SPLENDID DESIGN FOR FARM HOME

Nine-Room House Fills Needs of Large Family.

HAS CHEERFUL SUN PARLOR

Six Bedrooms Afford Accommodation for Large Family—Conveniences to Lessen Work of Housekeeping

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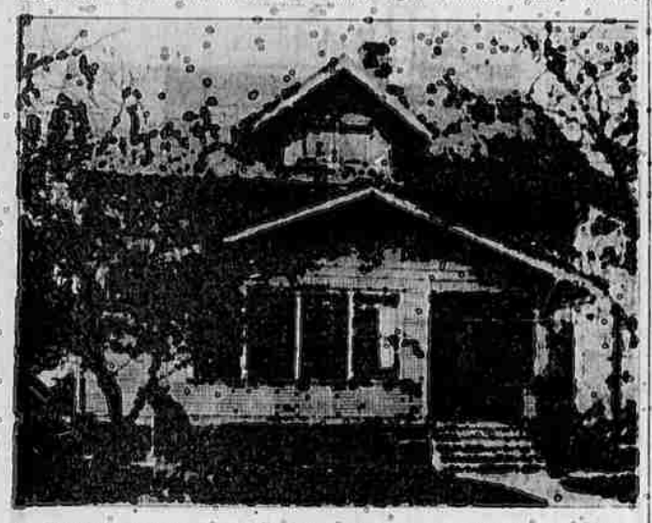
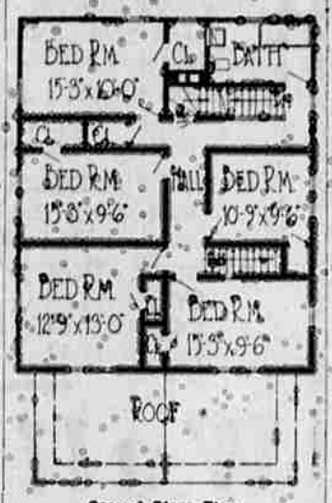
It often has been said, and satisfactorily proved to bear it out, that farmers' families are considerably larger than those of city dwellers. For this reason, farmers need plenty of room—the one-room condensed apartment would be out of place in the country. A large family calls for a large home and plenty of bedrooms—the surrounding farm gives the children all the playground they need. In the final analysis some one has to raise large families to offset the decreasing birth rate in the cities due mainly to congested conditions and the farmer assumes the burden. He has the compensating feature, however, of getting his children's help which they have earned up. In the face of the existing shortage in farm help this factor becomes tremendously important. In order to keep his sons on the farm after they have grown to manhood one of the first things he should do is to make home life and surroundings as attractive as that of the cities.

For this reason he should build a substantial, modern home. In this home he should install as many of the latest conveniences and comforts as his means will permit. He should build this home so that it will be attractive both inside and out.

In the case of the farm home shown here, with floor plans, that result has been foremost in the mind of the builder. Certainly, anyone will admit, this farm home is pleasing and indicative of a true hospitality. It is built of frame, with face brick foundation and stucco above the first story. Instead of the usual full-width porch, part of this space has been converted into a cozy, cheerful parlor, 13 feet 3 inches by 9 feet 6 inches. It has four good-sized windows in the front and two on each side, thus shedding a wealth of warmth and light into the adjoining living room. As the family spends most of its spare time in this room it is essential to have it as pleasant as possible. Dark rooms always make for depression. A cheerful home is a happy home.





Second Floor Plan.

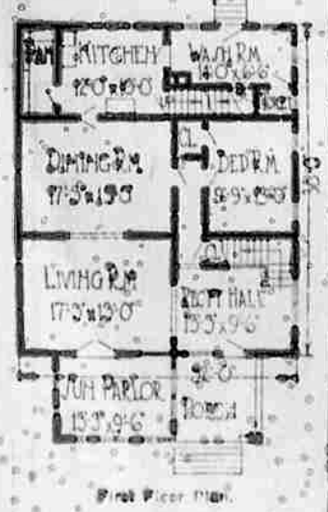
Adjoining under the same roof as the sun parlor, and on one side of it, is the front porch which leads into a small reception hall. A stairway leading to the cellar starts at the farther end of this hall. The stairway to the upper floor is found in the rear of the kitchen. Of identical size with the living room, and connected with it by an open doorway, is the dining room. The door leading from this room into a screened porch is opposite the door leading into the only bedroom located on the first floor. This room is very convenient for the hired man, who must get up first in the morning.

In the rear of the house are found the kitchen and washroom. The kitchen is small, but complete, 12 by 10 feet in dimensions. It is supplemented by a good-sized pantry. The washroom is a convenience that should be found in every farm home, as it is 14 feet 6 inches and has a toilet in connection. Modern farmers have running water and bathrooms because they can be installed at a reasonable cost and are so worthwhile convenience.

The second floor has been divided into five bedrooms and bath. Three of the bedrooms have windows on two sides and all are provided with ample closet space.

While we have emphasized this house as particularly desirable for the farm it will also fit in excellently in any town or city school. In this case the washroom can be easily converted into a laundry and equipped with a washing machine, dryer and electric sewing machine. The extra bedroom on the lower floor, if not needed, can be used as a den or library.

Eventually there will be little to distinguish the farm home from those of the city, because the farm home will be built along similar lines and contain all the conveniences which heretofore have been confined mainly to city dwellings. With the advent of running water and electric light the farm home has jumped ahead with astounding rapidity. Within the space of a few years farm home building has practically been revolutionized and improvements along this line will not stop here.



First Floor Plan.

The Accepted Time.

"What was the trouble with those two old men who just went out grumbling?" asked the traveling salesman.

"Them?" replied the landlord of the tavern at Grudge. "That's old Grim Underjaw and old Hod Doritt. They want to argue, but won't b'cuz this ain't Saturday."

"What difference does that make? There is no town ordinance against arguing any day in the week, is there?"

"Nope! But if they argue now they won't get any particular attention b'cuz everybody in town is tired of their clack. But on Saturday, when our progressive little city is full of country people that come in to trade, by standing in the middle of the sidewalk and wrangling at the top of their voices they can collect such a crowd that people who want to pass have to go clear out in the street to do so. By that means Grim and Hod can make themselves pretty considerable prominent."—Kansas City Star.

Bacteria for Sausage Skin.

Sausage casings are usually made of entrails, but parchment paper and denitrated wood pulp have also been used. Now comes the proposal, reported in Popular Science Monthly, to make them of bacteria. The particular species of bacterium employed is called xylinum and is found in vinegar.

Xylinum has been the dread of the vinegar-maker and manifests itself in an objectionable slimy scum. Some years ago a process was patented for converting xylinum bacteria into leather, and now a Dr. Widenfeld would use them in the making of sausage skins. Xylinum can be obtained, of course, only in flat sheets.

No one has succeeded in inducing xylinum to breed tubes. The sausage meat must be wrapped in the skin and then sewn up.

Foxy Paper.

What did the bride's father give the happy couple? "He bought their railroad tickets." "Ah!" "The happy pair didn't discover until after they got on the train that their tickets read only one way."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Could Not Resist Her.

Grandma decided a divorce was the cause he couldn't remember the date of his wedding. The judge probably thought that he was one she could and forty that wedding bells much from matrimony.—Cleveland Leader.

JOHN C. FREUND

John C. Freund of New York city, who, at the age of seventy-two, has thrown his vital personality into a nation-wide campaign to arouse public sentiment for the establishing of a ministry of fine arts in the President's cabinet and a national conservatory of music. As editor of Musical America and president of the musical alliance of the United States, he has for years been waging war on the "musical rube" and pleading for the recognition of America's own musical talent.

Care of Palms.

Palms are hardy things which may be grown in rooms for years with good results. Keep them near the window so that they may get plenty of light. The best soil for them consists of three parts of fibrous loam, one part each of leaf mold and decayed manure and a tenth of coarse sand. The ordinary watering rules don't apply to them; they should only be watered when the pot rings hollow under the hand, and at no other time. During mild showers stand them out in the rain for an hour or two as the cleanse and freshens them and opens the pores of the leaves.

Australia's Climate.

A word should correct the impression, too prevalent, that Australia is a continent of intemperate heat throughout a torrid year. It would be strange if a continent of Australia's size could not show every variety of climate. In Sydney's hot months, for example, a few hours' journey by train will take you to the heights of the Blue mountains, where nights that clamor for the warmth of a wood fire temper the hot, dry sunshine of perfect days.—Exchange.

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Savages Use Iron Ore.

Explorers have been astonished to find in the wilds of Africa savages acquainted with the mining of iron from the ore and working it. To smelt the ore they use a primitive furnace of baked mud, with charcoal for fuel and bellows to obtain the required temperature. It seems altogether likely that the knowledge of these processes was originally derived in prehistoric days from the Arabs and Phoenicians, who then, as in later times, overran most of Africa.

A Lost Art.

An old shepherd, who has just died in a village a few miles from Lyons was unable to count beyond three. Nevertheless he had charge of large flocks of sheep and could tell not merely when one was missing but which particular animal had disappeared. The old man was unwilling to explain how he did it and the secret had died with him.—Leipzig Tageblatt correspondence, London Daily Mail.

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