

## PAPER FROM PEAT.

J. Lallemand, of Besançon, France, procured, in 1854, a patent for producing paper from the fibrous portions of peat, mixed with from five to ten per cent. of rag pulp, the peat having been treated by a peculiar process described by him; after which, the mixture is subjected to the ordinary processes for making paper.

Experiments on a limited scale, in this country, have demonstrated the practicability of producing good paper from some kinds of peat.

## PEAT FOR BUILDING AND ORNAMENTAL WORK.

During the past season we have several times suggested that the characteristics of peat were such that it required but little ingenuity to make use of it for building, ornamental, and other purposes, in the same manner as, or as a substitute for, terra-cotta and papier-maché.

More recently a paragraph has been shown us, cut from the "Builder" (1860), stating that improvements in manufactures of peat had been patented by Mr. H. Hodgson, of Ballyreine and Merlin Park, and Mr. P. M. Crane, of the Irish Peat Works, Athy, which consist in preparing from peat, in its natural state, blocks, slabs, or pieces of any size, form, or thickness, which, when so prepared, are said to be useful and economical in the construction of parts of buildings, and for various other purposes.

These blocks are placed between cloths, of woven or textile fabric, or other suitable material; and the peat is placed between shelves, and submitted to hydraulic