wall is equal to twice that of the Earth, etc., to insure permanent stability.*

| Height of wall. | Sand.<br>$\angle = 30^\circ$ . |          | Shingle.<br>$\angle = 40^\circ$ . |          | Dry earth.<br>$\angle = 43^\circ$ . |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|
|                 | 94 lbs.                        | 120 lbs. | 119 lbs.                          | 106 lbs. | 94 lbs.                             |
| 6               | 27.42                          | 30.98    | 24.92                             | 23.52    | 20.65                               |
| 7               | 31.99                          | 36.15    | 29.07                             | 27.44    | 24.09                               |
| 8               | 36.56                          | 41.31    | 33.23                             | 31.36    | 27.53                               |
| 9               | 41.13                          | 46.47    | 37.38                             | 35.28    | 30.98                               |
| 10              | 45.70                          | 51.64    | 41.53                             | 39.20    | 34.42                               |
| 11              | 50.27                          | 56.80    | 45.69                             | 43.12    | 37.86                               |
| 12              | 54.84                          | 61.97    | 49.84                             | 47.04    | 41.30                               |
| 13              | 59.42                          | 67.13    | 53.99                             | 50.96    | 44.74                               |
| 14              | 63.99                          | 72.29    | 58.15                             | 54.88    | 48.19                               |
| 15              | 68.56                          | 77.46    | 62.30                             | 58.80    | 51.63                               |
| 16              | 73.13                          | 82.62    | 66.45                             | 62.72    | 55.07                               |
| 17              | 77.70                          | 87.79    | 70.61                             | 66.64    | 58.51                               |
| 18              | 82.27                          | 92.95    | 74.76                             | 70.56    | 61.95                               |
| 19              | 86.84                          | 98.11    | 78.91                             | 74.48    | 65.40                               |
| 20              | 91.41                          | 103.28   | 83.07                             | 78.40    | 68.84                               |
| 21              | 95.98                          | 108.44   | 87.22                             | 82.32    | 72.28                               |
| 22              | 100.55                         | 113.61   | 91.38                             | 86.24    | 75.72                               |
| 23              | 105.12                         | 118.77   | 95.53                             | 90.16    | 79.17                               |
| 24              | 109.69                         | 123.94   | 99.68                             | 94.08    | 82.61                               |
| 25              | 114.26                         | 129.10   | 103.84                            | 98.00    | 86.05                               |
| 26              | 118.83                         | 134.26   | 107.99                            | 101.92   | 89.49                               |
| 27              | 123.40                         | 139.43   | 112.14                            | 105.84   | 92.93                               |
| 28              | 127.97                         | 144.59   | 116.30                            | 109.76   | 96.38                               |
| 29              | 132.54                         | 149.76   | 120.45                            | 113.68   | 99.82                               |
| 30              | 137.11                         | 154.92   | 124.60                            | 117.60   | 103.26                              |

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TABLE 1.—*Continued.*

| Do., moist or<br>natural.<br>$\angle = 54^\circ$ . | Do., dense and<br>compact.<br>$\angle = 55^\circ$ . | Clay.<br>$\angle = 16^\circ$ . | Clay.<br>$\angle = 45^\circ$ . |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 106 lbs.                                           | 125 lbs.                                            | 125 lbs.                       | 125 lbs.                       |
| 16.39                                              | 17.27                                               | 41.27                          | 22.69                          |
| 19.12                                              | 20.15                                               | 48.15                          | 26.47                          |
| 21.85                                              | 23.03                                               | 55.03                          | 30.25                          |
| 24.58                                              | 25.90                                               | 61.91                          | 34.03                          |
| 27.31                                              | 28.78                                               | 68.79                          | 37.81                          |
| 30.04                                              | 31.66                                               | 75.67                          | 41.59                          |
| 32.78                                              | 34.54                                               | 82.55                          | 45.38                          |
| 35.51                                              | 37.42                                               | 89.43                          | 49.16                          |
| 38.24                                              | 40.29                                               | 96.31                          | 52.94                          |
| 40.97                                              | 43.17                                               | 103.18                         | 56.72                          |
| 43.70                                              | 46.05                                               | 110.06                         | 60.50                          |
| 46.43                                              | 48.93                                               | 116.94                         | 64.28                          |
| 49.16                                              | 51.81                                               | 123.82                         | 68.06                          |
| 51.89                                              | 54.69                                               | 130.70                         | 71.84                          |
| 54.63                                              | 57.56                                               | 137.58                         | 75.62                          |
| 57.36                                              | 60.44                                               | 144.46                         | 79.40                          |
| 60.09                                              | 63.32                                               | 151.34                         | 83.18                          |
| 62.82                                              | 66.19                                               | 158.22                         | 86.96                          |
| 65.56                                              | 69.07                                               | 165.10                         | 90.74                          |
| 68.29                                              | 71.95                                               | 171.97                         | 94.52                          |
| 71.02                                              | 74.83                                               | 178.85                         | 98.31                          |
| 73.75                                              | 77.71                                               | 185.73                         | 102.09                         |
| 76.48                                              | 80.58                                               | 192.61                         | 105.87                         |
| 79.21                                              | 83.46                                               | 199.49                         | 109.65                         |
| 81.94                                              | 86.34                                               | 206.37                         | 113.43                         |

TABLE 2.—*Double Moments of the Pressure of the Weight of Embankments of Earth, Sand, etc., level with the top of Wall.*

| Sand.               |             |            | Shingle.      |              | Dry earth.    |
|---------------------|-------------|------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| $\frac{c W H^3}{3}$ | $=10.4 H^3$ | $13.3 H^3$ | $8.62522 H^3$ | $7.6829 H^3$ | $5.92394 H^3$ |
| 6                   | 2256        | 2880       | 1863          | 1659         | 1280          |
| 7                   | 3582        | 4573       | 2958          | 2635         | 2032          |
| 8                   | 5347        | 6827       | 4416          | 3934         | 3033          |
| 9                   | 7614        | 9720       | 6287          | 5601         | 4318          |
| 10                  | 10444       | 13333      | 8625          | 7683         | 5924          |
| 11                  | 13901       | 17747      | 11480         | 10226        | 7885          |
| 12                  | 18048       | 23040      | 14904         | 13276        | 10236         |
| 13                  | 22946       | 29293      | 18949         | 16879        | 13015         |
| 14                  | 28659       | 36587      | 23667         | 21081        | 16255         |
| 15                  | 35250       | 45000      | 29110         | 25929        | 19993         |
| 16                  | 42780       | 54613      | 35329         | 31468        | 24264         |
| 17                  | 51313       | 65507      | 42376         | 37745        | 29104         |
| 18                  | 60912       | 77766      | 50302         | 44805        | 34548         |
| 19                  | 71638       | 91453      | 59160         | 52696        | 40632         |
| 20                  | 83555       | 106666     | 69002         | 61461        | 47391         |
| 21                  | 96726       | 123480     | 79878         | 71149        | 54862         |
| 22                  | 111212      | 141973     | 91841         | 81805        | 63078         |
| 23                  | 127077      | 162227     | 104943        | 93475        | 72077         |
| 24                  | 144384      | 184320     | 119235        | 106206       | 81892         |
| 25                  | 163194      | 208333     | 134769        | 121042       | 92561         |
| 26                  | 183571      | 234346     | 151597        | 135035       | 104119        |
| 27                  | 205578      | 262440     | 169770        | 151222       | 116601        |
| 28                  | 229276      | 292693     | 189341        | 168655       | 130042        |
| 29                  | 254729      | 325186     | 210360        | 187378       | 144479        |
| 30                  | 282000      | 360000     | 232881        | 207438       | 159946        |



TABLE 2.—*Continued.*

| Do., moist<br>or natural. | Do., dense<br>and<br>compact. | Clay.                  |                        | Water.               |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| 3.73024 H <sup>3</sup>    | 4.14222 H <sup>3</sup>        | 23.66012H <sup>3</sup> | 7.14887 H <sup>3</sup> | 20.83 H <sup>3</sup> |
| 806                       | 895                           | 5110                   | 1544                   | 4500                 |
| 1279                      | 1421                          | 8115                   | 2452                   | 7146                 |
| 1910                      | 2121                          | 12114                  | 3660                   | 10666                |
| 2719                      | 3020                          | 17248                  | 5211                   | 15187                |
| 3730                      | 4142                          | 23660                  | 7149                   | 20833                |
| 4965                      | 5513                          | 31492                  | 9515                   | 27729                |
| 6446                      | 7158                          | 40885                  | 12353                  | 36000                |
| 8195                      | 9100                          | 51981                  | 15706                  | 45771                |
| 10236                     | 11366                         | 64923                  | 19616                  | 57166                |
| 12590                     | 13980                         | 79853                  | 24127                  | 70312                |
| 15279                     | 16966                         | 96912                  | 29282                  | 85333                |
| 18327                     | 20251                         | 116242                 | 35122                  | 102354               |
| 21755                     | 24157                         | 137986                 | 41692                  | 121500               |
| 25586                     | 28411                         | 162285                 | 49034                  | 142896               |
| 29842                     | 33138                         | 189281                 | 57191                  | 166666               |
| 34546                     | 38361                         | 219116                 | 66206                  | 192937               |
| 39720                     | 44106                         | 251933                 | 76121                  | 221833               |
| 45386                     | 50398                         | 287873                 | 86980                  | 253479               |
| 51567                     | 57262                         | 327077                 | 98826                  | 288000               |
| 58285                     | 64722                         | 369689                 | 111701                 | 325521               |
| 65563                     | 72804                         | 415850                 | 125650                 | 366166               |
| 73422                     | 81531                         | 465702                 | 140711                 | 410062               |
| 81886                     | 90930                         | 519387                 | 156932                 | 457333               |
| 90977                     | 101025                        | 577046                 | 174354                 | 508104               |
| 100716                    | 111840                        | 638823                 | 193019                 | 562499               |

TABLE 3.—For Surcharged Embankments.

| $\angle$ of slope = $\phi$ . | $\angle A B C = \frac{90^\circ - \phi}{2}$ | Tang. of $\frac{90^\circ - \phi}{2}$ |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 4 to 1 = 14° 12'             | 37° 54'                                    | .77847                               |
| 15 0                         | 37 30                                      | .76732                               |
| 16 0                         | 37 0                                       | .75355                               |
| 17 0                         | 36 30                                      | .73996                               |
| 18 0                         | 36 0                                       | .72654                               |
| 3 to 1 = 18 25               | 35 47½                                     | .72100                               |
| 19 0                         | 35 30                                      | .71329                               |
| 20 0                         | 35 0                                       | .70020                               |
| 21 0                         | 34 30                                      | .68728                               |
| 22 0                         | 34 0                                       | .67450                               |
| 23 0                         | 33 30                                      | .66188                               |
| 24 0                         | 33 0                                       | .64940                               |
| 25 0                         | 32 30                                      | .63707                               |
| 26 0                         | 32 0                                       | .62486                               |
| 2 to 1 = 26 35               | 31 42½                                     | .61781                               |
| 27 0                         | 31 30                                      | .61280                               |
| 28 0                         | 31 0                                       | .60086                               |
| 29 0                         | 30 30                                      | .58904                               |
| 1¼ to 1 = 29 44              | 30 8                                       | .58045                               |
| 30 0                         | 30 0                                       | .57735                               |
| 31 0                         | 29 30                                      | .56577                               |
| 32 0                         | 29 0                                       | .55430                               |
| 33 0                         | 28 30                                      | .54295                               |
| 1½ to 1 = 33 42              | 28 9                                       | .53507                               |
| 34 0                         | 28 0                                       | .53170                               |
| 35 0                         | 27 30                                      | .52056                               |
| 36 0                         | 27 0                                       | .50952                               |
| 37 0                         | 26 30                                      | .49858                               |
| 38 0                         | 26 0                                       | .48773                               |
| 1¼ to 1 = 38 40              | 25 40                                      | .48055                               |
| 39 0                         | 25 30                                      | .47697                               |
| 40 0                         | 25 0                                       | .46630                               |

TABLE 3.—Continued.

| $\theta = \frac{\sin. (90^\circ + \phi)}{\sin. \left(\frac{90^\circ - \phi}{2}\right)}$ | $\sqrt{1 - \frac{\theta^2}{4}}$ | Tang. of $\frac{90^\circ - \phi}{2}$<br>$\left(\theta \sqrt{1 - \frac{\theta^2}{4}}\right)$ |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.5782                                                                                  | 0.96944                         | <sup>e</sup> 0.75469                                                                        |
| 1.5867                                                                                  | 0.96592                         | 0.74118                                                                                     |
| 1.5972                                                                                  | 0.96126                         | 0.72436                                                                                     |
| 1.6077                                                                                  | 0.95630                         | 0.70762                                                                                     |
| 1.6180                                                                                  | 0.95105                         | 0.69098                                                                                     |
| 1.6223                                                                                  | 0.94878                         | 0.68407                                                                                     |
| 1.6282                                                                                  | 0.94551                         | 0.67443                                                                                     |
| 1.6383                                                                                  | 0.93969                         | 0.65798                                                                                     |
| 1.6483                                                                                  | 0.93358                         | 0.64163                                                                                     |
| 1.6581                                                                                  | 0.92718                         | 0.62539                                                                                     |
| 1.6678                                                                                  | 0.92050                         | 0.60926                                                                                     |
| 1.6773                                                                                  | 0.91354                         | 0.59326                                                                                     |
| 1.6868                                                                                  | 0.90630                         | 0.57738                                                                                     |
| 1.6961                                                                                  | 0.89879                         | 0.56162                                                                                     |
| 1.7014                                                                                  | 0.89428                         | 0.55250                                                                                     |
| 1.7053                                                                                  | 0.89100                         | 0.54601                                                                                     |
| 1.7143                                                                                  | 0.88294                         | 0.53052                                                                                     |
| 1.7232                                                                                  | 0.87461                         | 0.51519                                                                                     |
| 1.7297                                                                                  | 0.86834                         | 0.50403                                                                                     |
| 1.7320                                                                                  | 0.86602                         | 0.50000                                                                                     |
| 1.7407                                                                                  | 0.85716                         | 0.48496                                                                                     |
| 1.7492                                                                                  | 0.84804                         | 0.47008                                                                                     |
| 1.7576                                                                                  | 0.83867                         | 0.45536                                                                                     |
| 1.7634                                                                                  | 0.83195                         | 0.44515                                                                                     |
| 1.7659                                                                                  | 0.82903                         | 0.44080                                                                                     |
| 1.7740                                                                                  | 0.81915                         | 0.42642                                                                                     |
| 1.7820                                                                                  | 0.80901                         | 0.41221                                                                                     |
| 1.7899                                                                                  | 0.79863                         | 0.39818                                                                                     |
| 1.7976                                                                                  | 0.78801                         | 0.38433                                                                                     |
| 1.8026                                                                                  | 0.78079                         | 0.37521                                                                                     |
| 1.80517                                                                                 | 0.77714                         | 0.37067                                                                                     |
| 1.81261                                                                                 | 0.76604                         | 0.35721                                                                                     |

TABLE 4.—*Thickness of Vertical Retaining Walls to sustain the Pressure of a Surcharged Embankment of Earth, Sand, etc. The moment of the Wall is equal to twice that of the Earth, etc., to insure permanent stability.*

| Height of wall. | Sand.<br>$\angle = 30^\circ$<br>$c = 0.500$ |          | Shingle.<br>$\angle = 40^\circ$<br>$c = 0.35721$ |          | Dry earth.<br>$\angle = 43^\circ$<br>$c = .318001$ |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------------------------|
|                 | 94 lbs.                                     | 120 lbs. | 119 lbs.                                         | 106 lbs. | 94 lbs.                                            |
| 6               | 33.58                                       | 37.94    | 31.94                                            | 30.14    | 26.78                                              |
| 7               | 39.18                                       | 44.27    | 37.26                                            | 35.17    | 31.24                                              |
| 8               | 44.78                                       | 50.59    | 42.58                                            | 40.19    | 35.71                                              |
| 9               | 50.37                                       | 56.92    | 47.91                                            | 45.21    | 40.17                                              |
| 10              | 55.97                                       | 63.24    | 53.23                                            | 50.24    | 44.64                                              |
| 11              | 61.57                                       | 69.57    | 58.55                                            | 55.26    | 49.10                                              |
| 12              | 67.17                                       | 75.89    | 63.88                                            | 60.29    | 53.56                                              |
| 13              | 72.76                                       | 82.21    | 69.20                                            | 65.31    | 58.03                                              |
| 14              | 78.36                                       | 88.54    | 74.52                                            | 70.33    | 62.49                                              |
| 15              | 83.96                                       | 94.86    | 79.85                                            | 75.36    | 66.96                                              |
| 16              | 89.56                                       | 101.19   | 85.17                                            | 80.38    | 71.42                                              |
| 17              | 95.16                                       | 107.51   | 90.49                                            | 85.41    | 75.89                                              |
| 18              | 100.75                                      | 113.84   | 95.82                                            | 90.43    | 80.35                                              |
| 19              | 106.35                                      | 120.16   | 101.14                                           | 95.46    | 84.81                                              |
| 20              | 111.95                                      | 126.49   | 106.46                                           | 100.48   | 89.28                                              |
| 21              | 117.55                                      | 132.81   | 111.79                                           | 105.50   | 93.74                                              |
| 22              | 123.14                                      | 139.14   | 117.11                                           | 110.53   | 98.21                                              |
| 23              | 128.74                                      | 145.46   | 122.43                                           | 115.55   | 102.67                                             |
| 24              | 134.34                                      | 151.78   | 127.76                                           | 120.58   | 107.13                                             |
| 25              | 139.94                                      | 158.11   | 133.08                                           | 125.60   | 111.60                                             |
| 26              | 145.54                                      | 164.44   | 138.41                                           | 130.63   | 116.07                                             |
| 27              | 151.13                                      | 170.76   | 143.73                                           | 135.65   | 120.53                                             |
| 28              | 156.73                                      | 177.09   | 149.05                                           | 140.68   | 124.99                                             |
| 29              | 162.33                                      | 183.41   | 154.38                                           | 145.70   | 129.46                                             |
| 30              | 167.93                                      | 189.74   | 159.70                                           | 150.73   | 133.92                                             |

To obtain Thickness divide  
by  $\sqrt{W}$

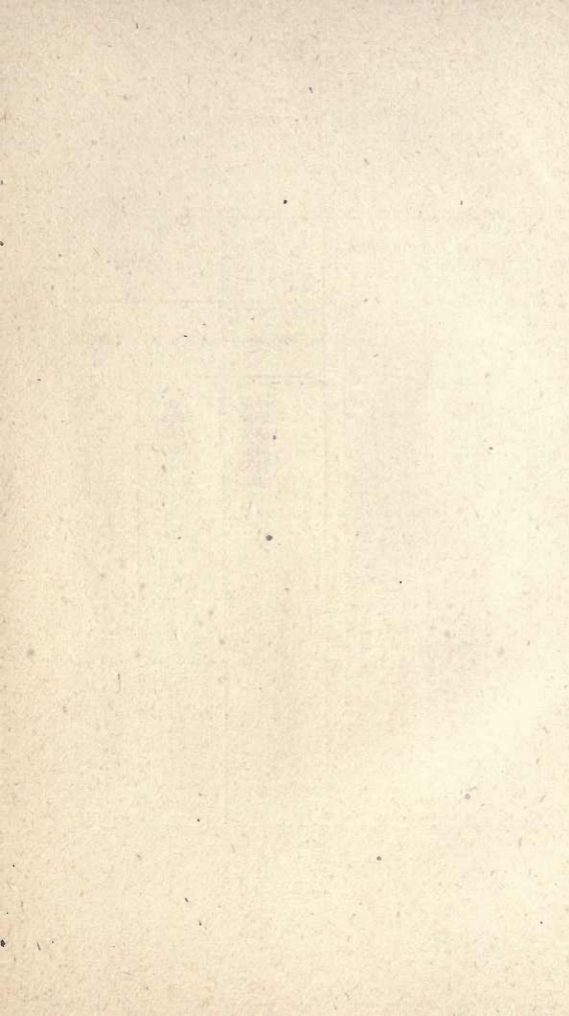
TABLE 4.—Continued.

| Do.,<br>moist or<br>natural.<br>$\angle = 54^\circ$ . | $c = .190983$ | Do., dense<br>and<br>compact.<br>$\angle = 55^\circ$ . | $c = .1808438$ | Clay.<br>$\angle = 16^\circ$ . | Clay.<br>$\angle = 45^\circ$ . |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 106 lbs.                                              |               | 125 lbs.                                               |                | 125 lbs.                       | 125 lbs.                       |
| 22.04                                                 |               | 23.29                                                  |                | 46.61                          | 29.64                          |
| 25.71                                                 |               | 27.17                                                  |                | 54.38                          | 34.58                          |
| 29.39                                                 |               | 31.05                                                  |                | 62.15                          | 39.52                          |
| 33.06                                                 |               | 34.93                                                  |                | 69.92                          | 44.46                          |
| 36.73                                                 |               | 38.82                                                  |                | 77.69                          | 49.40                          |
| 40.41                                                 |               | 42.70                                                  |                | 85.46                          | 54.34                          |
| 44.08                                                 |               | 46.58                                                  |                | 93.23                          | 59.28                          |
| 47.75                                                 |               | 50.46                                                  |                | 101.00                         | 64.22                          |
| 51.43                                                 |               | 54.34                                                  |                | 108.77                         | 69.16                          |
| 55.10                                                 |               | 58.23                                                  |                | 116.54                         | 74.10                          |
| 58.78                                                 |               | 62.11                                                  |                | 124.31                         | 79.04                          |
| 62.45                                                 |               | 65.99                                                  |                | 132.08                         | 83.98                          |
| 66.12                                                 |               | 69.87                                                  |                | 139.85                         | 88.92                          |
| 69.80                                                 |               | 73.75                                                  |                | 147.62                         | 93.86                          |
| 73.47                                                 |               | 77.64                                                  |                | 155.39                         | 98.80                          |
| 77.14                                                 |               | 81.52                                                  |                | 163.16                         | 103.74                         |
| 80.82                                                 |               | 85.40                                                  |                | 170.93                         | 108.68                         |
| 84.49                                                 |               | 89.28                                                  |                | 178.70                         | 113.62                         |
| 88.16                                                 |               | 93.16                                                  |                | 186.47                         | 118.56                         |
| 91.84                                                 |               | 97.05                                                  |                | 194.24                         | 123.50                         |
| 95.52                                                 |               | 100.93                                                 |                | 202.01                         | 128.45                         |
| 99.19                                                 |               | 104.81                                                 |                | 209.78                         | 133.39                         |
| 102.86                                                |               | 108.70                                                 |                | 217.55                         | 138.33                         |
| 106.54                                                |               | 112.58                                                 |                | 225.32                         | 143.27                         |
| 110.21                                                |               | 116.46                                                 |                | 233.10                         | 148.21                         |

TABLE 5.—*Double Moments of the Pressure of the Weight of Surcharged Embankments of Earth, Sand, etc.*

| Sand.             |              |          | Shingle.       |                |
|-------------------|--------------|----------|----------------|----------------|
| $\frac{cWH^3}{3}$ | $= 15.6 H^3$ | $20 H^3$ | $14,16945 H^3$ | $12,62153 H^3$ |
| 6                 | 3384         | 4320     | 3061           | 2726           |
| 7                 | 5373         | 6860     | 4860           | 4329           |
| 8                 | 8021         | 10240    | 7255           | 6462           |
| 9                 | 11421        | 14580    | 10330          | 9201           |
| 10                | 15666        | 20000    | 14169          | 12621          |
| 11                | 20852        | 26620    | 18860          | 16799          |
| 12                | 27072        | 34560    | 24485          | 21810          |
| 13                | 34419        | 43940    | 31130          | 27729          |
| 14                | 42989        | 54880    | 38881          | 34633          |
| 15                | 52875        | 67500    | 47822          | 42598          |
| 16                | 64170        | 81920    | 58038          | 51698          |
| 17                | 76970        | 98260    | 69614          | 62010          |
| 18                | 91368        | 116640   | 82636          | 73609          |
| 19                | 107457       | 137180   | 97188          | 86571          |
| 20                | 125333       | 160000   | 113355         | 100972         |
| 21                | 145089       | 185220   | 131223         | 116888         |
| 22                | 166818       | 212960   | 150876         | 134394         |
| 23                | 190616       | 243340   | 172400         | 153566         |
| 24                | 216576       | 276480   | 195878         | 174480         |
| 25                | 244791       | 312500   | 221397         | 197211         |
| 26                | 275357       | 351520   | 249042         | 221836         |
| 27                | 308367       | 393660   | 278897         | 248429         |
| 28                | 343914       | 439040   | 311048         | 277068         |
| 29                | 382094       | 487780   | 345579         | 307826         |
| 30                | 423000       | 540000   | 382575         | 340781         |

| Dry earth.             | Do., moist<br>or<br>natural. | Do., dense<br>and<br>compact. | Clay.                 |                         |
|------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 9.96405 H <sup>3</sup> | 6.748066 H <sup>3</sup>      | 7 53526 H <sup>3</sup>        | 30.183 H <sup>3</sup> | 12.20375 H <sup>3</sup> |
| 2152                   | 1458                         | 1627                          | 6520                  | 2636                    |
| 3418                   | 2315                         | 2585                          | 10353                 | 4186                    |
| 5102                   | 3455                         | 3858                          | 15454                 | 6248                    |
| 7264                   | 4919                         | 5493                          | 22004                 | 8896                    |
| 9964                   | 6748                         | 7535                          | 30183                 | 12204                   |
| 13262                  | 8982                         | 10029                         | 40174                 | 16243                   |
| 17218                  | 11661                        | 13021                         | 52157                 | 21088                   |
| 21891                  | 14825                        | 16555                         | 66313                 | 26812                   |
| 27341                  | 18517                        | 20677                         | 82823                 | 33487                   |
| 33628                  | 22775                        | 25432                         | 101869                | 41188                   |
| 40813                  | 27640                        | 30864                         | 123631                | 49986                   |
| 48953                  | 33153                        | 37021                         | 148291                | 59957                   |
| 58110                  | 39355                        | 43946                         | 176029                | 71172                   |
| 68343                  | 46285                        | 51684                         | 207027                | 83712                   |
| 79712                  | 53985                        | 60282                         | 241466                | 97630                   |
| 92277                  | 62494                        | 69784                         | 279528                | 113019                  |
| 106097                 | 72453                        | 80235                         | 321392                | 139945                  |
| 121232                 | 82104                        | 91681                         | 367241                | 148483                  |
| 137743                 | 93285                        | 104167                        | 417254                | 168704                  |
| 155688                 | 105438                       | 117738                        | 471615                | 190684                  |
| 175128                 | 118604                       | 132439                        | 530502                | 214493                  |
| 196122                 | 132822                       | 148316                        | 594098                | 240206                  |
| 218731                 | 148133                       | 165414                        | 662584                | 267897                  |
| 243013                 | 164578                       | 183777                        | 736141                | 297637                  |
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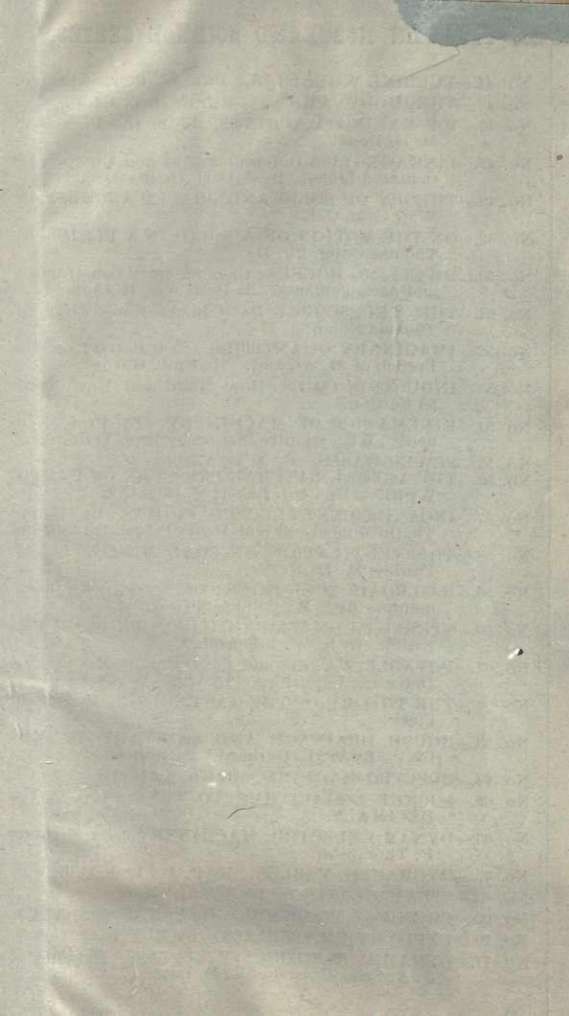
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