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DUST-PROOFING HOUSES

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A novel undertaking carried out by the Red Cross last spring in the Middle West, where the forces of the organization were mobilized to mitigate the effects of dust storms, was the dust-proofing of homes. The Red Cross Courier says of this project:

"The medical adviser found that it is more important to keep dust out of the living rooms than to get fresh air in. This dust is a fine powder that sifts through the smallest crack. The usual points of entry are around the windows and doors. The windows are sealed with transparent cloth-glass, fastened to the inside of the frame, making a double window. Cracks around the frames are made tight with gummed masking-tape. Of most importance is to seal the living and bed rooms, which can be done at the cost of \$2 or \$3 the house."

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