

PORTABLE HOUSES.

As previously mentioned, while speaking of the lumber laws of Alaska, there is practically no lumber industry, and lumber has to be carried from the States. A great convenience to residents and prospective settlers is afforded by the Ducker patent portable houses, of which we give an illustration herewith. These houses are practical, strong and durable, made of carefully selected materials, and easily erected and taken down, without the use of nails, screws or any external appliances, no skilled labor being required. Taking into consideration their simplicity of construction, size and



accommodation, the cost is said to be less than any other building used for a similar purpose. They are made principally of hard wood, consisting of strong sectional frames (for facility of transportation) filled in on the outside and inside with wood panels of a combined thickness of one and one-half inches. Each section is tongued and grooved, and when fastened the joints are air-tight. They cost from \$50 to \$2000 each, and are made by the Ducker Portable House Co., 26 Cortlandt Street, New York. A number will be sent overland as soon as arrangements are made, and late in the fall the firm will load a vessel and send it by way of Cape Horn around to Seattle, in time for the spring immigration.