

BRICK HOUSE OF PLEASING DESIGN

Has Features That Will Appeal to Home Builder.

MODERN IN EVERY RESPECT

Square House Costs Less and May Be Made Attractive by Design of Roof and Outside Front Porch.

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Brick is an exceedingly popular material with home builders. This is especially true in the larger cities where a means of fire prevention there are restrictions on the materials that can be used in the exterior walls. There is no place, however, where brick is barred, and some exceptionally fine looking houses of this material can be found everywhere.

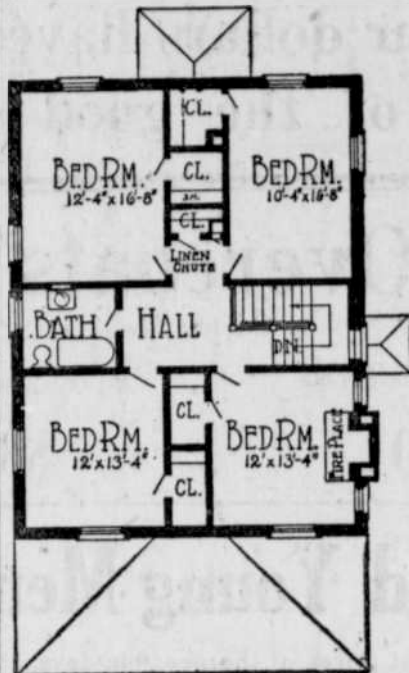
Great improvement has been made in the last dozen years in the appearance of brick that is used in the exterior walls—face brick, they are called. For many years face brick was used in the front of a building, but recently by laying up one part of the wall with face brick exposed some very handsome homes have been built.

The house shown in the accompanying illustration has backing walls of common brick, and a veneer or outside wall of rough-faced brick. The different colors that are contained in these brick make homes constructed of them most attractive.

The exceptional feature of this house, however, is the manner in which it was designed to save cost of construction. It will be noted on the floor plan that it is a rectangular building, 30 by 40 feet. There is not

is the window arrangement, three wide sashes being located in the center of the outside wall. On the opposite wall is a built-in buffet, or sideboard. Accordion, or folding doors separate the dining room from a cased-in porch, 12 by 7 feet 6 inches, which will do double duty as a sun parlor and breakfast porch. This is one of the unusual features of this plan.

The kitchen is 10 by 11 feet, and off it is a breakfast nook, with stationary table and seats underneath a window. This makes a convenient place for the children to eat breakfast and luncheon, or for the grown-ups to take the less elaborate meals. A nook for the ice box, off the short hall that connects the kitchen and dining room is another good feature, as the ice chest is out of the heat of



Second Floor Plan.

the kitchen, and sets against a wall which allows it to be iced from the rear entry.

A good feature of the kitchen is the sink underneath the window, with wall cases on either side.

Four bedrooms, each opening off the central hall, and the bath room are on the second floor. Each bedroom is a corner room, permitting plenty of healthful sunlight and ventilation. In the front bedroom, the fireplace is



a "jog" in the walls, which makes for economy in cost. However, the architect has added at the front an unusually good-looking porch, through the design of the pillars that support the roof, the walls of the porch and on either side of the steps and the stone tops. The hip roof, with the dormer window in the front, adds to the attractiveness of the house, but take away the porch and this would be anything but an attractive home.

There are a number of unusual features in the interior arrangement that will appeal to the prospective home builder. The living room extends across the front of the house, and is 27 feet 6 inches by 13 feet in dimension.



First Floor Plan.

At one end is a wide fireplace, with bookcases and windows above them on either side. A cased opening connects the living room with the hall, out of which the stairs rise.

Through glass doors, entrance is made into the dining room, which is 12 by 16 feet. A feature of this room

placed to correspond with the one in the living room. Each bedroom has a good-sized closet, while at the rear of the hall is a fifth closet with a linen chute, through which dirty clothes are carried to the laundry in the basement.

The basement extends under the whole house and is partitioned so as to separate the heating plant and fuel supply from the balance of the space, which is used for laundry purposes and for storage. The room set aside for the storage of fruit, vegetables and canned goods also is partitioned off, so that it may be kept cool in winter.

Another feature that will impress the prospective builder should be an automobile owner is the garage of the same architectural design as the house. The garage also is of brick set on a concrete foundation and has a concrete floor. This sort of a building provides the automobile owner with a safe, comfortable and convenient place to store his car and to wash and to make ordinary repairs.

Taken all together this design is an unusually good one. It is a modern home in every respect; it is attractive from the exterior; it has a garage that goes with the home; and, best of all, the rooms are so arranged that the work of caring for the house will fall lightly on the shoulders of the housekeeper. The advantages enumerated are so great that undoubtedly many who see this house will want one just like it.

Didn't Know.

A good story is told of a famous author who had the misfortune to be seated next to a terrible boring old lady at a friend's dinner party.

"Do you know, Mr. Blank," she said, gushingly, "my sister was intending to sail on the Lusitania, but was prevented at the last moment; wasn't that fortunate, now?"

"I really couldn't say," replied the author. "I never knew your sister!"

Rather Unkind.

The Wife—I slave and cook for you all day, and what do I get? Nothing. The Brute—You're lucky. I get indigestion.

Cities Tackle the Food Problem

Variety of Ways, Some of Them Unusual, Are Being Tried Out.

HOW ONE CITY SELLS FOOD

Houston, Tex., Handles Fruits and Vegetables in Competition With Tenants of Its Municipally-Owned Market House.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Washington.—That municipalities are tackling their local food problems in a variety of ways, some of them unusual, is evidenced by reports received by the city marketing division of the bureau of markets, United States department of agriculture.

From establishing curb markets, remodeling, or building retail market houses, efforts of cities have expanded until some are actually selling food supplies, while one city of about 65,000 population is operating a farm and selling produce from it at retail.

Houston, Tex., which has a municipally owned retail market house, has taken over three stalls in the building and is handling fruits and vegetables in competition with its tenants. In order to be fair to other retailers it charges itself with all overhead expenses paid by other dealers, including rent, and also pays wages higher than those paid in other stalls. Reports on ten weeks' operation of the city-managed stalls show that it is possible to buy and sell produce in competition with local merchants at both a direct and indirect saving to consumers. The experiment is to be enlarged to include food products other than fruits and vegetables and is said to be already serving as a stabilizing influence on prices in that city market. Competing merchants have become interested in the methods of do-

ing business of the city-operated stalls and appear anxious to try out practices that would enable them to lower their prices.

Allentown, Pa., has gone into farming on a farm acquired for other purposes which, through changes in municipal plans, was lying idle. Under the direction of one of the city aldermen this farm is producing vegetables and selling them at retail in competition with shipped-in produce. The farm also feeds 1,000 head of hogs on city garbage. Local advocates of the plan now propose to include the use of an old brewery as a storage warehouse for potatoes and other products grown by local farmers, so as to lessen the city's dependence on shipped-in products.

Although the bureau of markets, through its city market division, is keeping in touch with developments in many cities and is compiling information for use in answering inquiries, it states that it would be glad to hear from any cities, not as yet

"Old Razor Man" Was a Woman

San Francisco.—The death of "John Young," known for years along the highways between this city and Los Angeles as "the quaint old razor man," discloses a secret long kept that the real name of the old peddler was Anna O'Connell. For many years, left alone in the world, she had worn men's clothing to enable her to earn a living unmolested.

Dies on Doorstep.

She died on the doorstep of the home of Edwin A. Turner, a toy-maker, in

Green street. The farmers were her friends of early years. When her wanderings brought her to this city she always went to their home. They chanced to be out this time when she called. A lodger in the house informed her they would soon be back. She was weak and ill, and as she turned on the doorstep she sank down, clutching at her heart, and died. Mr. Turner now feels free to tell her story.

"More than twenty years ago," he said, "my wife and I made the acquaintance of a Canadian gentleman, Mrs. Anna O'Connell. She was then living in Montgomery block, with her only child, Marie. Her husband, a Canadian army officer and a native of Yorkshire, England, had died.

"In the fire and earthquake of 1906 Mrs. O'Connell and her daughter dropped out of sight. We heard nothing of them, and, finally, we went on a long visit to the Island of Guernsey in the English channel, my native place. About five years ago we returned to San Francisco.

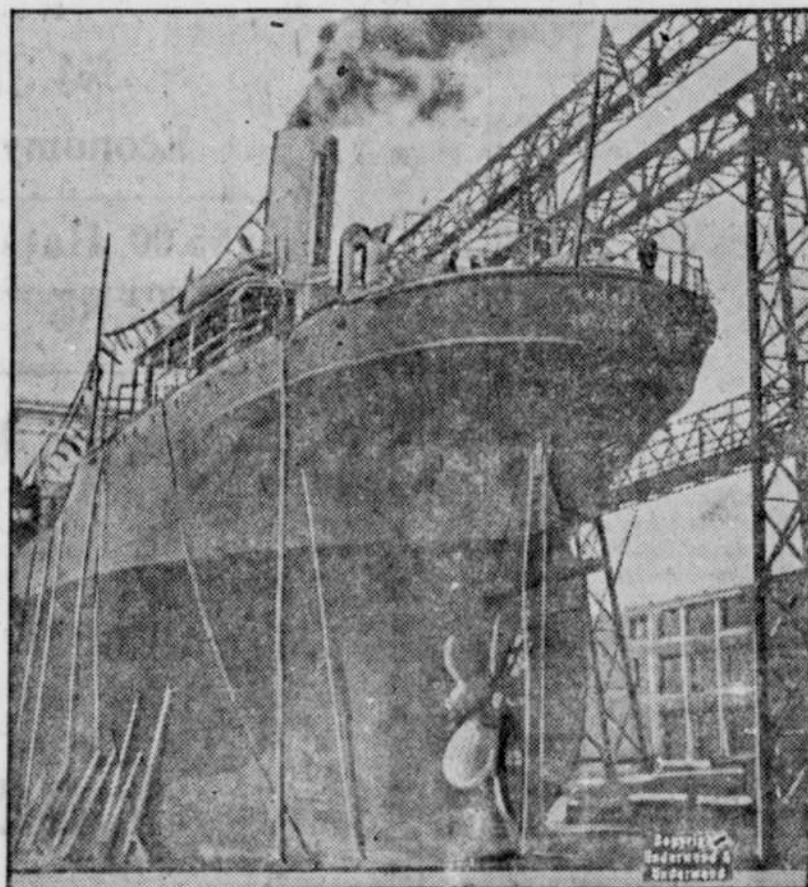
"One evening when my wife was alone at home there was a knock at the door. Opening it she saw a little old man wearing a small mustache. 'I am a brother of your old friend, Mrs. Anna O'Connell,' the caller said. 'Don't I resemble her?' My wife replied: 'Yes, the likeness is striking; come in.' They had a cup of tea and talked.

Tells Her Story.

"Suddenly, the old man rose, put his arms around my wife and said: 'I am Mrs. O'Connell; look well at me.'

"My wife was too surprised for words. Then the old peddler explained that she had adopted men's clothes in order to make a living, for her daughter had died and she was alone. She was in the house when I returned home. My wife and I both promised to keep her secret. From that time she visited us once a year. We were her only intimates. She had wished to live in San Francisco, but the climate of the south suited her delicate health better, and so she made her home in Pasadena. We knew from her that she sold razor and knife-blade sharpeners, walking from place to place, and getting frequent lifts from passing motor cars. We will see that she has decent burial."

REMARKABLE LAUNCHING AT FALL RIVER



A most remarkable launching was recently executed at Fall River, Mass., when the steamer Hadnot, a 13,500-ton tanker, was launched 99.9-10 per cent completed. Steam was up and her whistle was blowing when she hit the water. The Hadnot is 435 feet in length, 56 feet wide and can make 10½ knots.

SUES FATHER FOR \$300,000

Minnesota Girl Says He Ordered Her Out After Enticing Her to His Home.

Duluth, Minn.—A damage suit for \$300,000 has been filed in district court by Miss Edna O. Budd, forty-two, of St. Paul, against her father, Dr. J. D. Budd of Duluth, department commander of the G. A. R.

Miss Budd is the daughter of the Duluth physician and philanthropist by a former marriage and did not learn Mr. Budd was her father until she had reached maturity.

She charges that Doctor Budd induced her to abandon the name of her adopted father, Miller, and to come to his home in Duluth, where one hour after arrival, she said, he "directed and commanded her to leave his house and informed her that her presence was not desired."

Spanish railroads are conducting campaigns of education along their lines to improve agricultural conditions.

Insane Man Runs Amuck.

Moncton, N. B.—A telephone message from Rexton, in Kent county, some forty-five miles from here, tells the story of the shooting of four people by a man apparently insane, named Robert Childs, alias Robert McIntosh.

Childs went to his old home-stand, about half a mile outside the village, on which he said he had a claim. He set fire to the barn and shot a horse. Mrs. John Childs, his brother's wife, and her son, Harold, started to the

NO CHANGE IS GIVEN

Mexican Merchants Refuse to Make Small Sales.

Silver Coins Are So Valuable They Are Being Hoarded and Sold for Their Metal.

Mexico City.—The most persistent phrase encountered by the buying public in Mexico at present is "No hay cambio," "there is no change." The silver in the Mexican peso, 50-cent piece, and the smaller coins is worth more than the face value of the coins, so this money has been hoarded by many persons and sold for their silver content.

The result is that "cambio," or change, has disappeared and persons who buy or sell are forced to pay from 4 to 7 per cent for silver pieces from brokers. Most merchants refuse to make small sales if they are forced to

give change, asserting they would lose money in the transaction.

The "azteca," or Mexican 20-peso piece (gold) is practically useless as money in stores or cafes when the purchase is for a small amount.

"I might as well be broke as have an azteca," complained an American who was hungry and could not find a cafe to change his gold. Later he hit upon a unique scheme. He deposited the "azteca" with the cafe proprietor and proceeded to eat at intervals until he had no more credit, which, with prevailing prices, was not a long time.

Child Put \$1,950 in Kitchen Stove.

Sioux City, Ia.—When Nikolai Pelelo sold his little home he received \$1,950 in bills. The following morning he gave the money to his wife, who laid it on the table and stepped into another room. While she was gone her five-year old child placed the roll in the kitchen stove.

varying in the positiveness with which it records the approach of storms. During normal periods the spring flows steadily, but when a storm is brewing the water rises about five inches. Forest rangers consult the spring frequently.

Yeggs Didn't Believe.

Cleveland.—The yeggs didn't believe in signs. The Bradwell Lumber company saw it marked "Empty." The yeggs blew it, ransacked it, and found it empty.



SANTA COMFORTS REINDEER.

"Oh, dear; oh, dear," said the first reindeer, "I feel so worried."

"I feel worried, too," said the second reindeer.

"And I feel dreadfully worried," said the third reindeer.

"Would it not be horrible if we were left home?" asked the fourth reindeer.

"Oh, don't speak of such a thing," said the first reindeer.

"Can't anything be done about it?" asked the second reindeer.

"I don't know," said the third reindeer, "except we can show we feel badly and as our master is the very kindest man in all the whole world he will, perhaps, take pity."

"Oh, oh," said a voice, "that is hard." They looked around and they saw Santa Claus coming towards them. He was bringing with him a basket of the kind of moss they loved best.

"What did we say that you thought was hard?" asked the third reindeer, not knowing which speech of theirs Santa was thinking of.

"I heard you say," said Santa Claus, his dear, jolly, happy face looking sad for a moment, "that I was the very kindest man in all the whole world so that I might, perhaps, take pity."

"I do not know what you are talking about, but, my lovely reindeer friends, if I am the kindest man in all the whole world why do you say that 'perhaps' I will take pity? Aren't you sure of your old Santa Claus? Don't you know that he loves you; oh, how he loves you?"

"Yes, Santa, dear master, we know it," said the third reindeer.

"We know it," said the second reindeer, and all the others said:

"We know it."

"But, why, then, didn't you seem to be sure?" asked Santa.

"Well," said the third reindeer, "we didn't stop to think long enough about



"Dreadfully Worried."

It. We just became frightened and we felt, oh, dear, how we felt."

The reindeer almost wept at the thought of it.

"But, reindeer, I do not know what you are talking about," said Santa.

"I do not know what has frightened you," he added.

"We'll tell you," said the third reindeer, "but please don't think we're jealous and please don't think that we will be angry, for after we think it over we will understand that it is all for the best. Of course you are always in a hurry and they will—"

The reindeer let a tear escape from his right eye though he tried to hold it back.

"My lovely reindeer, what is the matter?" asked Santa Claus. "Oh, tell me; I cannot bear to see this unhappiness—and at the beginning of the wonderful Christmas season."

"We saw a picture," said the third reindeer, "last year, and we also saw a toy. The picture was of you flying over a snowy, Christmassy looking country in an aeroplane."

"And we also saw a toy aeroplane in which there was a little make-believe Santa Claus sitting up and driving it. It was a doll dressed up to look like you, dear master, but, oh, we shivered and we thought:

"Will Santa ever fly in an aeroplane and take toys to the children in that way and leave us behind? Then we forgot all about it and were so happy for you are always thinking of us. But the other day we saw you making a toy aeroplane, and, oh, dear, oh, dear! We thought, perhaps, you were going to make a big aeroplane and that you would fly in it this Christmas and leave us behind."

"Of course it was very selfish of us, for we know that aeroplanes go even faster than we can go and that they're fine things and we'll try to feel differently about it, but still—oh, we do love to go with you and stand around on the roofs while you go down the chimneys and fire escapes with presents."

"My beautiful reindeer," said Santa Claus, "I may make toy aeroplanes and all sorts of toys, old-fashioned and modern, but I'll never change my way of traveling, never, never, never! Always I will have my lovely reindeer family take me." And the reindeer were so happy again.

Opportunities for Boys.

There are many boys who have milked their way to success in life. More farmers' boys have opportunities to succeed by milking cows. The dairy cow is a wealth producer and more boys and girls should learn how to feed and milk cows.