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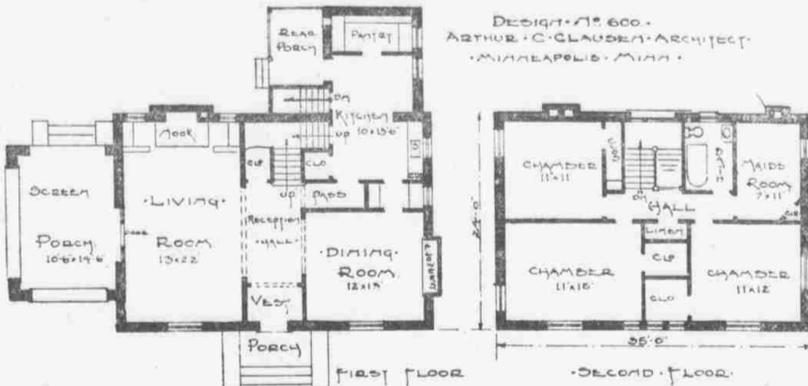
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THE description of an entire house might be covered under the head of Odds and Ends, since it is composed of a great many details, each of which should be carefully studied on its own merits and then in proportion to all other features in which it comes in contact. It is a well known fact that most people put a great deal more into their home than they at first had any intention of doing. The reason for this is not that they make any radical change in their original ideas, which might have been built for the amount they intended to expend, but that they do not seem to realize that the cost of a house is composed of an accumulated cost of a great many different items, and when they increase the cost of each a slight amount, it means in the total a considerable additional expense. For example, in considering the interior finish, they may decide to use a little better grade than they had first contemplated, having found out that it would only increase the expense \$20. When it comes to the flooring, in order to obtain a little better grade than they might get along with, they add another additional expense of \$3. In selecting the plumbing fixtures, they find that there is a great variance in the cost as well as the appearance; the cost of a bath tub alone varying from \$18 to \$125, while \$22 pays for a first-class tub, they decide to put in a \$45 tub in order to have it a little more stylish in appearance, without having increased the quality. So the accumulation of these little extra expenses amount up to a high figure.

There are some things on which it does not pay to economize. The painting for one, plastering being another item. All cement and masonry work should be of the very best, although there can be a considerable difference in the cost of face brick work. A good face brick can be obtained from prices ranging between \$19 per thousand and \$20 a thousand. While some special brick, when shipped a long distance costs more than \$40, they are not commonly used. When brick costs less than \$19 a thousand they are usually considered as common brick, but even these when selected, make a neat appearing building when the color is pleasing. The color of common brick vary in the different localities, according to the kind of clay from which they are made.

Architects are sometimes criticized for not using what is known as stock finish, stock doors, stock windows, etc., throughout a house, his drawings frequently calling for these items in sizes and styles requiring that they be made to order. The only thing which makes stock finish cheaper than that made to order is that it is made of a little inferior quality of materials, run in a hasty manner and in a more convenient time of the year than finish prepared for each individual job. The result is that the moldings are not always true, knots frequently appear which mar the appearance, but the most common failure is that the stock frames, doors, etc., often have very rough places on the surface. Also in the handling they are sometimes badly marred and for these reasons it is very difficult to make neat appearing work with stock finish. The writer recently prepared the plans for a man who makes the best part of his living selling stock frames and finish. It happened that this same gentleman had, on several occasions, tried to get the writer's consent to substitute stock finish for specially prepared finish on several orders that had come through his hands. When it came to planning his own home, however, he gave orders that the drawings and specifications call for specially prepared finish, remarked that he wanted no stock finish or frames in his house. He stated laughingly, "It's all right to sell, but I don't want any of it in mine." This is possibly one of the few items which calls for an increase in cost over what it might be put in for that is worth while.

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corners of the rooms. Some people will build a home without the aid of technical experience and never realize until the home is practically complete that their living room lacks a wall space wide enough for the piano, and that some of the bed rooms lack wall spaces of proper sizes for the beds, dressers and other wall furniture. Wall lights are sometimes so placed that a door, when standing open, will swing against it. Then again, doors sometimes open so that they stand against other doors. Sometimes in the arrangement of bed rooms this cannot be avoided when it is a closet door that the hall door stands against when open, although this is not such a serious matter, but would look better if it has a free wall space to swing against.

A door in opening into a room, should open in such a manner that one stepping into the room would be stepping into the main part of the room and not be in a corner and have to swing round the end of the door, changing hands on the door knob meanwhile, while entering a room. Since windows are a part of the inside of the house, adjoining the exterior, they should be considered in their correct relation to both. While the arrangement of the first floor is the most important, it is usually easier to arrange satisfactory than the second floor. By having everything arranged satisfactorily on the first floor, the second floor in its arrangement is superservant to it as to location of windows, stairways, chimneys, etc. For this reason both floors should be kept in mind and both planned together, in order to meet all the requirements and get the most satisfactory results. To have a window come in the center of a certain wall space on the first floor and be directly under a window to a bed room, and not have it take up desirable wall space for furniture, is sometimes a difficult matter. Here is where the building of a home becomes a science. Like all things which should be arranged on scientific principles and include a great many items, the working out of all its details should be left to those who have made it a study. It is not a difficult matter to plan a home, but to plan one containing the most convenient arrangement and attractive appearance that one's means will afford, having it simple, but tasty and homelike in every respect, is a very difficult undertaking, especially when one considers that every home is a problem in itself, there being very few homes exactly alike.

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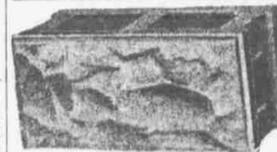
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