

# IDEAS FOR HOME BUILDERS

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Around the nesting problem center all the loveliest and tenderest associations of life. A little four-room cottage just big enough for two to start housekeeping in, is shown in this plan. The widest part is 30 feet; and the extreme length, 42 feet; but this does not mean that the house is 30 by 42 feet in size. It is a good deal smaller than that, but the shape makes it look much larger than it really is, and the shape also makes it easy to provide plenty of light, sunshine, and air. You never appreciate sunlight in a house at its true value until you have lived in a city flat in partial darkness, where you get a breath of fresh air only occasionally, when the wind is in the right direction—and this happens, in some city blocks, only at rare intervals.

My business keeps me confined pretty close to the city, so that I have unusual opportunities to see a good deal of the seamy side of life. When I do take a trip out to some of the smaller towns where interesting little houses are in course of construction, I realize the difference, and envy people who can spend most of their time in the bright sunshine, and breathe fresh air uncontaminated with smoke and the noxious odors common to crowded and unclean city alleys.

I have for years preached the gospel of home life. I love to see young folks pair off and settle down to make

such a house is very cheap, and it is within the means of any young man who possesses ordinary health. If his wife will help him a little, there is no good reason why he should not have it paid for in a few years' time.

There is a great advantage in a living room like the one provided in this design, because you can have opposite windows and ventilation from both directions, besides an opportunity to get a bit of sunlight twice a day. It requires sunlight to brighten up a home; and too many living rooms are built in such a way as to shut out the direct rays of the sun. This room is large enough to be comfortable in winter, with a good heating stove in the far corner from the kitchen. You cannot very well have a heating stove in a small room; it makes the air too stuffy; but in a room as big as this you can have circulation enough to keep the atmosphere in good condition.

There is plenty of roof surface on this little house to provide soft water, which is another luxury enjoyed in small places that is unknown in the city. A good cistern with a filter that works right, is a great satisfaction. Of course, it is sometimes apt to be neglected, and the water becomes rank-smelling; but this is no fault of the cistern; it is the fault of the man who has it in charge. You cannot neglect a cistern and have nice water; but you can have good, clean, soft rain water with very little trouble if you go about it right.

When I stay over night at a farmhouse and have rain water to wash in, it reminds me of my boyhood days, when we had things comfortable at the old home. It was a great contrast from the lime-laden solution that I am

# IN VOGUE

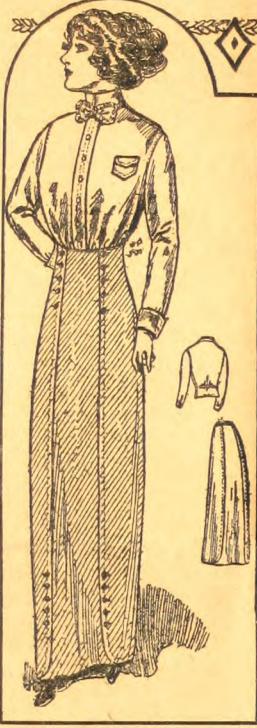
## GIVING NEEDED COLOR

### EFFECTIVE ADORNMENT FOR THE SIMPLE SHIRTWAIST.

Fabric That Introduces the Gown Color is Far Smarter Than the All White—Pretty Brooches and Bows.

The illustration shows the fancy version of the Peter Pan, the front being cut in a novel way and the pocket left off, and this model would be most effective in a striped silk matching the suit color.

As to shirtwaist colors, we will not be able to escape all white, and a fresh white waist certainly gives a business woman a neat and smart look when employed with her duties; but all white is far less smart than a fabric introducing the gown color in



The Blocking at the Front of This Waist Gives a Little Chance for Extra Dressiness.

some manner, and as a standby one bodice in a silk exactly matching the suit would be invaluable. This comes in very handy for rainy days and for the moment when a white waist would seem a little too commonplace, for with a change of neck fixing the get-up can be made far more dressy.

Among the smart wash shirtwaists whose patterns match the colors of the new suit materials are madras and chevot, the browns, blues and plum tones of the pin stripes, checks and dots and diamonds showing up

very handsomely against the white background. Shirts in these fabrics are always laundered without starch and very often the neck finish is in the form of a soft stock with ends made for a four-in-hand tie. Stiff linen collars are likewise worn with soft-laundered shirts, and with silk and flannel ones, but the woman who has the beauty of her throat in mind prefers the more pliable stock of the shirt material or of Irish lace, for although a lace neck fixing takes away something of the distinction of a tailored waist the Irish stocks are much worn.

For little extra occasions, when the silk four-in-hand tie seems scarcely dressy enough, there are charming butterfly bows in plain and lace-edged muslin and net, and girls who know how to make their own little neck fixings often turn these out from bordered handkerchiefs and make them in a way so that they wash without hurt. The pretty little brooches and bows with ends of satin flowers are still gayer neck fixings, and, besides being in excellent taste for occasional wear, these are easily made at home from any little fragment of gay satin or ribbon.

MARY DEAN.

## BANDS TO REMOVE WRINKLES

Women Who Have Tried Rubber Report Enthusiastically on Merits of the Scheme.

Rubber bands for removing wrinkles in the forehead are being tried by many women, who are enthusiastic over the success they have had. The bands are flat and shaped to fit the forehead, having a small point extending down in front over the nose. Before adjusting the band the forehead should be rubbed with cold cream and a little of the same cream smeared over the inside of the rubber strip. Then it should be fastened in place by means of tapes. If the rubber beautifier is too tight a headache may result. It should be remembered that the virtue of such an appliance lies in its heating properties. After the band has been worn a little while the inside becomes coated with perspiration, which helps to cause the wrinkles to disappear. The rubber piece should be cleansed carefully after it is used each time by wiping off the cold cream with a cloth. The forehead should also be given further treatment with dashes of cold water to restore the circulation and close the pores of the skin.

## Borrowing From the Birds.

A Parisian invention for the woman who craves sensational apparel in the feather vest, or gilet-oiseaux. This adornment is molded closely to the figure, and though it has the beautiful changing colors of many rare birds, it is usually made of the plumage of the humble goose—such is the genius of the modern dyer. The effect of the vest, displayed at the opening of one's tailored suit, is most artistic when the toque worn with it is of the same plumage.

## Novel Charm.

An unusual charm for the neck or bracelet is a pendant about an inch in diameter, gold rimmed and with double crystal sides. This frames the brilliant wings of a tropical butterfly, one facing each crystal. The coloring is vivid and beautiful and the marking odd.

## WHITE VEILED OVER BLACK

Smart Milliners Give Distinctive Touch to Their Productions by Simple Arrangement.

White malmie veiled with black malmie has lately been seen on many of the creations of smart milliners, two immense outstanding loops of the material being an indispensable part of the decorations of any hat on which it appears. Rhinestones are frequently used with it and are extremely effective with the sombre tone produced by the black over white. One hat is made entirely of the malmie and is trimmed only with the two big loops and a string of large rhinestones around the crown. Another model is a tiny bowl of stretched black satin, which is wound about the edge with folds of malmie and adorned at the back with the two big loops. The folds that surround the hat are held at two points by big rings of rhinestones. Brown malmie over white is also seen, having been used on one large hat with a crown of dark brown velvet and a brim of gold lace. Voluminous twisted folds of the malmie encircle the crown and two loops of proportions to suit those of the hat cast their shadow over it.

## Pretty Evening Scarfs.

Absolutely inexpensive, yet pretty, for summer evening wear use are shaped scarfs made from squares of colored silk mull. Hem the edges and up each side of the front in an inch and a half wide hem, and above it put an inch-wide strip of valenciennes or imitation chunij insertion. Use white silk tassels or knotted ends of ribbon finished in small ribbon flowers.

## ELABORATE HAIR DRESSING



Charming Theater Coiffure of Pearls, Silver and Lace.

## Summer Skirts.

Advance models in summer skirts are all slender, usually cut in two or at the most four pieces, with one gore overlapping another in an odd way and making the skirt individual and pretty. While most models are high waists, some very new skirts are high only across the back, with a belt from the side seams across the front, a most admirable arrangement and one sure to prove successful, for it insures a perfect fit in the front, where skirts sometimes stretch, while the extension at the back prevents any possible missing of connections, a catastrophe in the opinion of the neat.

## CATCH BURGLAR AT A SINGLE SITTING

Whole Schmidt Family Holds Negro Prowler Down Until the Police Come.

Chicago.—A patrol wagon loaded with policemen rushed to 1632 Wells street early the other morning in response to an urgent summons. They found George A. Schmidt, George A. Schmidt, Jr., Mrs. George A. Schmidt,



The Entire Family Responded.

and Miss Rose Schmidt sitting on a large negro who lay prostrate on the floor of the parlor.

"Trouble here?" asked a sergeant in charge of the police squad.

A mournful grunt of appeal from the negro testified there was. He indicated he would like to be released. Then the members of the Schmidt family arose gingerly from the long form and policemen kicked the negro into a perpendicular position.

George A. Schmidt began making motions to his wife and daughter. They watched him a moment, then fled for their sleeping rooms for more clothing. George A. Schmidt, Jr., the son, told the police the story of the negro vs. the Schmidt family.

Young Schmidt came home from a dance at three o'clock in the morning. He saw a window leading on the porch was open. He switched on the lights suddenly, after entering quietly, and saw a negro dodge behind a davenport in the parlor.

The youth grappled with the negro, but the burglar was of great proportions. The negro was gradually gaining ground toward the open window and Schmidt called for help. The entire family responded and pulled and tugged at the negro until he was exhausted.

## GAS BLOWS BOY FROM ROOM

Youth Lights Cigarette and Wrecks House by Explosion—Falls on Neighbor's Roof.

Dayton, O.—Emilio Campus, aged twenty, and a native Filipino, who reached Dayton only a few days ago, caused an explosion of gas which wrecked a house when he arose to light his cigarette at a gas stove here the other morning.

Seven people were in the house at the time, but with the exception of the Filipino, who was blown from his



Blown Through Roof.

room to the roof of an adjoining house and from there dropped to the debris made by the wall which had preceded him in his flight, all were uninjured. Campus sustained a number of painful burns and internal injuries, but it is said by attending physicians that he will recover.

## BOY HURLS AN AX AT HOLD-UP MEN

New York Lad, Facing Revolvers, Drives Off Robbers in His Employer's Store.

## OWNER FIRST BEATEN

Joseph Healy Then Batters One Intruder and Forces Both to Hurtle Flight—Pursues Men Into Street, But They Escape.

New York.—After seeing his employer, William Davis, a grocer at No. 134 East Fifty-third street, beaten unconscious the other night by two hold-up men intent upon robbery, Joseph Healy, 13 years old, battled with the intruders, blackened the eyes of one of the men, and put them to flight with an ax when they threatened him with revolvers.

The boy was badly injured, but was able to give chase through the streets, shouting an alarm, while the retreating robbers brandished their weapons and cursed him as they fled.

Davis had just counted the cash he took in during the day and put the currency in an inside pocket.

The two robbers evidently had watched him from the street. They entered just as he started to close the cash drawer and inquired the price of a jar of jam. Davis turned toward a shelf, when one of the men struck him a heavy blow on the back of the head with a club. Davis fell to the floor unconscious.

One of the men reached over the counter and took between six and seven dollars in small change from the open drawer. To reach the fallen man the second intruder ran to the rear of the store to get behind the counter.

Back of a partition he encountered Healy, who with remarkable coolness decided upon a plan of attack.

Without a moment's hesitation the boy, who is strong and large for his



Armed With an Ax Lad Starts Toward the Men.

age, set upon the robber. The man being the stronger of the two, flung him aside.

The boy then struck him a heavy blow in the face, which not only staggered the man, but took him by surprise. Blow after blow the boy delivered in rapid succession and the bewildered thief was soon defending himself instead of leading in the attack.

When the boy had him practically whipped, the second man, who had bounded over the counter, rushed to his companion's aid. He sprang at Healy and tried to catch his arms, but the boy was too quick for him.

The robber then struck at the boy with his club, but the blow was a glancing one, and failed to land.

With stained face and blackened eye, the first man pulled his revolver and started for the boy.

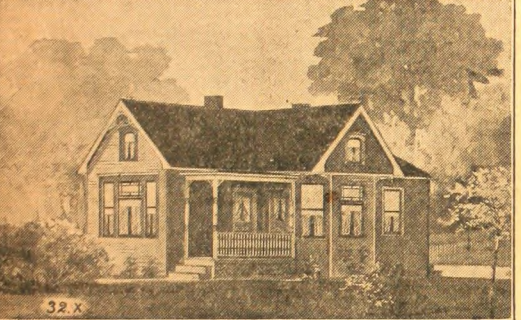
"Don't shoot yet," shouted his companion. "Let me get him with this."

He swung a vicious blow in the direction of the lad's head. The boy fell to his hands and knees in avoiding the blow, but was up again in an instant. In the corner, he found an ax. Armed with this he started toward the two men.

Both aimed their revolvers and held the boy at bay, but with careful aim he let the ax fly at the head of the robber nearest him.

He missed the man, but the ax crashed through the front window of the store, making a fearful racket. Evidently fearing they would be trapped in the store the robbers fled.

The boy pursued the fugitives into Third avenue. They waved their revolvers at him in a threatening manner and shouted they would kill him if he did not stop. Then they dashed up the stairs of an elevated station, boarded a train and escaped.



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little homes for themselves. It is the right way to get the greatest possible enjoyment out of life. There is quite a difference, usually, in the amount of money that can be made in a small town or village, in comparison with the same person's income after he has become established in a large city; but it is easier for young folks in a small place to get a home of their own, than it is in the city. It is easy to prove this by statistics. A ten dollar bill does not look so large after you have paid the claims of the city grocery man, the market man, and all the other hands that are outstretched for dividends. Things are not always what they seem; and the extra pay of a man who moves from a small place to a large one is usually unsatisfactory. My experience is that those in smaller towns and villages who set out to have a comfortable home of their own are in comparatively better

now obliged to use about 350 days in the year.

The woman who does her own washing and likes to have her household linen look just right, appreciates soft water more than anyone else. There are many luxuries to be had in the country that should be appreciated more than they are. The trouble is, we are all looking for something more exciting or interesting, and most of us do not find what we go after.

## Method in His Forgiveness.

One of C. W. Morse's acquaintances called a friend into his wall street office the other day. He said that he wanted to show something funny.

"Look at this," said he. "It is an engraved acknowledgment of Mr. Morse's thanks to those who sent him congratulatory letters and telegrams, when he was released from the penitentiary at Atlanta."

It didn't make a tremendous hit with the man to whom it was shown. He breezed hastily through some of the better known aspects of Mr. Morse's character, and predicted gloomily, as to Mr. Morse's future.

"Don't talk that way," said the banker. "I don't like to hear people roast poor Charley like that."

The other fellow stared open eyed. "That's funny," said he. "Morse sold you out in the most cold blooded manner possible. He double-crossed you, and then, to make it good, he triple-crossed you. And now you're talking love and forgiveness for the man who jobbed you. Is your bean loose?"

"It is not," said the banker, decidedly. "Morse owes me \$400,000. Now that he's out of jail, he may pay me back."—New York Correspondence Cincinnati Times-Star.

## Mind For Detail.

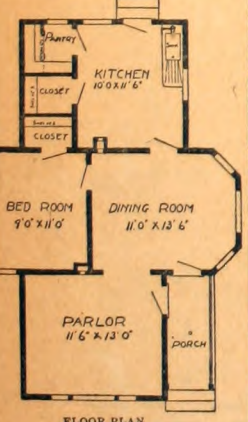
"Here's a pamphlet for you, Miss Greenhill, that come to this office today without a proper address," said the rural postmaster, handing a long-expected magazine to her. "Of course, I dunno for sure it's for you, but the chances are it is, for I noticed you posted a letter here three weeks ago addressed to a company by the same name as the one that publishes this here pamphlet."

## Unusual Character.

"Now, there is Biffels. Biffels is a very original fellow."

"Is that so?"

"I am quite sure on that point, because he has never been heard to say that he wished he had John D. Rockefeller's money."



FLOOR PLAN

Circumstances in middle life than other young folks who move away to better themselves.

Here is a little house that looks well both inside and out. It is a very easy house to take care of, and is not likely to need repairs—a house that will prove very satisfactory when its cost is considered. Houses like this are being built complete for \$900; but owing to the advance in the cost of building materials and labor during the last few years, it is better to add another hundred or two to the estimate; however, \$1,000 or \$1,200 for