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sales know that an attractive setting of foliage will frequently sell a farmhouse when such obvious advantages as good land and water fail to secure a purchaser.

In building a farmhouse it is, of course, desirable wherever possible to take advantage of what trees there may be already on the property. When this is not possible, however, young ones should be planted at the earliest possible moment. In most sections of the country poplars and maples will bring the quickest results. It is therefore a good idea to plant these first and to follow them with other and more enduring kinds, such as the elm or oak. In general it may be said that the faster a tree grows the shorter its life, and the property owner who confines himself to quick growing trees may well find that he has outlived his shade. Fruit trees should, of course, be planted too, but these do not answer the purpose of shading the house, since it is desirable to keep them trimmed low in order to facilitate spraying and gathering of the fruit.

The choice of trees to be planted depends in a great measure upon the section of the country. Where native trees are abundant it is perhaps best to select those which can be most readily obtained from the surrounding country. On the other hand, in the sections where young trees are not to be had it is well for the property owner to consider carefully what kinds are most likely to thrive. The red oak is a very satisfactory tree and does well over a large area. It is comparatively rapid in growth, but, on the other hand, is much longer lived than many others which share this advantage. Evergreens do not, of course, give as much shade as deciduous trees, whose foliage is confined to the summer. On the other hand, a grove of evergreens is, distinctly ornamental and is most useful in the winter as a wind screen. The value of wind screens in practical agriculture has recently attracted considerable scientific attention, but it does not need a scientist to appreciate the usefulness of such a screen in promoting the comfort of a household.

lug desk and a writer in the family it may serve to make the room a study.

More often, however, this one room is a sort of general living room without any definite character, just a place of comfort and cleanliness where the family assemble after dinner for a period of rest and pleasure.

In the latter case comfort is the thing to be considered, and following close upon its heels is prettiness, for it is almost impossible to be perfectly comfortable in an ugly room. It is not necessary for the young housekeeper to spend a great deal of money in pursuit of either comfort or prettiness. The daintiest kind of rooms are those furnished in wicker or reed and chintz or cretonne.

**Double Use For Dining Rooms.**  
A certain custom that is much in practice abroad in the smaller apartments and houses may well be adopted here. Over there whenever the dining room and parlor adjoin they are papered in the same way. Between meals the dining room table is treated as a library table, covered with periodicals, books, pictures, etc. Outside of the usual number of stiff backed dining room chairs there is nothing to suggest a place to eat. These stiff backed chairs are placed around between easy chairs. There is perhaps a couch laden with cushions, a bookcase, a desk and other furniture usual in the living room.

This treatment presents another useful room to the family, for, after all, a dining room is practically useless, save for three hours at most during the day. In the foreign way, however, the dining room is very often more popular than the formal parlor. This idea may well be adopted by the young housewife who finds herself limited for space.

**Getting More Closet Space.**  
An unused back stairway can be made into two splendid closets, one on each floor, for a comparatively small outlay. Downstairs, opening out of the dining room, a fine preserve closet can be evolved, lining the unused space with dovetailed boards and building in shelves.

Sometimes this closet will be big enough to hold a barrel or two or a trunk. If there is a window for this closet all the better. If not a piece of glass can be put into the panel of the door leading into the dining room or pantry.

On the second floor the space can be utilized for a linen closet. In many houses these two closets will be found more useful than a breakneck stairway which is apt to be selected by the architect in lieu of the closet room more desired by the average housekeeper.

**Dyeing a Carpet on the Floor.**  
To dye a carpet on the floor, says one housewife, have the desired color of dye boiling hot. Keep it on the stove and use a cup and a narrow paint brush in applying it. Paint one stripe, then skip one, then the next; never two side by side, else the colors will run and there will be no straight edge to the stripes. After these have dried paint the remaining stripes. Weaken the dye for delicate shades.

You may make new colors. Blue and yellow make green; blue and red make purple, etc. Try a little and see what colors you obtain. As the dye in the cup cools pour it back and take

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## All Around The Farm

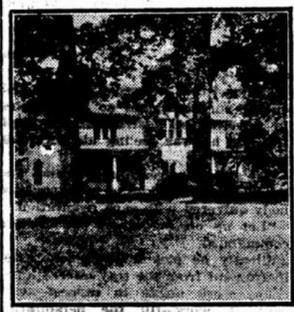
### SHADE FOR THE FARMHOUSE.

Trees Are Necessary Both For Beauty and Comfort's Sake.

(Prepared by United States department of agriculture.)

summer day spent in the kitchen is at best an ordeal for the woman who must wash, iron and cook for a large household. If the kitchen is thoroughly screened from the sun's rays her discomfort can be very materially lessened.

There are, moreover, many household tasks which could be performed with



A WELL SHADED FARMHOUSE.

equal convenience and much less fatigue in the fresh air if a cool, shady spot were readily accessible. Children are, of course, much better off out of doors than in, and the mother will find it much easier to keep them under her eye if it is possible for her to be herself, a part of the day at least, out of the house.

From a purely financial point of view it will be found that a well shaded property invariably brings a better price than one bare of all trees and shrubs. From this point of view the planting of trees may be regarded as a sound business investment and one which few property owners can afford to neglect. Men experienced in farm

## Home furnishing

**Classifying the Living Room.**  
There is usually only one living room in the smaller priced apartments or houses. Besides the dining room, kitchen, bath and bedrooms there is only this one room of indefinite character which can be furnished at will as a library, music room, den, study or a plain parlor. Its future destination is left to the judgment of the owner.

Any one of the above named characters may be given this general room. For instance, if the young housekeeper is musical and owns a piano the room at once should be classified as a music room. If there are a good many books belonging to members of the family the room takes on the character of a library. If there are a handsome writ-

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**A Music Room Convenience.**  
The latest addition to music room equipment is a combination piano bench and music cabinet, recently invented. The top of the bench is in three hinged sections, covering three separate compartments arranged for keeping sheet music in orderly array, says Popular Mechanics. The end pieces are also hinged and swing away from the bench, allowing ready access to any piece of music desired. It is not even necessary to arise from the bench in order to take out or replace a selection from either of the end compartments, which are equipped for vertical filing.

**Furniture For Small Rooms.**  
Massive heavy furniture has gone out of date with the vogue of small rooms, and now the modern housewife tries to give her apartment a bigger, airier appearance with the aid of dainty draperies and light furniture instead of the former dark hangings and plush pieces.

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**SOME BEE WISDOM.**

Beekeeping is fast becoming the business of the specialist, and the number of men who devote their entire attention to the business is rapidly increasing. However, there is no reason why the average farmer cannot keep a few colonies of bees to supply honey for home consumption, with perhaps some surplus for sale in good years.

In moving swarms of bees long distances as much care as possible should be taken to prevent sharp jars and bumping. This can perhaps be best prevented by crating with as much excelsior or other padding between the hives and outer casing as possible.

The United States department of agriculture attributes most of the reported decrease to the brood diseases of bees which are now found widely distributed in the United States. The department has knowledge of these diseases in about 20 per cent of all counties in the United States. Where disease exists beekeepers often lose colonies and attribute their loss to some other cause. Because of these facts the department advises persons interested in bees to inform themselves concerning these diseases. It is quite possible to keep bees with profit with disease prevalent in the neighborhood provided the beekeeper knows how to treat the disease.

**A Panacea.**  
If you want to forget your troubles get a pair of tight shoes.—Des Moines Leader.

**Gorgeous Gorgets.**  
There's nothing warlike about the brilliantly colored gorget, even if he does wear on his breast a copper colored armor that looks exactly like the gorget or breastplate worn by soldiers who went to the crusades centuries and centuries ago. But aside from giving him his curious name the armor has no use whatever except as an ornament. If you were to see a plain black crow, just the ordinary variety of cornfield crow, and a gorget together you'd never guess unless you were a naturalist that the shabby old crow, with not a glint of color in his sober coat, and the splendid gorget were cousins. But they are, although very distant.—Wisconsin State Journal.

# 73 SIMON AND MOSE'S NEW DAWG

**Panel 1:** Simon says, "GEE! THERE'S MOSE! FETCH HIM! BENGAL FETCH HIM!"

**Panel 2:** Mose barks, "HEY! WOT?"

**Panel 3:** Simon says, "FETCH HIM! HEY NOT WHILE ISE PUSIONLY SCORTED BY MY BODYGUARD!"

**Panel 4:** Simon says, "WELL THERE'S MORE WAYS THAN ONE OF FETCHING A COON"

**Panel 5:** Simon says, "HELP! HELP!"

**Panel 6:** Simon says, "NOW YOU KIN COOL OFF"

**Panel 7:** Simon says, "GOSH! IT'S POP OR THE DOG. GUESS ILL TAKE CHANCES WITH THE DOG!"

**Panel 8:** Simon says, "GO FOR HIM JUDGE! ISE A CLOSE SECOND!"

**Panel 9:** Simon says, "HALT! HALT! BEFORE I RUN YOU DOWN!"

**Panel 10:** Simon says, "GEE! I WISH BENGAL WAS A AUTO. STEAD OF A TIGER NOW!"