



DESIGN No. 76
Lower Floor 708 Sq. Ft.
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This four bedroom Colonial home will be appreciated by a large family. The center hall plan permits excellent traffic circulation as members of the family can enter any room or basement without disturbing the other areas. The spacious first floor den with lavatory

could be used as a fifth bedroom. The roomy kitchen with combined breakfast nook will easily hold all the modern essentials of a well-run home. Exterior is a combination of stone and frame, but instructions for building in brick are supplied. Design is suitable for electric heating.

low ample drying time. (I've often marveled at the durability of the human pelt.)
INFO ON MARBLE CARE
QUESTION: Where can I learn about taking care of a good marble-top table?
ANSWER: Right in your home town, ma'am. Write to the Marble Institute of America, 848 Pennsylvania Building, in contact, they had an excellent booklet on the whole sub-

First Aid For Ailing Houses

By ROGER C. WHITMAN
LOTIONS ON MAHOGANY
QUESTION: I have a solid mahogany dresser top on which several face lotions and creams were spilled. This left the wood's finish very rough and spotted. How can I remove the spots and smooth the dresser?
ANSWER: By this time, I doubt if anything short of a new finish is worth while attempting. Just wipe on paint remover to

take off the finish (be sure to follow the directions). Sand the whole business glass - smooth, restrain any worn-down spots. Then a prime coat of thinned-down fresh shellac, followed by three or four thin coats of top quality clear varnish. Sand lightly between coats, and al-

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ject. Price, I believe is 25 cents and very well worth it.
LATEX PAINT DRYING TIME
QUESTION: Does water-mixed latex paint have enough durability to be used on kitchen walls and ceilings. Or, must I always use enamel, which is so sriny
ANSWER: Just give the latex paint its stated drying time before getting it wet, and it will last on any walls and ceilings, with great washability. Another note: If gloss enamel is too shiny for your taste, you can get semi-gloss and eggshell finish, with all the excellent qualities of gloss enamel.
HOW TO DRY UP A DRIPPY TANK
QUESTION: Winter and summer, our flush tank drips so steadily that I have had to renew the floor covering twice.

Isn't there some way to keep the outside of the tank from becoming so wet all the time?
ANSWER: There are, in fact, several ways. The trouble is the cold water entering the tank, makes it so cold that when the warm, humid bathroom air strikes it, the humidity condenses. If you can either make the tank itself warm, or if you can insulate it from the air, the sweating will stop.

A plumber can install a simple Y-shaped valve which will admit a little warm water with the cold, thus raising the water temperature, making the tank warm. You can buy chenille tank covers at many department stores, to insulate the tank from the air. Or you can put a foam plastic liner in the tank, to keep the water from chilling the tank. Kits for this job are widely available in hardware stores.

SAFETY FIRST FOR STEPS
QUESTION: Due to circumstances, my wife's mother will be moving in next month. She's getting along in years, so I want to make my house as accident-free as I can. Is there any non-skid treatment for concrete porch steps. Even though not icy, they're inclined to be slippery when wet.
ANSWER: If a day above 50 comes along, you can paint with vinyl plastic latex paint, which can be used on a damp surface. If necessary, while the paint is

still wet, generously scatter sand, which will make this a real nonskid finish.

LEAKY LAUNDRY TUB
QUESTION: - My basement laundry tub of concrete has developed a leak through a crack in the bottom. Can this be fixed at home -

ANSWER: This may sound a bit unorthodox, but it's as effective as it is simple: Mix up enough of that epoxy adhesive which comes in two tubes to fill generously the entire length of the crack. Once this hardens in there, this crack won't even leak again. At least, that's what my experience with this adhesive would lead me to believe. First, however, thoroughly scour off all traces of grease or soap. Otherwise, the adhesive won't bond to the concrete properly.

NOT-FIRM FLOOR

QUESTION: Last summer we bought a cottage up in the mountains for vacations and year-round weekends. We have noticed that the living room floor seems to give a little every time one of us walks on it. How can this be strengthened. There is a three-foot crawl space under the entire building.

ANSWER: It's quite possible that all it needs is additional bracing between floor beams (also known as cross-bridging). This is merely fastening diagonal lengths of 2 by 4's at intervals between the beams. This will add great rigidity; possibly all that's needed. At least don't go to the trouble and expense of adjustable metal posts or adding more beams unless you see if cross-bridging won't do the job.

CEILING CRACKS
QUESTION: Three of our ceilings give constant problems.

Regardless of what type paint we put on, it cracks. Someone suggested that it might be because the paint was put on over calcimine. Another thought it might be vibration from nearby heavy traffic.
I don't care what it is: I just want to know how to keep those ceilings from looking like a maze of cracks.
ANSWER: If you don't want to go to the trouble of removing all coats of paint and whatever else may be on the plaster, and I don't blame you! Let me suggest that great crack-killer, called painter's cloth. It's a closely woven fabric, a little like

very light canvas. Applied like wallpaper, available where wallpaper is sold. It can be painted, or even papered.
(Note: All correspondence relating to home maintenance should be addressed to: Roger C. Whitman, c/o Toronto Star Syndicate, 80 King Street W., Toronto 1, Ontario.)
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