

# Fall Building and Furnishing Suggestions for the Home

## Fireplace in the Home is Source of Great Comfort

The fireplace has again come into general use.

Fireplaces are ornamental, useful and healthful. There is probably not a single feature in the home more ornamental and attractive, if properly and harmoniously designed, than a fireplace that has been built for actual use.

Fireplaces intended for ornamental purposes only, are less attractive than fireplaces which actually burn fuel, for they are meaningless and unnecessary.

The truly artistic fireplaces simply depend upon the grace of line supplemented with the evidence of quality and usefulness. Any attempt to make them beautiful by the application of much ornamentation is not the most satisfactory way, nor is it an evidence of artistic taste. Adornment of architecture is like feminine wearing apparel, in that simple grace is by far the most attractive and one never tires of it.

To be truly attractive a fireplace should suggest its real purpose, that of burning fuel and this may best be accomplished by using simple and almost common materials, such as brick, stone and substantial tile of large units, instead of the more elaborate materials like ornamental or polished marble, onyx and the like. Wood should be used in connection with a fireplace, if at all, as a shelf at the top.

Smooth, vitrified brick is sometimes used for fireplace facing, but the best effects are obtainable through the use of a rough face or tapestry effect brick, in which rich, dark tones predominate.

Some builders, for lining the fireplace, use the same brick as is employed for the face. This is desirable from the standpoint of looks, but is not entirely safe unless the brick is of fireclay structure. A high grade fire brick such as is made at Vermilion, Mo., for instance, will withstand the heat of fire on the hearth, whereas some kinds of face brick will go to pieces.

The usefulness of a fireplace depends on its construction. If correctly built it will not smoke. If it smokes the owner may justly condemn it and call it useless.

The main thing is a flue of sufficient size with a throat construction and damper so designed as to thwart drafts. A fireplace opening four feet wide by thirty inches high should have a flue one foot square. An opening three feet wide by twenty-seven inches high can use a flue eight inches by twelve inches. Only the smallest fireplace will justify a flue of less size.

A suitable chimney cap, which will deflect down drafts without reducing capacity of the flue, will be useful on chimneys affected by neighboring higher buildings or big trees.

A flue should always lead from the

center of the fireplace.

In view of the fact that two out of every three fireplaces "smoke" and considering the ease with which a successful fireplace may be built, it is quite inexcusable that so many owners should be made to pay the penalty of someone's neglect.

Now, for the operation of a fireplace. At the outset the chimney is filled with cold air. Heat must be generated if circulation or draft is to be created. Only as the cold air becomes heated will the chimney begin to draw. When a fire is kindled much smoke is generated. Where can the smoke go? If the chimney air has not become hot, no draft is there to carry away the smoke and so it puffs out into the room. This is most offensive.

By lighting a newspaper or two stuffed into the throat or damper the heat thus caused will make a fine draft. Then the fire may be lighted and the smoke will go away through the chimney.

When a fire is started a blower should be used on the metal hood to cover the fire, leaving an opening at the bottom to force the draft up through the fire. When the fire is well started take the blower away and the heat will be reflected from the back wall and a maximum of service will be rendered by the fireplace.

A fireplace should be deep; at least eighteen inches from front to back at the floor level. This is most important. Only those who have a useful fireplace can appreciate its ventilation value. All the heavy air which cleaves the floor is drawn into the fire and up the chimney. The circulation of air thus formed helps any furnace to heat the house, because heat is conveyed by means of circulating air.

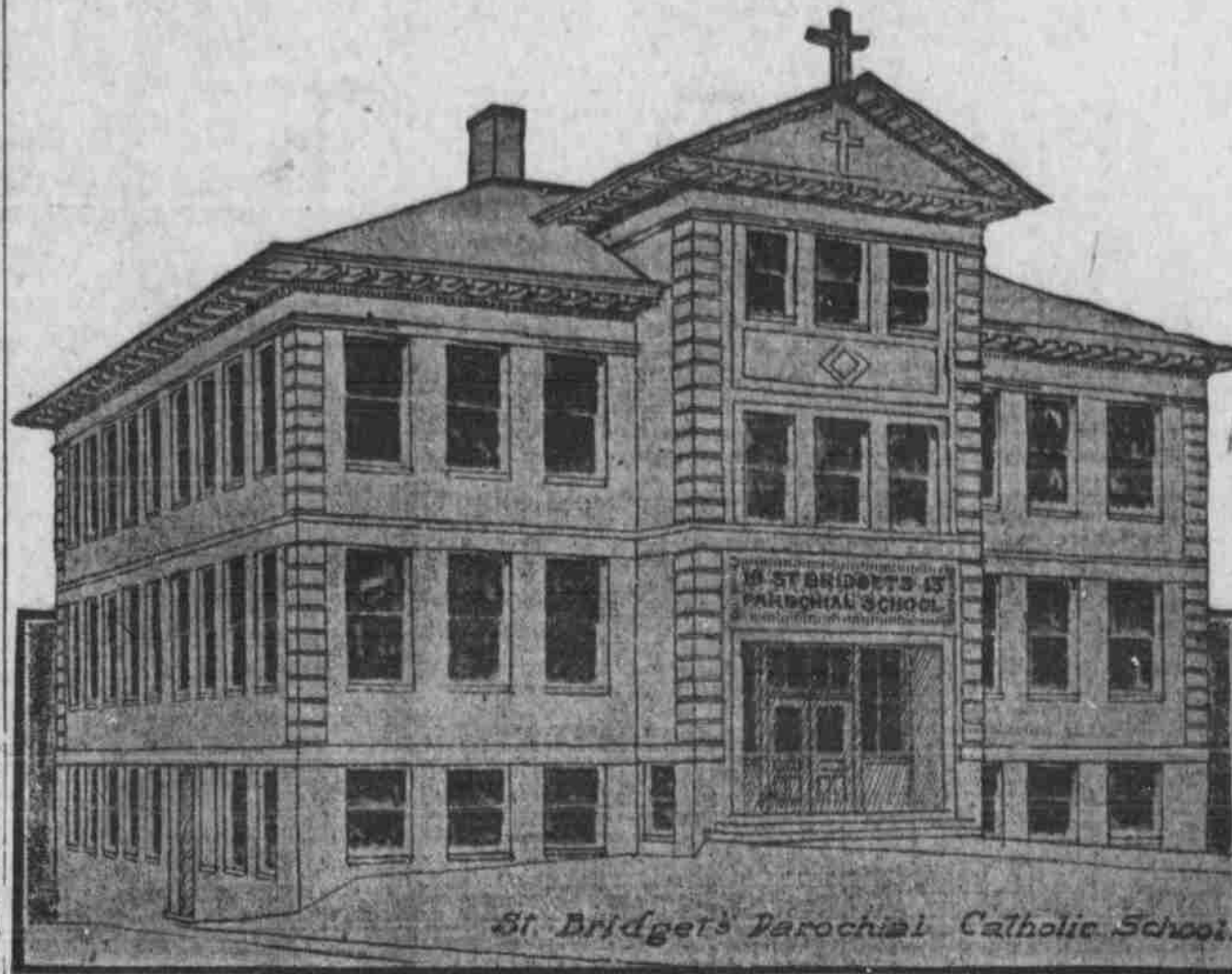
But what of the sentimental interest in a big fireplace? Who has not sat within its glow, felt its warmth, reveled in its fiery images? Who has not turned low the lights and smoked, and storied and reminisced to the heart's content?

And yet no fireplace is of itself complete. No matter how artistic its appearance, there should be the andirons ("fire dogs," as called of old), and fire tools, the spark guard, the fender, the grate or basket in which to lay the fire, these are always a part of the good looking fireplace.

The fireplace has become a standard requirement in the modern house, whether large or small. And the sensible revival of the fireplace has brought with it renewed interest in the production of artistic fireplace accessories. It has become popular to present a pair of andirons or a set of fire tools as an appropriate gift for wedding, birthday or Christmas.

Long live the fireplace!

## New St. Bridget's Parochial School at South Omaha



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feed barn in town and in drawing the annual rental of this beautiful farm for pin money.

Of course, there is a reason for such sales. The reason is that this is a section of the state in which crop failures are rare, very rare. Even the hot winds of 1914 did not entirely wipe out the corn crop and the farmers got bunnies to feed their stock. This year when many parts of the state have practically no corn the crop in Cuming county will average, according to the conservative estimates of those who have been over the county, between thirty-five and forty bushels per acre, and there are fields in the county that will run fifty bushels.

The Beebe & Runyan building, going up at Ninth and Dodge streets, for the new home of that furniture concern, is to have eight floors, including basement and sub-basement. The building is 132x192. They will have trackage for thirteen cars and will have service by the Northwestern, Union Pacific and Burlington railroads.

### JUDGE M'HUGH WILL BUILD ON HIS NEW LOT

Judge W. D. McHugh, who recently purchased valuable building ground on the west side of Thirty-ninth street between Dodge and Davenport, is making arrangements to build a new home there at once. He has not announced how large a house he will build or what it is to cost, but has an architect working on plans. He expects to get at the work before winter sets in.

### "SEED CORN WEEK" BEGINS WITH MONDAY MORNING

"Seed Corn Week" is the official designation of the week beginning Monday, according to a proclamation of Governor Morehead. He has issued a proclamation setting forth crop conditions and the necessity of looking into the seed corn situation in order to insure good seed for the coming year.

### SOME WOULD HAVE CLUB ROOMS OPEN ON SUNDAY

The matter of keeping the Commercial club rooms open on Sunday has been agitated for some time by some of the club members. A report was made to the executive committee on the matter by the house committee. It was reported that many requests had come for this from members. The matter was discussed at length and laid on the table.

### CITY PLANTS ARE BEING TAKEN TO GREENHOUSES

Ten thousand tender plants which have bloomed in the parks during the summer are being housed for the winter, Park Commissioner Joseph B. Hummel, fearing frost, has begun storing the plants for the winter. He had a force of several men at work removing the plants from the parks to the greenhouses.

Key to the Situation—Use Advertising.

### TIMELY REAL ESTATE GOSSIP

Cuming County Farms Are Going at \$200 Per Acre.

### COMPARISON FOR THIRTY YEARS

One Real Estate Man Handles Same Farm Twice in that Time, Showing an Increase of \$133 Per Acre.

The experience of selling the same Nebraska farm twice, once for \$7 per acre and once for \$169 per acre, has fallen to the lot of Christ Ackerman, a real estate dealer of West Point, Neb. It was about thirty years ago that as real estate agent Mr. Ackerman sold what is known as the John Weisner farm, two miles southeast of Boomer, for \$7 per acre. It contains a little rolling land and a large per cent of flat bottom land in the Elkhorn valley. This can be depended upon only for hay land and pasture, although in some of the dryer years wonderful crops of corn have been taken from small tracts of this bottom that are under cultivation.

A few weeks ago it happened that John McLaughlin, who has owned the farm for a number of years, threw it on the market and placed it into the hands of the same real estate man that sold it thirty years ago. Ackerman peddled it for a short time and sold it for \$169 per acre. The buildings have all been moved off the place, so that it is practically a farm without improvements except fences.

### Rapid Rise in Values.

These two sales, coming as they did through the same real estate man, who is not even yet an old man, are looked upon as a splendid example of the rapid rise in the value of the farm lands of Nebraska, and are looked upon in that community as a splendid illustration of how rapidly Nebraska has established itself along with the great agricultural states of the union, in spite of its tremendous setbacks through the grasshopper

per days and later through the hot winds of the summer of 1904.

While this sale is interesting in Cuming county only on account of the excellent comparison it offers, it is hardly representative of the highest sales made in that excellent agricultural county. Long have the real estate men calculated on how many decades it would be before land would be selling for \$200 per acre in the county. Even while they calculated, not over a month ago two farms were sold between West Point and Dodge, several miles from either of the towns, for \$200 per acre. These are, of course, well-improved farms, as the thrifty farmers of that locality have improved their farms.

**Shows Big Gain.**  
The farm land throughout the county has easily averaged a gain in value of \$100 per acre in the last ten years. This is speaking in round numbers, but the sales of ten years ago and the sales of today will bear these figures out.

Not over a month ago John Pestrowski, who lives in West Point, but still holds his farm five miles north of West Point, was offered \$21,000 for his quarter section. He refused it. A week ago the man who made the bid stated to the real estate man that the bid was still good if Pestrowski wished to take it. This figure would be exactly \$132.75 per acre. Pestrowski is owner and manager of a

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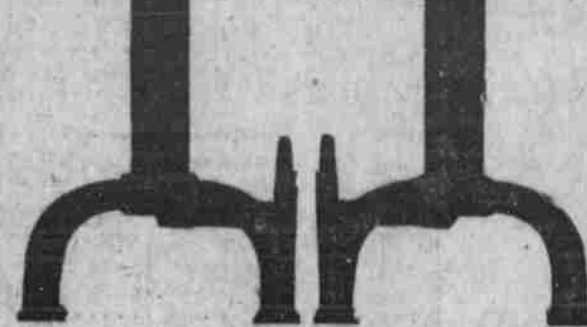
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In the Fall the weather is more settled and uniform and is warmer, therefore it is an excellent time for painting.

A house needs its protecting coat of paint more in the Winter months than at any other time.

It is easier to keep the Winter's moisture and dampness out by applying a coat of paint in the Fall, when the surface is dry, than it is to get moisture or dampness out of the wood if you want to apply a coat of paint in the Spring.

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