



Builders' Guide

HINTS ON BUILDING



EASY WAY TO FIX OLD WALLS

Before walls and ceilings can be re-papered, re-painted or re-calced, unsightly cracks must be filled and plaster must be restored to patches where it has fallen off, exposing the lath. For no surface-decoration will hide these defects permanently. No matter what kind of paint or paper may be used, it is only a question of time before unpaired cracks will show through.

Patching the walls is essential to the housewife's own satisfaction, but more so if there is any

thought of selling the house. For few things can spoil the appearance of a room so completely as yawning cracks in the plaster. Moreover, they are unsightly because they harbor dirt and vermin.

Plaster of Paris often is tried as a patching material. But it never gives permanent satisfaction. A little lesson in physics will show why. Both Plaster of Paris and ordinary wall plaster are gypsum. But each is made according to a special process so that Plaster of Paris is chemically denser than common plaster.

Now, when changes in temperature affect the wall, the ordinary plaster contracts and expands more freely than the denser Plaster of Paris does. So the two materials pull apart and the original crack or other blemish re-appears. This is true also of cements and

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ATTRACTIVE SPANISH DESIGN



(By W. W. Purdy)

The home illustrated is that of a typical Spanish design and has many admirable features that make for a modest home.

The entrance is from the stoop into a long hall, with arched ceiling and ornamental iron stairway leading to the second floor. Mastered archways separate the hall and the living room, and the living room from the dining room. The floor of the living room is dropped, and the ceiling is twelve feet. This extra height permits of an exceedingly pleasing arrangement of a special fireplace and windows. Directly opposite the entrance hall are French doors that open onto a terrace, which, in the heat of the noon day sun is covered with a striped awning.

Kitchen has a built-in breakfast alcove and other conveniences that make kitchen work much easier. Near the rear entry is the basement stairway which leads to a laundry room, furnace room, etc. This has a one-car garage attached in the basement.

On the second floor are three bed chambers and a bathroom, all nicely arranged with ample closet space.

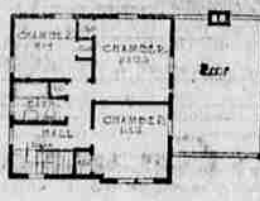
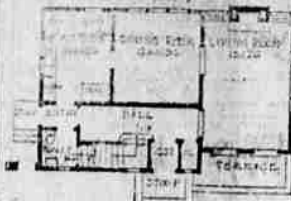
The exterior walls are of frame construction, cement plaster over soldier course of brick.

Wood work on the first floor is stained an antique gray in accordance with the Spanish makeup of the entire home. The second floor is white and the bath is tiled or wainscoted.

This type of home is estimated to cost from \$7,500 to \$8,500, exclusive of heating and plumbing.

Filters which sometimes are tried for patching.

Yet the housewife or her husband cannot be expected to buy a



Wallowa to Get New Postoffice Building

WALLOWA, May 3.—Plans of expansion in both Wallowa and Enterprise that have been maturing for some time, culminated this week in the announcement by J. P. Gillespie, proprietor of the Sanitary Market of Wallowa, that he had formally purchased the post office block in Wallowa and the brick building and equipment, known as the Enterprise Packing company at Enterprise, and on the site of the Wallowa post office would erect a new two-story building of cement block construction.

The new building in Wallowa will be 30 by 80 feet, covering the lot now occupied by the wooden post office building. The lower floor will be used for the post office and the upper divided into four suites of rooms, with two rooms to a suite. The purchase of this building was from the Stockgrowers and Farmers National bank of Wallowa.

Improving Episcopal Church at Union, Ore.

UNION, Ore., May 3. (Special).—Members of the Episcopal church have been improving their church building inside by making some alterations and the purchase and laying of new carpets for the pulpit and aisles.

Thomas Adams who lives in North Union is having his home improved by enlarging some of the rooms, the laying of maple floors and other improvements.

MAY PHONE ACROSS OCEAN.—NEW YORK.—Efforts are being made to arrange a radio telephone conversation between President Coolidge and King George.

The United States paid \$295 an acre for the Virgin Island, \$35.50 an acre for the Canal Zone, 27 cents for the Philippines, and 2 cents for Alaska.

bag of wall plaster and a quantity of graded sand and to mix them in right proportions and then apply them. In the first place, only a little plaster is needed for the ordinary repair-job, and a building supply dealer would not care to break a bag to sell so small a quantity.

To meet this situation which thousands of home-owners face annually, numerous manufacturers have put on the market in recent years special patching plasters. They come in small packages. They are ready-mixed, so that all that is needed is to stir in water, mix to the proper consistency and apply.

If there are large spaces in the wall, a trowel ought to be used. If there are only fine cracks, a putty knife or some smooth-edged kitchen utensil will serve. The patching plaster should be worked into the cracks until it reaches the lath. The material is regarded so as to give plenty of time for its application before it begins to set.

Here And There

SALEM — New Oregon Lumber Mills, Inc., will have large main factory.

MAHSEFIELD — New \$500,000 Marshfield hotel to be finished this summer.

PENDLETON — Farmers Elevator company will build \$35,000 elevator.

ASTORIA — Point Adams Packing company builds new cold storage and ice plant for salmon.

SHERIDAN — Work begins on new American Legion hall.

SALEM — Presbyterian congregation planning \$100,000 church.



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Wallowa Lake Hotel Annex Work Speeding

JOSEPH, May 3.—Less than three weeks ago workmen started pouring concrete for the basement walls of the addition to Wallowa Lake Hotel. Scarcely waiting for the walls to dry, Contractor Kelly put a force of men to work on the framework of the structure and now it is enclosed and the wiring and plumbing is being rushed to completion just as fast as workmen can do the work.

It is without doubt the fastest building record ever made in Wallowa county and nothing is being slighted. The contractor simply organized for the work and is carrying out the plans to the letter. Given sixty days in which to complete the job, it looks like that time will be shortened.



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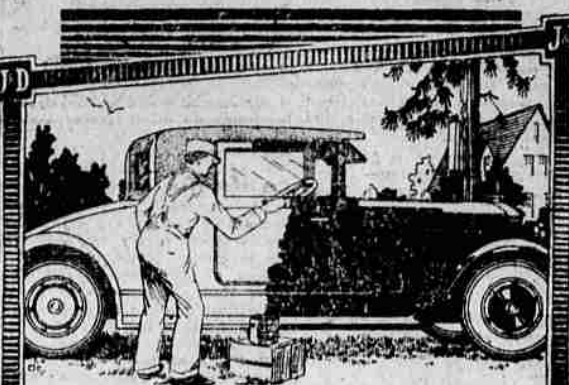
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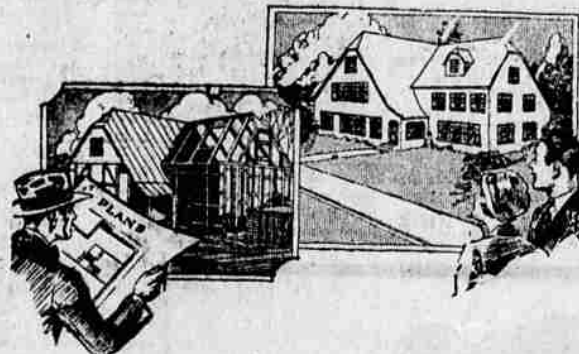
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