

# NEWS OF THE BUSY HOME BUILDERS

## GOOD PLACE TO PUT THE TILE

Vestibule Should Be Floored with a Durable Material.

## SWINGING WINDOWS ARE USEFUL

Novelty in a Summer Cottage Presented as a Practical Idea for Use in Home Construction.

"The part of a house which will naturally receive the greatest wear ought to be made the most substantial," said F. M. Hamilton, the tile man. "The part which usually shows wear first is the vestibule of the front door. This ought, by all means, to be floored with tile, for it is the material which will last longest and look best. It costs very little more than wood and has no paint to wear off, and to make the house look shabby at the place where people observe it the most."

"Those swinging windows are really the 'only thing' to have on a house," said Alvin Bloom, one of the owners of a cottage on the Red and Gun club grounds at Courtland beach. The Bloom cottage is equipped with very wide windows, which open toward the inside on hinges, instead of moving up and down as the ordinary window. Mr. Bloom proceeded to elucidate the advantages of this type of window. It appears to have every advantage over the common or garden variety of push up and pull down window. It gives just twice the open space that the latter does, because when it is open the whole window frame is empty, while with the common window only half the frame can be thrown open. It allows a window to be built close against the roof, because no room need be left for pushing the window up. It is the easiest window in the world to wash, because both sides are equally accessible."

"I think the people of Omaha are coming to have good taste and a competent realization of the possibilities which nature stands constantly ready to offer them in the beautifying of their homes," said a member of the park commission. "I notice an increasing number of hedges, and they are trimmed with very good taste and with regard to the best growth of this beautiful type of fence. The hedge should not be planted too thick, for it spreads greatly after it has been started, and its branches will interlock and intertwine. If it is planted too thickly it never does nearly as well as if plenty of room is given the roots. The people are planting more and more trees of a slow growing but substantial type and they are going to make this city one of the prettiest in the matter of homes. It seems strange that a man will think nothing of paying \$100 for some improvement to his yard which is made by the hand of man, and yet never thinks of getting some nice trees which would be much cheaper and just as pretty and decorative in their effect, to say the least. Take holly trees, for example, they can be bought for about \$1.50 for a tree three feet high, or \$3.50 for a tree five feet high, and what could be prettier or more desirable than one in a yard. They lend an air of substantiality."

That Paxton & Gallagher's warehouse is to be an entire block in length, extending from the Tenth street viaduct to Ninth street, with an extreme width of 42 feet, is the latest announcement from the office of the big grocery house. When this giant structure rises up eight stories in the air, and perhaps nine, it will add a distinct improvement to the appearance of the wholesale district. With the Parlin, Orendorff & Martin warehouse, the Racine-Sattley building and the other giants of the neighborhood, the viaduct district already looks distinctly metropolitan, but its present glory will be in eclipse when the Paxton & Gallagher building and the Deere warehouse shall have been erected.

At present the contractors are working on one section of the Paxton & Gallagher building. This section is 113 feet on Jones street and 152 feet on Ninth street, the larger part of the ground the location of the old Parlin, Orendorff & Martin warehouse, which collapsed early in the summer. On the completion of this section it will be fitted with goods and the middle section of the old buildings will be torn out, only to be replaced at once with a section eight stories in height. Finally the viaduct frontage will be removed and a new structure will rise in its place. There may be an interval between the time one section is completed and another begun, but the plan for the building as it is finally to be is outlined above.

The residence of Mr. William A. DeFord at Thirty-Fifth street and Woolworth avenue is nearing completion and is going to be one of the most handsome in the Boulevard Park district. The electric wiring has just been completed by the E. C. Bennett company.

The contract for erecting light fixtures for the new Creighton school of pharmacy has been placed with the American Electric company.

The contract for electric fixtures for the George E. Barton block at Nineteenth and Harney, has been awarded to the American Electric company.

The use of mission style electrical fixtures is becoming popular. Dr. H. B. Hamilton, Twentieth and Harney and M. Kellner, Thirty-fifth and Woolworth, have each placed orders with the American Electric company for a complete equipment of mission fixtures.

Prospective purchasers of furnaces in looking through various furnace stocks say we are now looking and will decide a little later on and as we do not need a furnace before October 1st, we will decide later on. In ordinary years this might do, but with the immense amount of building and necessity of labor if you contemplate putting in steam, hot water or a furnace, have the work done at once. If it is a question of 30, 60 or 90 days time to pay for it you can arrange terms in a very satisfactory way.

The wise people of today are the ones who are telephoning their furnace men to call and look over their furnace and see what repairs are needed and get them ready at once. Oftentimes there are unavoidable delays and if orders are placed now, the chances are that your work will not be done before late in August or September. All furnace men report a shortage of good help and if there is a shortage of help now what will be next November or October. There could not possibly be a better time than right now to get your orders booked for future attention.

The electric wiring and the signal system in the Wise Memorial hospital is being installed by E. C. Bennett & Co.

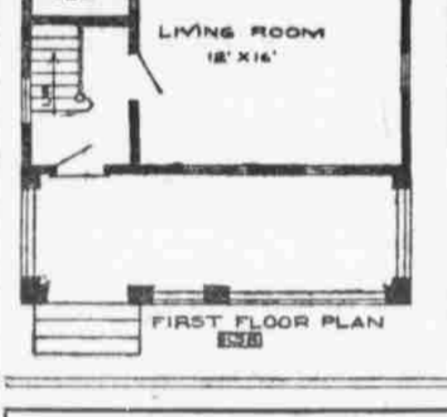
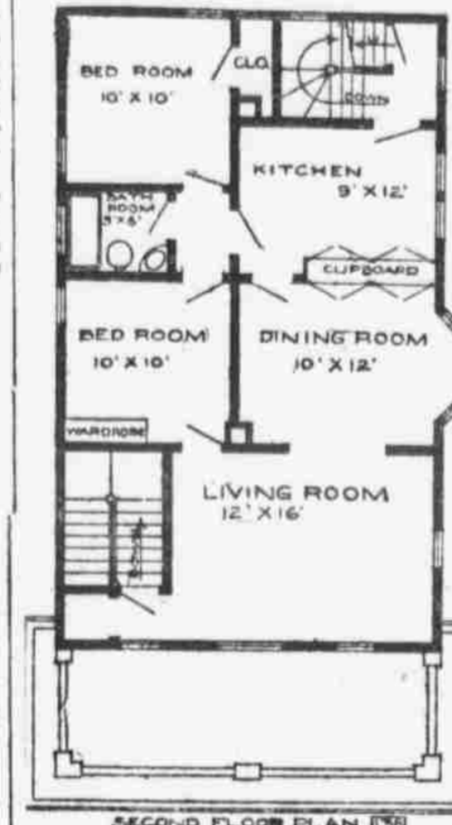
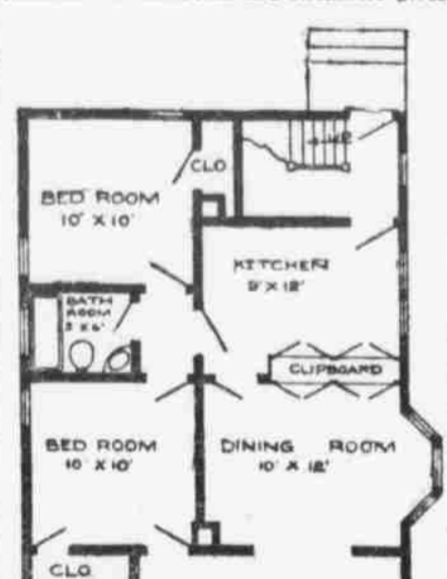
## A Twentieth Century Cottage



As stated in our last issue, we illustrate for our readers this week a duplex house. This, a design, while inexpensive to build, has a distinctive charm that is often lacking in houses of this character. The good return which an investment of this character yields warrants your careful study before deciding just what description of a house you will build. The comparatively small extra outlay which is necessary to build a house of this kind and the lessening of the household duties by having all rooms on one floor are the reasons that have increased the popularity of these houses within the last few years. The large porch opens direct into a reception hall, from which the stairs start to second floor. Entering the door to our right we pass into a fine well lighted living room which is connected by an arch with the dining room. Sliding doors could be provided here at a small expense, if preferred. The kitchen is connected direct and a fine double cupboard substituted for a pantry. The small hall off the kitchen which connects the bathroom and chambers gives

this part of the house a privacy that will be appreciated. The front chamber also has a door opening into the living room. The arrangement of chimneys permits of these rooms being economically heated by stoves. A fireplace could be placed in the corner of the living room and would add considerably to its attractiveness. The second floor has the same arrangements as the first, with the exception that it is necessary to sacrifice the closet in the front chamber and substitute a wardrobe. The extra coat closet off the

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## Proper Paint and How to Use It

When a house is erected, it is not complete until the painter has finished his work. Especially is this so where the bulk of the building material is wood. Paint is needed not only to beautify the structure, but to protect it. Paint is really the life of a wood building, preserving it from decay. In its best form, paint is a thin casing of metal-lead—one of the few materials which will not oxidize or rust on exposure to moisture.

The importance of good paint, and, moreover, a good painter to mix it right and apply it right, can, therefore, be scarcely over-estimated. Good paint, properly mixed for the surface which it is intended to protect and conscientiously and skilfully applied, will last a number of years and will save constant bills of expense. Poor paint cracks and scales off in a short time, often in less than a year.

In selecting paint material it is generally safe to rely upon an experienced painter whose work is found to be uniformly satisfactory to his old customers. You cannot tell anything about the durability of a paint when it is first put on. Good and poor paints may look exactly alike when first spread.

A house owner should not make the mistake of asking for competitive bids from a number of painters and accepting the lowest bid unless a specific material has been previously specified. It is not enough to specify simply "pure white lead and oil" or "best material." Even some good painters, who would use the best white lead and best linseed oil if left to their own choice, will use an adulterated or cheap white lead (so called) if they know they are in a close competition and must name a very low price to secure the job. Name a standard brand of white lead always and if possible a certain brand of linseed oil also.

After a standard brand of white lead and pure linseed oil have been specified and bid upon, the property owner owes it to himself to see that he gets the material he bargains for. Architects insist on having the white lead and linseed oil brought to the premises in the original packages and mixed there. This is a good plan to prevent substitution and is a good plan for the private house owner to follow.

White lead is made by corroding lead with acetic acid. If, therefore, a small bit of white lead is placed in a small jar, and subjected to the heat of a gas or candle flame, directed upon it by means of a blow-pipe, it will return in a few moments to a little globule of the pure metallic lead of which it was originally made. If an adulterant, such as chalk, barytes, writing, silica or any of the other earthy materials used to cheapen white lead, has been mixed with it the mixture naturally will not reduce to metallic lead. It is a good idea to make tests until a pure white lead is found, fix the brand or maker's name in mind and always use that product.

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