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One of the most beloved landmarks in New England, the Boston Garden opened in 1928. It was best known as the home court of the Boston Celtics, who won 16 titles while playing there. When the Garden closed in 1995, its bricks and seats were sold as mementos. The arena's parquet basketball floor was its most famous feature. Because of post-World War II lumber shortages, the floor had to be made of small squares of wood which were then pieced together. The floor was notorious for dead spots and warped boards which the Celtics used as an advantage over visiting teams.