

# Building Improvements

## CARE NEEDED TO INSTALL HEATING

No heating plant can be good if it is not properly installed. Its investment value approaches zero. The manufacturer guarantees only to deliver a sound product to the contractor; the responsibility for the functioning of the system is the latter's.

Selection of the heating contractor is of the utmost importance. The installation of a heating plant is an engineer's job and not a task for the corner tinker or the handy man. No man who has not had adequate training and experience will know how to estimate the radiation requirements of the house, how to select the proper type of boiler for the heating load, how to suit the boiler to the chimney, how to decide upon the allowance for heat insulation, and what pipe sizes to use.

Chances are ten to one that the cheapest bidder on a job will substitute inadequate pipe sizes, may use insufficient radiation, and may skimp on the boiler and then what will the home owner have? He will have a heating plant in which the boiler will have to be pushed to its utmost capacity in average winter weather, while in extreme temperatures it will be utterly inadequate. The house will get the reputation of being hard to heat.

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**STATE OF MICHIGAN**—In the Probate Court for the County of Oakland, A. D. 1938, at a public hearing held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 13th day of July, A. D. 1938.

Present, Hon. James H. Lynch, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Thomas V. Gores, Deceased.

Alfred V. Gores having filed a petition praying that an instrument filed in said Court be admitted to Probate as the last will and testament of said deceased, and that administration of said estate be granted to the petitioner and executor named in the will or to some other suitable person.

It is Ordered, That said 13th day of September, A. D. 1938, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy hereof, for three successive weeks, previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County, and that respondent cause a copy of this notice to be served personally on registered mail, return receipt demanded, to each of the known heirs at law, legatees and devisees at their last known place of abode, within ten days after the date of the first publication hereof.

JAMES H. LYNCH,  
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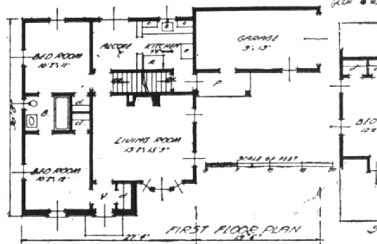
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## NEW ENGLAND HOME



Stone walls combined with wood siding is used for the exterior walls of this modern adaptation of a New England farm house. The plan is quite practical and is not costly to build.

## CLOSET RACK

Umbrellas, canes and sticks are in the way in most coat closets; they are always falling over, getting tangled up in the outer garments, and sometimes becoming damaged. Here is a suggestion for that difficulty.

Take the inside of any closet door and attach a button shelf with front and side pieces, and a top bar as shown in the illustration. This will provide space for several walking sticks and umbrellas.

**Insulation**  
If you do not use your attic space, place your insulation on the ceiling of the rooms below or between the joists there. If placed on the roof joists, there will be loss of heat in winter by the necessity of warming the air in the attic space.

**Plaster Basement**  
By plastering the ceiling of his basement on metal lath, the home owner secures a certain benefit and resistance to the spread of fire from that portion of the house. In addition, it will greatly improve the appearance of the basement.

**FHA Insures**  
The Federal Housing Administration lends no money. It insures loans made by private financial institutions operating under provisions of the National Housing Act.

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Present, Honorable James H. Lynch, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Cora H. Fleming, Deceased.

Frank H. Fleming, administrator of said estate having filed in said Court his final account and petition praying for the examination and allowance thereof, determination of the heirs of said deceased, assignment of the residue of said estate and the discharge of said administrator.

It is Ordered, That the 15th day of August, A. D. 1938, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks, previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

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**Color Scheme From Rust**  
In harmony with its rugged character, the color scheme of a very pleasing dining room. The walls are finished in canary yellow flat wall paint. The ceiling is peach and the woodwork is enameled stone gray.

**Native Brick**  
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## BIRD HOUSES

Quant, colorful birdhouses are a means of enhancing your home gardens. Here are two racy birdhouses, made from hollowed-out logs and slabs of wood. One is suitable for bluebirds and the other for flickers or woodpeckers.

Woodpecker or flicker, holes are best located against the trunk of a large tree. Be sure to pull some leaves or sawdust in the bottom of the houses, as these birds do not build nests.

The woodpecker requires a house with a floor area of 7" x 4" and eight to 10 inches deep. The height of the entrance above the floor should be about eight inches and one-eighth inches in diameter.

Flickers need a larger house with a floor space of 7" x 7" and a depth of 16 to 18 inches. The height of the entrance above the floor should be about 15 inches, and the entrance two and one-half inches in diameter.

Bluebirds like a house with a floor area of 5" x 5" and eight inches deep. The entrance should be six inches above the floor and the diameter one and one-half inches.

## KITCHEN IN 3 COLORS

When using three colors to decorate a kitchen, it is well to remember that two light colors, combined with one of a darker one. In one kitchen the window is of cream colored tiles with a slight greenish cast. Along the top of the window runs a narrow border of medium green tiles. For the painted wall above, a diffused yellow was selected, and for a cheerful accent the plate shelf and the wooden cornice above the double windows were painted vermilion. The same color was used to refinish the wooden wall clock and the edges of the doors of the kitchen cabinet.

## BLUE BEDROOM

The prevailing color scheme in a truly modern bedroom designed by Donald Deskey is blue and white. The wall and floor are finished in blue and there are flecks of blue in the upholstery. Everything else in the room, including the draperies, the rugs, the white marble mantel and the waxed cork multiple furniture is white.

## HINTS FOR EXTERIOR COLOR HARMONY

It is not always necessary to paint a chimney a conventional red. A white chimney adds a note of distinction. The paint in some soft shade in harmony with roof and trim. Consider a house from every angle before final colors are selected.

A new use of color is to paint the wall spaces under porches, roofs and archways a different color than the rest of the house.

Some of the new homes as well as remodeled ones are given a unique color treatment. The side which faces the garden is painted a different shade than other wall surfaces.

## Why Paint Peels

There are various reasons why paint peels. One is that it is applied over wet woodwork or, if the wall is dry when painted, it may have moisture coming through from the back.

**Colors for the Bedroom**  
In a bedroom recently decorated, a deep grape colored carpet provides an excellent setting for the peach colored walls. The wood work is enameled ivory, while the ceiling is finished in orchid flat paint.

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## BATHS PROGRESS

When Antoinette Brulat-Savarin, French epicurean, visited America in the early days of the 19th century, she complained bitterly because New York did not contain a fixed bath. In the course of a century America had had a plumbing revolution. Today America is manufacturing bathtubs at the rate of three-fourths a million a year. The superior article is now obtainable for less money, and now the multiple bathroom arrangement is a commonplace in America.

William Morris said, "Not only is it possible to make useful things works of art, but there is something wrong with a civilization that does not do this."

American civilization has made a great deal of progress in the bathroom. How plumbing is an art which is good health. Assistant Surgeon of the U. S. Public Health Service writes in *Modern Plumbing*, "Millions are now spending millions of dollars to bring pure water to the curb; any impurities contacted are now from within the buildings. Such health hazards within plumbing lines must be eliminated if the nation is to reach the maximum health standards."

Air conditioning is bringing another demand for water supply. Peak loads are used on summertime for lawn sprinkling. Engineers are devising new methods of bringing the sizes of the distribution pipes, and of the sewer which must carry off the consumed water. The master plumber of the coming years has an important and financially high valued job ahead of him.

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In the Matter of the Estate of Peter J. Gores, Deceased.

Charles S. Melrose having filed in said Court his petition praying for the administration of said estate to be granted to the petitioner and executor named in the will or to some other suitable person.

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