

## Heavy Increases in Building

Building throughout the country could scarcely be in a more satisfactory condition than it is at the present time. It has not been so active all along the line as it is just now for many years. Permits were taken out in seventy-five of the leading cities in April, according to official reports to Construction News, for 25,965 buildings, involving a total cost of \$1,271,671, against 22,366 buildings, aggregating \$1,066,521 for the corresponding month a year ago, an increase of 15.7%

CITIES	1911 No. of Buildings	Estimated Cost	1912 No. of Buildings	Estimated Cost	Per Cent Gain-Loss
New York (Heros, Mann. & Bronx)	1,416	\$11,564,567	1,574	\$16,562,727	18
Chicago, Ill.	1,345	2,345,000	1,699	1,581,100	9
Roseton metropolitan district	1,117	1,128,000	1,269	4,706,000	32
Brooklyn, N. Y.	1,054	1,679,000	983	2,674,000	59
Philadelphia, Pa.	1,000	4,662,000	1,797	2,640,000	54
Detroit, Mich.	971	2,096,400	1,289	1,820,000	60
Los Angeles, Cal.	1,032	1,654,651	1,212	1,211,000	64
St. Louis, Mo.	1,072	2,418,200	753	1,724,000	40
Portland, Ore.	968	2,265,000	726	1,845,000	27
Minneapolis, Minn.	957	2,145,100	707	1,277,000	31
San Francisco, Cal.	955	1,915,600	507	1,583,100	31
Rochester, N. Y.	909	1,730,200	599	1,075,000	36
Milwaukee, Wis.	900	1,624,413	568	1,231,900	23
Indianapolis, Ind.	898	1,525,200	501	620,000	102
Kansas City, Kan.	830	1,504,700	602	1,072,514	27
Seattle, Wash.	820	1,336,200	1,160	902,000	37
Atlanta, Ga.	817	1,008,700	531	857,000	15
Newark, N. J.	814	1,128,777	381	704,000	47
San Diego, Cal.	814	1,065,421	384	389,000	173
Washington, D. C.	809	1,248,174	491	1,945,000	46
Pittsburgh, Pa.	807	1,008,700	457	857,000	15
Cincinnati, O.	1,206	947,000	1,023	507,000	46
Albany, N. Y.	779	994,000	226	211,107	124
Hartford, Conn.	771	776,000	252	257,000	67
St. Paul, Minn.	767	805,700	221	965,000	19
Buffalo, N. Y.	760	848,000	313	918,000	8
Richmond, Va.	754	764,000	313	918,000	19
Baltimore, Md.	750	706,000	287	525,000	25
Columbus, O.	747	745,700	287	525,000	29
Oakland, Cal.	740	742,700	408	624,510	16
Louisville, Ky.	730	705,000	287	525,000	25
Houston, Tex.	724	695,700	281	525,000	25
New Haven, Conn.	714	690,000	115	205,000	116
Denver, Colo.	713	611,500	296	402,220	34
Springfield, Ill.	704	605,000	287	525,000	25
Worcester, Mass.	693	588,000	264	277,000	52
Toledo, O.	692	555,400	212	267,417	52
Omaha, Neb.	683	604,520	247	352,300	41
Dallas, Tex.	673	595,700	247	352,300	41
New Orleans, La.	672	524,327	217	252,000	51
Birmingham, Ala.	663	523,700	217	252,000	51
Fort Wayne, Ind.	658	523,000	217	252,000	51
Jacksville, Fla.	650	477,600	182	166,116	65
Memphis, Tenn.	648	466,116	182	166,116	65
Norfolk, Va.	641	466,116	182	166,116	65
Paterson, N. J.	638	466,116	182	166,116	65
Wilmington, Del.	637	466,116	182	166,116	65
Spokane, Wash.	636	466,116	182	166,116	65
Sacramento, Cal.	635	466,116	182	166,116	65
Evanston, Ill.	634	466,116	182	166,116	65
Chattanooga, Tenn.	633	466,116	182	166,116	65
Berkley, Cal.	632	466,116	182	166,116	65
Salt Lake City, Utah	631	466,116	182	166,116	65
Dayton, Ohio	630	466,116	182	166,116	65
Passaic, N. J.	629	466,116	182	166,116	65
Duluth, Minn.	628	466,116	182	166,116	65
Lincoln, Neb.	627	466,116	182	166,116	65
Peoria, Ill.	626	466,116	182	166,116	65
Topeka, Kan.	625	466,116	182	166,116	65
San Antonio, Tex.	624	466,116	182	166,116	65
St. Joseph, Mo.	623	466,116	182	166,116	65
Nashville, Tenn.	622	466,116	182	166,116	65
Cedar Rapids, Ia.	621	466,116	182	166,116	65
Charlottesville, Va.	620	466,116	182	166,116	65
Teaneck, N. J.	619	466,116	182	166,116	65
Stockton, Cal.	618	466,116	182	166,116	65
Portland, Me.	617	466,116	182	166,116	65
San Jose, Cal.	616	466,116	182	166,116	65
Springfield, Ill.	615	466,116	182	166,116	65
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	614	466,116	182	166,116	65
Tampa, Fla.	613	466,116	182	166,116	65
Oklahoma City, Okla.	612	466,116	182	166,116	65
Colorado Springs, Colo.	611	466,116	182	166,116	65
Harrisburg, Pa.	610	466,116	182	166,116	65
Pueblo, Colo.	609	466,116	182	166,116	65
Totals	25,965	\$1,271,671	22,366	\$1,066,521	15.7

There are signs in many of the seventy-five cities, there being unusual activity in the larger places; in fact, the most significant feature of the accompanying table is that the sixteen cities which, because of their large population and volume of building operations, head the list, maintain an unbroken record of gains of somewhere from 2 to 17 per cent, indicating that prosperity in the building lines, which had been a little god in some of the larger cities, has come to stay.

The table is more interesting than usual to the student of business conditions and statistics. It will be seen that the decreases are either in cities in which there has been considerable activity heretofore or in remote or small places which, taken upon the whole, have practically no bearing upon the situation. There is every assurance that construction will continue active.

# THE HOME BUILDERS PAGE

Some Pointers on Paints

By Arthur C. Clausen.

**A**BOUT the first thing in the new home which shows defects is the paint and varnish. Any one of a number of things can be the cause of the paint and varnish troubles. While the failure of paint or varnish to stay on is often laid to the material, it is as often the fault of the man who applies it as it is the fault of the man who manufactures it.

Assuming that the paint is a first class article, it will in most instances, permit of slight adulteration, with pure raw oil, never, however, to exceed one quart to the gallon on dark colors, with a smaller quantity for light colors. This makes it flow a little easier, and paint should always flow easy and be brushed on, for if put on too thick, it will invariably crack and peel off. This is one reason why it is advisable not to put on more than two coats the first year, including the priming coat.



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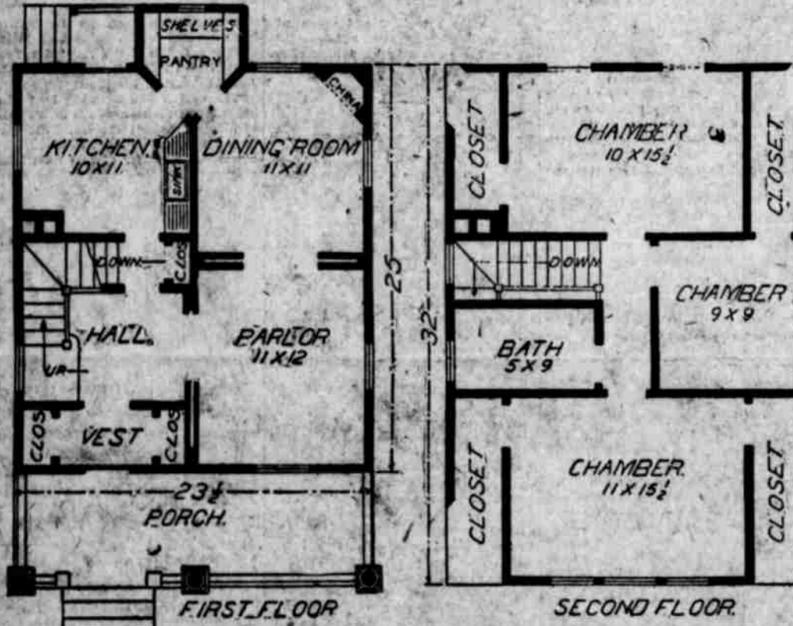
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No. 1 thin out paint with turpentine. Always use the best quality of linseed oil. Be sure that the priming coat and each succeeding coat is thoroughly dry before applying the next coat. While a good paint appears dry in about two days, a better job results from allowing it to stand for about ten days before applying the next coat. Even good paint, if put on too thick or on wet or damp wood, will peel off.



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