



Here is an economical space saving plan which offers many features usually found only in larger houses. Off the kitchen is an area indicated as a laundry but which could be used for storage or even an extra washroom if so desired. Another optional layout could include all this area in the kitchen, the overall size then being increased

to 19'-6" x 9'-4". Any of these changes could be indicated on the whiteprints and would involve no basic structural changes. Construction is frame with stone accent. Instructions for building in Brick Veneer are supplied, with the prints. Could be built on a 75 ft. lot - 35 ft. without the attached garage. 1071 Sq. Ft. Design No. 633.

First Aid To Ailing Houses

PLUMBING SYSTEM
QUESTION: Whenever the hot water faucet in the kitchen is turned on, it sounds as though the whole plumbing system is about ready to collapse. The pipes vibrate and make a terrible noise. At first the hot water will run out slowly, then after about a half minute, the water comes out in a big spurt and then the noise lets up. What can be done to remedy the situation?
ANSWER: I suspect your hot water becomes too hot. When water is under pressure (as in the hot water supply system), it will not vaporize when heated to (or above) the boiling point but will flash into steam when the pressure is relieved. When a faucet is turned on, this pressure is reduced; steam forms instantly and causes the vibration and noise as it forces its way to the outlet for escape. Installing a water temperature control will prevent overheating of the water, I suggest you have a competent plumber verify this by making a personal inspection and necessary correction.

LEAKY MASONRY
QUESTION: We own a small motel consisting of a cement block. We have not yet plastered the inside walls. In the last several years we have had trouble with the west wall of the end room sweating and mildewing. This covers about the first four rows of block from the floor, as well as a triangular area in the southwest and northwest corners of the room. We heat with natural gas wall panel heaters. What is causing this and how might we correct it?
ANSWER: Description indicates ground dampness is working into the concrete blocks, and then seeping upward. This can also be caused by leaks in the mortar between blocks. You should have this wall treated

with a waterproofing preparation and have any faulty mortar repointed. Get estimate from mason for putting in perimeter insulation.

GREASE ON WALLS
QUESTION: How can one get grease stains off plaster walls? I have little grandchildren and they have put their greasy hands on my walls.
ANSWER: Try washing with one of the new liquid detergents or all-purpose household cleaners, following label instructions for use carefully. Or make a thick paste of powdered whitening and a nonflammable liquid spot remover; cover the stains with a layer, and place a sheet of thin plastic over this to retard evaporation. When dry brush off and repeat treatment if necessary.

GUMMY BUFFET
QUESTION: I have a mahogany buffet that was left in the house we recently purchased. It feels gummy from not being cleaned. How can I clean it before I polish it?
ANSWER: Try cleaning the surface with a wax-removing and cleaning preparation, made by a nationally known manufacturer, following label directions. Or rub carefully with fine steel wool and turpentine.

SCRATCHED PLATE GLASS
QUESTION: The plate glass in our patio door has many scratches. Is there anything I can use to remove them?
ANSWER: There is no practical way to remove scratches

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from glass other than having the surface professionally ground down. You might try filling an unobtrusive scratch with clear nail polish to make it less noticeable; if this works, go ahead with the rest of the deeper scratches.

CAULKING LOGS
QUESTION: The exterior of our home consisting of very irregular vertical logs. Because of the holes resulting from the irregularities, I would like to caulk between logs, but find the

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most widely suggested material oakum, very expensive. Could you suggest some other material which would be cheaper yet still withstand the weather?
ANSWER: Any good caulking compound applied with a pressure-release caulking gun, will serve. These compounds withstand temperature changes and retain flexibility, and have an adhesive property causing them to adhere to surfaces to which they are applied.

LOOSENED FLOOR TILES
QUESTION: We recently moved into a home with a large floor area of vinyl-impregnated cork tiles, laid over the original hardwood floor. Some of these tiles have raised and loosened, and need to be repaired before they chip and break. What would be the proper procedure to correct this problem and prevent its recurring?
ANSWER: At a tile dealer, obtain a small quantity of adhesive recommended for this type of floor tile. Then, with a putty knife or any dull flat similar tool, insert a small quantity of the adhesive under the loosened tile and place a heavy weight on top, allowing to remain undisturbed until the adhesive dries and hardens. Wipe up any excess cement that may ooze remain, this is very difficult to remove later. If the surface of the tile is not completely clean, and free of any trace of wax, grease, etc., before applying the tiles, the adhesive won't hold tightly; re-laying the tile may be the only prevention.

CREOSOTED TIES BLEED
QUESTION: I recently purchased some new creosoted railroad ties, planning to use them for outside entrance steps into my house. Since then I have been told they will bleed and the creosote would be tracked into the house and over concrete patio. Is there some way to eliminate this? I haven't installed them yet; if it's a condition that can't be corrected, I should not want to use them.
ANSWER: Sorry to say, but the creosote will probably bleed through. The Department of agriculture recommends several years of weathering before applying any coating over a creosoted surface.
(Note: All correspondence relating to home maintenance should be addressed to: Roger C. Whitman, C O Toronto Star Syndicate, 80 King St., West, Toronto, Ontario.)

MANY SHRUBS
There are many choice shrubs of Canadian origin. Quite a number of these have been bred in Western Canada and are valued not only for their hardiness but because they are improvements on existing kinds. The Snow White spirea, a hybrid of the Korean spirea and the three-lobed spirea, has larger flowers than the common vanhouttei spirea but is hardy in areas where this shrub winter-kills. Fairy is what one might term a miniature vanhouttei spirea, because it is identical with this shrub in every respect but grows only two feet high. Both these new shrubs were raised in Dropmore, Manitoba.

Honeyuckles are usually such large coarse plants that they are best used for screening. However, two good Canadian ones, Crimson, light pink, and Carleton, a deeper pink, are more compact and do not grow higher than five to eight feet. Dr. Skinner also raised a large number of mock-oranges, all of which are harder than the common Virginal and Minnesota Snowflake. Good ones are Gala had, Patricia, and Purity, all

Centennial Gardens Using Native Plants

Many horticultural societies and garden clubs are seriously thinking of starting, as centennial projects, gardens of plants raised in Canada. Why not follow suit by including at least a few plants of Canadian origin to which you can point with pride as your memento of the centennial year? One thing is sure, you won't have to coddle or cover most of these plants because nearly all have been bred for hardiness as well as for beauty. If you want Canadian-bred ornamental shrub apples you have lots to choose from. Among those that are noteworthy are the centennial selections Almey, with rosy-purple star-studded flowers, and Royalty with deep purple foliage all summer long and rose-pink flowers in May. Both were raised on the prairies and, apart from spraying to protect them from caterpillars and greenflies, they need little care. Other native Canadians are Makamik and Basketong, each with rose-pink flowers, developed at the Central Experimental Farm in Ottawa, and Leslie and Strathmore, which are good flowering and fruiting kinds from the west.

Two good trees for shade are the new Greenspire Linden, a beautiful shade tree with uniform growth selected from the little leaf linden (Tilia cordata) and Rowancrest Coral, a mountain ash raised in Meadowvale, Ontario. This rowan tree has salmon-coral berries instead of the usual bright-red ones and deeper green leaves than the common European type.

medium-sized shrubs with large, fragrant, single white or creamy white flowers. Silvia is from the Morden, Manitoba, experimental farm of the Canada Department of Agriculture, and has double white flowers on a shapely shrub with arching branches. Baton Rouge and Eileen are new hybrid cherries that bloom early and produce abundant flowers on good bushy shrubs. Eileen has white flowers with pink tips, and Baton Rouge deep rose-pink flowers in very early spring.

Canada excels in its lilac introductions, many of which were bred at the Central Experimental Farm in Ottawa. Among the best of these are Elinor, Isabella, and Fountain, with extremely fragrant, pink flowers, and Desdemona, with light-violet flowers. All of these have thick deeper green foliage than the European lilacs and flower a week later, thus prolonging the lilac season.

Good varieties from the west are Mount Baker, a splendid white variety; Tom Taylor, double violet; Sister Justine, single white; and Charles Nordine, with large open upright, pale-blue panicles. From Ontario comes the largest flowered lilac of all, the deep-purple Frank Paterson, with individual flowers that measure an inch and a quarter across.

ROSES A MUST
Two shrub roses that should be in every garden are Agnes, with deep-yellow flowers, and Wyasagaming, with fragrant, fully double, soft clear-rose flowers. Agnes was raised by Dr. William Saunders, the first director of the Central Experimental Farm, and the other rose in Manitoba.

If you wish to grow the more refined hybrid tea rose you will find many for your garden that were raised in this country. Miss Canada, with rose petals and a white reverse, was selected by nurserymen as the centennial rose. It was raised in British Columbia. Others are Jet Fire, dazzling orange red; Canadiana, bright yellow; and Hallow'een, a yellow-orange color. Patricia Macoun is about the hardest of rambler roses and needs no more protection than mounding with earth. It has a profusion of

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double creamy-white flowers at the end of June.
Many plants for your flower border are varieties that have been bred in Canada. Name any one of your favorite flowers and you will find that there is a variety that has been bred in this country. Good irises are Armour Bright, vivid orange; Elizabeth of England, light blue; Blue Ballet, blue; and Candy Capers, one of the new fringed types. Your craving for Siberian irises can easily be satisfied by growing Ceasar and Tropic Seas, both of which originated in a garden near Montreal, and some of the Preston hybrids, such as Rideau, Gatineau and Ottawa.

LILY VARIETIES
Canadian breeders have ex-

celled in fifty varieties. These range from the fighter squadron and stenographer series developed by Miss Isabella Preston, which contain such beautiful varieties as Brenda Watts, Grace Marshall, and Spitfire, to the modern Aurelian trumpet types raised at Vineland, Ontario, at the University of Saskatchewan, by amateur breeders in Ontario, and many others.

Best of these now growing in our Plant Research Institute Test Gardens are Regina, yellow; Galahad, light yellow; and Starlight, white with orange center, from Vineland; Edith Cecilia, pink, Primrose Lady, light cream, and Burnished Rose, deep rose, from University of Saskatchewan; Ruby, ruby red, and Flaming Youth,

Toronto; and Meadow Lark, spotted yellow, from Guelph. New Shasta daisies such as Miss Canada and Elsie Gilbert, a wonderful race of hardy outdoor mums from Brandon; Morden, Manitoba, and from Royal Botanic Garden at Hamilton, and the famous Morden lythrums, are all Canadian and grace many gardens throughout the world today.

It would be no problem to extend this list far beyond the confines of a short article for there are many other beautiful plants of Canadian origin. Look for them in the catalogues and you will never regret trying some of your own home-bred flowers.

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