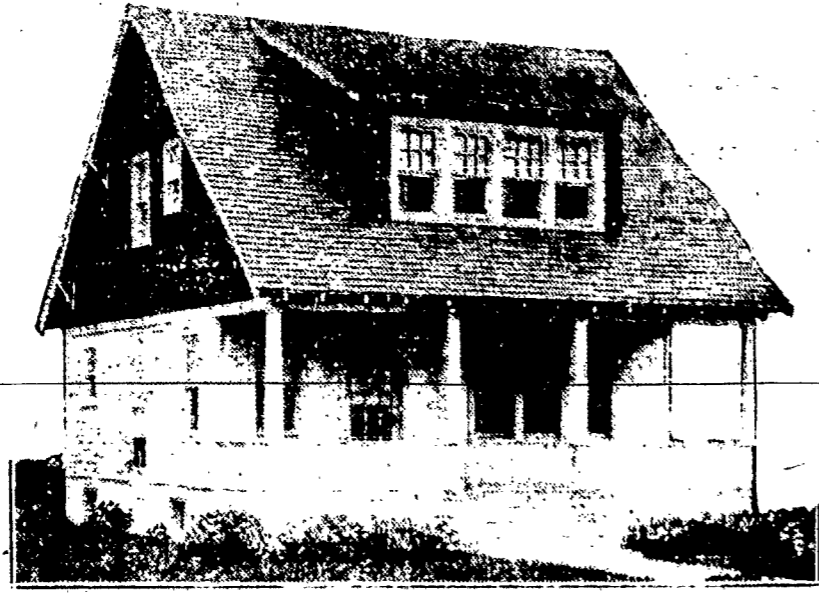


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## Attractive Small Frame Home That Gives Owner Most for His Money



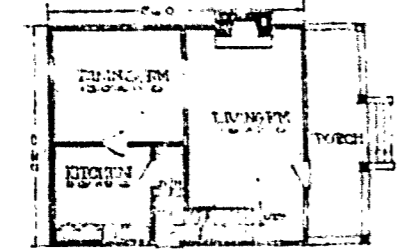
Front porches are all too rare in the houses of today but here, though the house is small, we find a porch which will be a highly attractive place to rest on warm summer-evenings.

By W. A. RADFORD

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After all, there are few homes more attractive than those which have been designed to meet the needs of the home builder of moderate means. Contractors in small towns have evolved designs for their customers. Most of these are of frame and are planned so that the owner will get the most for his money.

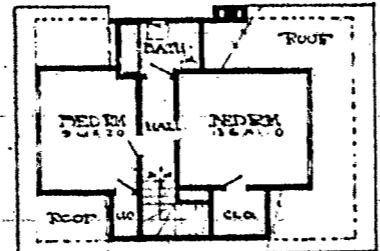
In this case comes the home shown in the accompanying illustration. This is a five-room, one-and-a-half-bath house. It is 22 feet wide and 23 feet deep, exclusive of the wide semi-enclosed front porch. This porch is one of the good features of this house. Front porches are all too rare in houses of today, but we have here, though the house is small, a porch which will be



First Floor Plan.

A highly attractive place to rest on in summer-evenings. The house contains three rooms on the first floor and two bedrooms and a bathroom on the second floor. How these rooms are arranged and the size of each are shown on the floor plans reproduced here. It will be recalled that the living room

extends the width of the house, it being 11 feet 6 inches deep and 21 feet wide. This is a larger living room than is ordinarily found in houses of this size. The dining room is connected with the living room with a cased opening and is 11 feet by 13 feet. The wide opening between the living room and the dining room gives



Second Floor Plan.

an effect of spaciousness and practically combines the two rooms. At one end of the living room is an open fireplace, and at the other is an open stair to the second floor. The kitchen is also a corner room and is 9 feet 6 inches square.

Two large bedrooms on the second floor are made possible by a wide dormer window set in the steep pitched roof at either side. These dormers also take away the plain appearance of the room and add to the appearance of the house.

The house is of frame construction and has a concrete foundation; the basement is of the same size as the dimensions of the house. The lower half of the house to the eaves has clapboard siding, and the gables at either end are shingled, as are the walls of the dormer projections.

This is an unusually good design for the home builder who needs a house of this size, as it is attractive in exterior appearance, its rooms are large and well arranged with the idea of giving the most in light and ventilation, and it can be erected at a comparatively low cost.

## Wood Material Used to Make Kitchen Modern

Pronounced opportunities are offered the building industry to promote interior home modernizing during the colder months, the National Lumber Dealers' association believes. Many firms are finding this source of business well worth cultivating, and there is a trend in the building industry toward stimulating the interest of home owners in this form of home improvement, according to various journals serving the building field.

A great deal of interest is centering on kitchens and breakfast nooks. This is particularly fortunate for lumber interests, the association believes, because in improving the kitchen, lumber almost invariably plays an important part. Wood also is featured in making breakfast alcoves more comfortable, convenient and attractive.

"These are hardly anything which adds so much to the attractiveness and convenience of a kitchen as plenty of built-in features. These may be installed easily at little cost in practically any kitchen, old or new.

The various cupboards, cabinets, shelves and bins can be constructed readily by the carpenter or contractor or built up at the millwork house and installed by the carpenter. Some housewives will be interested in suggesting installations that will meet their particular needs.

Cupboards, containing shelves, drawers and bins come first. The four best wood—douglas fir, west coast hemlock, western red cedar and sitka spruce, as well as many others—are excellent materials for these uses. They are easy to machine to give true, square corners and tight-fitting joints.

Modernizing is receiving strong support from building and loan associations. A Topoka (Kan.) concern has adopted a policy of completely modernizing every house that comes into its hands before it is rented or sold. The result has been a 50 per cent decrease in rentals on hand and an increase of 100 per cent in sales. Through modernization, this concern believes, many foreclosures have been avoided and many discouraged home owners have been developed into contented owners.

This building and loan organization found that one of its borrowers who had become delinquent in payments had no reason for getting behind, except that they had become dissatisfied with their home. Investigation revealed that the house was satisfactory

## Winter Building Gains Headway Every Year

Each year shows an increase in the amount of winter building. Even materials which need special care can be handled by the exercise of a little forethought by the builder. Included in this are the need of heating sand and gravel, the care in the pouring of concrete and protecting it from the frost and the use of salamanders to prevent materials freezing and to keep men comfortable.

While the foregoing costs a little more, winter building includes certain definite economies which offset these few added expenses. Builders can choose the most efficient workmen because of slack times, better deliveries are often obtained and often again lower prices in materials are secured.

Lumber is a material that can be used with no additional precaution or extra expense in winter building. While naturally it requires protection from rain and dampness in winter as it does in summer it should be protected also against snow by storage inside the building or by covering stock piles. It does not, however, need any special treatment before using or protection from cold after being put in place.

## Four Points Necessary to Perfect Architecture

Architectural perfection in a building is based upon four general requirements, and the more complete the fulfillment of these requirements the more certain it is to be architecturally good, C. Julian Oberwarth declares in Architectural Progress.

"The first of these is utility, or fulfillment of the purpose for which it was intended," says Mr. Oberwarth. "The second is expression, or the way the design suggests the purpose, materials, construction and general plan arrangement. The third is soundness of construction, or the durability of the materials, knowledge and ingenuity in their uses and engineering perfection in assembling; and the fourth is beauty of design.

"Each of these requisites of good architecture is dependent upon the success of the others, and unless all four have been taken care of in a successful manner the building is not an architectural success."

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## Grain of Wood Starting Place for Decoration

The interesting grain and mellow sheen of a fine wood fiber may serve as the decorative starting point for the whole room. In a bedroom, for instance, the maple floor may be dyed a delicate orchid with one of the new transparent color stains.

Around this unusual note the treatment of the sunny room revolves in a harmony of sunset hues and soft dove grays. The newer developments in acid and water stains have made possible the most enchanting colored surfaces. Pastel green, silver gray, royal blue and other lovely shades blend into the "ensemble" of bedroom or studio.

Beech has much the same appearance as maple but more grain and takes a deeper color tone when varnished or waxed. Birch with its smooth white sapwood and pinkish heart, absorbs a beautiful, even stain.

Paint is the finish par excellence for the softwoods—pine and spruce. The glare of a sun-bathed chamber can be softened if the floor is painted one of the absorbing shades—the cool blues, greens and grays.—Elizabeth Hallam Bohn in McCall's.

## Good Floor Finish

Two coats of oil and wax, with no filler or varnish, is an excellent method of finishing oak flooring. It has an appearance distinctly different from the standard floor and varnish job. A choice between the two is practically a matter of taste.

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## Holder of Irish Bonds Will Receive 59 Per Cent. Of Face Value of Bonds

New York, Feb. 14.—Application was made here today for a court order confirming a recent report of the receivers of the "Irish Republic" bonds, and asking that the Supreme Court confirm the report and direct the distribution of the money that remains in the fund.

The receivers, Peter J. Brady, President of the Federation Bank and Trust Co., Attorney J. Edward Murphy, and state senator John L. Buckley, reported one week ago that they are prepared to pay 59.332 bondholders throughout the country 59 per cent. of the face value of their bonds. There remains in the fund a total of \$2,538,033.00. The payment of 59 per cent. of the value of all bonds will leave approximately 400,000 to meet disputed claims, one of which is for \$100,000 by "The Friends of Irish Freedom." This claim has been rejected by the receivers, but the organization is threatening to appeal to the courts for payment of its claim.

Several millions of dollars worth of Irish bonds were sold in America some years ago to help finance the "Irish Republic." Some of the money was used for the Irish cause, but as the various factions in Ireland cannot agree how the remainder of the money is to be used, or to whom paid, the courts appointed the receivers named above to determine what to do with the money. The receivers are ready to return it to the purchasers of the bonds, and they have enough on hand to pay 59 per cent.

Quite a few people in Rochester, N. Y., and adjacent places, purchased these bonds. If the Supreme Court approves the report of the receivers, as it undoubtedly will, all of these purchasers will receive 59 per cent. of what they paid for the Irish bonds.

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## Bishop Nussbaum of Marquette, Michigan Says of Church Extension

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## Anniversary of Lateran Accords Is Celebrated

Vatican City, Feb. 14.—On Tuesday this week the first anniversary was celebrated of the signature of the Lateran Accords, which settled the long-standing controversies between church and state.

The Italian ambassador to the Holy See, Count de Vecchi, presented the government's congratulations to Pope Pius, giving him an official present of a rosetto of fine old Venetian lace. It was one of the richest ecclesiastical vestments ever made in Italy.

Rome hung out its flags in honor of the occasion, and the papal flag was run up for the first time on the Castel Gandolfo, which Pope Pius will use as a summer residence.

The Observer-Roman published a lengthy article commenting on the treaty and praising its results.

"Past polemics and discussions, it said, 'have not impaired in the slightest the solidity or diminished the impressiveness of the monument' erected by the concordat."

The Fascist newspapers all carried enthusiastic articles, and a special edition of the Fascist official paper was issued in honor of the anniversary. All Italy joined in the rejoicing.

## Naval Reserve Radio Unit For Santa Clara

Santa Clara, Cal., Feb. 14.—A unit of the United States Naval Reserve radio communication division will be organized here. Santa Clara will be one of the first colleges in the country to have such a unit. It will be organized under the direction of Dan Hardin, chief radio man of the United States Naval Reserves and a student here.

## FATHER DAN'S COLUMN

(Continued from Page Two)

"I tried again to call 'Will' 'Will!' But though my lips went through all the moultons of speech, no sound escaped them. Then came a deep, sepulchral sound. The shadow was speaking, its deep-set eyes riveted upon me. 'You must avenge my murder. You, boy! You are the one who must do it!' The lamp spluttered. The light seemed to return to its wick and glow brighter and brighter, while the shadow slowly revolved itself into just again and vanished. 'Will!' I shouted, and this time I could hear my own voice. I clutched at his shoulder and literally forced him to awake. 'What's the matter?' he asked. 'Is it twelve and did you see anything?'

Cock-a-Do-dle-doo! With no little incoherence I gave him a full account of my experience. At several points he expressed surprise and was very particular in inquiring into the exact words the figure used. Yet he was not convinced that I had actually seen a ghost. "Cock-a-Do-dle-doo," he cried, as I finished my story. "Just wait 'till the sun takes his first peep at us. Then we'll see whether this house is haunted." By mutual agreement we decided to remain up the rest of the night, and Will deliberately shortened the hours for me by his clever imitations of "Amos and Andy." His wonderful memory in reproducing the acts of the two famous characters quite took my mind off of ghosts.

Daybreak brought to me the consciousness that the clocks in the house had not struck, that they were silent and had been for many years. Will's investigation into their mechanism revealed the fact that they could not have struck. No winding produced any effect whatever, upon any one of them. Reluctantly, but with a feeling of relief, I had to admit that I had fallen asleep in my chair over the book and had dreamed about ghosts. The fright, however, was not without its consequences; and to it I lay the presence of the idiosyncrasy that bothered me for many a day—the annoying habit of walking in my sleep.

In chapter two I must tell the youthful readers about our famous ball team that bore the name of "McCarthy's Peaches, Hard to Peel."

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