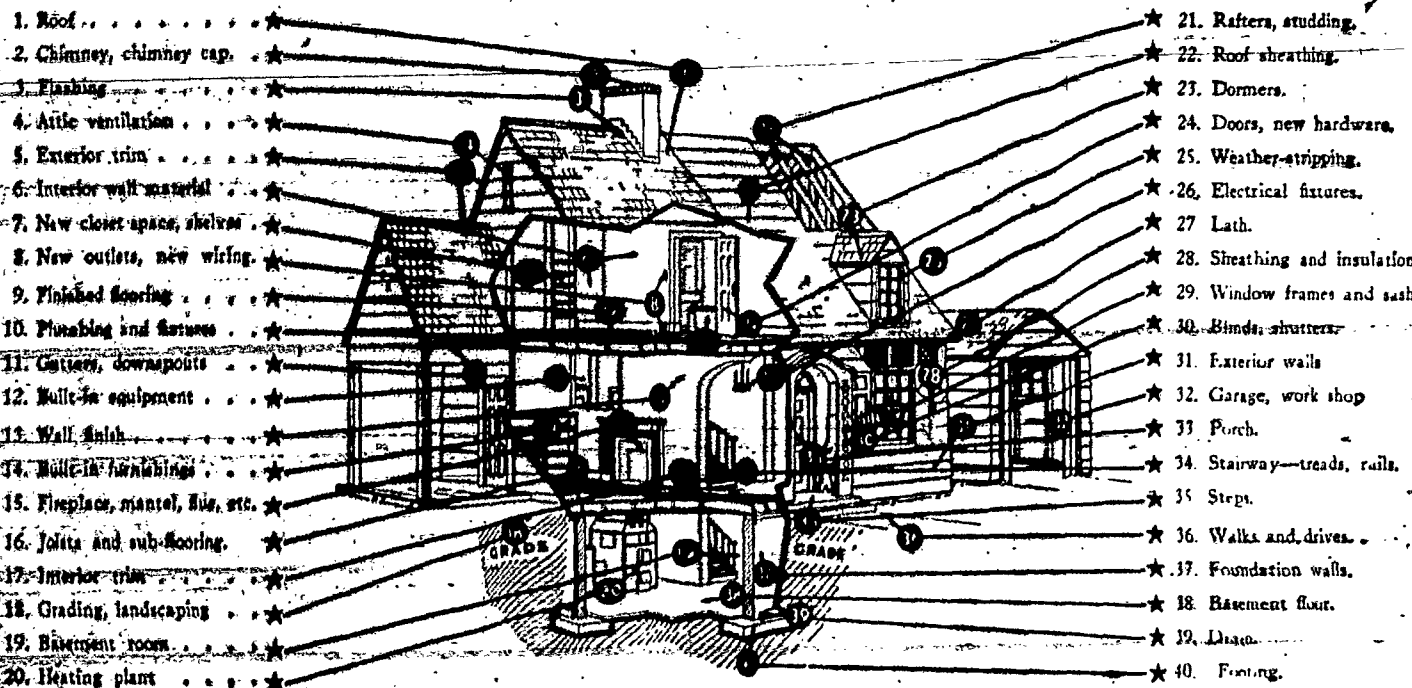


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Household Hints

Check Home for Convenience, Safety, Comfort



Housing Question Box

Q.—I have a basement which is finished and plastered. A good quality flooring should be laid. Disappearing staircases are available for homes which do not have permanent steps to the entrance.

Q.—During the recent heavy rain the water came through our brick wall. Can you advise us as to treatment at a moderate cost for waterproofing?

A.—Having a reliable firm check the brick work on the sides of the house where the moisture comes in. This is usually on one or two corners. The wall on the other side is pointed in and repointing undertaken if necessary. One process of waterproofing used by these firms is to glaze the brick surface with a special preparation of paraffin by steam pressure. The cost of this operation is moderate.

Q.—How can I remove spots and stains similar to water stains from an oak floor without scraping the entire floor?

A.—If the stains are only in the wax finish, they can be removed by scraping with turpentine, cleaning with kerosene and waxing. If the staining is in the wood, the wax is removed in this way and then treated with a solution of oxalic acid. After being washed and dried, wax is applied.

Q.—Should concrete be treated before applying paint?

A.—Concrete should be treated with a special primer before applying paint. It is advisable to let the concrete stand at least a year to allow it to dry thoroughly and to give the lines in the materials sufficient time to settle. This prevents the walls and ceiling, or they may be painted surface from being injured.

Q.—We have some spots in our attic which we would like to convert into an extra room. How should we go about this?

A.—If the change involves much structural alteration of your home, it is suggested that you consult an architect. Wallboard, lumber and other material may be used for the walls and ceiling, or they may be plastered.

Q.—We are about to put a new roof on our home. Is it necessary to remove the old one, or can we lay the new one on top?

A.—Many of the modern types of roofing can be applied directly over the old roofing of other materials. Double insulation and reduction of labor costs result. Large portions of the old roof should be made secure first, however.

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Narberth Movement Work Is Lauded by Archbishop Curley

Narberth, Pa. — (NCWC)—The Most Rev. Michael J. Curley, Archbishop of Baltimore, in a letter made public by the Catholic Information Society of Narberth, says in part: "I am only too happy to inform you that I am thoroughly in favor of your system of spreading Catholic truth. I have seen your pamphlets. They are brief, to the point and attractive. Every work of this kind deserves the heartiest support of Bishops, priests and people. Every good wish."

Baltimore has a leading position in the work of the Society, which, with the aid of 23 members of the American Hierarchy, has introduced its work into many parts of the country. Of the 37 branch societies now established, 34 are in Baltimore, one now being in its third year.

Each week under the heading "Catholic Evidence" on the editorial page of the CATHOLIC COURIER the messages sent out by the Catholic Information Society of Narberth, Pa. appear. Although these messages are directed to the Non-Catholic, Catholics will find much of interest in them to review essential points of Catholic Faith.

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The Catholic Church And Social Justice
By JOSEPH L. OTTO
The subject upon which I am to speak this evening is a most important subject at this time. On every hand you hear people talking about social justice and the part it should play in present-day life.

There is no need for me to tell you what the Catholic Church is, but we all may not have a clear idea of what social justice is. An understanding of this term, social justice, is of the greatest importance to every member of the body politic of the society which we call the state. It is not justice for the rich alone, or for the poor alone, for capital alone or for labor alone. It is justice for everyone, it is justice to each member of the community that which is in his due.

From the day of its establishment, the Catholic Church has had a keen sense of social justice. It did not, however, bring the principles of social justice together into a small compass or into a complete program until Pope Leo XIII, in his encyclical "Rerum Novarum," in 1891, set forth the social program of the Church. It was in 1900 that the Social Action of the National Catholic Welfare Conference was organized, and it was in 1906 that the National Catholic Welfare Conference was reorganized as the National Catholic Welfare Conference on Industrial Problems.

While in the beginning these conferences were held annually, it soon became apparent that they must be held throughout the year and in different sections of the country. Accordingly, there has been for many years what is known as the Conference of Bishops. At these regional conferences the problems affecting or of interest to the immediate locality have been discussed and remedies for their solution suggested. These conferences are open to both Catholics and non-Catholics and in them both the employers and the employees are represented. They have done an inestimable good in the way of spreading the principles of social justice.

While the Knights of Columbus have not heretofore had any uniform plan in regard to the spread of the principles of social justice, there is now a definite plan, a result of the proposed mobilization plan for Catholic Action, which is about to be undertaken by the Order, a plan that will be of immense benefit to the individual Councils of the Order in the way of making our members better acquainted with the sources of the principles of social justice and with their practical application.

Although the Catholic Church has from time to time been accused of being behind the times, she has manifested in her work for the advancement of the principles of social justice that she is at all times prepared to meet the ever changing condition that appears as time goes on and to suggest means of coping with the problems that the changed conditions present. She has also shown her power to take over and make use of the improvements and discoveries that have been made throughout the ages, and turn them to her service in her work for the betterment of mankind here below and in preparing man for the purpose for which he was created, namely his eternal destiny in heaven.

How effectively she has used the Catholic press for the purpose of spreading the principles of social justice is well known to those of us who take and read our Catholic papers, especially our diocesan papers. Each paper is an organ of some principle which has not forgotten and we have had brought home to us how successfully these principles are particularly today meeting the trying situations arising from the depression.

Just as she has effectively made use of the Catholic press, she has availed herself of the radio over the Catholic Hour each Sunday evening we hear discussions on the same lines of social justice, and in the radio talks from the various dioceses another constant source of information along this line is furnished us. Anyone who follows the talks on the radio throughout the year, however, will become well informed on these principles and be sure to place himself in a position to meet the objections that are daily urged against the work of the Catholic Church. Catholics who knew nothing of them, but of non-Catholics who never dream that the head of the Catholic Church interested himself in such matters, will ever be known.

In the time allotted to me, it is clear that I have been able only to give you the highlights in regard to the Catholic Church and social justice. If I have succeeded in interesting you in this matter and in influencing you to secure copies of these two great Encyclicals and making their contents known to you, I shall feel well repaid for the efforts I have put forth.

COMPOSED POEM
Born by—(NCWC-Fides)—The Nizam of Secunderabad, ruler of the Native State of Hyderabad, India, has composed a Persian quatrain on the Nativity of Christ, based on a text from the Al-Qur'an. English translations have been handed to the press by the State Information Bureau. Last year the Nizam, who is known and admired for his complete religious toleration, proclaimed that hereafter, in his State, Christmas is to be observed as a general holiday.

Many a man finds it easy to forget his own personal unbalanced budget problem if he worries enough over the Government debt.—Albany Knickerbocker Press.

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