

THE AMERICAN HOME

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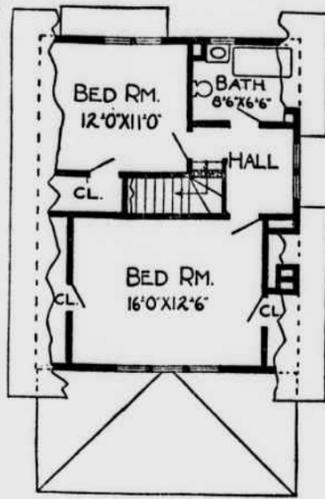
One of the most frequent demands made upon architects and builders is for a house of moderate cost, yet one that will satisfy persons of taste and refinement and come up to what they feel a home ought to be. With the advancing scale of prices both for building materials of all kinds and for the skilled labor required to fashion them into a permanent residence, the problem of satisfying this demand seems to become more and more difficult of solution.

The writer has given a great deal of study to this matter, and has come to the conclusion that the way out lies

they usually are to help much along lines of economy. Architects, ordinarily, are paid a certain percentage, ranging from five to twelve per cent, on the total cost of labor and materials entering into the construction; so it is only natural if they seem a trifle uninterested and lukewarm about holding down the expense. Nevertheless it is a fact that the skilled architect, in designing a house—especially if he has given that branch of the work special study—can so plan that the expense will be within reach of modest means, yet the house be convenient and attractive, making a thoroughly desirable home.

Simplicity of design, construction and arrangement is a present-day tendency that helps along very materially to this end. The elaborate and costly ornamentation of former years, the zig-saw scroll work, the towers and spires, and the much cut-up floor plans find no favor with home build-

walls and creosoted red cedar shingle roof. Yet the total cost for the materials and labor for this house is estimated at \$2,000; with the very best of hard wood finish—oak flooring and plumbing and electric lighting and with a satisfactory basement heating



Second Floor Plan.

plant, the cost of this house should not be more than \$3,000.

A study of the features of this design, both as to the arrangement of the rooms, as shown in the floor plans, and the characteristics of the exterior, will prove interesting and helpful to anyone desiring an attractive, modern design house at reasonable cost.

Preserving Time.

All of the members of the family are being pressed into service to help make preserves. No matter how many servants are employed in a household, the preserves that mother makes always takes the prize and are the most delicious which can be manufactured.

The preserve season has its drawbacks, but it is refreshing to think that during the cold days of next winter (cold days, what a pleasant thought) the family will be amply repaid for its trouble. The debutante could not go to a party if any one would give one, they are so busy stoning cherries and assorting raspberries, currants, etc. It is not a job of which they are particularly fond, but it's a case of everybody lending his assistance, and of helping the good cause.

Cooks are grand institutions and are fine to have about, but once a year mother puts on her biggest apron or borrows one, rolls up her sleeves, is "not at home to anyone," goes into the kitchen and remains until rows of glasses of jelly and jars of fruit are placed on the shelves for future use.—Denver News.

Her Only Criticism.

Little Dorothy not only liked her tea and coffee to have the appearance of being "real and truly," but she also liked to taste the flavor of each. One afternoon her mother took her to a friend's home, where tea was served at five o'clock.

The hostess gave to Dorothy what she usually gave to her own children—of Dorothy's age—in the line of liquid refreshments, viz., hot water, sugar and milk. Dorothy tasted hers politely and ate her little cakes.

"Why, Dorothy, you aren't drinking your tea, dear. Isn't it sweet enough?" asked the hostess.

"Yes, Mrs. C. It's sweet enough," replied the child.

"Then, why aren't you taking it?" "It's too dull," she replied.

True to Life.

Redd—He had a picture painted of that bay horse of his.

Greene—The balky one?

"Yes."

"Was it natural?"

"Sure thing! Why, when the artist touched it up it never moved."—Yonkers Statesman.

Proper Term.

Tellit—Chinkley, the bank cashier, was arrested this morning for embezzlement.

Harmon—Ah, another good man gone wrong.

Tellit—No; another bad man just found out.

Near.

"Did I understand you to say he was a near relative of yours?"

"Yes. He is a second cousin."

"I shouldn't call that very near."

"But he's Scotch."

PICK UP LUNCHEON

SHOWING USE THAT MAY BE MADE OF LEFT-OVERS.

Canned Salmon Salad an Always Acceptable Picnic Dish—Many Methods That May Be Employed to Utilize Tongue.

Canned Salmon Salad.—From canned salmon or a boiled left-over of the fresh fish a delicious salad is available for a warm day's luncheon.

Flake a pound of it into small pieces with a silver fork. Mix carefully into this a tablespoonful each of capers, olives and gherkin pickles chopped fine. Arrange the mixture on white lettuce leaves, garnish with the yolks of hard-boiled eggs and cover with mayonnaise. Decorate with little touches of aspic jelly if this is at hand.

This is a foreign recipe "choicely good."

On a day when a rather substantial course is wanted to accompany the roast try the following original recipe of peppers with pasta: One quart of tomatoes, three peppers sliced fine. Let them simmer together two hours. Boil tender in salted water a package of spaghetti and brown well three good-sized onions in a little rendered beef suet. When the spaghetti is tender drain it, add tomatoes and onions. Let boil two minutes. Serve with grated cheese.

Tongue as a Left-Over.—To many housewives cold boiled tongue does not present itself as a left-over susceptible of metamorphosis. If no longer sightly for slicing it must be discarded.

Yet to the initiated a cold boiled end which would not be appetizing sliced is most piquant when creamed.

Cut the meat into small bits, remove all skin and gristle and heat up in a cream sauce. Serve on rounds of toast or fried bread or in individual dishes with bread and butter sandwiches.

In suburban places where fresh bonbons are not always obtainable on short notice a good recipe for a homemade sweet is often treasure trove to the house mother.

Peppermint is an excellent digestive in addition to its tastiness and in some form is universally liked.

Peppermint drops with fruit are something of a novelty and are not difficult to accomplish in the home kitchen.

In a quarter cup of lukewarm water soak one ounce of gum tragacanth until it becomes tender. Wring dry in a straining cloth and knead with the hand, adding five drops oil of peppermint. Continue to work it until white and elastic. Work in little by little 2½ cups of confectioners' sugar and one-half cupful each of dates, raisins and candied peels (orange and lemon equal quantity), mixed and chopped fine.

Roll it out on a marble slab, pastry board or strip of canvas, using the sugar in lieu of flour. Roll to the thickness of half dollar, stamp out and place on waxed paper in a warm room until dry.

For the Housewife.

A suspected sample of ground coffee may be tested in this way: Place a teaspoon of the coffee in a wineglass containing water. If a part floats and a part sinks it is adulterated.

If soot falls upon the carpet or rug do not attempt to sweep until it has been covered thickly with dry salt. It can then be swept up properly, and not a stain or smear will be left.

When boiling milk put two tablespoonfuls of water in the pan first, and let it boil. Milk boiled in this way will never burn the bottom of the saucepan.

If salt is sprinkled over the range before frying is commenced there will be no disagreeable odor if the fat spatters over.

Baking Powder Biscuit.

Sift two cupfuls flour into a basin, add half a teaspoonful of salt and three teaspoonfuls of baking powder; then sift it again; then rub one tablespoonful of butter and one tablespoonful of lard finely into it with the tips of the fingers. Add gradually enough sweet milk to make a soft dough. Knead a little on a floured board; do not handle much; roll out half an inch in thickness, cut into rounds with small cutter. Lay on a greased baking tin, and bake till ready in a hot oven, usually about 20 minutes.

A Good Corn Recipe.

When cutting sweet corn from the cob cut lengthwise through the center of each row of kernels with a sharp knife, then cut off the tips of the kernels without cutting into the cob and scrape the milk from the cob. Put into a well buttered pan with salt, pepper and butter and steam three quarters of an hour over a quick fire keeping plenty of water under the steamer. Cooked in this way, the corn retains all the juices and will be found delicious.

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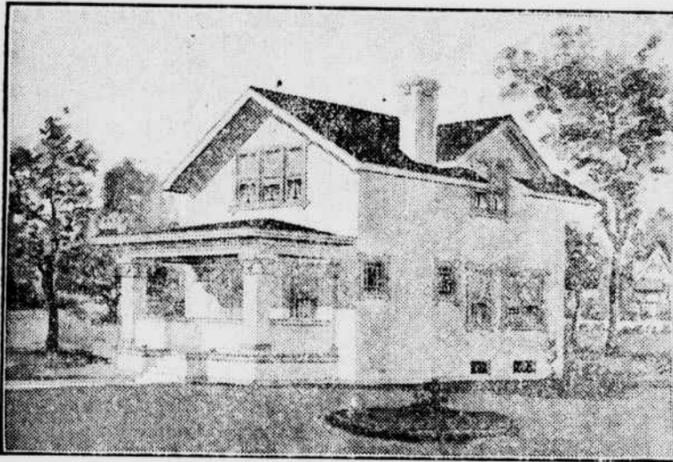
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PILES

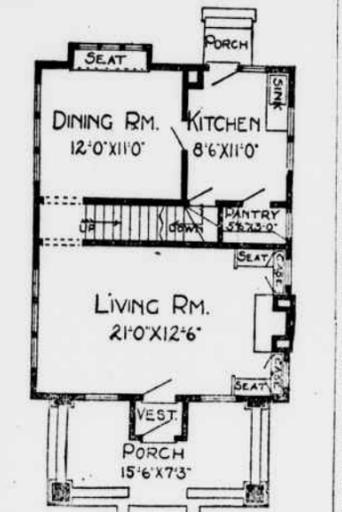
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not in going without, as so many families do—continuing indefinitely the old, unsatisfactory renting life, neither is it to be found in running far into debt—also as many do—contracting obligations far beyond their safe abil-



First Floor Plan.

ity, and mortgaging the future happiness and safety of the home.

No, the problem is rather one for the architects to meet, unwilling as

HIS ENERGY WAS WASTED

Inebriated Gentleman Is Perplexed Over Occurrence on Street Car.

He was tall and he was lanky and politely inebriated. He carefully negotiated the curb and pulled solemnly at a dead cigar as he boarded a crowded street car. He leaned limply against the tailboard and gazed vacantly out into space over the heads of his fellow-passengers. As the car jerked forward he lurched backward and split himself between the rails. The kind conductor gathered him up and anchored him safely to a window bar. He looked around him in wrinkled perplexity and at last he spoke: "C'hlsson?" he asked of the small man on whose toes he was standing.

"No, sir," was the reply.

"Wheel, wheel broke?" was his next query.

"No, sir," answered the little fellow. A silence, then.

"Splosion?" he inquired.

"No, sir," said the short one. More silence.

ers today. Buildings now have to depend more on the symmetry and right proportion of their different parts for their attractiveness; and the conveniences of housekeeping and of home life in general are the factors that determine the arrangement of interiors rather than the desire for mere display.

The architect's task is probably more difficult under this new order of things than formerly; at least more careful thought and study are required if a house of medium size is to have any distinctiveness or individuality of appearance. But with a skilled designer who will really work to that end a thoroughly desirable residence may be planned which will fully meet the requirements of the case, yet still be within the reach of the family of moderate means.

The accompanying design is a good example of what may be accomplished along the lines mentioned. This is a house of good size, 22 feet 6 inches by 33 feet 6 inches, having a very large living room, dining room, kitchen and pantry on the first floor and two large bedrooms, bathroom and three clothes closets on the second floor; the arrangement of the rooms as well as their size, lighting, etc., is according to the most approved ideas of today for convenience and sanitation; the exterior, although simple and plain, is exceedingly attractive; the construction is thoroughgoing and substantial, using waterproof cement foundation, three-coat cement plaster

"Smatter, then?" he queried petulantly.

"Nothing, sir," meekly returned his victim.

"Nothin' smatter!" he ejaculated with a frown; "I'd known that I wouldn't got off!"

Scared Would-Be Thief.

Coroner's Physician O'Hanlon was riding in the subway recently when he drew from his side pocket of his coat his gold watch, which he had hurriedly dropped there upon getting it back from the watchmaker. He was about to fasten it to his chain and put it in his waistcoat pocket when he noticed a straphanger looking intently at him. The face was familiar, and in a moment Dr. O'Hanlon recognized the straphanger as a pickpocket that he had several times seen in a police court. Instead of putting his watch in his waistcoat he slipped it back into his coat pocket. Every few minutes he drew it out and looked at it as though in a hurry. Meanwhile the pickpocket gradually shifted his position near to Dr. O'Hanlon. As the train drew into the Seventy-second

street station the thief was immediately behind the doctor, and preparing to try to sit down next to him. Again the doctor put his hand in his coat pocket, but instead of his watch he brought forth his badge of officer—a shield that very much resembles the shield of a captain of police:

"You should have seen that fellow get off that train," said Dr. O'Hanlon. "A snowflake in August wouldn't vanish quicker than he did."—New York Sun.