



Builders' Guide

HINTS ON BUILDING



DECORATING THE WINDOWS

(By a Staff Writer)

The woman who is proud of her home, it is said, will devote as much thought to the windows and their curtains as to any of the other details which naturally fall within her province.

Every window of the ordinary type has four main functions. It must admit the light of the sun. It must be capable of admitting its proportional amount of ventilation. It must offer a clear and unobstructed view. It must harmonize

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with the general architectural design.

The glass, therefore, must be faultless in its texture, and it must have that brilliant lustre which does so much to add to the appearance of the home a subtle air of cheerfulness and distinction. There is no difficulty about obtaining such a glass. Plate glass fits the bill perfectly, and it can be supplied by any builder or competent glazier.

The Curtains.

The choice of the glass is of the utmost importance, but nearly every window needs the graceful folds of the curtain to give the final touch of aesthetic satisfaction. At the same time, the curtains act as the harmonizing medium between the furniture and the walls of the room or hall. They are not so prominent as the furniture, nor so reticent as the walls; and so they naturally take the middle course, seeking the note of grace and charm, after the other essentials have been provided.

The type of curtain to be used chiefly depends upon the architectural features of the window. As a general rule, curtains may be hung straight or looped back with cords; they may be hung only to the sill

Cosy, Convenient English Bungalow



or all the way to the floor.

If the window casing is built straight from the top to the floor curtains should usually be hung in the same manner. The height of the ceiling is also an important consideration, for the longer the straight side curtains are the higher the room will look. The shorter they are, the lower the ceiling of the room will seem to descend. The use of a valance, or looping the curtains with cords will always serve to diminish the apparent height of the ceiling.

Choosing the Material.

In choosing the curtain material one will naturally be guided by the general decorative scheme of the room. A rich damask curtain would be as unsuitable for a Mission card room as a rag carpet in a tiled hall room. Expense, too, will play a part in the selection of the material, but expense need never be a bar to lovely and ingenious effects.

The richest silks and velvets money will buy can add no more to the appealing charm of a room than is attainable with ermine, chintz, dotted swiss, or even with a few lengths of unbleached muslin, a dye pot, and a venture, some spirit. In the dyeing of the fabric, the most important thing to do is better to experiment at first with a few samples thrown into the dye pot.

The dyed fabric can be stitched with quaint designs in wool, or it will form an excellent background for brilliant Japanese flowers of cotton crepe.

WORK PROGRESSING.

Work is progressing at a rapid rate on the new home that is being built on First street on the hill by W. E. Reuter.

In looking into this airplane trouble in Washington it strikes us they looked down instead of up.



(By W. W. Purdy)

Very cosy and convenient is this bungalow with the semi-colonial entrance and spacious porch on the side. In fact it would be difficult to conceive a more conveniently arranged little house or one that would spell the word "home" more effectively, than the design here illustrated.

Modeled after the English style of house in its exterior treatment it is an attractive plan and embodies a number of features that have special appeal. For instance, the simplicity and charm of this design and the fact that every bit of space is utilized in a most practical and economical way are points worth emphasizing.

For the young married couple who wishes a home that is attractive but refined and within their means this little home is recommended. The color scheme is white cement plaster troweled smooth, with warm brown trimmings and a variegated stained shingle roof. It isn't hard to picture the sweetness of this home with its window box drooping with vines and rioting with color and with evergreens around the door-step and the screened outside terrace adding a delicate splash of color against the white background of the walls.

The floor plan is practical and convenient. The bath is between the two bedrooms, each of which has a large closet. The kitchen is equipped with all the modern devices and arranged so the housewife who does her own work will be able to do so with the minimum of effort. Long French doors open from the living room on to the open air terrace.

There is a full basement and only the best of materials are used throughout. It is estimated that this home would cost from \$2500 to \$4500, exclusive of the plumbing and heating.

Building on Increase Throughout the Nation

Shipments of softwood lumber during the first forty-five weeks of this year amounted to 88 per cent of the cut, and in the last week there were slight decreases in production and shipments, against an increase in new business. The building situation explains the unusually well sustained fall trade. In the thirty-six states responsible for seven-eighths of the total construction volume of the country, construction started in September showed a 59 per cent increase over last September's figure and 46 per cent over the same period of 1924.



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Oct. 20—Permit issued to Fred C. Hart to build a garage on X between Spruce and Pine; cost, \$75.

Oct. 23—Permit issued to L. S. Weeks to alter and repair a building on O between Seventh and Eighth; cost, \$100.

Oct. 24—Permit issued to W. H. Berry for Mr. Amos to alter and repair a dwelling on Greenwood between X and the city limits; cost, \$25.

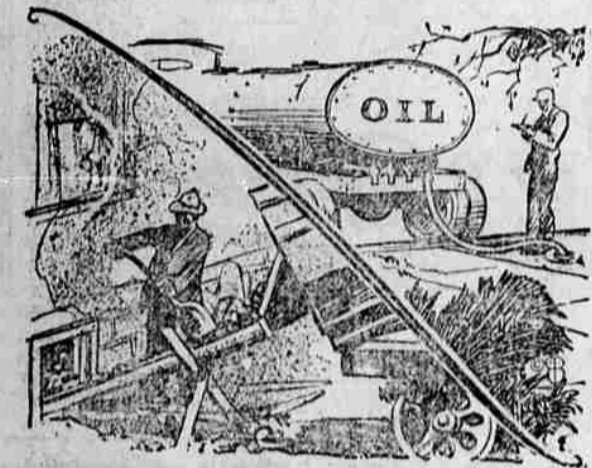
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cent of this September's total was for residential building. New work contemplated showed an increase of 54 per cent over last September, so that lumber market is likely to continue strong.

Stocks of mills in most producing regions are depleted and broken in assortment, while those of buyers in general are small owing to the hand-to-mouth policy that they were able to follow all year as a result of quick rail delivery. It is believed that most retail yards have reduced their holdings to a bare point, for the winter carry-over, as sustained building demand allows them to. Buying for spring trade will therefore have to start earlier, says the American Lumberman, Chicago. Prices of upper grades in softwoods are meanwhile especially firm.

Southern pine mills during the week ended Oct. 9 booked orders for less than one per cent below their production, but shipments ran higher than the cut and further reduced mill stocks. The month now takes over fifty per cent of its cut, and there are indications of heavy demand as soon as the cotton crop is marketed. Overseas buying of Coast fir is beginning to restore balance to that market.

Rail trade to the central states shows a reasonable decrease, but the movement to the Atlantic seaboard is well sustained and California demand is active and increasing.

Repair work on the municipal building is nearing completion in some respects, although several weeks will be required to finish up the remodeling.

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