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For refined expression in the manufacture of furniture and all other forms of interior decoration, mahogany is undoubtedly the peer of the hardwoods. No wood is so universally used to-day for this purpose in every city and county of the world; no wood is so freely and successfully imitated.

America's architects and men of the furniture and cabinet-making industries draw heavily upon the markets of the world in the struggle to supply an ever increasing demand for genuine mahogany. Hundreds of tons of logs annually are imported into this country and worked into beautiful forms to grace fine homes or dignify the interior of public buildings, large hotels or railway cars.

A few years ago mahogany was regarded as a very precious wood, and was employed only in the interior of the finest houses and in the manufacture of the most expensive furniture. During the past few years, however, there has been a wonderful development in mahogany importation and use.

The total quantity of mahogany imported last year was nearly forty-two million board feet. Of this large amount North America supplies 65.6

per cent and Europe 18 per cent. Though Europe supplied only a little more than one-fourth as much mahogany as there was imported from North America its average value per thousand feet was more than twice as much, due to finer quality. The remainder of the imports came from Africa, South America, and Asia.

Mexico furnished 46.2 per cent of the mahogany coming from North America, Nicaragua followed, with 19.2 per cent, British Honduras with 15.5 per cent, Cuba with 8 per cent, and Honduras with 7.4 per cent. Other Central American countries furnished the small remaining percentage.

Immediately following the war with Spain, lumbermen of the United States exploited the largest and most accessible of the Cuban mahogany forests. For a few years the forests of Cuba contributed more largely to the supply in this country than at the present time, largely owing to the rapidity with which this valuable timber was logged and shipped. An engineer employed by American authorities during the recent intervention in Cuba claims that nearly all of the available supply of mahogany of that island has been exhausted and that what now remains in any considerable quantities is far remote from transportation facilities.

The number of buyers of mahogany in this country's hardwood market is now exceeded only by those of oak, maple, poplar, basswood, ash, birch, chestnut and cypress. The principal reason for the popularity of mahogany is that the importers of the logs and the manufacture of lumber have never advanced its prices beyond a modern profit and it is relatively so low that it now makes little difference in price whether an office building or a home is finished in mahogany or quartered white oak.

Another reason for its popularity is because it improves in tone with age. After much experimentation car builders finish practically all of their cars in mahogany, as it withstands satisfactorily the severe usage and also holds its finish. The chief centers of mahogany importation and manufacture are Boston, New York, Louisville, New Orleans, Chicago and Indianapolis.

The mahogany is the wood of a tree of Swietenia, of the natural family of Cedrelaceae, named by Jaquin in honor of J. Van Swieten. The tree is one of the most majestic and beautiful, with large spreading head and pinnate shining leaves. The trunk is often forty feet in length and six feet in diameter and is divided into many massive arms.

In the London Timber and Trade Journal there appeared recently an interesting historical reference to the mahogany trade in England. According to this writer mahogany wood was first imported by England in 1724, although in 1507 Sir Walter Raleigh demonstrated the great value of this wood which was used in repairing his ships in Trinidad. From 1724 until the discovery of the mahogany forests of Africa by Stanley, England and Continental Europe were heavy purchasers of mahogany from the West Indies, Honduras and Mexico. A great part of the mahogany used in this country in early years came from Europe, it having first reached there from the West Indies, Mexico and Honduras.

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**Church Services Today.**

**First Methodist.**  
Mr. B. Lee Paget, of Portland, one of the prominent laymen of the Laymen's Association of the Oregon Conference, will occupy the pulpit at 11 a. m., and tell of the work of that association. In the evening the sermon theme will be "Struggles and Victories." Specially interesting and helpful will be both services. Chorus choirs will furnish the music. C. C. Rarick, pastor.

**Presbyterian.**  
Morning worship, 11 a. m., "Men of Vision." Sabbath school, 12:15; Y. P. S. C. E., 6:30; evening worship, 7:30, "A Contrast." All are invited. Wm. S. Gilbert, pastor.

**Norwegian-Danish M. E.**  
Morning worship at 11 a. m. and evening at 7:30; Sunday school at 10 a. m., Mr. Albert Carlsen, superintendent. On Tuesday evening, March 9th, the Pacific Coast District of the Western Norwegian-Danish Conference will commence their meetings which will continue during the week, with open sessions forenoon from 9 to 12 and 2 to 4 in the afternoons. Preaching services each evening at 8 p. m. A reception will be given in the church basement on Tuesday evening after the service. All welcome. O. T. Field, pastor.

**Christian Science.**  
Services in rooms 5 and 6, I. O. O. F. building, corner Tenth and Commercial streets at 11 o'clock. Subject of the lesson-sermon, "Man." All are invited. Sunday school immediately after the close of the service. The first Wednesday evening in the month at 7:30. Reading rooms, same address, hours, from 2 to 5 daily, except Sunday.

**Alderbrook Presbyterian.**  
Sunday school, 10 a. m.; an illustrated sermon for the children, 11 a. m.; Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p. m.; evening sermon, 7:30 p. m. All are cordially invited. Robert J. Diven, pastor, 2347 Cedar street.

**Memorial Lutheran.**  
Sunday school, 10 o'clock a. m.; morning service, 11 o'clock "The Power of Faith." Evening service, 8 o'clock, "A Tempting Opportunity."

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**Grace.**  
The Rev. W. S. Short will conduct services at Holy Innocents Chapel the third Sunday in Lent, March 7, at 9 a. m.; at Grace church at 11 a. m.; the Junior Auxiliary at 4 p. m. Evening service at Calvary Chapel at 7:30.

**Baptist.**  
Regular services at this church to-day. All are welcome.

**PITTSBURG WAKES UP.**

Pittsburg is the industrial center of whence come the United States Steel Corporation, public libraries, and Pittsburg stogies, and millionaires. It is a dingy, dirty, smoke-clad city, where a few pretty intelligent people live who can help it, and half a million Italians, Slovaks, Poles, Syrians, Bohemians, and negroes who can't, because they never learned to sut coupons or to live without eating.

Somebody has just turned on the light in Pittsburg, and a few trust magnates and some other very respectable citizens are blinking uncomfortably. It seems that the Steel Trust, concerned about over-population, has been killing some five hundred men every year, giving on each occasion a few warm words of consolation to the bereaved relatives. Another five hundred human beings were being yearly swept off by typhoid, because certain gentlemen who drank spring water and whiskey did not want the general water supply reformed. Nobody was keeping track of the thousands of poor fellows annually maimed, or of the other thousands who were being sent off to hospitals, jails, orphanages, and insane asylums. The city took care of the trust's cripples, and when the steel business was dull the hospitals were empty. The whole report is a sickening story. It makes us feel that if we can not do better than this, our recent little controversy with the late George the Third was not of much use.

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