

Floors for Dychouses.—The Deutsche Farber Zeitung says that nothing is better for this purpose than granite, but that it is too dear. Sandstone is also expensive and wears badly, while cement will not resist acid. Vitrified bricks set in the best Portland cement mortar (one-third cement and two-thirds sand) will prove to be both the cheapest and the best in the long run. The surface for the bricks must be rammed perfectly flat and solid. The bricks having then been laid, each with a span about one-third of an inch wide all round it, the mortar is mixed and poured over the whole, care being taken that the mortar penetrates the spaces between the bricks completely. When the mortar has been fairly set, superfluous portions are scraped off, and the floor is left for a week or so to set thoroughly. The floor should naturally have a slight slope to prevent the water from standing on it, and should have properly

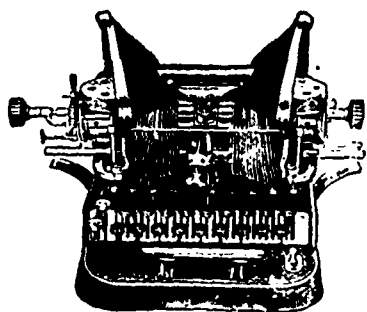
arranged channels for rapidly taking off water to the sewers, so that the work-people may never have to carry on their occupation with wet feet.

—There are said to be reasons for believing that the recent visit of Cecil Rhodes to England partook of a commercial character, in which textile matters were included. Very close enquiry was made by Mr Rhodes concerning the Angora weaving industry, his intention probably being to establish a factory near Kimberley. It is said that the matter went beyond the stage of enquiry, for before he left Mr Rhodes is reported to have placed an order for a full installation of weaving machinery, and left instructions for its immediate shipment on the conclusion of the war.

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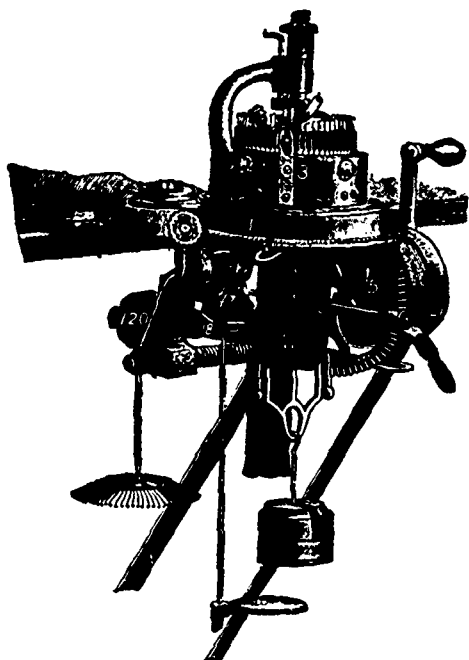
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