

Glass Brings the Garden Indoors



THIS OPEN PORCH built over a concrete slab flush with the lawn had a lot of attraction. It needed no screens because its hillside location and prevailing breezes kept it insect-free. An overhang sheltered it from sun and rain. But the wind had a way of keeping it littered with leaves.



GLASS JALOUSIES, 94 inches high, on the left side and sliding glass doors under the overhang transform this porch into a year-round room. The winter sun, lower in the sky, reaches it under the overhang to add its heat through the glass to heat provided by electric radiant panels for December dining.

Big Sliding Panels Open House Walls

A lavish use of glass marks today's architectural trend. This is noticeable in houses as well as skyscrapers, in home modernization as well as in new construction. Not only are windows becoming bigger and more numerous but entire walls of glass slide open or closed to merge the pleasant features of the garden with indoor life while shutting out annoyances of rain, snow or blowing leaves.

Sliding glass doors, which are merely huge sheets of plate glass, 4 by 8 feet or larger, mounted in narrow aluminum frames, are one of the most versatile modern uses of glass.

Where They're Used. The most popular places for these doors are between living room and patio, dining room and terrace, kitchen and barbecue porch. But they are now being used in various other locations, such as opening from a glass-enclosed porch onto the lawn, between rooms inside the house and outdoor swimming pool.

Sliding glass doors between a ground floor bathroom and a patio are proving to be a particular convenience when the backyard space is lacking for construction of a pool bath house or cabana. Full length drapes of shower curtain materials provide privacy and add glamor to such a bathroom.

Glass jalousies, well known throughout the South, are becoming widely used in all climates. Virtually shutters made of glass, these jalousies offer complete, quick and adjustable ventilation.

Horizontal strips of plate glass, about 4 inches wide and up to about 3 feet long, are set at ends in an aluminum mechanism for opening and closing uniformly.

How Jalousies Work. The best makes of jalousies are operated by aluminum cranks similar to those on casement windows and the panels close and lock tightly against the weather. They have been storm tested in Florida and are equipped with storm sash for Northern winters.

Both sliding glass doors and glass jalousies are equipped with aluminum insect screens. Since sliding glass doors are usually double width, with one panel sliding over the other from either side, a single screen panel serves the whole door. The screen is rolled to cover the side of the door which is opened.

The Sliding Glass Door and Window Institute estimates that remodeling will constitute a large percentage of the manufacturers' business this year. In addition to the more than a million new homes scheduled to be erected, almost any house built since 1940 is considered ready for modernization involving greater use of glass.

Special companies have been formed in various parts of the country to give homeowners complete installation of window walls, sliding doors and glass jalousies with financing to fit the individual budget.

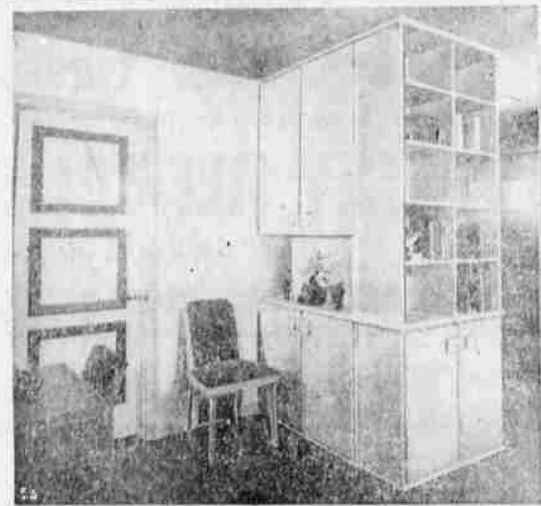
Two-Headed Nails Are Saving Lumber. Two-headed nails have settled a feud between the turpentine and lumber industries. Workers who nailed metal spouts on pine trees to direct the flow of gum for turpentine used to leave the nails and spouts in the trees. Lumberjacks then had to leave stumps at 3 to 4 feet of the best part of the log because that much lumber was not worth the damage the nails caused to saws in the mill.

Between 1,500 and 2,000 kegs of two-headed nails are now being used yearly by turpentine farmers. Driven in usually to the first head, this nail holds the spout, still is easy to remove by its second head.

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SMART AND USEFUL room dividers in the style of modern built-ins can be quickly assembled by using standard kitchen cabinets available at well-stocked lumber yards. These pre-made cabinets are easy to paint, stain, varnish or wax to harmonize with any room in the house. In this picture they are used to separate dining room from living room. They can be grouped around mirrors in a bedroom to form an attractive vanity corner.

Drain Off Rust From Water Heater

Most water heaters should be drained monthly to remove dirt and rust which may discolor your plumbing fixtures. The average water heater can be cleaned simply by attaching your garden hose to the drain cock and letting the water run until it is clear.

JUNIOR BATHROOMS

Miniature toilets for children are made by plumbing fixture manufacturers. Other fixtures for a child's bathroom are about the same as any. Lavatories are hung closer to the floor for youngsters and can be raised later. Small sizes bathtubs are common. You've probably tried them in hotels.

WARM PANELING

Wood paneling will kill the chill of a cold wall. The natural insulating value of wood tends to reduce heat loss from the body to a cold surface through radiation. Wood walls in bathrooms have proved to be warmer and can be sealed against moisture by water-repellent pigmented stains.



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Cold Walls Chill in a Warm Room

Ever shiver in a warm room and wonder why? Cold walls can be a reason.

One of the most common mistakes made in insulating houses is to neglect the walls. This happens because of the belief that heat rises. Engineers explain that heat does not always rise. Heated air rises. But heat can radiate in any direction.

Physicians have long known that bodily comfort is tied to the rate at which the body gives off the heat it manufactures. In summer, when warmer air contains more humidity, evaporation slows down and heat is given off slowly. So a person sweats. In the drier, cold air of winter, heat shoots off, making a person chilly.

How Radiation Works. Cold walls increase the body's heat loss, even if the room is warm. This is because of radiation—the transfer of heat by waves from a warm surface to a cold one. Radiation is said to account for about 33 per cent of the body's heat loss.

Cold walls tend to decrease the usable size of a house. Sitting within three feet from a cold wall may be uncomfortable. So the family tends to huddle toward the center of the room.

Cold walls that have no cracks for leakage can still cause drafts. Heating engineers explain this by the chilling of air in contact with the wall. Since warm air rises, cold air becoming heavier, tends to sink. This sets up a continuous draft cycle.

Walls can be effectively insulated whether a house is old or just being built. The easiest way is to do the job while a house is under construction. Batts or blankets of insulation, such as the various mineral wools, are installed between the wall studs providing up to 3 inches of cellular heat stoppers. This not only will be a barrier to the cold in winter, but also will go far toward preventing walls and ceilings from becoming radiators under the heat of the summer sun.

In an old house, it is unnecessary to open the walls to install batts or blankets. Loose mineral wool is blown into wall cavities completely filling the spaces between interior wall and plaster or wallboard and ducts or pipes within the walls to the exterior sheathing. Being loose, it produces a snugness the year round.

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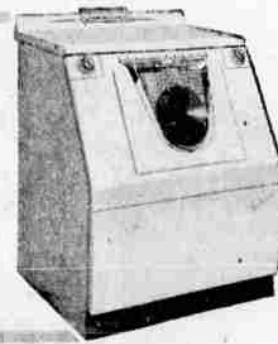
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