

Help for the Man Who Wants to Build

A House That Will Stay in Style

Modern Kitchens Require Planning For Electricity

By the Architects' Small House Service Bureau of the United States, Inc.

In the modern kitchen we have an ever increasing number of devices which need electricity. Toasters, percolators, blenders, grills, waffle irons, cookers and heaters are a few of the everyday pieces of equipment. Then there are the larger pieces, devices such as ranges, refrigerators, ventilators and mixers. Day by day are added new devices run by electric power for making home work more enjoyable, more interesting. These clearly demand that as home makers we must study our kitchens from many standpoints when we are planning them. We need to be far sighted and plan not just for the present but for the future also.

Lighting Comes First
The first consideration is the lighting. Proper lighting is a true handmaiden to the housekeeper. It is much less expensive to have the necessary outlets put in when the original wiring is done than afterwards. One light close to the ceiling with a globe of a type which does not throw shadows is often all that is necessary for a small kitchen. A 75 watt lamp at least should be used in this place. A reflector which fits close and does not allow dust and gnats to accumulate inside is most desirable. In a small kitchen that is longer than it is wide, one central light might be sufficient. It is always better to be safe than sorry, however, and the extra expense of installing lights at special vantage points is not great. If the range is off in a corner, a light is desirable here. Place it, if possible, so it will at least partially illuminate the oven. Either a bracket light or a droplight over the sink is of great value.

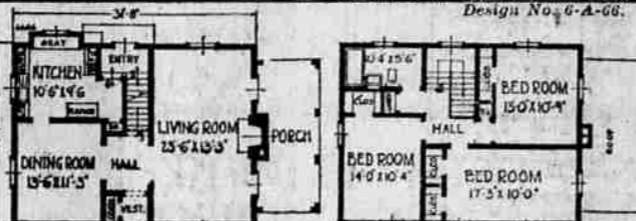
Next to be considered are the number of service outlets necessary for equipment. We must plan the handiest places to install them, and for greater flexibility we should use the modern duplex convenience outlets which permit two attachments at once. A duplex outlet will be useful near the breakfast table for the percolator, grill, waffle iron, or whatever combination of two devices one wishes to use at the same time. Have it placed on the wall high enough that one can reach it easily, while seated at the table.

Service Outlets Needed
Kitchen-aid and electric cookers may be attached to lamp sockets, but it is better to provide the proper sort of outlets, and it is far more convenient to use them. A duplex outlet may be placed on the wall just above the right hand drainboard for this equipment, and another may be installed with the lamp for illuminating the oven. A ventilator is a boon in any kitchen, winter or summer. It not only keeps odors from the living part of the house, but drives out fumes and gases carrying particles of grease and smoke, which would ordinarily accumulate on the walls, to say nothing of the added circulation of air. An outlet should be provided for this and placed in accordance with the recommendations of the manufacturer.

The electric refrigerator, though it may not be in the kitchen proper, is a very close ally and should be considered. It requires wiring designed to carry the load, and like the electric range should be installed as directed by the manufacturer. Copyright 1928. The Architects' Small House Service Bureau of the United States, Inc.



Six Room New England Colonial Type



If you want a central stairway house with a long living room and the Colonial architecture appeals to you, you will not be able to find a much better plan than this one or a more beautiful handling of the exterior.

This plan, No. 6-A-66, has been tested and found satisfactory by thousands of home builders—satisfactory because of its convenience and the straightforward simplicity of its planning and because of the beautiful effects that are obtained both inside and outside the house.

The many things about the plans which the home owner will not miss are the vestibule, coat closet, fireplace, the open or enclosed porch, the dining alcove and broom closet in the kitchen, and the grade entrance to rear and basement.

It will not take much imagination to visualize the fine spaciousness of living room, hall and dining room thrown together by large casement openings, though, if desired, the dining room may be shut off by French doors.

The bedrooms in the second story have been skillfully arranged so as to give them about equal importance. They have long wall spaces for beds, capacious closets and, of course, cross ventilation as bedrooms should have. An attic stairway may be arranged over the main stairs, giving access to large storage space.

The exterior with its beautifully vaulted stone chimney, brick and its gracefully arched porch gives a touch of distinction without extravagance.

Construction: Wood frame, exterior finish wide siding, brick stoop and porch floor.



A View of the Side Porch

These graceful arches are typical of Colonial architecture at its best. French doors lead to the living room. Painted woodwork mounted on brick foundation wall and the brick of the chimney stack behind give a delightful play of color. Porch may be enclosed if desired.

Facing: North and west. Complete working plans may be obtained for this and other designs shown in this series. For further information see editor's note.

What You May Want to Know About Building

Questions addressed to this paper will be answered by the Architects' Small House Service Bureau of the United States, Inc. Enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

Q—I am contemplating building a home this fall. I am undecided as to which would be better, hollow tile or cinder block. Which has the best-insulating quality? Which holds stucco the best?

A.—Both hollow tile and cinder block make good walls. Stucco will adhere well to either of them. It appears that their insulating value depends not so much upon whether the block is of cinders or clay as to whether or not the mortar joint is broken. Use either of these materials with confidence whichever costs the least. But, if provision for breaking the horizontal joint is broken, use either surfaces with asphaltic paint, cover with tar paper, then furr and lath as usual.

Q.—In a recent question and answer in this column you said, when someone asked about wall board, that it should be stripped. Is this true also of gypsum wall board?

A.—No. Manufacturers of gypsum wall board have designed a cemented joint reinforced with fabric which is adequate, needs no stripping.

Q.—What can be done to keep water out of cell? In July and August it is dry, but when the rains come it fills up to about four feet.

A.—Only an inspection will bring out the facts. It will probably be necessary to install drains inside and possibly also outside. The basement floor and walls will have to be waterproofed. Take your question to a contractor who is accustomed to building houses in your neighborhood. Build in accordance with the method used for adjoining houses where basements are dry.

Q.—The walls of our house have been papered a number of times, but the paper repeatedly falls off. How can we place it? Tell me the way to treat walls before papering so as to eliminate this trouble.

A.—Probably there are too many courses of paper on the wall and should now be scraped off. A high grade paper hanger will tell you just what procedure to follow. It may be advantageous to canvas the wall.

Q.—My basement floor is wet. It does not come through the floor for it has rained two days now and the floor is perfectly dry. On nice days it is often wet. It has not been in very long. Can this be the trouble?

A.—The new construction would not be the cause. It is probable that your floor is cold and attracts moisture. Close the basement windows on hot, muggy days and see what happens. If the floor continues damp, you will have to find the leak and block it off.

Q.—Please give suggestions for formal entrances on a large, square, white house with green blinds.

A.—Adding an entrance to an old house can only be done with hope of success if the conditions are known, the design of the house, the desires of the people who live in it. Your fine old house may be ruined by a new entrance unless it is carefully worked out. On the other hand an ugly house may be improved by a good entrance. We suggest you have an architect make drawings for you after he has seen the house.

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SPANIARDS ARREST YANKEE FOR TALK AGAINST DICTATOR

PARIS, April 17.—(AP)—A dispatch from Hendaye on the Franco-Spanish frontier to the Paris edition of the New York Herald today, said an American man and woman had been arrested in Madrid, charged with having criticized the Spanish government. The man was William Wright of Washington, D. C., an employee of the American commission to the international exposition at Seville, while the woman was the wife of a Spaniard named Bonillo. The two were said to have indulged in audible criticism of the Primo de Rivera government in a cafe in Granada on the way the government handled the recent student demonstrations in Madrid and Barcelona. They were arrested as they left the cafe and were held incommunicado until they were removed to Madrid. At the request of friends, the American embassy took steps to secure the release of Wright, whose age was given as 19. Senora Bonillo, having married a Spaniard, was assumed to have surrendered her nationality.

MINING BOARD TO SEEK SURVEY BY FEDERAL BUREAU

SALEM, Ore., April 17.—(AP) The new state mining board, which met here yesterday for the first time, decided to call upon the United States geological survey for a survey of the mining resources of Oregon. This will be done under an act of the 1925 legislature which created the board and appropriated \$30,000 for the survey. United States Senator McNary will assist by conferring with officials in Washington. Half of the appropriation for the survey is to be expended in eastern and half in western Oregon. The members of the board are State Corporation Commissioner McCallister as ex-officio member, Frank McCulloch of Baker and W. A. Hutton of Grants Pass.

KING GEORGE HAS FIRST AUTO RIDE

BOGNOR, Eng., April 17.—(AP) King George went out for an automobile drive today for the first time since his illness began last November.

His majesty, accompanied by Queen Mary, set out in one of the royal motor cars from Craigwell House and drove about a mile and one-half to the neighboring estate of Col. Brook House. The king spent some time walking with the queen in the beautiful grounds.

Teacher Says Study Injures Courage in Age of Go-Getters

NEW YORK—(AP)—A college education strikes Dr. Harold Clark of Teachers' college, Columbia university, as a handicap in this age of go-getting. Dr. Clark turned a microscope on America's higher educational systems from Maine to California and submitted a report recommending governmental control of enroll-

ments to prevent overcrowding of the professions. "Education," he said, "should be treated from an economic standpoint, regulated by the laws of supply and demand."

He has reached the conclusion that education destroys courage because it trains students to think out situations instead of acting.

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