

Roofing Linen.

According to the *Deutsche Bauzeitung*, a new covering material called "roofing linen" has been introduced, which is about half the thickness of good *carton-pierre*, and consists of a layer of coarse linen which lies between two layers of thin roll paper. The cohesion of the three layers is effected by an asphalt composition of special make, called "roofing paint." It is stated that this paint should be freely applied to roofs immediately after their completion, and again about six weeks afterward. This operation should, it would seem, be repeated every few years. The linen costs about 10 to 11 shillings per square yard and the paint 10 to 11 shillings per cwt. Although this new method appears to have points which deserve commendation, a real estimate of its value cannot be formed until the material has been exposed to the test of several years' use.