

For Every Woman According to Her Needs

Furnishing the Living Room



One Result of Collecting Odd Pieces of Furniture



An Unusual Placing of a Square Piano

Madras Curtains Just Soften the Light



Cosy Corner Evolved from an Old Bed

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NO ROOM deserves more thoughtful attention than does the living room, for this room must be more than beautiful—it must be comfortable and livable, and should never be mistaken for your reception room. If you have a lot of pictures on a plain paper is the best to use, and if the room is more than nine feet high use a frieze about it. There are so many beautiful friezes on the market today that a suitable one can always be found, which could be the keynote and repeat the colors of the rest of the room. If a figured paper is desired nothing is better than a good Morris paper, especially a plain dado; or, if the room is small, a two-toned paper in geometrical design, all over the wall, is a safe choice.

Unless you have a hardwood floor and Oriental rug, an all-over carpet of some dark color or of a two-tone design is always pretty and restful. The furniture for the living room should be considered carefully. The chairs, of course, must be comfortable, and they should not be so heavy that they cannot be easily moved about. If there is to be a desk, it should be one with drawers rather than cubby holes, as they often give an untidy appearance. A large, substantial table in the middle of the room, with a few books and magazines on it, arranged in an inviting way, is attractive, if the room is not too small.

Antique furniture is the prettiest, and this, if bought in the right way, is not very expensive. You may have many a weary hunt in the slimy parts of the town for dealers in second-hand furniture, or you may have to stand for hours at some auction, waiting to bid in a piece or two, but your labors will be forgotten, or else the furniture will be an almost endless delight to you.

How much pleasanter it is for a young couple, just starting out to furnish in this way. To make little pilgrimages to quaint little towns in the vicinity in quest of odd pieces, to timidly bid at auction sales and to contrive to make things for the home together. Whichever it is to look back on our list of the things we saw? We see our mistakes, too; but we have profited by them, and we delight in our little home, for it belongs to us and we to it. A young bride once told me with pride that she furnished her home through-out in three days, but the house speaks for itself. I saw, when going over it, no touch of the things we saw, though, though costly, were most commonplace, and how could they be otherwise? The pieces of furniture in the accompanying illustrations were practically

all picked up in the way that I have described. The square piano cost \$20 at an auction sale. It is a splendid piano, with a beautiful tone. These can almost always be found at this price, as the modern houses are so small that there are comparatively few that have room for them. When placed straight against a wall, these pianos are ugly, but when placed out in a room, or in a bay window (as in the illustration) the effect is rather like that of a grand piano, and gives an imposing air to the room.

The cozy corner shown is just a bed which was not in use. The end of the bed is put against the wall, and the green color curtain goes over it and the pillow lean against it. The top of the bed was not used, for the end rests on two soap boxes. This makes a most comfortable lounge and is a great deal better than nothing, for there should always be some such thing in a living room. The chair shown in the illustration was picked up just as it is at a sale for \$2.50, as was also the Windsor-back chair near the piano. The mahogany rocker is only an imitation and cost \$5. The curtains in this picture are made of cream serim, and are stenciled with

the form of a small tin pincers or tongs. Not only does it make hulling more expeditious, but it saves much handling of the berries, which is a decided item in its favor. For washing strawberries destroys the flavor, and the picker's hands are not always above reproach.

A very rapid and easily managed cherry sander somewhat resembles a miniature meat chopper. It can be fastened to any table, and the cherries are rapidly and easily sanded. There are also apple parers, one on each great red apple are set whirling to bring off the skin and take out the core at one and the same time, and a mighty short time at that. Only the woman who has made apple butter without a parer knows what a boon the instrument is.

Since appendicitis has cast its pall over the land, the grape seed has been under the ban. How to rid oneself of these seeds since eat them we may not have always been a problem. Eating them from the mouth, even when done in the daintiest manner, is objectionable, besides ruining the flavor of the grape. Fortunately, once more the inventor saves the day with individual grape knives. These are almost exactly like the orange knife that every tourist brings from Florida, save that they are small and have two small prongs at the end.

Not long ago the skin in thin slaxings has been put on the market, though there are several that are supposed to be made of rubber. Now, even Mark Tapley could cheerfully contemplate provisions transported at great expense for the purpose of sleeping in bags or in tents, rather than in a tent.

A useful appliance when cooking is to be done by a campfire is a grate-looking very much like a folding steel foot-stool. This can be set on green logs and the fuel underneath economical. Frequently when on a canoeing trip tents are not carried, the party, even if they are not in a tent, are in rubber blankets. This is all right when the sky is particularly stormy, but scarcely pleasant when clouds do smother themselves in the wet, small hours.

For the permanent camp, tents are, of course, essential. These must be absolutely waterproof, as the most enthusiastic camper knows, heart under a leaking canvas. Most of us can stand a couch that is not downy, but a water-soaked one is a wrath-rouser.

of glass, little old-fashioned panes have been put in, and these look quite quaint with the dainty swiss curtains against them. In the long ride of four or five months, that is the only house that stands out in my memory. The others all express so much sameness.

The arrangement of the living room and the finishing touches are really what tell. There should be a comfortable chair for reading near the window, and one near the artificial light, and hanging over the place as to have good light by day or night. The chairs should be arranged so as to make one sit straight or two or three little ones. There should be one or two good ornaments and a few small photographs about give a personal touch to a room, which is always desirable, as we want our living room to be different from that of a hotel.

Have a plant or two and a few flowers, and here let me remind you that there are lots of ways of arranging flowers, and individuality can be brought to bear in the arrangement of flowers as much as in anything else. A few long sprays of honeysuckle placed in a bowl on the top of a bookcase or quickly made of lattice work, which comes in beautiful shades of golden brown, green and red. This cloth is of very coarse weave. Put the threads so as to make a two-inch fringe all around. Knot two of the threads together at intervals of about two inches, so as to prevent it from fraying, then work a simple design, such as the wall of Troy, with a heavy embroidery thread. Pretty table covers can be made of reversible silk finished off with a bull fringe.

The pillows should not be too light or they suggest the bedroom. They can be made of anything, but the former is the colors that count in pillows. Often beautiful remnants of cretonnes or toiles are picked up for a song and will make very handsome pillow tops. There should be at least one silk pillow on the lounge, or something that is equally nice for the face, if one is tempted to lie down.

point of actual distance, it should be so secluded and "wooded" as to give the impression of being far from the madding crowd." Get into the mountains or hills, if possible, and by all means choose a place where there is water, if it is but a little stream in which a few fish may be caught for breakfast. Canoeing or boating adds much to the pleasure of this aquatic existence, and the question of carrying provisions is much simplified if meat and fish can be supplied by the budding Nimrods and Waitons of the party.

Also, eschew a place where the pestiferous mosquito does abound. Nowadays we have head nets for day and tent screens by night as a part of every camping equipment, but it is far easier to avoid their haunts.

IN CAMP

THE utter dependence of the present generation upon luxuries and the speedy decadence of civilization consequent thereby has become the slogan of the calamity howler.

Almost, when in our cities, might we be tempted to turn gloomy at these prophecies. Personal ease—yes, personal extravagance—is certainly a marked characteristic of the modern day, so marked that were there no other side to it, one might fear we were fast becoming a race of sybarites. Fortunately, there is another side, and that shows, if need arose, we could forego our lives of ease and return to the sturdy ways of our fathers.

If we are as dependent on mere bodily comforts as the croakers declare, why is there an increasing desire to rough it for at least part of the year? Women as well as men are going into the woods for their recreation. They want to get as near to nature as they can, even at the cost of mere physical conveniences.

For the benefit of those women who have never enjoyed this specially restful and health-bringing recreation, yet feel they would like to try it this summer, if they but knew how such things were managed, a short discussion on camping, its comforts and discomforts, may not come amiss.

The selection of a site is important. Though it need not be far away in



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Wash Day

These couches, by the way, may be, if one can afford it, a pneumatic mattress and pillow, or a comfortable cot, but quite as refreshing slumbers can be had on Indian boughs or even fresh straw, lightly covered by a rubber or wool blanket.

The problem of food, even in the wilds, is easily solved in these days of soup and bouillon tablets, dried eggs, onions and potatoes and other vegetables, condensed milk, evaporated fruits, cereals and sweet chocolate. One noted camper gives a food list for four persons for two weeks, including twenty-four pounds of flour, ten pounds of cornmeal and thirteen of pork and bacon, with all the rest of the supplies, shredded lard, sugar, butter, coffee, beans, rice and the compressed foods above mentioned only amounting to three-quarters of a pound over the hundred-pound mark.

Clothes for camping must depend largely on how rough the life is to be and in what climate and season. Woolen stockings and light woolen undershirts are the compressed foods above mentioned only amounting to three-quarters of a pound over the hundred-pound mark.

For instance, a woman who is to stay two weeks in one place may be permitted greater variety in dress. White waists and even duck skirts are proper for dress-up occasions in these days when it is a comparatively easy matter to do them up in camp. With a pleated rolling pin and washboard and one of the ever-hot alcohol lamps shown in our pictures, it is an easy matter to wash out stocks and blouses and press wrinkled skirts.

Then no woman would think of going into camp without complete sewing apparatus and some universal remedies, such as brandy, adhesive plaster and absorbent cotton, which hazel, arnica, quinine, mustard, a chemical thermometer in consultation with a hypodermic syringe, and a few specific remedies, such as the individual carrying them is likely to need. As for the hot-water bag, stay at home, if you must, rather than go

into the woods without one. All of these personal belongings may be carried over the shoulder in a light waterproof pack, so that the frailest woman does not feel her burden. Of course, in a permanent camp one may allow herself many more comforts. By the way, do not let a mistaken sense of it being "sporty" to be uncomfortable deprive you of perfectly allowable conveniences.

Draw the line hard and fast on mere luxuries, but do not fret on necessities; and, above all, do not think it expedient to the simple life to be miserably uncomfortable when in camp.