

Lumber Gives More Variety To Houses

No two families want the identically same home. The same family that will buy an automobile just like the neighbor's wouldn't think of building a home even remotely like another's.

To get the endless variations in exterior appearance so sought after by Americans with their penchant for individuality, architects and designers call upon the oldest known building material.

Lumber, with all its many patterns, finishes and design variations, is the universal siding and exterior finish for nine out of every ten homes built every year in the nation.

Is it any wonder that people like lumber for their homes?

THINK OF THE many different possibilities for individual choice.

Lumber siding can be bought in these patterns: bevel, bungalow, Colonial, rustic, shiplap, drop siding, board-on-board, board-and-batten, and saw textured center matched tongue and groove.

Even flooring makes a good exterior siding.

THEN, TOO, homeowners not only have a wide choice in patterns, but they have an equally wide selection of wood species.

Western red cedar, Douglas fir and west coast hemlock, he points out, are popular all over the nation for siding lumber.

These woods can be stained, painted, finished with clear lacquers, or weathering chemicals. They give a home a warmth and personality, as well as a distinctive beauty.

Use Right Care with Furniture

Be fussy with your new furniture. Don't give it a bath in furniture polish or furniture wax until you know exactly what it should have.

The home furnishings specialist at Michigan State University, says wood furniture is available in a variety of finishes, and the same method of care does not fit them all.

FOR INSTANCE, the manufacturer of one table declares no wax is necessary. Just wipe off the surface with a clean cloth. A second manufacturer suggests a thin coat of paste wax rubbed to a hard finish. Another recommends an oil mixture which will add beauty to his hand-rubbed surface.

Ask the retail merchant for detailed care instructions when you buy a new table or chest. He should be familiar with the specific finish as well as with the manufacturer's recommendations for treating it.



Wise Handyman Stays Off Roof

The precarious perch of this workman applying finishing touches to a new roof of asphalt shingles shows why roofing is no job for the home handyman.

It's too dangerous and requires special techniques and knowhow. Roofers who apply asphalt shingles have developed skills that come with years of experience that insure low application costs as well as cat-like sure-footedness.

PROPERLY APPLIED by professionals, asphalt shingles do the job they are designed to do; provide a roof that will give trouble-free protection for years, improve the appearance of the house and add to its value on the resale market.

Windows Today Easier to Clean

Give a thought to future window washing when you choose windows for remodeling an old house or building a new one. Windows of ponderosa pine are available today in many styles and types that make washing windows less of a chore and much safer.

SOME MODELS have sash that can be lifted out of the frame for easy washing inside the house.

Others—such as many casements, awning and hopper styles—open so that both sides of the glass can be cleaned from inside.

THESE INNOVATIONS do away with dangerous ladder-climbing and bucket-hauling.

By making window washing easier, they also encourage cleaning windows more often, resulting in a better, neater-looking house inside and out.

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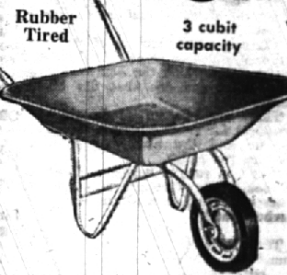


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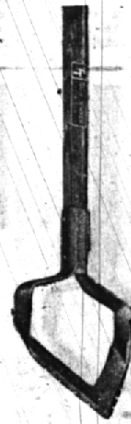
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