

treated like a separate cable, squeezed and wrapped, before the other strands are manufactured. Afterwards the operation will be repeated with larger squeezers and wrapping machines. In this manner the temporary wrappings of all the strands, save the middle one, can be cut and removed, which would not be possible if the loose strands of the whole cable had to be wrapped. Besides, this double process has the advantage of allowing tighter squeezing with less power, and altogether makes surer work. The cutting of the strand lashings is done a few feet in advance of the two squeezers, which are placed about 10 or 12 inches apart, the first one as near as possible to the saddle. Before tightening up the screws of the squeezers, the cable is once more saturated with oil, so that all the little spaces between the wires are completely filled and hermetically closed. The wrapping machine is now placed a short distance behind the first squeezer, and when the wrapping has reached the latter, this