# NEWS OF THE BUSY HOME BUILDERS

GOOD PLACE TO PUT THE TILE

Vestibule Should Be Floored with a Durable Material.

SWINGING WINDOWS ARE USEFUL Novelty in a Summer Cottage Pre-

sented as a Practical Idea for Use in Home Con-

struction.

The part of a house which will naturally receive the greatest wear ought to be made the most substantial," said F. M. Hamiling. the tile man. 'The part which usually shows wear first is the vestibule of the front door. This ought, by all means, to be floored with tile, for it is the material which will last longest and look best. It costs very little more than wood and has no paint to wear off, and to make the house look shabby at the place where people observe it the most."

"Those swinging windows are really the 'only thing' to have on a house," said Alvin Bloom, one of the owners of a cottage on the Rod and Gun club grounds at Courtland beach. The Bloom cottage is equipped with very wide windows, which open toward the inside on hinges instead of moving up and down as the ordinary window. Mr. Bloom proceeded to elucidate the advantages of this type of window. It appears to have every advantage over the non or garden variety of push up and pull down window. It gives just twice the open apace that the latter does, because is empty, while with the common window only half the frame can be thrown open-It allows a window to be built close up against the roof, because no room need be left for pushing the window up. It is because both sides are equally accessible."

constantly ready to offer them in the ferred. beautifying of their homes," said a memincreasing number of hedges, and they are frimmed with very good taste and with regard to the best growth of this beautiful type of fence. The hedge should not be planted too thick, for it apreads greatly after it has been started, and its branches will interlock and intertwine. If it is planted too thickly it never does nearly as well as if plenty of room is given the roots

The people are planting more and more trees of a slow growing but substantial type and they are going to make this city one of the prettiest in the matter of homes It seems strange that a man will think nothing of paying \$100 for some improve ment to his yard which is made by the hand of man, and yet never thinks of getting some nice trees which would be much cheaper and just as pretty and decorative in their effect, to say the least. Take holly trees, for example, they can be bought for about \$1.50 for a tree three feet high, or \$3.50 for a tree five feet high, and what could be prettier or more desirable than one of these pretty arboreal decorations in a yard. They lend an air of substantiality.

That Paxton & Gallagner's warehouse is to be an entire block in length, extending from the Tenth street viaduct to Ninth street, with an extreme width of \$42 feet, is the latest announcement from the office of the big grocery house. When this giant structure rises up eight stories in the air, and perhaps nine, it will add of the wholesale district. With the Parlin. Orendorff & Martin warehouse, the Racine-Sattley building and the other giants of the neighborhood, the viaduct district already looks distinctly metropolitan, but its present glory will be in eclipse when the Paxton & Gallagher building and the Deere warehouse shall have been erected.

At present the contractors are working on one section of the Paxton & Gallagher building. This section is 113 feet on Jones street and 132 feet on Ninth street, the larger part of the ground the location summer. On the completion of this section it will be filled with goods, and the middle section of the old buildings will Finally the viaduct frontage will be reits place. There may be an interval between the time one section is completed

at Thirty-Fifth street and Woolworth ave- plied, will last a number of years and ture sells should be a warning to the buyer nue is nearing completion and is going to will save constant bills of expense. Poor that he is not getting pure white lead; that in Boston took fire. The wind drave the be one of the most handsome in the Boule- paint cracks and scales off in a short time, when metallic lead (the raw material from vard Park district. The electric wiring has often in less than a year, just been completed by the E. C. Bennett In selecting paint material, it is gener- at \$6.35 per 100 pounds, anybody with concompany.

trie company.

The contract for elegtric fixtures for the George E. Barton block at Nineteenth and Harney, has been awarded to the American Electric company.

tures is becoming popular. Dr. H. B. specify shoply "pure white lead and off" from fraud is not new. The peculiar in the electric in connection with extensive Mamilton, Twentieth and Binney and M. Kellner, Thirty-fifth and Woolworth, have painters, who would use the best white to linseed oil, the hard of mint and that this posterior and at all desirable each placed orders with the American lead and heat lineed oil if left to their did not touch upon white lead the pagment for cornices, cancerally overlanging ones. ment of mission fixtures.

Prospective purchasers of furnaces in little later on and as we do not need a tinseed oil also. furnace before October tst, we will decide later on. In ordinary years this of building and searcity of labor it you contemplate putting in steam, hot water or a furnace, have the work done at once If it is a question of 30, 60 or 90 days time to pay for it you can arrange terms in a very satisfactory way,

The wise people of today are the ones the private house owner to follow. help now what will it be next Selotember of October. There could not pos-

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### A Twentieth Century Cottage

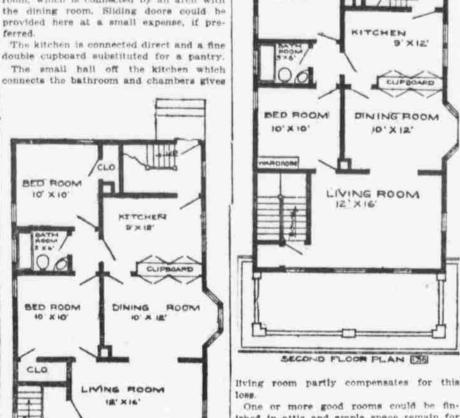


for our readers this week a duplex house. be appreciated. The front chamber also This design, while inexpensive to build, has a door opening into the living room. has a distinctive charm that is often lacking in houses of this character. The good return which an investment of this charac- stoves. ter yields warrants your careful study before deciding just what description of a house you will build.

The comparatively small extra outlay which is necessary to build a house of this when it is open the whole window frame kind and the lessening of the household duties by having all rooms on one floor are the reasons that have increased the the front chamber and substitute a wardpopularity of these houses within the last robe. The extra coat closet off the few years.

The large porch opens direct into a rethe easiest window in the world to wash, ception hall, from which the stairs start to second floor. Entering the door to our right we pass into a fine well lighted living "I think the people of Omaha are coming room, which is connected by an arch with to have good taste and a competent realiza- the dining room. Sliding doors could be tion of the possibilities which nature stands | provided here at a small expense, if pre-

The kitchen is connected direct and a fine her of the park commission. "I notice an double cupboard substituted for a pantry. The small hall off the kitchen which



living room partly compensates for this

A fireplace could be placed in the corner

of the living room and would add con-

The second floor has the same arrange

ments as the first, with the exception that

it is necessary to sacrifice the closet in

siderably to its attractiveness.

BED ROOM

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tshed in attic and ample space remain for already built he is more or less at the

At present high prices of material and painting. Even if it is newly painted, there labor this house will cost \$3,600 to build, is no certainty that he will not have to

Century Cottages," which illustrates a number of moderate priced houses. Address all letters to Home Building Department, care Omaha Bee, Omaha, Neb.

# Proper Paint and How to Use It

FIRST FLOOR PLAN

of the building material is wood. Paint is needed not only to beautify the is, no white lead at all). structure, but to protect it. Paint is really | Ready prepared paints were also exam be torn out, only to be replaced at once the life of a wood building, preserving it ined and were found to contain other solids with a section eight stories in height, from decay. In its best form, paint is a healde white lead, and other liquids beside thin casing of metal-lead-one of the few linseed oil, water being a favorite substimoved and a new structure will rise in materials which will not oxidize or rust tute for the oil. on exposure to moisture.

The importance of good paint, and, moreand another begun, but the plan for the over, a good painter to mix it right and seems to the ordinary citizen a plain case building as it is finally to be is as out- apply it right, can therefore, be scarcely of fraud. over-estimated. Good paint, properly mixed The makers of adulterated white lead for the surface which it is intended to pro-The residence of Mr. William A. DeBord tect and conscientiously and skilfully ap- and that the lower price at which the mis-

The contract for arceting light fixtures formly satisfactory to his old customers. for the new Creighton school of pharmany You cannot tell anything about the durhas been placed with the American Elec- ability of a paint when it is first put on alike when first spread.

A house owner should not make the misest bid unless a specific material has been food law. The use of mission style electrical fix- previously specified. It is not enough to The attempt to protect paint buyers company for a complete equip- own choice, will use an adulterated or or solid part. The new laws when are it entaits considerable additional expense looking through various furnace stocks. Name a standard brand of white lead alsay we are now looking and will decide a ways and if possible a certain brand of ing matter which is necessary to that white to support. Sheet metal in such a place

later on. In ordinary years this and pure linseed oil have been specified ering fraudulent paint representation has would doubtless last as long as the build-

tre telephoning their furnace men to But how shall I know good paint ma- White lead is made by corroding lead an they do years in this country. who are telephoning their furnace men to call and lock over their furnace and see terais? the house ewner saks. It is really with acetic acid. If, therefore, a small bit is extremely doubtful if any building what repairs are node. Oftentimes there are undepend on the words "pure white lead, say the size of a pea, he can't depend on the words "pure white lead, say the size of a pea, he can't depend on the words "pure white lead, say the size of a pea, he can't depend on the words "pure white lead, say the size of a pea, he can't depend on the words "pure white lead, say the size of a pea, he can't depend on the words "pure white lead, say the size of a pea, he can't depend on the words "pure white lead is made by corroding lead to therefore, a small bit is extremely doubtful if any builting of white lead so of the sure of the sure of metal sheeting has been followed by a number of other large water followed by a number of other large water form owners. The building is even a more the chances are that your at all, are sold as 'pure white lead.' For little globule of the pure metallic lead of work and copper work, which has been in striking example of good architectural de-September. All furnace men report a short- years this abuse was allowed to continue, which it was originally made. September. All furnace men report a shorts years this abuse was allowed to continue, which it was originally made use of good help and if there is a shorts so the North Dakets food. If an adulterant, such as the fact, the ferry house of the other exterior within allowed to continue, which is a short of the copper work of which the exterior tion; in fact, the ferry house of the other exterior within allowed to continue, which is a short of the copper work of which the exterior sibly be a better time than right now now famous North Dakota pure paint law. been mixed with it the mixture naturally relieut state of preservation, as far as the to the large ferry house, which was erected to get your orders booked for future at- It requires naint packages to be honestly will not reduce to metallic lead.

tem in the Wise Memorial hospital is being passage of the North Dakota paint law, it that product.

When a house is erected, it is not com- allieged "white lead" anayzed, only two of the old Parlin, Orendorff & Martin plete until the painter has finished his were what they pretended to be. The reveal information important to his pocketwavehouse, which collapsed early in the work. Especially is this so where the bulk others ranged from 10 per cent adultera- book. tion up to 100 per cent adulteration. (that

To label a package "white lead" or any thing else when it is not that material,

ally safe to rely upon an experienced mon sense shoul know he was not getting 100 pounds for it.

That is all true enough, but at the same | was readily assented unto." time it does not excuse lying labels. If a Good and poor paints may look exactly package claims to contain a thing, it should contain that and nothing else. That is the principle upon which the pure paint agitatake of asking for competitive bids from a tion is based. In this it follows the very number of painters and accepting the low- successful agitation for a general pure

or "best materials". Even some good part is that former paint laws applied only underground excavations it indicates clearly cheap white lead (so called) if they know being enacted in some states, such as to the entere of the building, not only they are in a close competition and must North and South Dakots. Minnesots, Form for the complete, last also for the frame name a very low price to secure the job. Indiana, and a few others, cover both the startf, heavier start framework being necesoil and the pigment, as well as the color- sary on account of the additional weight lead when painting in colors is desired. | would not only layer then safe from ac-

and bid upon the property owner owes it as yet been passed. The words "Pure ing. It has been frequently pointed out to himself to see that he gets the material. White Lead" on a keg mean absolutely that the life of buildings in this country he hargains for. Architects insist on have nothing unless one knows the maker to be averages about in trans. carecially the to the premises in the original packages test for white lead which is used by rail- old, if other than government or must and mixed there. This is a good plan to road companies, painters and other large within buildings, are rounted out as curiosprevent substitution and is a good plan for users of faint and which can be easily made titles on account of their age. In Europe by any one.

paint again within a year. There is one exclusive of heating or plumbing.

If you intend to build or are interested precaution which can be found, however in homes it will be money well spent if ask to see the painting specifications. If you send 26 cents for the book, "Twentieth a brand of white lead which is known to be pure is named in the specifications you may breathe somewhat easier than if they merely called for "pure white lead and oil" or "best materials." The security which this gives is not

stead of builds. If a man buys a house

absolute, as the builder may not have been watchful to see that the specifications were carried out; or, as is often done, there may have been a tacit understanding with the contractor that the specifications need not be literally adhered to. 'Nevertheless, a little curiosity on the part of the buyer of a built-to-sell house will sometimes

Men who frequently buy property for in vestment never think of buying a house without looking at the specifications, not only for the painting work, but the masonry, the carpentry and the plumbing as well. It is a good plan.

First Building Ordinance.

The first building law in Boston was prosulgated as the result of the destruction of a house by fire, for it appears that at a reent legislative hearing an order was unsurthed which was passed on March 16. 1681. The order is as follows: 'About no the chimney of Mr. Thomas Sharp's house fire to Mr. Colburn's house and burned which pure white lead is made), is selling that down also. For the prevention whereof in our new town indended this sooner to hee builded we have ordered that noe man painter whose work is found to be uni- pure white lead when he paid only \$6 per there shall build his chimney with wood nor cover his house with thach, which

Sheet Metal Versus Terra Cotta. The falling of a portion of the terra cotta cornice from one of the prominent buildings in New York City, the Waldorf-Asteria hotel, recently, came near killing erveral people. Although the falling of the corrier is ascribed to heavy blasting After a standard brand of white lead. In Nebraska no comprehensive law cov- eident, but if made of the proper material ing the white lead and lineced oil brought, reliable. Fortunately there in an easy larger ones, and buildings over 10 years buildings last aimost as many decades

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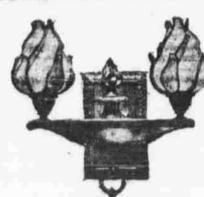
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