

nite pleasing. These mats are laid all over the bricks, "not burnt brick, only sun burnt," or hard mud floor, fitted as best as can (for they are oftener crooked than straight) and sewn together with twine and a large packing needle. The sewing is not an easy task, and must be done carefully else, the seams stick up and cause one to stumble, or the cord wears out and the mats have to be re-sewed. It is not easy to sweep these mats really clean, and where there is a baby creeping about it is a source of anxiety to the mother lest baby's bright eyes and tiny fingers may find a pin, or button, or something in the crevices. That is one disadvantage. One distinct advantage is that one never worries over water spilt on them; it soaks in at once, and water is the only thing that will keep jiggers under control. Washing tends to take the gloss off the reeds, and so causes them to wear out quickly, yet in our house the mats have to be washed. Twelve to fifteen mats are needed for a room. One room costs \$1.50, and much used rooms need re-matting after 12 or 15 months' wear.

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