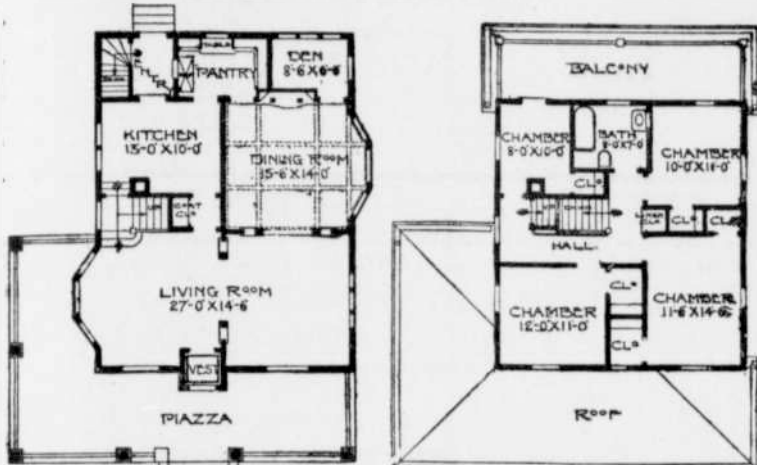


# A SUBSTANTIAL COLONIAL.

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PERSPECTIVE VIEW—FROM A PHOTOGRAPH.



FIRST STORY PLAN.

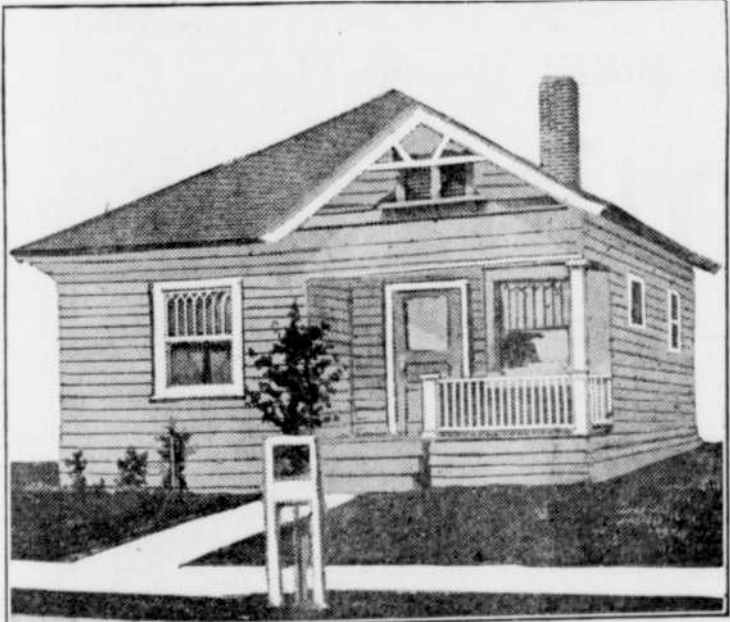
SECOND STORY PLAN.

In this house the living room and parlor are divided with a wide columned opening. I would suggest, if any one desires, this space can all be made into one large living room, and the vestibule can be left out entirely or can be built the entire size of same on the piazza, thus leaving the living room with regular lines inside. The dining room in this residence is finished in quarter sawed oak, with a beamed ceiling and a large sideboard across the rear. This room is made very pleasant by a projecting bay window, back of which is a small conservatory which can be used for a den or sewing room. There is a combination open stairway to the second story; also a rear entrance to the basement leading from the entry. The ice can be put in the refrigerator in the pantry from the outside. This house has a grand piazza covering the entire front and part of one side. This is ten feet wide, and if any one desires there can be a sleeping porch or sun room built across the entire rear over the first one story part. The second story has four good chambers and an unlimited amount of closet space, large bath and a hall. There is a full basement under the entire house. The finish in first story is planned for oak throughout with oak floors, second story pine to paint or Washington fir. First story is nine feet high, second story eight feet, these heights being in the clear, and there is also space in the attic for two or three rooms. The size of the house is 26 by 30 feet. Cost to build, exclusive of heating and plumbing, \$3,850.

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# A MODEST AND COZY BUNGALOW.

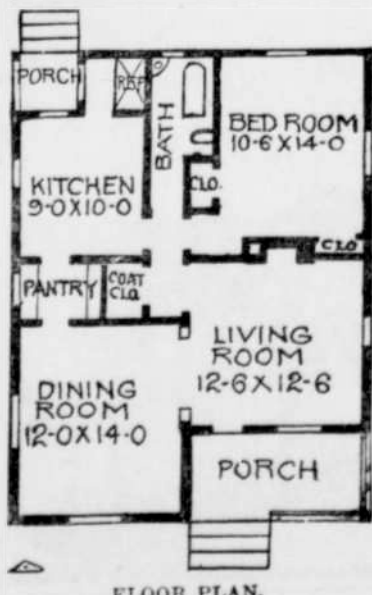
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PERSPECTIVE VIEW—FROM A PHOTOGRAPH.

A very good plan for a small family. It has one large bedroom, and it can be arranged to have one room in the attic if desired. In this plan the dining room is brought forward, making an arrangement such as we put in very expensive homes. A small cellar under kitchen and bedroom portion. Size, twenty-six feet wide by thirty-four feet long. Rooms nine feet high in the clear, birch floors throughout, Washington fir finish. Cost to build, exclusive of heating and plumbing, \$1,000.

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FLOOR PLAN.

**FARM ORCHARD AND GARDEN**

BY **F.ETRIGG**

CENTRAL POINT  
ROGUE RIVER  
VALLEY  
OREGON

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From foot to block a hog loses approximately one-sixth in weight, depending upon type, condition and feed.

While it takes a lot of them, the English sparrow makes an excellent potpie. Indirectly, too, putting sparrows in pies is an aid in safeguarding other useful birds about one's premises.

Dynamite is a mighty good agency when used with caution in the clearing of stumps from land, but it has lately been demonstrated quite conclusively that it is a woefully inadequate means of settling disputes between capital and labor.

Some idea of the prolificacy of the rat tribe is got from some figures that were kept in a campaign that was waged against them some time ago on an English estate of 2,000 acres. During a given period 31,981 rats were killed, but notwithstanding this killing there were plenty left to insure the propagation of the species.

The postoffice department at Washington seems to take an entirely reasonable and consistent attitude when it holds that patrons of rural mail routes shall not be given service unless they show some inclination along the line of keeping the roads in passable condition, which the rural carriers have to traverse in getting to their places.

While the early genealogy of the rat is shrouded in some obscurity, the rodent seems to have originated in China. It is said to have made its first appearance in England in 1738, in Paris in 1750 and in California in 1849. It scatters the germs of bubonic plague, cholera, hookworm and pellagra and in spite of all the warfare waged against it multiplies prodigiously.

Whatever the size or shape of the hog house, provision should be made for letting in a generous amount of light. It is very desirable if the arrangement of windows can be such that light will shine on some portion of the floor of the structure during the greater part of the day. Sunlight is a first rate germ destroyer and is a great aid in keeping the hog house dry and sweet and healthful.

According to figures lately compiled Texas produces more turkeys than any other state in the Union. The high prices that have prevailed during the past two or three years have served to greatly increase the raising of these big birds. From some points in southwest and west Texas from 3,000 to 4,000 birds are shipped to northern and eastern points daily during November and December.

From the standpoint of the maintenance of soil fertility—and this, after all, is the only true basis for determining whether a given type of agriculture is good or not—it can only be viewed as a misfortune when, as is the case just now, beef and pork are both so low that the feeder does not feel like running the risk of feeding them high priced corn, but instead markets his grain in the raw.

A fellow has a good prospect of grief and disappointment ahead when he swaps the old farm, whose productive capacity he is sure of, for a stock of merchandise, a hotel or livery barn of decidedly uncertain value and of the conduct of which he knows little or nothing. We have known of just such cases as this where in the windup the victims didn't own anything except their clothes and with so little credit left that they could scarce get trusted for a week's board.

One of the interesting as well as quite remarkable fruit records of 1911 was made by a 1,200 acre orchard of seven-year-old Elberta peach trees located in Pike county, Ark. The gross returns are placed at \$300,000 and expenses at \$100,000, leaving a net profit of \$200,000 from a tract of land that was bought for \$5 an acre eight or nine years ago. The tract in question was a cut over timber tract, the surface soil being gravelly loam and the subsoil a red clay. The season's output of fruit was 230 cars that averaged \$1,500 per car.

The other day a Minnesota farmer who for some time prior had not had any confidence in the stability or soundness of banks as places of safe deposit went upstairs in his house to get some \$1,800 which he had worked hard to accumulate and which he had concealed just beneath the floor. On removing the piece of floor he found not the bills that he had placed there in the past with such a feeling of security, but a nicely rounded bunch of greenish white fuzz and scraps including a cozy rat's nest. This fellow has learned his lesson, but by mighty expensive instruction.

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MAKING BEETS POPULAR.

**M**ANY families do not care for beets because they are always served to them in the old fashioned form of boiled beets dressed with butter. There is no reason why they should not appear in a dozen different styles.

Boiled beets are often spoiled by cutting them when they are peeled. Boiling cut or scraped beets destroys their flavor and color.

Only tender beets should be selected for cooking, a tough or stringy beet being hopeless. You can't boil it tender.

**For the Table.**  
Young or tender beets are the only kinds to boil. They may be sliced for the table, dressed with butter and pepper and salt or cut in dice and dressed with white sauce.

Pickled beets are spiced and served with vinegar. They make a nice relish.

Beets may be cut into dice, into strips, into slices or into fancy forms and used.

Any of the vegetables left over from dinner can be made into a luncheon salad with beets. Peas, beans, beets or asparagus tips are excellent for this purpose. Tomatoes, lettuce and cucumbers require only a few minutes to prepare. Add cold meats diced with nuts, celery or cabbage. All of these can be dressed with mayonnaise.

**Egg and Beet Salad.**—Beets in thin slices may be alternated with slices of hard boiled egg on a base of lettuce leaves and dressed with mayonnaise.

**Use of Beets.**

**Beet Pudding.**—Boil new beets until they are tender, then peel and cut in dice. Take a pint of milk to a pint of beets, two or three beaten eggs, salt and pepper to taste and grated nutmeg. Put these into a baking dish and bake until the custard has set. Serve hot.

**Beet and Celery Salad.**—Cut up a boiled beet into thin slices and steep in vinegar, pepper and salt. Prepare in the same way some potatoes, a few celery roots and, if liked, a few mushroom stems. Season with salt, pepper, oil and vinegar and a little chopped pepper and tarragon. Drain and pour mayonnaise over it.

**Latticed Beets.**—Take the cutter used for latticed potatoes and cut slices of beets into lattices. Combine these with chopped celery and cut up olives. Lay on lettuce leaves and dress with mayonnaise and slices of hard boiled eggs.

*Anna Thompson*

It's a pretty good citizen that never makes a kick when he comes to pay his taxes. However, assessors and treasurers are but human, and it is a good plan to look into the charges which a fellow has to pay for living in a civilized and orderly society.

One who keeps close tab on the butter situation states that within the past few weeks thousands of tons of this commodity, bought during the summer of 1910 and held through the disastrous slump which came a few months later, have been put on the market at prices ranging from 28 to 30 cents or about 8 cents below the price paid for western extras.

That the average flock of hens do not have the dust bath privileges that they would like is plainly indicated in the avidity with which they will get on to a pile of ashes or pick out a dry spot of mellow earth in some sheltered spot most any time during the winter months. This dust bath is one luxury the hens should not be denied, is easily provided and will do much toward keeping them free from vermin.

President Taft helped stow away a fifty dollar prize pie that was presented to him by a lady friend eighty-four years old. This is how it was made: Two pints of apples cut in squares, half a pound of sugar, a pint of water and a teaspoonful of grated nutmeg. The crust of this prize winning culinary creation was made of two pounds of flour, a pound of butter and half a pound of lard. Do you notice that shortening?

That there is still a good sized nigger in the wood pile somewhere in the transit of apples between producer and consumer is shown in the prices paid growers in central and eastern states for apples the past season—in some cases as low as 37 cents a bushel—and the price now being paid by the chap who eats 'em—from 3 to 5 cents apiece. Any one who will locate this Ethiopian and chase him out of the wood pile will confer a favor on his fellows.

### LITTLE LOCALS.

At its meeting Tuesday, the Water Board fulfilled the rumor reported by THE TIMES in a recent issue, by deciding to cut the water rate (flat) for dwellings, 25 per cent all parts of the city on January 1. In compensation, probably, the rate to all districts outside the city will be increased 25 per cent on this date. If the Portland Gas & Coke Co., the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, the Home Telephone Company and the Pacific States Telephone Company would be kind enough to give a reduction likewise on that date for gas, electric light and 'phone service, everybody would feel very grateful. Come to think of it, if the meat markets, while cutting meat, would also cut the prices a little, that would help the high cost of living. And there are others, like the fuel men, for instance, who could help out this way.

The Portland Heights Club feels that the residents of that district are entitled to a better and more sanitary school building than the Ainsworth school building is, and no one can doubt it. The dangerous unsanitary conditions there prevailing were made known to the School Board recently by the Parent-Teacher Circle of the Ainsworth school, and it is probable that the district will get what is desired.

Allen Voiek invested \$3 in a marriage license permitting him to wed his heart's choice, Miss Alice Vera Swanson, of 250 Twelfth street, but she was whisked off East by her parents. Voiek tried to "cash in" the license at County Clerk Fields' office, but failed to get it.

Charles W. Jones, former cashier of the Hotel Oregon, who defaulted in the sum of \$4000, has returned to Portland and made full confession. It is reported that the warrant out for his arrest will be withdrawn. The funds abstracted, it is alleged, were used by Jones in church and charitable work.

Wednesday night the safe in Station A, the United States sub-postoffice station at East Alder and Union avenue, was broken open by robbers, who took \$1500. No clues.

A three-months-old steer, owned by A. B. Dunn, of Wapato, Wash., was slaughtered by the Union Meat Company, which breaks all previous records. The animal weighed, alive, 2100 pounds, and when dressed, stood at 72.14 per cent. We do not have to go East for good beef.

Mayor Rushlight is so certain that there has been wholesale grafting by employes in the city water department, of department supplies and material, that he proposes a thorough investigation shall be set on foot, and the guilty parties dismissed and punished.

With Nathan B. Harvey, of Ardenwald, under arrest as the suspected murderer of the Hill family, and Leonard Loehard in the grip of the law as the suspected murderer of little Barbara Holzman, the police show commendable activity. The circumstantial evidence against both men is almost perfectly convincing.

The police are showing excellent ardor in their efforts to stay the wave of hold-ups now going on. The crooks thus far seem to have "stacked the deck," but the officers are trying to do their whole duty.

A farewell dinner was given at the Arlington Club Tuesday evening to Percy Blyth, E. L. Ireland Blyth and J. P. Robinson, who will sail from New York on the Olympic. Among the speakers were J. D. Wilcox, Dr. and K. A. J. MacKenzie.

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