

The Home Circle



ECONOMICAL IDEAS IN HOUSE FURNISHINGS

When one is the fortunate possessor of a house where the floors in all of the main rooms are finished in hardwood, the matter of attractive floor finishing is a simple one; but when, as is usually the case in the average rented house, the flooring is of ordinary pine wood, the question is not so easily solved. A great many women seem to think that in this case the only solution is to entirely cover the floor with carpet, or else have a carpeting with a plain ingrain fitting about the border or else matting with rugs. This plan, however, should only be adopted when the wood flooring is entirely too rough or uneven for any other treatment, as in nine cases out of ten the pine wood flooring is susceptible of very good results if properly treated. Any good paint shop can give the proper stains to use. The floor is first scrubbed thoroughly, then any rough places are sand papered. If the flooring is in fairly good condition the floor stain is next applied, two coats of stain and one of varnish.

Each coat of stain should be allowed to thoroughly dry before the next one is added, the varnish being carefully put on as a finish.

A floor treated in this way can be kept in perfect condition by a semi-monthly application of floor wax, rubbed on with one dry cloth and polished with another. Stairs and hallways may be treated in

the same way, small rugs or hall runners being used down the hall, the stairs being quite uncarpeted and varnished as described.

The effect is very much the same as the hardwood when the floor is well covered with rugs, and these stained and waxed floors are suitable for any apartment.

WINDOW DRAPERIES AND CURTAINS.

The treatment of the windows of a room is most important.

The fashion now is to use two sets of curtains in most rooms, a sash curtain, which hangs close to the pane and a second long curtain, although in some of the upstairs rooms, in the smaller bedrooms and the like, the sash curtain alone is often preferred, the second sketch in the drawing showing a good style for the bedroom window. These sash curtains may be made of dotted or embroidered swiss ruffled on the edge, or plain net with trimming of bands of flat braid.

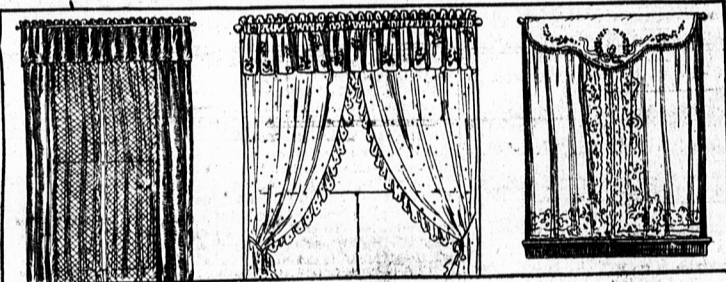
The first sketch in the plate showing ideas for window furnishings was sketched from the window of a little reception-room. The walls of the room were paneled and showed a predominant note of soft rose color, and the curtains were in rose damask made with a valance at the top and rather narrow side curtains. Fringe was used as a

finish and the curtains were hung on two rods, the valance being made with a casing in which the brass rod was run.

The fashion for lace curtains in these down-stairs rooms is to use those of the ecru tint, almost all the handsome curtains shown being in this yellowish coloring. Some very exquisite curtain sets are shown, consisting of a flat lace panel, which is used as the sash curtain and just fits the window pane, and long curtains of cream net laid with irregular bands of lace with elaborate face patterns, these second curtains hanging full and to the floor.

Silk or velvet hangings may be added, or a valance top alone may be used. An effective window is sketched in the third design in the plate, this one showing a lambrequin top of green velvet, embroidered in gold in a wreath design. Gold fringe finished the edge, and although in the sketch the sash curtains alone are drawn, long full curtains of ecru net and lace were also used. These valance and lambrequin tops are especially good in a large room with a very high ceiling, as it lowers the apparent height of the windows and gives the room a cozier look.

In the country house the decorators show wall papers and cretonne draperies to match, the designs usually being in flower patterns on a light ground.



GAITERS AGAIN IN VOGUE.

Gaiters are quite fashionable again, the fad being partly accounted for by the popularity of low shoes for general wear.

The smart gaiter of the season is either made to order to match the tailor gown or else those of gray, tan or black cloth found in stock in the shops.

The bootmakers are also showing shoes with gaiter tops, in an imitation of the overgaiter, but the detachable gaiter, worn over Oxford ties or a heavy street pump, are much better style.

UTILIZING OLD CARPETS

Few housekeepers seem to realize what excellent results can be obtained by sending old carpets which are faded or discolored to the dyer's and having them colored in plain red or green, two colors which are generally most successful among the dyed shades. Have the worn pieces taken up, and when sent to the dyer's, and you will be surprised at the result achieved by the cleaning and coloring process.

I have also seen carpets which were dyed a rich dark blue, but the art greens and reds are usually the safest choice.

Carpets and portiers are also treated in the same way.

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SMART GOWNS FOR VARIOUS OCCASIONS

Although the modes of the winter season rather prone to elaborateness, some of the smartest gowns seen, are made in very simple lines. Indeed, much elaboration is to be found in a gown capable to be disastrous. For instance, I recently saw a frock of silvery bluish gray Japanese crepe, the material of which cost just 50 cents a yard, but which, when made up, could bear comparison with frocks which probably cost many times the price.

The sleeves, by the way, were a very attractive feature of the gown.

The princess gown has been so often referred to in the fashion columns and so frequently seen during the past few months that it can no longer be spoken of as among the novelties, but there are still some charming new models which show the princess lines. Frankly, however, it is not to be generally commended, as it really takes an exceptional figure to appear to the best advantage.

The material of the frock was broadcloth of a soft olive shade. The material was gored and smoothly fitted to the figure and was quite untrimmings as the skirt portion, which was very graceful in its lines and was made rather long. The upper part of the corsage was trimmed

with ahired puffs of chiffon velvet, of the same shade as the gown put on in a sort of crisscross, as shown in the sketch. The bodice was so cut that it appeared to button over at the shoulder, the little short sleeves also continuing the line of velvet-covered buttons. The hat designed for this gown was of old blue French heaver, with a shaded blue coque plume drooping over the brim at the side. On the left side of the front was placed a large creamy rose, with foliage, and about the low bowl crown was a band of velvet and silver gauze.

The center figure shows a very good model for a short fur-trimmed coat, the style, shown in the sketch being an excellent one either for cloth or velvet. The costume from which the sketch was taken was in gray broadcloth, the little revers collar and the cuffs being of chinilla fur. The network design, which shows about the shoulders and down each side of the front and decorates the girdle, was carried out in gray velvet out lined with very narrow cord of the same shade. The front of the coat was scalloped to the bust line, the scallops being piped with the velvet. Below these scallops were four flat velvet bows, each

with a cut steel button in the center, these cut-steel buttons also extending down the rest of the coat front. The sleeves were of elbow length and were worn with long gray gloves. The skirt was of the flaring 10-gored style, every other seam being strapped and a design of cut work being set in on the alternate panels this formed.

The third figure shows a pretty style for a gown of thin silk, cologne, silk muslin, crepe or like fabric. The trimming used was lace of two kinds—Irish lace insertion and Valenciennes edging. The collar was of the Irish lace bands, with a plaited frill of the Valenciennes lace about the lower part, and these plaited ruffles edged the strip of insertion set into the upper part of the waist, as a study of the sketch will explain.

The upper part of the waist was tucked crosswise in yoke effect, and the elbow sleeves were also tucked crosswise into the inner arm seams. The skirt was tucked about the upper part, and was trimmed with strips of the Irish lace inserted in panel fashion above a hem inlet by a strip of the same lace.

DOROTHY DALE.



A WOMAN'S BACK IS THE MAINSPRING OF HER PHYSICAL SYSTEM.

The Slightest Backache, if Neglected, is Liable to Cause Years of Terrible Suffering.

No woman can be strong and healthy unless the kidneys are well, and regular in their action. When the kidneys are ill, the whole body is ill, for the poisons which the kidneys ought to have filtered out of the blood are left in the system.

The female constitution is naturally more subject to kidney disease than a man's; and what is more, a woman's work is never done—her whole life is one continuous strain.

How many women have you heard say: "My, how my back aches!" Do you know that backache is one of the first signs of kidney trouble? It is, and should be attended to immediately. Other symptoms are frequent thirst, scanty, thick, cloudy or highly colored urine, burning sensation when urinating, frequent urination, puffing under the eyes, swelling of the feet and ankles, floating spots before the eyes, etc.

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HALTING BETWEEN TWO OPINIONS.

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for the same reason. We do not feel like denying the existence of God, or saying that Christianity is a vain show; we have too much tradition lying back of us. We know that there lived such men as Paul, as Luther, and Wesley; we cannot thrust Spurgeon and Moody aside; they still exert an influence over us. Every day we are surrounded with the facts of Christianity. We do not feel like renouncing it altogether, but on the other hand, we do not want to wholly renounce the world. Its pomp and splendor appeal to us by gratifying our sinful natures. And to many of us this double course seems a necessity in the present state of our civilization. While I do not think that any combination of circumstances can warrant such a course on the part of you and me, I am quite certain it is most dangerous in more respects than one. It tends to build up a double nature, which is dangerously near to hypocrisy. It familiarizes us with the bad until the bad has lost its terror; it familiarizes us with worship, until the worship itself becomes hollow. We can pray and gamble, sing psalms and deceive our neighbor, worship God in the forenoon, and gratify self in the afternoon. "A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways." Take my word for it, brethren, it is better to act as you pray, or stop praying.

But again in the text before us Elijah appeals to the common sense of Israel. "If God be God, follow Him; if Baal, then follow him." It is wonderful condescension on the part of God to ask man to show cause for the course he is pursuing. "Come," said He to Israel, "let us reason together; though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow, though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." So our Lord said to Saul on his way to Damascus: "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me." He gives the persecutor an opportunity to explain himself, to show cause for the course he is pursuing, to justify himself if he can. And now let us ask ourselves today, why we are halting between two opinions, or trying to serve God and the world. The only reason why we should be religious at all, is that we are face to face with the problems of sin and holiness. If we can not get rid of sin and have our natures brought into harmony with God, there seems to be no necessity for religion. You and I have no doubt about God's being able to

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God can sin and create us anew in Christ Jesus. To assure us of this, He has given us His only begotten Son, who has taught us that through Him, God can be just and the justifier of them that believe in Jesus. This is just what you and I need to-day. Sooner or later somehow we must have the difficulties removed from between God and us. More than that, we must have our natures cleansed and refined so that we shall love the good and feel at home among the true and pure. To have this accomplished, there must be no halting between two opinions. We must learn to shun every species of evil and cleave to that which is good. If we seek God with our whole hearts, He will be found of us, and become our Friend and Saviour. You and I believe this most heartily. Why then should we halt between two opinions? God wants us on His side, wants us to be workers in His vineyard. He wants to show through us and by us, His manifold wisdom. For this He has given us life, and all things necessary to make life happy. Why should we then attempt to carry the world in one hand, while with the other we attempt to serve God? "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me?" I think if I were

a lawyer, I could make out a strong case for Saul, but I could not make out a case for myself, while halting between two opinions. Let me then in the name of the Crucified of Galilee, urge you to put yourselves wholly on the side of His cause. You believe it is right, you believe He is able to help and save you, and I know He wants your help in His Church. But you say "I cannot join the church because it contains so many hypocrites." Now be honest with yourselves. You do not believe a word of that statement. You know as well as I do that there are more hypocrites outside the church than within it. If the statement were true, it would not help your case and mine as individuals. We shall each give an account of himself to God, as to why we are halting between two opinions; and it seems to me that not one of us would dare to say at the Judgment, we did not know it was necessary in order to be saved, that we put our case wholly in the hands of God. What reasons shall we then give on that great day, for the double character we have built up, and for the opportunities we have left, that might have been improved? I leave the question with you. "How long halt ye between two opinions. If God be God, follow Him, if Baal, then follow him."

LITTLE GIRLS GIVE BENEFIT CONCERT.

TORONTO, Feb. 15.—Four little tots of girls have arranged to give a concert in St. Andrew's Hall on the 23rd inst. In aid of the new General Hospital. They waited upon the Mayor recently, and his Worship readily undertook to preside at the concert.

PILES

DR. CHASE'S OINTMENT.

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