

A FEW SUGGESTIONS ABOUT FLOOR COVERINGS

How the Room Can Be Cheaply and Artistically Decorated for the Fall.

The melancholy days of fall owe much of their gloom to the dusty, dilapidated appearance of the average home after being closed for the summer...

Never have artistic effects in rugs and carpets been so well within the means of the moderate purse. For the living room the range of price and material is great—from the Orientals and their most satisfactory velvet imitations to the durable blue, green and red Wilton rugs...

Acting upon certain comments contained in the judgment of Judge Backhouse, the Guild addressed a communication to him acquainting him of the fact that they were much impressed with the severity of the decision...

A SUSPENSION IS REDUCED

The Imperial Merchant Service Guild have lately been interesting themselves in the case of the wreck of the British India Steamer "Sitarara," which occurred on the 20th April last below Seal Rocks on the Australian Coast.

At the time of the casualty a duly recognised pilot—provided by the Company—was conducting the navigation of the ship. It appears, however, that this pilotage was not compulsory and the Judge in the inquiry, Judge Backhouse, stated that this method of navigation, though customary, was justified neither by law nor good navigation...

CHILD MARRIAGES IN INDIA.

The custom of child marriages in India, although viewed with strange disapproval by the British authorities and not encouraged by enlightened Hindus themselves, proves to be too deep-rooted to be killed in one generation by mere western disapproval.

CRUSHING.

In a South London street might have been seen recently a notice board outside an empty house with "This house for sale" painted on it.

NOVEL TABLE DECORATION

No mechanical achievement has ever opened up such unexplored realms of artistic possibilities in every field, as the attainment of flight. The influence has already filtered down through such humble arts as hair-dressing and wall-papering and table-decoration.

At a recent dinner given for a bride and groom who were supposed to be about to navigate the seventh heaven, the central point of interest was a large toy aeroplane, which had been painted white and hung above the centre of the table.

AN INGENIOUS MARQUIS INVENTOR OF LONG AGO

Who Was as Persistent in His Efforts for Success as the Famous Edison of Today.

Three hundred years ago a man was born in England who was nearly as persistent an inventor and inventor as Mr. Edison, and apparently almost as systematic. This was Edward Somerset, Marquis of Worcester.

PONGEE REPLACES MUSLIN PETTICOAT.

It is possible that less use has been found for the starched white muslin petticoat this year than for many seasons. Whether or not "hobble skirts" is worn by the majority or the minority, the narrow skirt that does not flare at any inch of its hem is the one that holds women in thrall.

POT-POURRI.

A little weed grew at the foot of a rose, And they both breathed the soft Summer air; But the little weed sighed as it looked at the rose, For the rose was so tall and so fair.

BETSY LOGAN BOWS.

All of the girls have fallen in love it seems with the Betsy Logan bows for the hair, says the Philadelphia Times.

A DIVIDED HOUSE.

"A house divided against itself cannot stand," is an old saying, but there is a house in Lowell which has been divided and is still standing.

DECORATED BUTTONS.

Great ingenuity is displayed in decorating buttons to harmonize with the other trimmings of the garment on which they are used, and a new idea of this kind for white frocks unembroidered in color is to have pearl buttons, with four holes sewed on with thread in a tint to match the embroidery.

The originator of safe deposit doors and combination locks. In one note he describes what he calls "an abundantly significant seal," which is remarkably similar to a modern dating stamp, having adjustable seals in one frame, by which "the day of the Month, the day of the Week, the Month of the year, the Year of our Lord," and several other matters could be stamped, as desired.

In 1661 a patent was granted to him for an improved pistol, the specifications reading as follows:—"To make certain guns or pistols which, in the tenth part of one minute, may with a flask contrived for that purpose, be recharged, the fourth part of one turn of the barrel, which remains still fixed, fastening it as forebly and effectually as a dozen threads of any screw."

In another passage he claims to have devised a universal alphabet—"How to compose a Universal Character, methodical and easy to be written, yet intelligible in any language, so that, if an Englishman write it in English, a Frenchman, Italian, Spaniard, Irish, Welsh, being scholars, shall as perfectly understand it in their own tongue as if they were perfect English."

The Eden Musee of New York City will have special attractions for the fall season. The exclusive collection of wax figures and groups has been entirely re-modelled and new figures added, so that the collection is more extensive and complete than ever.

Among the new pictures just received is one showing a long trip through the most interesting part of Norway. Another picture is entitled, "A Bolt From the Blue," and shows many humorous situations.



Nelson Winchester, Charlottetown, who won the twenty mile bicycle road race at St. John on Saturday last. By winning this race Mr. Winchester holds the championship of New Brunswick for said distance, holds for one year a \$200.00 silver trophy, and won for good beautiful silver fruit basket. The trophy has to be won three times before it is the property of a rider—not necessarily consecutive. Mr. Winchester is a member of the Victoria Amateur Athletic Association.

HOW CHARMING EUGENIE BECAME AN EMPRESS

ADMINISTERING THE OATH

An Insult From Lady of Court Led to Napoleon's Proposal.

Each civilized country has a different mode of administering the oath in courts of law. The American way is probably the most simple of them all, the witness being merely compelled to raise his right hand and repeat the following:—"I swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help me God."

In Spanish courts taking the oath is quite a complicated ceremony. The witness goes down on his right knee and places his hand on the open Bible. The question is put, "Will you swear by God and the Holy Gospels that you will speak the truth in answer to whatever questions may be asked you?" He answers, "I do swear." He is then informed that if he tells the truth God will requit him.

A young man and maiden were betrothed. "Dearest one," said the young man, "I love thee, so great is my devotion that if another should cast loving glances at thee a fearsome thing would happen."

NEWSPAPERS AND LIBEL

Sir Edward Russell: "One of the most important duties of the Newspaper Press—a duty which it cannot perform without efficiency and shame avoid—is the criticism of men in public office. The presumption of the law ought to be that if this duty is performed in good faith and with sincere regard to utility, the publishers and conductors of a newspaper should be held harmless. But, unhappily, not so."

The author of the recently issued work, "The Empress Eugenie, 1870-1910," has written the following letter to the London Daily Telegraph:—"The interesting and pathetic account given by the Daily Telegraph of the Empress Eugenie's visit to Compiègne on Sunday last serves as a reminder of a remarkable episode at the Imperial chateau shortly before the marriage of Napoleon III and Mile. Eugenie de Montijo. The young lady and her mother were the guests, with many others, of the Emperor. Madame de Fortoul, who died only a fortnight ago, was of the party, and, being the wife of a minister, she naturally offered herself as a personage of considerable importance."

Austria has a way of its own. Two wax candles are lighted, one on each side of a crucifix, before which the witness stands. He repeats after the judge the words, "I swear by God the Almighty and the All-wise that I will speak the whole, pure truth, and nothing but the truth, in reply to any questions which I may be asked."

QUEEN ALEXANDER'S COLORS.

It is understood that, for the moment at any rate, there will be no alteration in the Royal Standard which the Queen Mother is entitled to fly over her residence. The privilege was conferred without restrictions of any sort on his consort by King Edward, and the flag will remain as it is until further notice.

NO CAUSE FOR WORRY.

Painter (to his servant)—"Now carry this picture to the exhibition gallery. But be careful, for the paint is not quite dry yet."