

### Making Home of an Apartment Is Explained

Careful Judgment in Furnishing Will Make Attractive Dwelling Place in Limited Space.

Although to own one's home is the ideal of everyone, we yet have with us the cities. Cities ever mean congestion of population and when an acre of ground must form the home site for scores of families, the apartment building is the only solution. They can't be ignored by furniture designers, for a great proportion of our city residents live in them, and as long as there are city newweds, new furniture will be acquired to put into a "three rooms and bath" home. Thus the range of apartment furniture has become much greater within the last few years.

The chief objection to an apartment as a home is that it rarely has a homelike atmosphere. The homemaker has made the mistake of trying to furnish the apartment like a house, and it can't be done, successfully. Two girls of totally different types cannot wear clothes of similar design and each look her best, yet each can dress to suit her particular type and be a beauty in her own fashion. This applies to houses and apartments.

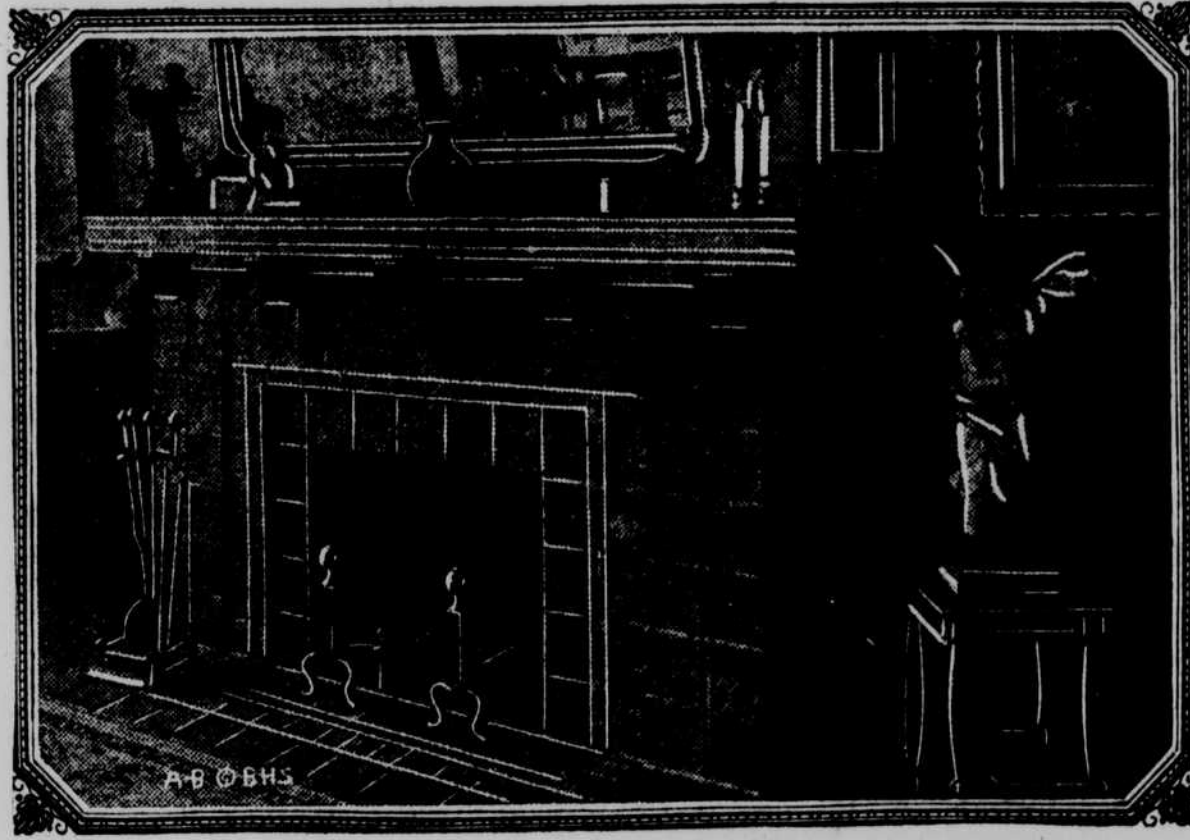
Rugs, furniture and draperies must be assembled with a thought of their harmonious relation and the space they will occupy. Oftentimes massive furniture is crowded into cramped quarters until it gives the impression of having been bought for a more pretentious establishment, and later brought to "reduced circumstances."

**Subdued Tones for Walls.**  
The first consideration must be the walls. Whether painted, papered or plastered, they should be kept subdued in tone. Large conspicuous patterns in the paper, or warm colors, red, yellow or orange, have a tendency to bring the walls close, while cool grays and tans are receding colors, which give an impression of greater space. A small apartment with French doors or wide doorways may have the walls in the different rooms treated alike, which gives further impression of space, or two of the rooms may give a harmonious contrast, with the bedroom papered with a narrow vertical stripe.

When selecting the furnishings for the apartment, the homemaker should begin with the living room. If this room properly reflects the home atmosphere, the rest of the apartment can take care of itself. It is not necessary that the furniture be of a specific style or period, or even matched, but the chairs should all be comfortable, and each piece in the room in key with the others and with the walls, rugs and hangings.

**Room Influences Color Scheme.**  
The first consideration in choosing the color scheme should be to determine whether the room is "light" or "dark." Nine chances to one are that it is dark. Thus forearmed with the knowledge that she must over-

### Furnishing the Tiled Mantel



Many odd pieces can be used to advantage by the fireplace, especially when its projection forms corners as in above illustration.

come the limitations of darkness and limited space, the homemaker has a good foundation to work from. The furniture should not be too heavy and cumbersome. Great overstuffed pieces that look well, and are delightfully comfortable in the spacious country house, are taboo in the city apartment. But there are innumerable unholstered suites of davenport, rocker and easy chair, whose slender carved or tapered legs, cane inserts and other features, give them an air of being in their proper surroundings. A good reading table is a necessity, which may be larger or smaller, according to the presence or absence of a piano. A couple of extra chairs, possibly of the comfortable Windsor type, which blends happily with most upholstered furniture, are sufficient.

The rug should not be too dark, for it would have a tendency to lower the scheme of the entire room, but should be of a neutral shade darker than the walls. The windows should have cream or white glass curtains, preferably of net, and overdraperies of light-colored chintz which carries out the color scheme, or silk in a plain color or narrow stripe, according to the taste of the owner, for the overdrapes. If there is no fireplace its glow may be simulated by shades of warm colors, red, orange and yellow, for the lamps. Reading lamps which stand on their own base are preferable to table lamps, for the limited lamp space may be utilized by books and a vase of flowers.

**Dining Room.**  
The dining room, which usually opens off the living room with French doors, may repeat the color scheme of the living room, and if not, should be decorated with a harmonious color scheme. The massive dining table, with huge bulbous legs, has no place in the small apartment dining room.

But there are many small matched suites to choose from, and the homemaker can find a suitable type, for the suites range from mahogany gate-legged tables to the painted set in which the table, serving table and china cabinet may be nested between meals in a space some 18 inches wide.

The bedroom should likewise be equipped with furniture which does not give the impression of overcrowding. Gay chintz does much to brighten the apartment bedroom, which is unusually lucky if it has more than one window, but one must take care to have it bear small patterns, rather than huge conventionalized figures of birds, beasts and flowers. Window drapes, dresser top and chair cushions will be a sufficient amount of chintz to brighten the room, even though the furniture is dark.

To demonstrate the homeliness and cheeriness with which an apartment may be decorated and furnished, the Queensborough corporation of New York recently employed an experienced interior decorator to furnish an exhibition apartment with furniture and materials suited to the style and size of the apartment and the probable means of occupant. The result was so satisfactory that the decorator has been retained to consult with the new tenants in selecting the scheme of furnishings to suit individual tastes.

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**Soft Light of Shaded Lamps Saves Eyesight**

The increasing favor of more lamps in the home is backed by purely practical reasons for the soft lights of shaded lamps. The old glory lamps that so severely tried the eyes, are rapidly disappearing and in their place now are those that are pleasant to see and use.

### Non-Essentials in the Home Are Often Helpful

Distribution of Useless But Beautiful Objects Lends Charming Atmosphere to Residence.

There are many so-called non-essentials, but if the possessing of a few of them will make for greater happiness, let's have as many as our income will allow. No one ever claimed that a mahogany fern box was a necessity, but the prodigality of beauty such a piece of furniture gives to a room, if it is filled with a feathery fern and placed in a sun-filled window, cannot be measured. A low magazine stand which will hold several books beloved by the family and the latest magazines may not be a necessity, but it is useful and in most cases good to look at. A small stand holding a glowing cluster bowl of flowers may not be essential, but it is a gorgeous touch of color and makes for the happiness of those beholding it.

Two sets of curtains at the windows may not be at all compulsory, but a fine net or shining silk tissue shirred on rods and falling softly over the glass adds beauty to the inside hangings, and makes the heart of the housekeeper swell with joy every time she looks at combined loveliness.

## Queen Anne Living Room Suite A Special May Attraction

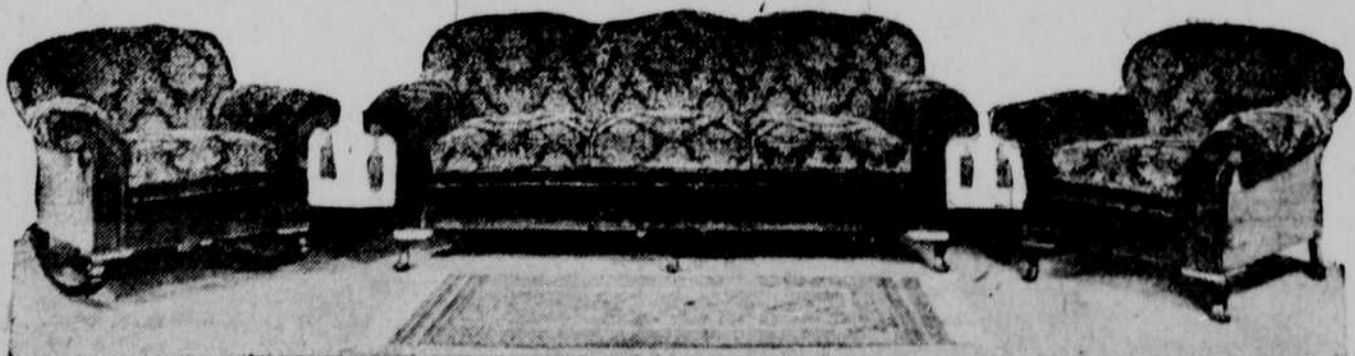
**T**HE SUITE here illustrated is one that will satisfy the most discriminating lover of home furniture and at a pricing unexcelled.

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