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BIRMINGHAM MAN OFFERS SOLUTION FOR HOT WEATHER

"Keeping cool in hot weather is a problem that has engaged man's attention for hundreds—perhaps thousands—of years," according to Harry E. Bissett, local Delco-Frigidaire dealer.

"In ancient days slaves were used to create a certain amount of coolness by fanning the air, later fiber mats were hung in the openings of the rooms and slaves kept them moist by throwing water on them. The evaporation of this water absorbed heat from the air, cooling the rooms a few degrees."

"But today," says Mr. Bissett, "we do not need slaves or any primitive means to provide cooling in summer. Now we can regulate the inside temperature and humidity of our homes and offices for almost comfort and health."

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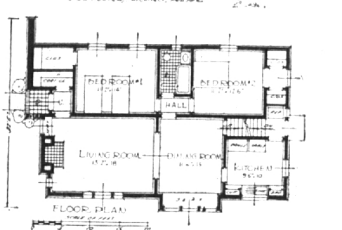
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FOR NARROW LOT



This very practical small house, which leans toward the English tradition, is designed for a rather narrow lot. The arrangement of the bedrooms, with bath between and the entrance to the hall off the dining room, eliminates all large hall space. The plan provides a spacious living room, a reasonable sized dining room, a vestibule from which coat closet opens, and splendid closet space in both bedrooms. It is possible to add additional bedrooms on the second floor, which will be reached from staircase leading up from the dining room. R. C. Hunter of New York City was the architect.

New Electric Appliances In Kitchen Add Pleasure To Task Of Housekeeping

The kitchen is the work-hub of the home. More real work is put in at this point than anywhere else in the house. Therefore, why not have plenty of electrical aids and good lighting so that the kitchen work becomes easier and more pleasant?

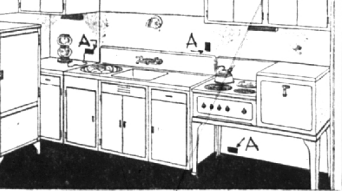
An all-electric kitchen offers the cleanest, safest, quickest and easiest way for the housewife to prepare foods for the family, such as the dishes, and if there is no laundry space in the basement, or her laundry work.

When you modernize or if you build a new home, be sure to put in plenty of convenient outlets above the sink and working tables so that appliances may be connected there without unduly long runs.

Here are a few suggested electrical improvements for your kitchen:

Of course you will want a kitchen ceiling fixture properly switched at a convenient point. Local lighting for sink, stove, work table and cabinets. Outlet strip or wall outlet for cabinets and ironing board.

ELECTRIC KITCHEN



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GUESTS APPROVE CONVENIENCE OF POWDER ROOMS

Bathrooms and powder rooms are much in demand these days. The two rooms are combined in many homes as inseparable and standard equipment. When one builds or remodels, it would be a practical matter to consider installing a bath and a half. This means the use of only one of the powder room or lavatory on the first floor, in addition to the bathroom on the second floor.

The minimum space required for one of these new powder rooms is 3 1/2 x 4 1/2. If it is possible, it is better to make it larger as the smaller size is rather tight.

There are two requirements for the lavatory: a convenient wash bowl and a closet. A shelf type washbowl is convenient since it may be used for cosmetics. The cabinet type of lavatory is also practical, with a cabinet storage space below. The price of closets with quiet finishing and an over a new innovation and should be installed.

Brighter colors may be used in the powder room and colored fixtures might well be used. The walls should be of some silk or paint, one of the metal tiles, one of the combination tiles or the panels. The combination of structural and decorative tiles is one which may be effectively used above a washbowl.

Mirrors and table lighting should be used, as they afford a clear, shadowless illumination. The refrigerator on a powder room should be chosen with as much care as possible and the wall openings should be carefully considered. Mirrors and table lighting should be small and it is possible to get the room cluttered if the large mirrors and table lighting of many types are employed in the fittings.

NEW BIRMINGHAM MARKET WILL BE SELF-SERVE TYPE

With the opening of their Birmingham market, John Hayman and Son increase their number of stores to 11. The new Birmingham branch, located on Woodward Avenue south of Maple, is of the self-serve type.

The main floor of the store will be occupied by well-known Detroit specialty shops, such as Awey Bakery, Candler's Quality Dairy Shoppe, and Liggett's Delicatessen. Also, on this floor will be found fresh fruits and vegetables and fresh meats.

Due to the construction of the establishment, a basement is also available for use. Here the entire space will be devoted to dry groceries and canned goods.

While on the main floor customers will be waited upon, the basement will be operated as a self-serve proposition.

This floor service, it is explained, is for the convenience of the customer, and will avoid a considerable amount of bother in purchasing meats, fresh fruits and vegetables, and baked goods.

St. John Hayman founded his first store in Detroit 20 years ago, later taking his sons into the business. Outside of the stores located in Ferndale and Birmingham, the rest are in the City of Detroit.

By extending the supply pipes to 20 inches beyond the faucet to a dead end, an air-chamber is formed which makes air an cushion and prevents water hammering.

Install Shower As Modern Feature

A modernizing suggestion for home improvement for the bathroom, garage or summer cottage, is a shower compartment. They can now be had in inexpensive forms. If one doesn't want a complete shower cabinet, there are the overhead showers in many styles. Different types of shower fittings are available and the valving of the shower can be combined with the tub supply so that one set of valves control the water supply for both tub and shower.

EQUIP LAVATORY WITH HANDSOME NEW FITTINGS

Faucets are coming in for a large share of attention on the part of the home owner.

Attracted by the glistening beauty and smart design of the chromium plated metal, a majority of people pause for a good look at a modern lavatory faucet fittings. It is a temptation to turn the handles to see how they work.

It is surprising to learn how modest is the cost of handsome fittings. The bathrooms in thousands of homes now being built will be modern in this respect.

Interior decorators have originated the phrase "bathroom jewelry" to describe the glistening beauty of the modern chromium-plated faucet and valve. Artist-engineers have succeeded in giving grace and distinction to faucet handles which years ago had only a utilitarian aspect.

While appearance alone would be sufficient justification for the replacement of old-fashioned faucets with modern equipment, the improvements which have been made in the construction and operation of faucets and valves are explained only by the man who has made a close study of faucet. Technical points of superiority of the modern faucet are of vital importance to a building owner who is interested in lower maintenance cost.

The problem of cleaning the bathroom floor is simplified if the supply and waste pipes for the lavatory come through the scale and not the floor. All pipes should preferably go between joists and not through them, to avoid cutting and thus lessening their strength.

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