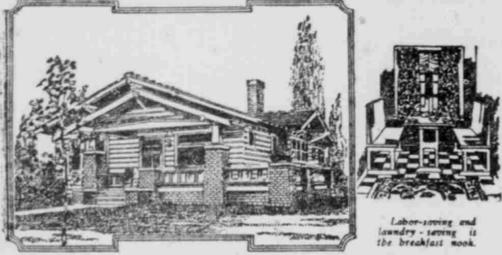




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# How About Costs?

### A Little Study of Costs in One Room of the Modern House.

Costs are down. That goes without saying. They may go up later, but they are down now. But when you build and equip that new bath room, for instance, don't think that prices are high merely because today's bath room costs more to equip than the bath room of several years ago. Just do a little thinking.

The modern bath room is not like the old one. The old one had a bath tub standing on four legs. Dirt could get underneath. The tub was probably short. The faucets were good for the old days but poor according to today's standards. The wash bowl was good for those times but looks queer along side of the modern bowl. Other equipment may have been good for those old times but they would be inferior now.

Today's bath tub is built in. It's a much better tub—and it costs a little more, perhaps. It has modern little devices to make for proper sanitation and convenience. It has no space under it to attract dirt. It is highly enameled with an enamel which will not crack or break off. The wash bowl is a piece of art, while it serves practically. It has much better faucets than did the old one. It has a plate glass mirror above it instead of no mirror or a single-strength looking glass. There is a medicine chest in the room. There is a beautiful rack for towels, instead of nails or hooks.

There are rails for cloths and a rack for the tooth brushes. The interior of the room is finished in marble or finished to resemble marble. Dirt can hardly collect. The floor is of tile, perhaps, offering no spaces in which filth may accumulate or disease breed. Just think of these things when you go to ask the plumber what it will cost to have the bath room equipped, and remember also that practically every piece of material entering into bath room equipment today is better made and better installed and better looking than it was in the bath room which was put in twenty or ten or even five years ago. And, of course, you would not think of building a fine home today without having as good equipment in the bath room as you can have.

A house which cost ten thousand dollars ten years ago may cost ten thousand dollars today—but today's ten thousand dollar house will have equipment much better than the house had ten years ago.

It pays, of course, to have good equipment, not alone for the comfort and convenience the good equipment carries with it, but because good equipment is less apt to break or get out of order.

It might pay to do a little thinking along these lines. And then consult the plumber.

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