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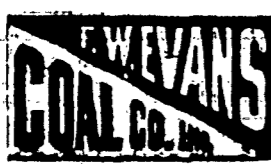
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Chinese Woman, Long a Convert, Has Hard Time

Seven Years of Petty Persecution Have Not Dampened Her Ardor—Relatives Have Her Imprisoned at Home Now.

(Files Features)
Anko, China, Sept. 5.—Liu-chun-chu, a young married Chinese woman of the parish of Mar Oan in Bishop Suen's territory of Anko, was converted to the Catholic Church seven years ago. These seven years of Catholic life have been for the poor girl one continuous torment. Though her husband was not opposed to her conversion, his parents were. He and his wife lived with their parents according to the Chinese custom which brings all generations under the same roof. The father or grandfather is abso-

lutely master, having more authority over a daughter-in-law than the husband himself has.

Liu-chun-chu for seven years has been apparently untroubled by the continued and varied methods of opposition and persecution, a fact which exasperates still more the hate parents of her husband. Recently they lost all control of their anger and threw the girl out of the house. She rented a little room in another section of the village, but her father-in-law soon upbraided the proprietor of the lodging and had her turned out anew. She then made the rounds of sympathy to relatives, staying one or two nights at each house.

Tricked by Relatives
The pastor of the church hearing of her plight, engaged her as a catechism teacher and sent her to a neighboring town. The parents-in-law, enraged to find her snatched from their persecution and especially to find her openly practicing the religion of the Christians, sent her husband to fetch her back, promising that all was forgiven and if she returned to the house she could henceforth live in peace. The girl resigned the post and, with great expectations, returned to the husband's home.

Upon her arrival she was immediately imprisoned in a tiny room and will remain there, declare the parents, until she renounces the Catholic faith. The distraught husband, begging his parents for her release, but in vain. The girl cannot move, and, if kept in such quarters for any length of time, will soon be dead.

Liu-chun-chu is not weeping, nor gnashing her teeth. She is not even perturbed. "Sincerely" she recently refused a well intentioned and perfectly planned opportunity to escape, and calmly told the woman who had arranged it, "Thank you so much, but, really, I would rather die here at my hands than run away. Because, if I flee, they will think me disobedient, and then there will be no hope of converting them. You see I am offering up my suffering for their conversion, and while there is still one breath of life they cannot stop me from using it to pray that they too may one day have the gift of the Catholic faith."

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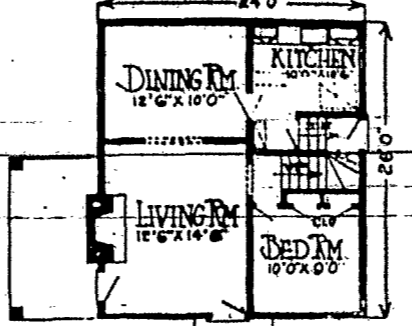
Cottage Type Prettiest on Wooded Sites or Natural Surroundings



This seven-room frame home with its unusual roof treatment provides room for a large family, there being four bedrooms and bath. The first floor bedroom is a convenience not found in many two-story homes.

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Homes to be built on wooded sites or where there are natural surroundings are prettier when they are of the cottage type of home building design. The house shown in the accompanying illustration suggests a cottage, but it is a full two-story frame home containing seven rooms and bath. The suggestion of a cottage is achieved by the unusual roof lines which come down at a steep



First Floor Plan.

pitch from the ridge at the front giving the effect of a story and one-half house. Wide dormers on either side, however, give the head room necessary on the second floor to make it a

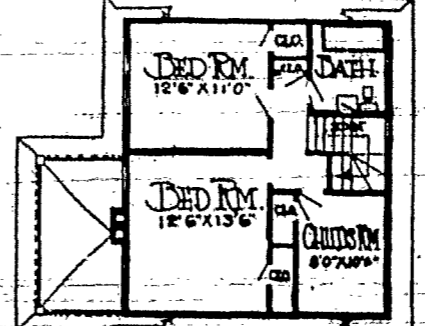
Old Heating Systems Are Easily Modernized

While the fundamental principles of radiator heating have not changed in the last ten years, there have been devised many improvements which may be utilized by the home owner to modernize a heating system which may have been installed a decade or two ago.
The circulation in an old hot-water heating system may be speeded up by the attachment of an electric pump to the main riser line. Stimulation of the circulation of the hot water in this manner will not only result in more heat for the same radiators, but will also result in considerable fuel economy.
Hot-water systems installed years ago were all equipped with expansion tanks which were usually placed in attics. Now that space is becoming more valuable, many attics are being converted into rooms. Any home owner who may wish to get rid of an unsightly expansion tank in his attic may dispose of the tank and substitute an expansion device in the basement.
One-pipe steam heating systems may be successfully converted into partial vacuum systems by the attachment of special air valves to the radiators and the use of another type of special air valve attached to the piping in the basement.
Many highly perfected devices are on the market for the thermostatic control of the drafts and checks. Some may be attached to the boiler; others are so-called "room temperature controls," and they will open and shut drafts as the temperature in the rooms rises or falls. Some may be obtained equipped with clocks which will automatically cause the drafts to go on in the morning at any time that is desired.

May Now Turn Switch and Get Uniform Heat

Instead of groping down cellar in the chill hours to stoke a rapacious furnace, you soon may be able to touch a switch and produce a uniform warmth of any desired degree throughout the house.
Steam, hot air, or hot water heating derived from electric power is now available for both homes and commercial buildings, according to an article in the American Architect magazine. Electric service companies in New Jersey, Ohio, Indiana and Virginia have made successful tests of the new equipment in heating their own office buildings and a study of costs and efficiency records to determine how electric heat can be made available to the public at a low rate is now going forward.
General adoption of electrically created heat would mean that power plants could operate at full production since the plan proposes that a low rate be offered on current so used during the "off-peak" hours.
Describing the system, the American Architect says:
"Water in an insulated tank is raised by 250 degrees during the night and automatically circulated to the radiators by a thermostatically controlled pump during the rest of the day. In the case of a hot water system. For a warm-air system the hot water is circulated through a coil bank over which the air for heating is blown and circulated through the house. The application to a steam system is similar to that of the hot water type."
The system provides for a heating tank similar to the hot water tank familiar in every home, and a large heavily insulated storage tank. The water heated in the small tank by an electric "spool" is used for domestic hot water purposes. The larger tank contains water also heated by an electric heating unit and from this tank the hot water, steam or hot air is circulated under control of the thermostat.

full size. The floor plans show a bedroom on the first floor adjoining the enclosed stairs with three other bedrooms and bathroom on the second floor. The other three rooms are the



Second Floor Plan.

usual living room, dining room and kitchen.
The size of this house is 24 feet by 28 feet exclusive of the porch. The sizes of the rooms and their relation one to another are shown by the floor plans reproduced.

How attractive this home may be with its well planned interior, and the open porch is shown by the reproduction of the exterior. It has a roomy inviting appearance and still is simple and suitable for a lot on which there are many trees and shrubs or which has trees and shrubs as a background for a house.

This is the type of economical frame home which will appeal to many prospective home builders. It has abundance of space in the inside; is attractive from the exterior and it is low in cost which will be an added inducement.

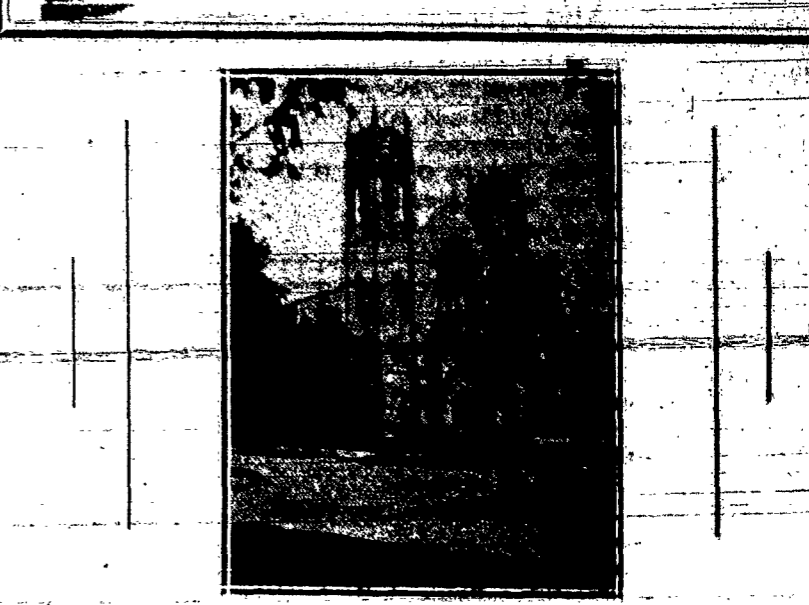
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