

HARD WOOD FLOORS.

Information about their construction and care.

Quartered White Oak said to be the very best material—How to Wax and Polish. They Do These Things Better in England Than We Do In America.

It is only a few years since advocates of the house beautiful began to preach in favor of hard floors, and there is now hardly a village in the country where this doctrine of health and beauty has not penetrated. Yet every one who has dismantled carpets and adopted hard wood floors has found some drawbacks in the way. In nine cases out of ten the floor is simply shellacked, often without previous filling, and every scratch of the bootheel shows on its surface. The wood is soon laid bare and permanently stained, or perhaps the wax is oiled with clear oil which has not been properly rubbed in. The resinous gums on the surface and collect dust and debris, and altogether the hard wood floor, which has been well laid by the carpenter, is a source of discomfort and disappointment.

European housekeepers suffer from none of these disadvantages because they try none of these experiments. The European floor is a floor of parquetry. It is made by gluing together thicknesses of hard wood on a pine backing, a method by which they obtain a floor more durable, though a very excellent floor may be laid in hard wood seven-eighths thick over a rough floor of pine, providing the wood has been properly seasoned. Or a thinner floor may be laid over a perfectly level floor of pine.

Builders recommend quartered white oak as the very best material for floors. This is a western wood and costs about \$100 a 1,000 feet in this state. Maple and birch, which are much cheaper woods, also make excellent floors. The skilled carpenter matches the joints with faultless precision, planes and scrapes his floor and polishes it down with hard wood shavings after it is laid, as well as finishing it before. When this is properly done, hardly a joint is visible, and it is then ready to be filled.

It is this process that is so often neglected and upon which so much depends. It should be a thoroughly trustworthy wood filler, purchased from a dealer whose name is a guarantee for his goods. These fillers usually come in the pound, often in paste form, and may be thinned to a proper consistency with turpentine. It is applied to the surface with a brush, and all that remains on the surface is polished off with hard wood shavings or excelsior. This filler is allowed to dry about 12 hours, when a coat of wax is applied, or of prepared oil if you prefer it. Where oil is used it should be thinned with a certain amount of "drier."

The best wax is a preparation of turpentine and beeswax, properly melted together, and is kept by all dealers in parquetry floors. The chief mistake that amateurs make is to apply this wax too generously. An expert in this matter says that a pound of wax on a 300 square feet surface. After the wax is applied and rubbed in with a weighted brush it should be allowed to stand for awhile and a second coat applied before the floor is used.

A great many American families attempt to take care of a hardwood floor without a brush. The work can be accomplished by the use of a brick wrapped in flannel and then in cotton, but it cannot be properly accomplished except by a strong man, while an ordinary servant can readily wield the 32 pound brush, which sells in our shops from \$3.50 to \$4 and with care will last many years. It should be passed first across the grain of the wood. Then the floor should be vigorously polished with the grain of the wood.

Finally a piece of old carpet is laid down and the floor is polished under this. It is properly cared for floor should be polished with the brush once a week. It should not be re-waxed oftener than once a month or once in two or three months, according to the amount of wear on it. After a certain period of time it may be necessary to scrape the floor and apply some kind of restorer, though this should be hardly required unless the floor has been improperly dressed.

Of course the best way of polishing such a floor is in the foreign fashion, with a brush attached to one foot of a robust man, who goes skating about until the surface gleams like marble. But this method is not often possible in this country except in those households where there are foreign menervants.—New York Tribune.

In a Hurry. "It's a rapid age," said the big policeman thoughtfully. "A terribly rapid age. Everybody's in a hurry." "What's the matter now?" inquired the man who was waiting for a street car. "Why, we've got the trolley car, haven't we?"

"And the cable car fender?" "To be sure." "And the cigarettes?" "Quite so." "And yet you read in the papers every day about people so blamed impatient that they go and commit suicide."—Washington Star.

CHINESE JUGGLERS.

Some of the Strange and Startling Feats That They Perform.

Chinese jugglers and Indian fakirs have pretty much the same "stock in trade." Here is an account of some tricks performed by a Chinese:

When the conjurer asked the spectators what they wanted to see, some one called for a pumpkin. "A pumpkin," answered the conjurer; "that is impossible. Pumpkins are out of season."

However, he was only talking, for presently he took a pumpkin seed and planted it in the earth. Then, having made his little son, 4 or 5 years old, lie down, he thrust a knife into his throat. The blood poured out into a vessel, and with it the man moistened the spot where the seed had been planted.

Next he covered the corpse with a cloth and placed a wooden bell over the seed. In a few moments a sprout was seen rising from the soil. It grew and grew and burst into flower. The flower fell, the pumpkin showed itself and increased in size with extraordinary rapidity.

As soon as it was ripe the man picked it from the stalk, showed it to the public and took up a collection, after which, of course, he lifted the cloth and found the boy perfectly unharmed.

The second feat, by a different performer, was even more startling. A peach was called for by one of the spectators. "It is March," said the magician. "The land is still icebound. Peaches are not to be obtained now except in paradise."

"Oh, well," answered the spectators, "you are a sorcerer and ought to be able to bring a peach down from heaven."

The conjurer grumbled, but finally consented to see what he could do. He began by weaving a roll of ribbon, which he cast into the air. It took at once the shape of a ladder, which went up to a tremendous height. On it he placed a child, and the little fellow ran up the rungs like a monkey. Up, up he went till he vanished in the clouds.

Some moments passed, then a peach dropped from the sky. The magician picked it up, cut it into slices and offered it to the bystanders. It was a real peach.

Then a horrible thing happened. The head of the child dropped out of the sky and was followed by the trunk and then the legs. With tears in his eyes the man picked them up and placed them in a box. But after much show of grief and after the sympathetic spectators had taken up a collection for his benefit he opened the box and said, "Come forth, my child, and thank these kind gentlemen." At the word out leaped the child, alive and well.—Philadelphia Times.

A POINTER FOR THE CARELESS.

How Unused Railway Tickets May Be Redeemed at Slight Cost.

Some men with valuable unused railway tickets in their hands sell them to scalpers, while others go to the railway company that issued them and obtain their value in money. Most men, however, do neither, and accept the loss which the ticket is worth less than a dollar.

Indeed, many men do not realize that railway companies stand ready to redeem unused tickets even of small value, so that the companies must be richer by many thousands of dollars per year by reason of this neglect or ignorance.

Every railway ticket bears the name of the general passenger agent of the road issuing the same. It is a simple matter to inclose the ticket with a letter directed to the general passenger agent asking him to refund the money paid and explaining the reason why the ticket is left unused in the hands of the purchaser. It is courteous to inclose a stamped envelope in which the money may be returned.

When all these things have been done the company usually acknowledges a receipt of the ticket holder's communication and promises to investigate the matter. The investigation consists in the proper identification of the ticket and a little bookkeeping to set all right in the accounts. Then the purchaser receives from the company a check for the amount due, along with a letter requesting acknowledgment on the part of the recipient. That closes the transaction and there is no material loss on either side.—New York Sun.

At the time of the French Crystal Palace exposition a Nuremberg toymaker exhibited a cherry stone within the cavity of which he had built a perfect plan of the city of Sevastopol, streets, railway approaches, bridges, etc.

A powerful microscope was used in exhibiting this wonderful miniature city, and it is estimated that not less than 500,000 people took a peep at the results of the toymaker's toil. Each of these 500,000 sightseers deposited a franc piece in the hands of the ingenious workman, the total of the cash thus taken in netting him a snug little fortune.—St. Louis Republic.

Home-made Mucilage. A very convenient mucilage, says L'eventon, can be made out of onion juice by any one who wishes to use it. A good sized Spanish onion, after being boiled for a short time, will yield, on being pressed, quite a large quantity of very adhesive fluid. This is used extensively in various trades for pasting paper on to tin or zinc or even glass, and the tenacity with which it holds would surprise any one on making the first attempt. It is a cheap and good mucilage and answers as well as the more costly composites.

She Knows What That Meant. Sally—An after we are married will you keep on loving me? Babo—I'll love you till—till the cows come home, as the faller says. Sally—Yes, as then go down to the grocery an let me do all the milkin.—Indianapolis Journal.

BOROUGH ORDINANCE.

An Ordinance Relating to Dogs Running at Large, requiring same to have Collar and Number, and imposing Tax on Owners of the same, requiring Bitches while in Season to be shut up, &c.

Be it enacted and ordained by the Burgess and Town Council of the Borough of Patton and it is hereby enacted by authority of the same:

SECTION 1. That from and after the first Monday of September, 1895, all dogs running at large in the Borough of Patton shall be required to be registered and to wear a collar and tag with the number of the dog engraved on the tag, the collar to be furnished by the owner of the dog and the tag and number to be furnished by the Town Council, which number and tag to be furnished to the owner of the dog by the Secretary of the Town Council on payment of the tax herein after mentioned.

SEC. 2. Any dog found running at large in the Borough without being registered and having collar and number shall be captured by the Chief of Police or High Constable and impounded, of which notice shall be given by at least six written or printed notices describing said dog, posted in as many conspicuous places in said Borough, for at least thirty-six hours after impounding said dog; if the owner of said dog impounded shall come within said time and redeem said dog by paying the tax imposed and a fine of not less than fifty cents nor more than two dollars with costs of arrest he shall be released, if said dog or bitch shall not be redeemed, it shall be the duty of the Chief of Police or High Constable to forthwith kill the same.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the owner of all dogs and bitches in the Borough of Patton on or before the 1st Monday of September, 1895, and annually thereafter, to cause each dog or bitch registered by the Secretary of the Town Council to pay a tax of fifty cents for each dog and one dollar for each bitch so owned and registered, the same to be paid to the Secretary for the use of the Borough; it shall be the duty of the Secretary to give the name of the owner of the dog or bitch so registered a number and the name of the dog or bitch of the same in a book to be kept for that purpose which number shall be worn by the dog and which shall be evidence of such registration.

SEC. 4. That no female dog or bitch, while in season, shall be permitted to run at large in the Borough; it shall be the duty of the owner or owners of the same to keep their dogs shut up in some secure place while in this condition.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Chief of Police to seize and shut up in some secure place each and every female dog running at large while in season in said Borough, and shall be his duty to notify the owner of the same, who may if they pay a sum of two dollars and costs of arrest, to the Burgess for the use of the Borough, within six hours from the time of receiving said notice only given, redeem said female dog or bitch otherwise the Chief of Police or High Constable shall forthwith kill and bury the same.

SEC. 6. The Chief of Police or High Constable shall be authorized to issue and sell to any owner of a dog or bitch a license for twenty-five cents for each dog or bitch seized and shut up under the provisions of this ordinance and twenty-five cents additional if he has to kill and bury the same.

LINCOLN S. BELL, W. J. DONNELLY, President of Council. Burgess.

HARVEY PATTERSON, Secretary of Council. Patton, Pa., Aug. 13, 1895.

The peculiar political conditions that exist in Kentucky have led many people to believe that the state is a doubtful one and that the Republicans have a chance to carry it this fall. For this reason there is great interest, both at home and abroad, in accurate and reliable political news from all parts of the state. The Weekly Courier-Journal is now covering this perfectly, and is publishing the news without bias or prejudice. A close reader of the Weekly Courier-Journal should be able to forecast in advance what will be the outcome of the state election next November. In addition to giving all the political news and all the news of every kind, the Weekly Courier-Journal is offering to its subscribers \$4,000 in cash presents for guesses as to the exact vote and closest to the exact vote that will be received by the Democratic, Republican and Populist candidates for governor of Kentucky. The price of the paper is only one dollar a year. Sample copies containing full details of the cash present plan will be sent free to any address. Write to Courier-Journal Company, Louisville, Ky.

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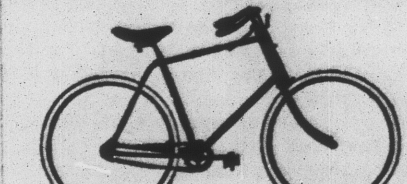
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On and after Nov. 25, 1894, passenger trains will arrive and depart from Falls Creek station, daily, except Sunday, as follows:

8:25 a. m.—Buffalo and Rochester mail—For Rochester, Bradford, Ridgway, Johnsonburg, Mt. Jewett, Salamanca, Buffalo, and P. & E. train to Wilcox, Kane, Warren, Corry, and Erie.

7:55 a. m.—Accommodation—For DuBois, Skyles, Big Run, and Punxsutawney. 10:27 a. m.—Accommodation from Bradford, intermediate stations, for DuBois and Punxsutawney.

8:25 p. m.—Bedford Accommodation—For Beechey, Brockwayville, Elmont, Carmon, Ridgway, Johnsonburg, Mt. Jewett, and Bradford.

8:10 p. m.—Mail—For DuBois, Skyles, Big Run, Punxsutawney, and Walton. Trains arrive—7:30 a. m. accommodation from Punxsutawney; 8:55 a. m. mail from Walton and Punxsutawney; 1:10 p. m. accommodation from Punxsutawney; 5:10 p. m. mail from Buffalo and Rochester.

C. & M. Division. TRAINS No. 71 connects at DuBois for Big Run, Punxsutawney, Ridgway, Johnsonburg, Bradford, Buffalo, and Rochester.

TRAIN No. 72 connects at Clearfield for Tyre, Altoona, Huntington and Harrisburg.

TRAIN No. 73 connects at DuBois for Bradford and Punxsutawney and has Pullman Sleeping Car from Philadelphia to DuBois.

Beech Creek Railroad

New York Central & Hudson River R. R. Leases. CONDENSED TIME-TABLE.

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