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Design That Will Appeal to the More Conservative Home Builders

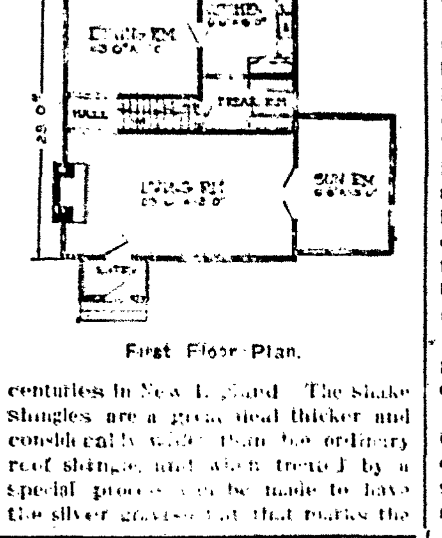
There is nothing striking or novel about this home, but it should appeal to many of the more conservative home builders as one which will maintain its appearance through many years because of its lack of passing faddish influence.

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.

While there is nothing striking or novel about this house, it should appeal to many of the more conservative home builders. The picture shows how attractive the exterior of a house may be made by the use of awnings, flower boxes, and flowers and shrubs around the foundation walls. This is not an expensive house to build, and has all the features of a modern up-to-date home including a sun room and a balcony above.

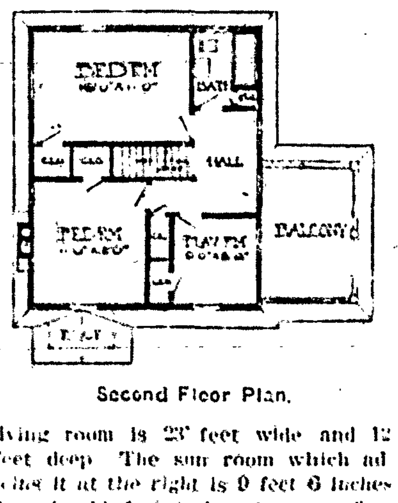
In construction this home reminds one of a New England design, as the lower part has the wide shake shingle and the upper part the clapboard siding, which have been popular for



First Floor Plan.

centuries in New England. The shake shingles are a great deal thicker and considerably wider than the ordinary roof shingle, and when treated by a special process can be made to have the silver grayish tint that marks the older New England houses. This silver tone is the result of action of the salt iodine-laden air from the ocean.

This house is 21 feet wide and 28 feet deep and contains six rooms. It will be noted from the floor plans, which are also reproduced, that the



Second Floor Plan.

living room is 23 feet wide and 12 feet deep. The sun room which adjoins it at the right is 9 feet 6 inches deep by 13 feet wide. An open fireplace at the other end of the living room is a feature which will make this room attractive and cheery in winter. An unusual feature of this house is the location of the stairs which are between the living room and the dining room, and the stair hall is the connection between these two rooms. The dining room is on a corner, and is 11 feet by 13 feet. The kitchen is about 9 feet square and adjoining it is a breakfast room with a pullman dinette set. The stairs lead to a central hall on the second floor. At the head of the stairs is the bathroom, and on the other three corners are bedrooms. One is designated as a play room in the plan, but it is large enough for a bedroom.

This home is one of those designated for a rather large lot, as the house over all is 34½ feet wide. Trees and shrubs are needed to give this home an artistic setting.

Woodwork in the Home Should Have Wall Shade

Two schemes are in general use for the finishing of woodwork, either as a part of the wall or as a part of the furniture. The former is, in most cases, preferable. As a part of the wall it should be a shade or two darker of the same color as the wall. This insures harmony and good taste, and gives that restful effect of space so much to be desired.

In the second method the woodwork takes the color of the furniture, or, perhaps, only the doors and permanent furniture are given the furniture color, while baseboards, cornices and "standing trim" have the wall color. This method may be successfully used in large rooms, or in rooms that have a relatively small amount of woodwork, so that it does not distract the attention from the sum total of the room.

Finish for interior woodwork may be gloss, semi-gloss or dull. The high gloss is most easily kept clean, but does not usually please the eye as well as a dull finish. The flat finishes are much more artistic, and when properly done are quite as serviceable. There is now on the market an oil which produces distinctive effects in eggshell and satin finishes without laborious rubbing or even stipling and which is washable and very durable.

Woodwork which contains knots or sap-filled streaks necessitates very special treatment in its finish, and the extra cost involved here more than offsets any saving made by buying woodwork of second quality. Never allow your interior doors, trim or built-in furniture to become neglected or run down in appearance for need of new paint.

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Cover Exposed Pipes to Prevent Freezing

In every modern home an uninterrupted supply of water is necessary at all times, and precautions should be taken to prevent the damage to property caused by frozen and burst pipes. Precautions such as draining outside pipes, and covering all those exposed with a good insulation should be made. If the family is to be away from home several days with the fire "dead," and flow of water unused, all water pipes should be drained. It is best to consult a good plumber regarding the protection that is needed against freezing weather.

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Big House on Small Lot Brings Disappointment

Before a lot is bought one should decide to take as much land as one can afford. Even if the house is made smaller to make up for the added expenditure, it is wise to get as large a lot as possible. Many otherwise beautiful suburban communities have been ruined by building large houses on small lots. Row after row of them, with only a few feet between each house, their appearance is unattractive.

Many house owners solve the problem of more land by striking farther out into the country, where land is cheap. They find it is possible to get 100 to 150 feet at the price of 40 or 50 feet nearer town. Room to breathe is what every house owner wants; space in which his wife and children may thrive. You cannot get all there is in outdoor life when the house covers the entire lot.

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Modern Fixtures Make Small Home Popular

This is the day of the small house planned for comfort and convenience, not for ostentation. Heating and refrigeration plants, the electrical equipment, the plumbing system and the built-in features have contributed to place a star of the little house in the ascendancy and to create for it an important and distinctive place in modern life.

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Average Wooden House Rots in a Few Years

Although the average American wooden house is attacked by decay within a few years and is usually rotted to worthlessness with two generations, there is no reason why it could not be preserved for two, three or more centuries, says Prof. Emanuel Fritz, wood technologist of the University of California.

Carelessness, and not the perishable quality of wood itself, is to blame for the costly decay of the average frame dwelling, asserts the expert, writing in Good Housekeeping Magazine. Decay is evidence that the wood is holding a moisture content of more than 20 per cent.

Cheap, careless construction proves more expensive in time than the care and added expense necessary to make a house waterproof, he points out. The factors which usually bring about decay and which can easily be eliminated are: Poorly fitted joints, shingles, and door and window sills which permit water to enter and remain in the cracks; failure to insulate all parts of the house from the moisture of the ground with a masonry foundation of at least six inches; failure to ventilate the space between ground and floors where heat and moisture quickly develop the decaying fungi, and failure to see that no mounds of earth or rubbish are left under the house to convey moisture to the parts of the building which they touch.

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Cement Plaster Makes Garage Walls Fireproof

Ideal garages are, of course, fireproof. Many useful methods of building garages at moderate cost have been developed. Cement plaster is an excellent material for such use.

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Convention of Sodalities Of Western New York Held At Nazareth College, Mar. 9

The convention of the Sodalities of Western New York will be held in Nazareth College on Sunday, March 9th. Delegates will be present from all parts of Western New York, and nearly 1,000 members are expected to be present. This will be the first general congress of the new year, the first one to be given under the auspices of Nazareth College, and the first to be held in Rochester. Bishop O'Hern has interested himself greatly in the movement, and accepted the invitation to be present.

A general program of subjects has been suggested by Father Lord, National Director of Sodalities, and these topics will be discussed by the students. They are "The Liturgy," and "Apostolic Work." Whether the discussion is formal or informal, it will be done thoroughly and spiritedly. Father Lord himself cannot be present at the meeting, but it will be carried out as enthusiastically as if he were.

Annual Play, Feb. 24, 25

"Once There Was a Princess," a three-act play, will be presented at Nazareth Academy Auditorium, February 24 and 25. This is the annual play given by the Dramatic Club, of which Beatrice Welch is president. Fritz Bonehill is directing the play, and the cast is as follows: Helen Cronin, William Stimson, Betty Randall, Mildred Steele, Anna Egan, Hilda McNamara, Isabelle Rovas, Dorothy Fleming, Martha Clark, Leo Hogan, Feehan Fitzpatrick, Clete Lochner, Mary LaPalm, Josephine Koch. The chairmen of the committees are: Publicity, Edith Fisher; Props, Agnes Marron; tickets, Edith Croft; programs, Anna Fennessey. Tickets are now on sale and may be obtained from any student. A large audience is expected to attend the play, which will equal, if not surpass those given other years.

Talk on Hawaiian Islands

Rev. Julian Thinpont, S.S.C.C., spoke very charmingly at a meeting of the Mission Unit, on the subject of the Hawaiian Islands, illustrating his talk by slides. Father Thinpont has been doing missionary work in Hawaii for 16 years. He told of the labors of the missionaries in converting the Hawaiians, the hardships they had to undergo, and the remarkable results they have obtained. He vividly brought home the pitiful conditions of Molokai, the Leper Colony, and the work that Father Damian and his successors have done there. His audience was further entertained by anecdotes, and Hula songs which Father Thinpont played and sang.

Bishop O'Hern Was Ordained 29 Years Ago

Twenty-nine years ago, on February 17, 1901, the Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D.D., Bishop of Rochester, was ordained to the priesthood. The ordination ceremony took place in the North American College, Rome, Italy, and he returned to the United States, and to the Diocese of Rochester, shortly afterwards.

The anniversary was quietly celebrated by Bishop O'Hern at his episcopal residence on East Avenue, and he received the congratulations and good wishes of a number of friends during the day. His brother, the Rev. Thomas J. O'Hern of Buffalo, spent the day with him.

Medical Mission Day Changed To March 18th

New York, Feb. 21.—By decision of the executive committee of the Catholic Medical Mission Board, the date of Medical Mission Day will be changed from October 18 to March 18. The former date, it was found, conflicted with Mission Sunday in many dioceses, and it was believed the change would be advantageous.

The eighteenth of every months is observed as a special day of prayer and activity for the medical missions.

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FATHER DAN'S COLUMN

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when he bounced a two-bagger down the left field foul-line, scoring two runs and stealing home behind them. We got seven more runs before the game was over, and the Ocean Waves got only two. So the final score was 10 to 7. All of which merely goes to show what happens when a team has a good catcher and a good short-stop to take his throws.

The worst of telling Conway Vogt anything is that he doesn't know a great deal. If he did he would not see anything amusing in our losing two games after we got rid of Riley. If he knew anything he would know that even Babe Ruth has his off days and doesn't hit a home run every time he steps up to the plate. If he did, he would loose so many balls that perhaps the American League would not be able to finish the season. The Wild Cats beat us because Johnny himself struck out twice when a hit meant a run, and the White Mice trimmed us 14 to 2. But that was Mrs. Nagle's fault. Everytime one of the Mice hit the ball it went down towards third base and Jimmy Nagel couldn't handle the ball because he had no glove. The night before that game Mrs. Nagle became displeased because Jimmy's glove dropped from a shelf into a kettle of soup and she threw the glove into the garbage can, and now some garbage man's boy has a good infielder's mitt.

Mr. McCarthy Was Tired

Mr. McCarthy said he had grown tired of paying out good money for uniforms for a baseball team, only to find the team couldn't play marbles. We had to put up with a great deal of heckling from people like Conway Vogt; and Kate Hickey said that we played such a disgraceful game she was positively ashamed and could never look the world in the face. All of this was very annoying to a star catcher who played a fine game and could not be held responsible for the deficiences of his team mates. However, the uproar caused by our long string of defeats has not been witout its good effect. Richard Driscoll and some of the wiser fellows were reluctant to turn in their suits and asked Mr. McCarthy if he wouldn't give them another chance if Johnny Rowan left the team. Dennis said he would be satisfied if "that Mahaney kid" were made captain, all of which is evidence of a remarkable judgment on the part of Mr. McCarthy. So Captain Rowan was told by Driscoll that he could take his choice, resign his position or take a punch in the nose. Johnny decided to resign. I was immediately elected to succeed him.

We won our next game hands down; and everyone said I was a wonder. Nobody will deny that. How could they? Of course some people will deny anything. I imagine Conway Vogt will deny that I told him when my birthday was so he will not have to give me a present. So I'll tell him again that it's next Friday. Kate Hickey smiled at me this morning when I passed her going into school. Heroism on the diamond is not without its reward. We have interesting fire drills at school, and in chapter three I must tell the youthful readers about a real fire and how a certain person became a real hero. You will have to wait until next week to know who that person is.

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