1937 IS HOME *IMPROVEMENT* YEAR

The Year For Putting Men Back To Work

REMADE KITCHEN FOR WIFE WORKROOM FOR SON MODERN HOME FOR SELF

—Now that Old Man Winter has folded up the time has arrived when the householder feels the urgent need to repair, improve and generally fix up his home. Most people have been holding their breath for the last few years, content to keep groceries in the cupboard, clothes on their bodies and shoes on their feet. No money for extras; not much time to think about them. Times have changed, however. With the depression gradually fading money is "happening" along for improvements and repairs, not necessarily extensive but at least for additions which add to the liveability of the home.

With the wealth of material available it has come to be a simple matter to make almost startling charges in cellar or attic to convert waste space into bedrooms or workshops. Those with a flair for carpentry work need only to equip themselves with a hammer saw, rule, T-square and plane and some nails to do any of the jobs required in erecting walls to make an extra room in attic or cellar—and get a "kick" out of it at the same time.

The Boy's Workroom

Householders who cannot handle carpenter's tools will find it a paying invesment to provide a playroom or study for the boy or girl as a retreat. It is good psychology for the young boy to have a workshop in the basement he can call his own, a place where he can work and play with no one to bother him about leaving mud on the floor or cluttering up the living room.

In remodelling a room or providing an extra room from the useless attic there is ample opportunity for backgrounds or real distinction. The formula for doing it successfully is to strive for individuality in decoration in the use of wallpaper or paintbrush. There is a choice of knotty pine or any of the special wallboards for an informal room is being made in the basement an attractive fireplace can be built at the base of the chimney.

There is no end to the things that can be done throughout the house when it comes to improvements. Old-fashioned windows can be made into bay windows with fairly simple alterations which will provide much more light and increase the attractiveness of the home from the exterior. Old style archways can be refashioned and replaced with French doors to present a very modern effect, while there are a variety of methods of treating the combination living and dining-room to transform from the old to the new.

There are hundreds of things that can be done inside the home that will make it more attractive for every member of the family. In the kitchen, admittedly an important department of the home, built-in cupboards may be placed to give the housewife adequate space for her utensils, these cupboards must, of course, be specially made to fit their place; the unsightly pipes underneath the sink can be boarded up to create a handy cupboards must, of course, be specialy made to fit their place; the unsightly pipes underneath the sink can be boarded up to create a handycupboard for pots and pans; corner cupboards can be made to take care of things constantly used.

Good Advice

There is always plenty of repair and maintenance work to be done on the outside of a house, such as painting, repairing masonary, stucco walls, roofs, gutter-pipes and wood-work. People who want to make their homes look modern can do so easily enough, but this requires a knowledge of architecture, and if the job is extensive an architect should be consulted.

It is becoming increasingly popular to make use of the decks of flat roofed houses as outdoor living-rooms with the use of awnings and weatherproof furniture. It is quite practical to make an attractive place to lounge or indulge in sun baths on a flat roof at no great expense.

House Wrapped Up Makes Big Parcel

A House wrapped in cellophane! Yes, its true. More than a mile, about 4,000 feet of the transparent wrapper has been wound around a seven-room house near New York City, a house which was opened this week to the public by little Mitzi Green, the child actress. It is said to be the largest "parcel" ever "wrapped." The house contained a number of surprises for those interested in the latest things in home construction and equipment.

The house was opened when Mitzi pulled a string causing an opening in the wrapper at the entrance sufficiently wide to allow people to enter. All through the house electricity has been applied wherever possible.

In the kitchen of this show house equipment has been installed that not only saves time and effort but also contributes to sanitation and prevention of disease. There is an apparatus that assorts and washes all dishes by electricity. The garbage pail has been completely eliminated by another electric machine. By the flick of an electric switch all refuse is ground to pulp and washed away. There is also an electric range that, through a system of clocks and timers reduce cooking time to a fraction of what it was formerly.

One side of the house is walled with glass bricks.

TRANSPARENCY OF WEDDING GOWNS DECIDEDLY NEW

Transparent wedding dresses are decidedly in vogue this spring. There is a white silk mousseline dress with a quaint ruffle around the neck, and puffed sleeves, which buttons all the way down the front. The skirt of this model swirls into a train and is trimmed with deep scallops edged with a tiny ruffle. A long veil is worn and is held in place with an old-fashioned circlet, leaving the head exposed.

Another lovely model is in the Victorian manner, using white silk crepe satin with a tight-fitting bodice. Over this is worn a tucked apron and fichu of net. A long spray of flowers fastened to the skirt, follows the line of the apron. A short veil is worn with this frock.

"We can go right ahead without worry under the HOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN"

Perhaps you've been waiting for years to modernize your home, doubtful of your ability to finance the work. Now — you can go right ahead. It's simply a matter of deciding on the improvements you want most and getting an estimate of their cost. You'll be surprised — and delighted — at the number of jobs the Home Improvement Plan will fit into your budget.

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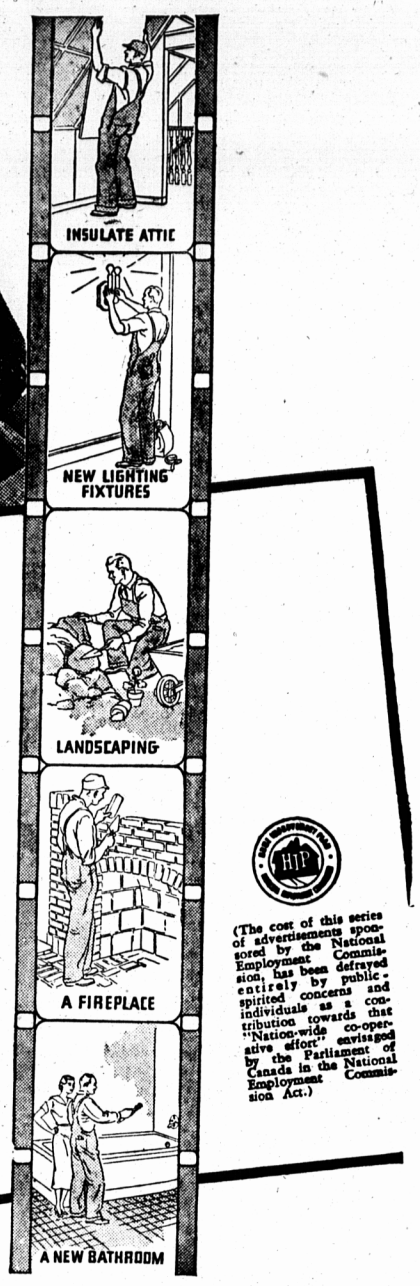

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Hall Bedroom Becomes Colorful Attractive Room

Scourge of all city houses a decade or so ago, the hall bedroom finds new use today with the magic of modern decoration. No longer need the tiny cubicle be shunned because it is cluttered up with heavy furniture, its walls dark and dreary, and the sun which streams through its one window too bright or the room too dark and airless with drawn blinds.

Funds can be obtained from any bank under the general terms of the Home Improvement Plan at a low rate of interest for the rejuvenations of these rooms, and they often become one of the most attractive in the house.

One housewife who decided to do over such a room in her house painted the woodwork ivory and used a light figured wallpaper on the walls. The ceiling was painted a pale blue, the color of the sky. Floors were repainted and varnished. Venetian blinds were hung at the windows, allowing air without too much sunlight on a hot day. Net curtains were used to take away the feeling of bareness without cluttering up the place with silks or chintz.

Furnishings of the room, bought with the family's own funds, were simple. A spool bed, a dresser, a small but comfortable chair and a table were all that were needed. The result was a cheerful room that was its own welcome to the overnight guest.

Painting Hints

A word about painting. Very dry, old wood should have an extra amount of oil added to the paint to satisfy the absorption: in this case allow extra drying time. Use a priming coat and a finishing coat. Some firms make a special galvanized iron primer for this purpose. Be certain before painting over shingles that they have been weathered. In any case try out one or two, and leave the rest for a day or two, because sometimes stains are used for shingles that will discolor the paint. Never paint on a damp surface.

The successful use of color in painting depends upon simple rules One of the most important is that the color chosen should be suitable for the object to be painted—one does not paint a grand piano a porch grey, nor an old iron stove baby blue. This, while obvious, is a point which should not be forgotten, because while one would do anything so outrageous as to paint an old iron stove in baby blue, nevertheless lesser blunders are just as offensive to a particular person.

Another is that color schemes do not need to be drab; nor with all the colors which it is possible to use, do they need to be commonplace and hackneyed.

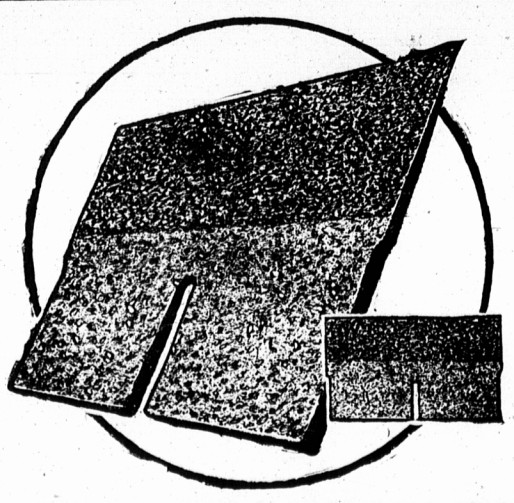
Vitality for Kitchen

Kitchens offend in this respect. Few are really as nice as they can be and are regarded as failures. Commonplace color schemes have no place in as vital and busy a place as a kitchen.

The much overdone green and cream scheme, for instance, while not in apy sense of the word wrong, is not the only alternative to oak graining, grey paint and antique plumbings! More satisfaction is dedived from gay, colorful vitality which pleases everyone who enters, than from any other room in the house.

Think of Night Light

Light has a powerful effect on color, too. Many shades which are bright and gay in the sunlight are dull and unattractive under artificial lighting. If your room is used as much in the evening as in the morning you should plan your lighting so that the quality of the daytime colors will be preserved under electric bulbs. The most important fact to keep in mind is that the color should be subtle in tone in a room that is much lived in. Strong obvious blues and reds bring on a feeling of uneasiness, while pastel shades are more restful.



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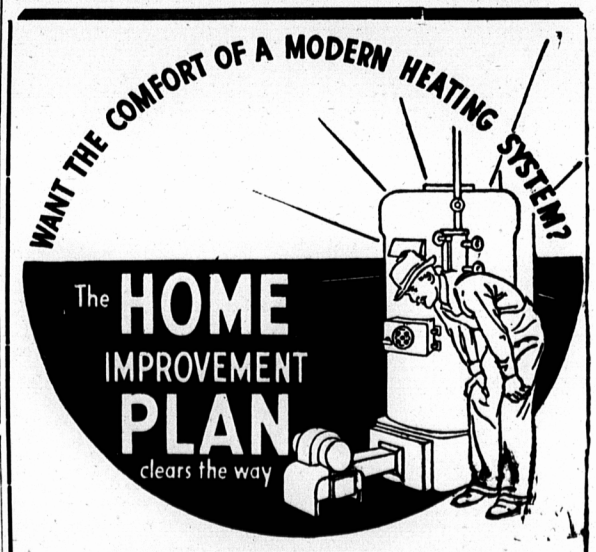

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