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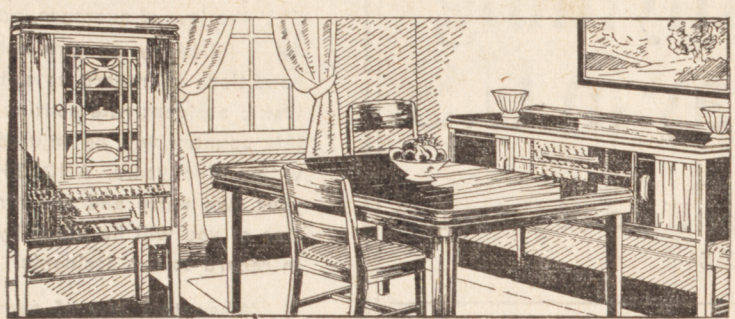
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**MANY NEW AIDS FOR INTERIOR MODERNIZATION**

Spring draws attention to the home interior. New wall and floor finishes vie with new furniture for attention in almost every case; in others modernization will take the form of improvements on a larger scale. Where such changes are planned, some investigation of recent developments should be made.

Where door and window openings are contemplated, some attention should be paid to metal frames for plaster arches. These come in a variety of designs, readily adaptable to present day interiors, and are easy to install. The danger of cracked and marred plaster is said to be reduced by the metal lath method that is incorporated in these designs.

New wall finishes come in for attention in most homes, and the variety of materials available today makes it possible to develop many distinctive interiors. Kitchens, bathrooms and sun porches are often most attractive when finished in tile, but the expense of setting such walls sometimes prohibits their use in moderately priced homes. Substitutes for ceramic tile have been developed during recent years, however, which can be installed at very reasonable cost, and they generally possess most of the qualities that have made tile so favored a building material for years. Most of these new materials can be purchased in sheet form, and many of them can be refinished, if desired, to carry out personal color schemes.

Wood paneling, for years the finest (and one of the most expensive) wall finishes it was possible to obtain, is today a possibility in all except the cheapest homes. New developments in methods of handling wood veneers make it easy for every home to have at least one room finished in this desirable manner. Numerous styles are available, ranging from copies of period designs to very modern panels without molding or decoration of any kind. These panels can be stained or varnished, painted, oiled or merely waxed. Given almost any finish, walls of wood add distinction to a home.

Insulating board provides another possible treatment for many rooms. Where an attic or basement is being renovated, almost any of the standard wall boards will prove satisfactory. These, also, can be given various finishes; paint, applied directly to the wall, plaster, (using the wallboard under lath or as lath itself), and wall paper are commonly used. The use of narrow wooden strips to cover the joints (with resulting panels), is another popular finish.

LETHBRIDGE, March 24 — Lethbridge police think they have a right to boast, too. Recently Galt, Ont., police boasted the city did not record a single fatal automobile accident during 1936. Lethbridge hasn't had a fatal car accident since 1933. Both cities have the same population — about 14,000.

**DAMP BASEMENT WATERPROOFED BY NEW MATERIAL**

**Late Summer Ideal to Make Repairs of This Type**

Damp basements are often the cause of "lost space" in otherwise modern homes. Space that might be used as a recreation room, for a laundry, or for extra storage space, is often useless by seepage through the walls or by a flood of water after heavy rains. While many foundations are waterproofed at the time of construction, waterproofing basements of homes already finished is not a difficult proposition.

Liquid waterproofing which can be mixed with ordinary cement mortar is now on the market. This material can be applied by any mason, and is said to permanently correct all foundation leakage.

The material is easily applied. Walls need only be cleaned (removing all paint, whitewash or other finish), roughened slightly to provide a bond with the new finish, and brushed with a thin solution of the waterproofing and ordinary cement. The final waterproofing coat can then be applied with trowels.

In troublesome cases it is sometimes advisable to apply more than one coat. Where such a procedure is necessary the coatings should be made continuously, allowing no time for drying between coats.

This material can be given a rough or smooth finish, and painted or tinted like cement if desired. Where the basement is to be used as a game room such a finish is particularly desirable.

**BARRACUDA ON THE NORTH PACIFIC COAST**

VANCOUVER, March 24—Passengers are accustomed to the unusual as they sail the smooth and narrow Inside Passage to Alaska what with whales popping up once in a while, porpoises playing leap-frog around the ship and schools of herring showing up convoyed by a flock of screaming gulls. What they do not see in the way of marine life, however, is still considerable. A salmon seiner put in at the Canadian National Steamships dock at Prince Rupert recently with a barracuda. It was distinctly a novelty as these fish are associated with much warmer waters than those along the North Pacific Coast. Other unusual specimens not unknown in this area are the sting ray and electric ray, mackerel scad, moonfish and sunfish.

**LOW COST ENGLISH TYPE COTTAGE**

The problem of many people contemplating building, that of obtaining a house suited to their present day needs, yet suitable for future expansion, is solved by a house of this type.

Nothing is sacrificed in the original home. It is compact, yet very attractive. The architectural details are authentic, and the house itself has the appearance of a completed home. Each addition adds to the general charm of the place as well as to the floor space, a result difficult to achieve when each step in expansion is not planned carefully in advance.

The original house contains three rooms; a living room (the future dining room) with adequate wall space and cheerful windows, a completely modern kitchen with built in cases and provision for range, refrigerator and sink, and a good sized bed room. The bath is located off of the living room, a convenient arrangement where guests would use the roll-away bed contained in a closet off the living room. A medicine cabinet and modern fixtures are provided in a compact space here. The bedroom at the front of the house, is large enough to accommodate twin beds, and contains two windows. Closet space throughout the house is carefully considered; the bedroom has a large clothes closet and a linen closet; the vestibule has a coat closet, and the bed closet in the living room can accommodate extra wearing apparel.

The first addition in most cases would probably involve finishing the second floor of the house. Two large bedrooms, a second bath and three large closets can thus be added to the house. The short, well-lighted hallway on this floor gives access to the stairs leading into the dining room.

The large living room, which might well be the third addition, contains a natural fireplace, and has two pairs of French doors opening onto the attractive porch. This room is of the studio type, a story-and-a-half in height. A beamed ceiling would be particularly attractive here.

The final addition (or, an earlier addition) includes the garage and covered gate. The result is a home that typifies the English cottage at its best, yet a home that is thoroughly in keeping with the requirements of present day American living.

A feature of the plant that deserves particular attention, whether the house is built as a single unit or allowed to "grow" with the years, is the convenience of the downstairs bedroom. Particularly in the house with an elderly person or with children, this feature will be appreciated. The first floor bathroom, of course, serves the purpose of an extra lavatory as well as serving the first floor bedroom.

The design utilizes vertical siding, shingles and half-timbered stucco in its construction. Where desired, brick and stone, brick and stucco, brick and shingles or stone and half timbered stucco might well be utilized in its construction while retaining the English feeling. Details are of particular importance; these include the iron work on the front door, shutters and wood detail above the first floor windows and doors.

The original home, containing three rooms, contains 12,750 cubic feet; the rooms on the second floor contain 3,850 cubic feet; the living room and porch 4,250 cubic feet, and the garage 1,800 cubic feet. Local building costs can be determined by contractors on the basis of these figures. The original house is twenty-two by twenty-nine feet in size.

**"REPATRIATED" POTATOES ARRIVE FROM JAMAICA**

Seven hundred and twenty crates of "repatriated" potatoes was part of the cargo of the freighter "Cavalier," Canadian National Steamships arriving at Halifax recently direct from Jamaica. These may be referred to as "repatriated" potatoes because the seed is grown in Nova Scotia and shipped down to Jamaica for planting. Part of the crop is the shipped up to Canada months before the native-grown product is ready for the market. Canada has been receiving smaller shipments of these potatoes, during the winter season of a year ago, but the recent shipment and those to follow represent the largest quantity shipped up here during the winter season.

The production of these potatoes at Phoenix Park, Monague, on the east end of the island, is under the auspices of the Jamaica Agricultural Development Company, Limited, which is promoted by Canadian interests. Since the seed for potatoes cannot be kept in a tropical climate from year to year, fresh seed is shipped each year from Nova Scotia down to Jamaica to supply Canada and other countries with this empire-grown variety when the native product is off the market.

There is expected to be a total of more than 2,000 crates of these potatoes coming to Canada between now and the middle of May, during which time Canada will also be receiving other potatoes from Bermuda. In addition to the Montreal market, these potatoes will also find their way to Toronto and other inland centres.

These potatoes are a pure white variety and therefore differ from the more reddish potato which has been coming up here from Florida during the winter season.

Other cargo carried by the "Cavalier" included bananas, rum, spices, cocoa beans, coffee and coconuts.

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**INCREASE OF SPORTSMEN IN CANADA 1936**

Hunting and fishing was exceptionally well patronized in the nine provinces of Canada during 1936, there being a decided increase in the number of sportsmen visiting the various territories across the country, according to E. G. Poole, Fish and Game Representative of the Canadian National Railways, in a review of sportsmen's activities issued recently.

Fishing conditions throughout the provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick were excellent, there being an increase of 20 per cent. in the number of salmon fishermen over the previous year, mostly along the south shore between Halifax and Yarmouth, and along the rivers draining into the north shore of New Brunswick. These provinces also drew an increase in big game hunters into the regions for which these territories are noted, while upland bird shooting was also popular. Prince Edward Island also drew greater numbers of anglers and bird shooters.

Northern Quebec, with its great hunting and fishing territories in Laurentides Provincial Park, the Lake St. John region and areas back of both sides of the National Transcontinental Line of railway, and the province of Ontario also drew an exceptional number of the sports fraternity into their various territories last year.

The popular fishing areas in Jasper National Park, Alberta, drew an unusual number of fishermen, the Medicine Lake and Maligne Lake sections being visited by 258 resident and 715 non-resident anglers. The Gold Medal Award for catching the largest fish in these waters last year was won by Professor E. W. Kemerer of Princeton University, Princeton, N. J. Amethyst Lake in the Tonquin Valley was also very popular for this kind of sport. Big game hunting beyond the confines of Jasper National Park, and in Northern Alberta and the Peace River country, produced exceptional results last year. L. S. Chadwick of Cleveland, Ohio, a big game hunter of note, while hunting in the Upper Peace River country was fortunate in shooting the world's record stone sheep.

A multitude of lakes and rivers across Canada called the canoe adventurer during 1936, many following the paths of hardy pioneers and the fur brigades in their search for new pleasures and experiences. These canoe trips may be "back of beyond," where the travellers are away from civilization for weeks, or it may be a "civilized" canoe trip, where each day ends at a small but comfortable hotel on the bank of lake or stream. Last year there was an unusual number of students who organized canoe trips during the vacation period, groups of 25 or more spending practically the whole of their holidays paddling the lakes and streams in preference to the more conventional form of vacation.