

THE AMERICAN HOME



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Mr. William A. Radford will answer questions and give FREE OF COST on all subjects pertaining to the subject of building for the readers of this paper.

For economy in space and careful planning of the rooms to utilize the last inch to advantage, the house design here shown is exceptionally good.

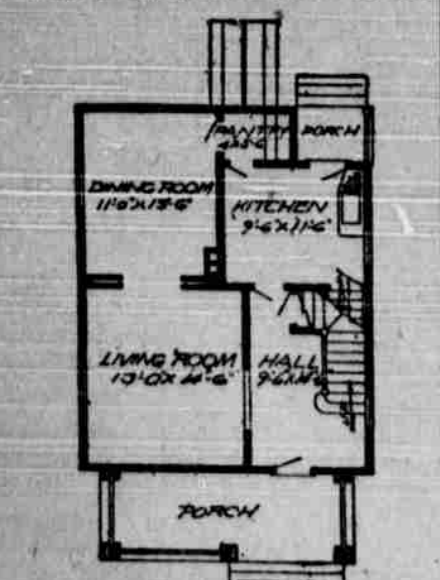
These dimensions may seem rather small to work into seven rooms, besides a good bathroom, plenty of closets, and a good lower hall with an open stairway.

We have learned how to ventilate houses so that the air in small rooms in new houses is better than the air in large homes in houses built 20 or 30 years ago.



First Floor Plan.

than three feet above grade, and many of them are more than four feet up. There was a time when cellars were confined to one corner of the house, and they were often dark, damp, dingy affairs.

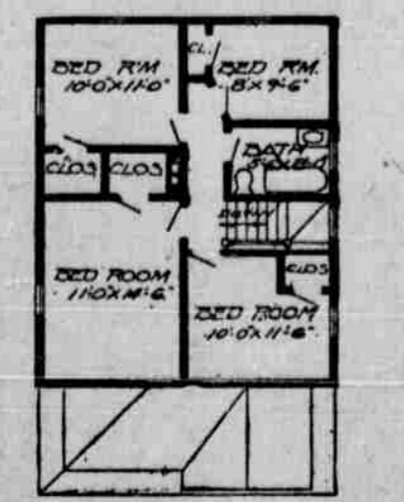


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Another improvement in the modern house is in making larger chimneys and putting more flues in them. There is a constant current of air going up through the chimney.

I know families who habitually sleep with the windows all down tight. You may pass their houses at any time of day or night, and never see a window open.

attach too many ornaments. There is something about a plain, neat house, if well proportioned, that you never get tired of.



Second Floor Plan.

Second floor heated, and you have something to be satisfied with as long as you live. But you let some architect coax you into building some fancy gothic arrangement, or add a lot of gewgaws to an otherwise sensible plan, and you will have a job of alterations on your hands before many years.

A study of the rooms in the present design will convince anyone that this plan offers a good deal of comfort for

the amount of money the house will cost. Commencing with the front hall, there is a good-looking open stair lighted both from the top and the bottom—a feature that you do not always meet with.

The living room and dining room are supposed to occupy the south or west side of the house, which is the sunny side, as these rooms are used the most.

It is impossible to have everything just exactly right; but taking this house on the whole, the plan is a good one, and it is not very expensive.

When we eat flowers we put them in water to keep them fresh. Like human beings, they can exist for long periods on water alone, as the liquid forms a considerable portion of their bulk.

Plants Use Poison as Protection. Many plants use poison as a means of protection. The sun spurge has a poisonous juice which kills any insects which approach it.

ANOTHER ROYAL PRINCE MAKES EYES at an AMERICAN GIRL



NEW YORK.—Who says that American girls win hearts by their money and not by their beauty? Whoever says so speaks contrary to truth, for facts prove that American charm can win out even when Mammon has no power to sway the balance.

Not many months ago his imperial majesty of Germany relegated his sixth and youngest son to the solitude of Egyptian lands, "for the benefit of his health," said the discreet.

Prince Joachim is young and no milkop. He had a friend who was even less of a milkop. This friend, in straitened circumstances, as the story is told, secured the prince's indorsement of a note for \$10,000, which, however, he was not able to meet when the time fell due.

Among the pupils of the Willard school was a young American girl named Olive Huntington of Norwich, Conn.

Whoever reads with even cursory interest the annals of the Kaiser's sons will readily recall the names of American girls who, at different periods, caused no small heartburning and anxiety in the imperial palace.

Other Charmers Involved. But the end of his troubles was not yet, however. In 1912 rumor connected the name of Miss Alma Orithwein of St. Louis, Mo., with that of Prince Adalbert, third and most often rumored to be convalescing in the same sanatorium near Augsburg, Bavaria.

Next came Miss Mildred Devereux to the German capital and shortly after followed the surrender of Prince Joachim to her charms. But his royal highness was not mortally wounded in this encounter, and his susceptibilities were not tested by any more American beauties until his royal father sent him into exile and the Willard school conspired with the Fates

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Many Claims to Admiration. But Olive had still further attractions for the young exile. She dances well, and Prince Joachim likes dancing. Moreover, she plays tennis, and every one knows the story of how the Kaiser's third son lost his heart and was likely to lose his rank for a tennis player.

Then Olive is a sweet, kind-hearted girl. Witness the fact that though the major share of the attentions of the young men of Norwich, Conn., has always fallen to her lot she has never aroused the jealousy of her girl friends.

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Well, whether these young people were attracted by each other's many and estimable qualities is doubtful.

It is much more probable that mischievous Dan Cupid was performing one of his usual tricks and shooting his arrows where he thought they would be likely to cause most trouble. This time, however, he was doomed to disappointment, for there was no trouble. No parents were distracted, no boy and girl lovers heartbroken. The Kaiser did not need to play the stern parent nor the Kaiserin to lose her sleep.

However, such problems did not bother either the twenty-two-year-old prince or his little Yankee friend. They were the best of chums and they enjoyed the Eastern vacation very, very much. Rumor says they were very sad at parting—and who isn't sad at the end of a good time? However that may be, Prince Joachim returned to the fatherland "much benefited in health."

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Two High Families United. Native Rulers of Indian States Subject to British Rule Become Allied by Marriage.

Two of the most powerful native ruling families of British India were united when Princess Indira, only daughter of the reigning maharajah Goekwar of Baroda, was married in London to Prince Jitendra, son of the maharajah of Cooh-Behar, after a romantic courtship.

The initial ceremony, which took place in the strictest privacy, was performed at the hotel where the young bride had been staying, and was accompanied by the customary Hindu rites.

Intense interest had been aroused in the attachment of the couple, whose wedding had first been fixed to take place in India May 5, but was suddenly called off.

FORETELL COMING OF RAIN. Animal Weather Prophets Are Among the Most Reliable of Which There is Any Record.

Cat's fur is full of electricity, and before a thunderstorm a cat is always extremely lively and playful, probably on account of its electrical condition.

Sheep turn their heads to the wind when the day is to be fine. But if they graze with their tails to windward it is a sure sign of rain.

Most birds are restless when a change is expected. Rain is indicated by guinea-fowls and partridges squalling, by parrots whistling, and by pigeons returning home unusually early.

Royal Tattooing. King George of England is tattooed. When he was duke of York he had some elaborate Japanese designs pricked on his arms and chest and personally he used to take great pride in the excellence of these skin pictures.

Miners' federation to \$93.92 in the Amalgamated Cotton Spinnery unions. The funds in the Derbyshire Miners' association amounted to \$43.19 per member.

There are 9,000 cells in a square foot of honeycomb.



The SUITORS OF Mrs. MERRIWID BY KENNETT HARRIS

MELISSA WOULD NOT BE A HARBOR HAND.

"Men are not angels, my dear Melissa," observed Mrs. Merriwid material maid Aunt Jane, threading her embroidery needle with a strand of moss-green silk and stimping a little as she spoke.

"Exactly what I say," remarked Aunt Jane, with an air of triumph. "But considered as a matrimonial proposition—"

"Yes?" said Aunt Jane. "Well, you know what people say about him."

"People exaggerate," said Aunt Jane. "At all events, nobody can find any fault with his conduct now."

"I suppose not," mused Mrs. Merriwid, "and I suppose he has been just as much sinned against as sinning."

"There are very few who do not, I'm afraid," sighed Aunt Jane. "The great thing is that he is reformed," she added.

"And they say a reformed rake makes the best husband," Mrs. Merriwid supplemented.

Aunt Jane said she had always heard so and was disposed to think it true. Mrs. Merriwid laughed. "You lovely darling!" she exclaimed.

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"I don't see any good reason why I should disapprove," replied Aunt Jane. "I believe that I'll take you down town with me this afternoon and get your eyes examined, dearie," said Mrs. Merriwid.

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filthy, disgusting and expensive habit and gives them acute nausea. Mr. Usterbee may be truly repentant, honey, but I suspect his liver has more to do with his reformation than any conviction of sin.

"Apart from that, I don't like people with shady pasts," Mrs. Merriwid continued. "A shady past always suggests to me a gloomy old swamp—slime and bad-smelling mud and dirty water with creepy, wiggly things in it and malaria and jungle fever. I like the sunlight and the open for past, present and future, myself."

"And I don't want any husband with little red veins over his nose and a shaky hand," said the lady, after a pause. "He may be distinguished looking and interesting and elegant and beautifully tailored and know no end of racy little anecdotes about people and have an annuity under his father's will and be able to order a dinner and have good taste in neckties and the very nicest kind of manners, but my gracious auntie! He's too shaky to even look up a dress for me."

"Hooking dresses isn't all there is to married life, is it, my dear?" asked Aunt Jane, gently. "Poor dear Henry Merriwid used to intimate that it was," replied her niece. "Well, Henry couldn't order a dinner intelligently, but he could eat one all right, especially if it happened to be corned beef and cabbage. He was exceedingly partial to corned beef and cabbage, poor Henry was. You wouldn't have called him interesting and elegant, either, but he didn't have

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Woman's Impelling Idea. Every woman feels that she ought to join a society for the suppression of something or other.

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