

PERTINENT HINTS TO HOMEBUILDERS ON USES AND ABUSES OF FLOORS



Exterior and interior arrangement of ideal residence.

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The floors are the most used and the most abused part of a home. Most people have a very decided choice as to what they want with reference to the interior woodwork. Whether it should be mahogany, oak, birch, cypress, fir, chestnut, etc., but when it comes to the floors they are less particular and many have no preference at all.

The four kinds first mentioned come in widths of two sizes for domestic use, 1 1/4 inches on the face and 2 1/4 inches on the back. The narrowest width makes the handiest floor.

lacks interest and while it gives a neat appearance when properly finished it is not to be compared in beauty to a white oak floor. A birch floor takes and keeps the finish a little better than any other kind of flooring, this also being true of birch woodwork.

PORTS OF BUILDING GRATING INCREASE

Gain Over Year Ago Small but Encouraging Compared to Unfavorable August.

Following the unfavorable report of August building construction throughout the country, which showed a decrease of 33 per cent as compared with the same period of the previous year, the September report looms up splendidly, though small, an actual gain is shown.

Table showing building statistics for various cities in September 1913 compared to September 1912. Cities include Akron, Albany, Baltimore, Birmingham, Boston, Bridgeport, Buffalo, Cedar Rapids, Chattanooga, Chicago, Dallas, Dayton, Denver, Des Moines, Detroit, Duluth, Evansville, Grand Rapids, Hartford, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Little Rock, Lincoln, Louisville, Manchester, Memphis, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, New York, New Haven, New Orleans, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Portland, Rochester, St. Joseph, St. Louis, St. Paul, St. Petersburg, Springfield, Syracuse, Tacoma, Toledo, Troy, Worcester, and Worcester.

IMPROVED ASSESSMENT METHODS NEEDED



1913 assessment of blocks 133, 134, 135 and 136, city of Portland, embracing a portion of one of the oldest West Side residence sections.

The district extending from Hall to Montgomery and from First to Third streets was one of the best and most desired residence sections of Portland 25 years ago. As the city grew and business pushed its way south along Front, First and Second streets, residents of the district south of Jefferson from the river back to Fourth street either sold their homes or rented them and built in the newly opened Nob Hill section or moved to the more or less exclusive additions platted on the east side.

Winter sprays will check mites that feed on the foliage. Serious Damage to Trees May Be Averted by Treatment at Present Season of the Year.

By H. E. Ewing, Entomologist. Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Or., Oct. 18.—Serious damage to the foliage of several kinds of plants in many parts of Oregon and Washington has been occasioned by swarms of mites which feed upon the under surface of the leaves.

Physicians of the Young Men's Christian association from all parts of the Pacific northwest will gather in Portland November 3 to 8 for their annual conference. It is expected to be the largest gathering of its kind that has been held in this city.

Economic conditions are bar to marriage. Rome, Oct. 18.—Italy's birth rate, which since the foundation of the present kingdom, over 50 years ago, has been the least of its troubles, has now developed into a problem.

Advertisement for Cascarets, a laxative. Text: 'CONSTIPATED, BILIOUS, HEADACHY? CASCARETS TONIGHT!—DIME A BOX'. Includes an illustration of a box of Cascarets and the text 'CASCARETS WORK WHILE YOU SLEEP'.

LARGE RANCHES ARE REPORTED IN SALES OF PAST FORTNIGHT

Transactions are spread over all sections of state; Pendleton's wealth increases. C. P. Ragsdale of Umatilla county has sold for \$46,000 the wheat ranch he recently acquired 12 miles north of Pendleton.

NEW FEATURE ADDED TO APARTMENT HOUSES

New York Structures Provide "Guest Rooms" to Be Rented to Tenants. Although New York City houses already contain about everything that the tenant can think of as necessary to his comfort and convenience, builders have not yet ceased to look for new features which will make apartment houses more desirable.

POINCARÉ WRITES OF FRENCH GOVERNMENT

Paris, Oct. 18.—"How France is Governed," by Raymond Poincaré, president of the French republic, is a book which has just been published almost simultaneously in both French and English. It is a revelation of how different the republic of France is from the republic of the United States, and how like the kingdom of Great Britain.

ANGLO-MANIA STRIKES NEW YORK'S HOSTELRIES

New York Oct. 18.—Anglomania has struck Broadway with a vengeance. Receptor's hotel and restaurant at Forty-fourth street is being remodeled and will be called Claridge's. That is the name of the most famous and exclusive of the London hotels.

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