



Builders' Guide

HINTS ON BUILDING



DECORATING OF INTERIOR

(By Charles R. Miller)

Probably no other part of the home so constantly greets the eyes of the occupants as the walls and ceilings. If the exterior of the home is good in appearance and in a harmonious setting, the picture from the outside is almost sure to be pleasing. But inside there is none of the variety of the background that surrounds the home. Winter and summer, spring and fall, the interior surfaces are the same.

To those who live in the home, each detail of the interior walls becomes so familiar that they stamp themselves indelibly in the mind. Slight imperfections grow by repetition until they may cause dissatisfaction with the home as a whole. Inexpensive arrangement of rooms, stairways and fixtures, and good design may be forgotten if the

walls and ceilings do not live up to the quality of the rest of the house. The beauty of newness may disappear completely unless there is a promise of permanency beneath the plastered surfaces in the form of reinforcing.

Home owners today are learning to look beneath the surface of things. They are beginning to appreciate the importance of those parts of the home that are not seen, yet which of those parts of the home that are not seen determine the satisfaction and economy of the home and its possible resale value.

Should Be an Art.

Hundreds of years ago the plasterer ranked with the sculptor and artist in the pride which he took in his work, as a matter of fact, much of our knowledge of the history and customs of the ancients is revealed by records of the work of these ancient craftsmen. Plastering should be an art today just as it was years ago, but only occasionally do we find plaster surfaces rivaling the permanence and beauty of those of centuries ago. Our craftsmen of today are just as capable, although their art is expressed in simple effects that are none the less attractive, than the masterpieces of the fifteenth century. Modern methods have simplified their work and permanency is achieved in days instead of weeks and months, with our present day materials which were unknown in the early times.

Eighty per cent of the interior of every home is represented by plastered surfaces, and every home owner should take into consideration the permanency of this part of the building, and consult his plasterer contractor and get his estimate for the work on metal lath.

MILL TO USE WASTES.

BEND, Ore.—Construction of a plant for the utilization of pine by-products will be started in the immediate future by the Shevlin-Hixon company in Bend. It was announced by the management of the lumber mill.

The "destructive distillation" process recently perfected by William E. Lundahl of Bend, will be used by the lumber company in manufacturing turpentine and various pine oils. Lundahl, who has been making experiments with pine for a number of years, will be in charge of the construction and operation of the plant. The plant will be only a unit of the mill which will ultimately handle all the waste from the sawmill, from sawdust to slabs and stabs. When the plant is completed the burner, in use at present, will be eliminated.



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REAL ESTATE BOOMING NOW

Real estate conditions in all parts of the United States have entered an era of unprecedented activity with every assurance of prolonged prosperity, according to statements made by E. W. Straus, before the National Association of Real Estate Boards in session in Detroit during the week.

"There will be ample capital to finance these great activities," Mr. Straus said. "Developments will continue in the suburban districts of all our great American cities, while the trend of residential construction will be in keeping with the growing demands and rights of the people for better standards of living." Referring directly to the valuable work accomplished by the American realtor, the speaker said:

"You are doing a service to the nation that is beyond value because you are educating the public to become owners of American homes and American land—and that means that you are making them stockholders in the United States."

JAP PRINCE VISITS MOUNT FOR WHICH HE WAS NAMED

TOKYO, (AP)—Mr. Chichibu, where the mountain peaks are always at their best, was visited by Prince Chichibu and his suite recently. The second son of the emperor takes his title from the Chichibu district, lying west of Tokyo, within which Mt. Chichibu stands.

Early in the morning the prince arrived at the small village lying at the foot of the mountain from which the climb is usually commenced. He was given an enthusiastic if respectful welcome by all the villagers, who lined the main street of their village through which the prince passed.

Part way up the mountain to the Chichibu shrine where the prince lunched. After lunch he started the real stiff work and reached Peak Myōjin, as it is called, as the sun was about to set. The clear weather afforded an extended view in all directions.

The night was spent at the Mt. Chichibu shrine near the top of the mountain, where the prince was entertained with sacred dances performed by country girls in the dancing hall of the shrine.

The man who is good around the house is seldom much good around his office.

Chinese Idea of Good Sportsmanship Faulty

ANKING (AP)—Sports meets which are being held throughout the Yangtze valley in central China are demonstrating the lack of appreciation among Chinese youth of the spirit of sportsmanship and the need of training along this line. At an Anhwei meet recently a government technical school was playing basketball with the local Mission Cathedral school. The technical school was ahead most of the first half, but a few minutes before the whistle sounded the Cathedral boys picked up and tied the score.

In the second half it became quite obvious that the Cathedral team was stronger and would doubtless win. The technical boys, seeing themselves losing stopped playing on the pretext that the baskets were not round. They proceeded to tear down the baskets, then went to the government decorated building and wrecked the place.

Two days later St. Paul's high school in Anking was playing football against a local government school. The head master of the mission school saw to it before the game that the back gate to the grounds was unlocked as a precaution against trouble. St. Paul's won, and the minute the game was over the winning team made a hasty exit through the gate and hurriedly found refuge in the mission compound, closely pursued by the teachers and their supporters.

English Rowers Prefer Streamline Racing Shells

LONDON, (AP)—Despite the fact that the Oxford University Boat Club lost the annual university boat race this and last year in a "streamline" shell designed by Dr. Hounne, there has been a growing demand for this kind of racing craft from the builders at Putney.

American, Continental and British boating clubs have placed a number of orders for "streamline" shells to carry four and eight, thus testifying to the growing favor and popularity of this kind of racing craft.

HAMBURG (AP)—The Deutschland, a former trans-Atlantic pride of the Hamburg-American line, has been sold to a Berlin firm to be scrapped. The vessel served as an excursion boat under the name Victoria Luise, and after the world war was again put into service between Hamburg and New York as the Hansa.

Permits

Building permits during June have not held up at an high a mark as during the earlier months of the year. The total to date, with only a few days yet remaining this month, is only \$12,535, which is several thousand below last month's total.

During the first ten days in June permits moved ahead at a fair rate but during the past two weeks only six were issued and not a one for more than \$200.

During the last fortnight the total estimated cost involved in the permits was only \$1,630.

Whether the slump is only a temporary one or whether the building for this season has passed its peak is hard to tell.

Last week's permits follow:

June 22—Permit issued to J. J. Schupp to erect a garage on K between First and Second streets at an estimated cost of \$300.

June 23—Permit issued to E. Neiderer to repair and alter a two-story frame residence on Washington between Maple and Cherry. Estimated cost \$200.

June 23—Permit issued to A. Bremer to erect a garage on T between Fir and Depot. Cost \$125.

Lumber Industry Shows Improvement in Week

Improvement in practically all branches of the lumber industry is shown by reports coming to the American Lumberman, Chicago. Mixed orders for southern pine are harder to look because of the depletion of mill stocks, while dry lumber is becoming scarce. The fir producers are reluctant to book much ahead at present prices before the July 4 shutdown for repairs—although shipment of output is likely to be less than first planned—900, in fact, some large orders have been booked at \$1 advance over recently prevailing quotations. The rural demand for southern pine is expanding, while immense quantities of Douglas fir are moving to the Atlantic coast, and California is taking a large volume. Producers of the principal softwoods are taking a timorous attitude as to prices and early advances are predicted.

During the week ended June 18, shipments from 252 large softwood mills amounted to 98 per cent of their cut, and orders to 88 per cent of it. The southern pine mills had orders for 7.40 per cent more than they produced, while their shipments were 5.31 per cent above output, so that unfilled orders show an increase. The West Coast fir mills had orders equal to their production, and the fact that they did not exceed output was at least partly due to a growing reluctance to book at the unprofitable prices offered.

Both southern and northern hardwood markets have improved, building trades being the chief buyers, as automobile and furniture orders will be postponed until after the midsummer slump. It is significant that while the oak flooring plants had four million feet more on hand than a year ago, last year orders covered only 81 per cent of stock, while this year or-

Wallowa K. P. Building Will Cost About \$12,000

WALLOWA, Ore. (Special to the Observer)—Preparations are nearly completed for the erection of a new hall to be built at a cost of nearly \$12,000 by the Knights of Pythias.

The building will be 35 by 70 feet in size and 22 feet high and will be finished on the outside with gray stone.

PURCHASES HOME

Mr. and Mrs. William Helcy have purchased a modern stone home in the Commercial addition which they are now occupying.

Newspaper Wins Judgment

THE DALLAS, Ore.—A \$10,000 judgment in favor of Henry Cue and George Frazz, publishers of the Optimist, a weekly newspaper, was returned by a circuit court jury in the suit against Arthur S. Althoff, so-called "mor" and "Chloride" Charles Charles managed a show at the auditorium theater last winter at which Althoff was said to have made remarks derogatory to the plaintiffs and their newspaper. The whereabouts of the defendants is unknown. Neither was represented by counsel.

Radio From British Isles Heard Slightly in Egypt

Cairo (AP)—A number of broadcasting stations in Europe and the British Isles are usually heard well in Egypt, and Egyptians as well as Europeans living here are not slow in taking advantage of the music. The stations heard best are London, Newcastle, Aberdeen, Bourne Mouth and Christchurch in England, the Savoy Bands of London relayed on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays being especially popular.

Rome, Munich, Stuttgart and Vienna also are heard and a resident of Cairo can listen to a concert and news in Italian from 8:49 to 9:59 p. m., then get the news and the weather from Stuttgart in German, and before turning in for the night he can enjoy a late radio concert from Vienna.

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