

THE ALHAMBRA.

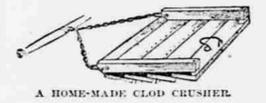
That Famous Fortress Was One of the Citadels of the City of Granada. Alhambra is the name given to the fortress which forms a sort of acropolis or citadel to the city of Granada, in which stood the palace of the ancient Moorish Kings of Granada. The name is a corruption of the Arabic Kal-at-al-hamra, "the red castle." It is surrounded by a strong wall more than a mile in circuit and studded with towers. The towers on the north wall, which is defended by nature, were used as residences connected with the palace. One of them contains the famous "hall of the ambassadors." The remains of the Moorish palace are called by the Spaniards the Casa Real. It was begun by Ibn-al-Ahmar and completed by his successors 1258-1348. The portion still standing is arranged around two oblong courts, the one called "the court of the fish-pond" and the other "the court of the lions." The Moorish palace, though severely plain upon the exterior, is exquisitely beautiful within. It has floors of the finest marbles, "fretted ceilings, partitions colored and gilt filigree stuccoes of val-like transparency." Slender columns support the galleries, and gracefully bending palm leaves of marble form the arches, while beautiful fountains are scattered here and there. Besides the halls, courts, reception-rooms and sleeping apartments the building contains a whispering gallery, a library and a museum of natural history. After the expulsion of the Moors from Spain their conquerors took of pleasure in destroying their works of art and the Alhambra was remodeled and partly blocked up. In 1812 the French built upon a portion of it, and in 1821 it was shaken up by an earthquake.—Chicago Globe.

DOMESTIC CONCERNS.

Put bits of camphor gum in trunks or drawers to prevent the mice from doing any injury. To make a convenient arrangement for drying collars and cuffs use a piece of muslin, on which you sew buttons in numbers and positions to suit, and fasten that strongly on to the clothes line, and the linen articles will not get torn and lost. Buttercup Pudding: One quart sweet milk, yolks of three eggs, half cupful corn starch, mixed smooth in a little cold milk, reserved from the quart. Boil five minutes; wet small cups in cold water; fill with pudding; when cold, turn on a glass or china plate, and serve with sweet cream or milk, flavored with lemon. If preferred, a teaspoonful of lemon may be added to pudding.—Housekeeper. Ginger Pear: Two pounds of hard pears, cut in halves and cored. Make a syrup of one and a half pounds either white or brown sugar, one-half ounce of white ginger-root, and one and a half cupsful of water. When it has boiled five minutes put in the fruit, and simmer at least four hours. It will resemble the foreign preserved ginger. Very common fruit is really better, and should not be at all soft. This will fill two quart food housekeepers. A Sauce Piquante: Cut into a saucpan a wineglass vinegar, some thyme, a laurel leaf, garlic, shallots and some pepper. Let stew until it is reduced to half the quantity. Add to it some bouillon gravy or soup—whatever you have on hand. Pass it through a sieve; rub some butter into a little flour, and add to the sauce, with herbs finely chopped. This makes a sauce of quite good for cutlets and warmed-over meats, as well as for sheep's tongue.—Detroit Free Press. In making over a black cashmere dress it is best to rip the breadths apart and remove all grease-spots with benzine. Then dissolve an ounce of gum arabic and two ounces of borax in hot water, add sufficient water to cover the goods, and indigo or liquid bluing to make it very blue. Put the goods in and let it soak several hours, then wash out and hang up to partly dry, without wringing. While still damp iron on the wrong side, pressing it upon flannel till quite dry.—N. Y. World. Cocunut Rice Pudding: Soak one cupful of rice in water three hours, then add one cupful of sugar, and cook gently until it is tender; beat five eggs and add one cupful of white sugar together, add another pint of milk, a little salt and the rice, mix well, flavor with lemon and pour into a buttered bowl and boil steadily for one hour; dip the bowl into cold water after it is cooked, and let it stand about ten minutes; turn out into a flat dish and strew all over with desiccated cocoanut. Serve with a custard sauce, flavored.—Boston Herald. Compute of Apples: Pare and extract the cores from fine, juicy apples, medium sized. Put them into a deep pudding-dish, with just enough water to cover the pieces, and place in a moderate oven and stew until they are tender. Remove the apples and place in a deep dish to keep hot. Turn the juice into a saucepan, adding a cupful of sugar for each cup of juice, season with a few bits of lemon rind, and boil up until thickened almost like a jelly. Pour this, while scalding hot, over the apples, and cover until cold.—Western Rural. STYLES FOR WINTER. Leading Ideas in Dress Gowns, Flowers and Toilet Accessories. Thistles and bluettes are the flowers of the season, and many of the bolices are crossed by a ribbon, sword-belt-fashion, or, as the French call it, "Sautoir." Ruces still appear on the hems of dresses, but I am inclined to think the "R. sea" style is newer. An excellent example made was a pink silk draped with black Russian net, covered with lozenges in black velvet. This is the latest fashion, and many of the bolices you see some of the fashionable window blinds. Another black and pink had the bodice differently trimmed with horizontal bands of galloon. One of the most lovely of the evening gowns was a lilac brocade, the front draped with crepe de chine of the same tint, and embroidered with all over silk, with tiny flowers. The bodice had the silk arranged to cross over the shoulder, while on the back there was a large frill of violet velvet. The dress was laced at the back, where were coat basques, opening to show the satin of the same exquisite tint. A green velvet skirt, made perfectly plain, had a belt of green cord, and coming well under the arms; the sleeves on the upper portion were chiffon. The leading ideas are spots in filmy effects produced by the shaggy surface of the pattern, and the astrakhan weaving. Black designs on lighter grounds are newer and more original than a pale surface with a distinct motif of a deeper shade. Winter dresses for day wear will be made of wool rather than silk, though sometimes there is a combination of the two. The gowns are none the cheaper on this account, for the best of new wools are costly. A good example is a gray-grounded vicuna, soft, like velvet, but far more supple. This is a simple and conventional floral design in black astrakhan weaving. Another soft wool fabric had a black crossbar check all over, with brocade floreated circles in some of the squares, all shaggy and misty, the long, black, fibrous hairs having the appearance of being combed on to the fundamental color, such as pelusia. In Paris this is made up as a plain skirt and bodice, with high sleeves, accompanied by a sleeveless jacket of a plain color. Some of the new cloths are printed with vernicelli designs in red on black, and other mixtures. Bordered materials have been brought out in quite a new guise, and in such a way that the adornments at the edge serve to border the hem of the gown as well as the bodice and sleeves. I will describe some of them: A reseda tulle had very narrow lines of tiny pink border and motifs of the same tone at the extreme edge. Another in mouse-colored tulle had three or four tiny striped lines of the brown velvet, divided by motifs in wedge-shaped border. These are novelties not to be found elsewhere. Stripes are being treated in quite a new fashion. A blue gown was almost entirely covered by graduated black stripes, which, instead of being arranged perpendicularly, were placed horizontally, the effect being deepened as the foot by black silk flounces, with French hems, which have come back to us. Snow-flaked tweeds are fashionable and for cheaper gowns the speckled wool serges, which, to judge from their wavy fiber, have wasted it.—Chicago Globe.

AGRICULTURAL HINTS.

CLOD CRUSHER. A Home-Made Device That Does Excellent Work. The implement depicted herewith, after sketches by George O. Gridley, Ill., is very effective for thoroughly pulverizing flat plowing after the cultivator, and for following the corn planter a few days after planting; nothing could leave the field in a more desirable condition. The implement is very simple in construction and can be made by any one in a couple of hours; the cost need not exceed two dollars. Take two planks, two-by-eight inches and sixteen feet long, cut each in two in the middle, which will give four pieces eight feet long. Then take two pieces of two-by-four inch scantling, little more than two feet long; to these bolt or spike the planks, lapping them two inches, as shown in the engraving. Slant off the front ends of the two pieces of scantling, and nail a piece of board six inches wide on these ends to prevent dirt from shoving on top of the crusher when working. Bore a hole in the front end of each scantling and put a clevis in each, attach with a chain to doubletree. Go to your blacksmith, and have him take some three-eighth inch square bar steel, and cut this into six-inch lengths, and sharpen these like narrow tools, and have them ground four dozen. Now with a three-eighth inch bit bore holes four inches apart in the front and second planks just in front of where the second plank laps on. This will require twenty-four holes in each plank, and will take as many teeth, which should be driven in so as to project four inches below the bottom of the plank. Make the holes in the second plank so that they will break joints with the other row, that is, they will not track after the others. These will cut and comb the ground in a remarkable manner, and the small lumps that pass between the planks will be broken up by the sharp edges of the planks that follow. The driver stands on the crusher while working, or a seat may be firmly attached to it. Should there be much rubbish, this will bother very often, but this can be obviated somewhat by driving a stanch near the back edge of the rear plank into this tie one end of a small rope two or three feet long, and the other end into a ring to be held in the right hand. To dump rubbish, step with the left foot upon the slanting board at the front and at the same time lift up with the rope, which is all easily done quickly, and the obstruction will be drawn from the tooth as the crusher moves forward. In using the tool after the corn planter, the teeth should be driven back so as not to run so deep as to disturb the seed.—American Agriculturist.



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TILE-LAYING HINTS.

Sand Must Be Kept Out of the Drains and Weak Points Looked After. Tiles are in general most economical to begin with and satisfactory in the long run. It costs less to dig a narrow ditch for a two-inch tile and pay for the tile and lay it, than to dig and lay a stone drain; and when done the chances of durability are in favor of the tile. Some points must be observed carefully in laying them, and they are: 1. The joints must be laid with uniform downward grade; any deviation from this rule makes stagnant water in the tile, which will soon fill with sand or mud and cause a stoppage; carelessness in this particular causes most of the stoppages. In laying the tiles put them as closely at the joints as possible, and cover the joints with a piece of tin, or of oiled or tarred roofing paper. You need not fear that the water will not find its way in, you can not keep it out if you try; but you must try to filter out the sand and mud which may enter with a rapid stream on surface water washing down through a muskrat's hole. If the bottom is sandy or soft mud, it is often necessary to lay strips of boards under the tiles to prevent them from settling and getting out of grade, and also to wedge them sideways with stones to hold them in line; for like a chain, the usefulness of a drain is measured by its weakest point, and we must avoid weak points carefully. Whenever surface water must be taken into the drains, and also whenever a long reach of nearly level drains makes settling of mud and sand likely to occur, the catch basin must be introduced. This is simply a wooden or sand pump-hole dug a foot or more lower than the drain, and walled in with brick or with a large tile set upright; these catch-basins need examining frequently to see that they do not fill up with sand and clog the tile.

CONCERNING RAILROADS.

METAL ties for railroads are proving very satisfactory. It is reported in Germany that the Emperor is going to introduce American cars for the passenger service. It is figured that the United States has a mile of railroad for each 400 of population and each 22 miles of area, while the balance of the world has a mile for each 7,500 of population and 22 miles of area. There are many indications that before long the electric light will be the only luminescent employed on railway trains. An important step has been taken by the Russian Government, which has decided that all the carriages on the state railways shall be lighted by the electric light in the future.

THE MARKETS.

Table with columns for Market, New York, Nov. 17, 1890, and prices for various commodities like Cotton, Flour, Wheat, etc.

FEMININE ODDITIES.

The use of tobacco among women is on the increase in France, and even in London it is not unusual to see a lady producer her silver or enameled cigar case in the drawing-room. Cigarettes are giving place to cigars in Paris, and some fears are entertained of the smoking habit among women becoming uncontrollable. The female bookmaker is the latest departure. She made her first appearance at Kempton Park, clad in a flash costume, and gave or took the odds as unhesitatingly as a man, shouting in musical tones with her press, and cashing up promptly when each race was over. The next in order will be, no doubt, the woman horsejockey, and with them in the pool room and on the horse, racing will have more fascination than ever. A most peculiar will made by a deceased duchess in Paris sets forth her desire to be buried without any floral decorations about her coffin, but to have at the funeral ceremony some good music, for "it elevates the soul and inspires one to pray better," and concludes with the strange request that her body may be buried by the side of her husband, and her heart buried out and conveyed in an urn to be taken to the coffin with her mother.

There is great flutter among the German girls on account of a recent order which excludes candidates from being confirmed if not dressed entirely in black. From time immemorial white has been the color for confirmation, as well as for wedding gowns. The new order is a rule unorganized. The Row is each season crowded with equestriennes, and in the winter, too, when the riding is something besides "gentle cantering." All manner of smart ponies and carts and jaunting cars go the pace continually, and last season a lady "rode" a four-hand each day around the drive, her horses held splendidly in hand. The prejudice against the cycle for ladies is fast dying out, and though at present not so general in London as among the provinces, one may expect soon to see it command the situation in London streets.

LADIES' fire brigades have been organized at Cambridge, St. Michael's House, and other large institutions for women in England. They are said to understand and perform their duties well, and to find their greatest difficulties come from a lack of suitable dress. The new ladies' fire drill dress is to consist of a jacket of waterproof cloth and two buttons, just tight enough to keep it from slipping down over the hips. This overskirt will reach just below the knees, and cover an all-wool divided underskirt, fastening around each leg at the top of the boots, which it overhangs a little to carry the water outside. A Norfolk jacket of the waterproof cloth and a freeman's hat complete the dress, beneath which corsets must not be worn.

Port poisons that accumulate in the blood and rot the machinery of the system, are eradicated and expelled by using Frickley's Bile Beans, a medicine that will not irritate the stomach or bowels. It acts in a gentle manner on these delicate organs, and restores health in every case. "This is the worst snip I ever struck," remarks a lady who has been caught in a steel trap.—Binghamton Republican.

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