

Vanities in Furniture

Mahogany is the popular wood for this season.

Fourteenth century chairs are returning to favor.

A covered footstool has its sides in embossed brass.

Cabinets and tables of papier mache are once more in use.

Parlor suites of six pieces, no two alike, are in fashion and in favor.

Decks for offices and rooms are made to contain a concealed washstand.

Furniture carvers should be careful not to make their cutting too deep.

A hat rack is provided with protruding oval of nickel-plated wire for silk hats.

Deaf book cases, elaborately carved and gilded, are to be seen in the most fashionable houses.

Table beds are now. They are converted from one to the other readily, and may be used as either.

A dressing table has a double top, the upper divided in the middle and opening to right and left on hinges.

Brass or cabinet are quite pretty and quite stylish; pillars have fluted capital, panels of antique design, etc.

Furniture may be painted the most effectively by rubbing down each coat, as is the case in carriage painting.

Fauteuils of the toniest quality are made from loust wood and upholstered in pink and blue, with golden fringe.

Jewel caskets of tortoise shell, with four drawers, are most expensive.

They make excellent Christmas presents.

Dressing-room tables of antique appearance are made from coarse fresh stalks of light greenish yellow and bound with withes of red.

A parlor screen seen recently in an up-town store has a heap of flowers in a vase, with a rich shade of blue lake extending toward the background.

A new color to stain wood is a rich violet, and the stain is thus made:—The wood is heated with a bath of four and one-half ounces of olive oil, some of soda ash, and two and one-half parts of boiling water. It is then dyed with magenta.

Folding beds are selling well about the holiday season. There is considerable ingenuity displayed in their construction.

One house, well known as the residence of a wealthy gentleman has a folding bed in every apartment, thus making each room a parlor.

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Discoveries in Palestine.

The Lebanon, famous for having supplied the cedars used in building the temple of Solomon, was formerly considered to have been covered with glaciers until the whole of its extent during the glacial period of the post-tertiary system of geology. But a late traveler in those regions, named Diment, reports that the moraines of Mount Hermon are no real moraines at all, but remain left after the denudation of beds of rocks. Even the hills of the Kadishah valley, where alone cedar groves are found at present, Diment says, are probably not of glacial origin, as there are no distinct traces of polished rocks with grooves to be found on them. The highest point of the Lebanon chain rises hardly a hundred feet above the present line of perpetual snow. During the glacial period that line may have been from 3,000 to 4,000 feet lower, which would be hardly enough to allow of the development of glaciers of any great extent.

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"What are you making faces for?" said Mr. McGilder to Mr. Dago. "There isn't anything the matter with that cigar I gave you, is there?" "No, I guess not, Pip," replied his friend. "Do I stay here, or do I go into the yard to die?"

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Artisans, mechanics and laboring men are liable to sudden accidents and injuries, as well as painful colds, stiff joints and lameness. To all such troubles we would recommend Haggard's Yellow Oil, the handy and reliable pain cure for outward or internal use.

A man told his friend that he had joined the army. "What regiment?" his friend asked. "Oh, I don't know; that; I mean the army of the Lord."

"Ah, what church?" "The Baptist."

"Why, was the reply, 'that's not the army; it's the navy.'"

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