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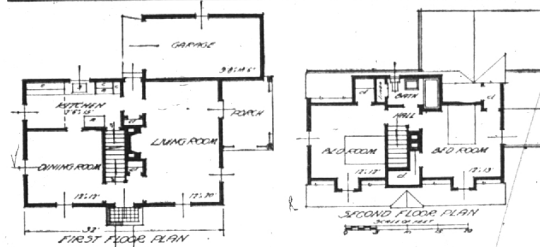
MAKE SLEEPING ROOMS RESTFUL AND INVITING

Most of the hours that are spent in our homes are given over to sleeping and resting. Our sleeping rooms should therefore be comfortable and our resting places should be arranged for greatest amount of enjoyment and relaxation. People cannot rest in a dark, badly ventilated or noisy room.

Where the living room is arranged on a somewhat formal note, or where it must be kept in order at all times, the rumpus room, basement recreation room or a room in which to loaf provides this haven for rest and relaxation.

In this room all formality and even dignity may be laid aside. There is no expensive furniture to be considered, and the floor should be practically damage-proof. If there is a fireplace where steaks may be broiled and popcorn popped, all the better. Once having had such a room, one wonders how one got along without it before!

NEW ENGLAND COTTAGE



Architect R. C. Hunter of New York City, who designed this efficient New England cottage, has managed to crowd into a very limited space sizeable and well-proportioned rooms. Note the proportions of the kitchen. It is long and narrow, which makes for ease of working conditions. Also there is an entrance to the living room from the kitchen through a small entry, making it possible to use one end of the living room for dining if desired and releasing the dining room for other uses. The location of the garage is important and it is really just a step from the garage doors to the entry that leads to the kitchen basement and the living room.

GLASS MAKES HOUSE CHEERY

Whether you are building a new house or modernizing and repairing your old one, by all means install as much glass as it is possible to use so as to have the house bright and sunny. A generous use of glass stands out as one of the best ways of making the home more attractive.

There are so many things one can do with glass. It creates a cheerful, pleasing atmosphere and care should be taken to have beautiful, attractive views from each window.

NOBLEST OF ARTS CAN BE APPLIED TO MODEST HOME

Architecture is the noblest of all the arts, and when this fine art is applied to the first of all human needs, the home, the result has an appeal to every man, woman and child.

In the past architects have been so very busy designing post offices and railway stations, churches and schools, that they have woefully neglected the designing of beautiful small homes. Many people interested in small homes are cultured, refined, have common sense and good taste. They would be willing to pay a reasonable sum for a well-designed house of moderate size.

One difficulty in the way of designing a good-looking house is that you cannot make a small-sized replica of a big building and use it for a home. Rooms must be a certain height and size, and if you want only five or six rooms you cannot achieve the grandeur of our most popular railway depots. A small house—a sensible house of six or seven rooms—is a problem that tries the skill and ability of any architect.

The recent depression has given many architects much leisure time. Let us hope that out of the recesses of the last five or six years we may be able to discover a few masterpieces of small house design!

SMALL HOUSE SHOULD COMBINE THESE FEATURES

Public interest in the production of dwellings suitable and within a rental or purchase range of the majority of families in this country is becoming increasingly widespread. A good house at whatever price can be produced only by the combination of good architecture, well selected materials and honest building.

The small house never has been and should not be a large house compressed and trimmed down. The small house should be created not by determining what may be left out of the larger house, but by analyzing the essential functional requirements of the home that is to be built, starting with the barest necessities and expanding as the circumstances permit.

In the design of small, low-priced houses, the principles of plan, efficiency, economical use of materials and proper equipment, become paramount. Every square foot of space, every inch of pipe, every length of wire, every shingle that can be eliminated must be saved. At the same time, economies and efficiencies must not be

obtained at a sacrifice of substantial construction or of minimum standards for convenience and comfort. Thus the planning of the small house becomes a real art, limited by the necessity for low cost yet very exacting in its requirements for proper arrangement and good design.

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NEAT CUPBOARD IS STEP-SAVER FOR HOUSEWIFE

The basic requirements of any electrification system is to provide artificial lighting or service to the point in the home where it is needed. An ample number of double convenience outlets is often recommended so that movable lamps and appliances may be utilized rather than permanently placed fixtures. This permits a system of great flexibility.

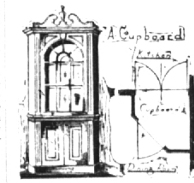
The life, safety and adequacy of a wiring system is largely dependent upon proper design to insure a sufficient number of branch circuits to prevent overloading, upon the use of quality materials of the proper type and upon quality workmanship in the installation.

In houses where electrical cooking facilities or similar heavy loading may occur, care should be taken that the service entrance wires are of a suitable size and special service of suitable capacity must be run to the range or other appliances.

Painting Old Walls.
Walls that have been previously painted with an oil paint should be washed thoroughly with soap and water to remove all grease and dirt. This is particularly true of the kitchen where cooking deposits a film of grease which, if not removed, would interfere with the drying and adhesion of the new paint.

When most of the housework devolves upon one person, it is desirable to save as many steps as possible between the kitchen and dining room. Where three meals a day have to be served, this is a matter of importance.

Here is a handy cupboard that may be built in the corner of the dining room. At the back there are doors opening into the kitchen. Dishes may be passed through this opening from the kitchen and removed from the dining room side.



Wallboards.
Modern wallboards are a natural background for room decorations. The natural wallboard of any kind may be used as mural background with stencils and the joints forming a part of the decorative scheme. Even the nailing may be a part of the stencils.

Bay Window.
In remodeling old houses, the room with a bay window has a distinct advantage. An ultra-modern effect can be obtained by building in a window seat or placing the new sectional couches in the bay and curtaining the window with full, straight curtains.

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