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LUMBER OF THE FUTURE.

It is difficult to conceive of anything for which lumber, or if you please, pulp lumber, can be adopted, says an exchange. Tubs and pipes are no novelty, but boards an inch thick and six inches wide are not so familiar objects, while they have been produced, and at a first cost only above that of the price for which ordinary No. 1 common pine lumber will retail. It is some years since the writer has seen specimens of this lumber, but that it has been produced is evidence that as occasion demands it will come to

the front. So, too, with doors, which a recent patentee proposes to mould under great pressure from pulp, which is colored while in the soft condition, to give rich effects in paneling and in frame, while securing all the strength desirable in a door.

So, too, with wall brackets, picture moulds and balusters, including frieze and cornice, which can be moulded hollow, and with a waterproof cement which is incorporated in the pulp, is claimed to withstand the weather as well as the terra cotta, which forms so important an adjunct

to the steel structures for which our great cities are becoming noted. So, too, mosaic blocks for inlaid floors may be colored to represent marble, oak, or any other desirable appearance, and being compressed to great density, will present a good wearing surface. Pulp, moulded as a covering to steel or iron posts, is claimed, from its comparatively non-inflammable character, to be equally with terra cotta adaptable as a protecting and ornamental shield, which can be as highly finished as may be desirable to the most æsthetic taste.

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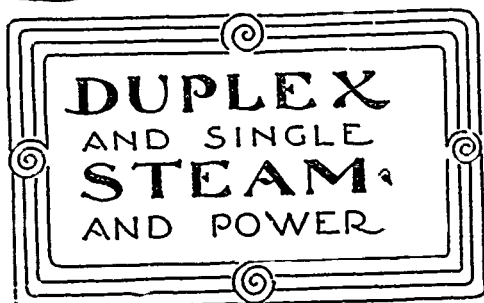
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