

Design for Small Cottage That Typifies Real Spirit of Home



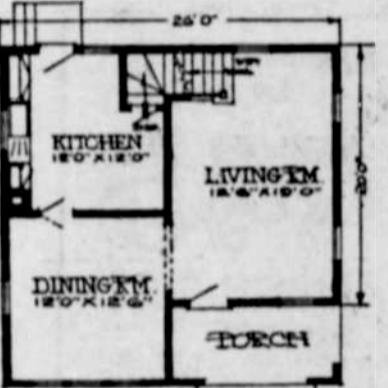
Here is a little cottage which seems to typify the spirit of home. Its story-and-a-half construction has been designed to produce a charming outward appearance and the interior will be found equally satisfactory.

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Where your house is to be built is almost as important as building it. The particular size of lot, with the particular frontage or natural advantages which you may not be available to you for several reasons. The kind of neighborhood, the distance from transportation, the conditions as regards paving, sewer, gas and electricity, etc., are some of the things that will govern your selection of a homestead. So we say pick out the place you want to build before you attempt to choose a house plan.

Having done that, and with the lot in mind, try to find a house that will fit it. If it is a narrow lot, then you must have a narrow house; if it is a shallow lot, then you must find a plan that is not too deep from the front to back but that it will not merely go on your lot, but will leave a little room for a backyard and perhaps for a flower or vegetable garden.

It is only by using a complete plan, too, that you can get a definite estimate on the cost of building your



First Floor Plan.

home. All other figures are but guesses and it is dangerous to guess when building, no matter how experienced in building the guesser is.

The proper person to give you a definite, reliable estimate on your home is your local lumber dealer or

Color Now Demanded in Present-Day Home

Color from top to bottom, color inside and out, in the kitchen, in the bathroom, in the office, in the living room, on the roof, in the basement; in fact practically every manufacturer of materials and equipment going into present-day building is striving to keep pace with the increasing demand for color.

For instance, in the roof, the former staid black slate has been replaced with varied colors in greens, blues, reds, soft browns and purples. The wooden shingles now harmonize with the painted walls of the house with soft tints supplied by stains.

In the bathrooms, soft pinks, orchids, delicate greens, blending blues, contrasting blacks, yellows and ivories may be seen in the wide assortment of bathroom fixtures and accessories in the exhibit. Even the shower curtains may be obtained in vivid cretonnes and solid colors; and, of course, the wonderfully colored tiles serve to make a suitable background for all these.

Even in the basement there is a flaming red furnace installed on a floor of green, or an oil burner of contrasting green and black.

In the kitchen color does its part to relieve this room of its atmosphere of drudgery. Painted woodwork, colored tile, gleaming ceiling together

and fluting of paint is applied. If no bleeding occurs within two weeks, the work can be finished off in any manner desired. In obstinate cases the stain will still work through two coats of shellac and one of paint. Then it is necessary to put on coats of shellac and paint until the bleeding stops.

Value of Oak
Oak lends dignity to any room; it harmonizes with woodwork and with furniture of whatever period. It is the proper background for rugs. It is permanent. Time only improves its mellowness. It is easily kept in perfect condition; it is cleanly and saves housework. The cost is negligible compared with temporary floor coverings.

Homes Now Firesafe
Now that so much more attention is being given to the fire safety and permanence of residential construction, steel windows and metal lath are practically staple products, being specified with constantly increasing frequency.

Skilful painters are well acquainted with this fact and take steps to prevent it by sealing the stain. Usually they paint over the stain with two coats of pure shellac. After this is thoroughly dry, a coat of white lead



WICKED ANY DAY

"I hear Mr. Brown plays golf on Sundays," she remarked to her husband.

"Well, what of it?" commented the latter.

"Why, I think it's dreadfully wicked."

"Wicked! It's wicked to play the kind of golf Brown does on any day of the week!"—Montreal Star.

Same Old Game
She—In olden times when a man had a favor to ask of a girl, he went on his knees.

He—Much the same nowadays. When a girl has a favor to ask of a man, she often does the same.

She (incredulously)—Goes on her knees?

He—His.

HOW SHE LIKE THEM



Flapper (smutting smoke rings)—"How do you like cigarettes, Miss Goo?"

Miss G.—"Between a man's lips, Miss Flipp."

Gone Boom!
My bonnie leaped over a gas tank. The height of the contents to see. He lighted a match to assist him—"Oh, bring back my bonnie to me."

Take It or Leave It
The Installment Buyer—How much is this hat?
Clerk—It is \$10 cash.

Mrs. L. B.—And how much by installments?
Clerk—Fifteen dollars. Ten dollars down and one dollar a week for five weeks.—The Outlook.

A Guilty Conscience
"Three months ago I caught a fish that weighed 40 pounds. I don't remember just when it was exactly, now."

"July."

"No, sir. I was telling the exact truth."

Process of Elimination
Professor of Astronomy—I believe I have discovered a new star, Miss Brown.

Miss Brown—How interesting—but you won't be sure, I suppose, until you've counted all the others?—Landon Opinion.

FRIED CRISP WITH EGGS



Miss Belle Letters—How do you like Bacon, Mr. Smith?

Mr. S.—(More given to eating than reading)—Fried crisp with eggs, Miss Belle.

Traveling to the Light
Into the cloud there comes a rift That shows the sun's bright ray. When some one gives a friend a lift Along the stormy way.

Equipped for the Job
The Boss—I can't take you on as a collector. You have a criminal record as a stickup man.

The Applicant—But think of my experience. Day or night, with my little gal, I always got the money.

The Gallery
Lord Blessus—Yes, we've been fox hunting. Did you like the sport?
Mr. English—I looked to me like the hounds were doing all the hunting while my fellows were just following to look on.

Paid for Their Own Comfort
"How could you afford to send your daughter abroad to continue her musical education?"

"Huh! It didn't cost me a cent."

"How does that happen?"

"The neighbors sent her. I didn't, though I wanted to, I'll admit."

Whew!
Wife (playfully)—Guess who this is! Husband (anxiously)—Edna!

Wife (furiously)—Edna! Husband (quickly)—Guess who this is!

Good Old Days
First Inmate of the Workhouse—Yes, and they were good old days, and to think it is only 12 months since I had 100 men working for me.

Second Inmate—Ah! Well, never mind. Cheer up. You have the whole state working for you now.

Just That
"In time of trial," inquired the speaker, "what brings us the greatest comfort?"

"An acquittal," interrupted a man at the back of the hall.

An Adventure of the Scarlet Pimpernel

BY THE BARONESS ORCZY

CHAPTER I

Sir Andrew's Story

"You really are impossible, Sir Percy! Here are we ladies, raving, simply raving, about this latest exploit of the gallant Scarlet Pimpernel, and you do naught but belittle his prowess. Lady Blakeney, I entreat, will you not add your voice to our chorus of praise, and drown Sir Percy's scoffing in an ocean of eulogy?"

Lady Alicia Nugget was very arch. She tapped Sir Percy's arm with her fan. She put on a jeweled finger and shook it at him with a great air of severity in her fine dark eyes. She turned an entreating glance on Marguerite Blakeney, and as that lady appeared engrossed in conversation with her grace of Flint, Lady Alicia turned the battery of her glances on her royal highness.

"Your highness," she said, appealingly.

The prince laughed good humoredly. "Oh!" he said, "do not ask me to inculcate hero worship into this mauve-suited. If you ladies cannot convert him to your views, how can I—a mere man?"

And his highness shrugged his shoulders. There were few entertainments he enjoyed more than seeing his friend, Sir Percy Blakeney, badgered by the ladies on the subject of their popular and mysterious hero, the Scarlet Pimpernel.

"Your highness," Lady Alicia retorted, with the pertness of a spoiled child of society, "your highness can command Sir Percy to give us a true—a true—account of how that wonderful Scarlet Pimpernel snatched M. le Comte de Tournon d'Agény with Madame la Comtesse and their three children out of the clutches of those abominable murderers in Paris, and drove them triumphantly to Boulogne, where they embarked on board an English ship and were ultimately safely landed in Dover. Sir Percy vows that he knows all the facts."

"And so I do, dear lady," Sir Percy put in, with just a suspicion of impatience in his pleasant voice, "but, as I've already had the privilege to tell you, the facts are hardly worth retelling."

"The facts, Sir Percy," commanded the imperious beauty, "or we'll all think you are jealous."

"As usual, you would be right, dear lady," Sir Percy rejoined, blandly; "are not ladies always right in their estimate of us poor men? I am jealous of that demmed elusive personage who monopolizes the thoughts and the conversation of these galaxies of beauty who would otherwise devote themselves exclusively to us. What says your highness? Will you deign to ban for this one night at least every reference to that begad shadow?"

"Not till we've had the facts," Lady Alicia protested.

"The facts? The facts?" the ladies cried in an insistent chorus.

"You'll have to do it, Blakeney," his highness declared.

"Unless Sir Andrew Ffoulkes would oblige us with the tale," Marguerite Blakeney said, turning suddenly from her grace of Flint in order to give her lord an enigmatic smile; "he, too, knows the facts, I believe, and is an excellent raconteur."

"God forbid!" Sir Percy Blakeney exclaimed, with mock concern. "Once you start Ffoulkes on one of his interminable stories, 'Ffoulkes' always gets his facts wrong. He would tell you, for instance, that the demmed Pimpernel rescued those unfortunate Tournon d'Agénys single handed; now I happen to know for a fact that three of the bravest English gentlemen the world has ever known did all the work whilst he merely . . ."

"Well!" Lady Alicia queried, eagerly. "What did that noble and gallant Scarlet Pimpernel merely do?"

"He merely climbed to the box seat of the chaise which was conveying the prisoners, under heavy escort, from their chateau of Agény, where they had been summarily arrested, to Paris."

"Inside the vehicle M. de Tournon d'Agény, with his wife, his young son, and two daughters, sat huddled up, half numbed with terror. They had no idea who had denounced them and on what charge they had been arrested, but they knew well enough what fate awaited them in Paris. The revolutionary wolves are fairly on the warpath just now. To prove their love for France, lovely France, whose white robes are stained with the blood of her innocent children; and to show their zeal in her cause, they commit the most dastardly crimes."

"Madam la comtesse assured me that her husband, and, in fact, all the family had kept clear of politics during these, the worst times of the revolution. Though all of them are devoted royalists, they kept all show of loyalty hidden in their hearts. Only one thing had they forgotten to do, and that was to take down from the wall in madam's boudoir a small miniature of their unfortunate queen."

"And for this they were arrested?"

"They were innocent of everything else. In the early dawn after their summary arrest they were dragged out of their home and were being conveyed for trial to Paris, where their chances of coming out alive were about equal to those of a rabbit when chased by a terrier."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Hawaiian Bird Species

Saved From Extinction

Two Hawaiian birds that were thought to be virtually extinct are believed now to be on the increase—a possible result of the change of government of Hawaii from monarchical to territorial. This unique combination of result and cause is due to the fact that the Iwi and the Apapane birds—of bright-colored plumage—were hunted for their feathers, with which old-time Hawaiian artisans made the brilliant feather cloaks of royalty and chieftains. The Iwi bird was distinguished for bright red feathers and the Apapane had grey-colored plumage used as a bordering for some of the cloaks. Since monarchism has vanished and a territorial form of government has been set up, the feather cloaks are now museum rarities or kept only as the heirlooms of families. The birds are said to be on the increase in the Hawaii national park, on the island of Hawaii.

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Awake to Necessity of

Checking Soil Erosion

An enormous waste is shortening man's stay on the earth. It is soil erosion. In Texas where soil washing has gone on for years with cotton cropping, farmers are now terracing their rolling lands, with the encouragement of far-sighted bankers and landlords. The terraces are barriers thrown up 8 or 10 inches above the field level, which follow the contour line of the hillsides. Beyond these barriers rain water accumulates and gradually sinks into the soil instead of washing great gullies into the hillsides. Terracing not only checks soil washing, it increases the water-holding power of the soil and produces larger crops. Within two years 2,908,250 acres of Texas land out of 30,000,000 in cultivation, have been terraced. There is no more important conservation.—Capper's Weekly.

Pigs Outwitted

When pigs refuse to have their pictures taken, they can be set in position like a group of ten pins on a bowling alley. A contrivance designed by Gus Bobstedt, animal husbandman of the University of Wisconsin, provides a large frame of wood and galvanized iron with individual pens. The camera is focused in the frame and the hogs are driven into their pens. When everything is ready the pens are lifted into the air and the camera is snapped before the animals move, eliminating undesirable poses and off-staff patience.

Desert Place of Punctures
Kalahari desert in Buchanaland, Africa, is no place for autoists who dislike punctures. So declares a report of an exploring party that has just returned from there. Punctures averaged 20 a day, says the report, and this was due chiefly to stumps of dead trees, which often lie just beneath the sand with points like sharpened pencils. Indications are that plentiful supplies of good water exist, the report adds, and if these could be located by deep boring the desert could be transformed into a fine ranching country.

Willow Cane Took Root
Sixty-five years ago Increase Kendall thrust a willow stick he had cut for a cane into the ground at Fairfield, Maine, and forgot it. That was back in the days when Fairfield was known as Kendall's Mills and sawmills were its chief industry. The willow stick took root and today has grown to a tree which is twenty-four feet in circumference near its base.

Humanity Set Apart
Every now and again I meet up with a "lonely" man or woman, who is such because, through some idiosyncrasy of creation, he or she is different from the common run of us. It is rather sad, because there appears to be no help for it. Such folks are like moths confined in a chest of cotton garments.—Portland Oregonian.

England Holds Record
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Australian Emblems
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