

ABOUT THE HATTER.

The old problem about the hatter and the counterfeit bill is going the rounds again. A hatter is waited up by a man who wishes to purchase a hat. A hat is found to suit him exactly—the price eight dollars. The man offers in payment a fifty-dollar bank note. The hatter has no small bills, and is obliged to go to a neighbor and get the large bill changed. He returns and delivers the hat and gives to his customer forty-two dollars of the small, good bills. Before night the neighbor who had changed it brings back the fifty dollar note as counterfeit. Of course, the hatter has to give him fifty dollars in good money for it. The dishonest customer was not seen again. Now how much did the hatter lose by the operation?

I have heard a vast deal of discussion over this question. The last time I heard the thing mooted was in a friend's store, where were present two good book-keepers, and an accomplished insurance agent. How much did the hatter lose? "Why—fifty dollars and the hat, of course," said the agent. And the others were wilder than he.

Just take the simplest possible proposition, and we have it. The hatter's cash account at night. Or, a second simple proposition. There was but one sharper in the business—what did he make off with? Or, to make it, perhaps, plainer still, suppose, instead of going to his neighbor to get the fifty-dollar bill changed, the hatter had happened to have fifty dollars in small bills of his own at home, and had gone home and got them? Reckoning up profit and loss from that situation is very simple.

HOW TO PUT DOWN MATTING.

As the time of matting draws near, it may well to call the attention of house-keepers to the fact that, as there is a right way of doing everything, there is decidedly a right way to put down Canton matting. It is the almost universal practice to put it down wrong. Most persons cut the lengths, and then, laying the breadths in their proper places on the floor, proceed to drive a vast number of tacks up and down the edges. This method serves the purpose of keeping the covering very tightly on the floor, but it injures the boards, and ruins the matting. Every tack breaks one straw, and perhaps more.

The Canton mattings are made on boats, where they are woven in short pieces about two yards long. These short pieces are afterwards joined together on the shore in lengths of about forty yards. It is easy to see where these two yard pieces are joined, and the first thing to be done, after the matting is cut into proper lengths, is to sew these places across on the wrong side to keep the joints from opening. Then sew the breadths together, and tack it to the floor in the same way that you treat a carpet. Matting made in this way will last fully twice as long as where they are tacked in every breadth. A good matting should last six or seven years.

A correspondent writes: best simple remedy I have found for surface wounds, such as cuts, abrasions of the skin, etc., is charcoal. Take a coal from the stove, pulverize it, apply it to the wound and then cover the whole with a rag. The charcoal absorbs the fluids secreted by the wound and lays the foundation of the scab; it also prevents the rag from irritating the flesh, and it is antiseptic.

A burglar who visited the dwelling of a woman in Union City, Indiana, a few nights since, armed with a revolver and a set of brass knuckles to use in close conflict if necessary, was put to flight by the mistress of the house, who coolly confronted him with the leg of a table.

Said a colored Georgia preacher, "Dar's robbin' and stealin' all around. Dar's de Beecher business, Woodhull business, Sumner is dead, tornados come whoopin' around, de Freedman's bank has busted, and it 'pears as if de end was nigh, mighty clus at hand."

The English preacher, whose fashionable congregation drew many pick-pockets, mentioned just before the service that there was an All-Seeing Eye to which there was no secrets, and also that there were half-a-dozen detectives in the house.

Six and a half feet of a bride stood before the altar in a Paris church the other day and promised to love, cherish and obey three feet and a quarter of bridegroom; and that is the long and short of it.

It is sad to think of the condition of the man's soul who says that the more peevish women there are in the world, the sooner shall we be able to listen unmoved to the filing of a saw.

When two young hearts that beat as one attend divine services in the evening, it is bashfulness that leads them to select a seat in the most obscure pew under the gallery.

"Oh, for the time when I can afford to wear old clothes," sighs the love-sick youth who finds that it takes all his earnings to keep up with prevailing styles.

In France a man has been condemned for a libel which he wrote with a sharp stick on the skin of a green pumpkin growing in the fields.

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