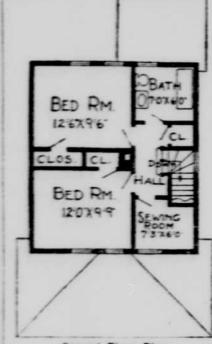
Vest on all subjects pertaining to the conject of building for the readers of co walls the liability of cracks is rethe paper. On account of his wide expe- duced to a minimum. The price of rience as Editor, Author and Manufac- lumber is steadily advancing and the over, he is, without doubt, the highest desire for fireproof exteriors, espeauthority on all these subjects. Address desire for irreproof exteriors, espelose two-rest stamp for reply.

mendable fact that rapid advancement has been made by all connected with building operations toward better and improved construction methods, but at that there are certain types which are not given the amount of attention that they should receive. The element of the cost of materials is entering more and more into the problem Lumber is growing scarcer by the process of natural consumption. and lately we have witnessed the recembous destruction of thousands of square miles of forests by fire. This does not tend to lower prices for ma-

Compett stucco as a finish for the enterior seems to be the salvation of the home builder. There have been some fallures with stores, but not through the fault of the material, but termine of ignorance in the proper manner of handling it. So much de pends upon the selection of proper materials, thorough mixing, the proper emount of water and the proper application that only skilled mechanics should be employed. There has been the whole trouble. A novice cannot house. The additional feature that a mercianic with an understanding of it tages an handle. This truth should not be. The house we show here is a stucco

William A. Endford will answer the building or the shrinking of the Chicago, Ill., and only en- well as artistic effects that may be obtained from stucco, are creating a It has been said it is a very com- universal demand for this type of



Second Floor Plan

40 good cement work. The material stucco house requires no painting exexplices chemical action that only the cept on the trim adds to its advan-



as a frame house now and certainly design is simple and well adapted to did her any permanent harm; indeed, pen. se the same amount of water in each room, which takes the place of the surprise it was locked. dirty sand. Clean and will make a dining room. The kitchen is of ample and night-dress lay ready in the little and a uniformity in the amount of was that the refrigerator can be filled She had not undressed. or in the batches. If there is any without coming into the house, there will be trouble. The the second floor, and her eye will there. Through the door I could hear



wit speciers. The asbestos fiber has tendency to hold the water which used to min the concrete mass was liable to crack, as the fiber fur- brushes are pretty safe from insects; nishes additional bond. There is one in Egypt this little terror eats the point which is frequently just sight (vory and eats the bristles; it eats of and that is that it is possible to your toothbrush and eats your tootha well-constructed atucco work it can tork ; it rejects nothing but glass and be invariably traced to a settling of chins and metal

coutie arises also from the use of similar attraction is provided in the turned down, and her dressing-gown with thorough mixing size and the pantry is arranged so room next, but Gertrude was not there.

> children. There are two bedrooms, each provided with a closet, and a lt was fully a half-hour before Lid face rather flushed. et in the hall.

Several of the schoolgirl friends of party one afternoon not long ago, only the even breathing of Winters. the evening.

"Going to rain!" exclaimed the other

Because this freige won't fudge, again, stealthily repeated. was the reply as she bent over the bolling sweetness.

said: "Elinor is right. There is no not move for a moment; ridiculous surer sign of rain than the refusal of things Liddy had said about a ghostfudge to fudge."

downpour lasting an hour.

There is a little, shaggy, black-and tan insect, about an eighth of ar inch oper, thus giving the Portland on long, that cuts everything under the ample opportunity to set. In sun which is not disturbed every day. his way stuped mines are possible it has to be surprised at its work like but are more uniform in color and a burglar. In most countries ivory make coment slads that can be expick; it exts the wool with which you powed to the elements for an in- are going to mend your husband's semple time without discoloration, socks—the cards as well as the wool; Therefore, should cracks develop to it exts the handles off your knives and

Point in His Favor. "Griggs has been a failure at nearly

"So be has; but you will have to gue him credit for one thing." And what is that?"

fortune raising poultry."

Further Precoution. it has been said that those who live a month. class houses should not throw toors, neither should they carry them

Verifying the Proverb. The young mice were having a gay

"Where's your chaperon?" asked shocked observer. "The old cat! She's away," they H: has never said he could make said. "That's why we're playing."

> A Sure Sign. Arhiey-Kloudly hasn't smoked for

Seymour-How do you know? Ashiey-It's a month since he as

## ERICAN THE CIRCULAR STAIRCASE SOAP-

BYMARY ROBERTS RINEHART ILLUSTRATIONS BY RAYWATERS

SYNOPSIS.

Miss Innes, spinster and guardian of Gertrude and Halsey, established summer headquarters at Sunnyside. Arnold Armstrong was found shot to death in the hall. Gertrude and her fiance. Jack Balley, had conversed in the billiard room shortly before the murder. Detective Jamieson accused Miss Innes of holding back evidence. Cashier Bailey of Paul Armstrong's death was announced. Halsey's fiancee. Louise Armstrong, told Halsey that while she still loved him, she was to marry another. It developed that Dr. Walker was the man. Louise was found unconscious at the bottom of the circular staircase. She said something had brushed by her in the dark on the stairway and she fainted. Bailey is suspected of Armstrong's murder. Thomas, the lodgekeeper, was found dead with a note in his pocket bearing the name "Lucien Wallace." A ladder found out of place deepens the mystery. The stables were burned, and in the dark Miss Innes shot an intruder. Halsey mysteriously disappeared. His auto was found wrecked by a freight train. It developed Halsey had an intruder. Halsey mysteriously disap-peared. His auto was found wrecked by a freight train. It developed Halsey had an argument in the library with a woman before his disappearance. New cook dis-appears. Miss Innes learned Halsey was alive. Dr. Walker's face becomes livid at mention of the name of Nina Carring-ton. Evidence was secured from a tramp-that a man supposedly Halsey, had been tout a man, supposedly Halsey, had been bound and gagged and thrown into an empty box car.

CHAPTER XXVIII.-Continued.

Mr. Winters and Alex disposed of the tramp with a warning. It was evident he had told us all he knew. We had occasion, within a day or two, to be doubly thankful that, we had given him his freedom. When Mr. Jamieson telephoned that night we had news for him; he told me what I had not realized before-that it would not be possible to find Halsey at once, even with this clew. The cars by this time, three days, might be scattered over the

We had one peaceful day-then Lidwhen I heard her groaning, and found thickly. her with a hot-water bottle to her face, and her right cheek swollen until it was glassy.

"Toothache?" I asked, not too gent-"You deserve it. A woman of your age, who would rather go around be over in a moment."

I was hunting around for cotton and laudanum. "You have a tooth just like it your

self, Miss Rachel," she whimpered. And I'm sure Dr. Boyle's been trying to take it out for years."

There was no laudanum, and Liddy made a terrible fuss when I proposed her through the house I had met a orgoties by anyone who is going to house to be finished with Portland carbolic acid, just because I had put stranger who, when I fainted, had carcement mortar. It is 20 feet six too much on the cotton once and ried me into a room and left me there, A stacco house costs about the same inches wide and is 20 feet long. The burned her mouth. I'm sure it never to get better or not, as it might haps much more imposing and substant the man of moderate means. This the doctor said afterward that living the color of Portland coment finishes. decorations, shrubs and trees and post none of the acid, and she kept me This is due also to ignorance on the sibly a formal garden. One of the awake groaning, so at last I got up

I don't know what terrible thoughts se of asbestos fiber and rock to take light on the sewing room the first Liddy grumbling, with a squeal now he place of sand is meeting with thing. When this room not in use, it and then when the pain stabbed can be used as a play room for the harder. Then, automatically, I got the laudanum and went back to her.

bathroom. There is also a linen clos- dy's groans subsided. At intervals I went to the door into the hall and looked out, but I saw and heard nothing suspicious. Fixally, when Liddy had dropped into a doze, I even ven- ing" tured as far as the head of the circular little Miss Elipor Parnham were at a staircase, but there floated up to me Some plans were being talked over for the night detective, sleeping just inmy head, and very faint—three or four is increasing his establishment—that's girls in chorus. "How do you know?" short muffled taps, a pause, and then the way he put it."

The sound of Mr. Winters' breathing was comforting; with the thought I am not at all superstitious, except, And that night there was a hard perhaps, in the middle of the night, with everything dark-things like that came back to me. Almost beside me was the clothes chute. I could feel it. but I could see nothing. As I stood. listening intently, I heard a sound wanted to." near me. It was vague, indefinite. movement and a grunt from the foot of the circular staircase, and silence

> Then I knew I had been right. Some one was stealthily passing the head of in the dark. I leaned against the wall success. for support-my knees were giving but I managed to gasp out, "Ger-

"Good Lord!" a man's voice exsome one catch me, a horrible nausea but he only looked around." -that was all I remembered.

When I came to it was dawn. I was with the cherub on the ceiling staring from my own bed thrown over me. 1 wear rubber gloves."



1 When I Came To It Was Dawn.

and mumbled in her sleep.

dy took sick in the night. I went in with hand-cuffs," she was muttering ing up, Miss Innes."

CHAPTER XXIX.

A Scrap of Paper.

For the first time in 20 years I kept with an exposed nerve in her head my bed that day. Liddy was alarmed than have the tooth pulled! It would to the point of hysteria, and sent for Dr. Stewart just after breakfast. Ger-So would hanging." Liddy pro- trude spent the morning with me, tested, from behind the hot-water bot- reading something-I forget what. I was too busy with my thought to listen. I had said nothing to the two detectives. If Mr. Jamieson had been there I should have told him everything, but I could not go to these strange men and tell them my niece had been missing in the middle of the night; that she had not gone to bed

and it appearance. Some trouble has house should be constructed on a on liquid diet had been a splendid rest man I had met in the darkness had ariset from a lack of uniformity in large lot that will admit of lawn for her stomach. But she would have been even more startled than I, and about his voice, when he muttered his the workman. He does not attractions of this house is the living and went to Gertrude's door. To my thing vaguely familiar. All that morn-The result will be a variation parker of the old style house. There I went around by the hall and into Liddy watched for the doctor, I was the color of a mottled appearance. is a window seat in the front and a her bedroom that way. The bed was puzzling over that voice, without re-

> Dr. Walker came up, some time just after luncheon, and asked for me. "Go down and see him." I instructed

mercy's sake don't say I'm sick. Find out what he wants, and from this time on, instruct the servants that he is not to be admitted. I loathe that man." Gertrude came back very soon, her

"He came to ask us to get out," she said, picking up her book with a jerk. "He says Louise Armstrong wants to come here, now that she is recover .-

"And what did you say?" "I said we were very sorry we could not leave, but we would be delighted side the entry. And then, far off, I He looked daggers at me. And he No use planning anything for out heard the rapping noise that had lured wanted to know if we would recomof doors, said little Miss Parnham. Louise down the staircase that other mend Eliza as a cook. He has brought night, two weeks before. It was over a patient, a man, out from town, and

> "I wish him joy of Eliza," I said tartly. "Did he ask for Halsey?"

The other girls laughed, but their that there was help within call, some the track last night, and that it was the other girls magnet, our their that their than their than the track last might, and that the said he said h to be, but he said not to be too sanguine."

"Do you know what I believe?" I asked. "I believe, as firmly as I be and the overcoming of difficulties that lieve anything, that Dr. Walker knows have made man a giant of achievesomething about Halsey, and that he ment. could put his finger on him, if he If we could analyze a strong vigor

Then it ceased; there was an uneasy that bewildered me. About three the habit of overcoming, says Orison o'clock Mr. Jamieson telephoned from Swett Marden in Success. the Casanova station and Warner On the other hand, If we should again I stood perfectly still, hardly went down to meet him. I got up and analyze a weak character we should dressed hastily, and the detective was find just the reverse-the habit of failshown up to my sitting room.

"It won't be long now, Miss Innes," way. The steps were close now, and said. "I have come out here on a tween a self-made young man, who pare the said. "I have come out here on a tween a self-made young man, who pare, where she was looking. "Not under China" she retorted superciliexamine the wires on the roof?"

not the telephone. He said the wiring which has struggled for its existence claimed, just beside me. And then I might have caused the fire at the with a thousand storms, with all the Balliol who, for failure to pass an excollapsed. I felt myself going, felt stable. I went up with him myself, extremities of the elements, and the amination in Greek, was "sent down." Mr. Jamieson smiled.

"Good for you!" he applauded. lying on the bed in Louise's room, "Don't allow any one in the house that you don't trust, and don't trust down at me, and there was a blanket anybody. All are not electricians who

union. But he said to keep on hoping, stand, I crept back to my room. The before and scoffed. In the light of rethat it was the best news we had had | door into Gertrude's room was no lon- cent developments I want you to read | there was talk in the town that when happy now, there was a sad time com-And in the meantime, consumed with ger locked; she was sleeping like a it again. You are a clever woman, he came back he would be married to ing. "Think of the day," she said anxiety as we were, things were hap tired child. And in my dressing room Miss Innes. Just as surely as I sit pening at the house in rapid succes. Liddy hugged a cold hot-water bottle here, there is something in this house it. First thing I knew, I got a letter dren, you will be all alone." There that is wanted very anxiously by a "There's some things you can't hold number of people. The lines are clos-

among Arnold Armstrong's effects, and I recall it again:

----by altering the plans forrooms, may be possible. The best way, in my opinion, would be to—the plan and I guess I scared you on the drive in one of the rooms "I think I understand," I said

slowly. "Some one is searching for the secret room, and the invaders-"And the holes in the plaster-" "Have been in the progress of

his-"Or her-investigations."

"Her?" I asked.

"Miss Innes," the detective said. getting up, "I believe that somewhere in the walls of this house is hidden some of the money, at least, from the Traders' bank. I believe, just as surely, that young Walker brought home from California the knowledge of plained. something of the sort, and, failing in his effort to reinstall Mrs. Armstrong where Miss Louise was and I kept an federate, has tried to break into the they came home with the body I got house. On two occasions I think he another letter, telling me to watch

for a woman who had been pitted "On three, at least," I corrected. And then I told him about the night rington, and the doctor made things I concluded, "and I do not believe the man at the head of the circular staircase was Dr. Walker. I don't think he the doctor got back. could have got in, and the voice was

Mr. Jamieson got up and paced the up for a good while, and when she did floor, his hands behind him. the doctor was home."

"There is something else that puzzles me," he said, stepping before me. "Who and what is the woman Nina I took it, at night?" Carrington? If it was she who came here as Mattie Bliss, what did she been in the house before. Well, the tell Halsey that sent him racing to Carrington woman didn't show up un-Dr. Walker's, and then to Miss Arm- til the night Mr. Halsey disappeared. strong? If we could find that woman She came to the office late, and the we would have the whole thing."

"Mr. Jamieson, did you ever think walking the floor and working herself that Paul Armstrong might not have into a passion. When the doctor died a natural death?"

"That is the thing we are going to way. She wanted me to hunt him, try to find out," he replied. And then and when he didn't appear, she called Gertrude came in, announcing a man him names; said he couldn't fool her. "I want you present at this interview, Miss Innes," he said. May



## Through Combat to Victory

Fruition by Wrestling With and a thousand times." Overcoming Obstacles.

It is the wrestling with obstacles

ous character, we should find it made

ure, the habit of letting things slide, clerk to consult the post office guide. "No news?" I asked, as he entered. of yielding instead of conqueringthe staircase and coming toward me He tried to look encouraging, without the lack of courage, of persistency or

There is the same difference becourse it was Gertrude. I put out one about later. First, I want to ask some and the pampered youth who has ously. "You said Dresden, didn't hand in front of me, but I touched questions. Did any one come out here never been confronted by great renothing. My voice almost refused me, yesterday to repair the telephone, and sponsibilities that would exercise his powers and call out his reserves, that "Yes," I said promptly: "but it was there is between the stalwart oak rough wind.

"Listen," he said. "You heard this resist the fury of any sea, because I morning."

The hothouse plant succumbs to the

first adverse wind.

Dresden China.

Judging by your recent note, writes a correspondent, it seems that the geographical knowledge possessed by There were several things that day up largely of the conquering habit, that possessed by the damsels who represent the postmaster general behind the counters of our suburban post offices. Having occasion recently to telegraph funds to a town in Germany, it became necessary for the After a long and fruitless search I ventured to suggest that she was not likely to find the town I wanted in the section devoted to the celestial em-

The Consoling Volume.

There was a backward student at hothouse plant which has never been His mother went to see the master allowed to feel a breath of frost or a Dr. Jowett, and explained to him what an excellent lad her son was. "It is a Every bit of the oak's fiber has reg- hard experience for him, this disistered a victory, so that when its grace," said the old lady; "but he will timber is called upon to wrestle with have the consolation of religion, and storms and the fury of the sea, it there is always one book to which he felt weak and dizzy, but I managed to He refused to explain further, but says, "I am no stranger to storms; I can turn." Jowett eyed her for a moget up and totter to the door. At the he got a slip of paper out of his foot of the circular staircase Mr. Win-pocket-book and opened it carefully. I feel within me stamina and fiber to dam; the Greek grammar. Good



Your Liver is Clogged up

Riggs come up? He has left Dr.

Walker and he has something he

Riggs came into the room diffidently, but Mr. Jamieson put him at his

ease. He kept a careful eye on me.

however, and slid into a chair by the

door when he was asked to sit down.

kindly. "You are to say what you

have to say before this lady."

"Now, Riggs," began Mr. Jamieson

"You promised you'd keep it quiet,

Mr. Jamieson." Riggs plainly did not

trust me. There was nothing friendly

"Yes, yes. You will be protected.

But, first of all, did you bring what

Riggs produced a roll of papers

from under his coat, and handed them

over. Mr. Jamieson examined them

with lively satisfaction, and passed

them to me. "The blue-prints of Sun-

nyside," he said. "What did I tell

"I'd never have come to you. Mr.

Jamieson," he began, "if it hadn't been

for Miss Armstrong. When Mr. In-

nes was spirited away, like, and Miss

Louise got sick because of it. I

thought things had gone far enough.

I'd done some things for the doctor

before that wouldn't just bear looking

strong had taken a sudden notion to

"I only wanted to make sure Miss

Louise was there. Rosie started to

run, and I tried to stop her and tell

her some sort of a story to account

for my being there. But she wouldn't

"And the broken china-in the

"Well, broken china's death to rub-

ber tires," he said. "I hadn't any

complaint against you people here.

and the Dragon Fly was a good car.

So Rosie's highwayman was ex-

pretty strong. If I found any such

woman loafing around, I was not to

lose sight of her for a minute until

full, but the other woman didn't show

"Well, I would have had my hands

"Riggs," I asked suddenly. "did you

"I did not, Miss Innes. I have never

doctor was out. She waited around.

didn't come back, she was in an awful

There was murder being done, and

she would see him swing for it.

get into this house a day or two after

into, but I turned a bit squeamish."

better start at the beginning.

one night, Miss Innes."

wait.

basket?"

"And Rosie:" I ejaculated.

Riggs grinned sheepishly.

you? Now, Riggs, we are ready."

in the glance he turned on me.

wants to tell us"

you promised?"

leaning forward.

That's Why You're Tired-Out of Sorts-Have No Appetite. CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS wall put you right

ATCHISON'S ORDER OF SPINS

Unmarried, and Contented Withal. They Have Mapped Out for Themselves a Pious City.

"Did you help with that?" I asked, There was called a meeting of the Ancient Order of Spins last evening, "No, ma'm. I didn't even know of and papers were read on every subit until the next day, when it came | ject, from removing grease from carout in the Casanova Weekly Ledger. pets to the sad memories that attach But I know who did it, all right. I'd to a bunch of old letters. The Spins were having a hilarious time when a "When Dr. Walker went away to visiting Spin got up to make a few re-California with the Armstrong family. marks. She said that, while they are Miss Armstrong, and we all expected "when, having no husbands or chilfrom him in the west. He seemed to was a sniff and then a snort as Spin be excited, and he said Miss Arm- after Spin recalled wives and mothers who are alone from daylight till dark. The paper was the one he had found go home and he sent me some money. except when some member of the fam-I was to watch for her, to see if she ily wants waiting on. The sniffling went to Sunnyside, and wherever she and snorting increased in volume as was, not to lose sight of her until he Spin after Spin told of her freedom from worry, her independence in financial matters and the joy of doing as she pleased. "But we must not take offense at what our sister has said," one Spin remarked. "Let us show our good intentions by calling on every lonesome wife and mother we know." This was six weeks ago, and though the Spins have devoted every afternoon and evening since to this missionary work, they haven't made half the rounds yet.-Atchison

NOT YET INTRODUCED.



"Tee hee! No. 411 Steenth street, but mamma doon't allow gentlemen to call on me jest yet."

Flirting With Fashion.

That innate tendency on the part of the fair consumer to flirt with fashion, playing fast and loose with various commodities, is responsible for the uncertainties that have prevailed during the month. There was such a lack of confidence as to the ultimate acceptance of the various lines prepared by distributers and consumers that buying was somewhat minimized. Prosperity or adversity has nothing to do with the millinery business. Fashion alone makes or breaks.-Millinery

A FOOD DRINK. Which Brings Daily Enjoyment.

A lady doctor writes : "Though busy hourly with my own affairs, I will not deny myself the pleasure of taking a few minutes to tell of my enjoyment daily obtained from my morning cup of Postum. It is a food beverage, not a poison like

"I began to use Postum eight years ago, not because I wanted to, but because coffee, which I dearly loved. made my nights long weary periods to be dreaded and unfitting me for business during the day.

"On the advice of a friend, I first tried Postum, making it carefully as directed on the package. As I had always used 'cream and no sugar,' I mixed my Postum so. It looked good, was clear and fragrant, and it was a pleasure to see the cream color it as my Kentucky friend always wanted her coffee to look-like a new sad

"Then I tasted it critically, for I had tried many 'substitutes' for coffee. I was pleased, yes, satisfied, with my Postum in taste and effect, and am yet, being a constant user of it all these years.

"I continually assure my friends and acquaintances that they will like it in place of coffee, and receive benefit from its use. I have gained weight. can sleep sound and am not nervous." "There's a Reason."

Read "The Road to Wellville" in pkgs. Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of he interest.

Ever read the