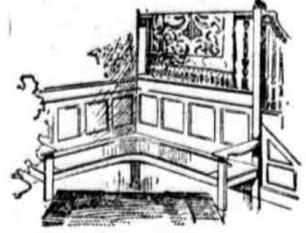


THE ENTRANCE HALL.

LONG NARROW HALLWAYS—SQUARE RECEPTION HALLS.

The Furniture Required and Its Proper Arrangement—One Way of Changing the Aspect of a Narrow Hall—Treatment of Reception Halls—Color Schemes.

The long narrow hallway is most difficult to treat with any degree of success. It is a mistake in selecting a rack or glass for such a place to choose a very small one simply because the place is contracted and narrow. One should in this case use a mirror of generous di-



CORNER SEAT IN HALL.

mensions, as the reflective qualities of glass have a certain artistic value and operate to make the space seem larger—in fact, just twice as large as it really is. Immediately under the rack a narrow bench may be placed. As an alternative a small odd chair might be used, one with wood seat and quaintly shaped back preferred.

Do not forget to place a few pictures on the walls. Photographs of noted places are in order here—the Coliseum at Rome, the Appian way, a bit of armor or a cluster of crossed swords. Some sort of receptacle for canes and umbrellas should be provided. Those of drain pipe shape and of Japanese make take up small space and are as good as any.

An effective mode of changing the aspect of a narrow hallway is depicted by Decorator and Furnisher, from which these suggestions are a reprint. This alteration is effected by placing a settle with the back to the stairs. This need not be a permanent feature—it can be fastened in place so as to be easily removed when necessary. Should one prefer to shut off from public gaze the view of stairway, it can be done without sacrificing the light by filling the space directly over the bench back with Japanese lattice or interlaced fretwork. Another artistic idea is to hang a light beaded rice or bamboo curtain in this space.

As a rule the houses of modern build are arranged on a somewhat different plan, being now provided with what are sometimes called reception halls, which are generally nearly square. In these it is not so difficult to furnish, and if they be of generous size they are generally arranged as a sort of combined sitting and reception room. If the hall be small, one may have a hall stand or the wall rack and settle beneath, one with a box seat preferred. If there is a spare corner a "cozy" may be fitted up, or, if not, and a window is available, a broad, low seat will be an attractive feature. A small, low table, a side table with a drawer in it and a number of odd chairs must not be omitted. One or more growing plants add much to the picturesque appearance of a hall, and as a background for these a pretty threefold screen may be utilized with good effect.

When the hall is situated so as to receive a plentiful supply of sunlight at all times of the day, a cool scale of coloring should be selected. With a north room be generous with the warm, rich tints, the dull reds, olives and golden russets and browns. When light is at a premium, gladden the sight with its nearest equivalent, yellow, in its variety. This would be a most distracting color in the glaring light of the noon-day sun, but when used upon the walls



IN A NARROW HALLWAY.

of a dark and dismal hall it is altogether different. Choice should be made of other colors that will prove harmonious, always the warm, rich colors, never the cold. With such a setting any shade of finish in oak or mahogany woodwork will be fitting.

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