

# Practical in Design and Good Anywhere



THE TALLASSEE—DESIGN A626

BUNGALOWS appeal to housewives largely because of the fact that they are step savers, the rooms all being upon one floor with no stairs to climb in reaching them. Usually they are conveniently arranged, made easy of access from the one to the other, and there are no cut-up and slanting ceilings, such as are frequently encountered in some of the popular types of cottages.

No other type of home offers such an endless variety of treatments. Bungalows differ in style according to the section in which they built. The one which is desirable in California is entirely impractical in New England, where winters are cold and long. California bungalows have no heating plans, no basements and usually the walls are lightly built.

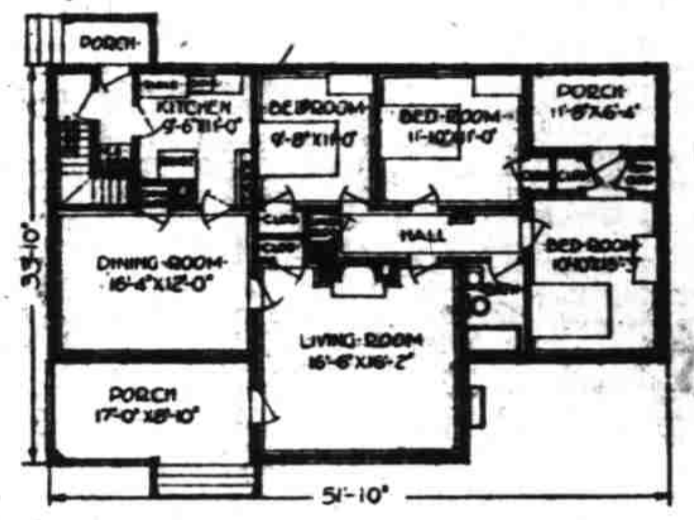
There is a type of bungalow, however, which might be termed, for want of a better classification, the general utility sort, which

is good in nearly every section. The walls are of common brick, eight inches in thickness usually, although it may be built in some sections only four inches thick, with roof of clay tile or asbestos shingles, to increase its safety from fire.

This one is of that type, the brick being laid in Flemish bond, the one bond of them all which makes for the most substantial wall. It has basement and heating plant and all the usual equipment, conveniently arranged. A comfortable living porch and an appealing inclosed sun room. It is long and low and cozy, seeming to have just grown out of the ground where it stands.

Every room is large and well lighted. It will always be cheerful. Living and dining rooms are large. The kitchen just large enough. There are three bed rooms and a bath. All the average family needs.

The Common Brick Manufacturers' Association, Cleveland, Ohio, has furnished complete drawings for this design. Loaded on brick construction sent upon request.



## BIG TREES AND BIG MEN ON WAY EAST

### George Pocock of Seattle Constructs Shells Used in Water Races

SEATTLE, Wa.—Big trees and big men—two products which have made the Pacific northwest famous—are on their way east to the Intercollegiate Regatta at Poughkeepsie in the form of the University of Washington rowing squad and their three native western red cedar racing shells.

Big men are these from Washington who will row on the three crews—varsity, junior varsity, and freshman—competing in the Hudson river races on June 15. The University has been noted for its tall crew men, since way back in 1913 when Washington first entered the Poughkeepsie races. This western forest state is still turning out big men, even as it is growing giant western red cedar trees to be made into the speediest racing shells known anywhere.

It takes a big tree to cut the large pieces of long, clear finish lumber which George Pocock of Seattle, internationally famed shell builder, demands for the skin of his craft. Only the most perfect, clear lumber without a blemish is suitable for a Pocock shell. Three sections only are used on each side of a 60 foot shell and each of them is at least 18 inches wide and 22 feet long. These are rounded into shape, laid over the ribs and braces or skeleton of the shell, and glued and nailed into place with tiny copper nails.

From such delicate cabinet fitting comes the finished shell, a work of art, which despite its 60 foot length, metal rigging, and sliding seats weighs but 260 pounds. Yet it carries more than half a ton of sturdy oarsmen, each sitting on a tiny 14 ounce seat, fabricated from layers of native cedar and Sitka spruce. Skillful laminated construction of the same spruce also accounts for the

12 foot oars, weighing only seven and a half pounds apiece.

Romance and rowing history of north Pacific waters lie behind this use of native woods for racing shells. Centuries before the first white men appeared on the Pacific coast, the Alaskan Indians were winning races against death and the elements in canoes, dug from giant cedars which they felled near the water's edge. Some of these canoes are to be seen in Indian villages today, still seaworthy, their gaudy paint only slightly dimmed by the years.

Pocock, descendant of a long line of skilled English boat and shell builders, had followed their example and imported his industry on Puget Sound. Ever seeking that ideal combination of strength and lightness for exterior, covering which may make one shell just a margin faster than its competitor, he experimented with the local cedar and found in it his goal.

Reducing the thickness of the shell's planking by 1-32 of an inch without impairing the strength, he found the new species pliable and workable as well. Fragile looking but durable under every sort of weather condition—Pocock red cedar shells are known today wherever sportsmen gather—from Havana to the Golden Gate; on the Hudson or Lake Washington.

Small wonder that the three Husky shells—Western Red Cedar, Salomon King, and Washingtonian III—are handled and protected as carefully as crown jewels during their long trip overland. In them lies the challenge of the Pacific northwest to the rest of the rowing world. Races won or lost—no other land can match the big men and big trees of America's West Coast.



### Three Rooms and Comfort at Low Cost

### PLAN No. 324

The cottage type dwelling adapts itself readily to artistic design, and with proper attention to floor plans the maximum of cozy comfort may be worked out in three well arranged rooms of modern size. For one or two people the design shown here has proved ideal and with slight modification, may be made to suit families of three or four members.

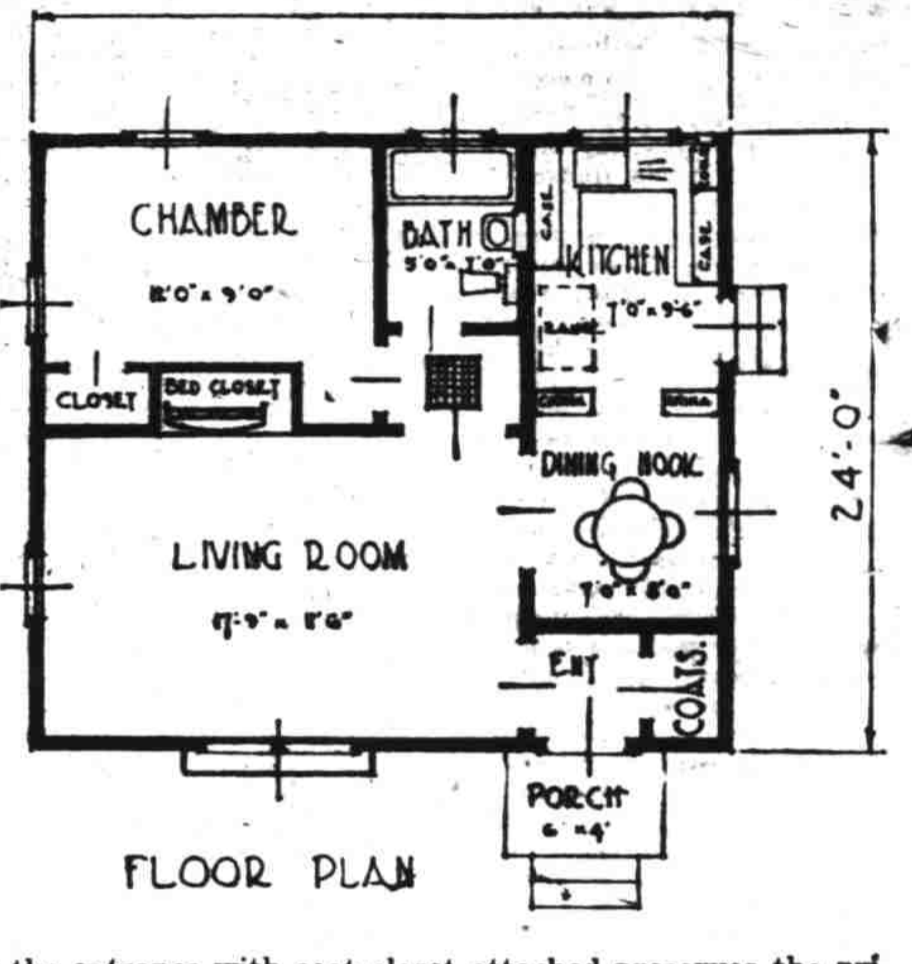
The siding exterior with its simple lines, well placed window space and hooded entrance is quaintly attractive and has an appeal for the home lover not found in many larger houses. Ornamental shutters, flower boxes and bits of shabby give pleasing dashes of color.

Interior of the house is well arranged for comfort and convenience. The vestibule leading from the entrance with coat closet attached preserves the privacy of the living room and offers a place for disposition of hats and coats. The French doors afford ample light and will suggest a variety of furnishing schemes to the housewife.

The living room is light light and airy, and the closet for wall bed adds another room when desired. The well lighted dining nook between the living room and kitchen is a delightful arrangement and the kitchen itself is just large enough to operate without wasted steps. A chimney may be added for furnace connections and cellar steps also if a basement is desired.

The one sleeping room is of simple dimensions and its windows insure cross ventilation. With its closets and a bath completes a charming layout of living quarters for one or two people, married or bachelor.

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recent years is any criterion this danger is on the increase rather than on the decline. Not once in the last decade has there been a decrease in the annual fire losses.

The efficiency of brick construction as a fire preventive is generally conceded. In several recent fires it has been strikingly demonstrated. In the case of Fall River, Massachusetts, last February, two common brick fire walls were chiefly responsible for the stoppage of the progress of the flames after they had swept several blocks and inflicted a property damage of something near \$6,000,000.

A few weeks earlier at Bay St. Louis, Louisiana, a similar fire but not of such magnitude, was stopped effectively just as it was entering the business section of the city, by the common brick fire wall of a moving picture theater building which fortunately reared several stories above its neighbor buildings. Here too, the fire had swept across an entire block fanned by a strong gulf breeze.

The records of the National Board of Fire Underwriters covering a period of five years show that in that period the average loss in brick dwellings, including apartments and tenements where no part of the buildings were used for commercial purposes, were just about one-tenth as great as that in frame dwellings, including in this classification all homes veneered with material other than wood.

With common brick construction so nearly on a par with wood construction, in the matter of cost, there is of late a decidedly noticeable tendency on the part of home builders to give greater consideration to fire safety. More and more brick homes are being built.

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