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# IDEAS FOR HOME BUILDERS

BY W.M.A. RADFORD.

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It is sometimes quite a problem to design a house of medium size and moderate cost for a large family. If one is able to put up a residence of unlimited size with wings and ell and third-story additions, at the same time having no thought as to the cost, the task of the architect in providing suitable accommodations for all the members of a large household is comparatively easy. All he has to think of is the architectural effect; and, other things being equal, the larger the house the more beautiful and imposing it is from an architectural standpoint. Unfortunately, however, or rather fortunately, the great majority of home builders in this country have to count the cost and have to figure to get the required accommodations in a residence of medium size and cost.

And it is just this which has brought the science of house planning to such perfection during the past four or five years. Architects have made a special study of the requirements of the small or medium sized residence with the result that today American house planning has reached a degree of perfection never before equaled.

The house illustrated herewith is one of these designs. In size 29 feet 5 inches by 36 feet and costing \$3,000 this house gives ample accommodations for a large family. The first floor is very little broken up, most of the space being given to the large living room, 13 by 28 feet; the dining room, 13 by 18 feet, and the large central stair hall connecting these two rooms. Thus more than three-fourths of the entire downstairs space is available for activities of the home life. The large porch, 26 feet 6 inches by 7 feet, forms a valuable addition also to this space.

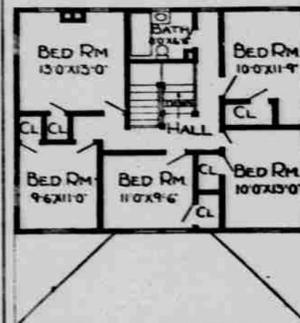
The second floor, on the other hand, is divided into five bedrooms, each rather small, yet large enough for all practical purposes. Each bed-

room has a clothes closet in connection. The general design and exterior appearance of this house is of a type which right now is enjoying a great popularity. It is exceedingly simple, being square and plain and without ornamentation, yet the low hip roof, the grouping of the windows, the projecting sill courses and the general proportion of the parts unite to make this a very pleasing design.

Cement plaster on wood lath is the method of construction used for this design. Stucco siding has been used almost to the entire exclusion of clapboards, shingles, etc., on all houses built during the past three or four years and has proved entirely satisfactory. When this form of siding

as a waterproofing coat and as an artistic coloring. Cement plaster does not require painting so often as clapboards it is true. One coat every five years should be enough to keep the building in first class condition in any atmosphere.

As a general thing the cement plaster siding is liked because it gives the impression of permanence and durability at a cost only slightly in excess of that for clapboards. At the same time it affords a slight protec-



Second Floor Plan.

tion against fire, even though wood lath is used. With metal lath the cement plaster coating may become a real fireproofing.

This design, combining these desirable modern features of materials, interior arrangement and exterior appearance is one of the best yet produced.

### RECALLS DAYS OF INDIANS

Old Church Near Elba, in Michigan, Has Had a Most Interesting History.

An old Indian church, mite relic of a bygone age, still stands on the Augerot farm, near the little village of Elba, in Michigan.

The old structure is a century old and it has been over fifty years since its walls echoed to the hymns of the red-skinned worshippers.

Standing in the middle of a large field of yellowing oats, the old church



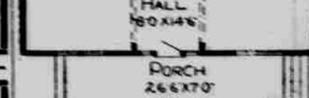
rears its square mission steeple. It serves as a monument to the once powerful tribe of Nipissing Indians.

For many years the church has been used as a granary and storehouse. A slant roof shed has been added to one side for the storing of implements. The altar and pews are gone, and where once the redskin knelt in prayer now lay heaps of grain.

Erected as it was in the days of log houses, the church was a triumph of the builder's art at that time. The massive timbers are as firm and strong as they were a hundred years ago. It is said to have been the first building in these parts sided with boards. It was plastered at one time, but this has fallen off.

On the heavy pine door can be seen the tracing of what appears to be a big round sun, probably symbolical of the deity.

Previous to about 1850 the country in this vicinity belonged to the Nipissing Indian reservation. The tribe had three large villages. One winter smallpox got into the village and hundreds of the red men died. The tribe became so small that the government opened the reservation to the whites. And today not an Indian remains.—New York Times.



First Floor Plan.

was first introduced the claim was made for it that no painting would ever be required over it. Experience has proved otherwise, however, especially in cities where there is a great deal of smoke and dirt cement plaster walls require brightening up with paint the same as any other surface. There are special paints and preparations for this purpose which do double duty in this respect, acting both

In his campaign speeches Aldrich endeavors to leave the impression that his opponent, Senator Morehead, opposed the reform measures enacted by the legislature of 1907. He even goes to the length of trying to make voters believe that Morehead voted against them. When confronted by the fact that Morehead was not a member of the 1907 legislature, nor of any other save that of 1911, Aldrich hedges and says: "I meant that if he had been in the legislature then he would have opposed those measures." All of which is one more sample of the Aldrich methods of campaigning.

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