

Asbestos Rope.

The manufacture of rope from asbestos is likely to become an industry of considerable importance in England, the strength of the article being estimated at about one-fourth that of ordinary hemp rope of the same diameter. Rope of this material of $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter, is stated to have a breaking strength of a ton; and 20 feet of it are calculated to represent a weight of $13\frac{1}{2}$ pounds. Some of the purposes, as enumerated, to which this kind of rope is specially adapted, are theaters, fire brigades, and means of escape from public buildings, its advantage being that it will not break and drop its burden if the flame bears upon it. It is made like ordinary rope, and is spun from Italian asbestos thread.
