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Weekly Calendar

By the Rev. Paul C. Brussard

Sunday, September 8.—The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin. The birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary announced joy and the near approach of salvation to the lost world. Mary was brought forth in the world not like other children of Adam, infected with the loathsome contagion of sin, but pure, holy, beautiful, and glorious, adorned with all the most precious graces which became her who was chosen to be the Mother of God. She appeared indeed in the weak state of our mortality, but in the eyes of Heaven she always transcended the highest sphere of purity, brightness, and the richest ornaments of grace.

Monday, September 9.—St. Omer, Bishop, was born toward the close of the fifth century in the territory of Constantine of a wealthy and noble family. After the death of his mother he entered the monastery of Luxeuil, whither he persuaded his father to follow him, after his parent had sold his worldly goods and distributed the proceeds among the poor. He was called from his solitude to take charge of the monastery of the Church in Terouenne and through his efforts the diocese soon became one of the most flourishing in France. He died in 670.

Tuesday, September 10.—St. Nicholas of Tolentino, born in answer to the prayers of a holy mother and proclaimed before his birth to the service of God, never lost his baptismal innocence. His austerities were conspicuous even in the austere order of the Hermits of St. Augustine, to which he belonged. He died in 1210.

Wednesday, September 11.—St. Paphnutius, Bishop, was an Egyptian who, after having spent several years in the desert under the direction of St. Antony, was made Bishop of Upper Thebais. He lost his right eye in the persecutions under Maximian Daza. At the Council of Nice his advice was greatly sought after and he was often called into private

conference with Constantine the Great. He also took part in the Council of Tyre and strenuously combated the Arian heresy.

Thursday, September 12.—St. Guy of Anderlecht left his humble home in Brussels to seek greater poverty and closer union with God. About the year 1033 foreseeing that his end was near, he returned to Anderlecht in his own country. When he died a light shone round his head and a voice was heard proclaiming his eternal reward.

Friday, September 13.—St. Eulogius, Patriarch of Alexandria, was a Syrian by birth and while quite young embraced the monastic life in that country. He remained steadfast in the Faith during the confusion of Eutychian heresy. He was a close friend of St. Gregory the Great and several letters written by the latter to St. Eulogius are still extant. He died in 606.

Saturday, September 14.—The Exaltation of the Holy Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Constantine was still wavering between Christianity and idolatry when a luminous cross appeared to him in the heavens bearing the inscription: "In this sign shalt thou conquer." He became a Christian and triumphed over his enemies. A few years later, his saintly mother having found the Cross on which Our Savior suffered, the feast of the Exaltation was established in the Church. Later on, however, after the Emperor Heraclius had recovered this precious relic from the Croisades, King of Persia, into whose hands it had fallen, the feast of the "Finding" was instituted in memory of St. Helena and that of the Exaltation was reserved to celebrate the recovery by Heraclius.

Absolutely Noiseless
Elderly Gentleman (wishing to rent room)—Yes, this room pleases me, but I notice there's some sort of a manufacturing plant in the rear facing the alley; doesn't it make considerable noise?
Landlady—Oh, no, sir; not at all. That's a felt slipper factory.

Church Will Help Improve The Condition of Labor, In Future, As in Past

New York Priest, Acknowledging Great Improvements, Declares That Much Remains to be Done—Frugal Comfort, With Happiness, Desirable

New York City, Sept. 6.—Many thousands of people attended the first Masses that were celebrated in St. Patrick's Cathedral here Sunday morning, including more than 1,000 tourists. Special prayers were said at each Mass for the civil and ecclesiastical authorities.

A special mid-day Mass for laboring people was celebrated at noon. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Charles J. McCabe, and he spoke on laboring conditions in this country.

The Church looks forward to the day, he said, when the condition of the worker will be so improved in every field that each man can live in frugal comfort, with happiness in moderation and an adequate share of material blessings.

While desiring these improved conditions, however, the Church finds it imperative to impress upon its members "the dignity of all labor and its spiritual value to man," he added. Some men must labor in "lowly positions" and others in "positions of power," he declared, but "in every case the important thing is not the work done, but the spirit and willingness with which it is done."

The Dignity of Labor
"Remember that in the eyes of God it is the intent that is important," he said. "God is interested not so much in what we do as in how we do it and with what spirit we do it. Work is necessary to

Summer Outing Given 10,000 Children In Archdiocese of N. Y.

New York, Sept. 6.—Ten thousand children were received at the fourteen camps and ten fresh-air homes conducted this summer under Catholic auspices in the Archdiocese of New York. The attendance of the children was for periods averaging two weeks.

The Rev. Bryan J. McDonagh, director of the children's division of the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York, said the camps and fresh-air homes have become a major factor in the endeavor to provide for the leisure time of the children during the summer vacation. Most of the camps and homes are conducted by a parish, day nursery or settlement; but the largest camp and the largest home are in the Archdiocese at large. Camp Hayes at Graham, N. Y., is conducted by the Catholic Camp Association and has a capacity of 175. The home of St. Vincent de Paul Society, at Spring Valley, has accommodations for 250.

Parkson drove up. The last named casually remarked that thieves had entered his church and made off with several dollars. There were reports, he said, that Catholic churches to the north had been robbed and it was believed the culprits were journeying south.

Father Dooley grew uneasy. His town was the next stop south. He departed. The following day Father Leach went to Yankton to hear confessions of the Sisters at the convent and hospital there. He then learned that Father Dooley's church had been robbed while he was visiting.

Returning to Scotland, the pastor was informed that his own church had been entered by burglars who pried open boxes and drawers in a vain search for money.

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Texture and color effects through the use of stucco, in residence construction apparently are here to stay. And such effects have received the approval of the most noteworthy persons in the building profession, for colors and textures mean an end to the commonplace and the drab in the building of even the smallest homes. They mean that every person has an opportunity to express himself or herself in the exterior as well as the interior of the home.

But where a colored exterior is to be used, a wise precaution is to avoid batch-mixed material—that is, stucco that is mixed with color on the job, for the result is likely to be a series of uneven shades plainly marked.

In the orient the colored stucco used is of a natural shade, that is, the color is a part of the material. The same result is achieved in this country by mixing mineral pigment into the stucco at the factory. In this way exact proportions of mix are obtained and the product is so controlled that all of it is of a specific color that does not change or fade to the action of the weather.

Gumwood Used for Oak and Birch; Save on Cost

Gumwood is rapidly taking the place of oak and birch in small homes or apartments, where the constructor wishes to keep the cost of the building down to as low a figure as possible.

We do not say that gumwood or birch is as pretty as some of the harder woods, but with modern workmanship carpenters can turn out some very fine jobs with these materials. Many interesting schemes have been worked out with them.

Both woods can be finished very attractively, either painted or stained, and they have a certain permanency that many woods of softer varieties have not.

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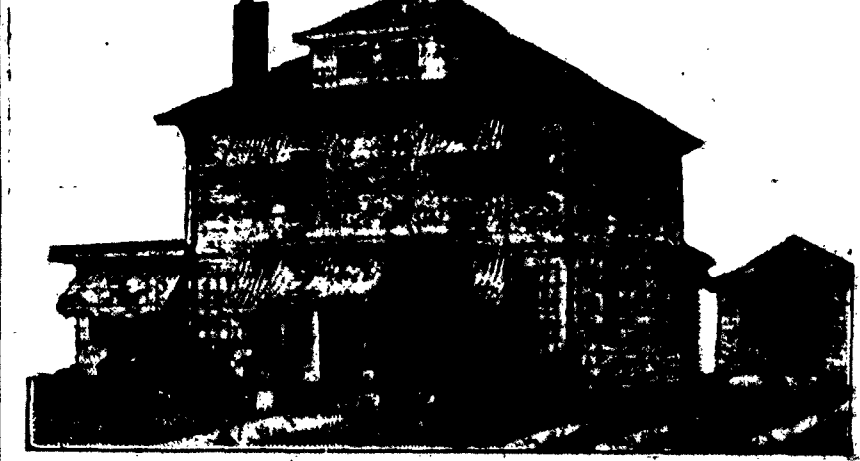
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Square-Type Six-Room House Gives Owner Most for Money

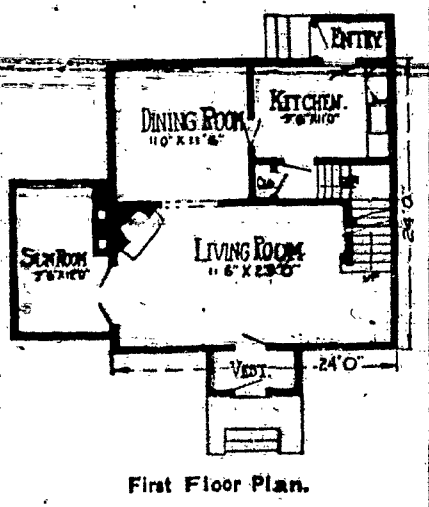


With shrubbery and flowers set at its base this square home is a beauty. It is 24 feet wide and 24 feet deep and has a living room extending the full width of the house. The house contains six rooms but all of them are large and comfortable.

By W. A. RADFORD
Mr. William A. Radford will answer questions and give advice FREE OF COST on all subjects pertaining to practical home building, for the readers of this paper. On account of his wide experience as editor, author and manufacturer, he is, without doubt, the highest authority on all these subjects. Address all inquiries to William A. Radford, No. 407 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Ill., and only inclose two-cent stamp for reply.

Prospective home builders who are seeking to get the most for their money are wise if they select a square or rectangular building design because "corners cost," as some one has aptly expressed it. When a design is used which has straight foundation walls, there is a minimum of materials and labor.

Reproduced here is a design for a very attractive square, hip-roof house.

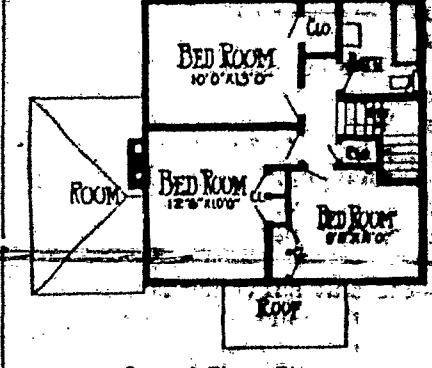


First Floor Plan.
This home is 24 feet square, exclusive of the porch and sun room. It is of frame construction with clapboard siding and its planeness is tak-

en away by the porch and the dormer in the hip roof.

The house contains six rooms besides the sun room. Downstairs there are living room, dining room and kitchen and upstairs are three good sized bedrooms and a bath room. In addition there is a basement the same size as the house.

The entry leads into the center of the living room, which is 24 feet long and 11 feet 6 inches wide. The living room is connected with the sun room by french doors. The sun room is 7



Second Floor Plan.
feet 6 inches by 12 feet. A cased opening between the living room and dining room provides a nook into which is set the fireplace. An open stairway runs out of the opposite end of the living room to a central hall on the second floor. The three bedrooms and the bathroom are corner rooms, which gives plenty of light and ventilation.

Equipped with awnings as shown in the exterior view of the house and with plantings about, this makes a most attractive home for town or country. It is economical to build and will provide the average family with a comfortable home.

Sound Muffling Now Demanded in Residence

Proper house construction will go a long way toward solving the problem of children and grownups living together comfortably.

This problem occurs in every household of which children are members. When guests are being entertained, the children usually are sent upstairs and are wanted to be absolutely still lest the guests be annoyed by the sound of footsteps on the floor above. Even more distressing is the mother's attempt to keep her guests distracted, while water is being drawn for baths or while the plumbing is being flushed in the bathroom overhead.

Even if guests are not present, when father comes home with nerves all on edge from the racket of a day's work in office, store or factory, the children's noise is an unwelcome disturbance. The maximum that children should be seen but not heard often is carried so far that they must be scolded and repressed into quiet.

So for the sake of the kiddies as well as of their elders, sound muffling is becoming part of the standard definition of livability. Up-to-date home-builders now demand qualities of construction which their parents would not have thought of requiring. Thorough insulation is the first of these qualities, and sound deadening is the second.

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Tells of Methods to Prevent Leaky Roofs

Drippy leaks that come with every rain or snow storm irritate the nerves as well as cause damage to furniture, walls and floors. J. Paul Atwood writes of ways to prevent leaks of the roof in the People's Home Journal.

He advises the placing of a new flashing around the chimney or stand pipe on the roof to close a bad leak. "Buy some flashing," he says, "copper is best, but you may use lead, zinc or galvanized iron. Mark out a good-sized area around the pipe and carefully remove the shingles. Then fit a piece of metal around the vent pipe, as well as over the area that you have uncovered, and nail it down with rust-proof nails. To prevent rain or snow from working its way down by crevices between the pipe and the main roof, threaded iron cap screws are driven down. Next you must ridge the shingles. Drive the nails in a few inches from where the old ones were."

"The most vulnerable portions of a roof," continues the writer, "are the valleys, the ridge, gutters, and eaves where chimneys, dormers, and other projections are located. A good structure, however, is a good one. The roof is the best. The best roof is the one that is built to last. It should be built to last. It should be built to last. It should be built to last."