

WOMAN'S WORLD

Many Homes Contain Valuable Space

By Ertta Haley

MODERNIZING the home does not always mean that you have to get an architect in to lift the face of the house. Much of the work can begin inside with such easily managed things as turning a door into a built-in bookcase, cutting down the legs of a dining room table to make a handy coffee table, removing an old-fashioned archway to make place for glass blocks or modernizing walls with plywood or plastic.

Don't be too startled with pictures you've seen of houses of the future. Remember, these are products of evolution and take time. For most people, their various features are incorporated into homes little by little.

Many older homes do not have as much light or storage space as is necessary. These are two important features which it's important to try to achieve, even though you do only a small amount at a time.

Lots of homes are full of clutter such as heavy old banisters and handrails on the stairs, semi-partitions with columns between rooms or in the hall, ugly cabinets over mantles, not enough space for books, heavy pieces of furniture

Smart Storage Space



A few square feet of clay tile and some built-in cupboards worked wonders in giving this old kitchen more storage space. Even space underneath the sink, so often wasted in old kitchens, was boxed in and now serves for storing the drying rack and cleaning materials. Drainboards and counter are finished with clay tile because of its ease in cleaning and waterproof qualities. The tile was also used to face the lower cabinets, giving them a trim look, and for wall space over the counter tops.



Turn dining table into coffee table...

that take more space than they give use and too few narrow windows which should be combined into one to let sunlight and air into the home.

Modernizing the place by yourself can be lots of fun because you watch ugliness transformed into loveliness with your own hands, step by step with your own eyes. The sum total of the effort is well worth the sense of achievement as well as a more livable and lovable place to live and truly call home.

Start with the small things first, and as your energy and zeal grows, as it certainly will, go on to the bigger tasks.

First, however, plan, mull over and then replan what you want to do. Though you may start with smaller tasks, you should have an over-all, unified plan in mind so the house, or that part of it you're redoing will give, finally, a harmonious appearance.

Wipe Tired Look From Furniture

One of the easiest ways to give a more pleasing appearance to rooms is to do a face-lifting job on some furniture. This is often economical because you yourself can do most of the work. Often old and discarded pieces can be reclaimed from the attic by this method at very little expense.



And door into bookcase.

on legs, arms and backs of chairs, sofas, tables and cabinets. The furniture will then have to be refinished, to show the good and simple basic lines of the pieces.

It's Easy to Renovate Ceilings and Walls

Have you a cracked plaster ceiling or one where the plaster is constantly falling? This is not only an unattractive sight, but also an unsafe one. Patching mere cracks may be done by yourself with many available preparations.

In cases where there is a large piece out of the ceiling already, you may have to consult a professional plasterer who will have to cut out a section of the ceiling and then patch it. It may be necessary to give the whole ceiling a finishing coat of plaster.

When side walls need renovating, you have a wide choice of wall-board, in finished and unfinished varieties. A lumber dealer or building supply dealer can show you various types for specific problems, and also give you help in choosing.

If walls are sound but shabby looking, why not try painting or papering them to give the room an elegant new look. If you do not consider yourself an experienced painter, you might try doing the job with a spray which is simple enough for a child to use.

As for wallpaper, there are many kinds of ready-pasted papers available which need only to be dampened and hung, each step of which is quite simple.

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Divorce Isn't Happiness Road

STEPHEN JACKSON is one more victim of the divorce scourge. He was married for six years. He loved his home, he dearly loved his small son and daughter. He was a good provider, he didn't drink or gamble or look at other women.

But Adele fell in love with another man, and was crazy with love and passion and pain. Stephen, after months of resistance, agreed to get a divorce, surrendered his children, and has never had a happy hour since.

Divorce brings more tragedies to American homes than infantile paralysis does. We should fight it with the same horror that we do the physical disease. Wise mothers should warn their daughters of the dangers and symptoms that lead up to it; fathers should instruct their sons as to the best ways of avoiding it. Nobody should ever lightly suggest it as a solution to marital troubles, for it never is.

Divorce Must Be

True, if a marriage is childless, and if circumstances are unusually serious, there must be divorces. But where there are 50 now, there should be only one. No money paid to psychiatrists in years to come will undo what your divorce does to the minds and souls of your children now.

But to come back to Stephen Jackson. Here is a man I have known since he was a cheerful, sturdy little fellow of 10. He delivered papers in high school days, took a part-time job to pay his

keeper who would care for them. So Adele has them.

The children at first welcomed their father when he came to see them. But that is lessening. In the institution where their stepfather works they are absorbed. There are other children; community meals. They are not unhappy. Stephen tells me, although in one sense they have no father and no mother.

For Adele, three weeks after her marriage, after the achievement of her dream and her dream man, was stricken with a disease that has baffled science. She is bedridden in the big institution. She has books and callers and care, but she will never walk again. If it is merely a fixation it is a very real one, for she makes desperate efforts to walk, without success. The children visit her. One wonders what goes on in their small minds about the whole thing.

Stephen's heart is broken. Or rather it is stilled and sobered in a way that makes seeing him hard for those of us who love him. He is very quiet about it, but he cannot understand what went wrong. Here was a lovely home with a man and a woman in it; a garden; here twice were those tremendous hours that usher in a new life, and twice the delight of bringing home a child to its new home. What happened? Aren't those things permanent, fundamental? If they aren't, what is?

Census Bureau Jumping Gun

Running Tests Prior To 1950 Tabulation

WASHINGTON. — Although the big 1950 census doesn't start until next April, the federal bureau of the census isn't waiting for the kickoff whistle to get going.

Every month census bureau enumerators visit about 25,000 households in the United States. They ask questions about the marital status and employment of members of these households.

The employment census on which the bureau bases its estimate of the number of job holders and job hunters, is now rated more important than the population count. Employment information is valuable to the government and to private industry as an indicator of business conditions.

Some householders resent the questioning as "prying into private affairs." A few others are scared by it in these days of agitation over Communists and charges of disloyalty.

Census officials say people have nothing to fear from the interviewers. The information is strictly confidential.

Names of individuals are not sent to Washington headquarters. The information is used only for compiling the number of employed and unemployed and other statistics.

Not even the FBI or internal revenue collectors can obtain census information for investigation or tax collecting purposes. Federal law prohibits its use except in statistics.

Some people refuse to co-operate with enumerators or interviewers. However, relatively few persist in refusing after the interviewers have shown identification cards with their photographs and have explained why the information is being collected.

Care is taken to put the questions in simple words and in terms which are well known in the community where the interviewed person lives. The interviewers take short training courses.

Be Smart!



Pleats and more pleats are in the fashion picture for fall. You'll find them large and stitched down over the hips in plaids, stripes and tweeds to fluttering accordians in light-weight wool and many kinds of jersey. They're wonderful for school or business because these modern pleats are treated so they are permanent! This fact plus fashion importance make separates more important than ever for the coming season, so choose yours to wear as an ensemble, as a blouse and skirt combination or for wear with weskit, crisp pique and ever so many different blouses and toppers.

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Avoiding Grease Odor

To avoid the smoke and odor that usually result when you use grease to make pancakes, rub the griddle with a small cloth bag filled with salt. No grease will then be needed.

Coloring Chores Eased

There's no need to color margarine for baking purposes. Add as much coloring as the amount of margarine requires to the batter. The cake, or whatever you're making, will come out exactly the same color as it would if you had colored the margarine itself.

Planning for the Future?

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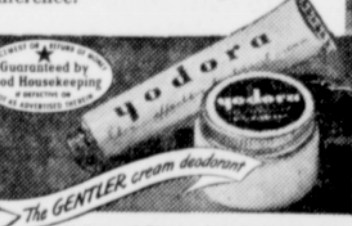
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THE READER'S COURTROOM

Badgering a Widow

By Will Bernard, LL.B.

May a Creditor Badger A Debtor for His Money?

A widow borrowed some money on her furniture, and then found herself unable to keep up the payment. One morning, a man from the loan company came to her home and angrily demanded that she pay up at once. If she didn't he threatened in surly tones, he



would "go to court and take away your furniture." The widow, who happened to be a very sensitive person, was so unnerved by the incident that she filed a damage suit against the collector for upsetting her. However, the court turned down her claim. The judge said that a creditor has a perfect right to demand his money—and he needn't be too polite about it either!

A man was killed in a bus crash, and his widow sued the bus company for damages. At the trial, her lawyer worked himself up to a high emotional pitch. "This rich corporation," he cried to the jury, "is trying to hornswoggle this poor widow out of her rights!" The corporation's attorney was so shocked by this language that he demanded a new trial. However, the court refused his request. The judge ruled that "Hornswoggle" made sense to the average person, and was OK in court.

A creditor got a judgment against a barber, and demanded—among other things—the barber's chair, striped pole, hat rack, hair tonic, and cuspidor! At a court hearing, the barber pleaded that such items were exempt from attachment because they were the "tools" he needed to carry on his trade. And the judge agreed with him. Ordering the creditor to keep hands off these articles, the judge said that no self-respecting man would go to a barber who didn't have "the usual incidentals."

How Strict May a Medium Be During a Seance?

A spiritualistic medium invited a skeptical neighbor to a seance, so he could "see for himself" what happened. Soon after the lights went out, the neighbor felt the medium's chair slowly moving! Instantly he struck a match. The



spiritualist got so angry at this interruption that he knocked the neighbor down on the floor—and that was the end of the seance. Afterward, the neighbor sued the medium for damages. The latter claimed that he had a right to punish anyone who disturbed the seance, but the court held him liable anyhow. The judge pointed out that the neighbor had been invited for the purpose of seeing what happened—so he had a perfect right to strike a match and look!