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the chain effects, has been received by the

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## **NEWS OF THE BUSY HOME**

Building Permits for Month Double Last Year's Figures.

BUILDINGS ARE SIMPLE

Present Tendency is Away from Compliented Designs, Both in Construction of House and Its Furnishings.

With Omaha's bank clearings soaring, real business. estate values rising steadily, more homes being built than ever before and still no vacant houses, the steady and substantial growth of the city is very evident. The report of the building inspector shows that for the present menth the building permits taken out aggregate more than \$490,000. which is nearly twice as great as the amount for the same period last year. The permits show a great preponderance in homes costing from \$2,500 to \$6,000, that is, of the homes of the great middle class of moderately well-to-do Americans who form the backbone of the population in any community.

A home being tuilt in the West Farnam district shows the profitable use of wrought fron binges of Gothic pattern. These lool particularly well on heavy timbered doors of the old style. The hinges are wrought into all kinds of fantastic patterns, some of them running out into branches half way over the surface of the door.

"Simplicity," said an Omaha architect who has designed a number of handsome homes during the last year, "Is the keynote along which people are building nowadays. There is also a marked return to the days of our forefathers. The style of 100 or more years ago prevails in everything, even to furniture. The number of houses built in recent years, for example, with large, roomy living rooms with raftered ceilings, ample window space, fireplace, highbacked benches and furniture in keeping with all this, is rather greater, I should say, than the houses built in the modern style with plastered walls or illuminated ceilings.

"It is a good style from both the standpoints of taste and economy. Once a raftered and paneled ceiling is built there is no wear out to it and if a good quality of wood is used it gathers value with the passing years. And certainly, from the standpoint also of comfort a room of this kind is better than a room of the modern style with all the trapping of the age and the expensive man-made contrivances for so-called beautifying and ornamenting.

"Furniture is taking a turn in the same direction. Mission furniture which was rather odd and unique a few years ago is now the rule. We are having a renaissance of the simple, a reversion to the type of of furnishings which our grandparents made in the days before the whipsaw and the turning lathe had been invented to 'paint the rose' as it were and to try to make more beautiful the woods which nature has made."

The purchase by Jeff W. Befford of a tract west of Miller park to be used for suburban homes of a certain quality only, shows the protection which builders are taking against undesirable buildings. This is a plan very well known in the east and in all large cities where men may seek to partments. They should be placed neither such a bed along the wall without runin all large cities where men may seek to too high for convenient reach nor too low ning right against a window. How many scrupulous builder reaps an advantage to injurious to women. These shelvings should cutting the wall into three spaces, neither interior dwellings. By so doing the unhimself in a way by prostituting the excellent character of the neighborhood to his ground. The upper tier should not be higher the head of a bedstead against it. The own uses. But the neighborhood, of course, suffers by the transaction. In the tract an arrangement would not only make niers, etc. somers by the transaction. In the tract storing and handling utensils much more it is well not to have so many windows to persons who do not agree to build houses of a certain minimum value,

An evidence of the growing metropolitanism of Omaha is found in the rapid multiplication of apartment houses. Two of the largest of this type of dwelling in Omaha are being duplicated at the present for I advocate that the windows be made Such windows also offer the advantage of time by their owners. These are the "Majestic" on Sherman avenue and the Hamilton flat at Twenty-fourth and Farnam above the shelves, on the order of transoms. streets. Both of these are built on the generous roomy lines characteristic and typical of the west. Every inch of possible space is ultilized, however. The apartments look out on broad stretches of greensward with trees, shrubbery and flower beds.

The demand for these apartments is great and they are rarely vacant. This, the front. The result is often a cold, if too, in spite of the fact that they rent at a figure which gives the landlord a very generous profit on the investment. The advantages of the apartment are many. They give the conveniences of a hotel without the publicity. There is a janitor and man-of-all-work and furnace man, so that the householder finds the burden upon himself considerably lighter than in the separate dwelling.

The plain common or garden variety is also springing into such favor in Omaha that the builders are not able to keep up with the demand. These really form a very comfortable dwelling, resembling in no way the flat of the large eastern cities which is set flush with the sidewalk line and with little or no room between the houses, and so little room at the back that the clothes have to be hung on the roof. The flat of Omaha is provided with a nice little bit of lawn in front and generally has rather an expansive backyard. In practically every case there is a roomy

Local loan and building association men

HEALTH OFFICERS SAY Common Colds are the Primary Cause

of Consumption. The ravages of the dread "white plague" has aroused in the national health depart-

ments the keenest alarm and every effort is now being put forth to prevent its further spread. A most prominent physician on the advisory board recently summed up the situation in a very simple manner by declaring that if people would give common colds the proper attention the increase of consumption would be materially checked. A neglected cold weakens the entire system and especially the pulmonary organs and renders them Hable to the attack of the tubercle garm. He also gave the formula for a very simple remedy for colds which he claimed if generally known would prevent an enormous amount of suffering and eventually easily be accomplished by making, perhaps, save many lives. The formula is as foj. an adjoining bed room a little smaller, and

giving up a part of the tollet room proper. Two ounces of glycerine; one half ounce Concentrated oil of pine; half pint of good is invariably placed tight against a wall, whisker; this is to be used in doses of a This makes it very hard, if not impossible. teaspoonful to a tablespoonful every four to clean the space behind it; and it is apt hours, the bottle shaken well each time. to damage the wall from splashing. If the hours, the bottle shaken well each time. He claims this will cure any cough that tub were set out, about enghteen or twenty is curable and frequently break up a inches, these drawbacks would be avoided.

severe cold in twenty-four hours. He cautions that care should be taken spigot, should be equipped with a combinato get the real Concentrated oil of pine tion spigot for the same reasons at the which any first class drug store will sup- latter. tply. It is put up in air-tight wood boxes | Wooden wainscoting around the kitchen for dispensing, thus avoiding the bulk and bath room walls seems to me to be oils and patent medicine imitations which antiquated; since modern manufacturing one of the sacred American ideals.-Amerapplying a star bar and

REPORT SHOWS CITY GROWING | report a great increase in their business | they are a thing beautiful as well as wonspeaking before the Commercial club last woek, said the Conservative company, of which he is secretary, increased its loans for the erection of new homes more than 15 per cent during the last year. The men nterested in the local companies declare there is a large field for the formation of ther companies for the same line of work. The demand for money for home building is so great that the cash could be invested with advantage to the company and also to the builders. At the present time some outside money is used for this purpose because the Omaha building associations are not able to handle the full volume of the

> Parquetry floors are growing in popularity in Omaha homes," said J. F. Bloom of the J. F. Bloom company. "These floors. which are made of wood of different colors,

is that most houses do not make house-

To begin with, the kitchen, where the

seaviest housework is done, is the room

generally neglected in planning a house.

Prequently parlor, dining room, library,

etc., are planned first. What space is left

is allotted to the kitchen. That is why so

many houses have kitchens awkward in

shape; generally too long, or too wide, or

too narrow, or ill ventliated, or encumbered

Whether the housewife does her own

cooking or employs help is immaterial here.

She will do her work with less fatigue, or

will be able to procure and retain help

better, if the kitchen is treated and built,

not as a room merely, but as a workshop

where food is prepared. That the latter

task is by no means a light one can be

shown by a few figures. For example, at

three meals a day, a housewife must pre-

pare about 1,100 meals a year. If in serving

these she must walk only twenty-five feet

from the range to the dining room table

and back, making only two trips to and

fro for each meal, it means a walk of 200

miles a year-equal to the distance between

New York and Baltimore! And that is a

In order to save steps the kitchen should

be laid out as a square room rather than

oblong, and not too large, so that all parts

may be reached with few steps. The sink

should be in about the center of one wall;

the range adjoining, either in a straight

line or, preferably, at a right angle. Either

on the other side of the sink or within

easy reach at a right angle should be the

It is possible to greatly improve on the

latter without any extra expense. Leave

it out altogether. Instead place around the

given up to sink, gas stove and range) two

walls on two sides (the other two being example, without considering the dimen-

or three parallel rows of drawers and com- about six feet long by five feet wide. Yet

partments-similar to a kitchen cabinet, but how often do we find bed rooms where

without the stoop-compelling lower com-

come to within about thirty inches from the of which is wide enough to permit placing

than sixty inches from the ground. Such same applies to couches, dressers, chiffe-

convenient, but also more sanitary, and of the style now in vogue in a room as to

would be easier to keep clean. Being well destroy most of the wall space for the

above the floor and covered from above, disposition of the furniture. Transom and dust and dirt would not be so apt to find high oriel windows, in addition to perhaps

Don't say there would be no room for as much light and air as desired without

these shelves on account of the windows, exposing the interior to the public gaze.

smaller in height, but greater in width, improved ventilation. It will be possible

the present arrangement and style of win- woman's height, their regulation is easily

dows the cook is frequently exposed to a accomplished. They should also admit of

draft of gool air from the open window in being readily lifted out of their frames

nothing more sericus. The only alternative If they cannot be easily so arranged, they

is to leave the windows closed and suffer should be made to swing around two

in the stuffy atmosphere with its scents pivots, so as to have either side of the

sary amount of cold water with the hot ing them more than half. This could be

water from the water back. That such an overcome by arranging windows so as to

its adoption for the bath tub. Why should the side, in the same manner as doors.

not the kitchen be fitted with the same con- This would necessitate longer fly screens.

with threads; so that instead of lifting fresh air. Such windows would also be

the back and the heat from the range in for cleaning purposes.

Ranges, at present, are invariably placed

in corners. This makes them very inacces-

The range should have at least three sides

free; though it would be preferable to have

all four sides away from the wall, so as to

facilitate frequent cleaning. The gas range

should rest on a stone base, extending

around the bottom by at least a foot. This

would obviate the awkward task of placing

oil cloth or linoleum under it-or else let it

damage the floor. Whenever possible, the

oven part should be high enough to avoid

The spigots in the kitchen sink should be

nickeled, as in the bath room. Brass takes

ton much work to keep clean and is not so

sanitary. Instead of having two separate

spigots, for cold and warm water, there

should be governed by both the hot and

cold water keys or cooks. This would en-

able the housewife to draw water of any

arrangement is very desirable is proven by

The kitchen spigot should also be equipped

buckets filled with water, the housewife or

her helper can screw fast a piece of hose

and run the water into the bucket on the

The kitchen sink should be enameled like

bath tub or else sanitary stone (slate,etc.).

A woman's pride is a clean-looking sink.

This is almost impossible with metallic

sinks, which show hard usage very quickly.

It is obviously preferable to have the

bath tub in a separate room, rather than in

the same room with the closet seat. This

does not cost very much more and can

Under the present practice the bath tub

The lavatory, like the bath tub and kichen

methods offer better and cheaper substition Carpenter and Builder.

floor, or out on the porch into the washer.

temperature desired by mixing the neces-

should be only one spigot for both.

sible on that side for repairs, cleaning, etc.

sitate stooping, both of which are bed rooms have two windows in one side

kitchen pantry or closet-if there is one.

very conservative estimate.

with awkward projections and corners.

any or very little extra cost.

A Woman's View of House Building

By Mrs. C. R. Lippmann.

consulting a woman. As men germs,

used are woven into patterns of various kinds with excellent effect."

The electrical wiring and rebuilding of the switchboard in the eight-story warehouse of the Willow Springs Brewing company is in the hands of the American Electric company.

Square Mission style of electrical fixtures are to be used in the new residence of Mrs. J. M. Green at Twenty-sixth and California streets. The work will be done by the American Electric company,

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with banisters should be fitted with a hand

rail, which often offers welcome help to a

woman carrying up a load. Stair climbing

for such purposes should be avoided alto-

gether. This can easily be accomplished by

the installation of a suitable (strong and

voomy) dumb waiter-at least, from the

cellar to the kitchen, if not to all the floors.

The cost of such an installation is surpris-

ingly small; particularly in consideration

of the saving of steps and the protection

to furniture or interior woodwork from

scratches when heavy articles are carried

through the rooms. Think how convenient

such a little "hoist" would be for fetching

The location of the windows seems, in

every case, to be decided upon solely for

their effect upon the exterior appearance

of the building; no matter how much the

wall space will be cut by them. As a con-

sequence, many rooms, quite large so far as

floor space is concerned, offer very little

wall space to place furniture without

obstructing or obscuring one or more win-

dows. Designers of hornes sin in this par-

ticular, especially in the case of bedrooms.

Windows are placed in bedroom walls, for

The same applies to the other windows.

pane accessible from the interior. This

will make window washing considerably

less of a horror and danger than the

present clumsy form of windows, which,

for cleaning, require more or less climbing

Bedrooms should have communicating

doors, even where there is a hallway.

When it is desired to keep the rooms

separate, they may readily be locked. On

the other hand, parents will find these

doors very handy for ready access to

their children's bedrooms during the night,

For purposes of interventilation and

equalizing the temperature between the

rooms without leaving the doors open,

they should be provided with transoms.

The height of the doors as made at present

may well be shortened for this purpose,

making them also much lighter to swing.

It is universally agreed that in mild

weather it is healthy to have all the win-

dows open all the way. But the present

form of windows does not admit of open-

swing inward from hinges fastened along

But this small additional outlay would be

compensated for by the larger influx of

much easier to clean. Fly screens, by the

way, should be made of finer mesh, so as

None of the points mentioned above will

to keep out the dust as well as the files.

add very much to the cost of a house,

The extra expense would hardly exceed 1/2

per cent of the total. In many cases the

closet, etc., will more than save the slight

additional cost of transoms, etc. The lat-

tor more than pay for themselves in im-

proved ventilation. All authorities agree

that our houses are insufficiently ventilated

in winter, when people are afraid to leave

The suggestions made here and the objec-

tions pointed out may seem trivial to men.

But every woman, every one familiar with

the daily task of looking after the meals

and the comforts of a family will readily

agree that this work ought to be and can

be considerably lightened by arrangements

such as outlined above. If women will but

assert their opinions and experience in

such matters, designers and constructors

of houses will readily act upon their ad-

vice. It means a great deal in connection

with the words, "a happy home," which is

the windows open.

ission of the wainscoting, the kitchen

on the outside of the house.

coal, wood, and eatables from the cellar!

Dr. A. S. Billing's, jr., new brick residence, 381 North Thirty-eighth street, has exhibit the acme of the joiner's art and | been shingled with asbestos shingles, mak-

#### since late in the summer in raising money has placed an order with the John Hussie eeded for the Child Saving Institute, re-Hardware company for two new furnaces.

ports his work progressing very slowly, When he was summoned to take hold after Dr. Sisson was stricken by illness he found a debt of \$2,000 that had to be taken care of immediately and at least \$2,000 more the end of the fiscal year, which closes on

ing it practically fireproof. Asbestos ship-Thursday next. These sums he has raised gles have been used in Europe very extenwithin \$200 and he expects to secure that sively and are rapidly being introduced into

Dr. Clark says he looked upon the matter as almost hopeless when he started, but is The new Gordon residence at Nineteenth now greatly encouraged by the assistance and Lake streets will be heated with hot the Omaha people have given him. air, the furnace to be installed by the John

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