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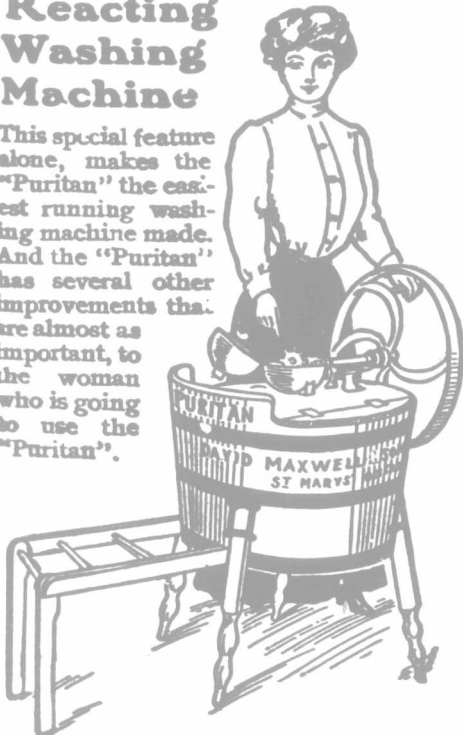
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Something About Rugs—Continued

Wiltons, Axminsters and Smyrnas all have the pile cut, and although more beautiful on account of their soft, velvety finish than those mentioned above, are, as a rule, less durable, and much harder to keep clean. Both Wiltons and Axminsters come in a great variety of pattern and qualities, and both may be recommended for rooms that are not in constant use. Some of the Chenille Axminsters, which have been described as "the most luxurious of the domestic rugs," are very beautiful, but are, of course, rather high in price. The Smyrnas are double-faced, thick, and comparatively inexpensive. A good one is likely to be quite satisfactory, but a cheap one is sure to be but a delusion and a snare. Don't buy a Smyrna which costs less than \$30 for a 12x9 article. It will not pay.

Ingrains, if of good quality, are also satisfactory. They are woven flat, without a pile, as are also rag rugs. The latter, when prettily colored in soft shades of one tone, two tones, or plentifully mixed with white, are excellent for bedrooms, living-rooms, etc., and are, perhaps, the least expensive form of floor covering, provided the rugs are prepared at home.

We have not touched upon Oriental rugs at all. The genuine Oriental article, hand-woven, vegetable-dyed, is, of course, especially if mellowed by time, very expensive. Indeed, examples are not rare in which single rugs of this kind have been sold for anywhere between \$1,000 and \$16,000. There are, however, many domestic rugs, such as Axminsters and "Smyrnas," in which the Oriental designs and colorings have been adopted, and which are very attractive. A Smyrna, one would think, should be Oriental, but this is not necessarily the case, the confusion arising from the fact that foreign names have been given to articles of domestic manufacture. Probably, indeed, not more than one Brussels carpet out of a

hundred that we see, ever saw Brussels, or more than one Axminster out of a hundred ever saw Axminster. However, that does not matter so long as the American article pleases by both coloring and durability.

To sum up:—with a limited purse and a desire for a durable rug, buy a body Brussels; otherwise consult merely your taste. But see to it that, in whatever you buy, the coloring is soft, even to fading in some kinds, soft greens, soft browns and tans, quiet rose, old blue, etc. As soon as you permit a conglomeration of crude, startling colors to rest on your floor, you have ruined the whole appearance of your room, have even proclaimed your own propensity for tawdriness and glare. You can't afford to do this any more than you can afford to wear paste diamonds, or brass rings on your fingers. Your reputation as a woman of taste will not stand it.

And when you have bought your rugs, always take good care of them. Don't sweep them against the pile, and don't throw them over the fence and pound them with a stick until you make the fur fly. Clean them so often that they will not need this vigorous treatment. Sweep them gently every other day, if necessary, and twice a week, after sweeping, strew them with damp sawdust, then brush it gently off. When necessary to beat them, simply place them on the lawn, wrong side up, beat them very gently by tapping, then shake and replace.

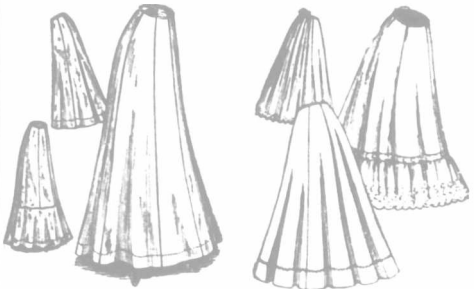
The principal objection made to rugs of the cheaper varieties, especially the smaller ones, is that they are too light, and will not lie flat on the floor; but this trouble may be easily obviated by putting on them a lining made a few inches shorter and narrower than the rugs themselves. Regular rug linings may now be bought in some places all ready for tacking. They are thick and soft, and will more than pay for themselves in the added durability which they give to the rugs.

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SELECTED RECIPES.

Gooseberry Fool.—A delicious gooseberry fool is made as follows:—Ingredients, 1 quart gooseberries, 1 tablespoonful of butter, 1 teacup of sugar, 4 eggs, 3 tablespoonfuls of castor sugar. Stew the berries in just enough water to cover them, and when soft and broken rub through a sieve. When still hot beat in the butter, sugar and beaten yolks of the eggs. Pile in a glass dish and heap upon the top a meringue of the whipped whites and castor sugar.

Oatmeal Frappe.—This is an excellent drink for children. Over two tablespoonfuls of oatmeal pour one quart of boiling water. Let stand for twenty minutes; when cool, strain and sweeten to taste. Crush half a pint of fresh strawberries, add juice of two lemons and a few slices of pineapple; pour all together, and with generous quantity of shaved ice shake in shaker until cold, but not ice-cold.

Rice Wafers.—Put two cupfuls of boiled rice through a colander; add one teaspoonful of flour, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder and salt to season. Mix three beaten egg yolks with three-fourths of a pint of milk and stir into the rice mixture; then add one tablespoonful of melted butter and the whipped whites of the eggs. Bake in well-greased waffle irons and serve with syrup or strained honey.

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