A House Built on Sand
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In lumber used for building construction, both these hollow and filled tubes are exposed thus causing an uneven porous surface. When the ordinary priming paint is applied to this lumber, some of the oil or life of the paint is sucked into the hollow tubes of the wood leaving an uneven film, part with very little oil and some with all of it. An uneven film of this kind is what causes paint to check or pull apart. This absorption of the oil is also responsible for the light spots in a finish coat; the oil has been taken away from the pigment in spots and it looks lighter or faded in color. Oil makes dry pigments darker in color. That is why a freshly painted house appears darker than when it

Cross-section of lumber
Light rings "Springwood" Dark rings "Summerwood"

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THE USE of a first class exterior paint and good workmanship does not always guarantee a lasting satisfactory job. The foundation or priming coat is of the utmost importance and usually determines the life of the finished job, especially on new work. Even though a poor priming coat is covered with one or more coats of paint, its injurious effect upon the final coat is not lessened.

More and more attention is paid to the value of proper priming, and research has shown that many failures of first grade paints are due, not to the quality of the paint used for the finish coat or to workmanship, but to the improper type of the first coat.

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"Summer-wood" is dense and non-porous because it is saturated with resin; the light "spring-wood" is just tubes of fiber through which the moisture is carried from the roots to the leaves. When lumber is dried the moisture in the "spring-wood" is driven out, the tubes become hollow, and the "summer-wood" remains filled with resin. A cross section of a tree appears in the illustration.

Moorwhite Primer is a first coater or priming coat especially formulated and manufactured to overcome such difficulties as spotting, premature chalking and cracking of the paint film. The oil used in manufacturing this primer is so made that very little is lost by absorption into the pores of the wood, and that remaining on the surface, is of such an exceptionally adherent nature, that peeling will not occur. The greater part of the oil remaining on the surface of the lumber forms with the pigment a dense uniform layer of paint that does not absorb any oil from subsequent coats. This prevents spotting, early chalking and fading on practically all exterior painting.

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As it dries dust free in five hours, it is not as liable to be affected by sudden showers or dust storms as slower drying primers. No exterior priming coat should be painted over for at least three days.

The covering capacity of Moorwhite Primer depends entirely upon the nature of the surface upon which it is applied. Ordinarily, on new lumber it will spread about 700 square feet to the gallon. However, on rough or very porous surfaces, it will not go as far.

The hiding capacity of this primer is exceptional, with the result that by its use sometimes a coat of paint is saved.

The following size packages are available: 50 gallon barrels, gallon cans, and quarts. White only.

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