

If oil comes in contact with gum belts it softens them. If water gets between the canvas and the seams, then freezes, it separates the layers. Even frosty pulleys, in contact with gum belts, tear them from the canvas. Boiled linseed oil lightly applied on the pulley side of a gum belt will help to overcome slipping, caused by dust, etc. Gum belts are used with success in damp or wet places in preference to leather ones, because the leather absorbs dampness, etc. They

cannot be used with success at half-cross or on cone pulleys.

An effort is being made to introduce mahogany in place of oak, with much reported success, but there is no danger that oak will be supplanted to a great degree. It is possible that a lavish use of mahogany would cut into the demand for the finer qualities of quarter-sawn oak, but ordinary furniture will continue to be made of oak, because it is the most available in quantity and price. At this juncture, when furniture and

finish manufacturers are turning attention to mahogany, it is reported that the supply of the wood in the leading eastern markets is anything but large, nor is there prospect that stocks will soon be increased. This is likely to deter manufacturers from going into mahogany on a large scale; for if there is anything that the American manufacturers dislike it is buying a raw material that is not plentiful and reasonably cheap. Hence furniture and finish manufacturers will stick to oak as the most available and profitable wood.—Northwestern Lumberman.

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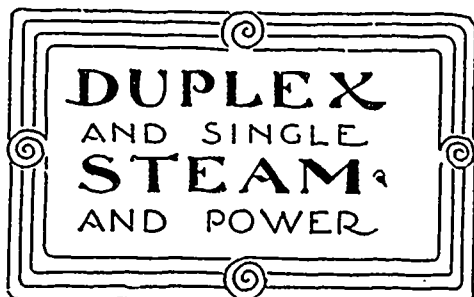
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