

Household Economy.

(Contributed by Mrs. C. M. ... Walnut Wood.—There are several varieties of walnut wood in this country. The western forest wood from the rich alluvial lands of Indiana and Illinois is the best kind for furniture, as the grain is firm and of a purple color. The curl or grain obtained from this wood is the most beautiful and the feathering which is so much admired in polished furniture. Sometimes a large excrescence or wart is found on the trunk of the tree. This is formed by the union of the principal branches with the trunk of the tree. This is used in the most beautiful and difficult to obtain and, of course, is very valuable. The walnut from Canada and the lake shores is not so firm in grain, and is not so desirable for furniture as the best distributing point for this wood, and New York and the Eastern manufacturers depend mostly on it for their supply. The walnut from Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware is a very good wood and is mostly consumed at the Government armories and by gunsmiths. The walnut from the West, which is good chairs, sofas and tables, but is not good for doors or panels, as it is liable to warp. The white walnut or butternut is a very soft wood, and is used in the manufacture of wainscoting and other interior work in dwellings. What is called bluish walnut is common to all the varieties. From some of the varieties the wood is so hard and the grain crosses and interlocks. When cut into veneers and polished it has the effect of having the figures elevated above the surrounding wood in factory finish. This inclusion is only dispelled by close examination. French walnut (as it is called) grows generally in Europe. The antique pieces of furniture made from this wood are the first settlement of America are made of it. The wood of the tree resembles our butternut, but at the roots is most beautifully grained. The most ornamental furniture in connection with bronze labels and moldings. The supply of walnut in Europe is nearly exhausted, and French agents have undertaken the Byzantine coast for the stump and roots of the trees that were cut down years ago. They cut it into veneers not much thicker than wrapping paper to economize. The machines for cutting veneers are of various kinds, but the best is about two inches in diameter, secured to a frame, each outer having a separate axle, and made to revolve at immense speed. The blade is secured to a frame and is forced backward and forward under the cutters, thus slicing off one hundred veneers to the inch. This is a very laborious and expensive process, and the care required can only be used to advantage in Europe where labor is cheap. Veneers in this country are cut by two different processes. The first is the circular saw, and was the only way known until a few years ago. The saw plate or wheel is made of iron and is about five feet in diameter. It is set with teeth on one side, and so as to throw off the veneer as fast as cut. The saw teeth are cut in plates or sections about eight inches in depth and twelve inches in length. They are secured firmly to the wheel and being ground very thin to the point of the teeth, make a cut of only 1/32 part of an inch. The log to be sawed is secured to a sliding carriage or frame and is forced gradually against the revolving saw, throwing off from twenty to thirty veneers to the inch of the width and length of the log. There is now a new invention for cutting veneers which has almost superseded the saw. It is constructed like a guillotine, with a very heavy knife which is flat on one side and next to the log is cut, and beveled on the other side so as to throw off the veneer. This is suspended by heavy machinery. The log is cut in a steady stream, and it comes out as it is secured firmly to a carriage under the knife. The knife descends with great force and has also a drawing or slicing movement which makes the veneer as much as two feet wide and seven feet long. There is no waste (as with a saw cut) by the knife, which is an important matter, as it will cut sixty veneers to the inch, whilst the saw will cut only twenty. The waste of wood worth twenty cents per foot, and every other foot is wasted by the saw cut in sawing. One guillotine will do more work than fifty saws, but there is one great objection, no doubt will be soon overcome. The steaming of the wood, previous to cutting, injures the color and makes it liable to shiver after it has been cut. The wood is steamed for a few days and the day is not far distant when it will be as scarce in the United States as mahogany is in St. Domingo.

Coal Statement.

Table with columns for coal types (Anthracite, Bituminous) and quantities (Tons, Cwt). Includes sub-totals for all kinds and previously this year.

Board of Trade.

Reported for the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin. Market for various commodities including flour, sugar, and oil.

Imports.

Table listing import arrivals from various ports (London, Liverpool, etc.) with dates and descriptions of goods.

Market Bulletin.

Summary of market conditions for various commodities, including prices for different grades of coal and other goods.

Presbyterian Church (Old School).

Account of the meeting of the Old School Presbyterian Church, discussing church matters and the role of the church in the community.

Baltimore, June 21.

News from Baltimore, including reports on local events and church activities.

Steamer Schedule.

Table listing steamship departures and arrivals, including ship names, destinations, and agents.

Proposals.

Public notices regarding proposals for construction or other services, including details on terms and conditions.

Lost and Found.

Notices regarding lost items and found property, including descriptions and contact information for the finder.

New Publications.

Announcements for newly published books, including titles, authors, and where to purchase them.

Financial.

JAY COOKE & CO.

Advertisement for Jay Cooke & Co., Bankers, located at 114 South Third Street, Philadelphia. Specializing in government securities and interest notes.

U.S. Securities Specialty.

Advertisement for U.S. Securities Specialty, Bankers and Brokers, located at 16 South Third Street, Philadelphia.

Stocks and Gold.

Advertisement for Stocks and Gold, located at 16 South Third Street, Philadelphia.

Compound Interest Notes.

Advertisement for Compound Interest Notes, located at 16 South Third Street, Philadelphia.

Wanted.

Advertisement for a wanted position, located at 40 South Third Street.

De Haven & Bro.

Advertisement for De Haven & Bro., located at 40 South Third Street.

Coal.

Advertisement for coal, located at 1314 Washington Avenue.

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Advertisement for a wanted position, located at 1314 Washington Avenue.

Proposals.

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Lost and Found.

Advertisement for lost and found items, located at 1314 Washington Avenue.

New Publications.

Advertisement for new publications, located at 1314 Washington Avenue.

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Advertisement for 'The Grand Addition to the Geography of Interior Africa' by Mr. Baker.

Albert Nyanza.

Advertisement for 'Explorations of the Nile Sources' by Albert Nyanza.

Just Published.

Advertisement for 'Medical Diagnosis' by Da Costa.

De Haven & Bro.

Advertisement for De Haven & Bro., located at 715 and 717 Market Street.

The Cape May.

Advertisement for 'The Cape May' by S. R. Magonagle.

413 Carleton.

Advertisement for 413 Carleton, located at Broadway, New York.

Thomas Birch & Son.

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