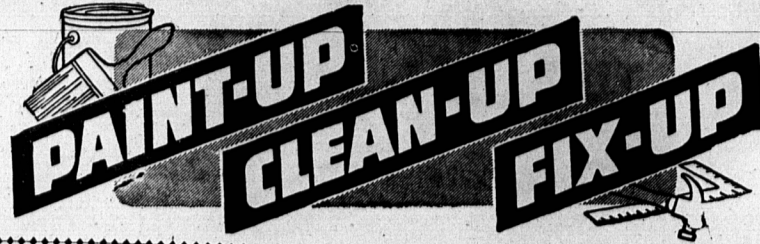


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Light The Way

Simple Touches Bring Beauty To Outdated Rooms

Dressing up a room in this day of simple lines frequently means dressing it down. Except for the house that harks back to the Victorian era, a lot of frills are out of place in a room that is to be what the name implies—a living room.

The walls of a living room had been finished in a rough plaster and had panels of narrow moulding. An ornate mantel with a fancy mirror occupied one wall. The electric light fixtures were highly ornamental.

First of all, in the rejuvenation of the room the pane's were removed. The walls were finished in

Another Small Room Possible by Planing

Frequently, the space needed for adding another small room, such as a play-room, sewing-room or extra bathroom, can best be obtained by combining a little used hall-end and a small clothes closet. The resulting floor plan may not be regular, but a skillful workman will so arrange the layout at small cost that the irregularities are an advantage instead of a hindrance.

an off-white shade and there were no light brackets or other ornaments to detract from the few pictures which the hostess decided to hang.

A plain mantel was substituted for the more ornate one. An unframed mirror was hung over it. White venetian blinds were hung at the windows and took the place of glass curtains.

With this background the housewife combined modern furniture and some pieces which had been in the family for generations. The room depended on these furnishings for colour, the background being without a trace of it.

Persian scatter rugs lent brilliance to a grey carpet. Modern versions of Victorian chairs were covered in plum and gold damask and a sofa was upholstered in chartreuse satin. Lamps were white. Cigarette boxes and other accessories were Chinese.

An Oriental vase and a bowl of white flowers were the only mantel decorations. The reflection of the room in the mirror, added to the impression of spaciousness.

The room, although its furnishings were formal, gave an appearance of a livable apartment, thoroughly enjoyed by the members of the family.

Funds for redecorating and modernizing the home are now available under the generous terms of the Home Improvement Plan.

Cords and Outlets

Wall outlets for electrical devices used in the kitchen, pantry or butler's pantry should be placed at table height. This permits the use of shorter cords with cooking utensils, eliminating coils that are likely to get in the housewife's way.

Proper Placing Of Living-Room Is Important

One of the first things to think about if planning to build a home, is orientation. This, in other words, is placing the living-room and principal bedroom where they can secure the most light and the prevailing summer breezes.

Rooms should be arranged for easy circulation and if it is a bungalow, the bedrooms should not open directly into the living-room, dining-room or kitchen. There should be a minimum of floor space that is not in rooms.

The principal room is the living-room, and it should be both airy and roomy. A fireplace is not absolutely necessary, but it is highly desirable, particularly during those long, cold, dreary months of winter. A location on a long wall is usually preferred, and windows may be at corners, or set to divide the wall spaces in interesting fashion. Illumination may be supplied by wall brackets. French doors could be built to open on the porches.

The Dining-Room

Another important room is the dining-room, and it, too, should be of good size, although not necessarily as large as the living-room. The dining-room may, if necessary be omitted, but in this case, the living-room should be more spacious. Bay windows serve well in a dining-room, which should be designed to accommodate its special furniture.

Kitchens, of course, should be designed as work shops, with place for meal preparation, food storage china storage and cooking range. It should be well lighted with electrical illumination over the sink.

Bedrooms, too, must be of good size, and long, narrow rooms, which provide superior accommodation for attractive furniture, are better than square ones. This type of room is especially suitable to corner window. Lights should be placed between beds, over dressers and in the ceilings.

A home-owner who desires a panelled room, but who, in the past, felt that he could not afford one, will be pleased to learn that there are now a number of compositions on the market that simulate wood. In future, every home builder may have panelled rooms, if he so desires.

An electric flatiron has been invented that contains a reservoir for water, which issues in the form of steam from the point of the device to dampen clothes being pressed.

Seek Pieces To Ensure Comfort

Have you been anxious to replace the old divan with a bright and lovely new one or with two love seats or a love seat and a chair? And how about that little table to go beside the chair that everyone avoids because it looks so lonely standing over there by itself? Or, perhaps it is a boudoir chair for the corner of your bedroom that your heart is set on.

Well, now is the time to get these things. Buy whatever house furnishings you need now. Stores are filled with a breathtakingly handsome array of lovely pieces—priced to give the consumer a break.

Regardless of the amount of money you have to spend or what kind of furniture you need, look for prices that will prove lastingly as well as currently in style. And measure the space each is to occupy before you plan to get new drapes and change your living room color scheme any time soon, select the new divan with the drapes you hope to buy in mind rather than the present ones.

There are many times when it is better to have another chair and a table rather than to overcrowd a small room with a full-length sofa. Also, sofas with full padding over deeply rounded backs and arms look much bulkier than sofas with trim, slender lines and shallow curves, although both may be the same length.

And there are places where nothing but a love seat or short sofa should be used, or perhaps a modern corner sofa which gives full seating capacity but occupies little wall space. Remember sofas during the sale period.

Convenient Cabinet May Be Built

If you need extra room in the bathroom and have a small space which may be utilized, you can build a cabinet which is divided in three sections. A Home Improvement Plan modernization loan, obtainable from any Canadian bank may be used for this purpose.

The centre section, which is backed with a mirror, has a ledge that may be used as a dressingtable. Side cabinets have glass shelves on which bath bottles talcum and other accessories may be set out. Below the shelves are drawers for linen supplies.

Indirect lighting from the back of the cornice will eliminate annoying shadows on the mirror.

Variety Is Keynote of Modern Decoration

The day when the four walls of a room were prosaically the same have passed. The decorators who set the trend in wall fashions have heard that "variety is the spice of life" and laid their schemes accordingly.

For the housewife who loves color feels that plain walls would set off her furniture and rugs to better advantage, the idea of a metropolitan decorator is recommended. The walls of a living room are finished in a dull blue but on one side directly opposite the fireplace a panel is covered with figured wall paper.

The gay colours are reflected in the mirror which hangs on the opposite wall. This idea may be used over a fireplace when the housewife does not have a picture or other object which she considers a suitable decoration for the spot.

Under the Home Improvement Plan funds for interior decoration may be had at a very low rate of interest. These may be repaid over a period of three years, if desired, in small instalments.

Good Roof Is Essential To Home Comfort

Watch your roof, Mr. Home-builder, for more grief can arise from a faulty roof than a defect in almost any other part of the house.

The quality of a roof depends largely on the manner in which the component parts are nailed. Cyp builders often practise their unholy art in reckless abandonment when putting on the roof, for here they have unusual opportunity of hiding shoddy material and skimped work.

A real carpenter lays the boards of his roof close together, and many of the best builders use matched and dressed lumber and build roofs that will shed considerable quantities of rain water before they are even shingled.

A good roofer always looks to his sheet metal flashings, his gutters and covering, and always insists on abundant lapping material. Wood shingles are properly laid in rows, commencing with a double tier with a lap of an inch.

Cedar shingles are the most common, and when pine are long-lived and weatherly, they are not extensively used. The best of all, however, are cypress shingles, for their longevity and weather-proof qualities are proverbial. They seem to improve with an accumulation of moss, rather than deteriorate. Unfortunately, however, they have to be imported and their cost is usually high.

During the past few years, various types of asphalt composition shingles have been used extensively. They are good, serviceable shingles and have displaced wood shingles in popular favor. The symmetry of their placing is an attractive feature.

Yes, a home builder must watch his roof, for if it is not built sound and weather-proof, it will mean nothing but trouble and expense in the years to come.

Make Kitchen Fixtures Fit The Housewife

Important in the utility of kitchen equipment is the ease and convenience it affords the user. Correct working heights for sink, tub and work tables or counters eliminate much necessary stooping and reaching. Toe space at the base of equipment where one naturally stands to perform tasks and knee space where work

For Nursery

The walls in the play room or nursery should be painted to be thoroughly practical. Then little fingerprints can be washed off easily and the room will always look clean. If you do not care for the plain appearance of painted walls, have a design stenciled around the top as a border.

may be done sitting is essential too.



Is the Wiring MODERN?

Electricity is playing a more and more important part in making the new homes really modern. That is why you should consult an electrical expert before you build or remodel. Then you will be sure that one of the most important parts of your home will be efficient and up-to-date.

PLENTY OF OUTLETS

Eliminate the fire-risk of old faulty wiring and at the same time give your home plenty of baseboard and wall outlets, smart new wall switches and modern lighting fixtures.

We have a staff of licensed electricians at your service. Our work is thorough and our charges are most reasonable.

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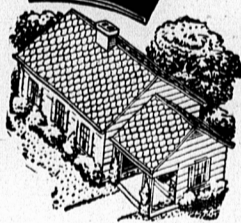
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