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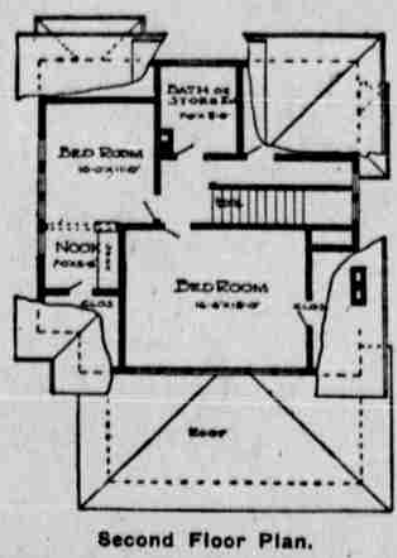


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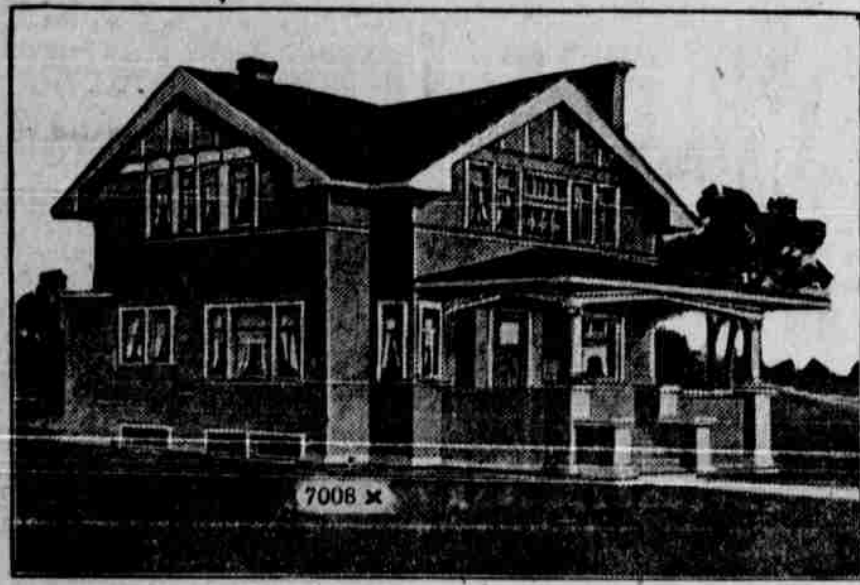
It is not at all strange that a great many people want to build "something different." They feel that the ordinary square cut house, while all right and good enough for Smith or Jones and entirely comfortable and satisfactory so long as one is renting, is hardly the desirable thing when one comes to build a home for oneself.

where between \$2,800 and \$3,800, depending on the quality of materials used and the fixtures and equipment installed.

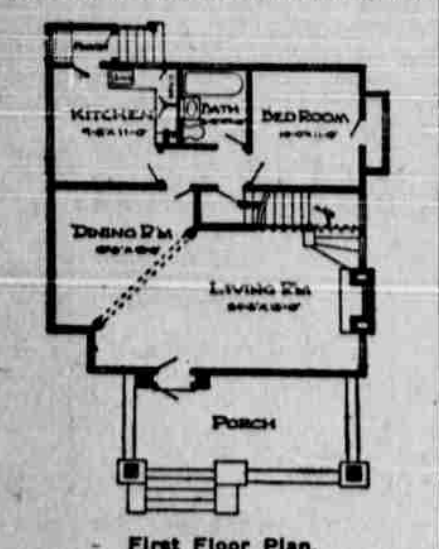


plant and plumbing system costing \$600 and electric lighting and fixtures costing \$95 were installed and all the interior walls were frescoed in lead and oil; the entire actual cost was \$3,700.

That Flute by Wireless. It is an unprecedented phenomenon in wireless telephone and telegraph which is told by Capt. Schmidt of the German steamship Solfels, who reports while bound from Calcutta and Ceylon to Philadelphia he heard the clear notes of a flute at St. Michaels, 395 miles distant from the Solfels.



yet it is one which affords a maximum of roominess downstairs, at the same time separating the dining room space to a certain extent from the living room. An open stairway going up along the rear wall of the living room also adds to the apparent space.



located by a window where the light is good. A small entryway accommodates the ice box. On the second floor there are two very nice bedrooms, besides one large store room and three closets.

less Operator Blitz called Capt. Schmidt's attention to the fact that some one was playing on the flute, the notes of which were clear and distinct to both Operator Blitz and Chief Officer Lampe.

As the wireless apparatus on the Solfels was of the Tellenfunken type, which is practically a telephone and wireless telegraph outfit combined, there was no trouble in detecting the sound, although a long distance away.

Most Civilized Nation. The question, "Which is the most civilized nation on earth?" is difficult to answer. Civilization is a very elastic term and is understood differently in different times and places.

Italy Wins Prize. Out of 142 models for the monument to Alexander II. of Russia sent in by French, German, Austrian and Italian sculptors, that presented by Prof. Raffaele Romanelli of Florence has been selected by the czar for the first prize, and the model, with certain modifications suggested by the czar, will form the basis of the monument.

HAPPENINGS IN THE CITIES

Zoological Park Mystery Solved; Ivan Is Guilty

NEW YORK.—No longer is there any mystery to be solved in the New York zoological park. Ivan is the guilty one, and now the policemen detailed to the park, the night watchman, the keepers and all the officials of the zoological society need not worry.

The keepers who would have to look for their coats soon learned this trick and paid no attention to it after a time, but just kept on working and going into the cave when they were ready to leave the den and get their belongings from Ivan's hiding place.

Two weeks ago Policeman Martin of the Bronx park station heard three sharp blasts of a police whistle. In about two minutes it was repeated, and he started to run in the direction in which the sound came from.

Pawned Jewels to Feed Cats; Husband Objects

DETROIT, MICH.—"Cats!" said the complainant. "Rats!" said the court. All the trouble in the James' household was brought out the other day in a bill for divorce filed by John D. James, and a cross bill filed by his wife, Anna L. James.

In her cross bill the wife asserted that all cats brought into the house were brought in by the complainant, who "persisted in feeding said cats whole handfuls of raw meat, which he cut up himself."

Flip of the Dice Wins Rich Oklahoma Oil Land

KANSAS CITY, MO.—A Kansas City business man who lives at the Hotel Baltimore—he says he wouldn't have his identity known for anything in the world—received the other day a big brown envelope.

The two adjourned to the bar and had a glass of buttermilk. And that was all, too, so one of the principals of the story said. "I'll shake you for the land," the oil man said. "That's a go," the Kansas City man said.

Strange Climax of Little Every-Day Incident

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—A waiter spilled a plateful of soup on a ward worker in a restaurant the other day. The ward worker made known his objections in the manner usually adopted for reformers who try to stand guard at the polls in that city.

QUEEN OF SPAIN AND HER YOUNGEST BABY



This charming photograph is the latest portrait of Queen Victoria of Spain holding in her arms her youngest child, Prince Juan, who was born last June. Victoria is fond of domestic life and devoted to her children.

FLEW IN THE NIGHT

Aviator Tells of Flight From London to Manchester. Eccentricities of Motors—Improved Mechanism and Dual or Treble Motive Power Will Do Away With All Accidents.

London.—Thus an elderly and frangible gentleman: "Flown for five years? Then, thank God you're alive, sir, and don't fly again." A view, no doubt, that might represent the opinion of many.



Claude Graham-White. Original Judges All Dead, and Case Still Hangs Fire—Final Disposition Promised.

layman; and if I had to respond merely "yes" or "no," I should be obliged to say "yes." But qualifications are needed and important ones, too.

WONDERED WHY HE SMILED

And When They Fought Out Young Couple at Wharf Found to "Get Even" With Friends. Philadelphia.—There's a certain young lady who lives on East Baltimore street near Patterson park who is very indignant.

HAPPY IN A GARRET

Genius Often Flourished in Humble Surroundings.

Where Anthony Hope Did Much of His Writing—Emile Zola's Early Days—Gray and Goldsmith's Poor Lodgings.

London.—Happiness, it has been well said, depends almost entirely on the constitution of one's habits. Which of us does not know some one or other who is unhappy solely from sheer and stupid habit?

Emile Zola, the great French novelist and essayist, allowed the whole world to know, through the pages of the Journal des Goncourt, that some of the happiest days of his notable life were those spent away back in his youth, in a garret.

It must not be imagined that Mr. Hope worked where he did from reasons associated with economy. That is far from the case, as a glance at a list of the donations and subscriptions he regularly makes on behalf of less successful brothers and sisters would amply prove.

Robert Buchanan has informed us, in his eloquent way, of his days in London with the poet Gray spent in a garret in the neighborhood of Stamford street. To be sure, they sought cheap lodgings, and that is why they were content with a garret. At first,



Anthony Hope.

when full of hope and confidence, they knew a happiness that only comes to a few. The garret was the silent witness of that great joy experienced only by the craftsman who is conscious of a creative spirit, and Buchanan, when he arrived at comparative wealth, looked back upon the almost overpowering delight that was his for a time during the days spent in Stamford street.

The dark ending of Gray's young life was, of course, fresh in Buchanan's thoughts to the last; yet just as fresh was the memory of their winged moments of ecstasy. The enthusiasm of their waking hours in the garret burnt in his soul whenever he looked back and again pictured himself there with his poet companion, anxious and ready to conquer the world of letters.

The world famous poem, "The Farmer's Boy," by Robert Bloomfield, was written in a garret. The admirers of this English poet are aware that he began his labors in the literary field in a garret in Fisher's court, and later in another garret in Blue Hart court, which are both in the locality of Coleman street, within five minutes' walking distance of the Mansion house.

Janitors Want Feather Dusters. Jersey City, N. J.—Because the board of education will not give them feather dusters in lieu of cheesecloth now in use for dusting furniture in public schools here, the Janitors threaten to strike. For hygienic reasons the board decided upon the cheesecloth method of dusting.