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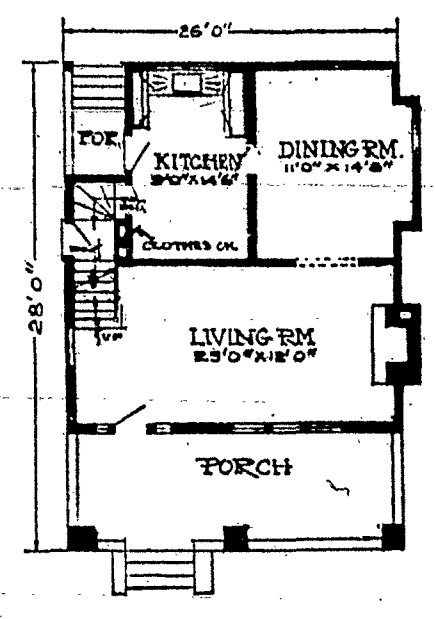
**Small Economical House Has  
All Qualities That Make a Home**



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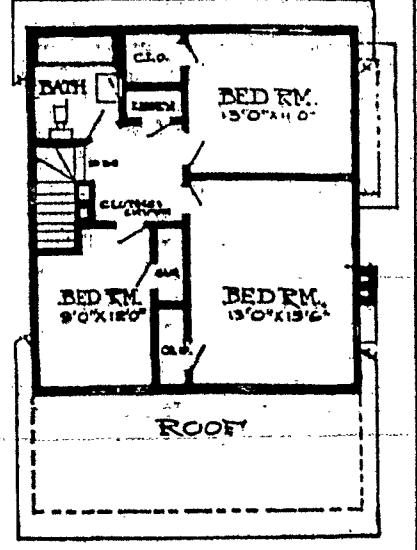
By W. A. RADFORD  
Mr. William A. Radford will answer questions and give advice FREE OF COST on all subjects pertaining to practical home building, for the readers of this paper. On account of his wide experience as editor, author and manufacturer, he is, without doubt, the highest authority on all these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

Anyone who is considering building a home or purchasing one cannot help but admire the small house shown in the accompanying illustration. This is the sort of a house which makes one feel instantly at home, for it possesses all of those friendly qualities that we



associate with the word which means so much in our lives. It has a wide, attractive, inviting front porch. Its roof lines are graceful and when surrounded by flowers, shrubs and lawn it makes a place that anyone will be proud to call his home.

28 feet deep, yet it contains six rooms and bath. It has a living room which extends the entire width of the house at the front; a dining room 11 feet by 14 feet 6 inches which is connected with the living room by a double cased opening and a kitchen 9 feet by 14 feet 6 inches. The entrance door leads



into one end of the living room and at this same end is an open stair leading to the second floor. The stairs end in a square hall off which opens the three bedrooms and the bathroom. This house might be termed a dutch colonial as it has a wide dormer in the second floor which indicates the dutch colonial. The multiplicity of windows both at the front, at the back and at both ends of the home give it plenty of light and ventilation. It is of frame construction with wide clapboard siding and is set on a concrete foundation which makes a basement of the same dimensions as the house. Brick pillars which hold the porch roof, and the brick outside fireplace are features which add to the attractiveness of the exterior of this home.

**Garage Floor Can Be  
Built by the Owner**

The man who owns a car and doesn't have a concrete floor in his garage can easily build one himself in his spare hours.

No indispensable has this type of floor become in the care of the automobile that few garages are now built without them. Concrete makes an ideal garage floor. It is waterproof and oilproof, easy to keep clean, will not rot, is easy on tires and it never wears out.

In building the floor all the soil should be excavated about six inches below the level intended for the top of the floor. If it is necessary to fill in at any low spots, care should be taken to tamp the new loose earth firmly so that the floor will have a good solid foundation.

Provision should be made for drainage, either to a sewer or low ground. The floor should slope to the center or to a gutter at the front or back. If the drain is made at the center, a sand trap should be built about one foot square and ten or twelve inches deep and covered with a heavy screen. The sewer outlet is placed in the

side of the trap about six inches from the bottom. This trap provides a place for sand and mud to settle and prevents clogging of the sewer. The accumulated sand can be removed with a shovel from time to time.

The floor should be given plenty of slope toward the drain so that water will run off freely. One-inch slope to ten feet is recommended. It will usually be found satisfactory to build the floor in sections that are small enough to be finished easily. Strips of concrete laid alternately permit the builder to work easily from both sides and obviate the necessity of his doing the job all at one time. Two by sixes, placed on edge, may be used for the forms and should be staked securely in place with the top leveled to the intended surface of the concrete.

The concrete should be mixed one part portland cement to two parts clean sand and four parts crushed stone or washed pebbles. All parts should be mixed thoroughly with just enough water to make a soupy, jelly-like mixture.

As soon as the concrete has been placed in the forms it should be struck off with a straight-edged board and finished by smoothing off with a wooden float or trowel. This will give an even, gritty surface. Metal troweling is not advisable, since it gives a surface that is too smooth. When the concrete has hardened enough to resist finger impressions it should be covered with earth or straw and kept damp for a week or more by sprinkling. This curing is important, since concrete does not attain its maximum strength if allowed to dry out.

For each 100 square feet of surface, 6 inches thick, you will need 1 1/4 sacks of cement, 23 cubic feet of sand and 45 cubic feet of crushed stone or pebbles.

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**Easter tide**

At Easter tide the skies are blue,  
And birds are sitting to and fro,  
And many sweet and tender things  
Speak of the life we long to know.  
Lilies fair and daffodils  
Via with each other in their gold,  
And tell that once again for us  
The Easter message doth unfold.

The world is full of life and light,  
Of hopes revived and joy restored;  
Upon the earth, with lavish hand,  
Its blessings kindly heaven has poured.  
And deep in every trusting heart  
Eternal peace and joy abide;  
For love has triumphed o'er the tomb,  
And gladness crowns the Easter tide.  
—Wisconsin Agriculturist.

**Propagation of Faith  
Society in Rochester  
Gives \$13,825.52**

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If unusual annuity gifts, totaling \$12,988.52, had not been received in the past year.

U. S. Total was \$1,381,709.30

The Catholics of the United States for the year 1929 contributed to the General Fund of the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith \$1,381,709.30. This represents an increase of 8.08 per cent over the 1928 offering from the United States. The rate of increase did not keep pace with the advance that was made in the east, but it may be considered highly satisfactory in view of the present economic conditions.

With the progress reported from other countries, it is expected that the funds at the disposal of the Superior Council will be substantially larger than last year. The Superior Council is composed of the National Directors of the Society in the various Catholic countries of the world who assemble once a year at Rome to distribute the general fund money to the neediest missions and missionaries.

Much More Is Needed

It requires no knowledge of higher mathematics to understand that figures have a relative value, as well as an absolute significance. The relative significance of figures constitutes the only measure of valuation. These days Americans are not astonished by a fortune of a mere million or two, whereas not so long ago in this country a million was considered almost a fabulous sum of money.

A great injustice would be done to the cause of Catholic missions if the idea should prevail that the missionaries are amply provided for, because such is not the case.

**115,000 Mission Workers**

The general fund money of the Propagation of the Faith Society which is collected every year is supposed to support 47,000 missionary priests, brothers and sisters who have a lay personnel, such as catechists, teachers, helpers of 115,000. We leave it to the reader to figure out the relative value of the three million dollars or so—the amount contributed throughout the Catholic World—which the Superior Council in Rome is about to allocate among the Catholic missions of the world.

The Rev. Gavan Duff, a scholar and missionary of note, in a conservative estimate, is reported to have said that the Society for the Propagation of the Faith would have to collect at least twenty million dollars a year to carry on the work of the missions already existing. This figure does not include money to be used for development and expansion of rapidly growing and flourishing missions. Again, in 1928, it was given out that our non-Catholic friends in the United States and Canada raised over 55 millions for missionary work, and 33 per cent of this money was raised by the English speaking non-Catholics in the United States. Moreover, when you consider the number and diversity of Catholic missions throughout the world, the rigid economy that necessarily accompanies missionary efforts of priests and sisters, and the great advance of Catholic missionary projects in recent years under the leadership of His Holiness Pius XI—the Pope of the Missions—you will readily understand that three million dollars is far from adequate to the urgent needs and necessities of Catholic missions.

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