

HALL AND STAIRWAY.

They Play an Important Part in Modern Houses.

A Fashion of Centuries Ago in Vogue Once More—How the First Steps to the Staircase Are Arranged—The Novel Post.

House planning, like everything else on this globe of earth, develops in cycles. Fashions come and go. What was in vogue in one century goes out in the next, and a hundred years or so later it comes back again. Centuries ago in castles all over Europe the hall was the one chamber in which most of the domestic life of the time was lived. The hearthstone of hospitality was found there. Does not the reader of "Le Mortel D'Arthur" remember how



A MODERN HALL AND STAIRWAY.

"Dame Liones counseled Sir Gareth to sleep in none other place but in the hall!" In modern times things were exactly reversed, and the hall was reduced to comparative insignificance, as something hardly better than a passageway to the dining-room, drawing-room and other familiar chambers. This cycle began to show signs of ending not many years back, and the hall once more plays leading part in social life. Its return to its original purpose of a sitting-room has brought back many delightful features of domestic architecture. The great fireplace, with andirons and blazing logs, is one of them. A fireplace of this sort needs plenty of unnumbered space about it, so that the members of the home circle can move their chairs near to the flames or away from them as the heat rises or falls under the fluctuations of the winter wind. In a country house of ordinary dimensions no other chamber can give quite so much space to the chairs as the hall can. Then there is the window-seat, which, with pretty cushions and a leaved glass window just above the level of one's shoulders, is in summer or winter as comfortable a lounging place as it is artistic.

But there is no feature of the most modern country hall which is more interesting than the staircase, or more particularly, the first steps of the staircase. The special treatment of this detail in small houses is in fact peculiar to recent architecture. Until a very late day architects rarely took as much pains as they do now to start their stairway with some touch of decorative originality that would introduce an artistic and useful factor into their scheme for the hall. A broad platform raised one or two steps above the floor and with a window seat, lends a charming picturesqueness to the effect of an evening gathering when a group of young people is formed about it. At other times it is the best of all places for a stately rubber plant or a vase of hydrangeas. In some houses the designers have spent themselves in building a screen of delicate spindle around the stairs, placing a seat against the former on the hall floor, and this screen, of course, has counted in the decoration of the hall. The novel post has gone through all sorts of transformations. In one house it remains the strictly independent member which our colonial grandfathers made it, and is attractive simply as a marvel of scroll work and of "tops" which look like Ossapiled upon Pelion. In another it serves as a pedestal for either a lamp or a flower jar, and in this last guise it has been possibly most often struggled with by the ambitious decorator, who has given it all manner of shapes. In the sketch which accompanies this, a picture of an English interior, there is seen the natural outcome of the evolutionary process through which the hall novel post has passed. It has been developed—out of existence. In its place, on the wide platform provided by the first or second step, there stands a porcelain flower vase. It will not be long before other objects are substituted for this and statues are put in position at the beginning of the stairs. This may look like a return to the permanent novel post, but it will really have the advantage of leaving the staircase clear at this point if for any special occasion the hostess wishes to remove her work of art. The flower jar is perhaps best adapted to the corner. It gives just the required emphasis and it is free from the aggressiveness and occasional inconvenience which belongs to the novel post that is immortal.—N. Y. Tribune.

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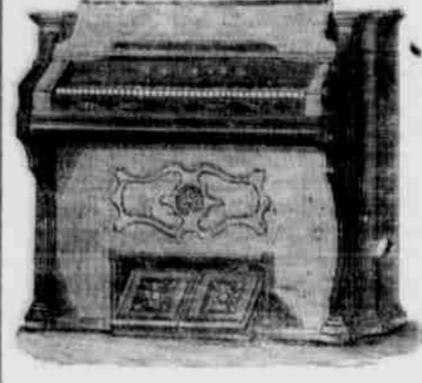
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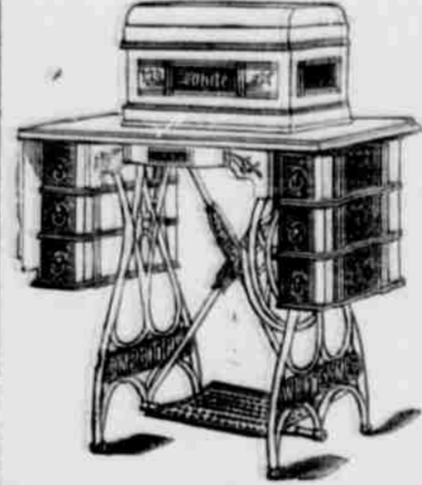
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Corn meal, cwt. 2-00
Beans 1-25
Chon 1-35
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Chickens per lb.10
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STATEMENT OF FINANCES

OF Columbia County,
FROM JANUARY 1, 1893, TO JANUARY 1, 1894.

DISTRICTS.	1893.			1894.		
	County Tax.	Dog Tax.	State Tax.	County Tax.	Dog Tax.	State Tax.
Beaver	9 11	18 00	36 00	102 97	38 00	75 00
Benton	9 9 01	180 00	36 00	100 19	40 00	75 00
Berra Pk.	1339 95	40 00	80 00	100 00	40 00	139 07
Centre	4822 15	120 50	240 99	3207 16	62 50	125 00
Clinton	1128 48	81 50	163 00	2227 66	40 00	80 00
Catawissa Twp.	399 71	30 00	60 00	379 26	37 50	75 00
Catawissa Bor.	1224 92	67 00	134 00	54 04	20 00	50 00
Centralla	1329 20	35 00	70 00	215 51	25 00	50 00
Chester	3026 31	63 00	126 00	271 98	20 00	40 00
Chester Boro.	618 43	30 00	60 00	338 56	30 00	60 00
Chester Twp.	1277 17	50 00	100 00	590 56	30 00	60 00
Chesterboro	1259 60	63 00	126 00	114 25	40 00	80 00
Franklin	1332 79	68 00	136 00	36 58	15 00	30 00
Greenville	985 81	38 00	76 00	178 69	41 50	83 00
Hamlet	1031 45	50 00	100 00	54 78	20 00	40 00
Jackson	200 00	40 00	80 00	79 82	30 00	60 00
Jackson Twp.	835 73	38 00	76 00	36 97	15 00	30 00
Lewis	1044 91	79 50	159 00	234 2	44 00	88 00
Lewis Boro.	6 00	120 00	240 00	30 40	20 00	40 00
Mait	998 64	50 00	100 00	370 45	20 00	40 00
Madison	1282 00	64 00	128 00	221 10	40 00	80 00
Madison Boro.	12 00	24 00	48 00	18 00	36 00	72 00
Milton	399 62	40 00	80 00	342 70	35 00	70 00
Milton Boro.	54 00	10 00	20 00	40 00	8 00	16 00
Northampton	961 78	64 00	128 00	130 20	30 00	60 00
Orange	612 00	30 00	60 00	104 20	41 00	82 00
Philo	414 96	40 00	80 00	252 12	44 50	89 00
Roaringbrook	1206 00	75 00	150 00	200 00	50 00	100 00
Scott	110 00	22 00	44 00	35 00	14 00	28 00
Supertown	110 00	22 00	44 00	35 00	14 00	28 00
Total	\$2070 56	174 50	349 00	\$742 64	284 25	563 15

AMOUNT DUE FROM COLLECTORS FOR THE FOLLOWING YEARS.

DISTRICT.	YEAR.	COLLECTOR.	COUNTY.	DOG.	STATE.
Bloom	1892	J. H. Parry	\$20 25	\$ 00	7 00
Clinton	1892	J. J. Hoge	9 10	10 00	1 25
Chesterboro	1892	W. A. Reinbold	101 20	41 70	1 25
Centralla	1892	J. H. Lockard	74 24	30 00	1 25
Chester	1892	Edw. Schickel	320 15	50 00	1 25
Chester Twp.	1892	V. H. Gerhart	39 01	3 50	8 75
Total			\$282 15	\$221 00	\$13 75

JOHN L. KLINE, Treasurer, in account with Columbia County.

January 1, 1894.
To amt. uncollected prior to 1893. . . . \$1018 27
To county tax for 1893. 2572 50
To tax assessed reg. voters. 22 29
To amt. paid by L. A. Makely for keeping Margaret Weaver Dub-ville hospital. 45 50
To amt. paid by J. L. Wright for re-locator. 15 00
To amt. paid by W. L. Yorks proceeds to anti-reloc. from George Kuroshi, deed held by commissioners. 2 27
To amt. rec'd from H. J. Keller, deed held by commissioners. 11 01
To amt. rec'd from Greasy & Wells, deed held by commissioners. 24 12
To amt. rec'd from J. L. Kline, deed held by commissioners. 22 48
To amt. rec'd from Thos. J. Stewart, Sec. of Internal Affairs, making returns for 1892 and 1893. 70 00
To amt. paid by Geo. Herring, deed held by commissioners. 40 03
To amt. paid by N. Koller, deed held by commissioners. 5 82
To amt. paid by J. W. Yeaker, deed held by commissioners. 5 26
To amt. rec'd from G. E. Springer. 1000 00
To " " Wm. Kreamer. 800 00
To " " Jerome Hulung. 500 00
To " " Rebecca Hulung. 500 00
To " " collected on seated land. 49 39
To " " collected on unseated land. 652 80
To " " due county from hotels and restaurant licenses. 1525 25
To amt. rec'd from Terrence Bender old plank zinc bridge. 2 00
To amt. rec'd from K. J. Kindt, old plank zinc bridge. 2 00
To amt. rec'd from M. J. Hines, old plank zinc bridge. 15 90
To amt. rec'd from W. A. Manning, old plank zinc bridge. 148 52
To amt. rec'd from state fund. 5040 01
To " " dog fund. 1498 32
To " " school fund. 4 35
To amt. rec'd from county bonds sold 1893. 16500 00
To balance due John L. Kline. 150 30
\$ 67891 81

JOHN L. KLINE, Treasurer, in account with Columbia County.

DISTRICTS.	1893.	1894.
Bloom	\$20 25	\$ 00
Clinton	9 10	10 00
Chesterboro	101 20	41 70
Centralla	74 24	30 00
Chester	320 15	50 00
Chester Twp.	39 01	3 50
Catawissa Boro.	54 04	20 00
Centralla	215 51	25 00
Chester	338 56	30 00
Chester Twp.	590 56	30 00
Chesterboro	114 25	40 00
Franklin	130 20	40 00
Greenville	178 69	41 50
Hamlet	54 78	20 00
Jackson	79 82	30 00
Jackson Twp.	36 97	15 00
Lewis	234 2	44 00
Lewis Boro.	30 40	20 00
Mait	370 45	20 00
Madison	221 10	40 00
Madison Boro.	18 00	36 00
Milton	342 70	35 00
Milton Boro.	40 00	8 00
Northampton	130 20	30 00
Orange	104 20	41 00
Philo	252 12	44 50
Roaringbrook	200 00	50 00
Scott	35 00	14 00
Supertown	35 00	14 00
Total	\$123 18	

By exonerations, commissions and returns for the following years.

DISTRICTS.	1892.	COM.	DIS.
Bloom	\$20 25		
Clinton	9 10		
Chesterboro	101 20		
Centralla	74 24		
Chester	320 15		
Chester Twp.	39 01		
Catawissa Boro.	54 04		
Centralla	215 51		
Chester	338 56		
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Madison	221 10		
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Milton Boro.	40 00		
Northampton	130 20		
Orange	104 20		
Philo	252 12		
Roaringbrook	200 00		
Scott	35 00		
Supertown	35 00		

Amount outstanding, Dog Fund.

DISTRICTS.	1893.	1894.
Bloom	\$ 00	\$ 00
Clinton	0 00	0 00
Chesterboro	0 00	0 00
Centralla	0 00	0 00
Chester	0 00	0 00
Chester Twp.	0 00	0 00
Catawissa Boro.	0 00	0 00
Centralla	0 00	0 00
Chester	0 00	0 00
Chester Twp.	0 00	0 00
Chesterboro	0 00	0 00
Franklin	0 00	0 00
Greenville	0 00	0 00
Hamlet	0 00	0 00
Jackson	0 00	0 00
Jackson Twp.	0 00	0 00
Lewis	0 00	0 00
Lewis Boro.	0 00	0 00
Mait	0 00	0 00
Madison	0 00	0 00
Madison Boro.	0 00	0 00
Milton	0 00	0 00
Milton Boro.	0 00	0 00
Northampton	0 00	0 00
Orange	0 00	0 00
Philo	0 00	0 00
Roaringbrook	0 00	0 00
Scott	0 00	0 00
Supertown	0 00	0 00

JOHN C. KLINE, Treasurer.

By commissions and discounts.

DISTRICTS.	1893.	COM.	DIS.
Beaver	\$17 00	\$ 17 00	
Benton	36 00	36 00	
Berra Pk.	24 00	24 00	
Centre	80 00	80 00	
Clinton	40 00	40 00</	