

Grace, Richness of Wrought Iron Will Help Appearance

The grace and richness of wrought iron railings and columns can do much to enhance the appearance and value of your home.

Modern methods have greatly reduced the costs involved in the fabrication of wrought iron. In fact, the cost of wrought iron railings and columns is often less than masonry and wood where good design and construction practice is followed.

Advantages of Wrought Iron

While wrought iron railings and columns offer a grace and charm not duplicated in other structural forms, this is but one of many advantages. They are equal or superior in structural strength to wood, afford no gathering places for destructive moisture and concealed rotting. They are compact and do not require heavy bases and construction necessary where masonry is used. They are quickly and easily installed.

Wrought iron railings can be used in many places where wood railings are impractical and masonry would be too costly, such as around uncovered platforms, along walks and on stairs.

Good wrought iron is practically indestructible and requires a minimum of upkeep.

Ornamental iron work finds many uses, both outside and inside homes. . . . wherever an added touch of beauty is desired, or danger of falls exists.

Wrought iron is a good investment in added beauty and protection for your home and yard.

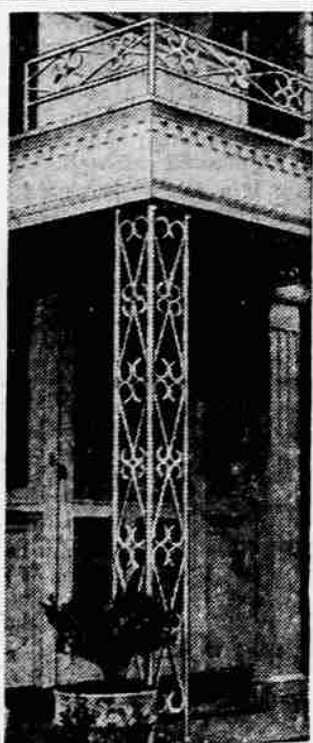
Hardboard Available for Living Rooms

Your living room can borrow a decorating tip from the kitchen, and at the same time look every inch a distinctive living room!

Widely used in kitchens to cope with severe upkeep problems, paneling of predecorated hardboard is now available in versions that are fully appropriate for the living room.

Handsome wood grain patterns are offered in new planks and blocks, which have a protective surface of baked melamine plastic with soft-luster rather than high-gloss finish. The only upkeep required is an occasional damp-wiping.

Extra Space In Kitchen Is Welcomed by Housewives



Extra space in the kitchen is always welcomed by the housewife with the usual small kitchen. Here are a few decorating hints that will add inches to your room and increase its efficiency.

First of all, a U-shaped work center is ideal for a room that has limited wall space. You'll still have plenty of cabinet and working surface, but by shaping the work center into a "U" there will be added wall space that can be utilized for closets or extra shelves. Besides, the U-shaped work center gives the kitchen a modern, "good-idea" look.

Another space-saver is a table that swings in and out from a cabinet. Just pull it out when you need it, or slide it back when that extra work area is desired.

A cupboard that revolves can be another handy improvement for that kitchen with limited space. Just spin the shelves around and everything is at your finger tips.

A handy work-saver is to use linoleum for the tops of the cabinets and sink unit. It's smooth and easy to clean. A damp cloth is all that's needed to wipe off dust or spilled liquids.

Linoleum also can be used effectively on closet shelves. It's long wearing, always bright, and so smooth that dust can be wiped off in a jiffy.

Ideas like these are easy to carry out. The kitchen that seemed to lack space and efficiency can be transformed overnight to a unit where working is a pleasure.

Jalousy Windows Are Coming in Everywhere

Although popular for many years in home construction in the South, jalousy windows and doors are coming into their own in all parts of the country.

Jalousies are a series of glass louvers or slats which may be opened or closed by means of a worm and gear operation. When fully opened they permit a greater flow of air than most windows. Even when fully opened, they do not permit rain to enter.

They may be left open at any degree of tilt of the louvers, and lock wherever they are stopped. When closed they are tightly sealed against compressed weather-stripping.

Any open area can be enclosed with jalousies. They are frequently used in combination with fixed picture windows; as porch enclosures; in vestibules where the front door opens directly into a living room.

Closet is no Longer Cramped Cubicle

"Fibber McGee's closet" has no place in today's modern home. In this day, the closet is no longer a small cubicle — stuffed and cramped from floor to ceiling.

High on most remodeling lists is the desire for more, and more practical storage space.

Sliding doors and folding doors on closet fronts now help give extra floor space in important rooms; utilizing space that was wasted behind normal door installations.

New closet designs give emphasis to the needs for hanging clothes, for shelves to hold non-hangables, for built-ins to accommodate those items not in every day use, and even with space to spare for storing household equipment for sports gear.



SAMARA PLYWOOD—Plywood panels and squares are used on the walls of this living room. "Samara" is a low cost plywood obtained in French Equatorial Africa and has many of the characteristics of mahogany. "Weldwood," U.S. Plywood Corp.

Now Is Time to Consider Heating Problems Ahead

Though spring is in the air and most everybody's thoughts turn to gardening, painting and other typical spring fix-up chores, this is the proper time to give serious thought to your heating problems ahead.

More than 20 million homes in the United States are 25 years or older, with most of them still dependent upon the heating equipment that was installed when the house was built.

If an antiquated heating system is your problem, it'll pay you to give serious consideration to modernization along this line.

Heating System

A hot weather heating system may be the solution to your problem — especially for its economy and heat-carrying potential.

For the main unit, a compact gas-fired unit can be installed; streamlined, small-space designs expand the use of the basement installation; a closet or alcove also can easily accommodate the newer units.

To eliminate unsightly radiators and awkwardly-placed vents, piping can be laid out in a simple series loop extending from the boiler unit to the outside walls of the house.

Forced Circulation

For forced circulation, hot-

water heating, a baseboard panel installation can replace the conventional wood types.

Baseboard heating, as described, or a similar installation is sanitary, healthful and help distribute the heat most evenly about the house.

Steel Windows Are Becoming Popular

Steel windows, designed and manufactured for homes are becoming very popular. Three developments account for this boom: (1) a wider range of styles and sizes, (2) simplicity of installation, (3) increasing acceptance of steel components for homes.

Steel windows may be had in conventional designs, as well as modern styles featuring picture window expanses of solid glass, casement types and styles with broad horizontal expanses of glass.

There are combination types, also, the variations of casement panels teamed with solid glass areas, and horizontal panes which swing outward like awnings.

For houses of traditional de-

Selecting Right Contractor for Job Will Assume Money's Worth

Home improvement is one of America's greatest projects! There's a great feeling of satisfaction resulting from a fresh coat of paint, or a new addition to your home.

Millions of families are remodeling under the nation-wide Home Improvement program and any self-respecting home can afford to perk up today, for there never have been so many products to improve it so much and so rapidly.

Siding, paints, built-ins, sliding panels, shingles, fixtures, floor coverings, heating systems, and countless other products have been improved upon, so that every house can now be a home to be proud of.

Selecting the right contractor and the right products for your job is a real guarantee that you will get your money's worth. But you can also get stung!

Don't Be Misled

Improvements and installations advertised as unusually low prices, may not turn out to be such a bargain. Many "victims" have discovered that:

1. The ad mentions a ridiculously low price, but the salesman refuses to sell the product at the price and fast-talks the customer into buying a much higher priced item.

2. The customer thought he signed a receipt, when really he was tricked into signing a contract.

3. After the job is done, the customer finds himself on the hook for debts he thought he had paid.

4. The finance payments turn out to be much higher than the salesman promised they would be.

5. The work is unsatisfactory and the contractor won't do anything about it . . . and can't be located.

Take Your Time

Price is always important when you tackle a major home improvement, but the reputation of the contractor you deal with and the products you buy means everything!

An investment you expect to pay off in satisfaction for years

sign, such as the Cape Cod, steel windows have been specified in many developments.

The steel window is engineered so that it can be placed snugly into two-by-four framing, or into brickwork or masonry, without costly fitting, extra moldings, expansion bolts, screws or other expensive "extras."

to come should never be undertaken as a spur-of-the moment job!

There are reputable and skilled firms in every community. They lose business and are unhappy when you visit the other kind.

If a salesman you do not know calls on you, ask him to take you to his place of business. Any reputable contractor has a permanent address and adequate facilities.

For your safety, remember these things when improving your home:

1. Know the reputation of your contractor!
 2. Buy by reputation as well as by price!
 3. Get everything in writing before you sign, for your protection and for the protection of your contractor!
- It takes so little fact-finding in advance to create so much happiness for so many years.

Operation Home Improvement Does Your Home Need:



T-V Room?



Bed Room?



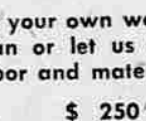
Utility Room?



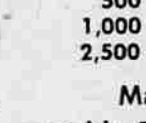
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