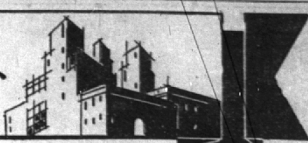




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## OLD LINOLEUM

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In painting and enameling linoleum, all wax and oil polishes must be thoroughly removed from the surface of the linoleum. This is best done with either turpentine, benzine, alcohol or some of the floor cleaners or a scouring material.

Oftimes the use of fine steel wool will remove the dirt that has been ground into the linoleum. After the washing has been done and the linoleum cleaned, paint the linoleum a priming coat of a good wall paint to which should be added a little floor varnish. When this is hard, finish with a high-gloss floor or deck paint, spar or floor varnish, to which the needed coloring matter is added.

Use only the strongest colors obtainable or coach colors ground in Japan. If a stippled effect is required, a light colored paint may be stippled on over a darker base or vice versa, by using a sponge dipped in the paint and applying over the solid coat in a stippled fashion.

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THE BASEMENT ROOM OF TOMORROW

The basement room in the house of tomorrow, built by the Omaha Junior Chamber of Commerce at Omaha, Neb. R. P. Hentig, architect. In this room, the concrete masonry walls have been painted and then gaily decorated in large broad designs. Modern furniture completes the room. This will pass the old-fashioned basement. . . catch all, junk heaps, unlivable, dark and damp. . . modernizing the home will start in the basement and from the idea will develop wholesome rooms. . . tastefully decorated. . . useful and a place where the entire family may gather.

## ROOMS FOR GAMES

### GAINING RAPIDLY IN POPULARITY

A recreation room is rapidly becoming an accepted part of many homes. Basement, attic or the main part of the house provides space that may be converted to this idea. Plans of new homes frequently provide for such a room.

Many people believe that this is one place where their imagination may run riot and gain amazing results. However, some rooms of this type maintain an air of dignity and permanence, and offer merely comfortable settings for games and hobbies, instead of theatrical backgrounds. One home owner, utilizing the plan, combined the old and new as a restful setting for the family's leisure hours.

**Paneled Walls.** Wood paneled walls always add charm to a room and are particularly adaptable to a game room; in many cases, however, this paneling is too expensive to install, but the effect may be obtained successfully through the use of wallpaper. Various companies are placing papers on the market with designs depicting the natural grain of the wood. Walnut, white pine, mahogany and other woods are represented.

This was the means taken by a home-owner who wanted a room for recreation that would be in keeping with the rest of his house. Wallpaper in a pine paneling pattern was used.

The housewife used her own funds to purchase comfortable ultramodern furniture. A beige carpet was used for covering the floor and bright shades of turquoise and orange were stressed in the decorating. Glass-top tables removed the worry of rings or burns and the hostess didn't have to divert her attention from the bridge game to keep a wary eye on careless guests who placed their glasses at random. The radiator was concealed under the window. Air-conditioning ventilators were placed inconspicuously, so as not to interfere with the "paneling."

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Such buildings, due to public demand, are insulated and the people who occupy them have become accustomed to temperatures that are maintained at a constant level. This makes for a feeling of displeasure when one goes into a house or room that is overheated or too chilly and one that is full of drafts.

Drafts and chilly rooms may be overcome by use of proper insulating material and modern, up-to-date heating plants that will overcome these conditions.

## CORNER CLOSETS

### ADD TO LIMITED SPACE IN HOME

Many times in modernizing an old house there is limited room for a bedroom closet.

A convenient closet can be built in one corner of a room, making it a decorative as well as a useful feature.



Plan of Bed Room Corner Closet

A Modern Living Room makes effective use of the modern idea of a contrasting wall. In this room the contrasting wall is in brown, while the other three walls are in soft blue. The furniture is upholstered in blue, with a chair in light tan.

**MODERNIZE ELECTRICALLY**  
Complete modernization of the electric wiring and fixtures should be part of any home modernization plan. Outlets are an important part of home equipment and should be installed where needed. Wiring and fixtures quite definitely date a house. One ten years old is certainly out of date from the standpoint of new, modern electrical equipment.

**A Modern Living Room**  
A living room recently displayed makes effective use of the modern idea of a contrasting wall. In this room the contrasting wall is in brown, while the other three walls are in soft blue. The furniture is upholstered in blue, with a chair in light tan.

## INSULATION ADDS GREATER COMFORT IN HOME BUILDING

It was not so long ago that people first heard of insulation as a modern method of building health and comfort into a home. Before this period, they did not realize that by the expenditure of a few dollars during the construction of a new house, or at the time of alteration of an old one, they could greatly cut their winter fuel bill and get a much more comfortable house at all seasons.

With the demand for greater comfort in the home, insulation came rapidly to the front as a needed principle in home construction until it has so grown in popularity that no one would think of building a new house without this principle being incorporated into the structure.

Insulation is not only a protection against cold but also a protection against outside heat as well as a great fuel-saver. This heat from within is barred from passing outside and in summer the intense heat from outside cannot penetrate indoors.

In the average home it has been estimated that about 43 per cent of the heat loss is through doors and windows; 55 per cent of the balance is lost through the walls and roofs, with the greater percentage of the loss through the roof.

This you can easily prove to yourself if you will notice the snow-covered roofs of different homes in the winter. You will find that on the roof of a house where there is no insulation, the snow melts very fast due to the heat loss through the roof from below. Where insulation is used, the snow does not melt.

And so the roof of your house can tell a story of thrift and economy or of waste and extravagance. Watch the roofs after a snow storm!

## Now Is The Time To Repair Roof

Do you need a new roof? Have leaks developed during the season when snow has melted on the roof and soaked the shingles? Now is the time to apply a new one.

Do you need an extra room—a bedroom or a study or a working space? Study the plan of your house and see if there is not a space in the attic or the basement that might be turned into this useful room; or could it be added at a particularly adaptable point?

Does your kitchen need bringing up-to-date? Nothing is so discouraging to the home-maker and housekeeper than a drab, uninteresting, depressing kitchen.

Do you have screens at the windows and doors or on the porch? Do they need repairing?

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## New Materials Give Effect Of Pine Paneling

Lovely effects of a pine sheathed wall in a living room or dining room may be closely simulated by some of the new materials that are less expensive than knotty pine and are said to be much easier to install.

Sheet metal, as thin as paper, is being applied to walls and boards of plastic composition and linoleum, also, are available in a wide range of wall effects. Laminated wall coverings may come in many patterns and are made in imitation of walnut and knotty pine woods as well.

It is possible to use the linoleum on the lower part of a wall extending from the baseboard to a wood moulding at chair rail height around the entire wall, and then the upper portion covered with wall paper, painted or decorated as one may desire.

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