

will hold the putty. Loose boards in the floor should be firmly nailed in place. Get enough smooth quarter-inch stuff to close the base-board crack, and nail securely in place. The floor should be thoroughly dry before putty or oil is used.

Better than oiling is staining. The following will give a beautiful floor: Half a gallon of raw linseed-oil, half a gallon of spirits of turpentine, mix well with one ounce of Indian red. This gives a cherry stain. For an oak stain, use the same amount of oil and turpentine with one ounce of raw umber. Give one or two coats, rub lightly with sandpaper, then give a single coat of colorless shellac varnish. If the floor is rough, it is well to use the following filler. Mix thoroughly half a gallon of oil and turpentine, half a pint of sifted corn-starch, and half a pint of sifted whiting. Stir well, and apply all over the wood. Let it dry before putting on the stain.

It is some trouble to use this stain, but the result is worth all the trouble. The floor should be wiped up with a damp rug occasionally, but scrubbing is done away with. If newspapers are laid about the stove and before the table when cooking, the amount of floor cleaning is greatly lessened.—'Home and Farm.'

Religious Notes.

When Bishop Thoburn went out to India as a missionary thirty-eight years ago, a certain 'wise' European gentleman pointed to a brick pillar and said, 'You might as well undertake to make a Christian out of that pillar as out of these people.' And, behold, to-day, not far from 3,000,000 native Christians in that same peninsula, and among them judges, lawyers, physicians, editors, teachers, men of business, etc., commanding the highest respect and wielding wide influence!—'Missionary Review.'

A remarkable figure passes away from the missionary and sinological world by the death in Tokio of the Right Rev. Bishop Scherschewsky. Born in Poland more than seventy years ago, he early reached the United States, where he received his education. Possessed of remarkable linguistic gifts, these were turned to special account when he entered the Protestant Episcopal Church of America and offered himself for the missi field. Coming out to China, he became, we believe, the first American Bishop of his Church there, and labored long and dearly in her service. A stroke of paralysis about twenty years ago forced him to relinquish his episcopal office, but after a short visit to America he returned to the East, settling down in Tsukiji.

Then began the work which will render him famous in the annals of the schoolmen. Deprived of the powers of locomotion and the use of his hands, he yet set to work to translate the Bible into Wen-li for the benefit of China's millions. Year in, year out, the devoted, though sorely stricken man continued his task, and after completing it set to work on another translation of the Holy Book into the Mandarin tongue. This finished, he began to prepare a reference Bible in Wen-li, Mandarin and other dialects, and had reached the Gospel according to St. Matthew when the summons came.—From the 'Japan Weekly Mail.'

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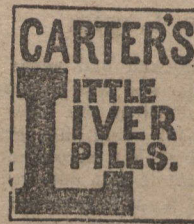
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