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The American wants a home of his own. He wants the best home he can afford. The Constitution gives him the right to own his property and to live in it as he pleases, to keep it to himself and to keep others from entering it against his will.

What is the American's home? Writing as an American of the average sort this is my idea of what I want, and judging from the way new homes are being built there are many others like me.

First of all the American home is one of dignified beauty, in keeping with the neighbor's homes, yet built to fit my individual desires in appearance and location. It is located in a community where there are others like me, who I like and who will like my company and the company of my family.

It is a home to which my children will feel proud to bring their friends and in which I would take pride in showing to my friends. It will be built with a view to comfort the year around, it will have the conveniences of the present day with a view to efficiency and economy, and greater ease of operation for me and my family.

If it hasn't now, it will have an excellent out-of-door area, where my family can spend the warm days of summer playing, eating, and resting or whatever their individual desires may be.

It will be an inexpensive home for me to own. My country and my lending institutions have made it possible for me to build these new homes or to make my old home more attractive and comfortable by liberal lending terms whereby I may pay for it and eventually own it outright by using periodically a small portion of my income. It will be protected by insurance, if I desire, that my family will have it if I am no longer with them. And only in America can I do this, live like this and build like this.

Every American owes it to himself and his family to provide just this sort of home, not shelter. Every American who can is doing this. Those who are less fortunate eventually will. Yes, this is the American way, always has been and always will be as true Americanism starts with and is based primarily on home life. And never before has the opportunity been given us to make these homes, and keep them, as we now have.

Simple But Effective Modernization

When this home was originally built, stucco as an exterior material was in an experimental stage and frequently, as in this case, weather played havoc with it. With the worn-out stucco removed and freshly-painted clapboard substituted, the home takes on new beauty. Cost of this work, which is eligible for financing under the Modernization Credit Plan of the Federal Housing Administration, was $1,167 but this HOLC home gained $1,750 in value as a result of the improved appearance.

FORCED AIR BRINGS COMFORT IN SUMMER

Home cooling effect and considerable Summer comfort result from forced air circulation within a house during the Summer, according to the recently revised FHA booklet, "Mechanical Equipment for the Home."

"The forced circulation of air," explains the booklet, "induces rapid evaporation of body perspiration and may be accomplished by the use of individual fans in the various rooms or by installation of a large attic fan for forcing heated air out of the house, or it may be used to draw cool air from the basement or from out-of-doors at night after the air has cooled, thus providing a house full of cool air for the next day."

In hot, dry climates considerable temperature reduction may be accomplished by wetting roofs with water, which prevents heat storage in the roof, while the evaporation of the water extracts heat from the structure.

Summer air-conditioning and cooling for homes is only one of the many subjects discussed in the revised pamphlet, which reviews the latest technical developments in the mechanical field. The FHA prepares and publishes this bulletin in the hope that such information may help buyers to exercise wise selection.

Obtainable from the Superintendent of Documents of the Government Printing Office, the publication is sold at a charge of 10 cents.

There are many things which seem to us misfortunes and which we call such; but if we understood the designs of God we would call them graces.—St. Alphonsus.

As A Woman Sees A Home

REFINEMENTS IN KITCHEN DESIGN

By Dorothy Cantlie
Catholic Courier Home Service Editor

In the fine, bold design shown in today's illustration we find further examples of those desirable extras available to the housewife for her modern kitchen which we mentioned last week. Most prominent of the convenience features shown in the photograph on this page is the white metal insert for flour, meal and sugar built into the opened drawer in the foreground. Note the convenient height of this bin. Note also that its sealed construction, sealed and within a steel frame makes it absolutely proof against the ravages of insects. In this type of construction insects don't have the slightest chance of getting started. That's one of the greatest advantages of steel-unit construction.

Still further to the foreground we see a unit containing the unusual convenience features of extra-large base cabinet for particular uses and broad, shallow storage drawers for linen and other non-food items as well as wall cabinets. Note wall these wall-cabinets.

Many women prefer to store their colorful china and other table accessories in the kitchen, and for that reason desire glass doors for their display. Too many women have believed that this feature is not available with steel construction. Here you find the proof that it is.

Some of you, many I believe, will applaud the bright, cheerful atmosphere lent by the glass-block inset over stove and sink in this plan. It, too, should be classified as an extra rather than as an essential, for with proper design, we can manage to make whatever sources of daylight are available serve well in creating the cheery atmosphere so essential to the modern kitchen. Shrewd choice of color combinations also can assist with this task.

POOR GRADING MAY CAUSE WET CELLAR

Poor grading may be the cause behind many damp basements. The finish grade should slope to drain water away from the building, and where this does not occur the home owner should reconstruct the grade to accomplish proper drainage.

All backfilling adjacent to the foundation of a house should be placed in layers approximately 12 inches in thickness, and each layer should be puddled and tamped before additional layers are placed. Where the ground-moisture condition warrants it, drain tile with joints left open and covered with tar paper or burlap should be laid next to the footings and sloped to drain the water to a dry well or sewer or other outlet. The drain tile should be covered with at least 12 inches of broken stone or gravel. All construction debris should be removed from the trench before filling, and the finish grade should not come within eight inches of any wood construction.

WELL LAID FLOOR A GOOD INVESTMENT

Your floors receive more wear than any other structural portion of your home. They are in constant use and the use is of such a nature that floors built of poor material, or poorly installed materials, show their inferiority quickly. Floors are one of the most conspicuous surfaces within the house . . . which means that a good floor is always a good investment no matter what the cost of the new home

If you must economize, buy second grade flooring instead of first, and watch the care that is given to painting and finishing. Use quarter sawn boards which warp very little. The popular thickness of flooring is ¾th of an inch . . . but if you are sure your house is well-built you can use a thinner flooring and "get by"

When you put down a good wood floor you are following the recommendations of tradition and economy. Some of the most beautiful floors are those found in early American houses . . . wide boards which the early settlers cut from the forest and which the housewives sanded and scrubbed to satin-like finish. Even Solomon, building his temple 950 B. C., specified that the contractors should "cover the inside of the rooms with wood, and cover the floors of the house with planks."

The modern wood floor helps to cut down fuel costs, is easy to clean, and is a source of lasting beauty in the home.

All our duties towards our fellowmen were summed up by Jesus Christ in the Commandment, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

Comfort Added To Old Homes

Modern Trend To Improve

The tendency of American home builders toward availing themselves of the newest developments in household equipment, fabrics, and even small articles has increased, according to spokesmen of the home-building industry.

During the past few years a large number of household devices were placed upon the market. All were designed to increase the convenience of the modern home and many have become so popular that they are now regarded as standard and not luxury appliances.

Improve Older Homes

Many older homes may be given increased convenience and new appearance through judicious use of many of the modern materials and devices.

Some recent innovations, which may become widely used, are announced as follows by their manufacturers:

A permanent, cleanable finish on asbestos cement siding shingles. In use the shingle is said to be practically self-cleaning like a fine china dish.

A building material that is recommended as a plaster base, an insulating material, and barrier against vapor

Corner Cabinet

A Colonial type corner cabinet designed to meet a wide range of prices.

A combination storm sash and screen in a single unit for attachment to the window frame.

New dyes for coloring interior or exterior cement or concrete floors.

Prefabricated metal members for new dry method of erecting interior panels and partitions with glass block and metal

An interior finish for clothes closets, linen cupboards, and other places where the aromatic odor of wood is desired.

Floor Cracks Caused By Moisture In Wood

New wood floor cracks are usually the result of a change in moisture content within the wood itself. This change in moisture content may be due to improper preliminary seasoning, improper storage at the mill or retail yard, delivery to the building during wet weather, or absorption of moisture from the air within the building either before or after the flooring is laid. Flooring should never be laid or even stored within the house before the masonry or plaster has had time to become thoroughly dry. Another cause of cracks in floors is the use of boards that have warped so that considerable pressure must be applied to drive the board into place

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A Little Early For Canning But Here Are Hints To Save

Canning information at this time of year may be a little premature. This being the last of the COURIER cooking pages for the summer months it is suggested that you clip the following information for future use. These notes may be helpful in planning the extent of your canned goods stock for the coming season.

MINTS ON JELLY MAKING

Here is a guide as to the amount of sugar needed in the preparation of jelly. Of course the amount will vary with the fruit. It is usually ¾ to 1 cup of sugar per cup of extracted fruit juice. For apple, blackberry, black raspberry, plums of the Wild Goose type, quinces and red raspberries use ¾ cup of sugar to each cup of extracted fruit juice. For crabapples, currants, gooseberries and wild grapes, use 1 cup. Cultivated grapes, such as Concords, require ¾ to 1 cup, depending upon ripeness.

Fruit that is slightly underripe is best for jelly making, but if this cannot be obtained use 1 tablespoon of strained lemon juice to each cup of fruit juice. Put it in when combining the sugar and fruit juices to be combined together. Too much sugar will make the jelly syrupy. If too little is used the jelly will not "jell." To test when the "done" stage is reached dip a large spoon into the boiling syrup and lift the spoon so that the syrup runs off the side. As the syrup cools down it will no longer run off in a steady stream but separates into two distinct lines of drops which "sheet" together. Stop cooking as soon as this "sheeting" stage is reached.

CLOGGED DRAINS

Clogged drains are nearly always the result of careless disposal of waste materials. A strong solution of caustic potash (potassium hydroxide) and hot water poured through a drain will eat or burn away the average obstruction and dissolve greases. An occasional flushing with any of the commercial solvents will help to keep drains open.

How To Determine Cubic Feet In House

You can determine the cubic content of a house by multiplying the square-foot floor area of the ground floor by the distance from the top of the foundation footings to a point one-half way between the eaves and the ridge of the roof. If you contemplate using the cubic content for approximating the comparative cost of similar buildings, it is important to know if the volume of the basement and porch areas has been used as a whole or halved. Practice differs in this respect, and for the comparative-cost purposes it is essential that the same method be used for both buildings.

Hasty Purchase Not Advisable

Home buyers who insist on too hasty conclusion of their mortgage financing arrangements may find that this kind of fast service often means the sacrifice of safety and protection.

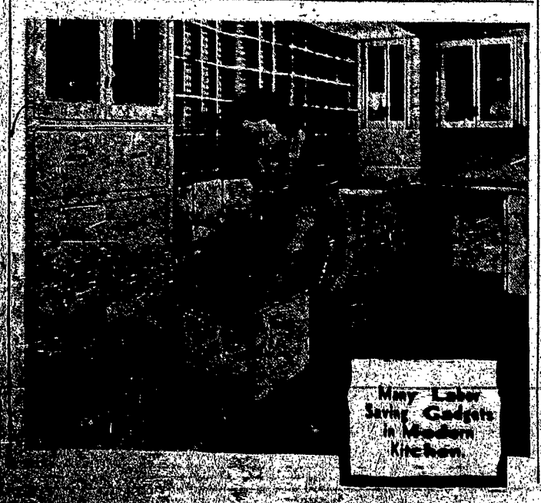
Ordinary prudent individuals sometimes are tempted to discard their customary caution in an effort to complete home-financing transactions as quickly as possible, even though a home purchase is usually the largest investment ever undertaken by the average family.

Reasonable study and investigation frequently proves that it is safer and wiser to wait the extra few days required to make a complete analysis and examination of the whole home-buying transaction.

Test Air Leaks Into The Home

The National Bureau of Standards has developed equipment for measuring the volume of air infiltered through window and door-clearance openings due to wind pressure, it has been announced recently. The work was undertaken as part of its program for the study of materials and structures suitable for low-cost house construction.

Leakage of cold air into a building through loosely fitted windows and doors, it is pointed out, may have a pronounced effect on the heating-load requirements for the building.



Many Labor Saving Gadgets in Modern Kitchen.

THE KITCHEN GUIDE

FOODS, By Irene Muntz

BACON IN WAFFLES

Bacon is so tasty and so very good with waffles that we'll want to enjoy the combination always.

Here is a subtle way of incorporating the flavor in "baconized" waffles.

Here's the trick. Cut a slice of bacon into four parts and put a section of each quarter of the hot waffle iron. Pour the waffle batter in and bake the waffle. When you serve it you'll find the bacon as a whole has disappeared, but the flavor lingers on giving you another tempting version of a favorite combination.

Bacon can also be diced and added directly to the batter.

CHOPS FOR VARIETY

Try pork chops with corn stuffing to vary an old favorite.

Have pork chops cut double thickness, and a pocket cut into each chop from the side next to the bone. Be sure to have pocket cut from this side as the membrane here holds the edges together. Fill pockets with corn stuffing. Brown chops on both sides, then cover, and finish the cooking in a moderate oven (350°F.). This will require about one hour.

Corn Stuffing

1 cup corn pulp
10 soda crackers or
½ cup fine dry bread crumbs
1 teaspoon celery salt
2 tablespoons minced green pepper
Salt and pepper

Combine corn, crackers or bread crumbs and seasonings. Mix well and stuff chops.

While they are still sizzling, spread lamb chops with mint jelly.

Sour cream adds zest to lamb stew.

Pears, pineapple, peaches and apricots are delightful, indeed, when browned in the pan with roast lamb.

HOW TO BROIL A STEAK

Place the steak on the broiler rack and adjust the rack so the top surface of the steak is three inches from the source of heat. This will give a broiling temperature of about 350°F., which is a moderate temperature. If the construction of your broiler won't permit the three-inch space recommended, regulate the temperature control accordingly.

Turn Steak But Once

Turn the steak when the upper side is nicely browned. Salt it just before turning, and turn it carefully with a fork inserted in the fat. When the other side is browned the steak will be done. For a medium done steak about an inch and a half thick, allow thirty-five minutes for broiling. For a steak two inches thick allow forty-five minutes. For rare steaks in either case deduct five minutes from the time periods just stated.

HOT LIVER SAUSAGE SANDWICHES

A luncheon or supper tempter you'll want to serve soon is liver sausage and cheese sandwiches—served hot. To make them place a slice of cheese over a slice of bread and on top of that a one-half inch slice of liver sausage. Brush the sausage with melted butter and for good measure lay a strip of cheese dipped in cream over the top. Put the sandwich under the broiler until the cheese is toasted. Served with a crisp salad, these sandwiches will find a permanent place in your list of foods "just awfully good and real easy to make."

If you would like a whiff of garlic with your leg of lamb, and we're sure you want no more than a whiff, insert a small clove of garlic in the leg joint. Be sure to remove it before you take the roast to the table.

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