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BUILD HOMES

Back to Materials Employed by Spanish Missions.

CHEAP MATERIAL IS SOUGHT

Made in Many Places-Adobe Scheduled for Picturesque Recrudescence -Cool in Summer and Warm in Winter.

Concerted effort to reduce the high ost of building small homes, so as to place them within reach of famlies of modest incomes, is being made in many places. Analytical chemists are finding their services in demand lesting the various qualities of clay which it is hoped will furnish the duability shown in the adobe houses built by the early Spanish settlers in New Mexico, Arizona and California more than a century since. Many of these buildings still extant are as sold, if not more so, than they were when plastered together by their crude lesigners and constructors, long beore the Louisiana territory became an ntegral part of the United States of

In an article published in the Post-Dispatch, prepared by Thomas Crane Loung, prominent St. Louis architect. attention was called to his plan to nake a series of experiments with the descendants of their designers. Among clays in the vicinity of St. Louis, to earth and straw, serving as a substiute for walls of standard brick or pollow tiles. These experiments, the in the walls without first being dried St. Louis Post-Dispatch announces, out thoroughly and mixed with some sea and Mediterranean ports does not tre still under way and are being sort of a binder, they soon succumbed support such statements. Mustapha watched closely by those who hope for some satisfactory adjustment of the time. Thus the original building of has called a congress to meet in Annousing problem, which has reached the San Gabriel mission was reduced fora, with five representatives for in acute stage in St. Louis and most in time to a mere mound. This fur each vilayet. General mobilization has f the other large cities.

Adobe Bricks the Thing. With building costs persistently adthis upward trend, a cheap material places of Santa Barbara was the adobe that would serve the purposes of lumper, brick, stone, tile or concrete would go a very long way in removsome of the mission buildings con-

ics, they took advantage of the matetheir walls of mud, with sufficient known to the grandees from San Diego have arrived in Aintab and it is feared straw or grass to make the binding to Monterey for its receptions and another great massacre may occur. force necessary to hold the mass toof the same plastic material after subclay instead of the lime or cement and weather extremes, until about

Simple Process of Building. While the construction of the adobe ple and requires no large working that caused its eventual ruin, ouse is a slow process, it is yet simforce such as is needed in the buildand study to their plans and are get-occurred in the 1812 earthquake. ing some artistic effects when it picturesque beauty.

races. They followed the same gen- adobe plan. hand-molded forms.

Indians Were Pioneers.

ture holding qualities.

diana with profit. They found many of the adobe houses in good condition and as other materials were not easily obtained, they began improvements on the original plun. They found that most of the soil of the country was well adapted for such uses and they gathered their workers together and proceeded to build their missions. They shaped the pliable clay into bricks 4 by 12 by 16 inches, and added a liberal measure of grass to impart strength and prevent disintegration. These were piled up in the form of parallelogram, the soft earth. well watered, being placed in concerted Effort to Reduce High-Cost the interstices and over the points, of Building Small Homes is Being As timbers and shingles could not be obtained, they molded substitutes of the same mud composition and installed them in place. After the great earthquake of 1812, the Spanjards abandoned the practice of providing roofs of this material, as it was in that disastrous happening that the top

of the mission church of San Juan

Capistrano collapsed while the place

was filled with frightened members of

the colony, Many of the worshipers were killed by the falling blocks. Cool in Summer, Warm in Winter. The walls of the early houses varied good deal, some having a thickness of three and four feet, and the floors were made of the same composition. The adobes served the double purpose extremely hot weather and warm when wintry blast happened along. Where it was available, the early builders, especially the Indians, combined the soil with "tulle," a sort of reed found in the swamps. This added material. strength to the walls. Many of these cabins, reared more than a hundred years ago, are still occupied by the the foothills of Palomar are several see if small homes could not be pro- villages of the Temecula Indians. filled with statements that the Nationwhose huts, built of this formula, are alist movement has been nipped in the Where the mud bricks were placed nople through couriers from Auatolia vished an object lesson to the builders

> groups of stancher compositions. For many years one of the showmansion erected by Don Aguirre, and known-as "La Cassa de Aguirre." Palace Built of Clay.

who constructed the other mission

a home for himself and his descend passport control officer, has of the time, but he made them as hostages may become general. parties, at which the Senora Aguirre The Italians and French are both Even where there was no much larger than the standard bricks of the present day and used the soft mortar used in modern construction twenty-five years ago, when a cloudburst in the mountains sent a cataract any consequence in Thrace, but there down on the place, tenring out the supports and starting the disintegration happen if the French complete their

The adobe builders of 1920, while ing of a home with brick, tiles or lum- seeking some of the decorative ber. Out in California, where the schemes of the Spanish builders, are adobe is coming back strongly, women more intent on providing small homes and girls have turned builders and rather than forts, and are not making have reared some attractive-looking their walls as thick as Don Aguirre bungalows. They follow closely the deemed necessary. Durability and style of the mission builders and permanency can be insured without get their houses under way. In the lumber and shingles can be secured are expected to return here in ten

Has Proved a Success.

comes to the stucco work on the ex- The saving in brick and tiles, the terior of the walls. When the little principal items in home construction, homes are completed, it is planned to is a very important factor in the cost train vines that will spread all over of providing the small home, and the the structures and add greatly to their workers out in California and other them, but their aim was so bad that western states will find many others there was only one casualty. After for pocket money Though the Spaniards are credited following their example in combating crossing the bridge the British batwith the development of the adobe, ex- the high cost of building. That the talions burned it to check the Nationcavations made in ancient Assyria. women have found it pleasant employ alists, whose game seems to be to Babylon and Egypt have disclosed the ment mixing the mud and molding the force the allied troops to pursue them fact that the same material, mixed blocks to go into the walls is also re- into the interior and keep up guerilla with straw and grass, was generally garded as a promising augury that warfare rather than take the offenused for home building by these early there will be many converts to the sive.

eral process of molding the bricks or | Of course, all clays are not as well blocks to a uniform size and then adapted as those in the far West for drying them in the sun, before setting adobe walls, but most cities have a Co-Operative Business House Brings them in the walls. Where a stout variety of soils and tests should be building was desired a very thick wall made before the bricks are molded. was constructed, but most of the in the vicinity of St. Louis some of houses had but one thickness of the the best brick, terra cotta and fireclay-products in the country are pro- each stockholder a \$17 dividend. The duced, which means that there is a store in that time had done a \$64,000 The adobe of southern California bountiful supply of material waiting business. and Arizona in its crudest state has to be taken out of the bosom of Mothalways been a delight to the artist, er Earth for those who wish to exper-Part of the soil, not altogether lovely, imen, and build. The tests now being but yet harmonfou-, they present a mide by Architect Young and his asfront of solidity and unobtrusive elg. sociates are being awaited with internity that deeply impresses one at est by many persons who have lots, ers' store, once. The first adobes built by the but lack the means to provide houses Indians, who had little inclination for at the present record-breaking prices architectural | beautification, | were of materials of common usage. If the walls of mud heaped up in mass, with earth and its straw or other binder a piece of wood or a bunch of grass can be hammered and treated into stuck here and there to give the mix-shape to supply the walls. St. Louis will not be long in catching up with The early Spanish came along and the California men and women whe studied the arts and crafts of the In- are achieving results.

CUT FROM ASIA

isolation of Constantinople by British Is Complete.

MOSLEMS ENRAGED

Food is Short in War District--2,000, 000 Christians in Asia Minor Are Threatened by Massacre-Railway Communication Between Bosporus and the interior Has Been Cut Off by wise .- Pope British.

Constantinople is as much isolated from Asiatic Turkey as if the Atlantic ocean separated them. Railway communication between the Bosporus and the interior has been cut off by detachments of British, who burned the large bridge south of Bilejik, aft-men than criticism. er getting out all their Indian troops which had been guarding the line. British headquarters is in Ismid, and the protective area is restricted largeof keeping the occupants dool in the ly to districts within range of the naval guns.

Anatolia is the source of the food supply of Constantinople and consequently the prices of meat and vegetables have already doubled. The huge profit taking is not checked by the high commissioners, who maintain the fiction that the Turkish government is functioning.

Communications virtually are suspended and the allied newspapers are and passengers from the various Black been ordered and all military munitions ordered removed from the sea-

Prepare for Defense. Definite statements have been made by Mustapha Kemal that he will not recognize the Sultan's orders. At Sivas, Amasia, Tokat, Samsoup and Don Aguirre was a rich Spaniard many other places there are trench That the adobe is scheduled for a picants. He used adobe for his wall seized at Amasia and taken to Sivas scale in southern California, where because that was the popular material and it is feared the taking of allied

The French again have failed to re morial to the constructive genius of dows deep as the ports for guns and lieve Aintab, and Armenians from Ada the earliest settlers, who came chiefly protected from without with very na are moving, with French permise heavy shutters. The shingles came sion, upon Hadatin in an effort to refrom Honolulu and the furniture and lieve-the Christians threatened there happened along first, they decided that tapestries from Spain. It contained A message from Aintab, sent two weeks homes were essential. Having no a store, magazine, warehouse and ago and just received in Constantino architects, builders or skilled mechanin itself. The residence was 19 large sell food to 25,000 Armenians there fals that nature supplied and molded rooms and its drawing room was Turkish lenders who were at Marash

timber available, they made supports queen. The patio was 40 by 40 feet, stantinople, which they blame entire the arches of adobe being supported by upon the British, and declare that lecting it to a drying process in the by columns of artistic molding. The if the 2,000,000 unprotected Christians nottest focus of the sun's rays. These porch was fully 15 feet in width, ex- in Asia Minor are killed by Moslems ploneers molded the clay into blocks tending the entire length of the court, enraged by the seizure of Constantino

So far there has been no fighting of is great uncertainty as to what will evacuation as planned and the Greeks occupy the region. The French troops it is thrown down are unwilling to fight in Thrace, declaring they will not take ferritory for the Bulgarlans and Greeks.

A delegation of four members of the truthful. gora for a conference with Mustapha Kemal. They were allowed to pass rork with a genuine zest once they resorting to such massive walls, and as by the British passport control and ing of it, Huntington Park district, near Los for the roofs and supports, it is not days. The delegation is composed en-Angeles, young women are giving time necessary to invite mishaps such an firely of Nationalists, but they are asserted to be anxious to persuade the kisses count. Nationalist leaders that the Sultan will not support them and the movement cannot succeed unless modified.

While the British were repairing the bridge near Bilelik, Nationalists directed a heavy machine gun fire upon

STORE CUTS LIVING COST

Prices Down in Small Place. A co-operative store, that has been operated less than a year in Florence. S. D., at the end of five months paid

Here are a few specimen prices: Children's shoes, of a brand selling for \$4.75 elsewhere, cost \$3.50 a pair Pure mixed candles, retailing at 50 cents a pound, 25 cents in this farm

Fancy cakes and cookies are 14 to 17 cents a pound, 20 to 35 cents in private owned stores. Bulk coffee of excellent grade, 35

Other prices range from 5 to 50 per cent less than prevailing standards A manager and three clerks a

For never pever.

The parting words of a bar "Which side, please?"

Applause has made

Girls, are true friends when the

Nothing is so local

together in sympathy. Some people make roc

by pushing others of. Silver is the earliest currency

tioned in the Scriptures. The different discuss which

mankind number about 1,200

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