

UNVENTILATED BATH-ROOMS.

An unfortunate occurrence, which was lately the subject of a coroner's inquest, may now serve to introduce some remarks on the hygiene of the bath-room, with special reference to its frequent abuse when warm water is the means of ablution. About a fortnight since a gentleman aged seventy-four years was found sitting dead in a warm bath, which he had entered a short time previously. According to the medical evidence death was due to syncope, induced in all probability by the heat of the room. Here, doubtless, a predisposing cause was also at work—namely, the advanced age of the deceased, which would render him the more susceptible to the always rather depressing influence of warm bathing. Add to these unfavorable, if unavoidable conditions, the presence of a stifling, steam-laden atmosphere, and we need not feel surprised at a statement by the coroner that deaths in similar circumstances are not uncommon. Now that almost every house of moderate rental has its bath-room, the size and ventilation of the apartments are matters of some importance. There is too great a tendency to think that any odd corner may be used for this purpose, and that the first and only necessity is to have the required water-supply laid on, and for the short time during which the bath is used the quality of atmosphere is quite a secondary matter. It should not need the teaching of a series of fatal accidents to impress an opposite principle. Clearly a room which, in course of use, becomes rapidly charged with water vapor should exceed rather than come short of the minimum cubic space (say 800 cubic feet) required for each inmate of a normally constructed house. With regard to ventilation, ancient prejudices in favor of closed doors and windows and solid walls have to be combated. These have, however, been pretty generally overcome in the case of sitting-rooms and bed-rooms, and should not prove insuperable in the case of the bath-room. There is no necessity for the introduction of cold air from without, for a sufficiently pure atmosphere can usually be obtained from the interior of the house, and an outlet funnel with revolving cowl is all that is required for extraction of the old air and excess of water vapor. Seeing therefore, that the remedies are apparent, we may hope that in future builders and householders will agree to employ them against the now too evident risks of a warm bath at home.—Lancet.

BUILDING MATERIALS.

LUMBER.

Table listing lumber prices for various types of wood, including pine, spruce, and fir, with prices per 1000 feet.

YARD QUOTATIONS.

Table listing yard quotations for materials like mill cull boards, shipping cull boards, and various types of shingles.

Table listing various building materials and their prices, including flooring, siding, and structural components.

Table listing cement and lime prices, including different grades and quantities.

Table listing plaster and hair prices, including different types and quantities.

Table listing hardware prices, including nails, bolts, and various fasteners.

Table listing Montreal prices for various materials and goods.

Table listing various other building materials and their prices, including iron, steel, and specialized hardware.

Table listing various oils, tapers, and other specialized materials with their respective prices.

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