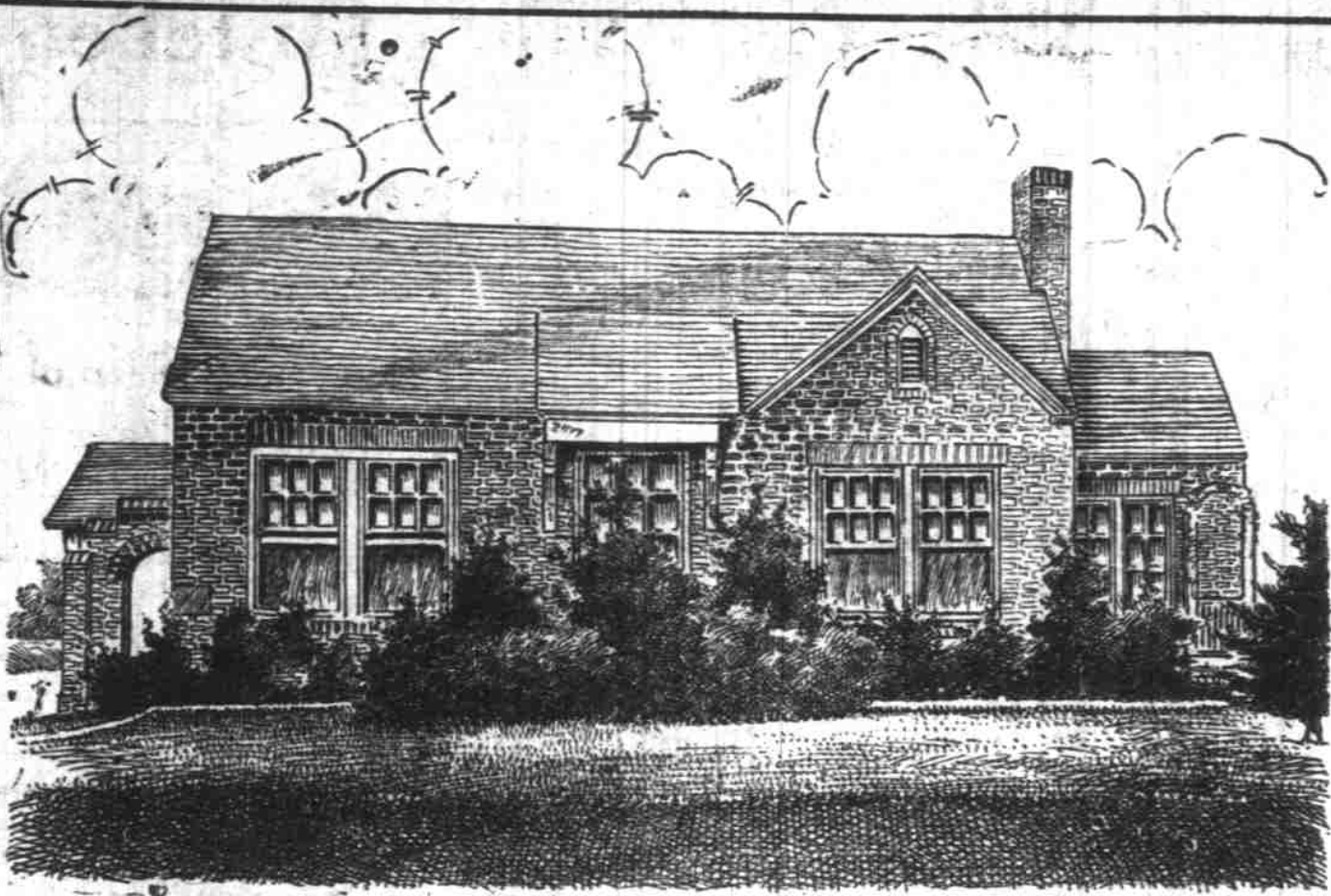


Brick Gains Favor in California Bungalows



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CALIFORNIA was chiefly responsible for the rapid jump into popularity of the bungalow of today, and there perhaps more than anywhere else is encountered this type of home in all its infinite variety. Illustrated herewith is the inspiration of a California architect of much experience with this type of home. It is essentially for a warm country and like all California bungalows has no basement. Its heating system likewise is confined to the one open grate in the living room.

But in other respects its arrangement is well worth consideration. The large, well lighted living room is certain to find instant favor, and even in the South there is charm about the big open grate. The dining room, directly in its rear, opening out upon a rear porch and in all probability into a patio, is a cleverly adapted Southern idea. To the left of the dining room is a cozy little kitchen with a snug breakfast room and screened porch, the latter accommodating the ice box and laundry trays, leading off it. The two bedrooms and bath are in the wing to the right, back of the living room.



The Common Brick Manufacturers' Association, Cleveland, Ohio, can furnish complete drawings for this design. Leaflet on brick construction sent upon request.

Most California bungalows in the past have been built more or less flimsily of a light framework of wood and stuccoed, a favorite base for the latter being ordinary chicken wire. In several instances in recent years the fallacy of this has been effectually proved, notably in the Berkeley conflagration and in the Santa Barbara earthquake. In both instances this kind of construction suffered tremendously. Since then there has been a decided preference for common brick which offers stability and fire resistance in addition to cheapness and economy.

Fully to bring out the best points of this exceptional bungalow it should be liberally shrubbed. Something of the possibilities are shown in the illustration, but one must see the positive contrast of greens and reds and yellows of twig and flower and brick to be able to appreciate what can be made of the picture by a little artistic treatment. One of the greatest charms of the brick home is its natural blending, under average conditions, with its surroundings, and the ease with which this effect can be developed and intensified.

BUILDING PROBLEM ON FARMS STUDIED

O. A. C. Expert Spending Summer Drawing Up Plans for New Service

SEATTLE.—W. J. Gilmore, agricultural engineer and head of the department of farm engineering at Oregon Agricultural college, Corvallis, Oregon, is spending the summer months with the West Coast Lumber bureau, this city, drawing up plans for a farm building service and supervising literature and advertising dealing with the sale of lumber to farmers throughout the United States.

With L. J. Smith, head of agricultural engineering department of Washington State college, Pullman, Prof. Gilmore recently edited the bureau's first farm book to be published this summer.

Agricultural engineers throughout the country are greatly interested in the trade promotion work of the various lumber producers organizations, Prof. Gilmore stated, as there is great need for more and better buildings on farms.

"Farmers have \$11 tied up in farm buildings for every \$8 in livestock and even the necessary replacement and repair lumber bill of the American farmer totals millions of dollars each year," said Prof. Gilmore.

"Since 98 per cent of all farm buildings are of wood, when repairs or additions are made, they are most apt to be of the same material. The entrance of West Coast woods into middle western and eastern markets has made farmers of those localities particularly interested in knowing more of those woods, if we may judge from the many inquiries received at the bureau."

FEW UNEMPLOYED NORTHWEST AREA

Seasonal Peak Nears in All Lines But Lumbering, Four-L Reports

PORTLAND, July 6.—(Special)—Industrial, agricultural and construction activities, except logging and lumbering, are now nearing seasonal peak, giving employment to practically all available men and women in the Pacific Northwest, according to the 4L

employment letter published here today. Reviewing employment conditions west of the Cascades the 4L reports:

Industrial activities have been temporarily slowed down because of Fourth of July holidays. Logging camps began to shut down or contract operations early in June and it is now estimated that not more than 50 per cent of its capacity will actually log during July.

More than 5,000 loggers who were laid off before the Fourth are marking time waiting for camps to reopen, while hundreds have gone east of the mountains and elsewhere for the harvest or have taken local construction jobs.

The annual Fourth of July closing of sawmills has averaged five days. Sawmill operation continues spotted, and with more or less curtailment of actual production in nearly every district.

Agricultural, canning factory, railroad, highway, tourist, mining and industrial activities, except logging and lumbering, are at a midsummer peak. The number of unemployed is low, but those without jobs find it difficult to secure jobs suited to their experience. It is equally difficult to secure skilled help promptly for jobs offered. Turnover in all lines is low.

East of the Cascades both logging and lumbering is more nearly normal than in the fir districts, according to the 4L letter. There are now but few skilled woodsmen, sawmill or planer men unemployed in the pine districts.

Repair Cracked Mirrors With New Coat of Paint

For a clever method of repairing cracked mirrors we are indebted to the Chinese. Over the crack they paint the stem of a flower if the crack runs upward, or a vine if it runs horizontally, finishing the design with a flower or leaves in natural or conventionalized form.

Before the paint is applied the glass should be wiped with alcohol. A very attractive finish, the painted design makes. Do not discard a mirror until you have tested this idea.

Motorear Called "Devil Cart"; Natives Curious

KSIL-ORDA, Kasakistan Republic.—(AP)—A regular motorear service is soon to connect this city with Turkul, capital of the Karakalpak autonomous region, 600 miles distant. The appearance recently of the first motorear ever seen in Turkul excited the natives who abandoned their villages and set out with their wives, children and cattle to see the "shaitan arba" or "devil's cart."

English M. P.'s Eating Oatmeal for Scotchmen

LONDON.—(AP)—Scotland's members of the British parliament have lost their taste for oatmeal.

Porridge as prepared by the Scottish housewife was introduced into the House of Commons restaurant a few months ago by request of David Kirkwood Dumbarton.

For months porridge has been on the menu every evening, and at first all the Scottish members ate great bowls of it daily—sometimes twice.

But oatmeal has now lost its appeal for the law makers from

north of the Tweed, and they eat cheese, eggs or roast beef instead. Still, the house chef reports that he is cooking more porridge than ever before, as the English M. P.s have developed a full fledged oatmeal taste and have "out-porridged" the Scotsmen in every respect.

WHILE THEY LAST

CHICAGO.—To the male visitor without hotel room or a change of clothes, Chicago now offers the "shaveteria." The traveler steps into the back room, tosses his suit out to the flunky to press, bathes and shaves, in the meantime, and emerges in 15 minutes as dapper as a clubman.

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KANSAS CITY.—(AP)—An surprising Kansas City youngster has developed a new business which he says brings him "big money."

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MIDSUMMER BEST TIME FOR PAINTING

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By JEAN OVERTON
An erroneous idea that painting should be done in the spring or fall is all to prevalent. A full year's work has generally been crowded into the space of a few months, and hurried jobs are often forced upon the painter with unsatisfactory and costly results.

Other times it is impossible to obtain a painter's services in which case the house in need of paint is left unprotected and exposed to decay. In either event the painter pays through loss of employment but the consumer pays far more dearly. To both dull seasons are costly.

As a matter of fact there is no good reason why painting should not be done in midsummer which has, in reality, certain definite advantages over fall and spring. Most obvious is the fact that the painter will be able to give ample time to do the work.

Not only does a good painting job last longer and look better, but it performs more effectively its fundamental service of surface protection.

All of which means to the home owner a very definite gain in dollars and cents—a saving on the painting bill, and increased property value due to a good condition of preservation and generally improved appearance.

Of course, the spring and fall painting habit is due to the belief that winter and summer weather conditions are unfavorable. But actually, mid-summer is an excellent time.

Painting can be done satisfactorily whenever the thermometer registers 40 degrees or above except during a rainy or damp season. Rain, fog, or snow kills the gloss of the paint, delays the work, and is likely to cause "washing."

It is true that at any time of year an unexpected damp spell may occur, but on the whole summer weather is more dependable than that of the spring or fall. This consideration is an important one. From every viewpoint, then, it would seem that the chances for getting a good job are better in midsummer than at any other time.

But there is quite a different phase of the question which will be a matter of some concern to the home owner. And that is convenience. For interior painting, particularly, is this true.

Spring and fall as a rule are

all too busy with preparations for summer vacations or winter months; children returning from school or leaving; social activities, more than usual; screens, storm windows, draperies, slip covers, winter clothes to be taken care of—in fact, everything seems to concentrate at these times.

Painting the floors, walls, and woodwork is bound to cause inconvenience in the spring and fall. In the summer, on the other hand, there is something of a lull. There is less entertaining, and no household tasks other than everyday routine.

Most of the family are either away on vacations or out-of-doors a good part of the day. Porches become summer living rooms; even the meals are often served on the porch, or could be easily. In fact, the downstairs could be practically vacated with little or no trouble.

In the colder months, however, there is no escape. If you have delayed because it seemed troublesome, think this matter over. There may be a period during the summer when it will cause little inconvenience, if any.

For painting, outside and in, you will do well to consider mid-

summer. Renovation during the dull season may mean an actual reduction in the painting bill at the time. But more important is the ultimate saving of a job that looks better and lasts longer. For convenience and economy midsummer is an excellent choice.

Climbs Mine Shaft; But Fails in Escape Attempt

LANSING, Kas.—(AP)—Instead of the freedom from the Kansas state penitentiary which he sought, Clyde W. Garrett, 35 year old prisoner from Wichita, climbed a mine shaft to a job breaking rock.

Garrett was captured after a two day "hideout" in a ventilator in his cellhouse, a night spent somewhere in the prison mine, and a climb of 720 feet up a vertical, slippery mine shaft at midnight, something never accomplished before, as far as officials can recall.

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