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This invention was patented by Seth Turner, of Onarga, Iroquois Co., Ill., through the Scientific American Patent Agency, on Dec, 13, 1864. For further information address the inventor, as above.

## A Hint on Carpets.

Of all the expensive things in a modern house of the ordinary class perhaps carpets are the dearest. In case of removal, they become almost useless, and have to be sacrificed at any price that can be got for them, because, having been cut and measured for one room, perhaps of a peculiar shape, they are useless in any other ; for if the pattern could be matched, which it often cannot, a bit of bran new carpet sewn on a bit not so new, would be out of harmony, and tell a story which pride of poverty would rather were concealed. The Persian and Turkish system of carpeting rooms is infinitely better and prettier than ours. The Persian carpets, especially those from Resht, are exquisitely beautiful. Their colors are brighter, the designs are prettier, and they are far more durable than the European carpets. They are made in strips usually between two and three yards long, and about one yard in breadth, to go round the sides of a room, with a square carpet of any size preferred, for the center.

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