



MODERN FRUIT STORAGE just outside the kitchen door, sheltered by the carport roof, this fruit closet is handy, usable and spacious. It is insulated against cold and heat. The horizontal board and batten siding of Douglas fir has been finished with a soft gray stain to match the exposed carport roof of the same material, to give an overall effect of oneness.

Carport May Contain Modern Food Cellar

Remember grandmother's root cellar? It was always a little child's delight to see the rows of canned fruit and vegetables and the wonderful variety of red-colored jams and jellies. But, the root cellar of the past was always hard to get at, either away from the house or reached via the sliding cellar door from outside the house.

In the wintertime, a trip to the cellar was an adventure in bundling up and groping around in the half dark on winter days.

Today's housewife has her modern root cellar, but what changes have been wrought. Some of the most ingenious food cellars, not the deep freeze or cold room variety, are just a step away from the kitchen door.

The modern wife has it easy in the cellar department. Spacious, airy, and well lighted food storage closet is being designed to fit into the storage wall of the carport, right outside the kitchen door. The room can be large or small, narrow, square or oblong, just so it fits cozily into the storage wall of the carport. When closed, it is just another storage compartment, but open it up and see the wonders of home canning and preserving spread before your eyes.

Care must be taken in designing the food cellar to insure safe preservation of all kinds of canned goods. Walls should be built of wood to give maximum insulation, some wood like Douglas fir which is durable and easily obtained. The room should be insulated between the stud walls of fir. Shelving, of course, will look best if it too is built of fir to match the walls.

The door should be double construction to prevent freezing inside the food cellar during the winter months, and it should be provided with a lock for the times the family is away from home.

A good many carports have been built without too much attention to their architectural affinity with the remainder of the home. Some are just lean-tos. Others can stand a bit of touching up to make them really become an integral part of the home. Here's where the housewife without a good food cellar can have her heart's desire. It is mighty easy to build a storage wall along one side of the carport, even after the carport is completed.

Just a few principal points should be kept in mind. The storage wall should be built of the same kind of lumber as the rest of the home, so it doesn't stand out in bold relief as an afterthought. If the house has been built of Douglas fir boards and battens, then the outer walls of

the carport storage wall will work best if they too are designed in the same pattern.

Have the carpenter or builder build a good frame of fir 2x4s and cover the outside with the desired matching siding. You can then pack insulation in between the studs before you apply the sheathing inside the cellar. This will insure a good heat and cold-proof room, ideal for food storage. You should arrange for an electric light inside to avoid the dark groping which grandmother had to contend with.

You need not paint the interior of the food cellar unless you want to try your own hand at painting, but it will certainly look much more cheerful and presentable if it is painted. Painting will make it possible to use lower and less costly grades of fir lumber for the inside sheathing, but good shelving lumber will be safest to use.



ONE WALL MAKES THE ROOM. Here in one dream of a storage wall is all the study and closet space the young man of any age can conceivably need. Desk and book display shelves built of Douglas fir are the depth of the two-season closets. Chest of drawers is installed below a shirt rack, and easy-sliding fir doors tightly conceal the entire unit.

Hemlock Uses Sought After

Because of increasing interest by lumbermen in mountain hemlock, forest product scientists are seeking information on Oregon's 4,500,000,000 board feet of the species, an alpine type tree that grows in the Cascade Mountains.

The Oregon Forest Products Laboratory is cooperating with the U.S. forest products laboratory at Madison, Wis., and the Pacific Northwest forest and range experiment station in tests of mountain hemlock. Researchers will collect data on strength and related properties.

Lumbermen logging in the Cascades have become interested in possible manufacture of mountain hemlock which at present has little commercial value. Most likely use of the species, scientists say, would be in manufacture of small log

dimension lumber, such as 2x4's and 2x6's, and possibly wood chips.

The species differs from its commercially-used relative, Western hemlock, in that it grows at higher altitudes and is limby and smaller, according to J. D. Snodgrass,

research coordinator at the Oregon Forest Products Laboratory. However, it is close-grained, a desirable feature in other sawtimber species.

Bolts of the mountain hemlock will be collected in the Mt. Hood and Umpqua national forests of Oregon and shipped to the Madison laboratory for testing.

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