

HOUSE BUILT OF CONCRETE BLOCKS

Seven-Room Home Will Accommodate Large Family.

ECONOMY IMPORTANT ITEM

Progress in Manufacture of These Comparatively New Building Units Has Brought Them Rapidly to the Front.

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In many parts of the country there is a shortage of materials, such as lumber and brick, that ordinarily are used in home construction. This shortage bids fair to become greater as the home building season advances and will bring disappointment to many who had counted on building homes of their own this year.

The perfection of the concrete block building unit, however, will solve the problem for many home builders. During the last few years there has been a great advance in the manufacture of concrete blocks and now they rank with the best of building materials. The advantage of using blocks is that they are made near the place where they are used, which saves a great proportion of freight charges. Also they are usually made 8 by 8 by 16 inches, a size that saves considerable in the cost of the labor required to lay up masonry walls.

Everyone knows that concrete, when properly made, makes permanent buildings. It becomes stronger with age. And concrete blocks are merely

Considered from all viewpoints this is an extraordinarily good home building design. It will go on a comparatively small lot, and at the same time provides a comfortable and convenient home for a good-sized family. Also it can be constructed at a reasonable cost.

In selecting a plan for a home, every builder is guided more or less by homes he has seen, or by building designs he has inspected. This design is a good one, but it may not exactly conform to the ideas of the prospective builder as to what the interior arrangement should be.

Every plan an architect draws is susceptible to change. This plan is no different than the average. The size and shape of the house shown in the illustration is such that any changes the prospective builder wants can be easily made.

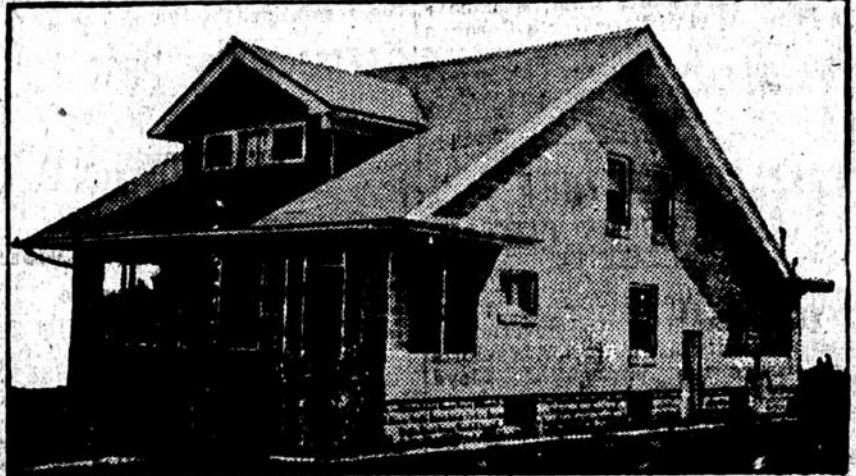
RAT ALWAYS MAN'S ENEMY

Deeds Credited to Savage Little Rodents Are Almost Beyond Belief, Says English Writer.

Rats have been known to attack people on roads, says a writer in London Answers.

A few years ago, a rat sprang on to a cyclist at Carisbad. He threw it off, and managed to run over it. They sometimes kill babies in their cradles. There is a terrible story of an officer who one night got accidentally locked up in St. Patrick's cathedral in Dublin. He was in uniform, as the custom for officers then was. In the morning nothing was found of him but his sword and the metal parts of his accoutrements. He had been devoured by rats.

Rats are weird creatures. Many years ago there was a man living near the house of the present writer's family, of whom it was said that he could make rats follow him, and put them into the houses of those whom he disliked. And a certain maid servant was found to bring a plague of rats into every house where she obtained a situation. She said, when questioned, that the animals followed her wherever she went, and used to play



units of concrete that are laid in walls just as brick are. In their manufacture, however, an air space is cast into them, which provides insulation against heat and cold, making concrete block houses warm in winter and cool in summer and economical to heat.

What a good exterior appearance concrete blocks have is shown in the home in the accompanying illustration. This is a story-and-a-half house, containing seven rooms and bath.

The foundation of the house is of rock-face block, while the walls above



the sill are of smooth face block. The design is attractive, the enclosed porch running the full width of the house, the long slope to the roof and the dormer set into both front and back being good features.

Plans of the two floors show the dimensions and arrangement of the rooms. There are four rooms on the first floor and three on the second. The entrance from the porch is into a small vestibule, off which is the living room, 12 by 16 feet. At the side of the living room is a den, or library, 8 by 10 feet 6 inches. Back of the living room, through a cased opening, is the dining room, 13 by 14 feet 6 inches. A group of three windows in the dining room make it light and cheery. The kitchen adjoins the dining room and is 8 feet 6 inches by 11 feet. Off the kitchen is the pantry. The stair hall is reached through the dining room. Upstairs there are



three bedrooms, all opening off a central hall, and the bathroom. Because of the roof construction, there are three unusually large closets, one off each bedroom. Two of the bedrooms have dormer windows, making them light, airy rooms, while the third is at the side in the gable. The basement extends under the whole of the house, and is large enough for the heating plant, fuel storage, and space for other storage purposes.

PEOPLE TALKED ABOUT

MRS. C. C. CATT, SUFFRAGE LEADER

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt (portrait herewith), was probably the dominating figure of the recent suffrage convention in Chicago. After seven days in convention, the women of the association finished up the business which the newly-organized League of Women Voters will carry on.



After having served as convention chairman for the League of Women Voters, Mrs. Catt relinquished control of the woman suffragists of the country, her resignation to take effect as soon as the suffrage association of which she is president, dissolves upon ratification of the amendment.

Mrs. Maud Wood Park of Boston, congressional chairman, who lobbied the amendment through the senate and house of representatives, was chosen chairman of the league. Mrs. Catt was named honorary chairman.

The other officers of the new organization will be: Mrs. George Cullerton of St. Louis, vice chairman; Mrs. Richard Edwards of Indiana, treasurer, and Mrs. Solon Jacobs of Alabama, secretary. They will be assisted by regional directors.

LARGE INCREASE ON AUTO TRUCKS PREDICTED FOR 1921

In the year 1919 the people of Wisconsin purchased 36,110 automobiles and 4,028 motor trucks. At \$1,000 apiece for automobiles, the investment was \$36,110,000. Assuming

that motor trucks cost \$1,500 each, this represents an investment of \$6,042,000 or a grand total of \$42,152,000.

Using these figures as a basis it is estimated there will be at least 200,000 prospects for motor trucks in 1920.

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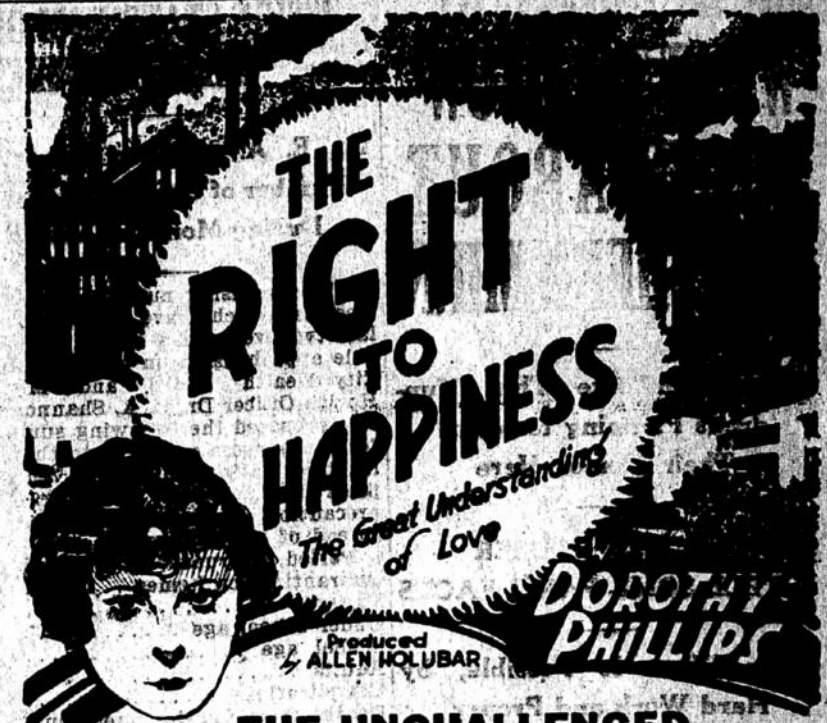
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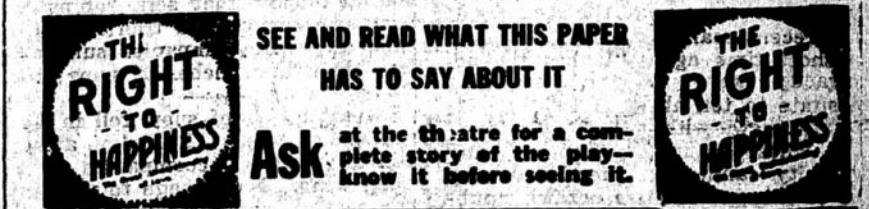
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