

The American Home

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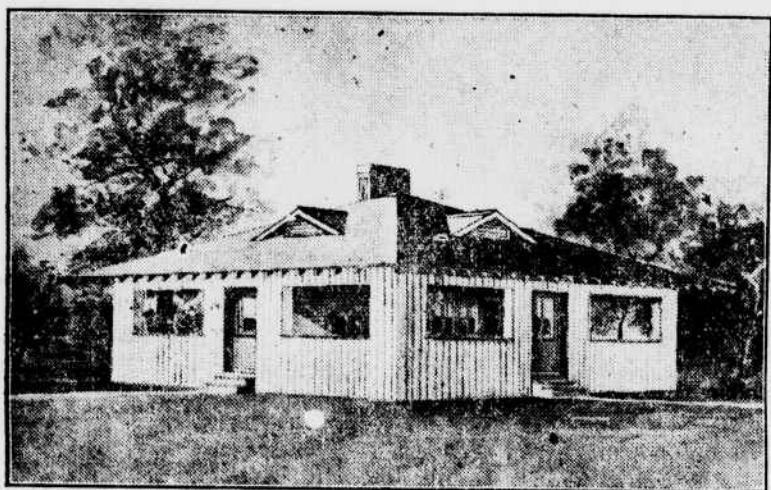
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Can you imagine yourself "Far from the maddening throng," living in a bungalow like this with never a care or a thought except the comfortable exertion of breathing the pure air from the fields or the woods? To suggest this to the tired city dweller who is caged in a flat may seem cruel, yet even he or she hopes sometime to live amid such surroundings. A bungalow like this fills the day dreams of thousands of people who are able to keep up their ambition by the hope of some time being far away from the scenes of confusion and bustle that tax the nerves and the strength.

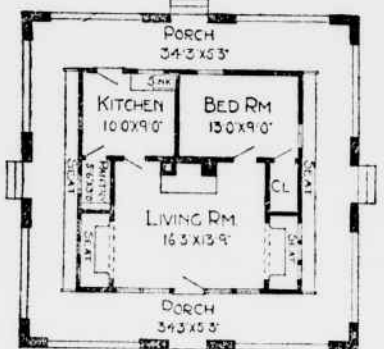
Now to come down out of the clouds to more practical things. The plan of this bungalow, you will observe, is simplicity itself. There is more porch

This plan is an ideal conception intended for the man or woman who wants to live outdoors. In fact, it is a compromise between the outdoors and the indoors. The side of the porch, for instance, adjacent to the kitchen, can be utilized as an outdoor dining room, and if all the remaining porch space is not needed for bedrooms it can be set aside for other purposes. The building itself is 24 feet square, and the porches added make it 34 feet, three inches square. The living room, provided with window seats, as the plan shows, and a cheery fireplace for use in cold weather, or on rainy days, is 16 feet 3 inches long and 13 feet 9 inches wide. The kitchen is 10 feet long and nine feet wide. A closet is provided off the bedroom, and a pantry of ample size is placed off the kitchen. If the bedroom is not used on account of the porch being fitted up for sleeping quarters, this room can be used as a den or as a nursery.

The people of this period have come to realize the value and hygienic necessity of plenty of fresh air. This has come about through long educa-



than house. And while there are only three rooms, we shall see how roomy the structure can be made. The porch extends all around the house with steps on each of the four sides. This porch is five feet three inches wide. At a very small expense the open spaces between the pillars of the porch can be screened in and screen doors provided at the entrances. Divisions



or partitions of tapestry can divide thus the entire porch into outdoor bedrooms. Privacy or protection against heating rains or sunshine can be provided by the placing of canvas shades on rollers at the openings.

PIGEONS PECKED FLOWERS

Industrious and Pesticiferous Squabs Plucked Them All From the Window Boxes.

As the woman and her visitor sat in her den a white pigeon flew down on her window box and began to chew at the lower leaves. She sprang up and shoed it away.

"Do you know some gentle thing that would kill a few pigeons off quietly without hurting them much?" she asked as she sat down again. "I don't want to hurt them or the feelings of my neighbors, who are raising squabs, but I would like some flowers in my window box this summer. Here are all gone. It's all right for her pigeons to eat her flowers if she'd rather have the squabs, but do you think mine ought to suffer? Every time I call on her I begin to wonder out loud how it is my flowers look so heaped this summer. I'd call it pigeon pecked if I dared, and they begin to give all sorts of reasons, she and her husband and her brother-in-law. It's the hot weather, they say,

tion. The fresh air cure for consumption is even now established as a fact and camps are maintained in many parts of the country for the treatment of this disease by the fresh air method. It is needless to say that no member of a family living in a bungalow like this will ever need treatment for that dread disease. The open window at night is the greatest safeguard against disease. It is in the winter when the windows are closed, shutting out the pure air, that most ailments are contracted.

The bungalow displayed here can be built for a nominal sum. The interior of the house, for instance, where most of the money in building usually is spent, can be simplicity itself. The ceilings can be beamed and the sides of the walls finished with panels or with wainscoting and varnished or stained.

As for the exterior, the design is admirably adapted to being finished with cement stucco. On the sheathing tar paper should be nailed and over this furring strips nailed. Then either expanded metal or wooden lath can be used. Two coats will be required. The first, or scratch coat, is a mixture of lime mortar containing plenty of hair. Before this coat is dry it should be scratched to make a holding surface for the cement mortar that is

or the sun because the flat is on the seventh floor, or I don't water them enough, when all the time I'd just like to get up and say, if I only had the courage, 'You know very well what's the matter with them; it's your darned old pigeons. That's what it is. You'll have a fine time eating the squabs when they are ready, but this is the first summer that I haven't had the finest flowers ever in my window boxes, plague take it all!'"

A Humble Invention.
To forget the inventions of the hour is an impossibility. They are before one at every turn, and many of them contain possibilities vast and much discussed. For that reason it is well occasionally to contemplate some invention of the past which works unremittently and inconspicuously for the welfare of mankind. Consider the air brake. How many, when they take a journey by rail, ever take thought of the device which stands ready to insure safety from possible accidents? All are so used to the sibilant noise below the cars that they never consider its portentousness. Yet by this an-

to be the finish coat. This coat can be applied to bring out any desired finish. The most popular finish in cement stucco is called the slap dash finish. It is applied by being thrown on with a trowel. It makes a rough finish most attractive.

DISCLOSURES OF A WILL

Prominent London Barrister Found to Have Been Wedded to His Servant for Many Years.

One of the most unusual romances in many years was unfolded in London recently by the death of Arthur Joseph Munby, a prominent barrister of Fig Tree Court, 83 years old. His will disclosed the fact that for more than thirty-seven years he was wedded to Hannah Cullwick, a servant, and though the world did not know of the union, he was devoted to her and she had as her highest ambition to serve him and cook for him. He spent many months of each year with her in Shifnal, and her relatives knew of the wedding, but his relatives were ignorant of the marriage. So devoted was Munby that he wrote verse to her. She did not care for books and learning and she had no comprehension of the vast learning of her husband or his wealth. She did not want to be dependent upon him and was accustomed practically all her life to work out. Munby had ample means to support her luxuriously, but she did not want to live in London, hating the city. Munby's business required him to spend part of the year there, but the remainder of the time was devoted to his wife. She died a few months before him, at the age of 84, but Munby did not change his will in which he referred to her as a servant and said of her: "Hannah has always refused and still refuses to have the position which as my wife she might and could have had, and has always insisted, and still insists, on being my servant as well as my wife, her one grievance being that she cannot be my only servant, and whereas owing chiefly to this noble and unselfish resolve of hers I have never been able to make known of my said marriage to my family, or to the world at large, and the same is known only to her kindred and three of my most intimate college friends, of whom Robert Spencer Borland knows the full circumstances and knows her personally."—New York Press.

Stature of Man.

A common average of north European men is five feet nine and one-fourth inches. The question opens an interesting prospect in the study of the races of mankind, for stature is one of the minor differences of race. The lowest average stature is that of the pygmy races, 51 inches having been recorded from several distinct sources in Indonesia. At the other extreme 70½ inches has been determined from many series of observations upon Polynesians of the Tongatapu migration, thus placing them above the Araucanians of Patagonia, who were long considered the tallest of men. The present system of classification of the races of men erects its first division upon the hair and secondary divisions thereunder upon the stature. The races of many inches under the several classes are the negro, Ethiopian, Indo-Afghan, Arab, Berber, the fair haired northern Europeans, Polynesians, North American Indians, Patagonians. The races markedly below the average height are the Bushmen, negritos, Dravidha, Ibero-insular, the flaxen haired eastern Europeans, Aino, Indonesian, South American Indian, Central American Eskimo, Lapp.—New York Sun.

Because It Had Wings.

Little Ben's father caught a bat in the barn and brought it in to show to his small son, asking him what he thought it was. "Oh, papa!" said little Ben, "it's an angel mouse!"—The Delineator.

plication of the power of compressed air, tens of thousands of lives have been preserved, and railroad travel has been made more expeditious. All this is arrant truism; not a word of it but what has been said scores of times before. But we like to dwell upon the air brake as one of those typical inventions which are doing their work faithfully and humbly while recent creations get the glory and applause.—Collier's.

Just Supposing.

"Farmers," says a contemporary, "should be trained like lawyers." May the saints preserve us from farmers trained that way! Suppose the farmer should consider himself attorney for the animal he wishes to sell and in honor bound to tergiversate concerning the same.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Getting the Habit.

"Why do you keep the windows up? The curtains are blowing all the time," he stormed. "They may have caught the habit," she said, without telling from whom they caught it.—Boston Record.

TOO MUCH ECONOMY

GOOD HABIT CAN BE CARRIED TO EXTREMES.

Housewife Will Do Well to Guard Against Penuriousness, in Which There Can Be No Possible Saving.

The housewife who is so conscientiously and rigidly economical that she is always bounded and surrounded by reversible silk skirts that should be thrown in the rag bag, or frazzled centerpieces that could be cut up into doilies, or lawn scraps that might be turned into handkerchiefs, should take a whole day off and learn that "every excess is a defect" and "extremes weaken."

Sometimes such painful and tedious economies are necessary. Often they are not. Once in a while they are ridiculous. At times it happens that they even cause misery. Perhaps you remember with what pangs of wounded pride you went to school in the metamorphosed dress of your elder sister. Perhaps you read about the girl who came back from boarding school and straightway rejected her young country lover because his economical mother had put tucks in his trousers to provide against his rapid growth. Anyhow, there are two kinds of economies and the kind that will monopolize your time from sunrise to moonrise and keep you humping forward threading needles or flashing crochet hooks, and maybe make some body sour at that, especially when that willing old second-hand man offers to relieve you of all the non-essential dry goods, woodware and ironware for cash, it is for you to watch out that the goblins of regret and disgust don't get you.

Foolish Habit to Acquire.

Unless it is a case of "have to" the tendency always to create something new out of something old is not so commendable in modern housekeeping as some might think, and for the following reasons:

In the first place most of us claim that modern dry goods, has not the durability it was known to have 50 years ago. Therefore it doesn't always pay to make over something old since much of the wear is gone. Then there is always some doubt as to the fit or presentability of a made-over thing, and the market for all kinds of discards, including furniture as well as clothes, being always open, it is generally easy to dispose of things that are in the way.

Besides, the housewife who wishes to be classed as "up to date" must grant herself sufficient leisure to neutralize the domestic strain with social or intellectual felicities, so a few of those laborious economies must be cut out.

Here are some samples of erring economies that increase the burden of daily housework: A mother with four children and an excellent income unraveled a knitted sweater that was a little tattered on one shoulder and sagged on one side and crocheted two pairs of house slippers of the ravelings.

This used up all of her afternoon leisure for two weeks. By darning carefully and stretching this sweater a little, which would have taken her only a few minutes, she could easily have disposed of it.

Washing Crepe de Chine.

Washing crepe de chine is no more difficult than to wash a frock of colored muslin. If tepid water and good soap are used with care it will come from the laundry as triumphantly as a piece of white linen. Do not let it lie in the water longer than is absolutely necessary, rinse thoroughly, and when half dry press on the wrong side with a medium hot iron. If of a delicate color the garment must be dried in a shady place after pressing.

For Young Housekeepers.

An acceptable engagement present for the girl who expects to go to housekeeping in a small apartment is a set of cook books in a small rack the size to stand in the pantry. Stand books and all are not more than six inches square, yet contain a number of valuable recipes.

The little books are attractively bound in red or green leather, with gilt edges, and the titles lettered or the back. There is a book on cock tails, a book on odd dishes, on sand wiches and on the chafing dish.

Cleaning and Bleaching Hats.

The following mixture is recommended for cleaning and bleaching straw hats. It can be used on expensive Panama straws without injuring the material: Sodium bisulphate five drams; tartaric acid, one dram; borax, five drams. Moisten a small quantity of the powder and apply it with a tooth brush to the hat. First remove the band.

Odores in Refrigerator.

Burn a paper in the refrigerator and it will remove all odors.

DRIVEN ALMOST CRAZY.

Bakersfield, Cal., Woman's Awful Suffering.

Mrs. H. W. Heagy, 1515 L St., Bakersfield, Cal., says: "Doctors failed to help me and I was in despair. The kidney secretions scalded terribly and passed too freely. I often staggered as if drunk. I could not lie in bed over half an hour. My side was numb, sight affected, and a tingling sensation covered my body. It actually seemed as if I would go crazy. I was saved from fatal Bright's disease by Doan's Kidney Pills and my health improved wonderfully."

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TOO LATE.

Dr. Pillem—There must be something radically wrong with your system to have your hair fall out so. You will have to diet.

Skantlox—Dye it? I'm afraid, doc, there's not enough of it left to dye.

A Bernhardt Trick.

Mme. Sarah Bernhardt, who is supposed to be something of an artist as well as an actress, was recently called upon in one of her marvelous creations to enact the role of a sculptor, and to model a certain bust in view of the audience. This fairly electrified the critics, but when going into rhapsodies over the technical skill in handling the clay which Mme. Bernhardt exhibited they showed that they knew little of the artistic tricks of actors and actresses; as a matter of fact, she does nothing of the kind. The bust is modeled and baked, and over it is placed damp clay of the same color. This the talented actress merely pulls off, exposing the beautifully modeled head underneath.

And They Wondered.

Judge Nicholas Longworth, who used to sit on Ohio's supreme bench, looked unnaturally grave, and a neighbor, in recognition of his facial depression, named a pet owl "Judge Longworth." It was the very next day that an excited maid broke up his wife's garden party. "Oh, madam," said she. "Madam! Judge Longworth has laid an egg."

A Treasure.

"Your new maid looks very discreet." "Indeed, she is. She even knocks at all the drawers before opening them."—Pole Mele.

One of the first necessities of our life is that we grow upward like men. When we cease to aspire we descend in the scale.—Freston.

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