

THE MAKING OF A BASKET.

Processes Through Which It Passes Before Ready for Market.

Basketry is an ancient art and yet its history is quite obscure, says the St. Louis Republic. Even the word "basket" is said to be of very uncertain etymology. In the ruins of ancient Egypt are many representations of baskets and in the Bible baskets are mentioned many times and yet who really invented baskets will likely always remain a mystery.

The first attempt at making baskets from logs provided for beating wood of a fine texture with an iron known as a "beater." This had the effect of loosening or separating the different layers into thin strips. In accordance with the modern methods, the logs are cut into short lengths by a steam drag saw. The length of the chunks depends upon the sized basket to be made. The chunks are next hurried to a steam vat in the ground and thrown in. Hot water stands in the bottom of this vat and in this the logs are cooked or boiled.

In twenty-four hours the chunks are ready to be removed. As they are lifted by a winlass from the underground vat, a man with an axe stands by and, with a dig or two at the edges, looses the bark and it falls from the log proper. A big veneering machine now carries the log into a thin continuous sheet resembling a web of cloth. The length of log is lifted into the machine and is made to revolve slowly coming closer and closer to the knives as it unwinds. Were there no defects in the wood, the entire log would unwind itself in this manner.

As the wooden sheet comes from the machine, it is broken off in lengths about five feet and carried to the veneer clipper or splint cutting machine. The device has a long blade which is operated by steam power. It works up and down upon the thin wood which is automatically fed into it, cutting off the sheets into mere splints. The thickness of the web and width of the splints or strips are regulated to suit the particular needs of the basket. For bushel baskets a splint 6 1/2 inches in length, an inch and a quarter wide and three-eighths of an inch thick is used for a top side reinforcement, while a thin paper-like splint shorter and wider, is required for the body of the basket which is of fourteen quarts capacity not quite a half bushel—is in use a great deal on the markets. This size requires a splint 31 inches in length. Every such basket has its hoops, its uprights, its filling and handle. The filling is of the thinnest material and is of beech or maple.

The strips which are cut for handles are sent to a man whose sole work is to cut them into the required shape. He first places them in hot water for perhaps ten minutes and then, taking one at a time in his hand, he bends it into shape over a form, after which he places it into a rack which continues to hold it in the shape it has assumed. Another portion of the splints go to a force of men who do nothing but weave bottoms. This work of weaving is done by hand. The bottoms are sent to men who stand in front of basket machines at a bench. Each of these machines comprises a form just the size of the inside of the basket to be made. A braided basket bottom is placed upon this form and, by means of a hand lever, which wedges the form and braids into another form of slightly larger size, the basket is shaped. The rims are then put in place and tacked, the basket released from the grip of the machine and turned over to the men who fasten on the handles.

One man can put handles into 150 dozen baskets in a day. A braider of bottoms turns out 100 dozen a day. The man at the force of men who shapes the baskets and makes them, can handle 40 dozen a day. The work in a basket factory is paid for by the piece. The braider receives one and a fourth cents a dozen for making bottoms, the man at the machine four and a half cents a dozen, and the workman who affixes the handles a cent and a half for the same number. In England the poor and even the blind, have for a long time engaged in this industry with profit. For hand-made baskets in the United States rattan, willow and black ash have long been used. In England the willows of the valleys of the Thames and Trent are most prized by the basket makers and in Scotland, Germany and France willows are also extensively grown by those interested in the same industry. The Chinese utilize finely split bamboo instead.

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