

## HOUSE, FARM AND GARDEN.



## Making Lumber With straw.

Mr. S. H. Hamilton, of Buehnell, III., has discovered a process for making hard wood lumber out of common wheat straw, with ail the effeet of pollah and finish whiteh is attainable on the hardest of black walnut and mahogeany, at as iltle cost as clear pine lumber
can be manufuctured for. The procees of manufacture as explatined by Mr . Hamilton la as follows; Ordinary straw. board such as ls manuffetured at any paper mill is used for the purpose. As many aheets are taken as is required
to make the thickness of the lumber to make the thickness of the lumber
desired. These sheets are passed tlirought a chemical solution, which thoroughly sotens up the fibre and completely saturates it; the whole is then pressed and hardened during the pasange dried and hardened during the passage, as
well as polisted, and comes out of the well as polished, and comes out of the
end of the machine hard, dry lumber, ready for use. It is claimed that the chemical propertles hardening in the fibre entirely prevent water soaking, and render the lumber combustible only in very hot fire. The hardened finish on the outside also makes it impervious to
water. The sample exhbited could water. The sample exhibited could
hardly be told from hard wood lumber, and in sawing it the difference could not be detected. It is susceptible of a very high polish, and samples of imitation of marble, mahogany, ete., were shown, whth might decelve the most experienced eye. Not only: does Mr.
Hamilton clasim a substitute for lumber Hamiton ciam a a substutute for lumber
in sash, doors and blinds and finished stuff, but also a substitute for black walnut and other woods in the manu-
facture of inl inds of fine furniture,
cofine ciftus, etc., snd also an excellent sub


## How to Pateh Clothes.

1 shall begin with the perhaps original axiom that a patch must be reetangular. A round or a "crooked" one
will inevitably thrust titelf wi it is impossibie to match the threads, Then a patch should never he "haid on," but always "set in." To this end first cut away carefully by a thread all that is in the least worn, and turn back and baste down and even seam all around. The corners may be slashed slightly in
a diagonal direction to keep them square. Then to this opening ft the patch exactly, with the edges turned and basted, and sew it in, "over and over" on the wrong slde with thread of the precise shade and very fine, sewing alternate opposite sides to avoid
trouble with the corners. The extra thickness caused by the folded corners of the patch itself should be cut outafter sewing, and a little fine darning added to keep them secure. Now sllghtly dampen and press on the wrong side, and you have a neat plece of mending Figures and etriped goods feet away Igures and coref beody must, of woolen fabries, such ns men and boys wear, need not have seams turned, the clean-cut edge beling enough to hold.

To Keep Beds From Having Bngs. A correspondent writes: "I see no end of recipes for cleansing beds, and, as a
hotel-keeper have perhaps, paid over $\$ 300$ for various nostrums. My plan is, during the next month, June, to have all my beds taken to plieces, to scrub all the joints and ends with water and soap, and then to use any hard varnish or the ends, slats, etc. I know of no other method as easy or as thorough. I
have used this in Georgia and Florida where vermin abound.

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