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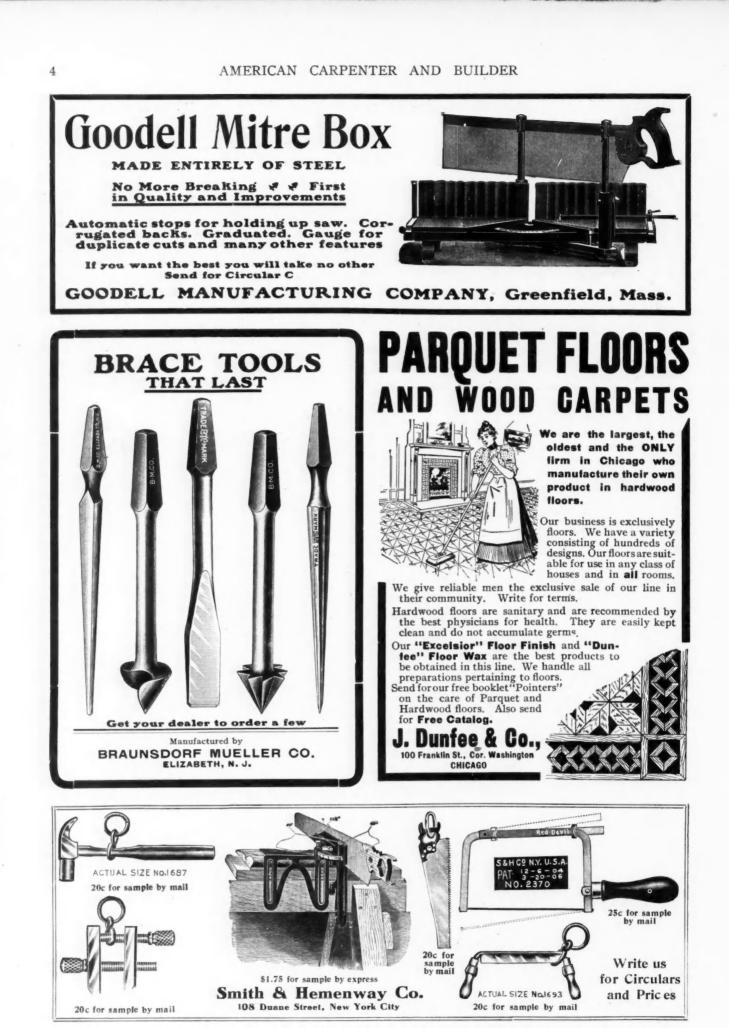


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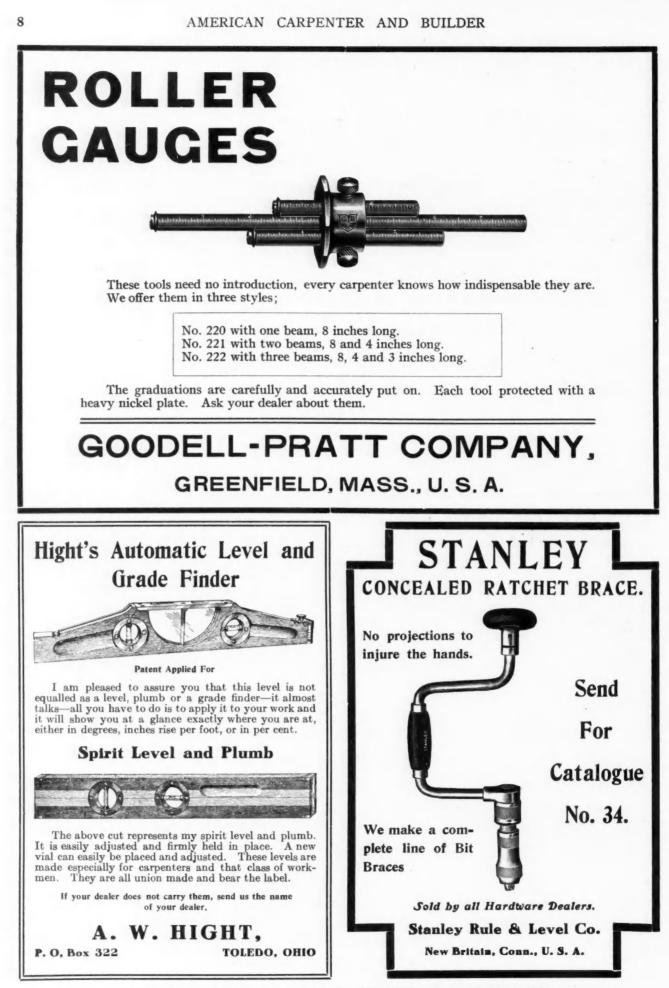




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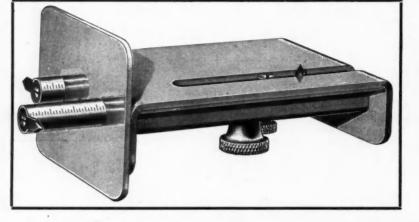


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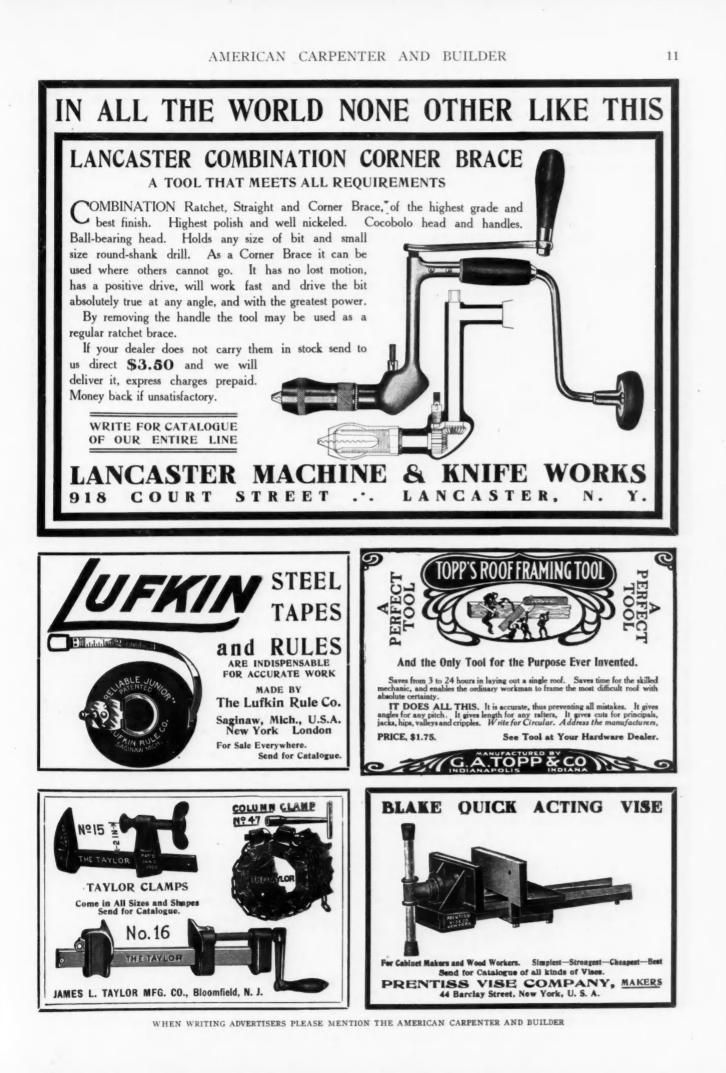


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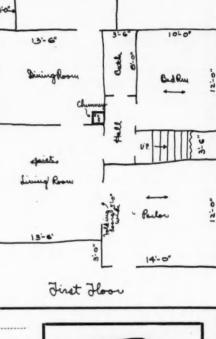
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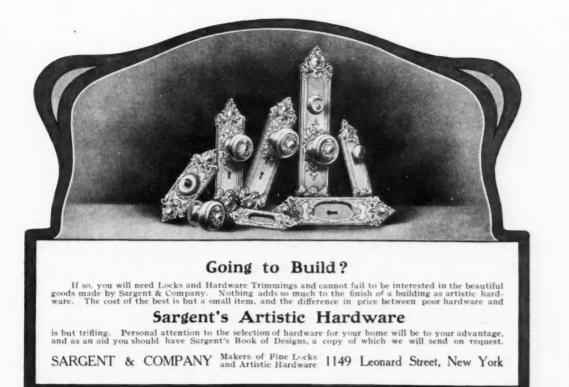
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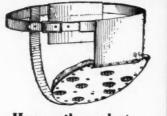
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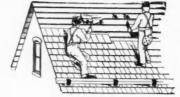


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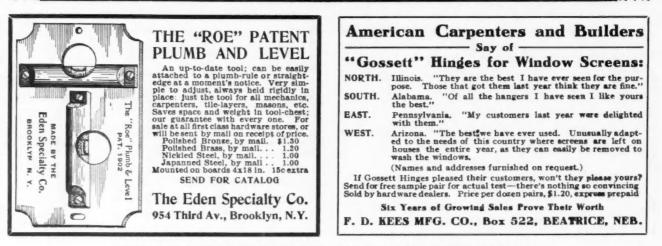
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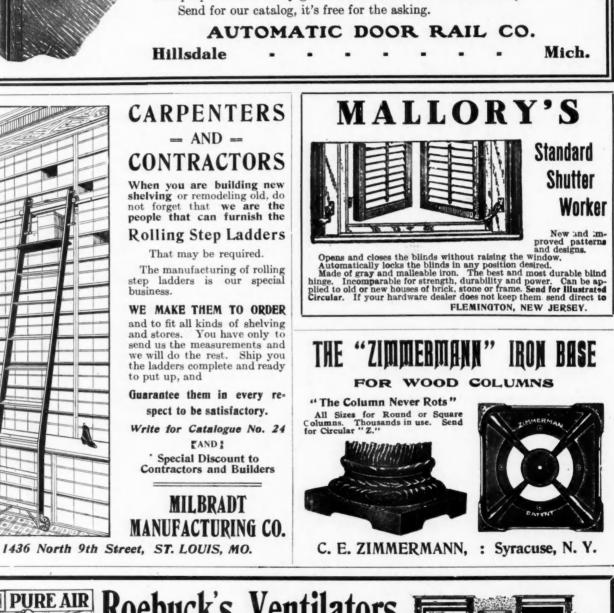
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Home Builders Number

I N THIS issue we have endeavored to bring together the ideas and tendencies with reference to home building throughout the United States and Canada. That we have been successful in this venture can best be seen by glancing over the pages of this number. From every part of the country have come the products of the builder's art, and our only regret is that we were obliged to reduce them so much to enable us to publish them all. The enthusiasm and spirit shown by our members is to be commended and we wish to thank them all for the aid they have given us in making this the best and most complete volume of medium priced house designs ever published. Not only will this number be of interest to the carpenters and contractors, but also to the great class of people who desire to build a home. Among these can be classed almost everyone who is not an owner of a house now. It seems to be an instinct of the human race to want a home, and everyone is planning to sometime build one of their own to conform with their ideas. This is the spirit that should be encouraged, as the owner of a home makes a better and more valuable citizen than the floating population. Let us hope that the great number of practical and artistic houses shown herewith will have a tendency to make a great portion of the floating population take root and become stable citizens of the towns in which they are located.

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Encourage Better Building

HERE is one way in which every builder can serve his country well, and indirectly serve himself too, and that is by encouraging people who consult him about building plans to build better and more substantial homes. It's a work that a whole lot of good can be said for apart from the personal benefits that accrue, not merely from getting more work to do, but from getting a good reputation for advising wisely. After a man builds he soon forgets the cost, and is influenced solely by the effect the building has on him. It's the same as it is with a carpenter about buying tools. If he buys a good tool at a high price, he soon forgets the extra expense and always takes great pride in the tool, whereas if he buys a poor one, he finds only temporary pleasure in the price saving, and after that passes it is all dissatisfaction. When a home builder builds poorly just to save a little of the cost, he soon forgets that saving and has in its place a lasting grouch against both the home and the

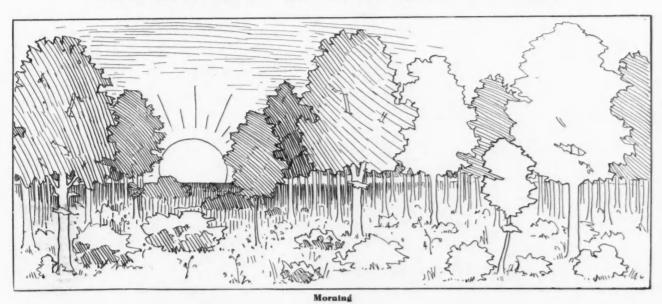
builder. Building a home is one thing more than anything else that a man can afford to go in debt for the sake of getting it good, and the builder that encourages a man to build better than he may originally have intended will generally make a lasting friend out of the man, a friend who will speak highly of him to others, and thus prove to be a help.

But entirely aside from these, what might be termed direct selfish ends, the encouragement of good home building is a public duty which the builder can and should perform. It's the home builders that are the backbone of a nation, and the nation with the best homes among the great common people is not only the strongest nation for the time being, but the greatness of the future is insured thereby. It is the sane and lasting way to use some of the great prosperity that this country has been blessed with-in the building of better homes. It strengthens home ties, adds stability to the community and sets the people to thinking along higher lines, gives them fresh pride in their surroundings and inspires higher and healthier sentiment generally. All this, and more, is the natural outgrowth of that sentiment which leads to better home building, and there are few men better placed to help along the good work by developing this sentiment than the builders of each community. They are, or should be, the counsellors in matters pertaining to building, just as the doctor gives counsel regarding the health.

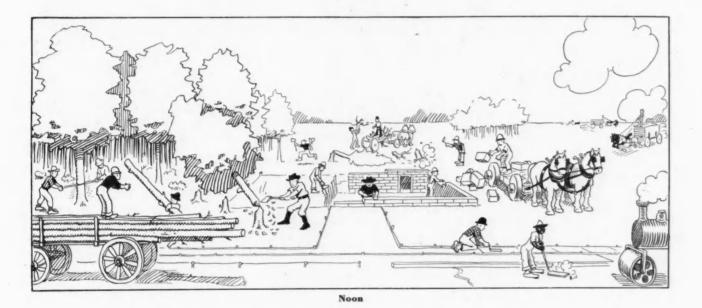
The other side of the picture is the community where good homes are the exception, and just as cheap habitations as can be gotten along with the rule. It is things like this, the neglect of good home building, that leads to neglected farms, scattered families and community decay generally. The young people, finding little inspiration in their surroundings, are attracted by the cities and by communities more enterprising. So, after losing interest at home, they wander away, and the community, losing the main hope of the future in the scattering of its young to more attractive places, goes backward instead of forward, and there is neither work for the builder nor encouragement to live therein.

We all know this, and can see examples of it on all sides, varying in degree, but all illustrating the one main fact, that the better homes the better people. The trouble is that we look for these things already made, rather than to the idea of lending a hand in their making. It would be a great work for any builder to get into one of these dead communities and wake it up through inspiring sentiment for better home building, and every builder should bear in mind that there are all around him opportunities for this kind of work. It is, in short, a part of every builder's duty to his community to promote such ideas and encourage more pretentious homes. So keep this thought in mind whenever you are called on to give advice about building a new dwelling: The better the home the better the people.

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A Foreigner's Idea of Rapid Building Construction in America



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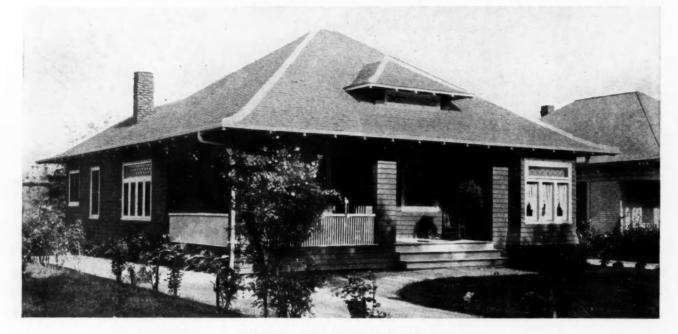
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Bungalows and Architectural Novelties

By Waldon Fawcett

N PROVIDING homes for the people of the most rapidly growing nation on the globe, the architects and builders of the United States have drawn upon all the world for ideas. Probably no other new nation was ever so catholic in its taste. Not only have the best characteristics of present-day European

With these varied sources of architectural inspiration and the further fact that American builders carry on construction in brick, stone, concrete and other mediums as well as with the old stand-by, wood, it might be suspected that it would be difficult to select private residences that could be designated as thor-



A Six-Room Bungalow, Costing \$3,000

but resourceful Yankee home builders have canvassed the architecture of all ages in search of distinctive features that could be rejuvenated in modern New World habitations. The results we see in the revival of the most ornate French architecture; in the artistic adaptations of Moorish forms and in the popularity of the modernized "mission" construction that originated in the days of the Spanish conquerors.

practice been transplanted to this side of the Atlantic, oughly representative of approved American tenets. Such, however, is not exactly the case, for despite the wide range of detail in architecture and building materials, there are certain characteristics which bring American homes into general classifications and which distinguish them from their foreign prototypes.

> At the risk of challenging some adverse opinion the theory may be advanced that pre-eminence as a representative American home should be given to the de-



Southern California Bungalow of Moderate Cost

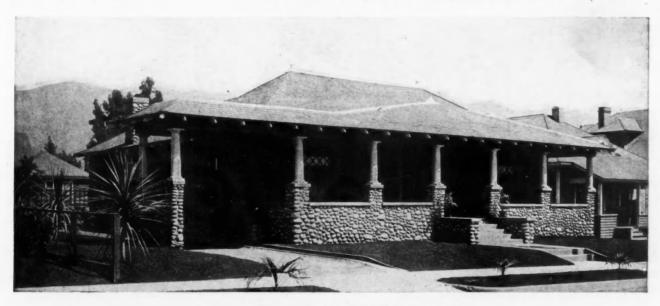
tached house in contrast to the house in a row which predominates so markedly in many foreign countries. To be sure, there are certain communities in the United States where land is so valuable (being sold by the square foot in most instances, instead of per foot Furthermore, the preference of Americans for detached houses—the preference that in itself goes far to justify the designation of the type as the representative American form of residence—is manifest in a constantly increasing degree even in those cities where



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frontage) that the "houses in rows" are strongly in the majority, as witness conditions in New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, etc.; but in almost all our other large cities the detached or semi-detached houses are almost universal. In all the smaller American cities, towns and villages naught but the individual houses, standing alone, are to be found, although any traveler can recall towns abroad

it is forbidden by financial edict that any but the very wealthy shall enjoy such domiciles. This is shown by the tremendous growth in suburban life in the vicinity of New York and all our eastern cities where houses in a row are the rule within the city limits. Almost all classes of artisans and professional men—citizens earning all the way from \$1,000 to \$12,000 or more per year—are showing a willingness to spend from



Southern California Bungalow with extended Porticoes

where the homes are set as close together as in our most congested cities. In such cases the explanation would seem to be found in the custom of the country rather than in limitations of space or the high prices of sites.

thirty minutes to two hours per day in travel by rail or boat in order to enjoy the boon of a detached house set down in a plot ranging in size from 40 by 100 feet to several acres.

The tendency of this quest for the detached house



Seven-Room Log Cabin Bungalow

combined with the natural increase in realty values in our most congested communities is to give over the central portion of many a large city to two classes of residential structures. On the one hand we have the family hotels, large apartment buildings and tenement houses, which are multiplying like weeds in many of our larger cities, and on the other hand we have the mansions, preferably in detached form, of the very wealthy. The citizen of moderate means must make his choice between a suite of rooms, or mayhap an entire floor in a flat or apartment building, and an individual house, necessarily more or less remote from the business center of the community. That so large a proportion of the persons called upon to make this choice are deciding in favor of the detached house, however isolated, is perhaps to be attributed in some measure to the fact that a large proportion of American city dwellers were born and reared in the country districts or in towns or villages and most of them never lose an instinctive liking for a house open to all outdoors on all sides.

It goes without saying that detached houses, as we find them in the United States, are characterized by far greater individuality of design and construction than residences in a row, and it may be added that the detached houses that are within a cost limit of, say \$50,000, are usually fraught with greater originality than the extravagant homes of the very wealthy. This latter class of mansions are, in too many instances, little more than replicas of Italian villas, French palaces or other European creations, with minor modifications in concession to American taste, whereas the more moderate priced residences designed by American architects and constructed by resourceful Yankee builders are pretty certain to show innovations well worthy of study and emulation.

The development of the detached house in America has proceeded during all its history along a pathway of the greatest latitude, but there have been evolved certain forms that by extensive adoption have come to be recognized as distinctive types. Take for instance the familiar style of house known as the



Bungalow in Swiss Chalet Style

Colonial, which has the advantage that it may be constructed of either brick or wood without any sacrifice of architectural traditions, and is further commended by the circumstance that it is capable of all manner of interpretations from the rambling manor house of the southern plantation to the three-story house of restricted dimensions which must find its setting in a building lot of standard size.

Even more popular than the Colonial house during recent years is the bungalow, and from all indications this type of inexpensive yet artistic residence has not as yet reached the climax of its vogue. There is no doubt but that the modest cost of bungalows—the range is from \$350 to \$7,000—has been one of the most potent factors in their tremendous success; but on the other hand, their quaint and picturesque attribregard for permanency. Many of them are provided with heating systems, or at least open fireplaces, although the old-time significance of the word contemplated an unplastered building, with no facilities for heating, since it was presumed to be designed for summer occupancy or as a tropical habitation. Finally, the word is even applied nowadays to country and suburban houses that have rooms upstairs. Indeed, almost the only tradition that has come down to us unimpaired is that to the effect that the bungalow shall be provided with a broad veranda on one or more sides.

The bungalow idea first took root in America in Southern California, where the mild and equable climate is particularly well adapted to the bungalow in its elementary form. Here it has undergone its most



An Architectural Novelty in Eastern Pennsylvania

utes in contrast to the stiff, formal outlines of the frame house of stereotyped design have commended them to countless persons to whom low cost is no particular object, and this would seem to augur for the permanency of a sentiment that some builders have been wont to look upon as a fad.

It may be explained at the outset that the word bungalow is of East Indian derivation and oddly enough it was, several centuries ago, almost synonymous with "hovel." It required several hundred years for the term to arrive at its present dignity, and this was only attained through a number of successive steps. In its earlier use by white men the word bungalow was taken to denote a lightly constructed, temporary habitation, not exceeding one story in height and presumably designed for temporary occupation. Nowadays we have bungalows that are designed as all-the-year residences and are constructed with every extensive development, although other sections of the country are now crowding the favored region on the Pacific Coast in this respect. It is a question whether even to this day the best examples of bungalow construction are not to be found in the Golden Gate State, and it may be said in all candor that any builder of frame houses will do well to study carefully these unique examples, regardless of whether or not he be engaged in building bungalows, for this class of structures have many unusual attributes which can be embodied to advantage in other classes of houses.

It might naturally be supposed by the uninitiated that bungalows being in most instances only one story or a story and a half in height would be prone to show a similarity of outline bordering on the monotonous, but strangely enough, exactly the contrary is true. Individuality seems to be more readily attained than in the general run of country and suburban houses,



Bungalow in the San Gabriel Valley, Cal.

and certainly we do not find in the California "bungalow belt" any such duplication as is to be met with in the rural districts of Massachusetts and other thicklypopulated sections of New England.

Where a builder has to act as a missionary and create business, the bungalow type of residence is an excellent vehicle to employ. The prospective customer who has not fully made up his mind that he wants to build must, in many instances, be reached by an argument that affects the pocketbook, and here the bungalow suggestion has everything in its favor, inasmuch as a house of this class can, of course, be erected at less cost than any other structure of like dimensions. Other, but equally potent, considerations commend the bungalow to the women of a household, and as the average builder knows from experience, the gentler sex often cast the deciding vote in a residential proposition.

First of all, the bungalow, if at all artistic, is the

very embodiment of cosiness, an attribute that appeals forcefully to the average woman. Even more highly esteemed in the eyes of the thinking housewife is the fact that all or nearly all the rooms being on one floor housekeeping arrangements are simplified to the last degree. There have been instances where builders have won their cases by pointing out that a bungalow supplies the best solution for the servant problem, since with conveniently arranged rooms, all on one floor, it is possible for a woman to perform unaided and without disagreeable fatigue the household work that would necessitate the employment of a servant (or at least occasional aid by a day worker) in an ordinary two-story or three-story house.

Many builders who, wishing to enter the field of bungalow construction, have looked to their fellowcraftsmen in Southern California for information and inspiration, have been surprised at the seemingly high prices set down as the cost quotations of representa-



Veranda with "Mission" Furniture, Stucco and Frame Construction

tive bungalows. This, it should be explained, is due solely to the fact that lumber is very expensive in Southern California, the majority of the material being of necessity transported from Oregon. In most sections of the country any California bungalow could be duplicated at far less cost than the outlay made for the original. On the other hand, it should be pointed out that some of the California bungalows are characterized by a flimsiness of construction that certainly should not be advised in a region where a house must stand any considerable weather stresses. The lower portion of the Golden Gate State is a region comparatively free from snow and violent storms and consequently the California carpenter can with impunity dispense with frames in some

instances and build bungalows with no other support than upright boards reaching from sill to plate and with scantlings as cross-ties at wainscot height, but it would scarcely be wise for a builder in the east or the middle west to follow such example. Of course no such liberties have been taken in the case of all California bungalows. Many of the more pretentious ones are characterized by the maximum degree of solidity and stability, and the aforementioned houses are cited merely to show how light a construction will stand up and prove comfortable in this climate and to illustrate one of the methods whereby the Southern California builder dodges the excessive cost of material.

It has already been explained that the word bungalow has been rendered sufficiently elastic in recent years to include one story and a half and even twostory houses in which the broad, low effect is carried out. Often when upstairs sleeping apartments are desirable for climatic or other reasons the atmosphere of the bungalow is preserved by placing these in the central part of the house and flanking this part of the structure with one-story construction that may take on the semblance of wings if desired. A modification of the primary bungalow idea that is proving deservedly popular is found in the Swiss chalet design, with broad overhanging roof, long familiar to European travelers. The chalet type of residence is always picturesque, and if the site be on the side of a hill it

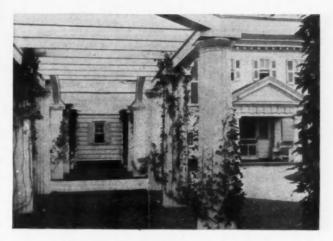


Court in Rear of Bungalow at Pasadena, Cal.

may be made to harmonize more effectively with the surroundings than almost any other form of building.

As previously pointed out, the East Indian antecedents of our modern word "bungalow" prescribed broad verandas and this obligation is cheerfully met by the average bungalow builder, since a portico adds much to the ensemble of any informal dwelling. The Italian "pergola" has also been adopted, and while the æsthetic architects may rail against such a combination there is no doubt that it has proven eminently satisfactory to the home-makers who have employed it. In Southern California where the influence of the so-called "mission architecture" of the Spanish conquerors is ever manifest in the building world, we find the attractive "patio" or an open court of some kind frequently introduced as an adjunct of the bungalow.

It is a mistake to harbor the belief that a bungalow to be consistent must be wholly of frame construction. The old-time bungalows of India. the originators of



Pergola at Country House, Ashford, Conn.

the type, were for the most part built of unbaked bricks and had roofs of thatch so that there is a precedent for the modern bungalows of brick and stucco. While the employment of these mediums is thus both time-honored and satisfactory, it may be noted that the great majority of present-day buildings of this class are either wholly of wood or else of what might be termed composite construction. For instance, brick may be employed for the foundation and all or a portion of the first story, this substantial base being capped by frame construction. Clinker brick is also extensively used for unroofed verandas, the balustrades of open courts, etc. Another medium that finds favor with discriminating bungalow builders is the familiar cobblestone. Not only are cobblestones employed for foundations, porch pillars, etc., but they constitute the favorite material for the massive exposed chimneys which are a conspicuous feature of many bungalows. Shingles, stained to meet individual taste, have the call as a roofing material for bungalows, but Spanish tiles are utilized to some extent.

Almost every conceivable form of frame construction has been employed for structures of the bungalow type and one of the sights of the residence district of Los Angeles is a "log cabin bungalow" which arouses the admiration of thousands of visitors. Ordinary weather-boarding is used extensively for walls, but the whole policy of the average bungalow builder being to contrive something out of the ordinary, it is customary to lift this medium out of the commonplace by arranging the studs on the outside or resorting to some other ingenious expedient. Similarly where the walls are composed of plain boards set vertically it is customary to have them battened with strips which are painted a contrasting color.

Transcending all else in the bungalow field, however, is shingle construction, and it is a question whether, after all, it is not the most appropriate form of expression for this class of house. Certainly it leaves little to be desired from the standpoint of economy. Of course, the builders do not consider themselves bound to adhere religiously to the time-honored methods of arranging shingles, but introduce all man-



An Entrance With a Hood-Wyoming, N. J.

ner of quaint conceits, including shingles of more or less fantastic form tinted in accordance with any desired decorative scheme. The preferable construction for bungalow walls consists of two thicknesses of shingles, or upright boards and shingles, with a layer of tarred paper between. Incidentally it may be remarked that a correspondingly protective layer of felt may with benefit be introduced in the roof in order to mitigate the effect of excessive summer heat. Indeed, the dodging of the attacks of the sun's direct rays is one of the most serious problems of bungalow construction, alike to all one-story buildings. Moreover, the circumstance is the strongest argument in favor of the story-and-a-half or two-story bungalow, and the latest approved practice prescribes that if height must be restricted to one story, there at least be provided a liberal air space, with ample window openings to allow free circulation.

There is no more any standard plan for the interior arrangement of bungalows than there is a set of hard and fast rules for the character of the exterior. Each bungalow is admittedly a law unto itself. At the same time, it may be said that the weight of expert opinion seems to be in favor of one large living room-a combination of reception hall and sitting room, and perhaps dining room as well-around which are grouped the bedrooms, while the kitchen is placed at the rear of the house, mayhap in a semi-detached structure. All the more pretentious bungalows have, of course, a dining room separate from the living room, and in not a few instances the dining room opens upon a screened portico, where meals can be served in pleasant weather, and which can, if desired, be converted into a sun parlor in winter.

The windows are almost invariably one of the most attractive features of a bungalow. Two forms lead in popularity—the French windows that render it possible to throw open practically the entire side of a room, and the broad horizontal window, the sashes of which swing inward or outward, according to preference. In some bungalows the builder has even sought to strike an individual note in the main entrance door. In one such house which the writer has in mind the interior woodwork is all in weathered oak, to harmonize with the "mission" or arts and crafts furniture with which the bungalow is equipped, and carrying out this same idea of bold simplicity, the front door is a massive oak affair, studded with iron spikes and with equally primitive latch and hinges.



Detail View "Sunswick," Maplewood, N. J.

Bungalows of light construction with unplastered walls are likely to prove mere whispering galleries, and this objectionable transmission of sound is not entirely remedied by making the partition walls all closets, as has been done in not a few instances. Unless it is simply imperative that the cost price be kept down to bed rock, a builder will usually find it vastly more satisfactory in the end to provide partitions of studding, plastered on both sides, and if further obstacles aginst sound are desired the space between the studs may be filled with slagwood or asbestic cotton, which latter also possesses fire-resisting qualities that are of some value. Since many bungalows are set directly upon the ground or on the most unpretentious foundations, it is generally considered wise to lay a floor of cement concrete, to which the floor boards, well tarred on the under surface, may be nailed direct.

A motto which the bungalow builder must ever keep in mind is that which calls for the greatest economy of space. If such a house be extended in floor plan to meet the requirements of a prodigal use of space, it is soon robbed of the atmosphere of cosiness, if indeed it does not lose all semblance of a bungalow. In the one-story bungalow the builder has the initial advantage that he is not called upon to waste space in halls, passageways and stairways, and to this saving other economies have been added, thanks to human ingenuity. In California, in particular, the architects and builders who make a specialty of bungalows pride themselves on their ability to construct "a six-room house in four." They accomplish this by introducing in the living and dining rooms patent wall beds. These adjuncts are, during the daylight hours, to all intents and purposes, handsome cabinet mantels, but after nightfall they are transformed into comfortable beds and the rooms thus converted at a moment's notice into chambers. The principle is, of course, that of the old familiar folding bed, but this built-in contrivance (nesting in a closet in the wall) is as much superior to the ordinary folding bed as an incandescent light is to a tallow dip. Incidentally it may be noted that built-in structures are one of the specialties of the bungalow builder. There are built-in bookcases in the living room, built-in buffets and chinaclosets in the dining room, and no end of such compact adjuncts in the kitchen, where economy of space reaches its highest refinements.

In discussing the tendencies of the times relative to the construction of detached houses in the United States, it is perhaps permissible to digress momentarily to point out the rapidly increasing vogue of the Italian pergola as an adjunct to any such building which has space to accommodate it. Indeed, the latter would seem to be a secondary consideration, for we now find pergolas introduced on sites of very limited area. No longer is the tradition preserved that the pergola must run at right angles to the house—alike to the oldfashioned arbor which it has so nearly supplanted but instead we find it, in many instances, leaning against the house much after the fashion of a veranda.

In effect the pergola is nothing more than a very artistic form of arbor and presumably designed as a support for vines of one kind or another, although unlike the familiar old-time arbor it is not lacking in attractiveness if the vines be missing. In its standard form the pergola consists of two rows of columns, across the tops of which are placed longitudinal beams, while bridging the span between these twin structures are transverse beams. The columns which support the pergola are almost invariably round, while the longitudinal and transverse beams have square corners. It is essential to the charm of the pergola that the whole structure be painted a snowy white. Builders whose clients have longed for a pergola on very restricted grounds have in some instances resorted to a single-sided pergola, and where such a structure is put up with due regard to harmony with the surroundings the effect is entirely satisfactory.

As has been pointed out at various stages in the foregoing, the designers and builders of detached houses enjoy many advantages in comparison with the limitations imposed upon their brethren who concern themselves only with structures which have "party walls" on two sides and consequently must derive light and air from two ends, neither exceeding twenty-five feet in width. At the same time it must be admitted that some perplexities beset the constructors of houses that stand alone. These are accentuated by the fact that the man who pays for a detached house usually expects architectural pretentions that he would waive in a city house set in a row.

Now it is a comparatively easy matter for the architect and builder to achieve distinctive individuality of treatment in the case of a house set down in spacious grounds, or in the case of a cottage type of residence on a site of only moderate size, but it is quite another matter to accomplish as much in the case of a large house for which there is allowed only the ordinary forty or fifty-foot lot. With present conditions of living, a goodly share of city and subarban residences contain from eight rooms and one bath to twelve rooms and two baths, and to arrange such accommodations on the limited area mentioned and at the same time prevent the exterior of the house from presenting an appearance almost identical with that of its neighbors is no mean undertaking.

Probably the most favored scheme for making a break in the severe lines of the exterior of such a house is found in the introduction of a tower, but from an artistic standpoint this is by no means an unmixed blessing. There is no doubt that a tower appeals forcefully to the average houseowner and particularly are the feminine members of the household influenced in its favor because of the undeniable attractions of the tower rooms. At the same time, care and judgment are needed to prevent the tower from becoming a jarring note in the appearance of the exterior.

Another serviceable expedient for giving the exterior of the large frame house a well-balanced and pleasing appearance is the introduction of the gambrel roof. The effect of this treatment is heightened by having the shingles of the roof stained olive green and introducing a white-painted trim. Yet another touch to take such a house out of the beaten path is to arrange the main entrance at the side. This gives a broad expanse in front that is attractive to the eye.

The Western Spirit in Home Building

TYPICAL EXAMPLE OF THE WESTERN SPIRIT OF ARCHITECTURE - GRADUAL BREAKING AWAY FROM THE ANCIENT IDEAS BROUGHT FROM EUROPE

By Ira S. Griffith

I N VIEW of the discussion now being carried on in architectural magazines as to what constitutes indigenous architecture, the accompanying pictures may prove interesting to members of the building craft. They are pictures of the residence of Mr. C. R. Erwin, Oak Park, Ill. This residence was planned by Mr. George W. Maher, of Chicago, whose paper on "The Western Spirit," read before the Chicago Architectural Club, was the cause of the present discussion, and is typical of his work.

An appreciation of this residence demands some

view is not accepted, and he who does conceive a clear and concise position on advance matters, especially in the realm of art, is often times considered impractical and visionary, a dreamer, as it were, who sees strange things, whose ideas are for naught when it comes to the actual execution of works. My purpose is to correct this prevalent opinion so far as it lies within my power.

"I do not consider myself far from the truth when I make the assertion that at the present time this country is most conservative, or rather falsely conservative,



understanding of the motive which actuated the architect in its conception. Quoting from Mr. Maher's paper, "The Western Spirit:"

"We co-workers in the building of the west should be influenced, even dominated, by a spirit of action that shall produce results bespeaking of our day and generation, and to the extent that we permit ourselves to be so dominated by this spirit of progress, to that extent are we real and worthy of our calling. In the realm of architecture I would say that to solve our problems satisfactorily, it behooves us to dip deep into the currents of life around about us, feel the pulse of the times and then actually execute the ideals of the present hour, and if we do this work truthfully, intelligently, our efforts must be enduring.

"Unfortunately, at the present time, this point of

in art and architecture, even more so than any other country. We find, for instance, that in Europe such seats of power as Vienna, Berlin, Paris and London are making great advancement and progress in the arts of a new order. This architecture has made wonderful strides in these old centers, although hindered at every step by precedent and tradition. The strong technical schools in these centers have also placed every possible obstacle in the path of this progress, but to no avail. The artist's spirit has prevailed, and as a result we find emanating from abroad a freshness and vigor in art matters that is truly inspiring. True, in some of these efforts the pendulum has swung too far, but in my judgment this is not a permanent fault, but is in the end conducive of great good.

"When we look for an equal amount of enthusiasm



and progress from the American standpoint we are prone to disappointment, especially in the eastern portion of this country, where, due to age, culture and wealth, one would expect an art development, expressive of a new country, we find just the opposite evidences in all that we see. The reactionary spirit in architecture that prevails there today is truly lament-

able; the desire to copy everything of note that has appeared from the four distant corners of the earth is all too prevalent. Each succeeding work of any importance flatly contradicts any estimation that is to be made of the art of the east as a progressive one, the excellence of material and workmanship is only to be commended. The design is non-expressive.



Even the criticism that is produced in magazine and periodical by our eastern architectural contemporaries is as dead as the buildings that they criticize.

"All seem steeped in precedent—the architect, the building, the publication, and the critic. It would seem to me, from all these evidences of a peculiar conservatism, that little or no hope of an expressive art can evolve from our eastern cities, and if there is to be an art that is to indicate the trend of our national life, it must spring from the central portion of this country, or where traditional Europe has not yet laid upon us its heavy hand. I am speaking to you as a "Our democracy exalts the individual and if I understand the spirit of the west, it proposes that the individual shall express his ideals and will encourage him so to do irrespective of any dictum, irrespective of any fault or failure on his part so long as it is an honest effort. I repeat that here in the west the tide of any false conservatism will be turned, that here will originate a new school of architecture which will grow stronger each succeeding generation until all the life assimilated in this new country will find full expression in marble and stone. Already the men who are fostering this new architecture and this new movement



western man, in love with my environment, my profession, and with some knowledge of the people and possibilities here in our midst and at hand. Again, I am speaking to a club that has in the past produced men who have had kindred thoughts and who have spoken to you in the same strain, and who have stamped their individuality not only upon their own community, but are reaching out for virgin fields beyond their immediate surroundings. I hope to add further encouragement in this great task, which is also yours to perform, and implore you to look to it that your high ideals are not laid low and that you mistake not the call of the west. It is for you to not only undertake and achieve, but also to have ideals.

are gaining recruits and a broader range in their influence is being felt daily. It can no longer be said that the architect who follows the new does so at the peril of losing patronage. The young architect in our city who will grow in favor is he who embraces this new art. Recognition comes to him alike from the people, from the press and in publication. If an exhibition was held in these rooms tonight of the work done by these young men and placed against the work executed by the so-called conservative men, you would find that most interest and enthusiasm would be centered in the work favoring the most progress. We do not stop to consider how virile is this new art and to what extent it is attracting attention, not only in our own country, but in Europe. Viewing the situation from abroad, they understand full well that a new expression of art must come from this country, an expression born of a democracy where the effort is not hindered to any extent by precedent or tradition, here *ought* to be unfettered opportunity for an expression of the new. Further, you will find that the opinion abroad is pronounced that the new art will evolve greater headway in the central west, and even at the present time theory; however, certain buildings are already in evidence and more of them will soon be erected and eventually will come the professor and the book.

"Wherever in the history of the past we have found great achievement in whatsoever line of endeavor, there it is that men lived who heeded well the spirit of their times and who drank deeply from the inspiration of the life which surrounded them and who did not in any manner strive to conceal that life, humble



they are publishing such examples of this art from the west.

"Much could be said in this connection explaining theories of design that would be of interest to the student. Some are working on the motive and rhythm theme, understanding that nature and music are phases of inspiration to be formed into the concrete and with the real living motive that of surrounding life, the production of great works of art should be forthcoming. It is no longer necessary for any school or student to rely only on precedent for the teaching of architecture, since all around us is motive power, nature, music, life. It is unfortunate that there is no text book as yet compiled that would give the technical schools foundation for the instruction of this new and ordinary though it may have been, but whose strong conviction was to live honestly and truthfully, painting as it were a living portrait, giving full expression to what they saw. Ever will men of this type be benefactors to the world and if you men here tonight heed this truth, go to your task and express to your best ability the spirit and life which surround you. Rest assured that no greater boon is yours to perform and that there is no greater compensation due man than that which comes from the execution of a strong and righteous conviction."

The building illustrated, it will be seen, is strongly individual, as might be expected of a building planned by a worker with a message such as Mr. Maher feels he has for the middle west. Whether we agree with the worker or not in all of his views, we can but admire the plucky fight which he is making for a freer expression and more attention to the individual in modern architecture and building.

As one approaches this residence, and as he enters, he is conscious of a pleasing line movement. If not inquisitive, he probably will not know the source of this mental pleasure. So adroitly has the designer placed the curves—or curve we should call it, for all of the curves are of the same form—that their appro-



priateness is never questioned, and the beauty of their rhythmic movement is felt though the cause remain unknown.

Notice the curves, if you are inquisitive, over the entrance, around the porch on the exterior; over the front or vestibule door, on the stair, the organ, at the fire-place in cap and andirons, on the dining room table and chairs and in the electric fixtures.

Over the entrance one finds the motif—a key, as it were, to the decoration of the interior. It is the lotus flower or water lily.

How this motif has been applied may easily be seen by observing the glass of the casement windows. Lotus flowers appear in all of them, in designs simple in line and quiet of color but beautiful because of their harmony and richness.

The beauty of the water scene over the fire-place, facing the front entrance, gives one a fitting introduction to the entire interior. This, too, is typical of the scheme as a whole—a water scheme. The beauty of the grayish white of the tree trunks, the silver of the water and the soft delicate colors of the flowers are but poorly represented by a photograph.

The woodwork and walls, according to the general scheme, are simply treated. The woodwork is of oak in silver gray—the color of water-logged timber. The side walls are tinted a very soft water green, while the ceilings are roughed and left in the soft grey of the natural sand finish.

The floors of the first story are of dull red tile and are waxed. In the kitchen and butler's pantry, sidewalls and ceilings are covered with white enamel tiling, a covering unexcelled for cleanliness, while the floors are covered with white marble mosaic.

The first floor consists of one large living room, off of which opens the dining room, two double openings making this virtually a part of the other room. At one end of the living room is a library, connected with it by a double opening. A feature of this large living room is the pipe organ. The service portion is disconnected, but convenient.

The housewife may be interested in knowing that this particular home is provided with an intercommunicating telephone system, that it is piped for a system of vacuum cleaning. An electric motor furnishes the necessary power and the connections are in the baseboards at convenient places to which hose may be attached. No expense has been spared to make the home convenient and comfortable.

We refer, in closing, to an article by Mr. Maher in the *Architectural Record*, written in answer to editorial criticism of "The Western Spirit:"

"It is contended by a certain few that specified examples of architecture erected in this country during the last decade are strongly American in style; notable among the buildings mentioned are the Boston Public Library, the Library of Columbia University, the Harvard Club, the University Club, the Pennsylvania Railroad Station, the Madison Square Presbyterian Church, and the Gorham Manufacturing Company's building.

We would in no wise depreciate or pass judgment upon these noble edifices in which the grandeur of the past is so illustriously brought before the eye. The materials employed are costly and beautiful, the proportions classical to a degree and the modeling so Greek or Roman that while viewing them one might easily imagine oneself to be in some ancient city of Europe. The truth in regard to the style of these respective buildings is manifest; they do not in the least represent an American art or civilization, but are pure and noble types for museum reference. It would be folly at this time to make a just comparison between the relative merits of the classic and a modern school of architecture. No one for a moment imagines the modern day creations yet rival in beauty these costly monuments, or that any effort yet put forth is wholly worthy to represent the architecture of America. However, the efforts evolving from heart and mind of the artist who is striving to depict his day and generation are of ultimate value to posterity. Time alone must be the arbitrator in this momentous discussion. . Posterity will utter the final word either of approval or disapproval.

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Right now I will tell you that I would not miss a number of the AMERICAN CARPENTER AND BUILDER for the price of a year's subscription. I could write all day in praise of the AMERICAN CARPENTER AND BUILDER, but what's the use? Others have written volumes of praise already. C. L. RUDY, Shreveport, La.



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No. 1. Residence of Dr. John K. Hooper, Camden, Me. L. E. Bramhall, Contractor.



No. 3. Home of F. L. Bradley, Milo, Me. Cost \$2.000.

considerable trouble to supply us with photographs of their work. It furthermore shows the quality and caliber of our readers, for no small carpenter and contractor is capable of contracting for and erecting such houses as we have received. In order to arrange them in some systematic way, we have endeavored to group them in states, and have numbered each



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Geo. H. Chapman.



No. 2. J. B. Sterns Estate, Camden, Me.



No. 4. Residence and barn of Geo. H. Chapman, Ludlow, Vt.

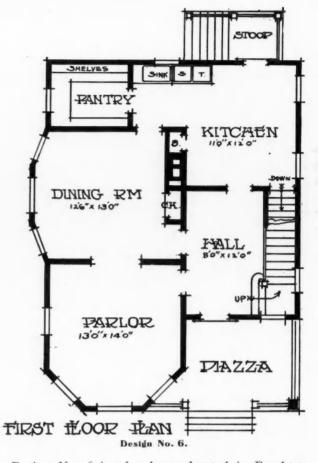
house so as to give the proper credit to each carpenter, contractor and builder. In many cases the photographs were not accompanied with the complete description,



No. 5. Walter M. Wanen, Abington, Mass.

and in those cases we are obliged to simply run a caption under the illustration, telling where it is located and the contractor for the same. We regret that we were obliged to reduce a number of the illustrations as much as we did, but as there over 120 photographs received it was necessary to bring them down rather small to enable us to get them all in this one issue. In some cases rough sketches of the floor plans were submitted, but owing to the limited time, we were unable to have them re-drawn and put in shape for the magazine.

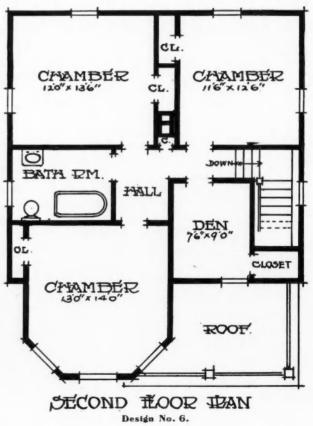
Design No. 4 is an eight-room house 26 by 32 and has a barn 25 by 30 feet. The house is finished perfectly plain in cherry and black ash with cypress doors down stairs and red wood doors up stairs. The house is covered with a slate roof. This house and barn can be built for about \$3,000, and are the work of Geo. H. Chapman, Ludlow, Vt.



Design No. 6 is of a house located in Brockton, Mass., and the builder of the same is W. F. Barlow, Jr. The exterior of the first story is of clapboards,



No. 6. Home of W. H. Bryant, Brockton, Mass. W. F. Barlow, Jr., Builder.

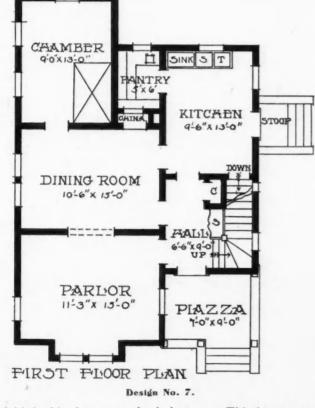




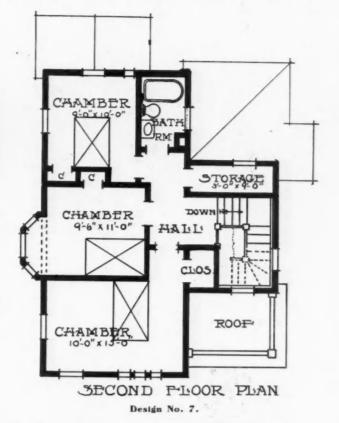
No. 7. Home of N. R. Packard, Brockton, Mass. W. F. Barlow, Jr., Builder.

and the balance is shingled. The shingles are stained on gambrel ends, and the clapboards and blinds are painted. The cost complete is \$2,400.

Design No. 7 is a buff colored stucco house, built by W. F. Barlow, Jr., and located in Brockton, Mass. The outside woodwork is all rough cypress, stained brown. The sashes are white and the blinds olive green. The half timber is put over wooden laths,



laid double the space of a lath apart. This house was built in 1906 and cost \$2,500. The kitchen and bath room are finished in pine, the dining room in stained cypress and all the other rooms in white wood, painted ivory white. The house is heated by means of a furnace, has a good grade of plumbing, and is piped for gas. Design No. 8 is of a house built for Mrs. Francis E. Hardy, Ashburnham, Mass. It was built by A. A. Wellington, of Fitchburg, Mass. All the stone work on the house was from local field stone. The house is shingled and all outside work is stained over dark



green, and the trimmings to match. On the first floor, the reception hall is finished in oak; the parlor in white; the dining room in red birch, and the kitchen in cypress, with an imitation tile six feet high. The butler's pantry and one sleeping room are in cypress. The second floor contains three rooms in cypress; two in white; the den in black, and the bath room in white.



No. 8. Home of Mrs. Frances E. Hardy, Ashburnham, Mass. Built by A. A. Wellington, Fitchburg, Mass.



No. 9. Stanley A. Dennis, New York City, Builder.



No. 12. Stanley A. Dennis, New York City, Builder.



No. 10. Stanley A. Dennis, New York City, Builder.



No. 13. Stanley A. Dennis, New York City, Builder.



No. 11. Stanley A. Dennis, New York City, Builder.



No. 14. Stanley A. Dennis, New York City, Builder.



No. 15. Stanley A. Dennis, New York City, Builder.



No. 16. Stanley A. Dennis, New York City, Builder.



No. 17. Stanley A. Dennis, New York City, Builder.

The third floor contains one room in cypress. There is a laundry in the basement and the house is heated with steam.

The views from No. 18 to 23 inclusive are of the home of Chas. H. Platt, a contractor at Skaneateles, N. Y. The house was designed and erected by himself. It is a pretty and comfortable home, being equipped with all modern conveniences. The cost of the building was \$5,500. The entire foundation is of sandstone, outlined with red mortar. The sides of



No. 18. Front and North View of Home of Chas. H. Platt, Skancateles, N. Y.

the house are clapboarded and painted dark green, while the trimmings are in white. The basement is divided into a wood and coal room, vegetable cellar, canned fruit closet and cistern. The floor is of cement and has a six-inch slope, so that the water from the washing goes easily down the drain. The first floor



No. 19. Front and South Side.

is divided into a parlor, library, dining room, and kitchen. The floors in all of these rooms are of white wood. The hall and parlor occupy the entire front and are divided by two columns and pedestals. Dividing the parlor from the dining room is a sliding door, while from the hall to the dining room and library are single doors. The parlor is made very attractive by a fireplace. The woodwork is white wood and is enameled in the hall, parlor and sleeping rooms, while the dining room and library are finished in oak. The



No. 20. View of Dining Room.



No. 23. The Hall, Taken from the Parlor.



No- 21. Parlor, Taken from Front Hall Stairway.



No. 22. Dining Room, Showing Corner of Library.

plate rail in the dining room is also of oak. The library is a very cosy room, having a bay window. The windows at the end are of ordinary size, while the one in the center is high, allowing a bookcase to fit in under. A good sized pantry is very conveniently fitted up with shelves and cupboards and has a large window in it. The kitchen is finished in Georgia pine, and it is easier to keep clean than the hard finish. The ice box is kept on a small platform on the cellar stairs, just opposite the kitchen entrance to the cellar. The ice man enters from the basement and thus avoids much dirt in the kitchen and the ice lasts much longer, being in a cool place. There are



No. 24. C. E. Hopkins, McGraw, N. Y., Builder.

two stairways leading to the second floor, one from the front hall and one from the kitchen. The front, side and basement doors have vestibules, thus keeping the house much warmer in the winter. The second floor is divided into five bed rooms and a bath room. There is also a large linen closet at the head of the stairs which is a great convenience. Each bed room has windows on two sides and is also equipped with a closet containing shelves and drawers. In the bath room there is also a closet fitted with a medicine chest and a shaving glass, while under this chest is the soiled clothes hamper. The plumbing is complete



No. 25. Home of R. C. Lynde, Houghton, N. Y. Built by W. W. Francis. Cost \$3,000.



No. 26. Home of C. R. Worner. Built by McMillan and Wentan, So. Otselic, N. Y.



No. 28. Home of Mrs. Lewis. Built by M. M. Grube, Basil, Ohio.

and the house is lighted with electricity. The third floor is divided into three large rooms.

Design No. 27 is the home of Frank Milton Reddington, Amherst, Ohio. He is a well-known deaf mute carpenter, and planned the building himself and built it with the assistance of other carpenters and workmen. The house has nine rooms and contains all the improvements, such as water and gas. Spring water in the cellar is pumped to a large tank on the upper floor, from which the bath room, kitchen and laundry in the basement are supplied. It is considered one of the best houses in Amherst, and the cost of the same is \$3,000.

Designs No. 32 and 33 are of the house owned by A. H. Estes, Mendon, Mich., and built by Chas. Blue, of that town. It is a 7-room house a story and a half high, and is 25 feet and 6 inches in width by 43 feet deep over all. The first story is 9 feet high and the second story is 8 feet and 6 inches. The gables are shingled and stained green, as is also the roof. The trimmings are all in white. The first story is clap-



No. 27. Home of Frank Milton Redington, Amherst, Ohio.



No. 29. Home of A. A. Miller. Built by M. M. Grube, Basil, O.



No. 30. Home of C. G. Shepard. L. D. Malone, Builder, Shelby, Ohio.

boarded. There is a basement under the entire house which is 7 feet deep and equipped with a hot-air furnace. The dining room, reception hall and parlor are finished in oak, while the other rooms are finished in Georgia pine. The house was built in 1906 at a cost of \$2,000.

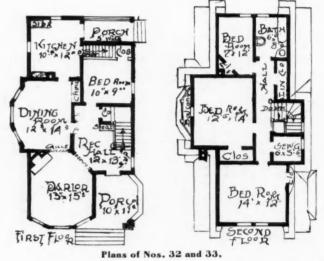
Design No. 49 is a neat appearing residence, located at Gaulfield avenue, Grand Rapids, Mich. It was built by E. Veldsma, of that city. It has a parlor, living room, dining room, bed room and kitchen down stairs, all finished in oak. The bed room could be used as a library if so desired. On the second floor there are three bed rooms and a bath room finished in yellow pine. There is a basement under the entire house. The cost of this house is \$2,000.

Design No. 50 is of an attractive house, located in Grand Rapids, Mich., designed by E. Veldsma, of that city. There are five rooms down stairs finished in oak, and the kitchen is finished in yellow pine. There



No. 32. Front Elevation, Home of A. H. Estes, Mendon, Mich. Chas. Blue, Architect.

are three bed rooms and a bath room finished in yellow pine on the second floor. The cost of the house is \$1,800.



Design No. 51 is of the home of E. H. Hebenstreit, O'Fallon, Ill. It was built by G. Budina & Sons, of that town. The house contains five rooms



No. 31. Home of W. H. Skiles, Shelby, Ohio. L. D. Malone, Builder.



No. 33. Right Side Elevation, House of A. H. Estes.



No. 34. Home of W. E. Wescott. Built by A. J. White, at Big Rapids, Mich. Cost \$3,000.



No. 37. Home of J. R. White. Built by A. J. White, at Big Rapids, Mich. Cost \$4,000.



No. 35. Home of W. E. Barlie. Built by A. J. White, at Big Rapids, Mich. Cost \$3,200.



No. 38. Home of Wm. Batsen. Built by A. J. White, at Big Rapids, Mich. Cost \$3,800.



No. 36. Home of Ex-Mayor C. W. Doe. Built by A. J. White, at Big Rapids, Mich. Cost \$6,000.



No. 39. Home Built by Neil McDuffee at Petoskey, Mich.



No. 40. Home of H. H. Cratie. Built by Bradt and Lusk, Jackson, Mich. Cost \$3,300, Complete.



No. 43. House Built by Bradt and Lusk, at Jackson,"Mich.



No. 41. Buffet in Home of H. H. Cratie.



No. 44. Home of Mr. Golster. Built by Bradt and Lusk, at Jackson, Mich.



No. 42. Fireplace in Home of H. H. Cratie.



No. 45. Library in Home of Mr. Golster.



No. 46. Buffet in Home of Mr. Golster.

and is heated by means of a hot-air furnace. There is also a complete plumbing system installed and has hot water connections. The cost of the house is \$2,000.

Design No. 52 is of the home of H. H. Cowles, located at Silvis, Ill. It was built by himself and he



No. 47. Modern Residence Built by E. Veldsma, Grand Rapids, Mich.

states that it can be built for \$1,750.

Design No. 54 is of a neat little four-room cottage, owned by C. R. Hargrove, Des Moines, Iowa. It is 24 feet by 28 feet. The entire interior finish is of pine, and can be built for \$700.

Design No. 55 is of the house owned by S. Eldrege, Des Moines, Iowa. It contains eight rooms, six being



No. 48. Modern Residence Located on College Avenue, Grand Rapids, Mich. E. Veldsma, Architect.



No. 49. Residence Designed by E. Veldsma, Grand Rapids, Mich. Cost \$2,000.



No. 50. Residence Designed by E. Veldsma, Grand Rapids, Mich. Cost \$1,800.



No. 51. House Built by G. Budina & Sons, at O'Fallon, Ill.



No. 54. House Owned by C. H. Hargrove, Des Moines, Iowa. Four Rooms. Cost \$700.



No. 52. Home of H. H. Cowles, Silvis, Ill. Built by Himself. Cost \$1,750.



No. 55. House Owned By S. Eldrege, Des Moines, Iowa. Eight rooms. Cost \$1,000.



No. 53. House Built by Samuel Morris, Middletown, Iowa.



No. J 56. Home of John Stotton, Lushton, Neb. Built by Henry Cain, Beaver Crossing, Neb.



No. 57. Home of Henry Cain, Beaver Crossing, Neb. Owned and Built by Himself. Cost \$600.



No. 58. Home of Earl Eager, Beaver Crossing, Neb. Built by Henry Cain.



No. 60. View of Stairway of House No. 59.

down stairs and two up stairs. It can be built for \$1,000.

Design No. 56 is of a house located in Lushton, Neb., and is owned by John Stotton. It was built by Henry Cain, of Beaver Crossing, Neb. The house is 28 by 42, and is made more attractive by two large convenient porches. The cost of the same was \$1,800.

Design No. 57 is a five-room house, 24 by 24, owned and built by Henry Cain, of Beaver Crossing, Neb. The cost of this house was \$600.

Design No. 58 is of a house located at Beaver Crossing, Neb., owned by Earl Eager. It is 34 by 52 feet.



No. 59. Home of Lyman Jakie, Beaver Crossing, Neb. Built by Henry Cain.



No. 61. House Built by N. Ostergaard, Upland, Neb.



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No. 62. House Built by N. Ostergaard, Upland, Neb.

The interior is finished in yellow pine except the hall and stairs which are of quartered sawed red oak. It was built by Henry Cain, of Beaver Crossing, Neb., at a cost of 3,500.

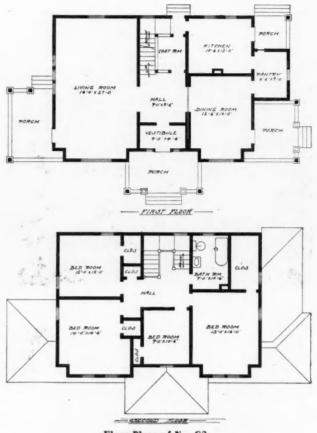
Design No. 59 is of the house owned by Liman Jakie, cashier of the Citizens Bank, of Beaver Crossing, Neb. It was built by Henry Cain, of that town. The entire first floor is finished in red oak, and design No. 60 shows a view of the stairs. The house is 30 by 44 feet.

Designs No. 61 and 62 are of the houses located in Upland, Neb., and erected by N. Ostergaard. The cost of each is about \$2,000.

Design No. 63 is of a house designed and built by W. S. Freeman, Kearney, Neb. This is a new type for that locality. The wide cornice and low roof have not been used heretofore. Mr. Freeman states that since this house was built these features have been employed on other houses. They are making an effort to induce builders to adopt a style of architecture



No. 63. House Designed and Built by W. S. Freeman Kearney, Neb.



Floor Plans of No. 63.



No. 64. Home of Mrs. J. W. Taylor. Built by H. Bellas, Auburn, Neb.

suited to the low flat character of the country. The idea of Mr. Freeman's is an excellent one, and we give it our hearty endorsement, as it would give each section of the country a distinct style and would do away with the monotony in building, now so general throughout the country. The size of this house is 28 by 40. The first story is 9 feet and 6 inches high, while the second is 8 feet and 6 inches. The interior finish is yellow pine stained to imitate dark oak and then waxed. The dining room is enameled in old



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No. 65. House Designed and Built by H. Bellas, Auburn, Neb, Cost \$1,500.



No. 68. South View of Church Built by A. C. McCray, Topeka, Kan.



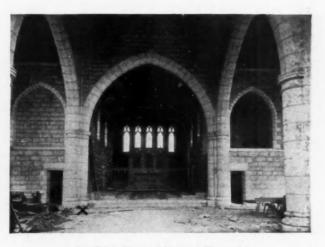
No. 66. Home of G. H. Hollister. Built by S. P. Beckwith, Red Cloud, Neb. Cost \$2,000.



No. 69. East View of Church.



No. 67. Home of S. Studebaker. Built of Concrete Blocks by Emanuel Fitz, Red Cloud, Neb. Cost \$2,500.



No. 70. Showing View of Chancel.



No. 71. Concrete Block House, Built by Noah Norman, Blodgett, Mo.



No. 74. Interior of Dining Room in Home of Mrs. R. R. Ingels.

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No. 75. Interior of Library in Home of Mrs. R. R. Ingels.



No. 72. House of Mrs. R. R. Ingels, Columbia, Mo. F. O. Kirby, Architect. Cost \$4.800,

No. 73. Interior View of Home of Mrs. R. R. Ingels, showing stair.



No. 76. Home of C. W. Phillips, Columbia, Mo. F. O. Kirby, Architect. Cost \$1.980.

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No. 77. Home of B. S. Leavenworth, Columbia, Mo. F. O. Kirby, No. 78. Home of Prof. Curtis, Columbis, Mo. F. O. Kirby Architect. Cost \$2,950.





No. 80. Built by Mark A. Stewart, Louisiana, Mo.



No. 81. Fireplace in House of Mark A. Stewart.



No. 82. House Designed by H. E. Eggerman, Bonne Terre, Mo.



No. 83. House Designed by F. E. Eggerman, Bonne Terre, Mo.



No. 86. Home Owned and Built by G. E. Misner, Blackburn, Okla.



No. 84. House Designed by F. E. Eggerman, Bonne Terre, Mo.

ivory. The bath room is white enamel. The exterior is painted russet, shingles on wall and porch rail are stained very dark brown and the roof is stained dark red. The floors on the first floor are of oak and on the second floor of maple. The cost of building this house is between \$3,500 to \$4,000.

Design No. 71 is of a concrete block house, built by Noah Norman, Blodgett, Mo. It contains five rooms down stairs and four rooms up stairs. The walls are plastered and the interior is finished with No. 1 yellow pine. The doors are of cypress with yellow pine panels. The cost of this house was \$2,400.

Design No. 86 is of the house of G. E. Meisner, designed and built by himself at Blackburn, Okla. It is finished throughout in yellow pine, and he states that the cost of the same was 1,000.



No. 85. House Designed by F. E. Eggerman, Bonne Terre, Mo.



No. 87. Horze of Victor O. Johnson, Pawnee, Okla. Built by Misner and Devorss.





No. 90. House Designed by J. H. Baxter, Port Arthur, Texas.

No. 88. House designed by J. H. Baxter, Port Arthur, Texas.

Design No. 87 is of the house of Victor O. Johnson, Pawnee, Okla. The entire first story is finished in quartered oak, while the second story is finished in red gum. It was erected in 1907 by Meisner & Devorss, at a cost of \$3,500.

Designs No. 91 to 93 inclusive are of the home of C. F. Hardie, located at Covington, La. It was designed by J. C. Beck, of that city. The cost of the same, including plumbing and lighting complete, was \$4,500.

Design No. 94 is of the residence of W. A. Jones, Spanish Fork, Utah. Robertson & Stebbins were the contractors for the stone, brick and plastering work, and E. Hanson did the carpenter work.

Design No. 96 is of a six-room one and a half story cottage, located at Pasadena, Cal. It is 28 by 39 feet. The first floor contains four rooms, while the second contains two rooms, bath room and a balcony.

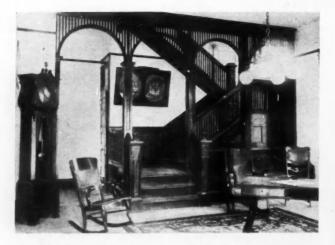
No. 91. Front View of Home of C. F Hardie, Covington, La. J. C. Beck, Architect. Cost \$4.500.



No. 89. House Designed by J. H. Baxter, Port Arthur, Texas.



No. 92. Rear View of Home of C. F. Hardie.



No. 93. View of Reception Hall. Residence of C. F. Hardie.



No. 96. House Designed by Daniel Cohetstine, Pasadena, Cal.



No. 94. Residence of W. A. Jones, Spanish Fork, Utah. Robertson Stebbins, and E. Hanson, Contractors.



No 97. House Designed and Built by E. E. Thomas, Pasadena, California.



No. 95. Stahmann's Photo Studio, Spanish Fork, Utah. Robertson and Stebbins Contractors.



No. 798. House Designed and Built by Daniel Cohetstine, Pasadena, California.



No. 99. Home of Luther Burbank, Santa Rosa, California. The living room has a beamed ceiling and a large fireplace. The cost of the same was \$2,400 and was designed by Daniel Cohetstine.

Design No. 97 is the home of one of our subscrib-



No. 100. Home of W. H. Stinson, Claremont, California. ers, and was designed and built by E. E. Thomas, at Pasadena, Cal. The dimensions of the same are 32 by 38. There is also a large porch, 8 by 28 feet, across the entire front of the house. There are six rooms



No. 101. Living Room in Home of W. H. Stinson. on the first floor, and three rooms and a bath room on the second floor. To the back of the main house is an addition of 10 by 20 feet, used as a tent room. This is what is known as the bungalow style. Six-

inch re-sawed stained siding is used. The value of this house is \$4,000.

Designs No. 100 to 104 inclusive are of a bungalow designed by W. H. Stinson and his wife, of Claremont, Cal., and built expressly for a home by Mr.



No. 102. Dining Room in Home of W. H. Stinson.

Stinson, who has kindly written us and told us that he was proud of being a Charter Member of the great AMERICAN CARPENTER AND BUILDER FAMILY. The exterior is of re-sawed red wood rustic, left rough and



No. 103. Tent Room in Home of W. H. Stinson.

stained dark brown. It is trimmed with a rich cream shade. The chimney and porch columns of native cobble stone are attractive features of the outside. The entrance from the front door is through a spacious



No. 104. Living Room in Home of W. H. Stinson.



No. 105. Home of Chester R. Pyle, Pasadena, California.



No. 106. Home of E. O. Penfield, Pasadena, California.

archway into a large living room. From this sliding doors lead to what is called in California the "tent room," which with its eastern and southern exposure of screen and canvas only, partially shaded by a native sycamore, forms an ideal summer room. The screens are hinged and opened inward, making it convenient to adjust the canvas curtains, which are on automatic rollers, and when drawn down and buttoned are a very effective protection from wind and rain. No provision need be made against frost in southern California. The kitchen is also provided with screens and canvas so that one entire side can be opened or closed as desired. The interior trim of this cottage is Oregon pine, slash grain, with brown stain and dead-lac finish. The walls and ceilings have a sand finish and are artistically tinted. The cost of this bungalow was \$3,000.

Design No. 105 is of the pleasant home of Chester R. Pyle, and is located in Pasadena, Cal. Mr. Pyle was his own architect, and the interior is elegantly finished in Oregon pine, and the floors are also of this material. The house contains seven large rooms, all on one floor. It is 36 by 70 feet on the ground. It has a cobble stone foundation, and is sided with 6-inch re-sawed red wood siding. There is a wide porch across the entire front of the house. The plumbing is of the very best order and cost over \$300. Milton R. Pyle had the contract of the house and it was erected at a cost of \$2,800.

Design No. 106 is of the home of E. O. Penfield, of Pasadena, Cal. It was erected during the past summer by Shilling & Luce at a contract price of \$2,240, including a garage not shown in this picture. The house stands well above the street and commands a fine view of the mountains. There is a wide cemcut porch across the entire front, which also extends around the south side of the house. The house contains five large rooms finished in Oregon pine, a good cellar, a bath room, two toilets, a screen porch and



No. 107. Home of Jos. Patterson, Pasadena, California.



No 108. Home of Chas. C. Crew, Pasadena, California.

hardwood floors. The house is lighted with electricity and is 32 by 48 feet.

Design No. 107 is of the residence owned by Jos. Patterson, of Pasadena, Cal., and erected by R. F. Foss at a contract price of \$1,800. The house contains five rooms and a bath room. The living room has a large fireplace, built in book shelves and window seats. The dining room is equipped with a large china closet. A hot water tank connects with a gas range in the kitchen.

Design No. 108 is of a home owned by Chas. C. Crew, of Pasadena, Cal. R. F. Foss was the architect and contractor, and erected the house at a cost of \$1,575. The house is 26 by 40 feet and contains five rooms and a bath room. The interior is finished in Shasta pine, and the floors are of Oregon pine.

Design No. 109 is of the residence of Clifton J. Platt, Pasadena, Cal. Mr. Platt was his own architect and Mark Lincoln the contractor for the same. The house has a frontage of 68 feet, and is 46 feet deep. The foundation is of cobble stone with nine wooden pillars supporting the porch roof. At the right hand of the porch is a large sun parlor enclosed with glass on three sides. The house contains eight rooms, which are finished in oak and Oregon pine natural. The floors are of Oregon pine. The lumber bill was \$1,400; plumbing, \$280; labor, \$1,000, and the entire cost of the house was \$4,800.

Design No. 110 is the home of Mr. Sohn, who is a well-known contractor and builder in Pasadena, and who designed and built his own home. The house contains nine rooms, a bath room and two toilets. The interior is finished in Oregon pine. There is hot and cold water in the entire house and it is lighted from the cellar to the garret by electricity. The round pillars supporting the balcony are of cobble stone, and the front porch has a cement floor. The house is 36 by 42 feet, and was erected at a cost of \$4,000.



No. 110. Home of Mr. Sohn, Pasadena, California.



No. 111. Home of E. H. Munson, Pasadena, California.



No. 109. House of Clifton J. Platt, Pasadena, California.



No. 112. Home of C. C. Thompson, Pasadena, California,

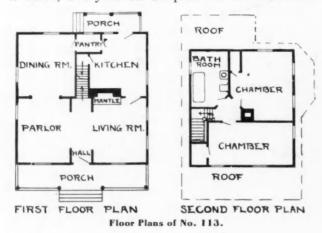




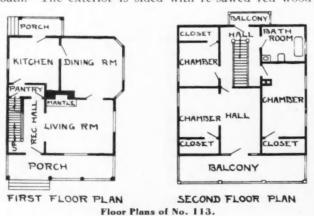
No. 114. Home of Jesse Clemens, New Dundee, Ont., Canada. C. H. Beckman, Contractor.

No. 113. Houses Designed and Built by E. O. Rognas, Spokane, Washington.

Design No. 111 is of the home of E. H. Munson, Pasadena, Cal. The architects of the same were Balch & Balch, and John H. Simpson was the contractor.



The house is 32 by 34 feet, exclusive of the porch, which is 8 feet in width. The house is one and a half stories and contains six rooms and a bath room. The bath room is equipped with a bowl, tub and shower bath. The exterior is sided with re-sawed red wood



siding with mitered corners. The interior is finished throughout with Oregon pine. It was built one year ago at a cost of \$2,800.

Design No. 112 is of the home of C. C. Thompson,



No. 115. Home of A. Hilburn, New Dundee, Ont., Canada, C. H. Beckman, Contractor.



No. 116. Engle House, Germantown, Pa.



No. 117. House Built and Owned by C. T. L. Hickman, Dalton, Georgia.

Pasadena, Cal. It is 40 by 56 feet and contains ten rooms, a bath room and two toilets. The foundation is of cement blocks. The interior is finished in oak with beamed ceilings and panel work between the beams. The floors are of polished oak. Chas. Crew



Shingle House at Kenilworth, Illinois.

was the builder and erected the house at a cost of \$4,500.

Design No. 113 is of two houses located in Spokane, Wash., and gives a good idea of the modern and upto-date homes built in that section of the country. They were designed and built by E. O. Rognas, of that city. One of the houses is 28 by 28 feet and has seven rooms, while the other is 22 by 28 feet and contains five rooms. There are basements under both houses and they are heated by wood furnaces. Spokane is one of the growing cities of the west and is known as a city of fine homes, and the illustrations shown herewith carry out this idea.

Design No. 114 is the residence of Jesse Clemens. located in New Dundee, Ont., Can. It was built by Chas. H. Beckman, of that city, at a cost of \$3,000. It is veneered with Milton pressed brick. The inside



Frame House at Glencoe, Illninois.

finish is all in colonial and the first floor is finished in red oak, and the second floor in black ash. The house is heated by means of hot water.

Design No. 115 is the home of A. Hilborn, at New Dundee, Ont., Can. It was built by Chas. H. Beckman, of that city, at a cost of \$2,600, not including heating and bath room fixtures. It is built of cement brick and the interior finish of the first floor with black ash. The second story is finished with pine.

Design No. 117 is the house built by C. T. L. Hickman, in Dalton, Ga., at a cost of \$850. The house contains five rooms and a bath room. The sills are box sills 12 inches deep. The wall studdings are sized to $1\frac{3}{4}$ by $3\frac{3}{4}$ inches. All walls are plastered with Georgia wood fibre plaster. The ceilings are of $\frac{1}{2}$ inch Georgia pine. The dining room is wainscoted $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet high. The roof is covered with No. 1 Georgia pine shingles. All inside wood is finished in oil, and the mantels are of neat oak.



A Woman's View About House Building

MORE THOUGHT AND ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO A WOMAN'S COMFORT - GREAT SAVING IN TIME AND LABOR WITH SMALL ADDITIONAL EXPENSE

By Mrs. C. R. Lippmann

T IS a peculiar fact that although a home is primarily considered a woman's kingdom, most homes—particularly those built to rent—are built without consulting a woman. As men are not familiar with house work, the result is that most houses do not make house work as easy as they might, with hardly any or very little extra cost.

To begin with, the kitchen—where the heaviest house work is done—is the room generally neglected in planning a house. Frequently, parlor, dining-room, library, etc., are planned first. What space is left is allotted to the kitchen. That is why so many houses have kitchens awkward in shape; generally too long, or too wide, or too narrow, or ill ventilated, or encumbered with awkward projections and corners.

Whether the housewife does her own cooking or employs help is immaterial here. She will do her work with less fatigue, or will be able to procure and retain help better, if the kitchen is treated and built, not as a room merely, but as a workshop where food is prepared. That the latter task is by no means a light one, can be shown by a few figures. For example, at three meals a day, a house wife must prepare about 1,100 meals a year. If in serving these she must walk only 25 feet from the range to the dining room table and back, making only two trips to and fro for each meal, it means a walk of 200 miles a year—equal to the distance between New York and Baltimore! And that is a very conservative estimate.

In order to save steps the kitchen should be laid out as a square room rather than oblong, and not too large, so that all parts may be reached with few steps. The sink should be in about the center of one wall; the range adjoining, either in a straight line or preferably at a right angle. Either on the other side of the sink, or within easy reach at a right angle should be the kitchen pantry or closet—if there is one.

It is possible to greatly improve on the latter without any extra expense. Leave it out altogether. Instead place around the walls on two sides (the other two being given up to sink, gas stove and range) two or three parallel rows of drawers and compartments similar to a kitchen cabinet, but without the stoopcompelling lower compartments. They should be placed neither too high for convenient reach, nor too low to necessitate stooping; both of which are injurious to women. These shelvings should come to within about 30 inches from the ground. The upper tier should not be higher than 60 inches from the ground. Such an arrangement would not only make storing and handling utensils much more convenient, but also more sanitary; and would be easier to keep clean. Being well above the floor and covered from above, dust and dirt would not be so apt to find access.

Don't say there would be no room for these shelves on account of the windows; for I advocate that the windows be made smaller in height, but greater in width, and that they be placed all along the wall above the shelves, on the order of transoms. The more of them the better. This would permit plenty of light without cutting up the wall space. Another great advantage would be the ventilation it permits. With the present arrangement and style of windows the cook is frequently exposed to a draft of cool air from the open window in the back, and the heat from the range in the front. The result is often a cold, if nothing more serious. The only alternative is to leave the windows closed and suffer in the stuffy atmosphere with its scents and vapors.

Ranges, at present, are invariably placed in corners. This makes them very inaccessible on that side for repairs, cleaning, etc. The range should have at least three sides free; though it would be preferable to have all four sides away from the wall, so as to facilitate frequent cleaning. The gas range should rest on a stone base, extending around the bottom by at least a foot. This would obviate the awkward task of placing oil cloth or linoleum under it—or else let it damage the floor. Whenever possible, the oven part should be high enough to avoid stooping.

The spigots in the kitchen sink should be nickled, as in the bath room. Brass takes too much work to keep clean and is not so sanitary. Instead of having two separate spigots, for cold and warm water, there should be only one spigot for both. It should be governed by both the hot and cold water keys or cocks. This would enable the housewife to draw water of any temperature desired by mixing the necessary amount of cold water with the hot water from the water back. That such an arrangement is very desirable is proven by its adoption for the bath tub. Why should not the kitchen be fitted with the same convenience?

The kitchen spigot should also be equipped with threads: so that instead of lifting buckets filled with water, the housewife or her helper can screw fast a piece of hose and run the water into the bucket on the floor, or out on the porch into the washer.

The kitchen sink should be enameled like bath tub or else sanitary stone (slate, etc.). A woman's pride is a clean-looking sink. This is almost impossible with metallic sinks, which show hard usage very quickly.

It is obviously preferable to have the bath tub in a separate room, rather than in the same room with the closet seat. This does not cost very much more and can easily be accomplished by making, perhaps, an adjoining bedroom a little smaller, and giving up a part of the toilet room proper.

Under the present practice the bath tub is invariably placed tight against a wall. This makes it very hard, if not impossible, to clean the space behind it; and is apt to damage the wall from splashing. If the tub were set out, about 18 or 20 inches, these drawbacks would be avoided.

The lavatory, like the bath tub and kitchen spigot, should be equipped with a combination spigot for the same reasons as the latter.

Wooden wainscoting around the kitchen and bath room walls seems to me to be antiquated; since modern manufacturing methods offer better and cheaper substitutes in the shape of waterproof wall paper that can easily be kept clean with a damp rag. The wooden wainscoting, with its many grooves and interstices, offers too many lodging places for dust, dirt and germs.

All dust catching corners and openings should be avoided as much as possible. This applies particularly to mouldings along walls and on doors. Frequently fancy mouldings are put on with as many grooves as possible. Each one of them is a dust trap. The same principle applies to wooden base strips.

Climbing steps as often as a housewife finds it necessary is not conducive to good health, if the risers are higher than 6 inches. In many houses they are, in order to save a little space. It is also much better for the housewife's health to have a landing between each pair of floors, rather than a steep, straight stairway. Nor will this require much sacrifice in the way of space or expense. Stairways not equipped with bannisters should be fitted with a hand rail, which often offers welcome help to a woman carrying up a load. Stair climbing for such purposes should be avoided altogether. This can easily be accomplished by the installation of a suitable (strong and roomy) dumb waiter-at least, from the cellar to the kitchen, if not to all the floors. The cost of such an installation is surprisingly small; particularly in consideration of the saving in steps and the protection to furniture or interior woodwork from scratches when heavy articles are carried through the rooms. Think how convenient such a little "hoist" would be for fetching coal, wood, and eatables from the cellar!

The location of the windows seems, in every case, to be decided upon solely for their effect upon the exterior appearance of the building; no matter how much the wall space will be cut up by them. As a consequence, many rooms, quite large so far as floor space is concerned, offer very little wall space to place the furniture without obstructing or obscuring one or more windows. Designers of homes sin in this particular, especially in the case of bedrooms. Windows are placed in bedroom walls, for example, without considering the dimensions of bedsteads. A double bedstead is about 6 feet long by 5 feet wide. Yet how often do we find bed rooms where there is no wall space long enough to place such a bed along the wall without running right against a window. How many bed rooms have two windows in one side, cutting the wall into three spaces, neither of which is wide enough to permit placing the head of a bedstead against it. The same applies to couches, dressers, chiffoniers, etc.

It is well not to have so many windows of the style now in vogue in a room as to destroy most of the wall space for the disposition of the furniture. Transom and high oriel windows, in addition to perhaps one or two of the common style, will give as much light and air as desired without exposing the interior to the public gaze. Such windows also offer the advantage of improved ventilation. It will be possible to keep one or two of them open during the night without having the wind constantly sway the window shade to and fro, beating a disturbing tattoo. By controlling these apertures with a set screw and a sliding rod, reaching down well within a woman's height, their regulation is easily accomplished. They should also admit of being readily lifted out of their frames for cleaning purposes.

The same applies to the other windows. If they cannot be easily so arranged, they should be made to swing around two pivots, so as to have either side of the pane accessible from the interior. This will make window washing considerably less of a horror and danger than the present clumsy form of windows. which, for cleaning, require more or less climbing on the outside of the house.

Bedrooms should have communicating doors, even where there is a hallway. When it is desired to keep the rooms separate, they may readily be locked. On the other hand, parents will find these doors very handy for ready access to their children's bedrooms during the night.

For purposes of interventilation and equalizing the temperature between the rooms without leaving the doors open, they should be provided with transoms. The height of the doors as made at present may well be shortened for this purpose, making them also much lighter to swing.

It is universally agreed that in mild weather it is healthy to have all the windows open all the way. But the present form of windows does not admit of opening them more than half. This could be overcome by arranging windows so as to swing inward from hinges fastened along the side, in the same manner as doors. This would necessitate longer fly screens. But this small additional outlay would be compensated for by the larger influx of fresh air. Such windows would also be much easier to clean. Fly screens, by the way,

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Pivoted Casement Windows

TELLING WHERE BEST USED AND COMPLETE "DESCRIPTION OF HOW CONSTRUCTED - DETAILED DRAWING TO SUPPLEMENT DESCRIPTION

A PIVOTED casement window in a 16-inch brick wall is presented in this installment. The sash is pivoted on a horizontal axis. Pivoted casements should not be used in locations exposed to severe driving rainstorms, as it is practically impossible to make them weather-proof, especially at the pivots. Vertically pivoted casements do not offer as great a resistance to storms and cold as do the horizontally pivoted casements.

The frame is cut out of 2¹/₄-inch stock, molded, and tongued for inside head and jamb linings. The masonry opening is constructed with straight jambs and the frame is secured in place by means of lugs on the jamb of the frame, which are built into the masonry as the walls are carried up. The section through the jamb is similar to Fig. 192, which is the section through the head of the window. The lug which is indicated there by the dotted lines occurs only on the jambs and not on the head, and is only shown in Fig. 192 to indicate wherein the head and jamb sections differ.

This section (Fig. 192) shows the head lining tongued into the rough frame and a cover mold in the angle of head lining and frame. The furring on the inside of the wall is of 1x2-inch strips placed 16 inches on centers for the wood lath or 12 inches on centers for expanded metal or galvanized wire lath. Grounds (G) are set wherever required for a nailing for the interior wood finish or as a gauge for plastering. The trim is molded and hollow-backed and has a back band and a small wall mold. This wall mold follows across top of base and across top and bottom of chair rails where such occur.

The masonry opening is spanned on the exterior by a stone lintel and back of this a timber lintel. A brick relieving rowlock arch is turned over the timber lintel, one rowlock being provided for every 18 inches in the width of the opening, but at least two rowlocks being provided for all openings.

Fig. 193 illustrates a vertical section taken through the window at the axis of the sash and shows the window closed by means of the solid lines, and open by means of the broken or dotted lines. The outside'

and inside stop beads, marked "C" and "D" in Fig. 192, are cut at an angle of 45 degrees at "A" and "B" in Fig. 193, and half of each stop bead is fastened on the frame and the other half on the sash as indicated by the dotted lines which show the sash open.

The projecting part of the jamb of the frame between the two stop beads ("X," Fig. 192) is cut away between the horizontal dotted lines, shown a little above "A" and a little below "B," to allow the sash to turn.

Fig. 194 is a vertical section taken through the sill of the window and shows the joint of sash and sill rebated. The stone sill is cut with a wash, stools at either end and extends under wood sill two inches. The inside is finished with a stool and a molded panelback. The furring, lathing and plastering is carried in back of the panel. The trim extends to the floor, finishing on molded stools.

A Fair Exchange (From Judge)

A German who worked in the packing department of a large store tendered his resignation recently, and accompanied it with the remark that he was going in business for himself.

"Me und anodder feller ve make a business," he explained. "I vill giff der exberience und der odder feller vill giff der gabital."

"How long do you expect that plan to succeed?" asked the foreman.

"Oh, aboud fife years," replied the German. "Und den I vill haff der gabital und der odder feller vill haff der exberience."

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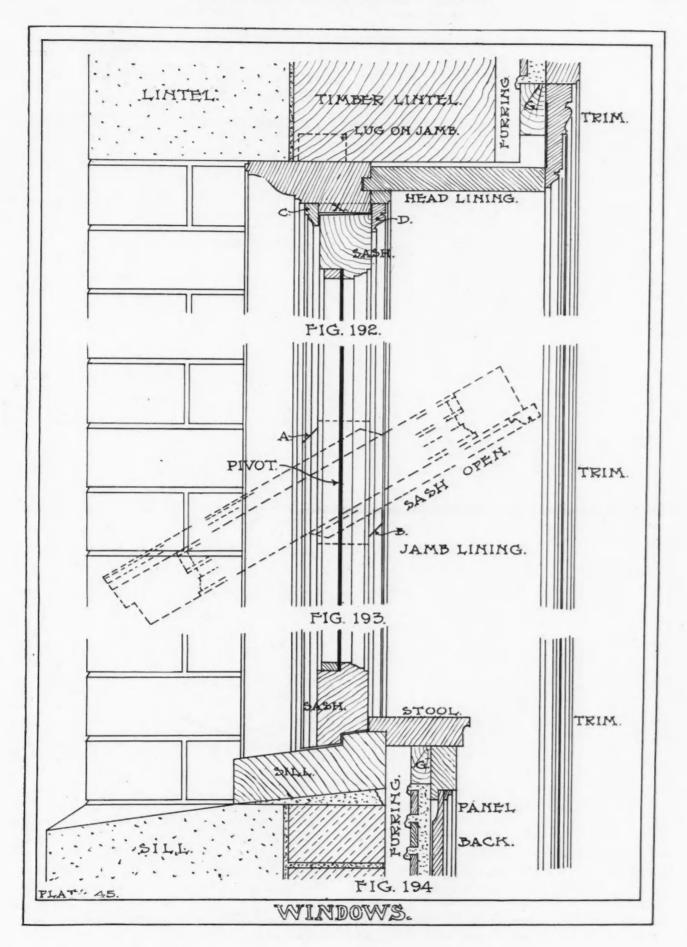
Appropriately Named (From Judge)

The boy in the paint-store dashed hurriedly up the cellar steps and sought the proprietor.

"There's a barrel leaking in the basement !" he cried, "and the automobile stuff is just pouring out."

"Why do you call it automobile stuff?" asked the proprietor.

"Because," gasped the youngster, "it's running over everything in sight."





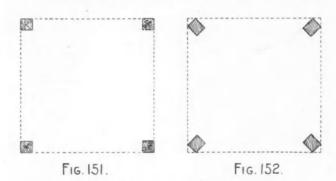
How to Use the Steel Square

SHOWING HOW TO PROCEED TO FRAME A SQUARE TOWER WITH INCLINE SIDES UNDER DIFFERENT CONDITIONS BY AID OF THE DIAGRAMS, ALSO BY USE OF THE STEEL SQUARE

W E HAVE two questions before us, asking how to frame a tapering tower with square posts at the corners and how to apply the steel square to get the seat cut. While the subject is a good one, from a technical standpoint, it presents but little from a practical view to the average work-

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such as for a church steeple. If it is desired to back the posts, then the center of the outer face should rest at the corner of the plan, as shown in Fig. 153; or if the posts are set square with the plan, as at Fig. 151, and given a pitch, then foot of the post, would not rest square with the corners of the plan but would be dia-

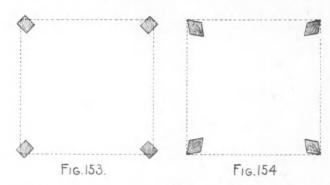


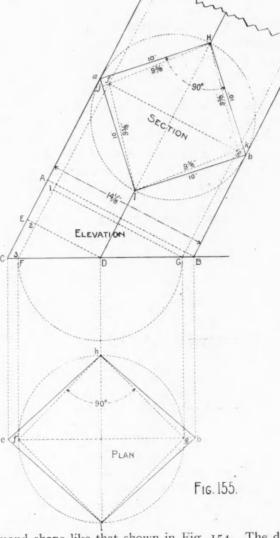
man, because it seldom occurs that he has use for it. But, as it presents a good study, we have concluded to use it for this month's article.

The subject is not a complicated one, but being one of those things that seldom come up in actual practice, it furnishes a problem that will start the average workman's thinking apparatus going some to solve it.

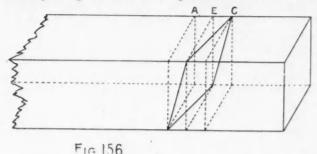
By the use of diagrams, we will try to present the subject under different conditions in a clear and concise manner, as follows:

If there was no pitch and the posts were set square with the corners, as shown in Fig. 151, then the cuts

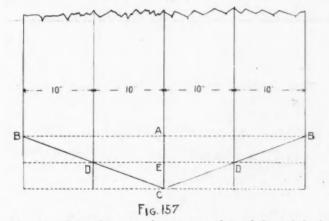




would all be square and of course would be a very simple proposition. On the other hand, if the posts were turned so that they would rest at the corners, as shown in Fig. 152, then the treatments would be the same as in the case of a common hip roof, or in other words, the same as framing a square cornered spire, mond shape like that shown in Fig. 154. The diagonal of the square of the post one way would remain the same, as in Fig. 151, but the other way it is elongated according to the slant or pitch given the post, the lower the pitch the more will be the elongation. Therefore, the steeper the pitch, the less will this be noticeable and when the post stands perpendicular, it disappears altogether. We can explain this better by referring to Fig. 155. The upper part of the figure shows the incline of the post. In this, the post is shown to be 10 inches square, as shown by the solid lines of the section. C, B, represents the seat cut. Now, passing on down to the plan, will show the out-

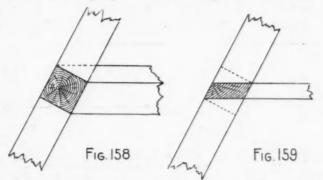


lines of the foot of the post, as c, h, b, i. The old time millwright, in making his wood spouting, always planned to have the spouting intersect square openings in the various floors, no matter what angle or pitch given the spouting. We have the same kind of an example in this post. Suppose it is desired to have the corresponding faces in plane with each other; to do this the posts would have to be backed, which would be necessary for a first-class job, especially the outer faces in case the tower is to be sided up. Otherwise the siding would only have a bearing at the outer corner of the post, or in other words, would be as shown in Fig. 154. The dotted line representing the siding. Now, in order to have the siding lay flat against the post, it is necessary that it be backed, and when so done, the foot of the post will rest on a perfect square, just as in the case of the spouting. This may be found by laving off the largest square that can be had in the plan, as f', h, g', i, and it will be seen



that the dimensions are the same as that of the original post (10, by 10 inches), but the shape of the post has been transformed, as shown by the dotted lines in the section at f, H, g, I, which shows the amount of wood to be removed from the original timber, as a, j, from the outer corner to H and from this face remove j, f, to I. If it is desired that the inner faces be backed, then the same amount of wood should be removed, as shown at k, b, I and k, g, H, respectively.

Now, as for the seat cut, it may be found in several ways; taking it graphically, it will be more readily understood as shown in the elevation of Fig. 155. First draw an indefinite parallel line, as C, B, and from C lay off a line, as C, a, representing the incline of the corner post which, it must be remembered, represents the same position in reference to the incline given the sides of the tower, as a hip is to the common rafter in a roof of like proportions. Now, as the diagonal of a 10 by 10 inch post is 141/8 inches, as at a, b, or H, I, we lay off another line that distance from the line C, a, and parallel to it, as B, b. From B square to the line C, a, intersecting at A and from D, which is at the center of C, B, draw the line D, E. parallel to A. B. Then D. E. represents the radius of a circle that will circumscribe a 10 inch square, and where this circle intersects C, B, as at F, G, will be the length of the seat when the posts are backed." The points C, E, A, taken on the square timber and carried clear around the same, will give the points to cut to, as shown in Fig. 156. The cut being at the solid line,



as shown on the different sides of the timber. To prove this, it is an easy matter to make a full size pattern, as shown in Fig. 157. The four sections represent the sides of the timber and on the center line lay off the proportions, A, E, C. Trim to the outer lines, cut to the line, B, C, B, and fold on the three sectional lines so that the points B, B, will come together, and it will be found that the corners will coincide with that of the plan, c, h, b, i. Now, if we lay off another plan similar to Fig. 157, but using 93% inches (the side of the post when backed) for the width of the sections and the points 1, 2, 3, instead of A, E, C, trim and fold as before, will coincide with the corners of the plan, f', h, g', i.

But how may the seat cut be found with the aid of the steel square alone? Easy enough. Simply take the figures on the square that would give the seat and plumb cut for a common rafter of corresponding pitch to the sides of the tower, apply it to the sides of the unbacked post and the result will be the same. The backing may be found by laying off a right angle on the surface of the seat cut, which may readily be done with the steel square, and removing the wood on the outer side of the angle. If the inner faces of the posts are not backed, then the same figures used on the square for the seat cut will give the cut for the horizontal cross pieces between the posts, and when in position will show the same as that in Fig. 158. If these pieces were dressed down to the shape as shown in Fig. 159 and the inner faces of the post backed, then the cut across the top would simply be a square

cut. On the other hand, if the post is left unbacked then this cut would vary from the square as the proportion shown in the plan at c, f', i, and the edge cut would remain in either case the same as the face cut of a roof board to fit over a hip in a roof of like pitch.

The Strength of Beams

ANOTHER IMPORTANT STEP IN CONTINUATION OF THE VERY PRACTICAL SERIES OF CALCULATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN GIVEN IN PREVIOUS NUMBERS

By T. B. Kidner

G ELL, how are you getting along with your calculations of the strength of timber?" was the writer's greeting as his two craftsmen friends and pupils came into the office again one day recently.

"Oh! we are doing pretty well and we can now remember the first rule or formula which you gave us without having to turn up the back numbers of the AMERICAN CARPENTER AND BUILDER to refresh our memories. But we struck a small snag yesterday, and although we have arrived at some sort of a solution, we felt that there was a proper way to work it out, to so many courses of the brickwork, and thus save a lot of cutting for the bricklayer and a poor appearance afterwards. The wall is one brick thick (8 inches) and is to be carried up nine feet above the beam. The bricks are $2\frac{1}{8}$ inches thick and four courses measure just 10 inches."

Having these particulars we proceeded as follows: First, we found the weight of the brickwork to be carried by the beam. Nine feet high, 8 feet wide and 8 inches thick gave us 48 cubic feet. A cubic foot of brickwork weighs about I cwt. (II2 lbs.) so the weight to be carried was, of course, 48 cwt.

	REMEMBER THE RULE, (No. 2)
Put down	;-
Load)	Length X Factor of safety Result:-
	Depth X Figure for wood X 2 Breadth in inches
Note	The figure 2 is used when the load is evenly distributed.

and that is the reason of our visit today."

The writer having expressed his readiness to help, the spokesman went on to explain the little problem which was worrying him and his mate, somewhat as follows:

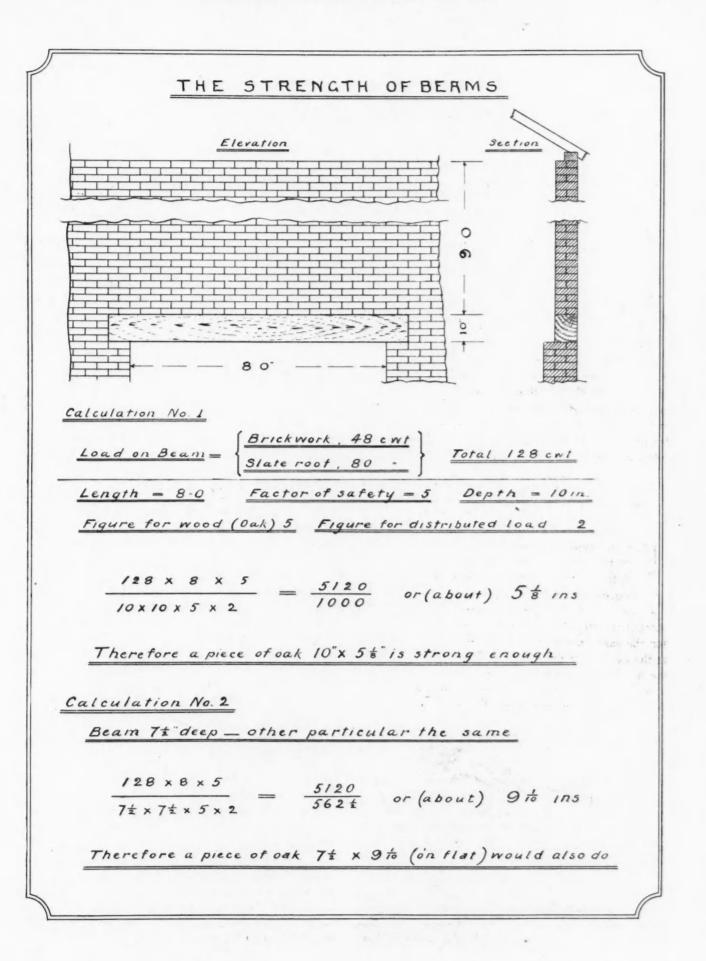
"Up to now we have been finding the strength of some particular piece of timber when fixed and loaded in various ways. But suppose we knew the load that was to be carried by a beam, and wanted to calculate the size of the timber—is there not some way of doing that just as easily as finding the strength of a piece whose size we know?"

Having been assured that the calculations for such a problem were only a trifle more difficult than for the one now familiar to them, the speaker went on to state his problem more particularly.

"There is an 8-foot driveway to be made through Johnson's new brick store, and we want to find the size of the beam that will safely carry the weight of the brickwork in the story above the beam. We want to have the beam of such a depth that it will be equal But the roof had also to be considered and we next proceeded to calculate the weight of that portion of the roof carried on the wall over the beam. From ridge to eaves the roof slope measured 20 feet; 20 feet times 8 feet gave us 160 square feet. Slates were to be used as covering and as the weight of a slate covered roof, allowing for wind pressure, is usually taken at $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. per square foot, we obtained as the weight to be considered, 80 cwt. (160 times $\frac{1}{2}$).

The problem then resolved itself into this: One hundred and twenty-eight cwt. was to be carried as a *distributed* load on a beam 10 inches deep over an opening of 8 feet span. The load was to be stationary, or "dead." How broad should our beam be to carry the weight safely?

It seemed best to follow the plan adopted in the earlier lessons and to give another rule or formula which could be easily referred to and, in time, remembered. This was written down as in Fig. 1, which is merely a simple way of stating a reversal of our first rule for finding the strength of a given beam.



With this rule before us, we put down our particulars as in Fig. 2. 128 cwts. for our load; 8 as our length; 5 as our factor of safety (dead load); 10 times 10 as our depth (squared), equal to four courses of brickwork; 5 as our figure for oak (see table on page 368, June number); and 2 because our load was to be evenly distributed along the beam.

The result, 51/8 inches, being less than the thickness of the wall to be carried, led us to try what breadth our beam would have to be if we made it only $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches deep; that is, equal to three courses of brickwork. Fig. 3 shows the calculation, which gave as a result rather over nine inches. As this was more than the thickness of the wall to be carried, it was decided to make the beam 10 inches deep, and for the better convenience of the bricklayer in starting his courses, to make the beam the full thickness of the wall. This, of course, was a stronger beam than was actually required, but was an error in the right direction. In point of fact, it is always wise to err on the side of strength in deciding on the sizes of timber to be used in construction, for no two pieces give the same results if tested. As remarked earlier in this series, the strengths of the various kinds of woods as given in most text books were obtained by averaging the results of hundreds of actual tests, and it was found that different pieces, even from the same tree, varied considerably. So serious is this variation, that many

architects require that beams or girders carrying heavy weights shall be ripped in half and the ends reversed. It is very common to find in specifications for beams in positions similar to that which is the subject of this present calculation, a requirement that (in addition to the usual clauses as to the quality, etc., of the lumber) the piece be "halved, reversed and bolted together again." By doing this, any possible weakness at one end of the stick would be obviated, and a piece of even strength obtained.

Of course, in many parts of the world, iron beams have largely superseded wooden ones, but for a long time to come wood will hold its own in many districts for a variety of reasons.

To sum up the new lesson then, the first thing is the new rule or formula for putting down the known particulars. In doing this the things to be remembered are (a) the factor of safety; (5 for a dead load, 8 or 10 for a live load); (b) the figure for the particular timber used; and (c) the fact that a beam carries a distributed load just double of what it would carry when loaded in the center only.

An Irishman was shown through a jail. After he had made the trip, he was asked what he thought of the place. "Oh," said he, "there's one place I like here and that's the intrence out."

The Evolution in Home Building

THE HOME AS COMPARED WITH THAT OF THE EARLY DAYS-THE PRIMITIVE HOME NO BARRIER TO THE AMBITIOUS-PRESENT DAY ADVANTAGES

By A. W. Woods

T HIS being our annual house builders' number, great pains has been taken to gather the latest styles of the medium priced up-to-date home. The progressive man is never satisfied—always looking forward for something better; something to shorten the steps and manual exertion in general, all for the sake of convenience and that, in many cases, at the expense of the very object sought, i. e., to save the needed exercise necessary for body and mind. It is nice to have all of the conveniences that go to make up the so-called modern home, but it is not within the



lot of all to have these things to begin with, and perhaps it is best that it is so. Our ancestors, less than a century ago, braved the hardships of an unsettled country, living, in most cases, in a single room whose four walls were formed of hewn logs. The more pretentious dwelling may have had a porch in front and a lean-to in the rear, with nature's floor, for a kitchen, while the main room answered for all of the other rooms found in the modern house of today. We are inclined to believe they were more contented and happier in their homes than most people of today, surrounded with all of the boasted comforts and laborsaving devices. The simple life they lived, coupled with long endurances, is proof enough that proper exercise of both mind and muscle is essential for the good of the health. Some of our greatest men have risen from the humble log hut in the wilderness to the highest positions in the gift of the people, and their names will live as long as time shall last.

Recently, it was the privilege of the writer to step inside of a log cabin—not a residence, but a court house, built in 1838. In this building the immortal Lincoln appeared as a practitioner before the bar in a number of cases, along with other notable men, as the records now show. It is even said that Lincoln's first

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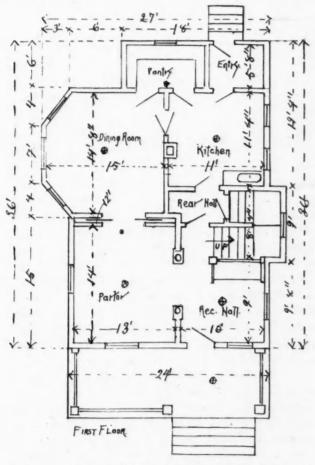


Planning the House and Stairway

SHOWING HOW TO BETTER THE ARRANGEMENT OF THE ROOMS BY CHANGING THE STAIRS-LAY-ING OFF THE STAIRS WITH SUFFICIENT HEAD ROOM AND HOW TO FIGURE SAME

By I. P. Hicks

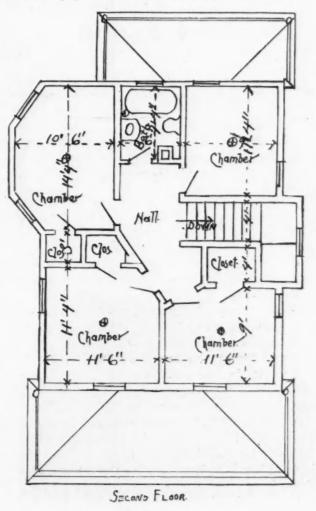
H ERE we come again with another modification of our same old house plan, differently planned and laid out. This time we have made a few extensions which have enabled us to get all there is in the plan and all to the best possible advantage. The extension on the left side for a bay



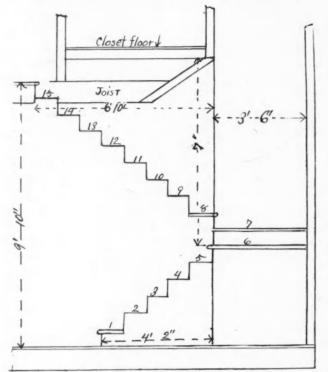
window, and carrying it up full two stories, helps out the size of the rooms both down stairs and on the second floor. The extension of the rear has been somewhat enlarged and put into better shape. It has been extended to the left far enough to get a door from pantry to dining room as well as one from kitchen to pantry. This feature will be found very desirable.

Then there is a door from kitchen to dining room.

We have found a very few people who object to this door because they do not want the smell of anything that is being cooked to get into the dining room. This might be all right if the cook was cooking sauer kraut or toasting limberger cheese, but the writer has no objection to the smell of good things when they are being prepared for the table, in fact, odors of this kind rather please us about three times a day and for 365 days in a year. We have no objection to this door, and just put it there for our own convenience, as being the shortest cut to the dining room. The pantry in this house is a roomy one, being about 5 feet 8 inches by 9 feet, with shelves on the two ends and



a wide counter shelf running full length across the long side. The rear entrance in this plan will be found a useful space, having room for the refrigerator and plenty of space left to get in and out with anything likely to be wanted in the kitchen. Now look at our kitchen, 11 feet by 11 feet 4 inches, fair size for a city or suburban residence, and no ugly projecting corners in it; even the stairs do not cut into this kitchen. You will potice that there is a small rear hall between the kitchen and the front hall. This feature is desirable to many because it shuts off the view of the kitchen



ELEVATION SKETCH

from the front hall, makes a good place for a telephone, a place to hang coats and wraps, and provides a way to the cellar from the rear hall, which is also near enough the kitchen to be handy. An outside entrance can also be provided to connect with the cellar stairs on a grade landing directly under the landing of the main stairs. This will admit of entering the cellar from the outside or entering the rear hall from the same way, and with many it is an entrance much preferred.

We now come to the main stairs, and see what we have done. In this case we have a projected stair landing. This landing is supposed to project two feet from the building, and is a kind of double landing, taking the place of two steps in the stairs—by this method of putting in the stairs they do not cut into the center of the house so much on the second floor, which enables us to get very much better rooms on the second floor. The stairs do not have all to do with this lay out of rooms, for the extension of the bay window helped us out with the rear rooms and the bath.

Compare the sizes of the rooms in this plan with

the former plans and you will notice a big improvement. Reception hall, 9 by 10, clear of the stairs. Parlor, 13 by 14 feet. Dining room, 14 feet 4 inches by 15 feet. Kitchen, 11 feet by 11 feet 4 inches. Pantry, 5 feet 8 inches by 9 feet. Rear entrance, 5 feet 8 inches by 6 feet 6 in. Second floor: Front bedrooms, 11 feet 4 inches by 11 feet 6 inches and 9 feet by 11 feet 4 inches; rear bedrooms, 9 feet by 11 feet 4 inches and 10 feet 6 inches by 14 feet 4 inches; bath, 6 feet by 7 feet 4 inches.

We have two good front rooms in this plan on the second floor. Now some people wouldn't live a minute if they could not have a closet in each one of these rooms. Now we don't want any one to die studying over our plans, so we have planned a good sized closet for this room which, on account of the stairs, the floor in the closet must be raised to make sufficient head room for the stairs. Our elevation sketch shows how this is planned. The stairs are laid out for a 9 foot story with 2 by 8 second floor joists, counting the plastering and floors the stairs are about 9 feet 10 inches from floor to floor. Now we have plenty of room to make this an easy stair. We find the rise is 118 inches and that we have 15 steps and 16 risers, which makes the rise exactly 73% inches, which will make quite an easy rise. Now, with the landing extended, we have plenty of room for width of tread or step, so we figure these 10 inches. On the first run there are five steps, which make 50 inches, or 4 feet 2 inches; thus the stairs will start 4 feet 2 inches from the face of the stair landing. The two landings make two steps; then we turn to the second run and find we have eight steps, and counting 10 inches to the step we have 80 inches, or 6 feet 8 inches. We have to allow for thickness of riser and there should be an inch to spare for emergency; hence the header should be cut back 6 feet 10 inches from the landing line. Now for the closet over the stairs. This closet is located over the first run of stairs and we want head room from the first landing. This being the case, we measure up from the front of first landing the amount required for head room, which in this case we have fixed at 7 feet, and do not consider it too much. This shows the amount it is necessary to raise the floor of the closet, being about 15 inches above the second floor. As we descend the stairs we do not want the head room to grow less, consequently we cut the joists off on a slope same pitch as the stairs, or about the same, and put in pieces on the slant, as shown. This will make a fair job of it and you know we must have that closet. We do not expect to modify this plan any more. We have now done our best with it and reached the limit. Next we will try to make some interesting elevations to fit the floor plans we have made.

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Figuring Out a Blower System

SIZE OF PIPES TO USE TO ACCOMPLISH THE WORK-MANNER OF INSTALLING THE SAME-ADVANTAGES OF A BLOWER SYSTEM

T HE use of fans for blowers for taking the shavings and dust away from wood working machines has long since been recognized as not only a matter of luxury but a matter of necessity in equipment. It has taken quite a time for those operating only a few machines to come to a general realization of the fact that there is an advantage in having these shaving exhaust systems even for one or two machines. It's a good sign, this awakening to this fact, because it's an indication of that broad-gauged thoughtfulness which is conducive to better work and more satisfaction in the work. Indications of this awakening are found in correspondence seeking information pertaining thereto, one such letter being as follows:

"Will you please publish a description of how to put in a blower for carrying the chips from two machines. What size of fan and pipes will be required, speed of fan, and are the chips drawn through the fan, or is it so arranged that they are driven by it? I will be very thankful for your rendering of the problem."

The question asked in regard to whether the chips go through the fan or not, may seem queer to some in the trade, yet it is a natural one. Of course they go through the fan; they are sucked into the fan and discharged out by blowing. For this reason many people argue that a fan should not be put below, but always above the machines, for when put below there is some danger of dropping a wrench, or something of that kind down a pipe and doing damage to the fan. Some fans, however, are put below, and piping so shaped that there is not a great deal of danger of stuff other than shavings getting through them. Still, there is some danger, and with the fan above the machines this danger is eliminated entirely, for nothing will go through the fan except something which the fan can pick up and carry through the pipes with its own suction, and it is very seldom that anything can be drawn up in that way which will do damage to the fan.

As to the size of the pipes and fan required, it depends a little. But to give this writer an idea for a starter, I would suggest that a five-inch pipe be used on the single surfacer, four-inch pipes on the top and bottom heads of the sticker, and three-inch pipes to the side heads. That would give you two threeinch pipes, two four-inch and one five-inch, and the total area of your main lead to the fan, and of course the area of the fan itself is determined by the combined area of these pipes. The total area of this bunch of pipes, of course, is not found by adding the diameters all together, but by finding the number of square inches contained in each and adding this together. This gives in the present instance practically 60 square inches, to be exact 58.905. This would call for a fan having an inlet of about nine inches. In other words, a pipe nine inches in diameter has an area of 63.617. This is smaller than exhaust fans are usually built. The Sturtevant catalogue, for example, shows its smallest fan, size No. 30, with an inlet of 11 inches. This fan for ordinary work would have to run 2,200 revolutions, and will readily handle not only shavings from these two machines, but will furnish some surplus energy for any other machines that might be added, and it would probably be better to get a fan of this size, even though you haven't work enough to load it to anything like its full capacity.

With a fan of this size you can be more liberal in piping the machines named. You can put a sixinch pipe to the surfacer, five-inch to the top and bottom heads of the sticker, and four-inch to the side heads. This will probably be better too, though they will do very well on the sizes named above.

A whole lot of the fan requirements depend on where you want to deliver the shavings to. If you just simply want to blow them out into an open bin, or out of doors somewhere, and do not have to elevate them, or convey them any great distance, it is rather a simple problem, and in times past people have made fans that answer this purpose very well themselves, have made both the fans and the spouting. Usually when a fan of this kind is home made it is made of larger diameter than high speed fans generally used, so that they may be run at a lower speed.

The rule for figuring piping, that is, to find the area of a circle or a pipe of given size, is to multiply the square of the diameter by .7854. To simplify this matter, however, there is usually furnished in catalogues of fan manufacturers a table giving the area of pipes

of all sizes, from one inch and up to 60 inches, which simplifies the work of figuring out the size lead or main pipe it takes to handle any given number of branches. In all work of this kind it must be kept in mind that the total area of the main lead must equal the total area of the branches, and also the lead or main pipe must be reduced behind each branch, that is, in that part which extends beyond the branching out of a pipe to the planer, the extensions must be reduced in area exactly the amount of the branch taken out. Then, as another branch is taken out bevond, the lead must again be reduced in the same manner, so that the area in the main pipe everywhere will just equal the branches there and beyond. This makes the matter look a little complicated at first, and yet it is comparatively simple. In large institutions where the machines are not all in operation at the same time, there may be some variations from this rule, some latitude allowed for the machines not in use. Where machines and floor spouts are not in use they should have valves for closing them, so that the others which are in use under this kind of an arrangement will be sure of giving the best service. The general idea is, where the combined areas of the branch pipe exceed the main lead to keep enough of them closed to maintain a fair equation of area.

It's a good idea in all this blower system business to have, as well as pipes leading to each machine, some others coming down to the floor and making floor spouts, so to speak, with hinged lids that act as valves. These spouts are shut off the majority of the time and are not a heavy drain on the system, and they come in mighty handy for cleaning up around the machines, for then instead of having to carry away the shavings and dust that will accumulate, it is simply swept into one of these floor spouts and is carried into the fan. There is no danger where a fan is overhead of anything being carried up that will do damage to the fan, but be careful of these floor spouts when the fan is below and you are simply sweeping into a descending spout, for then nails, bolts and all sorts of things that may injure your fan get mixed into your shavings.

There are men in every city who make a sort of specialty of installing these fan systems, and there are others who advertise to furnish them no matter whether you are located nearby or not, and usually it is a much better plan to have people of this kind install your blower system than to undertake putting it in yourself. Of course there are isolated places in small plants that seem like it would not be worth while going outside to hunt some one else and that a man might do the work himself. It's all right, too, if you want to experiment with it and have the patience, but even if you want to do it yourself, it's better to communicate with the makers of fans, and also the makers of piping for this special purpose, not only with a view to getting material for the work, but also to get ideas and specific information about installing. Generally they are both glad and well fixed to give reliable information on all these points.

California Redwood in Its Everyday Uses

ADVANTAGES OVER OTHER MATERIAL IN CONSTRUCTING PIPE LINES FOR CONVEYING WATER-ITS PROPERTIES AND HOW BEST APPLIED

By H. A. Crafts

C ALIFORNIA redwood is great in the arts as well as in nature. It is one of the standard lumbers of the Pacific coast. It is seen in nearly all branches of mechanics.

It is used in building houses, both inside and out. It makes an elegant interior finish, being rich in color and grain and taking a polish to perfection.

The mill men of California are at present exerting themselves to introduce redwood into the eastern markets, especially into the Chicago market. Hitherto redwood lumber as used in the east has been in the shape of shingles. But even in that humble form it has made a reputation; and that is for its lasting quality. A certain house in Boston, Mass., was covered, thirty-one years ago, with redwood shingles. The original shingles are on the house today and are said to be as good as ever.

A prominent Knight Templar from the east, while attending the recent conclave in San Francisco; had his attention called to the beautiful redwood finish to be seen in some of the interiors in that city. He was so struck with the wood that he countermanded by a telegraphic message an order that he had given before starting for the coast, for the interior finish of an elegant family residence, now in course of construction, and left an order with a San Francisco lumber firm for enough redwood to take the place of the eastern lumber previously ordered.

California lumbermen say that the demand for redwood lumber is increasing. Yet the supply is limited. The principal redwood forests extend along the coast from the northern boundary of the state nearly to the Golden Gate. They extend back from the coast from ten to twelve miles. There are some smaller forests south of San Francisco, but they do not count much.

Humboldt county has the largest bodies of redwood. It had originally 530,000 acres in redwood forests. Forty-two thousand acres have been cut, leaving 488,-000 acres standing. It is estimated that upon this acreage stand not less than 40,000,000 feet of lumber. The present rate of redwood consumption is about 250,000 feet annually. At that rate the Humboldt county supply would last nearly two centuries. But experts figure a greatly increased use of the redwood, and predict that the supply will be about exhausted one century hence. To enumerate all of the mechanical uses to which California redwood is put would weary the reader of the ordinary newspaper article. But one of these uses is so striking in its character and effect that it deserves mention; that is its manufacture and use in stave pipe for municipal domestic water supply, irrigation, water power and outfall sewers. Kindred to this use is the construction of immense redwood tanks for holding water, oil, wine or any other liquid. For the construction and installation of stave pipe the California redwood is excellent. First, the redwood logs are of such immense size and so free from knots and other blemishes that they furnish more clear stuff, foot for foot, than any other log in use. Redwood is also free from pitch seams, another strong point in its favor. Then it has great power for resisting decay.

And when thoroughly seasoned, redwood is less

The Redwood Manufacturers Company of San Francisco has at its lumber yards at Black Diamond a tank made of redwood staves 31 feet and 9 inches in diameter and 18 feet high. The holding capacity of this tank is 100,000 gallons. The tank is perched upon an immense trestled tower 75 feet high, and is used to store water for fire protection.

The redwood stave pipe as at present constructed varies in size from 8 inches to 9 feet, internal diameter, and one San Francisco firm h as in contemplation the construction of a stave pipe of redwood not less



in specific gravity than almost any other wood e x t a n t. It weighs under these conditions only about $2\frac{1}{2}$ pounds to the board measure foot.

This is greatly in its favor in instances requiring its transportation beyond railroad limits and into remote and rugged regions. In its "knocked down" state the redwood stave pipe may be lashed in sections upon the backs of burros and thus carried up steep mountain sides. and over country where no vehicle may be hauled. This makes the pipe far superior to iron or steel pipe, which must necessarily be carried to its

They do not turn out for the big California Redwoods but drive right through them

than 10 feet internal diameter. In the construction of water works the California redwood stave pipe may be seen all the way from San Francisco to Butte, Mont., and from Los Angeles to Portland, Ore. It is finding its way into the extreme east also. The Excelsior Wooden Pipe Company of San Francisco has just secured the contract for putting in a domestic water supply system for the city of Lynchburg, Va. The pipe is to be of redwood, 20 miles long and 30 inches inside diameter. The same company recently put in a redwood water power pipe at Cornell University, New York, having an internal diameter of 60 inches. destination in its completed form. Thus the redwood stave pipe will be seen doing duty all over the west in the construction of works for water power plants, hydraulic mining, irrigation and domestic service.

The manufacture of redwood staves is quite a simple matter. They are run out upon an ordinary machine known as a "sticker," the edges being cut on radial lines, while the sides are cut on concentric circles.

The stave pipe in the laying may also be made to assume ordinary curves quite easily on account of its flexibility, the various sized pipes being laid on curves whose radii vary from 125 to 800 feet in length.



A Practical Barn

PERSPECTIVE AND FLOOR PLANS SHOWING INTERIOR ARRANGEMENT-COMPLETE DESCRIPTION TELL-ING ABOUT MATERIAL USED AND METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION

THE barn illustrated this month is for general farming purposes designed with the view of obtaining the best results in return for the amount of money invested, not only for a short term, for the original cost may be considerable compared with its capacity, but for a permanent investment, as it is de-

heavy wood sill laid on brick or stone piers and a plank floor on this sill which within a few years would begin to rot. The plank floor would also require constant repairs and then it is a constant expense of reolacing new timbers where old ones have given way from the alternate exposure to moisture and dry air. It is soon



signed for strength and convenience combined with durability and utility.

The foundation consists of a solid concrete wall with a wide concrete footing course to prevent settlement and run far enough below the grade to prevent damage by frost and extended far enough above the grade to protect all wood work from moisture. The lower floor is of cement which extends up the side walls about two feet above the floor leaving no wood work to come into contact with any moisture from the floor.

The original cost of the cement work is considerably above the old way of building, which consisted of a found that the cement bottom is by far the cheapest because when once in place it is there to stay.

The sill consists of a double 2 by 6-inch plate which is fastened to the cement work by means of anchor bolts built into the wall, spaced about six feet ap². c and the top of the wall being spread with fresh mortar, the plate is placed on this mortar while wet and bolted down so that all space between the top of wall and the plate is filled solid with mortar. Upon this plate the studding are nailed and braced at all corners and angles by fitting pieces of studding in between the studding and also by extending the sheathing boards



down to the bottom of the plate, making a strong job.

The hay floor is set on a 2 by 6 ribbon, gained one inch into the studding and well spiked into place.

The roof is constructed by forming built-up arches constructed from 2 by 6 rafters spliced at the angles with 1 by 10-inch boards nailed to both sides.

These arches are all completed before they are raised and after they are raised upright into place, they are well spiked on top of the plate directly over each stud-

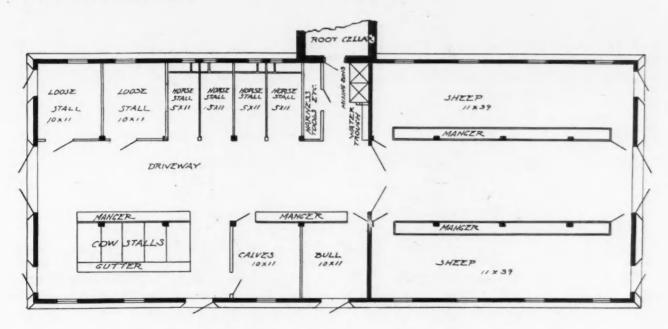
This barn is designed for a climate requiring the ding and then braced with a 1 by 10-inch board nailed a very strong roof and does not require any braces or clear span without obstructions.

supports in the center, leaving the entire hay floor one to each side of each rafter and studding. This makes soiling of stock in the summer and feeding ensilage winters. There is a driveway through the center of the barn so that the soiling crops and the ensilage may be fed to the stock directly from a wagon or overhead track conveyor to the mangers. At the middle of the north side is a root cellar constructed out of thick concrete walls with a heavy reinforced concrete roof which has a slight pitch away from the building. This roof starts at a level with the hay floor and gradually sloping down to the ground and is covered with planking and used as a driveway to the hay floor so that the hay can be hauled directly into the hay loft and taken to either end of the barn with the hay fork. This root cellar roof also has a trap door so that the roots can be dumped from the wagon through the roof without further handling.

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As will be seen from the cut of floor plan this barn contains on the ground floor, stalls for cows, horses, calves, etc. The west half of the barn and the east half is fitted up for sheep with an air-tight partition.

The King system of ventilation is used and the walls are lined with hair felt or heavy building paper and inside face of studding are covered with matched boards, making the walls very warm in winter and cool in summer.





Modern Public School Building

COMPLETE PLANS AND ELEVATIONS OF AN UF-TO-DATE SCHOOL BUILDING-DESIRABLE FEATURES WORTHY OF ATTENTION

E ARE this month illustrating a new and modern public school building which will be erected in Hamilton, Ohio. The architects of the same are Geo. W. Barkman and Geo. W. Ashby. The building will be two stories in height and will ing room and two class rooms. Attention is also called to the boys' and girls' shower baths, which is an excellent feature and should be installed in every up-todate school building.

The first floor has five exits and entrances, which



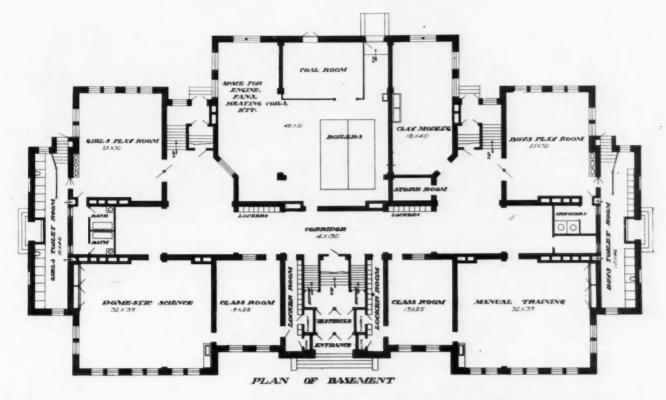
have ten rooms, five on the first floor and five on the second floor. Besides this a large assembly hall has been provided for on the first floor which can be used for exercises of all kinds.

In the basement of the building will be the boys' and girls' play rooms and toilet rooms, boiler room, manual training room, domestic science room, clay modelare a desirable feature at any time, and especially so in case of fire or accident.

A corridor 15 by 156 feet runs the entire length of the building and all rooms enter into it. The assembly hall is also fitted up with a gallery, which is entered from the second floor, doing away with the crowded condition usually existing at any school entertainment.



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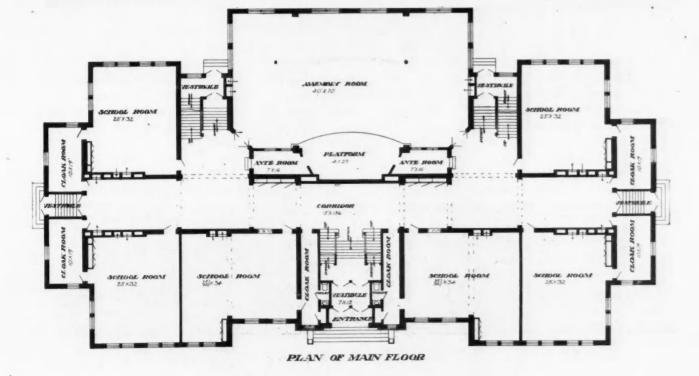
All of the class rooms are 25 by 32 feet and are provided with cloak rooms. On the second floor is also the principal's room, library and museum. The museum can be used for any other purpose if desired, either a lady teachers' room, or an emergency or rest room.

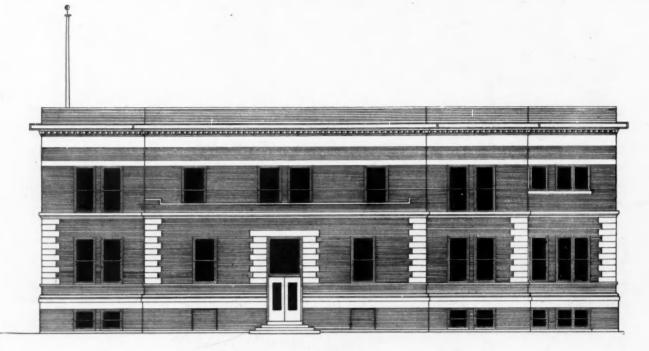
A new feature in this building is the arrangement of the toilet rooms, which are outside of the main building, but connected with it. The kind of material to be used in the construction will be red paving brick and Bedford stone trimmings.

A Woman's View About House Building (Continued from page 71)

should be made of finer mesh, so as to keep out the dust as well as the flies.

None of the points mentioned above will add very much to the cost of a house. The extra expense would hardly exceed one-half per cent of the total. In many cases the omission of the wainscoting, the kitchen closet, etc., will more than save the slight additional cost of transoms, etc. The latter more than pay for themselves in improved ventilation. All authorities





END ELEVATION

agree that our houses are insufficiently ventilated in It means a great deal in connection with the words, winter, when people are afraid to leave the windows open.

The suggestions made here and the objections pointed out may seem trivial to men. But every woman, every one familiar with the daily task of looking after the meals and the comforts of a family will readily agree that this work ought to be, and can be. considerably lightened by arrangements such as outlined above. If women will but assert their opinions and experience in such matters, designers and constructors of houses will readily act upon their advice.

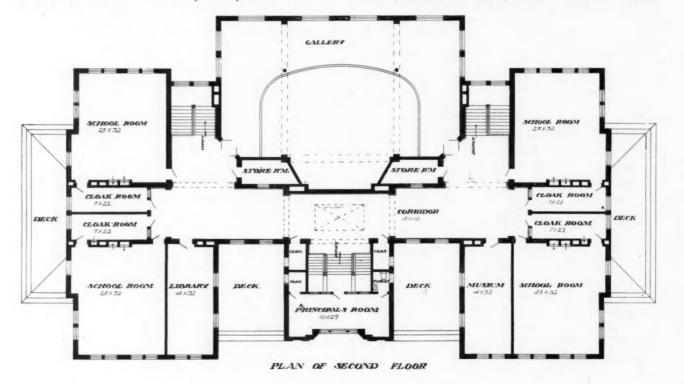
"a happy home," which is one of the sacred American ideals.

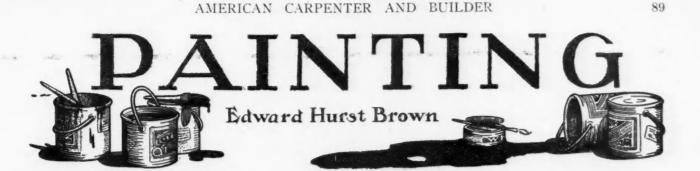
Looking Up

The Rev. Mr. Fourthly-My friend, have you fixed your eyes on your mansion in the skies?

Knicker-No; it gives me a crick in the neck just to look at the Singer building .- New York Sun.

Labor, wide as the earth, has its summit in heaven.





Suggestions for Painting the House

IMPORTANCE OF PAINT IN BRINGING OUT THE BEAUTY OF THE HOUSE-ECONOMY IN USING GOOD PAINT-EFFECT OF CLIMATE UPON VARIOUS KINDS OF PAINT

NE of the most important questions that confronts the home builder is that of paint, for upon the correct selection of the colors and the harmony to their surroundings will depend much of the artistic beauty of the house, and upon the guality of the paint, which serves to envelop the structure in a weather resisting film, will largely depend the durability of the wood and metal portions of the building. The painter is expected to cover up the deficiencies of all the other mechanics, to hide stains and defects in the woodwork; to fill up and render invisible the nailholes and other imperfections caused by the carpenter; and, by the proper disposition of the colors selected, to bring out the lines of the building and enhance its effectiveness. The function of paint, it has been well said, is both to preserve and to beautify. Moreover, in no other portion of the work of building is it so difficult to detect faulty or fraudulent practices, either on the part of the manufacturer of the paint or on that of he mechanic who does the work. The carpenter uses lumber which can be inspected before it is put in position, and it takes but little practice for the inspector to determine whether the specifications have been followed as to the dimensions of the timber, or whether the kind of lumber has been used that has been called for. Defects like sap and knots show upon the surface. The carpenter can be watched and it shows at a glance whether he fits his work neatly together or uses the proper number of nails. An architect soons learns to judge of the quality of stone or brick, and can tell by inspection whether the mortar is properly made of good sand and lime or whether it is imperfectly mixed from loam with scarcely enough lime to hold it together. Plumbing materials show their quality on their face, and though the work of the plumber may be more or less hidden, the peppermint and pressure tests reveal its defects. So it goes with every other branch of building till it comes to painting. Here the property owner must depend upon the painter, and he in turn is dependent upon the manufacturer. Few painters are able to detect whether the material they buy is what it purports to be. Linseed oil may be largely adulterated with water and this adulteration cannot be detected. Foreign seeds

may have been intermingled with the flax seed, owing to the carelessness of the farmer, yet it would require a very expert chemist to detect the fact-but in either case the durability of the paint film has been impaired. Deliberate adulteration with mineral or rosin oil is too frequently practiced by unscrupulous supply houses, who well know that few painters possess the knowledge of chemistry that will enable them to detect the fraud. And we have merely taken the oil as a type of the adulteration which is possible and unfortunately altogether too common with respect to every material that enters into the composition of paint. So-called white leads are largely sold that contain a large percentage of extenders and adulterants; colors that are far from being what they claim; turpentine that is doped with the cheaper mineral oils; and varnishes, claiming to be pure kauri gum and turpentine, in which these ingredients are replaced by rosin and benzine. The painter who looks first of all for a low price, permits the glib tongued salesman to lead him astrav into purchasing materials of this kind, and persuades himself that they are what has been represented because the label says so. Nor can the architect or the property owner detect by such inspection as they are able to give, whether the materials furnished are of the grade that has been specified. In the case of materials like mixed paints and varnishes, which are put up in sealed packages, there is little safety in specifying that the goods shall be delivered to the building in unbroken packages. Even though the architect sees the painter open the cans or barrels, he cannot tell whether the materials are afterward applied as they come from the can unless he stands by and watches every brushful of paint or varnish as it is applied. There are so many opportunities for the unscrupulous painter, who has taken a contract at a lower price than it is worth to do the work honestly, to do an inferior job and to save money by doing it, that it is practically impossible to so carefully supervise a painting job that cheating is impossible. Even the mechanics, in order to make their work easier, will dilute the paint with turpentine or benzine or will stir water into it, causing the brush to slip over the surface easier and requiring less muscular energy to apply the paint. The "boss" does not

always detect the trick, but the result soon shows in defective paint surface. The writer knows of one case where one of the leading painters in New York City was tricked by his journeymen, who poured water into the paint used for a ceiling in a handsome residence. As a result, the paint perished very quickly and the painter was obliged to do the work over again at his own expense.

Every different kind of wood requires a special treatment. The atmospheric condition must also be taken into account in mixing the paint. More driers must be used on a damp day or in cold weather. The absorbent nature of the surface must be carefully considered. The only thing that will enable one to know exactly how to treat any given house on a given day is experience. While it is possible for the average handy man to brush on mixed paint and to cover the surface with a coat of color, it is practically impossible for him to do a thoroughly mechanical job, to putty up the nail holes and other defects as they should be puttied, and to avoid laps that will show streaks on the surface, unless he has learned to paint. On certain classes of rough work, it may be true that "anybody can paint," but it is poor economy for the man who is building himself a home to employ anybody but a skilled mechanic to paint his house for the first time -whatever may be done on subsequent paintings. The first painting of a house is the foundation upon which all subsequent coatings must rest, and unless it is properly done, with the proper materials, it will inevitably cause as much trouble as though the foundation of the house were built with rotten stone laid up in mortar mixed with loam and without enough lime in it to act as the binder.

The next thing that must be remembered is that it is more economical to pay a fair price and get a good job than it is to accept the estimate of a man whose figure is so much below that of his competitors that the difference would seem to require an explanation. As it has already been explained, it is so easy to deceive the owner or the architect that the man who bids too low is under great temptation to make good, after he has found himself up against a losing game, by using materials of inferior quality, and by using a coat less than the specifications call for, wherever he thinks he can do so without detection. It has been stated over and over again by reputable painters that when the same quality of work is intended, there should not be a difference of more than ten per cent between the highest and lowest estimate on any job, provided all the men estimating have measured correctly. This being the case, it is wise to look with suspicion upon an estimate whose amount is much less than ten per cent lower than the average of all the figures handed in. Moreover, it is well to inquire into a painter's reputation for honesty and into the character of the work he has done heretofore. There are many painters who would rather lose a contract than take it and fail to carry out their agreement, both in letter and in spirit. In every community, there is at least one painter who has a reputation for the good quality of his work, which he has built up by years of business probity, and who could not afford to risk his reputation by doing inferior work. Such a man will naturally demand a higher price than the man who is seeking every contract in sight, and cares little how low he bids to get it, thinking to make good by slighting the work or by the profit on the extras, which are sure to be needed when he is doing the work. But it is true economy to pay the higher price and get a job of painting that will give permanent satisfaction rather than to accept the bid that does not yield a living profit and which inevitably means disappointment.

It is not our purpose here to speak at length of the best materials to use in painting the new home. It is sufficient to say that, as a rule, a priming coat of white lead and linseed oil, with the necessary turpentine and driers, will be found to give the most satisfaction, because this gives an elastic undercoat and affords a firm foundation by reason of its penetration into the pores of the wood. Ochre should not be used, because the cheaper ochres sold as "priming ochres" form a hard coating which has a tendency to throw off all subsequent coats of paint-more especially after the second or third painting. Venetian red and mineral brown have given good satisfaction as priming coats when the subsequent coats are dark in color. After the first coat, either a good quality of lead and oil paint mixed by the painter or a first-class mixed paint will ordinarily be found to give satisfaction. The proper paint to select will depend upon many things. The climate has much to do with it. A paint that will wear very well in the drier atmosphere of the northwest would soon go to pieces if exposed to the salt laden air of an Atlantic seaboard town. Moreover, if a shop mixed paint is to give satisfaction, the services of a skilled mechanic are required to do the mixing. Unfortunately, the decadence of the apprenticeship system has brought about a great dearth of skilled painters, and this has been increased by the fact that, as a rule, most of the painting is done in the spring and fall, and hence a journeyman painter has less steady employment than any other journeyman in the building trades. This fact has particularly acted to discourage boys from entering the painting trade. A machine mixed, or ready mixed paint, if of good quality, will be more thoroughly mixed and more finely ground than the shop mixed paint-although this statement is not necessarily true of the cheapest grades. And right here it is well to say that since every item entering into the cost of paint making has advanced in price in the past few years, that the property owner must expect to pay a fair price if he wishes to buy a paint of any real value. The science of paint manufacturing has made very rapid advances during recent years and many of the mixed paints on the market give very good results. The property owner, when buying or specifying a mixed paint, should concern himself first

of all with the record of this particular material. He should not buy a particular make or brand because it is cheapest by the gallon-that is usually the poorest kind of economy, because a cheap paint will rarely wear well and will seldom cover as well as the better grades-except in the case of certain colors which are cheap because of their dark color and the absence of any white base in producing them. If a dealer recommends the use of any particular brand, the first question that should be asked is what it will do. The true test of a paint is its durability, its economy in original application, taking covering power into account and the cost of renewal. Some paints that will wear very well on the first application, perish in such a manner as to make the cost of renewal particularly expensive. As a rule, a paint should be avoided that perishes by peeling off in large flakes, and which will require scraping or burning off in order to give a satisfactory surface for repainting. This was characteristic of many of the earlier mixed paints and did much to give them a bad name among practical painters, but modern paint chemistry has been able to avoid these troubles to a very great extent and the best mixed paints on the market today do not require special and expensive preparation when repainting becomes necessary. It may, therefore, be set down as pretty well demonstrated that so long as a good painter is employed, a satisfactory and durable job of painting can be obtained whether the paint is shop mixed by the firstclass painter or machine mixed in a paint factory. So long as the painter is willing to pay the regular market price for his white lead, linseed oil, turpentine and colors, and provided that he buys them from a reliable dealer, and receives them in original packages bearing the name of a white lead corroder, a linseed oil crusher or color manufacturer, he will get materials that are just as pure and just as good in every way as can be bought by the largest manufacturers of mixed paints. It rests largely with the honesty of the painter whether he will furnish materials of this character or whether he will, for the sake of the small saving, use inferior materials in his shop mixed paints. And the same thing may be said of the paint manufacturer; some mixed paints are the very best that can be made, while others are as bad as the worst dope that the snide painter knows how to put together. And as the measure of value is to a great extent determined by the price, it will be found that neither the cheap painter nor the cheap mixed paint can be depended upon, but that the property owner who desires to secure good results in painting must be willing to pay the price for first-class labor and materials.

Colors for Outside Painting

Within the past twenty or thirty years there have been several changes in the fashion of house painting. Nevertheless these changes took place slowly and gradually, and there is no marked change in the style of house painting from one season to the next, as there

is in the colors for dress goods. We can most of us remember the days when it was the almost universal custom for country houses to be painted white, with the putty lines of the sash cut in with black and the outside blinds a bright green. Paris green was at one time used, until it was supplanted by the cheaper and less poisonous chrome greens. And right here it may be well to remark that many of the materials used in painting are poisonous, but as the only danger lies in taking them into the stomach, and as very few people are addicted to the habit of eating paint, their poisonous character may be neglected, except that painters should be particularly careful not to eat until they have thoroughly washed their hands. These old time white houses looked very charming when nestled in among green trees, and this gave one of the peculiar beauties to so many of the New England villages. But in the midst of a treeless landscape, the white house had a very glaring aspect, and stood out altogether too strongly against the background. The Centennial Exhibition in Philadelphia, in 1876, marked the beginning of a change in public taste and an appreciation of the artistic which has gradually worked a great change in the appearance of the towns and villages of the country. At first the tendency was toward grays and lead colors, easily mixed by adding lamp black or drop black to white; and then followed an era of the quieter tints, with a use of more or less red for cutting in chamfers. Soon after the so-called Oueen Anne style came into vogue, and then color ran riot. Houses were painted in greens, browns, terra cottas and other strong colors, with the chamfers and moldings picked out in contrasting tints. It was no uncommon thing to have the body color vary in each story of the house and to use strongly contrasting colors as belts encircling the building. Fortunately, this patchwork style soon died out and the simpler Colonial architecture took its place. At first, the only thing deemed proper for a Colonial house was a yellow body, with white trimmings and dark green blinds. But we have come to realize that this is by no means an invariable combination. So long as the trimmings are kept of a lighter tone than the body, any pleasing combination of colors that is not too dark, will look well on a Colonial house. For example, a light olive body with white or ivory trimmings is very effective, or a medium shade of terra cotta for the body with warm ivory trimmings are both very effective. Or the Colonial house may be all white, especially where it is well shaded by large trees.

A house on the sea shore or by the side of one of the great lakes, especially when surrounded by more or less sand, should be darker in color than the same house set in the midst of trees. And in the first instance, bright, strong and rich colors are permissible, whereas on the village street, more sober effects would be preferable. When surrounded by trees, light colors should be chosen, because otherwise the house will be too much obscured, but in selecting

the colors, care must be taken that they harmonize with the particular greens that the foliage shows. For example, the leaf greens of the horse chestnut, the silver maple, the poplar and the willow are all very different, and what might harmonize with one would not look so well with another. Fortunately, however, Nature has so blended her greens that each one of them contains enough of each of the primary colors to make them harmonize with every other object in nature. But it is possible for man to produce pigment colors that will by no means harmonize with these beautiful natural greens. This is a thing that the painter should carefully study. While a house painted in tones of brown or green may look very well indeed, when standing in the open, the same house should be painted in light tints when shaded by trees. White, yellow, light French gray or terra cotta would be more preferable than green or brown tones in such a position. Again, it must be remembered that light colors tend to make a house look larger, while dark colors make it look smaller. Another thing to be borne in mind is that the window shades should harmonize with the paint. Many a house that has been painted with the utmost good taste has had the effect ruined by the use of window shades of some inharmonious color. As a rule, white Holland shades are preferable to any other, because they harmonize not only with the outside coloring but with any decorative scheme that may be employed in the rooms. If it is necessary to make the rooms particularly dark, this can be readily done by the use of extra shades of dark green.

In the selection of colors, one must not only consult personal taste, but if living in a city or town, one must regard the surrounding houses. How many times we see, in a row of city houses, a single discordant note, somewhere in the middle of the block, that jars on one's nerves, because the color is glaringly out of key. In such a case one almost longs for the French rule which requires every property owner to submit all proposed changes in color or form of his houses to the proper official, who decides them from an artistic standpoint and refuses to permit anything which he deems would tend to introduce a discord into the general effect of the street. Unfortunately, we carry our personal liberty a little too far, when we plan the outside of our house, both as to form and color, entirely without any consideration for the effect they may have upon the neighborhood as a whole. As our neighbors see the outside of our dwellings more than we do ourselves, we ought at least to be willing to exercise good taste and endeavor to make our houses harmonize with their surroundings, in order that we may please our neighbors and do unto them as we would have them do to us.

The present taste in house painting runs toward simplicity rather than toward elaborate color combinations. The entire body of the house is painted in one color, including all gables, projections and the like, and the trimmings are either in a contrasting or har-

monious color; the sash either being the same as the trimming color or else in black or some dark color. Where white trimimngs are used, the sash are frequently white, with the putty cut-in in black. Outside blinds are either the same as the body of the house or some darker color, particularly a shade of dark green or olive. As a rule, light colors have been preferred for the past few years, although there is a slight tendency toward the use of dark colors again. In houses of the more picturesque types, such as the stone and shingle houses, the trimmings are generally painted either white or some dark color, and the shingles are stained either in a soft brown or dull red, a moss green or a silver gray. From the artistic standpoint, shingles should be stained in preference to being painted, and for practical reasons this process is more satisfactory because paint is apt to form little dams between the shingles and hold the rain back in such a manner that it rots the wood.

Where the moldings are delicate in their detail as in the Colonial and similar styles of a classic derivation, the trimming color should be light in order to bring out the beauty of the architectural detail.

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case was tried in this building, but v acther this is true or not there still remain a few people who remember seeing him there, who delight in recalling some of the anecdotes for which he was noted.

The building, of course, does not stand where first erected; in fact, it has been moved several times, and at present stands in Fair Lawn Park, Ill., as a relic of by-gone days, though it has lost much of its oldtime appearance in the way of clap-board roof, chinking of the cracks, etc. However, the logs, with a few exceptions, are the original timbers, felled and hewn near at hand. Right here, we wish to say the workmanship displayed in the hewn surfaces and dovetailing of the corners show that the workmen of those days were experts in wielding the ax and adze, their principal tools.

We, as a people, owe the pioneers much credit; yes -more than is given them, for making it possible for the comforts of our present day homes. As we looked out on the surroundings, we could not help thinking of the great changes that have taken place since this old log cabin was first built, and that within the memory of a life time. Here it stands in a beautiful park where hundreds and thousands of old and young gather each year in reunions and picnics, as a reminder of other days. It should serve as a beautiful lesson to the young generation, who are surrounded with the comforts of life, and while they may not all be blessed with fine homes, there are none living in so primitive surroundings as must have been in those days before the advent of the railroads, free schools, the telegraph, telephone, etc. Certainly under such conditions there should be no room for discouragement.

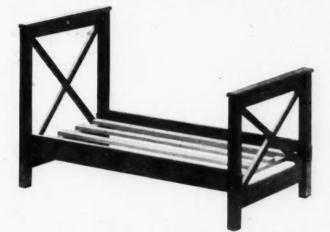


Something the Boys Can Make

COMPLETE DESCRIPTION TOGETHER WITH DETAILED DRAWINGS OF HOW TO MAKE A DOLL BED-KINDS OF WOOD TO USE AND DIMENSIONS OF THE SAME

to be made for father, for mother and for self. This month our boys will be pleased to make something for the younger sister. Get it ready for Christmas.

The designs for the doll beds, pictures of which are here shown, have been found to work out unusually well. The proportions of the parts have been much



admired, and the sister will surely be pleased with the result.

The two beds shown are alike with the exception of the placing of the slats in head and foot parts.

Allowing one-quarter inch extra for width and onehalf an inch for length, the rough stock needed is as follows: Two pieces 7/8 by 11/8 by 151/4 inches, two pieces 7/8 by 11/8 by 113/4 inches, two pieces 3/8 by 21/4 by 241/2 inches, two pieces 3/8 by 2 by 123/8 inches, two pieces 3/8 by 11/2 by 123/8 inches, two pieces 5-16 by 7/8 by 14 inches, two pieces 5-16 by 7/8 by 17 inches, two pieces 5-16 by 11/4 by 131/2 inches.

All these pieces are to be of oak, mill-planed to the thicknesses given above. If desired, the five-sixteenths inch stock may be got out of three-eighths inch without much trouble. In addition to these pieces there will be needed, to make a frame for the bedding to rest upon, soft pine or yellow poplar as follows: Two pieces 3/8 by 11/8 by 115/8 inches, four pieces 3/8 by 11/8 by 22 inches, two pieces 3/8 by 3/8 by 221/4 inches.

If the design in which vertical slats are used is to be made, there will be needed, instead of the corres-

7 E HAVE been describing pieces of furniture ponding items in the oak bill, the following: Five pieces of oak 3-16 by 7% by 71/2 inches, five pieces of oak 3-16 by 7/8 by 103/4 inches.

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Let us begin by squaring the posts. Carefully smooth off the mill-planed surfaces. Just a stroke or two with the plane blade set for a very shallow cut is all that can be taken or the pieces, which are usually mill-planed just a little thicker than the dimension called for, will be too thin. Two of them should be seven-eighths by seven-eighths by fourteen and threequarters inches; the other two should be of the same width and thickness with a length of eleven and onequarter inches. The lower ends of each of these should be beveled just a little to keep them from splintering when in use.

Next, prepare the side rails by squaring two pieces to three-eighths by two by twenty-four inches. For the cross pieces of head and foot, square two pieces three eighths by one and one-half by eleven and seveneighths; also, two pieces three-eighths by one and onequarter by eleven and seven-eighths inches. As the ends of these pieces are to become enclosed tenons, it



is not necessary to plane them smooth; just saw them accurately.

The exact length of the slats cannot be given until the frame has been put together, but the pieces may be squared to five-sixteenths by five-eighths inches at this time.

The two top pieces should be five-sixteenths by one by thirteen inches.

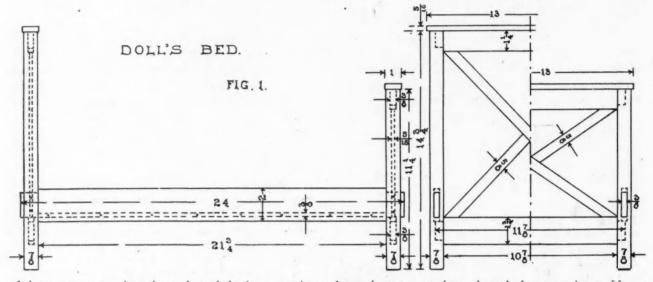
The mortises should be roughly located by standing

up the posts in the positions they are to occupy relative to one another, with the faces turned in and marking them with pencil. Remember that the mortises for the side rails extend entirely through the posts and must therefore be marked on two sides of each post, the other mortises being marked on the inner surfaces only.

gauge to five-sixteenths of an inch and marking with the gauge block against one of the face sides. Again, set it to eleven-sixteenths and gauge from the same surfaces as before. But two settings of the gauge are necessary for all of the mortises.

Place the four posts side by side with the throughmortises up. Even the lower ends by holding the blade

As there are to be no shoulders on the sides of the tenons which go into these mortises, the greatest care must be taken to keep the sides of the mortises smooth and even in cutting them. It is presumed that you



the surface of one of the posts. Measure from the lower end three and one-quarter inches and mark. From this point measure one and three-eighths inches. With a sharp pencil, square light pencil lines across the four pieces at these points. Square these lines across the remaining faces and the side opposite the one upon which they were first marked.

Now place the faces which are to contain the other mortises upward, even the ends so that the lines just drawn coincide. Fig. 2 shows that these mortises are made by using one of the lines just drawn for the top of the mortise and measuring down one and one-

of the trysquare against the ends and the beam against know how to cut through and close mortises. If you do not, better read up in the back numbers of the magazine or get someone to show you, for careless work here will spoil the whole. The closed mortises are to be nine-sixteenths of an inch deep. Should the posts be slightly more or less than seven-eighths of an inch the gauge must be set so as to throw the mortises in the middle, of course.

> Fig. 3 gives the layout of the tenons on the two side rails. The two rails are placed side by side, on edge, the ends are evened and knife lines are squared across the two pieces at a distance of one and oneeighth inches from each end. These lines are then

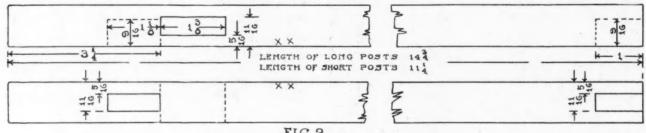


FIG.2.

eighth inches for the bottom line. This is the easiest way to lay it off, but it will make the mortises easier to cut if the whole mortise is dropped five-sixteenths of an inch. This will keep the mortises from cutting into each other and will throw the top of the lower end rail on a line with the bottom of the through tenon, Fig. 1. While the posts are still in position, measure from the tops of both long and short posts one inch and square pencil lines across.

carried entirely around the pieces, care being taken to keep the beam of the trysquare against either the jointedge or the working face.

The gauge is now set to, five-sixteenths of an inch and the tenons marked on the two sides and ends. Next, set it to one and eleven-sixteenths inches and gauge from the joint-edge as before.

This makes tenons one and three-eighths inches wide.

Locate the sides of these mortises by setting the

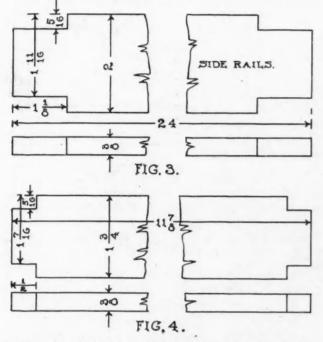
In Fig. 4, the tenons are laid off in a similar man-

ner. The distance to be measured from the ends is one-half an inch, and the gauge is set first to fivesixteenths, then to one and seven-sixteenths inches, making tenons one and one-eighth inches in width.

In Fig. 5, the length of tenon is one-half an inch and is shouldered on one edge only, the gauge being set to one-quarter of an inch.

Fit the parts together. The tenons should fit snugly but care must be taken not to split the legs in the effort to get snug fits.

Before the glue is applied to the tenons, the parts should be scraped clean and smooth and stained, and filled if filler is to be used. The beds shown were stained with a dark brown water-stain, diluted halfand-half with water, then filled with a dark filler. The parts were then put together and when the glue had



hardened, which takes about twenty-four hours, the surplus was cleaned off and the beds given a very thin coat of shellac.

If care is taken—and it pays to be careful, both because of time saved and excellence of results—but very little glue will need to be scraped. The head and foot parts are glued up first, the cross slats are then cut and fitted. These pieces should be stained and filled at the same time as the others. Hold one of them in position and mark the slopes at the ends with a knife very carefully. This one may then be cut and set in place—not nailed. It is advisable to cut just a mite longer and block plane to fit. If the marking has been fairly accurate, do not cut it longer than a sixty-fourth of an inch, for cutting too long is about as bad as cutting too short.

Now, hold the second piece in position and mark the slopes on the ends. Cut and fit, then mark the slopes for the half lap joint at the middle—mark both pieces.

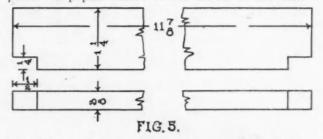
A very small brad at each end will suffice to hold them in place. See that the cross-pieces are well supported while nailing and use a nail-set so as not to batter the wood.

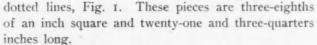
Small brads are used to fasten the top pieces to the posts. Putty, colored to match the filler, is used to conceal the heads.

The side rails may be made fast to the posts, but a better way would be to fasten the tenons in the mortises with small wood pins, so that they may be removed and the bed taken apart like a big bed.

The frame which supports the bedding is simply made. Two pieces of yellow poplar or white pine are squared to three-eighths by seven-eighths by eleven and one-eighth inches, four pieces to the same thickness and width, with a length of twenty-one and onehalf inches. The photograph shows the manner of placing them. The outside pieces should be about three-quarters of an inch from the ends of the short pieces. The other two, or three if desired, should be spaced equally. The ends are fastened with two brads. each.

This frame is not fastened to the bed but rests upon pieces of poplar nailed to the inside of the rails-





The soft wood is not stained, but shellaced only.

In the doll bed which has the vertical slats instead or the oblique, if the mortises for the lower end rails are dropped five-sixteenths below those of the side rails, as shown in Fig. 1, instead of being as shown in Fig. 2, the distance from the lower edge of the top rail to the top edge of the lower rail will be six and three-quarters at the foot and ten and one-quarter inches at the head. As these slats are to be "set in" one-eighth of an inch at each end the five short ones should be squared to three-sixteenths by five-eighths by seven inches, the five long ones to the same thickness and width with a length of ten and one-half inches.

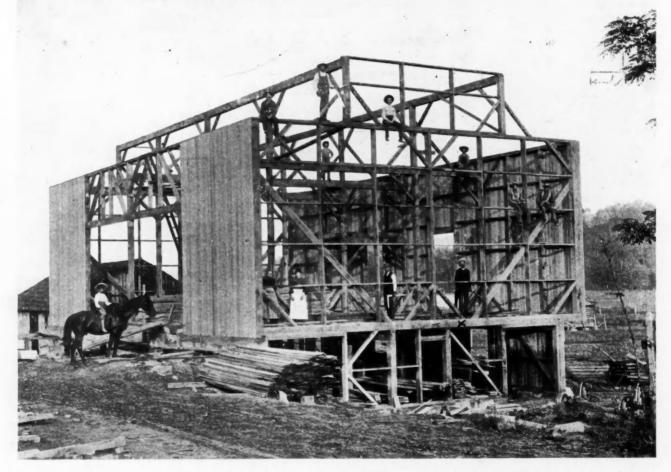
These pieces have no shoulders, the whole end is set into the cross rails, the mortises being cut threesixteenths by five-eighths of an inch. The mortises are spaced equally and the pieces are placed side by side with the joint edges up and marked at one time for the ends of the mortises. The sides are gauged as usual—both lines from the face side. On account of the smallness of the work, great care will be required. A three-sixteenth inch chisel will be best, and the mortises should be cut but slightly deeper than one-eighth of an inch—not more than ofie-sixteenth of an inch at the most.



Balloon Frame Barn

To the Editor: Killbuck, Ohio. I am sending you herewith a photograph of a balloon bank barn which I have recently built. The barn is built without a mortise and is considered one of the best and most comlike to ask you if there is a way to overcome this very serious defect? ADOLPH LIPPMAN.

Answer: Dampness on the interior of concrete block buildings can be positively prevented by using Sylvester's process, which has been in practical use since 1873, and not



plete balloon frame barns in this section of the country. It is 40 by 65 feet, and 18 feet high. During the past seven years I have built a number of barns similar to this and they have all stood the test, both in regard to grain and storms. A. H. UHL.

Waterproofing Concrete Blocks

To the Editor:

Maryville, Mo. Two years ago I built a two-story dwelling house of concrete blocks, and plastered on the blocks. A heavy rain recently beat through the walls, destroying the frescoed work which had been put on the walls only a short time previous. The walls were first canvased and then frescoed. I would

one failure where the instructions have been carried out properly.

Sylvester's process consists of two washes on the exterior side or surface of the building, the first being made of 3/4 pound castile soap to one gallon water, and the second of 1/8 pound alum dissolved in one gallon water.

The soap wash is applied boiling hot with a kalsomine brush. Care must be taken to prevent frothing. Twentyfour hours later apply the alum wash luke warm.

In ordinary cases one wash of each of the above is sufficient, provided the surface of the blocks is clean and their composition not too porous. However, three of those washes alternately applied one day apart will prevent the worst case of damp penetration.

Always apply the soap wash to a dry surface, and should rain come before the alum wash is applied, then let the wall dry and apply the soap wash again before using the alum.

Soap fills the small openings and the alum hardens the soap, and in this simple way it makes the concrete waterproof without discoloring the blocks.

Just add a little alum to soapy hands when washing your hands and see how quickly the soap gathers in small hard balls, made by rubbing your hands.

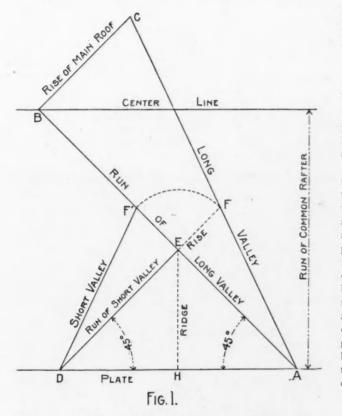
This is a simple proposition and fails only when not properly done, for I have never seen a case where three soap and three alum washes failed to make concrete blocks water proof. FRED W. HAGLOCH.

Length of Valley Rafters and Side Cuts of Jacks

To the Editor:

Mentor, Ohio. Will you kindly answer these two questions: First .- How to obtain, by the square, the lengths for a valley rafter for a dormer. One valley, what we call the blind valley and the other what we call the short valley?

Second.-If the common rafter in the center of an octagon



bay is cut on a three-eighths pitch, what will give the side cut of the jack rafter against the side of the building, also what will give the cut against the hip. C. F. PEARCE.

Answer: The first question has been answered several times but we are willing to answer it again. In examples of this kind, it is more clearly understood to solve by diagram, as shown at Fig. 1. First lay off two parallel lines, letting one represent the plate and the other the center line under the ridge. Thus the run of the common rafter governs the width apart these lines should be. Now lay off the run of the long valley, as from A to B, which should (provided the dormer roof is of the same pitch as that of the main part) rest at an angle of 45 degrees from the plate. B, C, represents the rise of the main roof and C, A, will represent the long valley. That part of which, from C, F, represents what

is called the "blind valley," because it is concealed in the main roof. Now, let D, A, represent the width of the dormer and lay off D, E, which will represent the short valley. Continue this line, as from E to F, which will represent the rise of the valley at this point. Transfer this measurement to F' and

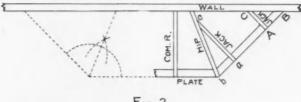


FIG.2

D, F' will represent the short valley. The seat and plumb cuts can be had from this diagram.

As to the second question. The proportions to take on the square for the side cut of the octagon jack to fit against the side of the house. See Fig. 2. Take A, B, on the tongue and the length of the rafter for a run equal to A, C, on the blade and the latter will give the cut. The same rule holds good in the case of the side cut of the jack to fit against the hip, not only for the octagon but any other angle. In this, the reader will observe that we have used the same letters but of the lower case, to represent the same parts. Otherwise, the procedure is the same. Working to a one foot scale for the latter example, it is 5 on the tongue and 15 on the blade. The latter giving the cut. A. W. WOODS.

Laying Shingles To the Editor:

Newark, Ohio.

In the days when we used nothing but the Thompson white pine shingle you never heard any complaint about shingles humping up or bulging up, or of anyone laying the shingles a little ways apart to keep them from bulging up.

I put on one dry shingle roof once, and after I was done the roof was as pretty a roof as you ever saw. After the rain the shingles bulged up an inch, and the worst looking roof that any man ever saw was this same roof. It looked just awful. I could run my fingers under some of the shingles and they stayed that way. After that time, when I had to put on dry shingles I turned the hose on them the night before I wanted to use them and wet them good. I set the bunches of shingles on edge so the water would go all through the bunch and wet all the shingles. This, of course, swelled all the shingles in the bunch and made them limber and tough, and when I nailed them on the roof they did not rot, split or break. I laid them as tight as I could and when the shingles dried out they were all a little apart and not a shingle bulged up. A man can put on more wet shingles in a day than dry ones, and that alone will pay for the time and trouble of wetting the shingles. H. C. JERRY.

Comments by a Member

Greeley, Col.

To the Editor: I have been watching the correspondence department of our magazine pretty closely of late to see if anyone would come forward with an explanation of why shingles are laid open or a little apart.

Mr. Streeter, J. L. F. and others cannot see why this is done, and in giving the following reasons, it must be remembered that our climate here is dry.

Our shingles are nearly always very dry when we put them on (unless we wet them down first, which is frequently done) and if we laid them close they would, as J. L. F. says, hump up and look like a pan tile roof from the effects of the first rain that struck them. I have seen new roofs that would actually leak from this cause. Another thing, no matter how

To the Editor:

closely shingles may be laid some moisture will get between them to the shingle underneath, and is it not reasonable to suppose that when laid open they will dry out quicker than if laid tight?

There seems to be quite a controversy on saw filing. I have always thought that the way a man learned to file was the way for him to stick to. For my part, I file with my file point toward the handle. It seems strange to Mr. Hollingsworth why so many workmen do this, thus putting the cutting edge on the back of the tooth. The two sides engaged, of a slim taper file are practically parallel and the only difference in bevel on the back and on the front of the tooth is because of the set of the teeth, and this difference is more apparent than real, so I don't see that we are necessarily puting the cutting edge on the back of the teeth. I venture to say that when Mr. H. grinds his chisel, he grinds back from the cutting edge so as to leave no burr hanging to the edge when he is through. I grind my saw on the same principle.

F. C. RUSSELL.

Length of Lever

To the Editor:

Parkersburg, W. Va.

Enclosed is a sketch of the fifth lever of a 42-foot track scale which I was called upon to place in position. The concrete foundation called for a 7 foot lever, but a 9 foot was sent by mistake. I found that the proportions of the arms of the two levers were not alike, and so decided not to cut away the concrete to make room for the long one. Afterwards, I was told that the proportions made no difference, but I fail to understand this and consider that if the longer lever had been used, the figures on the weigh beam would have had to be changed.

Hoping to see this explained in the next issue of your most valuable journal, to which I have been a subscriber from its infancy to its present noble size. JAS. W. ASHLEY.

Answer: We are not very well versed in the construction details of track scales, but by the law of levers you would



seem to be right in your contention. The law which holds in the lever is: "The *power* multiplied by its arm is equal to the *weight* multiplied by its arm."

Supposing that a power of 10 cwt. was applied at P, the end of the long arm of the nine foot lever, we should get (10 times 6) 60. Dividing this by the length of the short arm (60 divided by 3) we should get 20 as our balancing weight.

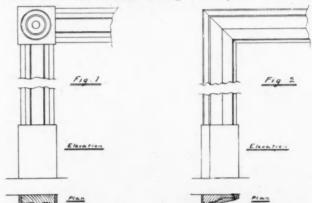
Applying the same power on the long arm of the 7 foot

lever we should get (10 times 5 feet $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches) 55 feet 5 inches. Dividing this by the short arm (55 feet 5 inches divided by 1 foot $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches) we get 38, showing that the difference between the two levers is very great. Unless, therefore, there are some other conditions with which we are not acquainted, it seems that you are justified in your views. T. B. KIDNER.

Plinth Blocks and Door Rails

Fredericton, N. B.

Reply to Mr. Geo. W. Austine, p. 701, August number. Plinth and head blocks should always be wider than the architrave or finish; half an inch being generally allowed. They should also be from one-eighth to one-quarter of an inch thicker. In the case of an architrave molding where corner blocks are used, the molding is usually the same thick-



ness on both edges and the plinth block is a plain, parallel piece. (See Fig. 1.) Where the architrave is mitered at the angles, it is usually thinner on one edge and the plinth block should follow the contour of the molding, somewhat as shown in Fig. 2. Generally speaking, doors should be designed so as to bring the middle or lock rail at a convenient height for the handle. The best practice is to make the center line of the lock rail 2 feet 9 inches from the floor, as this height is considered the most suitable for a lock or other fastener.

T. B. KIDNER.

Answer to Question

To the Editor: La Fargeville, N. Y. Replying to the question of Alex McLachlan in one of your recent issues, will say, on a foundation 16 feet square, to use 12 and 14 foot joists, I should saw the 12 foot ones into three pieces and use them to spike onto the side of the 14 foot ones.

By splicing them alternately at each side of the building and putting in two sets of cross bridging, 4 feet from the ends, a good job would result, as the two foot splice would be amply strong and would be partly supported by the bridging. JOHN UPTON.

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Elegant New Office Building

Within the year has been erected in Davenport, Iowa, a handsome three-story building of vitrified brick. The photograph herewith gives an excellent idea of this beautiful structure. It is elegantly finished inside and is as airy and roomy as its exterior would indicate, being, we believe, the finest office building occupied by a single concern in the city of CARPENTER AND BUILDER. Orders began to pour in from all parts of the country. First one stenographer, then another, first one clerk, then another were added to the staff of the company, until soon the old quarters became cramped and inadequate. The business had grown and its rapid increase was remarkable.

Last January the present building was planned, and it too was quickly rushed toward completion, although not at the



Davenport. The occasion for this building was the remarkable growth of the Gordon-Van Tine Co. A little over a year ago this company conceived a new idea of the distribution of building material. The idea was to revolutionize the trade, extend the market and cheapen the product for the consumer. The plan was to sell directly to the consumer, do all business by mail, and avoid the middle man or the retailer's profit. They immediately began to make their plan known to their prospective patrons through advertising, principally in farm journals and high-class magazines. One of the first advertisements they placed was in the AMERICAN

expense of quality. It is all that can be desired and can accommodate an office force capable of handling an immense amount of business, but already it is a very busy place. The postal receipts in Davenport have increased enormously, and the growth is due to this company. This may seem improbable, but when it is realized their correspondence averages over 2,000 letters a day, it is very easily understood.

Of course the advertising alone is not sufficient to get the entire line of material that this company handles before its customers. When they first get into communication with the company all the customers receive copies of the company's big catalogue, and it is a very large and comprehensive volume. It lists everything in the line of building material, and is profusely illustrated. Millwork, builders' hardware, roofing, paints and a good many other things that go into building are all mentioned. In fact, the book enumerates about 7,500 articles.

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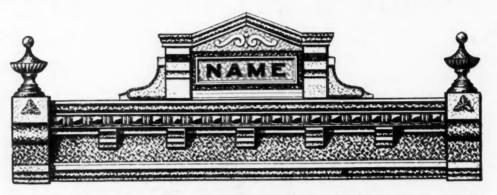
"Our equipment consists of the best and most improved machinery obtainable, which with efficient and skilled workmen enables us to turn out our products economically, hence we are at all times in position to make prices as low as are consistent with a high grade of goods.

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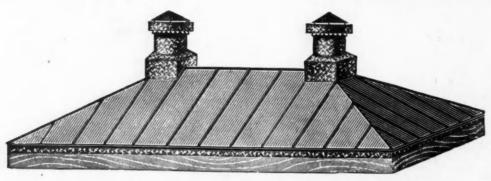
Testing Concrete Blocks

That concrete blocks properly made are capable of withstanding enormous crushing strain is borne out in the following tests made by Professor Crocker, of the Mechanic's



Institute, Rochester, N. Y. A block made on "Hercules" machines by Palermo Bros., Mount Morris, N. Y., containing a total area of 126 square inches, the net area, deducting air space, being 100 square inches, crushed at 181,000 pounds, which is equivalent to '1,436 pounds per square inch total area and 1,810 pounds per

square inch net area. A second test was made with a block produced on a Hercules machine operated by J. F. Norris, Brighton, N. Y.; size of block, 8 by 12 by 24. This block was subjected to 200,000 pounds crushing test and refused to break. The limit of the testing apparatus having been reached, it was impossible to ascertain how



"Our purpose is to place on the market a line of goods which, in both design and construction, will become a guide to discriminating buyers, and, by prompt and careful attention to the requirements of the trade, and the favorable prices which our facilities enable us to make, we hope to much additional weight would have been required to break the block.

The two blocks submitted were regular stock blocks, made of good material mixed with two to one facing and a five to one backing. According to Hercules methods, a sufficient

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amount of water had been used when the blocks were made to insure perfect chemical action.

First Annual Home Beautiful Show

There is always something new under the sun. In Chicago we have had all sorts of shows. Two years ago some genius

its portals. Now we will shortly have the First Annual Home Beautiful Show, which opens at the Coliseum February II and continues until February 22, 1908. In scope and plan this show should prove the most successful of what might be termed commercial expositions. It will be a gathering together of the material things of life that enter into the art,



Interior of Coliseum, Chicago, as Arranged for Home Beautiful Show

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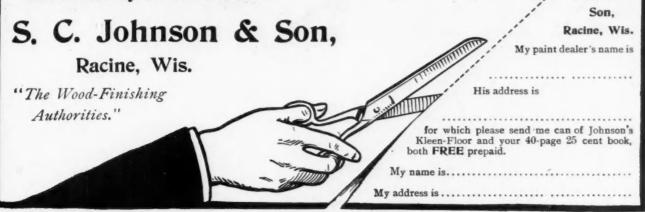
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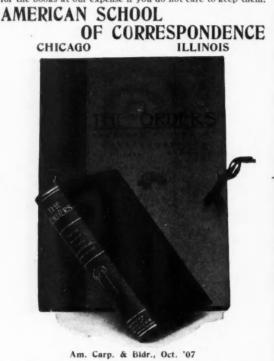


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of ornamentation may follow, although recent attempts to enamel and marbleize them have not proven distinctly successful. To set forth the merits of metal ceilings seems almost like praising wheat, yet there are doubtless many of our readers who do not fully understand their nature or appreciate the enormous advantage to be derived from their employment.

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For further particulars, address the Fox Manufacturing Co., 187 Second street, Milwaukee, Wis.

Saving the Dealer's Profit

Of all the outer walls of a house which make what is called its shell, the roof is the most important. Nowadays walls are built only strong enough to resist heat and cold and to support the roof. They do not need, in these peaceful civilized times, to be built to withstand attack as did the strong old colonial houses, many of which are still standing today.

But the roof still needs to be built to withstand the steady persistent attacks of the weather. Mere thickness and weight are not enough for a roof, in fact they are unnecessary. The particular material with which a roof is covered is what There's roofing *material* and there's *roofing* material—and there's the difference. When you put up a house or barn or other building it is expected to last a good long time, and does, "if the roof holds out." The roof is exposed more than any other part of the building, hence it must be made most durable.

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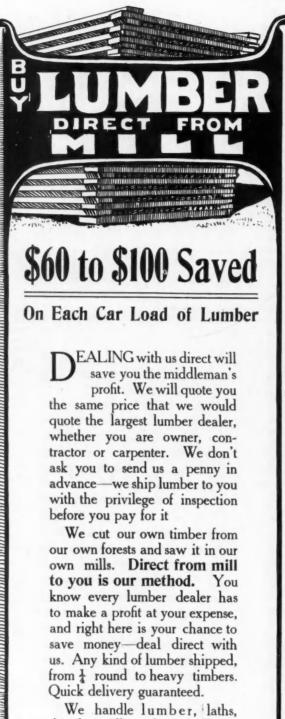
Shingles, tin, slate, galvanized iron and tar and gravel, all have had their day and have all been found wanting in one respect or another. One rots and is susceptible to fire, another rusts or corrodes besides requiring skill to put it on, another cracks, and so on down the line. The only kind devoid of all these features is the prepared felt roofings, of which there are several on the market, and of deserved merit.

As is always the case with articles of merit, there are hordes of imitations, and unfortunately there are many dealers who prefer to sell the imitations and pocket the extra profits,

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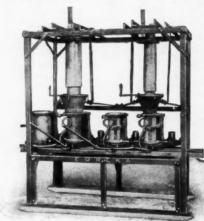
The substitution evil has become so strong in some lines that some manufacturers have ceased to sell the dealer at all, preferring to deal direct with the consumer and thus being assured that their guarantee is far more valuable to the purchaser than the average small dealer's promises.

Prepared roofing is now being sold direct to the consumer, contractor or carpenter; they are sold as cheap as the dealer sold them, in many cases cheaper, and every roll has the guarantee of a financially responsible manufacturer.

To those who have had the experience of paying three profits and taking chances on what they are buying, the new way of buying roofing direct from the manufacturer seems commendable.

Two Practical Machines

It is always conceded by experts that a face down machine with the cores withdrawn vertically is vastly superior to any other type. The Eureka No. 2 Face Down Machine, which is shown in this article, is the only machine on which the



cores are withdrawn vertically by automatic control. instead of being withdrawn by hand. The machine is remarkably simple in operation. One pull of the lever turns over the machine, withdraws the cores and unlocks the core box, pushes the lever in place and turns up the mold box;

puts back the

cores into place, thus leaving the machine ready for the next block. It is not opened or unlocked until it is turned over, consequently one single core can be used in making 16-inch blocks. These cores being withdrawn vertically permits of the use of a much wetter mixture without the blocks sagging. There are no broken blocks, because the cores are not withdrawn until after the block is turned over, and therefore the walls of the block have perfect support until the time the block is delivered from the machine. If the block is turned over after the cores are withdrawn, all the walls are very apt to sag and break the block. The walls of a block made on the Eureka machine cannot sag or crack, consequently there are no spoiled or broken blocks. The automatic features of course make it much more rapid than any other machine on the market.

Probably the most remarkable concrete machine in a great many ways on the market is the Automatic Tamper Drain Tile Machine, which is made by the same company, the Besser

Manufacturing Co., of Alpena, Mich., cut of which we show here. This machine produces drain tiles of superior quality at a very low price. The tamping is entirely automatic and so fast that a tile can be thoroughly tamped in ten seconds. The machine makes a perfect



tile and there is practically no loss of any kind in breakage. Each tamper has two tiles. These swing back and forth under the hopper, so the operator is always making another tile before the first one is received. The act of swinging out this

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tile from its casing cuts off the tile and also brings in the empty casing on which is a core. When the finished tile is swung out from under the tamper a short lever releases it from the core and it is carried away and another casing put on its place before the first goes back to the machine. The machine is fitted with a feeding device which, with an improved arrangement, will deliver just as needed. Everything works automatically without any friction and there is nothing to get out of order. This machine is remarkable for being the only low priced drain tile machine that is rapid and can be operated entirely by hand without any effort.

Reinforced Concrete Pipe Company

We desire to call attention to the advertisement in this

issue of The Reinforced Concrete Pipe Company, of Jackson, Mich. Although this company is comparatively young, it having been in existence a little more than two years, it has ceased to be regarded in the nature of an experiment, its product' having been unqualifiedly endorsed by building engineers and contractors throughout the country. During the past year the company furnished its pipe to many of the larger cities and railway companies of the United States, and at the present time has a number of large contracts in course of construction, among which are Atlantic City, N. J.; Michigan City, Ind.; Grand Rapids, Mich.; Lancaster, Ohio; Dowagiac, Mich.; Elkhart, Ind., Belgium, Wis. (suburb of Milwaukee); Ford City, Mich. (a suburb of Detroit); Waukegan, Ill.; Green Bay, Wis.; Denver, Col.; the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway at Coldwater, Mich., and Baltimore, Md., this being a portion of the immense sewer system recently begun in that city, the cost of which is estimated at \$13,000,000.

It has also secured an exclusive contract for furnishing pipe for the Transcontinental Railway of Canada, financed by the government and extending from ocean to ocean.

The Reinforced Concrete Pipe Company has heretofore devoted its energies to pipe designed for sewerage purposes, but has recently applied for a patent and is about to begin the manufacture of a concrete and steel cylinder high pressure water pipe with electrically welded joints.

Owing to the great demand for its product the company has found it necessary to establish a branch factory at Los Angeles, Cal., which is now prepared to handle the territory west of the Rocky mountains.

We congratulate the company on its remarkably rapid growth and predict for it a still more successful business career in the future.

Bedford Stone

World wide in fame and use, the demand for Bedford stone for building purposes, both as to residences, stores and large structures, is constantly growing. The buff and blue colors of Bedford stone are beautiful. Geo. W. Bollenbacher, of Bloomington, Ind., one of the best known brokers in stone in the country, has an ad. in this number and is in a position to furnish valuable information and very low estimates about and for any shape of Bedford stone desired. Every stone cutter likes fine stone, but many don't know just where to get it. Mr. Bollenbacher has issued an interesting folder showing a grand list of residences and other buildings located all over the country and constructed of the particular kind of Bedford stone supplied by him.

Money Made Making Cement Brick

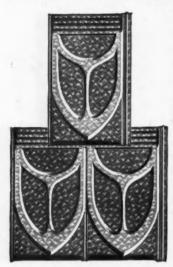
The cement construction industry is growing with such leaps and bounds that the opportunities to make money in



some one of its numerous branches seem endless. From the indications the manufacture of cement brick offers the best opportunity for a permanent business, providing the right machine is purchased. The Peerless Brick Machine, manufactured by the Peerless Brick Machine Co., 11 N. Sixth street, Minneapolis, Minn., has attained a very high reputation. In an advertisement in another column the manufacturers state that more of their machines are now in use producing a profit to owners than all others combined. If interested, write them.

Champion Lock Joint Metal Shingles

The Eller Manufacturing Company, of Canton, Ohio, has just issued a small catalogue illustrating their Champion



Lock Joint Metal Shingles, and all those interested in metal shingles can have a copy for the asking. This new lock joint is one of the most ingenious devices that has yet been patented, and buyers of metal shingles will do well to get this book and investigate.

Shingles made of metal are the roof covering of the future. They are light, easy to apply, and produce an artistic appearance that cannot be produced by any other material. They are fireproof and do not get out of order, as wind has no effect on them. They are

unexcelled in lightness, durability and artistic appearance by any of our modern roof coverings. The first cost may be a trifle more than wood shingles, but this is offset by the fact that there are no subsequent repairs to be made, and when applied properly they last a life time. The Eller Company's Champion shingles are made in tin and galvanized, and are painted by hand, giving them a coat of paint that will last at least five years.

Improvements in Concrete Machinery

The accompanying cut illustrates the Helm Press, manufactured by the Queen City Brick Machine Co., Traverse



City, Mich., which has borne a high reputation as a cement brick machine ever since it was placed on the market four years ago. This machine has proven so successful and satisfactory as a brick machine that its manufacturers have foreseen the advisability of greatly widening its adaptability so as to make blocks,

consisting of two-piece blocks, veneer blocks and paving blocks, the latter being utilized not only for pavements but in making sidewalks and as a general building material. Complete attachments have been provided for making these blocks, giving the machine a capacity of 1,000 blocks daily. It saves equally as much labor in pressing blocks as it does in pressing brick instead of tamping. The blocks produced on this machine combine the advantages of the two-piece block and the down face hollow block, since they can be faced equally as economically as the latter.

The two piece block appeals to the home builder since it saves the cost of furring and lathing and makes a wall that



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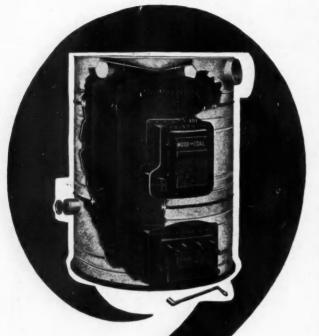
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Co. :: :: FRONT RANK Steel Furnaces 4057 Forest Park Boulevard, St. Louis, Mo. is waterproof. No moisture can pass through to the inner surface on account of the continuous air space.

The addition of these attachments to the Helm Press completes it for the production of the various concrete products which are produced and used in large quantities.

The above firm is also placing on the market a face down block machine, called the Automatic, from the fact that it is so nearly automatic in its operations, thereby giving the greatest possible capacity in a face down block machine for hand tamping.

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His "Successful Draftmanship" book, size 6x9, is sent free with full particulars to anyone interested, for four cents in stamps to cover the cost of mailing.

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The manufacturer that makes a good product knows it and therefore has confidence in spending his money to tell the



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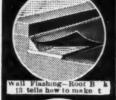
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Practical Cement Molds for Contractors

A new line of molds is about to be put on the market by the Simpson Cement Mold Co., which will be of particular

interest to contractors. The Simpson molds for porch columns have met with such great favor, not only because of their beautiful and symmetrical designs, but also because of their simplicity of operation, that there has been a growing demand for molds constructed on the same plan for the manufacture of cement blocks for other purposes. The patterns for these new molds have just been completed, and tests of the molds made. A detailed description of them would occupy more space than the AMERICAN CARPENTER AND BUILDER can devote to it at this time. In general, the molds are made in two halves (by bolting two iron plates together) and these are held by simple but powerful clamps while the tamping is done. The clamps are taken off and the mold removed from the block in a few seconds. Wood pallets only are used. The molds are so rigid that no "lost motion" is possible, and the blocks are therefore all perfectly



true as to size and form. With a comparatively small number of interchangeable side and end plates, rock face and plain face blocks are made of the following sizes: 8x8x 8 in. 8x 8x24 in. 8x12x24 in.

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The various size blocks are made with one, two or three (and in some cases four) sides rock face, or all plain face. These blocks will build a large variety of work—foundations, range walls, piers, chimneys, fence walls, retaining walls, etc. They provide the contractor an easy and inexpensive means for making blocks for himself, and they are especially valuable in communities where there are no regular block makers. The Simpson Company will issue a sheet of directions which, if followed by the owners of the molds, will produce absolutely first-class cement blocks.

There is a convenient arrangement of the molds in various sets of different capacities. The prices range from \$12.00 to \$50.00 per set. The whole scheme is greatly to the advantage of any contractor who handles cement blocks.

Full particulars may be had on request of the Simpson Cement Mold Co., 498 North High street, Columbus, Ohio.

Make Money by Using Machinery

Knowing that the subscribers to the AMERICAN CARPENTER AND BUILDER are busy people, that they are the class which is moving forward and not backward, and that their operations and business are growing, we desire to call their attention to the wisdom and economies presented through the use of power. Many of the AMERICAN CARPENTER AND BUILDER subscribers have small but complete woodworking shops in which they produce much of their own millwork. The use of gasoline for generating power gives quick action and is very economi-



cal. By turning to the ad. of the Chicago Machinery Exchange, 9 to 13 North Canal street, Chicago, you will find illustrations of several useful machines for carpenters and contractors that will save them time and money if installed in their shops. This ad. contains a lot of good suggestions, and by writing this firm you will receive much information about shop equipment which you should know. Write them. It will pay.

A Word to the Wise is Sufficient

Parlor door hangers are a very small item in builders' hardware, and are not usually given much consideration by the average man unless he has had previous experience and trouble with them. Any other article in builders' hardware can be changed if not satisfactory, but the door hangers, after once installed, must remain whether satisfactory or not, unless you desire to tear out the entire partition in which they are enclosed.

Under these circumstances, it is suggested that you investigate the merits of the Prouty No. 5 "Cushion Track" hanger,



which was designed to overcome the objectionable features which have heretofore given annoyance in equipment of this kind. You, as a builder, have experienced trouble with the yet to receive their first complaint from any source. They sell

adjusting screws in some other hangers working loose from the vibration of the door, and have you not noticed how annoying it is when operating a sliding door to have it accompanied by a loud rattling and rumbling? These are entirely eliminated in this equipment, as it has a lock adjustment which is absolutely positive, and when once in position, it is there for all time.



This construction also entirely checks all sound vibration, both in hangers and rail, by the use of sound deadening felt and perfect bearings. The illustrations will show where felt is used and the metal casing or support in which wood and felt are mounted is made in 12 inch sections so that any vibration that should get through the felt is confined to the one piece and is not distributed through the entire length of rail. A parlor door makes one of the best sounding boards imaginable if it has the opportunity.

Knowing the merits of their hangers, the T. C. Prouty Co., Ltd., of Albion, Mich., have sold thousands of sets in the past



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This is a scene that is enacted daily in the office of the Chicago Tribune. Long lines of men and women are continuously inserting their "ads" for situations. If you ever have been thrown absolutely on your own resources, with no prospect of immediate employment, nothing will stir you more deeply than the above photograph. If you have ever known what it means to haunt the offices of the big daily papers, awaiting the extra editions containing the daily "help wanted ads" in order that **you** might be the **first applicant** for a position, you can readily understand the hope and discouragement that animates the individuals in this picture.

How easily any one in this crowd could put himself forever above such a quest for insignificant, poorly paid positions! The only reason that it is necessary to compete with hundreds of others for such a position is that almost any one is qualified to fill it, and the first applicant will doubtless secure it. It is only positions that require special training, special skill, special knowledge that must and do seek the man. Hundreds of such positions are advertised day after day and still cannot be satisfactorily filled. Why not put yourself above the mediocre and qualify yourself for a position of responsibility and trust where your earnings are gauged by what you know and not by the time you spend at your daily task?

The American School of Correspondence is constantly fitting thousands of young men to start life in positions where there is an assured future for a man of ambition and brains. It is taking older men from poorly paid, uncongenial work and placing them where they can secure better pay, better future, better hours and better work for the rest of their working days.

We employ no agents to annoy you with repeated calls at your home or place of business. We talk to you only by mail. The money you pay us is not used to maintain an expensive organization of high priced agents, but is used to give you better instruction at a lower cost.

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A Leading Architect Designed this Non-Smoking Fireplace

We have scores of other fireplace designs—some simple, some elaborate—that will suit if this does not appeal to your artistic sense—all designed by America's leading architects, in conjunc-tion with a practical fireplace builder who has devoted his life to the work of perfecting a fireplace that will not smoke. Our fireplaces leave nothing to be desired in point of true artistic beauty, practicability and honesty of construction. We can refer you to many men of wealth and position throughout the country who find solace and comfort in the warmth and cheer of our fire-places. Being built of finest specially made brick, they should not be confused with the cheap wooden affairs so often seen in modern homes. We suggest tints and colors to harmonize with the room decora-tions. Can be placed in new or old homes.

Our free Book of Designs, sent for the asking, shows a pleasing and suitable variety to meet individual requirements. Our prices are from \$18.00 to \$250.00

COLONIAL FIREPLACE CO., 2539 W. 12th St., Chicago



on their merits exclusively and are highly recommended and specified by the most conservative arcihtects of the country.

If your hardware dealer does not carry them in stock, they will be pleased to send your requirements to him, subject to your inspection and approval, and will guarantee them to give entire satisfaction if direction sheets are complied with.

Handsome New Catalogue

Catalogue No. 18, a handsome new book, has just been issued by the L. S. Starrett Co., Athol, Mass. It contains 232 pages descriptive of all that is latest and best in fine mechanical tools, with over 300 illustrations. Many new and unique tools are shown, some additions to sizes of former tools have been made, a number of improvements in design



will be noticed, and several more pages of useful tables are given than before. The arrangement has been carfully revised, every tool indexed both by name and number, and no pains have been spared to make this the newsiest, most complete, handiest and most attractive tool catalogue ever issued. A reproduction of the cover is shown herewith. The company will be pleased to send a copy of this attractive and valuable book to those who are interested.

New Hollow Wall Method

Reinforced concrete in its several forms has already passed the experimental stage. The adoption of monolithic walls by contractors and builders is being demanded by those using concrete, as they have won for themselves an important position, as being economical, practical, durable, frost, moisture and fireproof. The invention is claimed to be one of the best of recent contributions to the industry.

In the method used by the Hollow Wall Machine Company, of Petoskey, Mich., of which company Mr. W. J. Rachow is secretary and treasurer, the stone is molded upon the wall, the molds traveling on a track which is attached to an elevated scaffold. The molds are twelve inches in height, and as rapidly as each course is completed the scaffold is simply raised twelve inches, which operation also raises the tracks and molds, and a new course is started. The same movement is repeated until the whole story is erected, when the joists

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The teeth are the "business end" of the saw. Starting with the even-tempered, edge-holding Simonds Steel, every tooth of

THE SIMONDS SAW

TIS THE TEETH THAT TELL."

and of every other make of saw, does all of its cutting at the point and *only* at the point, therefore the saw which holds the tooth point the longest is the saw which does the business best—cuts clean and fast. Simonds Saws are

Made of Simonds Steel

made in a Simonds Steel Mill exclusively for Simonds Saws—the best saw steel in the world—steel that gives the point the right degree of toughness and makes refiling seldom necessary. That is where quality tells, and the sum of all these excellences is

Simonds Saws are the Bestand They ARE the Best

Every Simonds Saw is *absolutely guaranteed* perfect in material and workmanship, whether it be a Hand Saw, Circular, Cross-cut, Buck or Band Saw. Insist on having "a Simonds." Your hardware dealer should promptly supply

nsist on having "a Simonds." Your hardware dealer should promptly supply you with a Simonds Saw of any style, point or size. If your dealer does not keep the Simonds, let us know and we will see that



are placed and the entire apparatus is raised to that floor and a new story added, consequently the same apparatus is sufficient to build any number of stories in height.

Between each twelve inch course the walls are tied together with steel ties which reinforce and strengthen the walls, lengthwise and crosswise, thus making the entire walls one complete net of steel reinforcement.

There is no limit to the different designs that can be made, and inasmuch as the natural concrete is more beautiful and lasting than any imitation, it is plain to be seen that the new method has the greatest advantages. See their advertisement in this issue.

A card mentioning the AMERICAN CARPENTER AND BUILDER will bring to you full details of the method.

A New Hall or Bathroom Hook

The Atlas Manufacturing Co., of New Haven, Conn., have just put on the market a new hall or bathroom hook, which



is illustrated herewith. This hook embodies the principal features of their regular coat and hat hook, having the same metal clasp in the corner, which adds great strength and, results in a much more open and roomy hook, and also the

swell at the bottom of the lower hook, which keeps it from turning on the screw. This latter feature is a very popular one. In fact, the only difference between this hook and the regular hook is in its length, being four inches long, and in the upper hook being lengthened and turned upwards so as to give a secure support for hats of all shapes and sizes. The hook was made originally to sell in the far east, but is proving to be a good seller in this country. It is used exclusively in the nickel plated finish.

A Useful Window Device

In the advertisement of the Lawson Mfg. Co., 38 Dearborn street, which appears on another page, is the illustration of a very useful device known as the the "Matchless" burglar proof window ventilating lock, that should be on windows of every home. Its merits are many and it should prove a business getter for carpenters to introduce in their localities. It consists of a highly polished strip of steel which fastens on the inside of the upper sash and contains a groove into which slides automatically, as the lower sash is raised, a steel device containing a knob. This device is fastened to the top of the lower sash. Through this knob runs a bolt that releases itself automatically and slides into the groove section and locks firmly when the lower sash has been raised a sufficient amount of space to allow proper ventilation and yet not sufficient to admit entrance through the window, as it is not possible for anyone to reach through the opening and release the bolt because of the manner in which the latter operates. This makes the window burglar proof and safer in fact than if it were closed and only protected by the usual form of sash lock found in the center of most windows. While the Matchless window lock cannot be released from the outside, it is easily operated by a person on the inside and does not interfere in the least in raising the lower sash to its full length if so desired, as it can be operated with one hand without any delay or trouble. It is the best protection for windows against sneak thieves and porch climbers that has come to our notice. It is made of steel but finished in about twenty colors, from dead black to brass antique. The Lawson Mfg. Co. also



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A Target & Arrow Old Style Tin Roof

twice saved this building from destruction by fire



THIS WAREHOUSE affords a convincing illustration of the fire-proof



qualities of "Target-and-Arrow Old Style" roofing tin. It is located in Philadelphia and owned by S. D. Hunsberger. In the spring of last year the building adjoining was destroyed by fire, rebuilt and again destroyed by fire in the fall. At the time of both fires the wind carried the flames and sparks directly across the roof of the warehouse, but without damage to the building and the tin itself required only a re-soldering of some of the seams and a new coat of paint.

Reg U.S. Pat. Office. This trade-mark stamped on each sheet of the gennne original "old style" tin

No roofing material manufactured offers the fire-resisting qualities of tin. No tin manufactured offers the weather-resisting qualities of "Target-and-Arrow Old Style." It makes the safest, most sanitary and most serviceable roof for any building. The roof of any structure is of sufficient importance to warrant a study of the subject before building. Our booklets, "A Guide to Good Roofs" and the "Tin Roofer's Hand Book," both sent free on request, will be found to be informing and authoritative text-books.

N. & G. TAYLOR COMPANY (Established) PHILADELPHIA

manufacture the well known Matchless floor hinges and the Matchless door. Read their ad. for more information as to how to obtain a sample of the "Matchless" burglar proof window ventilating lock.

Francisco Block Machine

The Francisco Adjustable Concrete Block Machine makes blocks from coarse, wet material, consisting of crushed stone or gravel, a stone as large as a hen's egg not interfering in the least with the operation of the machine. The material is used in the machine with enough water added to make it into

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a stiff mortar. The biocks are made out of doors as wet as it is possible to make them, as the sun does not affect them. This means a big saving in the cost of equipping a plant, as cars and buildings are not required. Double

the strength is secured with half the amount of cement that would be necessary if using sand and the dry process for the construction of the block. They use a mixture of 8 to I for the concrete part of the block, and a mixture of 2 to I for the face, this mixture of 8 to I of coarse material, as test proves, being equal in strength to 3 to I of sand and cement.

One of the principal advantages of this wet material is the fact that a block made wet will crystalize so that it will not take any moisture. This crystalization is not possible without adding the water when mixing the material, as water gives

density and density gives strength. 'With this style of construction, plaster may be applied direct on the wall, as the moisture cannot penetrate.

With this coarse and wet material, the Francisco machine is able to produce a block for one-third less money than can be produced from sand and the dry process, and the block has double the strength.

Write the Francisco Adjustable Concrete Block Machine Co., Columbus, Ohio, for further particulars.

Largely Increased Capacity

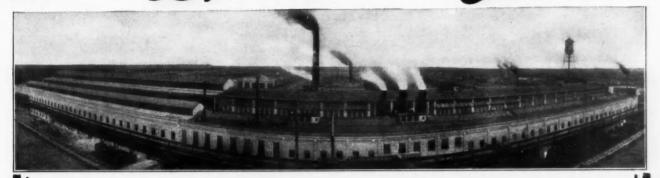
The National Manufacturing Co., Sterling, Ill., manufacturers of builders' hardware and hardware specialities, are just completing a three-story addition to their factory, 100 feet by 100 feet in dimension. The building is constructed of brick and concrete and will be supplied with the best of modern equipment. All presses, punches and other heavy machinery will stand on concrete bases. The building is equipped with elevators and traveling cranes, reducing to a minimum the labor necessary in handling the steel and finished product. With their largely increased capacity the company is in a position to fill all orders with more than their usual promptness.

The Brandell Block Machine

A great factor in the production of concrete blocks on a profitable basis is the time required in operating the machine. The machine with the fewest operations and which can be made ready the quickest for the next mold, after the previous block has been discharged, is sure to win out for the purchaser, providing it is built on principles that produce the



Barren Apecification Roofs



Allis-Chalmers Plant, showing 300,000 square feet of Barrett Specification Roofs.

FOR ALL PERMANENT BUILDINGS

I is significant that **Barrett Speci**fication **Roofs** are almost invariably adopted for buildings with large roof areas such as factories, railroad buildings, etc. where the cost and durability of materials must be carefully considered. An example of this is the well known Allis-Chalmers plant, illustrated herewith. All the recently erected buildings carry **Barrett Specifica**tion **Roofs**, amounting in all to about 300,000 square feet.

A Barrett Specification Roof in a typical instance (King Phillip Mill, Fall River, Mass.) was recently renewed after it had seen thirty years of service.

Its original cost was less than any style of metal roofing would have been. Tin or sheet iron would have required continual painting and even then would have been liable to rust and corrode, causing loss by leaks. A ready roofing, with its narrow laps and exposed nailing would have been entirely unadapted for use on a building of this type, where the roof is of moderate pitch.

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The cost per square foot per year of service in the case of **Barrett Speci***fication Roofs* is remarkably low; First, because the original cost is always moderate, and second, because the maintenance cost as a rule is nothing, (as the roof requires no painting or protection of any kind). In the case of the King Phillip Mill, for instance, the total roofing cost was only about one-fifth of a cent per square foot per year of service.

Low cost and satisfactory service have made **Barrett Specification Roofs** more largely used than any other kind.

The Barrett Specifications in pocket edition form will be mailed free on request to anyone interested.



best block that can be made. Such a machine is combined in the new Brandell concrete block machine, manufactured by the Brandell Concrete Block Machine Company, corner Dearborn and Madison streets, Chicago. This machine has a self-löcking mold that does away entirely with the handling of plates, gates, pins, clamps and other devices and saves thirty per cent in the labor required to produce each block. A handsome new catalogue which tells all about the Brandell has just been issued and will be sent free to any address for the asking.

The Holdfast Casement Sash Adjustment

During the past few years there has been a great and rapid increase in the popularity of casement windows for residences. About two years ago a prominent architect, who has always used casement windows exclusively in his residence work because of their splendid ventilating qualities and superior appearance, invented the "Hold-Fast" adjuster, which entirely overcomes all former difficulties. It swings the sash easily and locks it solidly at any angle *from inside the screen and storm sash*. Although the "Hold-Fast" is the first device of its kind on the market it still remains the simplest, the neatest in appearance, and easiest to operate—so easy that a child can operate it in the dark.

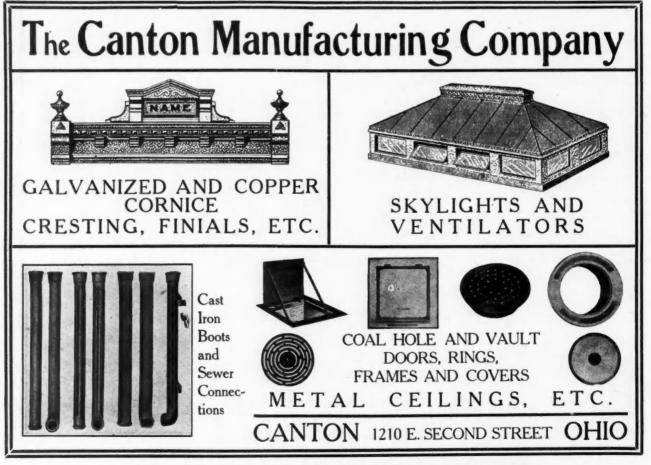
The "Hold-Fast" consists of an outer arm about 13 inches in length, slidably constructed and connected by means of a knuckle joint to the sash and to a heavy pivot which passes through a bushing plate set into the window stool between sash and screen. This outer arm is easily swung to and fro by means of an operating lever which passes through a slot in the window stool covered with a locking plate in which are a series of holes or scallops. This operating lever consists of a brass sleeve with a neat ball handle sliding over a short steel arm which is screwed through the lower end of the pivot below the window stool. As the window is swung open the upper arm, which is attached to the sash and consists of a heavy brass tube and a solid brass rod sliding in same, is extended, giving a powerful leverage. This device will open the ordinary sash to nearly 90 degrees, at which point the solid rod extends about 4 inches into the tubular arm to give ample strength and avoid friction.

When locked in position, the sleeve of the operating lever is pushed in one of the scallops of the locking plate and projects very little, if any, beyond the edge of the ordinary window stool. When extended and unlocked it gives a powerful leverage—a very strong point. The sash is operated simply by pulling out the operating arm and swinging it to the desired position and pushing the arm into the locking plate at the desired point, open or closed. The steel pivot consists of a heavy solid brass head and a steel extension secured to same by means of a heavy set screw, making the angle between the upper and lower arms adjustable to suit the various distances between screen and sash in different jobs.

An illustration of the "Mold-Fast" Casement Sash Adjuster will be found in the ad. of the Casement Hardware Co. on page 130. They manufacture this device, furnish it in all finishes, and make changes to order in the length of pivots and arm where required to fit special cases.

Practicability of Parquet Floors

For all classes of homes and in all rooms hardwood and parquet floors are practical. In point of cost they are an inexpensive luxury. In points of economy, sanitation and utility they are virtually a necessity. The parquet floor is a robust elegance in the sense that it combines the delicacy of great natural beauty with the wearing qualities of iron. One of the leading manufacturers of these floors and the pioneer in the business in the west is J. Dunfee & Co., of Chicago. They have a large factory at 98 to 200 Union street, with salesrooms at 100 Franklin street, corner of Washington, and are the only Chicago firm in this line that manufactures their own product. Their business is exclusively floors, they being



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YOUR HOME—Everybody's home should have a mantel. A mantel is useful as well as artistic and decorative. It saves you furnace heat on chill Spring and Autumn days, and diffuses cheer

and comfort more than does any other piece of furniture in the house.

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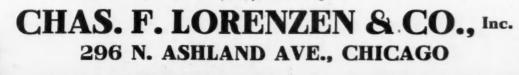
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Lorenzen Mantels have a distinct character and quality both in design and workmanship, not possessed by others. This has made for them worldwide reputation and enormous sales. The great volume of our output is what enables us to sell Lorenzen Mantels at such low prices. We have more than 100 designs and styles selling at from \$2.50 to \$250.00.

STYLES

Lorenzen Mantels embrace Colonial, Craftsman, Modern Mission and numerous other styles, and all woods and finishes. Our modern factory, large stock of air-seasoned lumber, and expert, skilled workmen all mean beautiful mantels, far above the ordinary. We are at all times prepared to furnish designs of mantels and fireplaces in the historic periods of architecture, such as Louis XIV, Louis XV, Louis XVI, Renaissance, Gothic, Rococo, Empire, Early English, Colonial, Chippendale, Sheraton, Adam, etc.

FREE CATALOGUE — The largest and finest catalogue of wood mantels ever issused, with photographic reproductions. Each copy costs us nearly a dollar to issue, but we send it **free** to all Carpenters and Builders. If you write for it now, you won't forget.



specialists in this one particular line, and are pioneers in the business, having been established since 1893. They have a very handsome catalogue showing hundreds of designs illustrated in the natural colors of the finished product. This catalogue, together with a neat and valuable little booklet called "Pointers," on the care of parquet and hardwood floors, is sent free to all who write and ask for the same. They give the exclusive representation of their line to reliable men in each community. Read their ad. on page 118.

An Interesting State Fair Booth

The W. J. Burton Co., of Detroit, Mich., had an interesting booth at the recent Michigan State Fair. The base, columns, brackets and upper section was made of their Natural Asphalt Gravel Surface Roofing and Siding, the finish around the edges being galvanized covering, as shown in the photograph. The lettering was of metal. The ceiling of the booth was covered with their Ornamental Pressed Metal Ceiling, and the



side walls with Neponset Sheathing. The border effect was made by connecting three-inch round corrugated galvanized elbows together. An assortment of their different brands of roofings and siding was also placed around the inside of the booth. In the right hand corner between the two columns will be noticed a section of their Eastlake Metal Shingles, the leader among their roofing materials. This shingle created an unlimited amount of attention. The outside of the booth was also very interesting, and at a short distance one could hardly distinguish the difference between this and granite stone finish.

Mantel Creations

No small part of the comfort and cheerfulness of the home is contributed by the mantel. A mantel in the home is always useful as well as artistic and decorative. Very few homes are built today without provision for a mantel or fireplace. Mantel manufacturers have spared no expense or study in the production of types and designs that cover every known style of architecture. One of the leading firms of high repute, devoting their exclusive attention to the production and sale of mantels, is the Chas. F. Lorenzen Co., of Chicago. They have recently issued a very elaborate catalogue showing over one hundred designs of wood mantels. This catalogue cost them nearly one dollar per copy to issue, but is sent free to all carpenters and builders, and will certainly prove a great help in enabling them to sell their customers any desirable style of mantel. It contains mantels costing from \$2.50 to \$250. Write for it.

Artistic Wood Grilles

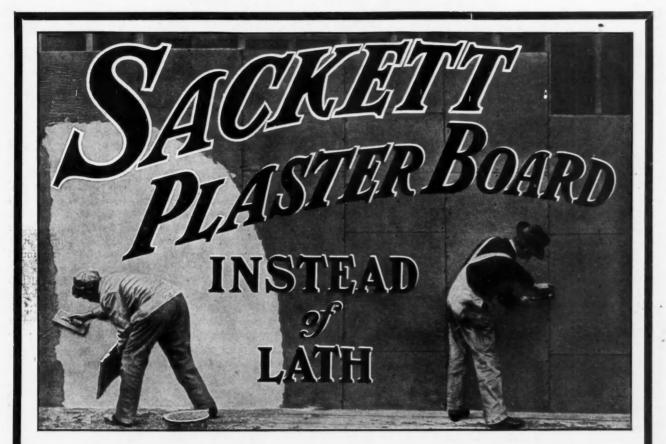
The name of Bertelsen means much when it comes to quality and design in artistic wood grilles. The Bertelsen Adjustable Grille Co., who for years have been constant advertisers in the AMERICAN CARPENTER AND BUILDER, have recently doubled the capacity for manufacting their line of grilles, among which are the patent adjustable grilles, which possess features not contained in any other make of grilles, as they can be adjusted to fit any opening. The Bertelsen company makes a feature of made-to-order grilles of special designs from architects' detail drawings. Where rough sketches with size of opening are sent to them they will elaborate and promptly submit design and prices for grilles. They are prepared to furnish this class of work in any kind of wood or style of finish. Their ad. on another page shows a very good grille design. Write them when wanting grilles and for catalogue

A Heating System of Merit

In building a new home too much consideration cannot be given the subject of heating it. This matter should be given detail attention before construction work begins. Much has been said and written on home heating, but the new booklet, under the title "Advanced Methods of Warm Air Heating," recently issued by the United States Register Co., of Battle Creek, Mich., and Minneapolis, Minn., is probably about the clearest and most easily understood explanation of the real essential elements of home heating and ventilating that is to be found today. This booklet is sent free to those who write and mention the AMERICAN CARPENTER AND BUILDER. You will obtain many good suggestions and much practical infor-







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Sackett Plaster Boards have been successfully used since 1891 in thousands of buildings of all classes, including small cottages, prominent hotels, costly residences, churches, and theatres.

Walls and ceilings of Sackett Plaster Boards will be dry and ready in half the time required when lath is used, as less than half the quantity of water is needed.

Less moisture means less damage from warped and twisted trim and woodwork.

Their superior insulating qualities make warmer houses with less fuel. The first cost is no more than good work on wood lath, and less than on metal lath.

Sackett Plaster Board is an efficient and economical

fireproofing, not only for walls but between floors, and for protecting exposed wooden surfaces in mills, warehouses, and industrial structures. It is also used extensively instead of lumber as outside sheathing under weather boards.

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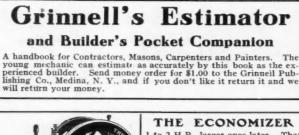
Sackett Plaster Board comes in sheets or slabs 32×36 inches, ready to be nailed direct to the studding, furring, or beams.

For all kinds of buildings its use is ideal. It speeds construction; it lessens building cost; it reduces fixed charges for insurance; it makes fire-resisting walls and ceilings; and gives absolute satisfaction.

Carried in stock by up-to-date building-material dealers everywhere.

Booklet showing buildings all over the country where these Boards have been successfully used with **Samples** and name of nearest dealer, furnished on application to any of the following General Distributors

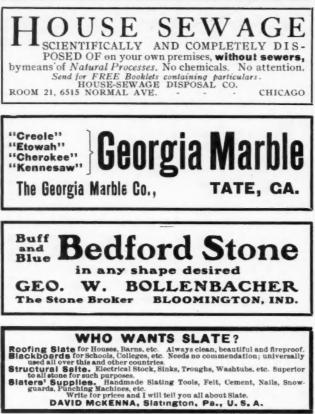






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mation from it about heating. An ad. of The United States Register Co. appears on page 13 of this Home Builders' Number.

Brown's Roofing Experience

To Sam, the Roofer:

No doubt you would like to hear something about the town you left some years ago, so I will tell you some. You remember old man Brown, and the house you covered for him with that felt and gravel roofing because he would not hear to slate. Would have nothing else than felt; the price appealed to him stronger than quality.

The year following the one you left town was one to be remembered by Brown. It was now three years that this roof was on, but one April morning was one that got old Brown into a fomentation, because he was always tight on money matters. During the night there was a heavy thunderstorm; this felt roof was a sight. The wind had gotten under it at places. Now you can imagine how it looked. The rain found these places and went through the ceilings.

A change came over Mr. Brown. He now condemned this sort of roofing material and would have a tin roof, consequently a tin roof was put on, using good material, but there is where Brown again made a mistake. He was told he must keep this roof in paint-that really it should be painted every year. He did this one year, then figured the cost and came to the conclusion that this made too expensive a roof, so no more paint was put on. Four years later he found his roof was leaking in patches like a sieve, so he employed a roof mender who went on the roof with muslin and hot pitch, putting the pitch on the part that had holes, put on the muslin and painted hot pitch over it again. This process was repeated several years until finally the whole roof was covered. Here the fire insurance agents came in and told Brown they must cancel the insurance because the policy called for a tin roof, and now he had an inflammable one.

Brown was now astir, and for several days he pondered over the situation. The roof did not leak, still he had a poor roof. He learned that the insurance people reduced the rates on slate roofs over those of other kinds, so now he sent for your humble servant and asked for an estimate for the best slate roof. I was surprised, as I thought he wanted the cheapest again, but figured on the best and gave him the price. As soon as he had the figures he yelled, "I accepthow soon can you put it on-get it on tomorrow." The following week I finished the roof, using for the main part 8 by 16 Hower's Special Slate, bought from J. K. Hower, Slatington, Pa., underlaid with the best slaters' felt, and each slate fastened with two galvanized 3d cut nails. The bell shape tower and the lookout are covered with 8 by 10 Franklin slate, because there were no small size of Hower's Special on hand. This was five years ago and the roof has still a uniform, even, beautiful color. Brown is pleased, says he did



THE FOX

Built on Scientific Principles, Yet Simple in Construction

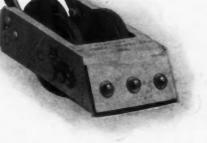
Simplicity is the most important factor to be considered in building a machine. In this respect, as in all others, the FOX SCRAPER EXCELS. A glance will convince a practical man that it *must*, of necessity, *do the work*. It consists of very few parts, yet is complete in every detail.

Easy to Operate

Any man who can use a hand scraper can operate the Fox Floor Scraper and do good work. Bear this fact in mind that you do not have to keep a trained man or expert in your employ to operate this machine. Simply draw the machine toward you and it will do the work. Any boy of sixteen years can operate this machine and do rapid and perfect work.

> Will pay for itself in two days' work

Fox MFG. Co. 187 Second St. MILWAUKEE, WIS. The Floor Scraper THAT HAS Taken the Lead



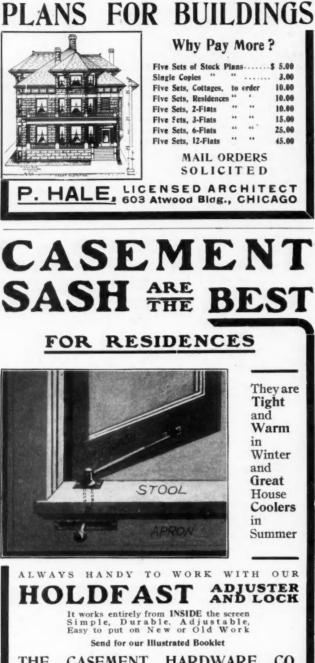
The difference between the FOX FLOOR SCRAPER and other floor scrapers is the difference between a practical and an impractical machine.

It looks like a floor scraper, doesn't it?



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THE CASEMENT HARDWARE CO. Herald Building CHICAGO



not need **to** clean the cistern twice a year, got a reduction on the insurance rate, and has a roof that makes the property more valuable.

My paper is full, so must close; will write you about others later. RUBE, THE SLATE ROOFER.

Metal Shingles in Great Demand

The passing of the wooden shingle, made necessary by the scarcity and expense of suitable timber, is bringing into use more every year the metal shingle, and with the use of improved machinery these are now as cheap as the wooden variety and far superior. Even the first cost is no more than that of first-class wooden shingles, while the metal roof is more easily laid, and is practically indestructible.

One of the most prominent firms manufacturing metal shingles is the W. J. Burton Co., of Detroit, Mich. This firm makes the well-known "Eastlake" brand, with which many of the finest buildings are roofed. The firm has been manufacturing this brand for more than 20 years, and several roofs covered in 1887, when the patent was issued, are in as good condition today as when first laid. The W. J. Burton Co. includes in its list of customers, in addition to the largest contractors in the city and state, the United States government.

In the "Eastlake" brand the firm has overcome one of the great drawbacks to metal roofs. The shingles are so made that no solder is required in laying the roof. Solder cannot be made strong enough to withstand the effects of contraction and expansion. A system of joints takes the place of solder in the "Eastlake" shingle, and this joint is guaranteed watertight, is easily applied and no nails are left uncovered.

The W. J. Burton Co. has a long list of testimonials, which came unsolicited from builders all over the country. These recommendations come from nearly every town in Michigan, and from as far west as California. Write them for full particulars concerning their special "Eastlake" brand.

Wood Grilles, Columns and Consols

Prospective buyers of wood grilles, columns or consols will be interested in the handsome new catalogue issued by the Northwestern Grille Works, 1452 Milwaukee avenue, of which Christenson Bros. are proprietors. The members of this firm are practical shop and bench men and very particular about the quality of their entire output. They personally oversee all details as each piece of work passes through the shop. In their new ad. in this issue appears the illustration of a consol of popular design. There are several different patterns of these shown in their catalog as well as many handsome designs of grilles and columns. You will make no mistake in writing for their catalogue, which is sent free.

Cater Specially to Dealers

The International Wire Works, of 857 Superior street, Detroit, Mich., is one of the few concerns that cater specially to builders in the manufacture of wire and iron work of every description. Any subscriber of the AMERICAN CARPENTER AND BUILDER, having at any time a building to figure on which requires any wire or iron work for exterior or interior, will do well to remember that the above company stands ready to assist in estimates and advice on a basis that will save builders money. All work is done under the personal supervision of H. J. Gahlan, a man of long experience and high reputation in this line. They have a display ad. in another column.

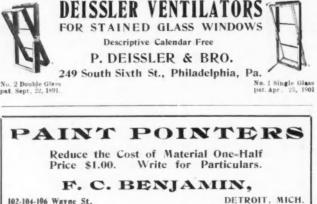
The Deissler Ventilators

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manufacture and market for this purpose, the reliable ventilators which bear their name and have been in successful use since 1891. They make two styles, one for single and one for double glass. They will send a descriptive calendar free to all who ask for it. Their ad. appears elsewhere in this issue.

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New Book of Practical Plans

In another place in this issue will be found the announcement of G. L. Adams, architect, of Collingswood, N. J., which shows the illustration of an attractive house already built, for which he will sell a complete set of plans for \$10,00, Mr. Adams also offers to send a new book of actual photographs of low-cost subarban houses, already built, all well planned, practical and artistic, for the small sum of 25 cents in silver. The only stipulation he makes is that you mention the AMERICAN CARPENTER AND BUILDER when you write for his book of photographs.

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The sewage from residences having no sewers can be readily purified and disposed of in your own door yard by natural processes. The House-Sewage Disposal Co., 6515 Normal avenue, Chicago, are experts in this line. Their advertisement, which will be found on page 128 of this issue, is interesting, and by writing them much additional information will be obtained.

Building Plans at Small Cost

P. Hale, who is a licensed architect, with offices at 603 Atwood building, Chicago, has an announcement in another column in this issue offering plans for buildings at prices far below the usual cost. He makes a specialty of selling stock

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A Flint-Coat Roofing Result

The good qualities of Flint-Coat Roofing, which is the product of the Rock Asphalt Roofing Co., 617 Y. M. C. A. building, Chicago, whose ad. appears on another page, is evidenced by the following letter sent the company by Marion M. Taylor, of Lake Andes, S. D., who says:

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The Perry Lumber Reckoner

In another column will be found an advertisement of the Perry Lumber Reckoner, a very practical book which should be in the hands of every contractor and builder. The price is but \$1.00 and will save its cost every month. The book has been found so valuable that already four editions have been completely exhausted. Orders should be sent to Benjamin L. Jenks, 308 Euclid avenue, Cleveland, O.

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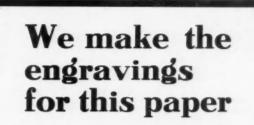


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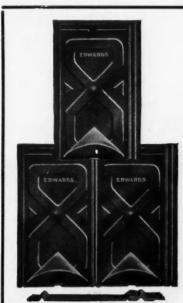


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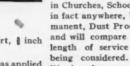
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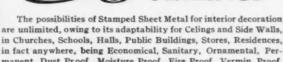
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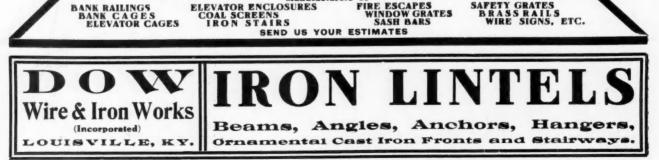
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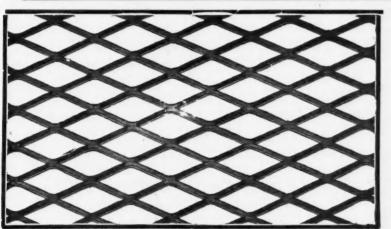
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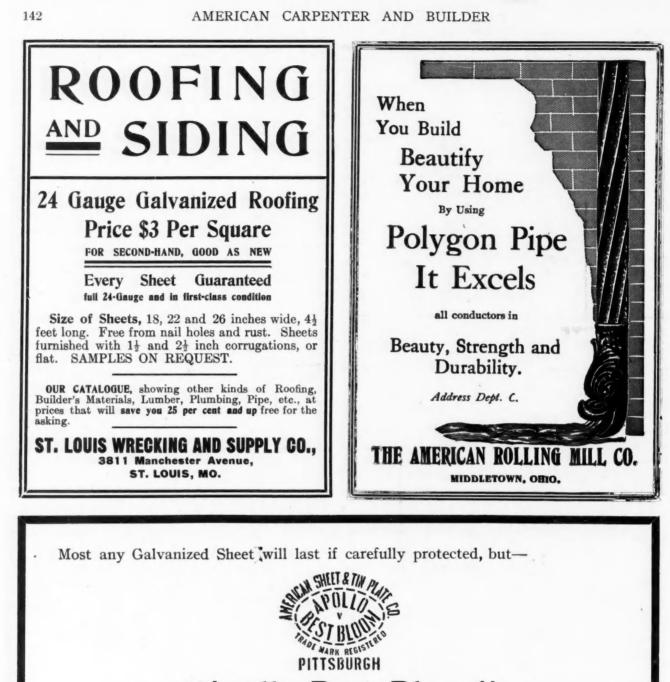
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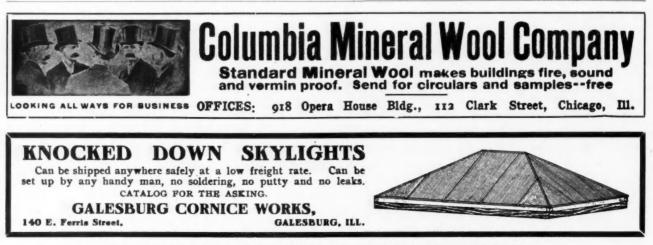
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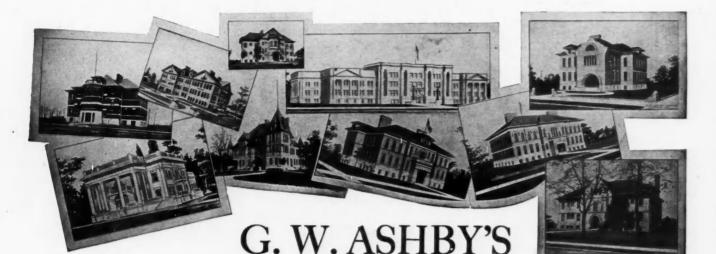
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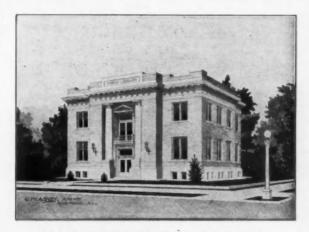
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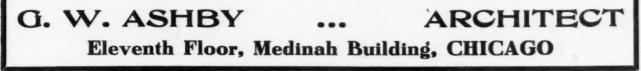


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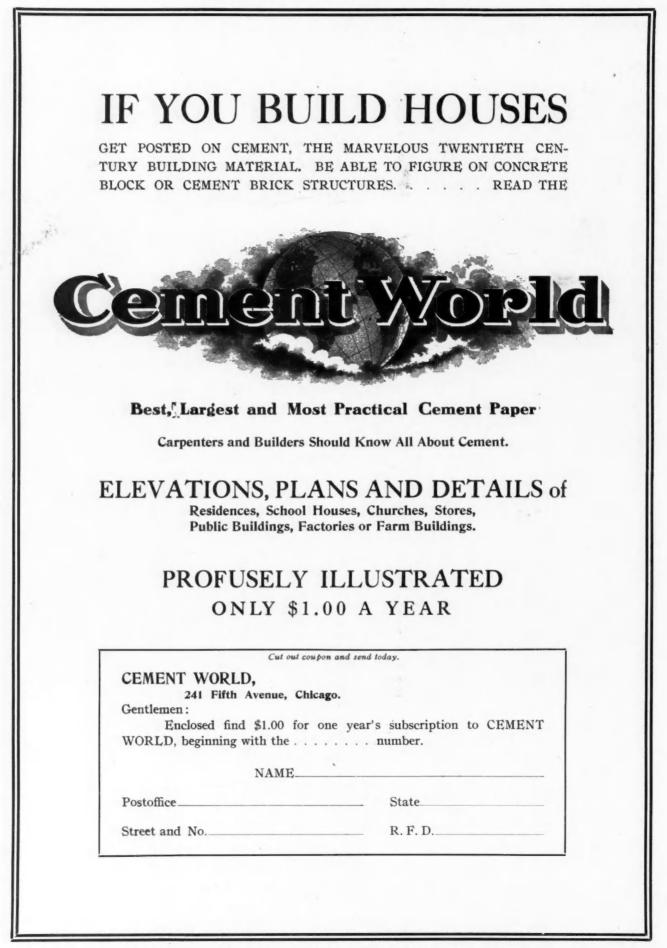
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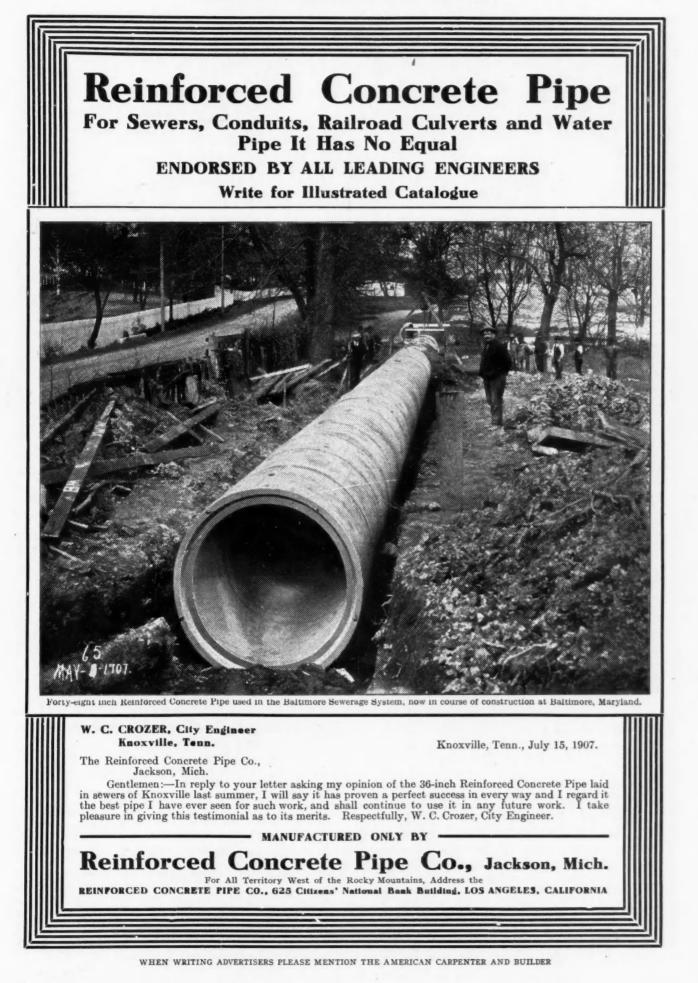
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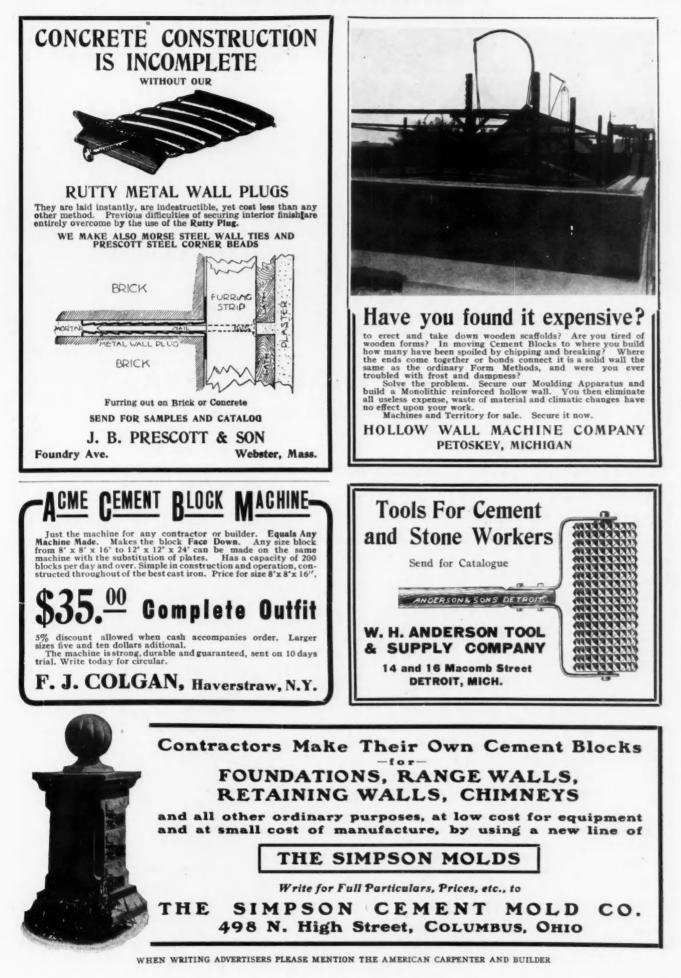
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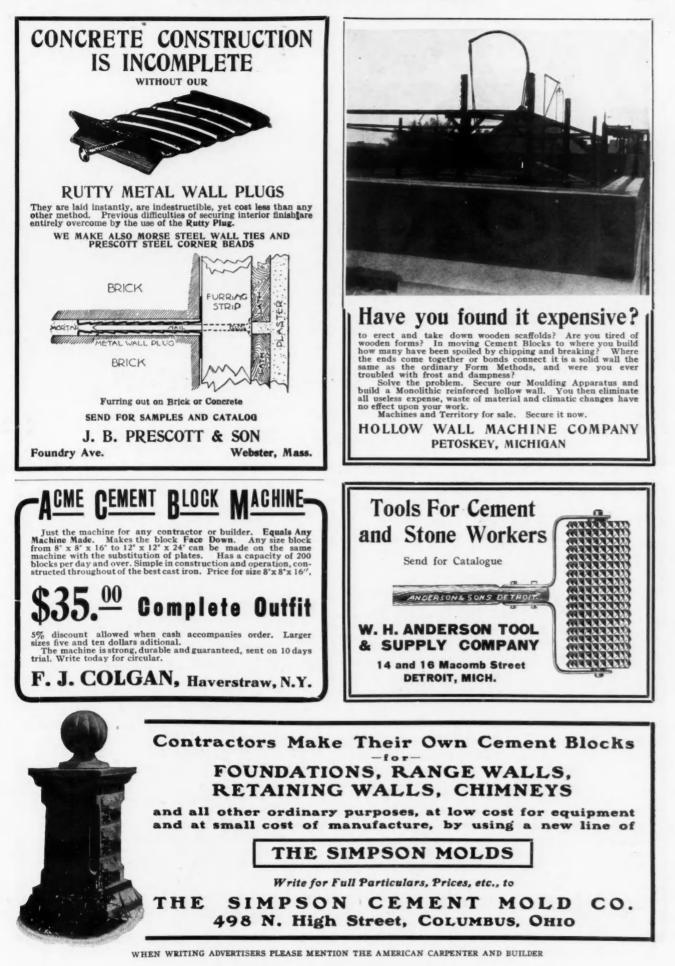
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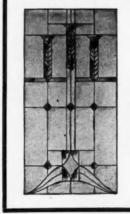
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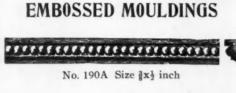
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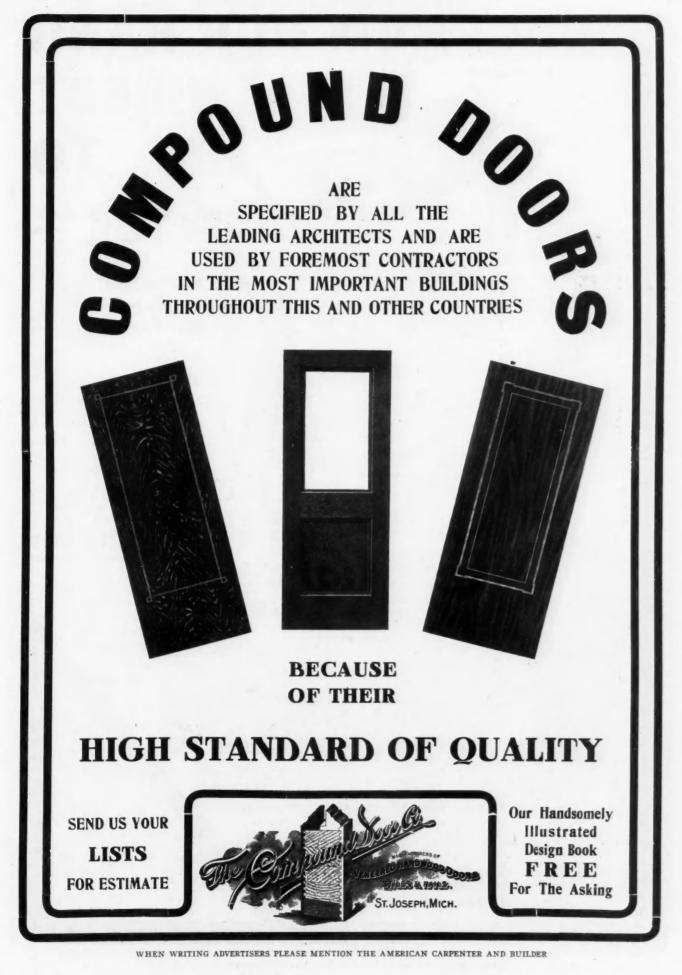
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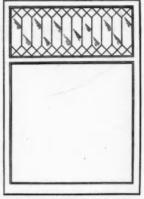


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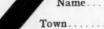




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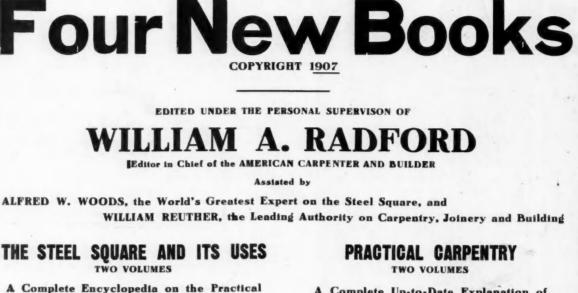
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No. R 220, FOUR LIGHTS

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