

eightth inning.

H. A. Giddings has received from his mother in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, a copy of the Republican-News of that place containing pictures of the San Francisco ruins and in addition a portion of a letter written home by Mr. Giddings after his return from the earthquake and fire devastation. The eastern folks have an idea that old mother earth has the shaking palsy in this state and that we have continuous tremblors.

A. M. Deckman of Dallas, Texas, is in Ventura the guest of his niece Mrs. J. J. Salcido. Mr. Deckman has been assessor and tax collector of his home county and is thoroughly posted on all affairs of his home state. He is a loyal Texan, too, thinking that no other country can compare with his state in climate, fertility of its soil or diversity of its crops. He admires California, however, and is much impressed with Ventura. Mr. Deckman is on his way to San Francisco.

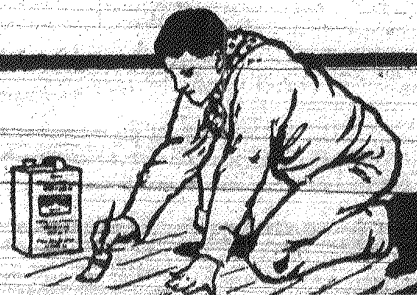
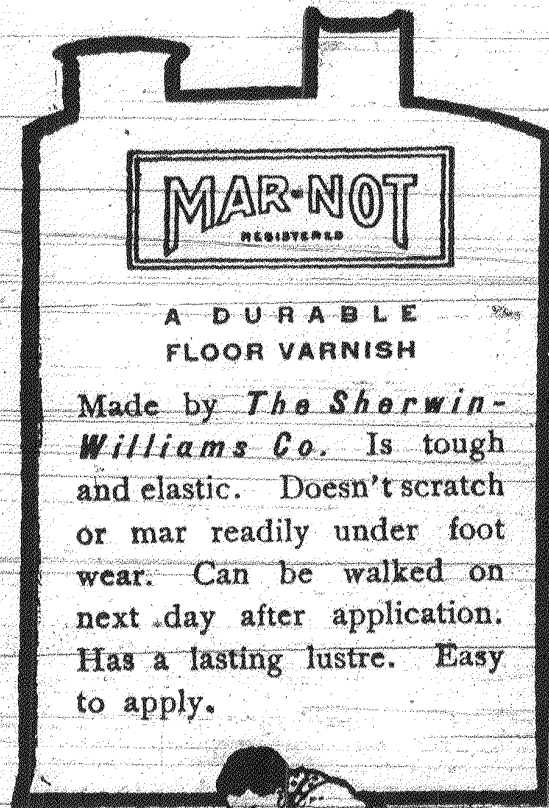
The pulpit of the Presbyterian church was occupied Sunday morning by Rev. C. B. Hatch D. D., the official representative of Occidental college, the Pacific coast institution of the Presbyterian church. Dr. Hatch's theme was "Cristian Education" and he handled the subject in a forceful, masterly manner greatly interesting his audience and winning many friends for the cause. Dr. Hatch is to visit all of the Presbyterian churches and High schools of Southern California, and the college has certainly been fortunate in securing such an able and scholarly man to represent it.

Nathan W Blanchard of Santa Paula, one of the honored pioneer residents of this county and one of the leading citrus fruit growers of Southern California, was in Ventura Saturday. Mr. Blanchard is making preparations for a tour of Europe this summer with his wife and daughters. They will go to the British Isles, Norway and Sweden, Russia, Germany and France and will be absent from home five or six months.

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