

Making the Home Habitable for Summer by Kate Webber



More and more is the fact being brought home to us that the home is the setting for the play of life. Particularly now, that women are so universally leading workaday life. Gone all day, to war charities and suffrage meetings, the sweet atmosphere of home is more poignantly dear to them than ever before—they have their men folks' viewpoint intensified by their own creative instinct. Home making is the thing, and at this particular season there are two paramount thoughts one should hold in mind—restfulness and spaciousness. Cool vistas calm the tired business woman, and it takes but a good eye and clever arrangement to effect a restful whole. Open windows and spring sunlight have a way of making winter upholstery look fairly wheezy and out of humor. Putting one's domicile into the mood of summer sounds like a gigantic task, but in reality the doing is easy. A new birdcage, the porch furniture re-enameled, a bed of irises, a morning-glory trained over a window—any one of these is apt to change the family's humor of a warm morning.

Many of us will forsake the pleasures of summering this year to pursue the course of our newly-acquired and vastly becoming staid "men of affairs." A great many more of us will remain in our town houses because commutation is expensive, and so many of our friends are staying in the city. That leaves the great majority of us, who will stay at home because it is absolutely necessary! Let us then, turn to flowered cretonnes and cheerful chintz, cooling and comforting touches to help through the summer months.

Periods have been done to death. Isn't it a joy to dress a Queen Anne piece and a Louis Quinze piece up in tailor-made slip covers, and slip them into the same room? Summer coverings cover a multitude of errors but they afford one an opportunity to achieve masterful effects with small expenditure of money. Somebody has said it takes big investments to bring big results. But it doesn't always have to be coin of the realm, often it is just brains.

Attention to detail in lighting goes a long way toward helping in the home-making problem. Lamps shaded in cool greens and pale yellow are preferable to the tasseled and two-tone shades we use in more formal season. Side lights should be used almost exclusively, and shielded in colors harmonizing with the furnishings. What could be prettier at the end of the long hall with its glistening floor, than a lacquered table holding a bowl of flowers and a lamp, the parchment shade glowing softly pink in cherry blossoms?

For the living room, which must be lived in all summer, covers for the furniture should by all means be used, because it is a change, and also saves the upholstery from the merciless sun's rays and from dust. Covers of two-toned blue striped denim are fadeless and refreshing. A lined rug in the same shades of blue and light shades of canary yellow make a complete and thoughtful change.

A delightful set for the summer home is of black wicker, with removable cushions, of black linen flowered in gray colors. A day bed, two restful chairs, a sofa, are upholstered alike, and the matching table and tea cart have fitted covers of the cretonne bound in galloon and tasseled in black. A black lacquered desk has a quill pen, an English print attractively framed and a pottery vase for flowers. Curtains of scrim.

For the summer dining room we have with us still the lovely painted sets which add so wonderfully to a meal. One is indeed loath to leave in the morning, and bursting to return at eventide, who none may eat off a gray enameled table sprinkled with apple blossoms and set with

shining silver and gay china. Does your husband like to come home? If he is showing an increasing tendency to Hooverize at the club, paint the kitchen table blue with coral stripes around the legs. Add a colored glass bowl filled with flowers or luscious summer fruit, order a good meal, and he will be all devotion again. Food isn't everything to the poor dears—they, too, love a bright spot, white hyacinths, as twer. Roll the rugs up in tobacco, and try twelve-inch checked linoleum. It sounds dreadfully bourgeois, but it is very sanitary, easily kept and something new.

Bedrooms can but achieve a cooling result by keeping to washable rugs, or light colored ones, curtains of swiss or voile, and white covers for dressing table and beds. A young girl's room in old ivory with rugs of blue linen, might have bed spreads, curtains and dresser covers of white flaxen, edged with embroidery insertion and a slightly pulled ruffle of Valenciennes lace, bows of blue moire ribbon to hold back the curtains, tie about the bolster and simply enhance the dresser covers. The ivory wicker waste basket might easily have a valance of flaxen with a perky blue bow on the side.

Twin beds have got the conservation spirit and are doing with one cover by huddling close together. The effect isn't exactly pretty, but it's being done in the best families so a sag between mattresses doesn't really matter.

A bedside set consisting of a covered lemonade pitcher and glass in Japanese ware is a valuable and attractive acquisition. Equally pretty are the carafes enameled in soft shades of blue, rose, yellow and lavender, with enameled trays to harmonize.

For the afternoon tea party a nest of tables in heliotrope lacquer would be lovely indeed.

Daytime pillows of blue silk with washable covers of swiss with lace insets add to a lazy summer's afternoon's comfort. A good looking pillow I saw the other day had a blue satin fountain, in the center of which was embroidered a monogram. The cover of ecru lace had a round window with overcast edges left in the center. Unique and very striking if executed with absolute correctness.

Looking into the garden, who cannot coax some kind of flowers to blossom? What a pleasure to see a bed of blue-iris, a bird bath, a row of hollyhocks. These are within the reach of all of us, and they bring as great joy as a Chinese tea house or a marble fountain. Simple pleasures are fast becoming popular. The articles in making our creations commit for all we mean them to, and thus with a few things effect a delightful whole in our scheme of decoration—a fitting background for the business of happy home.

Polk County Truck Drives With All Four Wheels

DALLAS, Or., March 22—(Special to The Statesman).—Polk county this week received a new three-ton Duplex auto truck that had been purchased by the county court several weeks ago together with several other pieces of new road machinery. The auto truck is of the four-wheel drive kind and is one of the most powerful machines made. With its use the county will save a considerable amount in road building in the future. The new equipment was purchased with money paid as taxes on the Oregon and California railroad lands in this county.

Judge—Now, sir, tell us about your marital relations. Were they pleasant?

Billback—Pleasant enough, your honor. But they wanted to live on me all the time.—Life.

Timely Hints On Floor Coverings

The difficulties of importation, coupled with the parsimonious proclivities of the ultimate consumer, have of necessity prevented rugs and the like from covering any great amount of space so far as changing fashions is concerned. Our legendary acquaintances could buy up the next Liberty Loan with proceeds from their magic carpet, were they here today to barter and exchange across the turbulent seas. Well, anyhow, the Chinese have it for the present, and nobody wants to depreciate the exquisite colorings and marvelous texture of their rugs and carpets. Since the whole influence of interior decoration is inclined toward the same Eastern domination, the purchase of these lovely floor coverings is a delight. And they are unbelievably practised also, as they are very durable and the colors are pretty always, fading rather mellows the tone,

instead of detracting from the beauty, as is so often the case in some Oriental makes. One particularly lovely rug just out of its wrappings is just the shade of blue, bordered with eighteen inches of clear gray. The blue background is interspersed with round medallions of old rose, each holding a sacred lily in delicate white and green colorings. This is but one of the exquisitely delightful color effects to be found in the Chinese rugs. I cannot refrain from the description of a new rug, as yet unpriced, at a shop which always, somehow, gets its Eastern shipments in. The daring striped background was in lavender and black, with the regular symbols scattered irregularly thereover. The result is striking, to say the least, and very beautiful.

But then there's no use being one-sided about anything. And the Persian and Turkish rugs of old delight

are almost beyond purchase lately, which is a comfort to those who own them. And indeed their substitute will never be found for looks or for the air they give a room.

Coming down to a practical refreshing change for the sun porch, or the living room of the summer cottage, vive la linoleum, the lion's ed. Oh, we may lift our eyebrows, but there is no evading the fact that the stuff is taking on considerable airs. Cover your floor with a black and white checked pattern, throw a gay cushion or so on your enameled chairs and you too will be converted to the fact that linoleum has raised itself in the social scale.

Round matting rugs in flowered designs are refreshing adjuncts to the bedroom, and are worthy rivals of the well established rag rugs. They come in natural color, bound in heavy braid in tones to match draperies.

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