

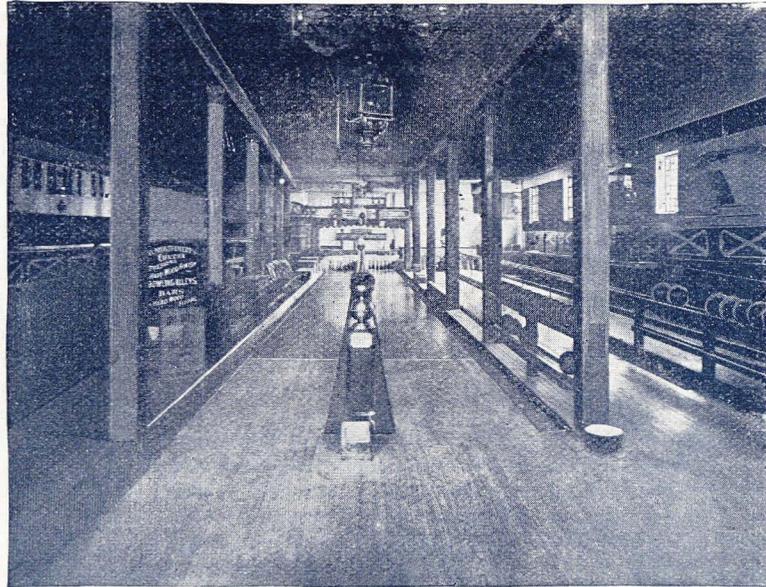
H. MONTGOMERY

The sport of bowling has become immensely popular of late years, and justly so, as there is no health-giving exercise that can surpass it in beneficial results to the system. For years few knew how to build good bowling-alleys, but now there is no reason why poorly built ones should exist, in consequence of the improvements invented and patented by Mr. H. Montgomery, Nos. 69, 71, and 73 Clinton Street, this city, who has long been identified with this line of business. The premises occupied are spacious and well equipped, and here can be seen improved bowling-alleys, portable cue-alleys, pin-tables, and shuffle boards. One of his alleys is constructed of a combination of maple and Georgia pine-wood, laid upon a felt bed; another of maple, laid upon a rubber bed—this one having been used continually for five years without requiring any repairing. Here also is another one having a centre of maple the whole length of the alley; while in the basement there is a new-style alley, laid with slate, and surpassing the others in noiselessness and durability. Another style is made of Georgia pine, laid upon a bed of sand and felt, to be used in halls and places of amusement, where noiselessness is requisite.

With this style of alley a set of rubber-covered pins is used, thus making it practically noiseless. The alleys that are laid on rubber and felt have the advantage of reducing the noise 50 per cent, and also last much longer than those laid on wooden beams. Mr. Montgomery has also invented a portable cue bowling-alley, and has always twelve specimen alleys on the premises. He has likewise produced a machine for laying slate alleys, which is simple in construction and easily handled,

its main features being the saving of time and labor, two men being able to do the work of five in much less time and in a more satisfactory manner. He is also the inventor and manufacturer of H. Montgomery's Eureka dressing and hard-wood finish for cleansing, finishing, and polishing all kinds of hard woods. This dressing is superior to anything known for pianos, furniture, doors, wainscotings, hard-wood floors, banisters, etc., while it is the most economical of any in use. Mr. Mont-

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