

The Home Beautiful

THE VARIOUS BEDROOMS OF A HOUSE.

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DAINTY BEDROOMS

THE SLEEPING PORCH.

Furnishings More Effective Without the Bed.

In the home that portion of the house which is shut off from the more formal rooms, and from the intrusion of the less intimate visitor, is as complete in its appointments as are the reception rooms of the first floor.

In the furnishing and fitting of the bedrooms, the individuality of the various members of the household is evidenced, or in small families the mistress of the house finds here an opportunity to exercise her taste and ingenuity in many ways, as each room or suite is complete in itself and can be furnished without reference to adjoining rooms.

To-day when hygiene, spelled with a capital "H," is so largely and rightly considered, the actual sleeping room or space where the bed is placed is frequently only an adjunct to the room proper. The plan of having a sleeping porch opening by French windows or a glass door from the chamber has become more than a fad, and is indulged in not only by the invalid, but by those who have a longing for unlimited supplies of fresh air. However, when this arrangement exists, the characteristics of the room are unchanged, save by the absence of the bed. The dresser and couch, easy chairs, bookshelves and screen are assembled, and with or without the presence of the bed the room is furnished.

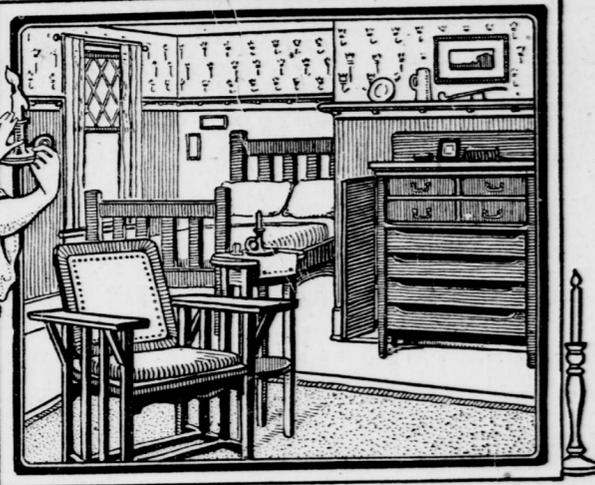
Wall papers of suitable color and design are selected, or the walls are covered with attractive paper of a dainty water color tint on rough plaster, and completed by a drop ceiling covered with paper of floral design against a clear ground.

In the drawing shown of a guest room the walls have been so treated. A paper with a half garland of dainty pink blossoms, green leaves and white flowers, is applied to the walls. A similar design is shown on the material used at the windows as over curtains and in the covering of the winged chair. The side walls are tinted green in a soft pastel shade. The central rug is of a pattern shown on the material used in the covering of the room is of ivory white enamel, and the built-in bookcases are treated as part of the standing woodwork. The small table and several chairs, as well as the screen frame, have also



A CORNER OF THE GUEST ROOM.

THE ROOM READY FOR THE INDIVIDUAL TOUCHES



A MAN'S ROOM WITH FURNITURE OF DARK OAK

been enamelled. The table and chairs were bought finished at a department store, and were originally designed for kitchen furnishings. The enamelling was the work of an amateur, but as the material employed is easy to apply and requires no rubbing between the coats, the finished effect is excellent.

The rug was the most expensive part of the furnishing. This cost \$30. The cotton print, given a mercerized finish, shows lovely soft colors, and costs 40 cents a yard. Next the glass of the windows are hung creamy madras curtains, which are lightly caught back on either side.

The decorative details of this room were composed and evolved by the woman who loved her home and beautified it. The exquisite lamp shade shown on the small table and the candle screens were the work of her hands.

There is no single jarring note in the entire color scheme. The various shades of rose and of green tone the one into the other, while the exquisite ivory of woodwork and furniture is repeated in the creamy curtains at the windows.

reach to the floor and are caught back, but somehow they don't look well. My carpet is a kind of yellow-brown and green, the furniture glides oak. The curtains are the trouble with the room, I think.

Answer—Take down the curtains and buy some madras by the yard—from 75 cents to \$1 will give you a good quality. Select a deep cream ground, with yellow and green figures. Make the curtains to come only to the sill, and finish with a three-inch hem. This will improve your room.

A house builder asks: "Would you be kind enough to look over the specifications for my new house, and advise as to the interior finish, tiles and hardware? I would be glad to pay for this, as it would be a great help."

Answer: Send your specifications and a blue print of plans, and I will be glad to give you the requested advice. These columns are open to all readers and no charge is made for any advice given.

"A. B. C." writes: "Could you tell me where I can get a nice blue and white paper for a little girl's room, to cost about 50 cents a single roll? Also what kind of a bed shall I get? She thinks a brass one would be nice."

Answer: I will send you several samples of blue paper suitable for a little girl's room, that you may select from them. These range from 25 to 50 cents a roll. A brass bed is suitable in the room you describe.

WHIS IS WHICH?

1812 Daughters in Two Societies, Each Saying It's "It."

An interesting situation in the club world and one which promises exciting developments is the existence of two national societies of the Daughters of 1812. Mrs. William Gerry Slade is president and founder of one, and Mrs. William Tod Helmut is president of the other, having been elected during the recent continental congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Washington.

The present situation led about two years ago, when the Daughters met at the Hotel Empire, in New York, behind locked and bolted doors. On this occasion the Massachusetts Daughters, of which Mrs. Nelson V. Titus, of Quincy, is president, refused to acknowledge the validity of the election, on the ground that the society had no legal existence. The reason assigned was that, having obtained a charter, the original incorporators had never met to organize for business in the District of Columbia, as the terms of the charter required. The Massachusetts society argued, therefore, that the national society was not a legal body and that all business it had transacted or might transact was and would be illegal until a meeting of the original incorporators was called in Washington to effect a proper organization of the society.

GIRLS OUT OF WORK.

Woman's Trade Union League Opens Bureau for Seamstresses.

A shop for the simpler forms of dressmaking and to furnish seamstresses and menders for the home by the hour is the latest venture of the Woman's Trade Union League. It is an attempt to attack two problems at once—that of unemployment and that of the difficulty of getting work done in order for the home. When the unemployed girls began to multiply this winter Miss Helen Marot, secretary of the league, began to cast about for some way to find work for union girls out of work—work which should not only meet the present situation but might perhaps furnish a permanent refuge for women unable to obtain employment in their own trades.

thinks she can sew and wants to try a chance. If the manager finds on testing her, that it is going to take her too long to learn to make it worth while, she sends her away. The first week one girl made \$6.50 and another \$4.50. They were telegraphers, girls who had made their own clothes. Girls who have worked in white goods factories they have had to send away. They have no standards—half an inch and two inches are the same to them.

"We are not ready yet to do elaborate dress-making. We will make cotton shirtwaists for \$1.50 and \$2, and the whole suit for \$3, and we are charging 75 cents for a child's dress. We will also send a woman once a week to do up all the family mending, or to go over a woman's wardrobe and put it all in order, or to do seamstress work, at from \$1.50 to \$1.75 a day. We test all girls thoroughly, and send out no one who is not competent. Thus far our best supply has come from women who have been used to making their own clothes or a portion of them.

TRIP AROUND THE WORLD.

Miss Mary Proctor Will Be Gone Five Years in Interest of Astronomy.

St. Mary's kindergarten will be the beneficiary of an astronomical lecture entitled "Other Worlds Than Ours," and illustrated with stereoscopic views, to be given by Miss Mary Proctor, daughter



MISS MARY PROCTOR.

of the late Richard A. Proctor, on Thursday evening, April 23, at No. 145 West 46th street. Miss Proctor expects to start this summer for a scientific trip around the world, and will not return to New York before the spring of 1913. She will lecture on October 7 before the British Astronomical Association at Manchester and will

afterward lecture in Dublin, Belfast, Edinburgh, Glasgow and all the large cities in England. After that she will go to Paris and visit the observatory there, and then to Egypt, where she will study the astronomical knowledge of the Egyptian priests and astrologers from such monuments as the Pyramids and Thebes.

CLUBS AND CHARITIES.

The Neighborhood Social and Industrial Club will hold a sale of linens and home-made cakes at the Hotel Marcelline, Broadway and 194th street, on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, April 23.

This club, which is rather a young one, was organized to make life a little pleasanter and easier for working girls of the upper West Side. A good many of these girls have little knowledge of the practical household accomplishments every woman is likely to need, as cooking, sewing, millinery and embroidery. There is almost no social recreation in their lives. This Neighborhood Social and Industrial Club tries to do two things—to instruct the girls and to amuse them. One evening each week about two hundred girls meet to attend classes in domestic science, sewing, hatmaking, physical culture and the care of their health, and music and dancing. After the lessons the girls dance or listen to some music, or there is a lecture or some other form of entertainment. Once a month the club has a social, to which the girls invite their friends.

NATIONAL D. A. R. CONGRESS OVER.

Washington, April 23.—The seventeenth continental congress of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution adjourned finally to-day, after disposing of matters left over from earlier sessions and passing a few resolutions. The convention has been an enthusiastic one and much has been accomplished.

Several interesting incidents occurred during the session as a result of the controversy over the question of holding Continental Hall, located in this city, and where the convention was held, in order to obtain the funds for its completion. Those who say that the society cannot legally negotiate a loan, unless the constitution is amended, have announced their intention of retaining counsel to bring the matter to an issue. Some representatives were presented to the congress for action before adjournment.

FLOWER TOQUES.

As the season advances many of the prettiest toques will be made entirely of flowers, arranged sometimes with a mass of blossoms having no apparent connection with one another, but grouped in colorings which harmonize perfectly. Or, again, you will find a toque which is simply a mass of roses, rosebuds and rose foliage, grouped together with apparent carelessness, but really very cunningly chosen, so that every shade blends harmoniously with its next-door neighbor, and you are taken imperceptibly from the deepest crimson to the palest pink, and thence to creamy white and the rose yellow.

MONEY FOR ELMIRA.

Carnegie and Rockefeller's Conditional Gifts of \$30,000 Each.

Elmira College is one of those small institutions of learning that are apt to be overlooked by people who have money to give away, and it has been largely overlooked up to the present time, but now the philanthropists seem to have become aware of its existence. Last year Andrew Carnegie offered \$20,000 on condition of the college raising \$15,000, and yesterday at the annual luncheon of the Elmira College Club at the Hotel Marcelline the president of the college, Dr. Alexander Mackenzie, announced that Mr. Rockefeller had a similar offer under consideration. The conditions the alumnae consider very hard, but they have girded up their loins and will do their best to meet them.

The college is greatly in need of this money for both buildings and equipment. Dr. Mackenzie said that the college had not only come through the hard times, but still had money in the treasury. But the income has sufficed only for current expenses, leaving nothing for much needed expansion.

AN EASTER FESTIVAL.

Seven Hundred "Little Mothers" Enjoy Their Annual Treat.

The "Little Mothers" Aid Association gave an Easter festival yesterday at the Murray Hill Lyceum to seven hundred children. The children, who ranged in age from toddlers to the over-serious older sisters who "mothered" them, sang a festival song and then settled down quietly to listen to the entertainment that had been arranged for them. The eager faces of the children, backed by a bright array of color from hundreds of flowering plants, formed a pretty picture.

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