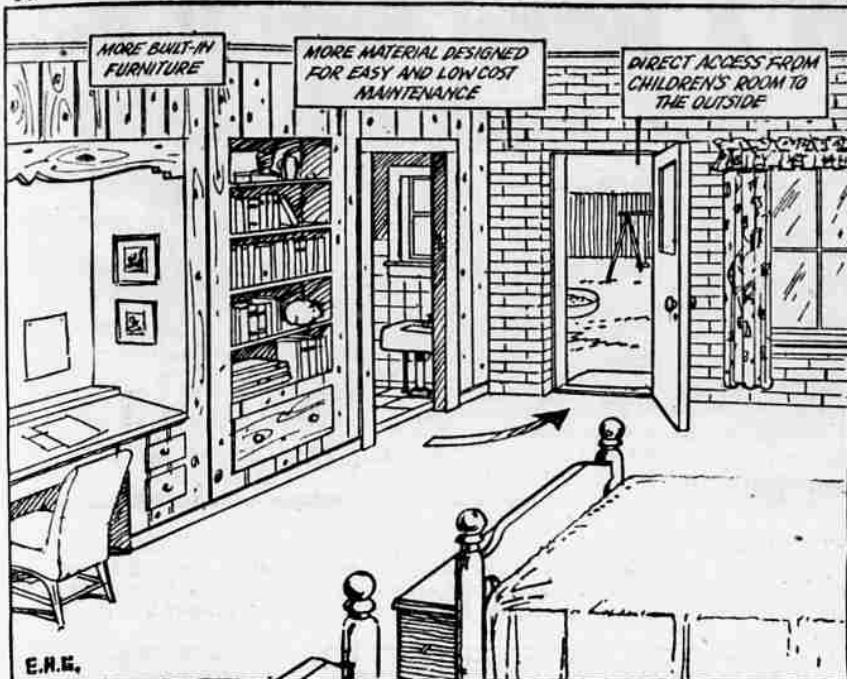


ON THE HOUSE



THIS SKETCH SHOWS of the changes architect York would make in his own home if he were to redesign it today.

What does an architect design for his own family? And why? And, after having lived in the house for some time, what changes would he make if he were to build the house over again?

We put these questions to Herman H. York, a prominent eastern architect, who has achieved national prominence for his award-winning residential designs. Here is the story of his house, as he built it two years ago and as he would change it now if he were to redesign it.

First, the architect decided he would want all principal rooms toward the rear for greater privacy and he, therefore, selected a plot with the proper compass direction. He explains:

"This gives the important rooms the most desirable exposure. Orientation varies in different parts of the country. If the plot is large enough, it is sometimes possible to turn the house to whatever exposure is desirable. However, best results are obtained where the plan layout takes into consideration the plot and its compass relationship."

Any house, whether it be a one story, a split level or a two story, must be planned for efficient living. York says:

"Good space relationship and

proper circulation is the key to a successful plan. In my own house, I realized that as an architect I must include some eye catching ideas, enough unusual detail to create interest for our guests.

"But, basically, the house must be one in which our family could live with the greatest comfort and with the least maintenance."

In his house, York planned three general zone areas:

1. Living.
2. Sleeping.
3. Service.

"There is seldom a problem in separating the living and sleeping areas," the architect says. "However, many plans do not have a proper relationship between kitchen and garage, between the kitchen and the dining terrace, and between the living areas and the outdoor terrace."

"Most of us buy a house partly because a plot of ground surrounds it. The house, therefore, should be planned to make utmost use of this outdoor area."

In this house, York gave top consideration to such a circulation pattern and to the relationship between the three general areas.

What would he change, if he could build the house all over

again? The architect answers:

"1. Provide direct access from the children's bedroom area to the outside. There is a constant stream of traffic in and out of these rooms for everything from bubble gum to baseball gloves."

"2. Use more materials designed to lower maintenance costs. Although the interior finish of my house is largely brick, wood and tile, additional areas could be done in these low maintenance materials."

"3. Arrange for more built-in furniture. This should be done before the house is framed."

"4. Pay more attention to the lighting. Study the color characteristics of light—and determine where to use fluorescent lighting and where not to use it."

"5. Call in the decorator earlier. Locations of electric outlets can be accurately done if the furniture layout is known in advance."

OATH CONFIRMATION

In primitive Assam, men confirm an oath by chopping a fowl in two, emblematic of what will happen to the one who violates the oath, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica.

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Grasp the shade by the wire frame and quickly dip it several times into the suds. Rinse the suds from the shade by dipping it two or three times into the rinse water and remove excess moisture from the shade immediately by wiping gently with the towel. This prevents streaks and water marks on the shade. Hang the shade by

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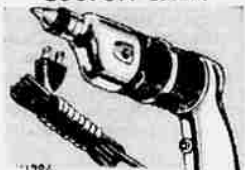
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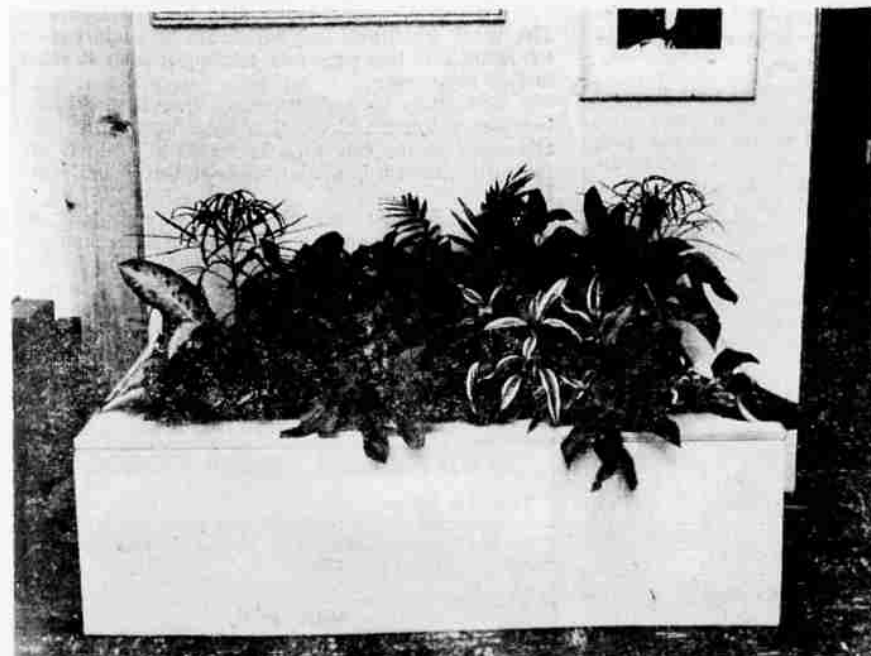
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