

WOMAN'S WORLD

Furniture Arrangement Is Important

By Erta Haley

"A NEW BRIDE moved next door, and you should see the beautiful furniture she has! But it just doesn't look right, the way she's fitted it in the rooms," said an acquaintance of mine recently. Many people have such good common sense about arranging furniture, they need little or no help. However, certain basic rules applied to room arrangement can help those who are a little weak on knowledge of just what is right.

Balance is the key to arranging furniture properly, but the balance may be formal or informal, depending upon the rooms, the type of decoration and architecture which each has in his home.

There are some rooms which are so constructed that several ways of arranging the furniture are possible, while other rooms are limited in what they permit.

Those people who want to rearrange furniture constantly show they are basically dissatisfied with how the house looks. Once a pleasing arrangement has been achieved, you'll be so happy with it, that nothing could induce you to destroy the convenience, service and beauty of it.

All Sides of Room Should Have Balance

A feeling of equilibrium is essential for giving a pleasing feeling, and this is achieved by distributing weight according to the walls. Each should balance the opposite wall. Each should also be balanced with equal weight on each half. The highest part should be centered on the wall.

When you have formal rooms, the formal type of balance should predominate. The centers of interest like sofas, secretaries and fireplaces are usually flanked with chairs.

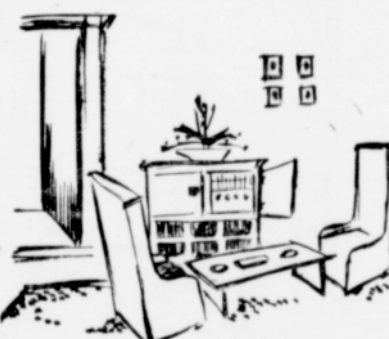
With formal balance, take care that you do not have too many

Popular Shantung



A slim, cool dress in slate-blue shantung is ideal for sweltering days when you want to look neat and trim. Silver and blue buttons, starting at the large neckline bow march three quarters of the way down the front which is also highlighted with skirt interest. The skirt is slim in the back.

ways should be cleared sufficiently to allow for easy traffic. The passageways between furniture groups should also be free for easy going and coming, and an uncrowded



For pleasing arrangements, effect is essential even within furniture groups.

Fireplace, bookshelves and radios should be approached easily with-

out your having to move chairs or tables to get to them.

Large pieces are always placed parallel to the walls so they do not violate the basic lines of the room. Upholstered chairs may be placed at angles to add interest while straight-backed chairs look well placed against walls.

Try giving plenty of open space between various groups within the room for a pleasing, uncluttered effect. If a picture belongs to a certain grouping, hang it low enough so that it becomes a part of its own group, rather than a wall decoration in its own right.

Tall pieces are usually placed centered against a wall to add balance to the room and still give it plenty of space.

Arrange Furniture Group For Certain Activities

Furniture group, the phrase we meet so often in interior decoration, refers to arrangements that are part of a room. A conversational group is planned to take in several people who just like to relax and talk readily. A musical group may be placed around the piano or radio to make these activities pleasing.

Groups such as this are logical and useful arrangements, and thus contribute to the utility and comfort of a home.

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Grandparents Devoted Sitters

"MY MARRIED life has had but one real trial in it," writes a St. Louis woman who signs "Molly-O." "That is, the presence of my husband's mother in the house, half the year. She died last year. Before that, she went to keep house for a widower son in Florida every winter, came to us in May and did not leave until October.

"Gann was a sweet woman, lovely with my children, and on two occasions took a small boy south with her for the entire winter. We never quarrelled, but at the same time I never forgot what I considered the injustice of my husband's expecting me to have another woman in my household continually. She was an excellent housekeeper and cook, and never intruded in any way on our parties or trips, but I am of the school that believes firmly that old people don't belong in young homes.

"That brings me to today's problem. My oldest daughter is a sweet, easy-going, great big girl, who is marrying a man in every way suited to her; he owns a fine old suburban house, inherited from his father, and he and Carolyn are already talking of the family they mean to raise. The problem is his mother and father, who have been living in the old house, Harold charging them with neither rent nor taxes, and in fact paying a nominal board. They propose to stay, Harold wants them to stay, and to my distress Carolyn appears perfectly satisfied with the proposed arrangement.

Threat to Marriage

"Having suffered in-law troubles most of my married life, I feel justified in objecting strenuously to this plan. I don't think Carolyn,



"... devoted to the babies ..."

at 21, is in a position to foresee what it means. To have two old persons at the breakfast-table, at the lunch-table and at the dinner-table, seems to me as real a threat to married life as any that could be imagined. Carolyn's father is as easily imposed-upon as she is, and says to let time show whether it will work or not. I say, tell them now, that the house is Harold's and that he wants it, and oblige them to make some other arrangement, which they could, on modest terms, afford.

"I know that in one of your articles," this agitated letter ends, "you say that families are better apart. Your word will have influence with Carolyn and with her father. Will you advise her?"

Unfortunately, "Molly-O," I am very much with Carolyn and Harold in this particular case. Here is an amiable, unexacting girl marrying an affectionate and easy-going man, with the prospect of moving in with a loving couple of elders who sound pleasantly comfortable housemates, too.

You seem to be the disagreeable element in all this, Molly-O. You "never forgot the injustice" of a situation that must have been a real advantage to you, most of the time. Today's frantic young parents, searching for reliable sitters, and paying these sitters more for

Be Smart!



Easiest way to smart fashion and the interest that variety gives to the wardrobe is the separate blouse! Particularly dressy blouses are ideal for all sorts of informal afternoon and casual evening occasions. More and more detailing is creeping into the blouse picture especially on sheers, including necks and cuffs as well as the other fragile materials. Metallic yarns woven into sheers are another popular and effective means of achieving richness in ornamentation. Choose the low-cut neck or plunging neckline for dancing, and the more classical but just as feminine blouse for contrast for other occasions.

Smile Awhile

Jacob Birnstein had passed three months on the road, selling, selling. He finally arrived back home and greeted his wife warmly.

"Hi sye, old chap, it's jolly good to see you again," she said. "Nu," said Jacob in considerable surprise, "vhat goes? Vhat's de meaning frum dees Henglish accent. Ain't good, plain American good enuff no more?"

"You really must be reasonable, old fellow," she continued in her affected speech. "After awl, you must remembah that we have a tiny Henglish baby that we adopted. Hi just cawn't let him grow up and let him think we don't know how to speak Henglish."

"Well, I've got nothing to complain about," said the slightly disheveled young man as he listened to another slightly disheveled young man describe his ejection from a dance hall in a tough neighborhood. "They treated me all right."

"They did?" "Yes. They threw me out the back door but when I told the bouncer that I came from a very good family he picked me up gently, brushed me off, and escorted me back into the dance hall. Then he threw me out the front door."

She seemed to resent the bold young American soldier's advances. Probably she was too conscious of the noble blood that coursed through her veins.

"I'll have you know," she breathed through an upturned nose, "that my father is an English peer."

"Good," he exclaimed joyfully, "we've got lots in common. My old man's an American doc."

Doctor Population Rose

In 1948, Census Claims

CHICAGO.—The nation's physician population increased 3,307 in 1948, the American Medical association reports.

The census, announced in the A.M.A. Journal by the association's council on medical education and hospitals, showed 6,597 new doctors were licensed last year and 3,230 died.

The council estimated that there were 202,516 physicians in the continental United States April 15 this year. Of this number, 151,888 were believed to be in private practice.

The over-all figure included doctors doing full-time research, teaching, and administration. It also included retired physicians, interns, and residents in hospitals and those in government service.

Household Hints

Save plumber's bill. Try pouring kerosene down the drain before sending for the plumber to remedy the stoppage.

Moths won't like this. Go over your rugs every so often with a broom dipped in hot water to which a little turpentine has been added. This will freshen a tired carpet and discourage moths.

When making peppermints drop them onto a piece of waxed paper instead of onto a pan. They are more easily removed from waxed paper.

According to modern usage any kind of soup may be served in a cream soup cup in spite of its name.

When whitening shoes you can keep polish off soles, if you wish, by putting cellulose (Scotch) tape around soles while applying polish.

When waxing floors, wax feet of furniture. When it's moved, there's less danger of scratching floor.

You don't have to heat up the oven to bake meringue on a pie. Heat a heavy skillet and turn it upside down over the pie.

Buy a suction cup clothes hook (the kind intended to fit on glass inside an auto) and stick it on side of electric refrigerator or stove (away from oven) or on any other surface which won't mar. It's a handy place to hang pot holders.

To darn a small hole in a flimsy curtain, cover hole with piece of white paper and "darn" it, stitching back and forth and crosswise many times with sewing machine. Launder curtain and paper will come off, leaving neat darn.

Old Dice Sign Poses Problem

Texas Community Studies a 'Slogan'

DECATUR, Tex.—The city fathers of this community of 4,200 residents have a problem.

Dice players the world over have been crying "Eightier from Decatur, the county seat of Wise," for years.

This is Decatur, the county seat of Wise, and the local city council would like to tell the world about it.

But there is a problem. The aldermen aren't quite sure whether they want to put their official approval on the fame of this north Texas town.

The problem hinges on a faded signboard which has hung for years near the railroad station here. The sign has proclaimed, to one and all:

"Eightier from Decatur, the county seat of Wise."

According to Mayor Syl Hardwick, the city fathers are faced with deciding what to do about the sign.

For years, tourists passing by the sign have had their pictures taken—in crap-shooting poses. This sort of "tomfoolery" doesn't please some of the residents of Decatur.

But some residents are pleased. These include filling station and restaurant owners who say the faded sign and its well-known slogan means more business from travellers who might not otherwise tarry.

Mayor Hardwick favors a motion "that a new and bigger 'Eightier from Decatur' sign be erected." He promises to "put it where all can see it—if the council approves."

According to Cliff D. Cates, author of "The Pioneer History of Wise County," the "Eightier from Decatur" slogan is attributable to this Texas community on the basis of historical facts.

It seems Decatur became famous among dice players because of a Negro girl in Decatur who was named Ada.



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Symptoms may be nagging backache, persistent headache, attacks of dizziness, getting up nights, swelling, puffiness under the eyes—a feeling of nervous anxiety and loss of pep and strength. Other signs of kidney or bladder disorder are sometimes burning, scanty or too frequent urination.

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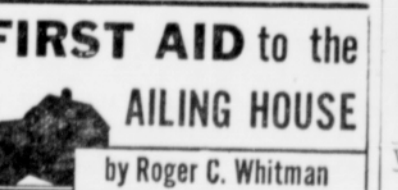
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by Roger C. Whitman

QUESTION: The plaster in our front room is very uneven in places, and in others there are real humps and ridges. Are there any tools we could get to level down the humps and ridges?

ANSWER: Wrap coarse sandpaper around a block of wood and rub down the rough places with it. If the walls are painted, they will have to be refinished after this going-over, of course. A coarse abrasive stone can be used in place of the sandpaper.



THE READER'S COURTROOM

It's a Transparent Mistake

By Will Bernard, LL.B.

Is a Shopper to Blame If He Mistakes a Window For the Door?

The front of a paint store was mostly plate glass—including the doors. One sunny day a customer walked in, bought some paint, and started out. But, in a moment of confusion, he aimed in the wrong direction—and didn't stop until he had put one foot right through a plate glass window! When the store



sued him for damages, the customer protested that he had been confused by all that glass and all that sunlight. However, the court rejected this excuse and held the man liable for the value of the window. The judge said that if a person was able to find his way into the store he ought to be able to find his way out!

A high-school student, riding a bicycle on a sidewalk, struck a pedestrian from behind and knocked him down. The pedestrian later brought an assault and battery action against the youth. At the trial, the student argued that, while he might have been a little careless, he wasn't guilty of assault and battery because the accident was not intentional. However, when the judge learned that the sidewalk was no less than 14 feet wide, he decided that the youth had indeed committed an assault and battery.

Is it "Trespassing" To Visit Someone Without an Invitation?

A farmer's son decided to pay a visit to a neighboring farmer. As the youth pushed his way through a field of tall corn, the neighbor heard him coming—but couldn't see him. Deciding the intruder was a fox, the neighbor hastily grabbed a shotgun and fired—hitting the



youth in the leg. Later sued for damages, the neighbor insisted that the young man was an uninvited "trespasser" and therefore had no kick coming. However, the court disagreed and awarded damages to the injured youth. The judge said he was not a trespasser "because there exists among farm folk, as well as among others, an implied invitation to visit each other."