

ARCHITECTS' MISTAKES

Queer Errors That Have Happened in House Building.

OWNER PAYS THE PRICE

An Amateur's Protest Shown in His Own Design—Stairs Too Steep to Climb Down and a Fireplace With a Wooden Beam in the Line of the Flues.

On one of the hills of Westchester, there is slowing rising a structure of mysterious and unusual ugliness. It is four stories high and is surmounted on one end by a square superstructure which looks like an enormous red brick packing box.

The owner of this house designed it himself. There could be no doubt of that after one view. A child might have designed it on a slate at school, since its proportions are exactly of the kind that youthful scholars draw with a slate pencil and write under it "A House."

"I've got an architect," he said the other day. "Of course I have. I can't recall the number now for I never go near him."

"And let me tell you, young man," he added emphatically, "that is the only way to have an architect. Forget his number and don't go near him—at any rate until your house is built."

Such is the advice of the man who is prejudiced against the profession and has put up the left building on the hilltop as his everlasting protest against the architect. A reporter tried to find out what the architect might have done to lose favor.

"I'll tell you what an architect did to me," said a woman who must weigh 250 in spite of her shortness, "and you can understand why I should be prejudiced against them. I wanted my house built with a broad room on the second floor. They said I could have that although it might make it necessary to have the stairs a little steep, as there was only a certain space on which to build. I did not object to that and the men went to work on that understanding."

"I was too stout to go prowling around climbing up and down the ladders, but my daughter watched the progress of the house. She is slight and spry, and could of course go about any where without difficulty. The house was finished in fact before I went into it, having come back from Europe just the day after it was finally furnished."

"Why in the world are those stairs so steep?" I asked of my daughter. "Oh, that's on account of the large drawing room," she said. "They're all right."

"Well, I got up them with difficulty. It was like walking up two sides of a house. That was nothing, however, to the surprise I experienced when I started to come down. I stopped myself with horror and looked over the precipice they had built. With my size it would have been impossible to have got to the bottom. The steps looked like little shelves about two inches wide. I ran to the telephone and the architect had somebody there within an hour."

"You see how impossible it is," I said. "Nothing could induce me to take my life in my hands by trying to go down those steps. You will have to change them or realize that you have made me a prisoner for life on the second story. I would not try those steps for anything."

"He said it had been expressly understood that the stairs were to be narrow and steep for the sake of more room on the second floor. It never could have been understood about any stairs, however, that they were to be too steep for the woman who owned them to go up and down. The carpenters arrived the next day and began to change the angle. They worked for three weeks putting in the new stairs. Then I had to pay an extra \$500 for the changes that made it possible for me to use my stairway."

"That was not dangerous," said a man who heard the recital of this mistake, "but think of the peril that a man put me into. My house was finished and looked all right. We moved in late in the spring and everything went swimmingly until the autumn came. Then it was time to build a fire. There was a large open chimney place in the drawing room and we decided to try it. The first attempt brought a cloud of smoke which we could not account for, although it filled the room to suffocation."

"We found that the architects who built the house had left across the chimney at a distance of about six feet above the fireplace a thick wooden beam. Naturally as the heat of the fire ascended the beam began to ignite and smoke. The large fire that I intended to use in winter would probably have set fire to it within a short time after the big fire was lit. Well, you can imagine that I expressed my opinion freely to that architect."

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A HANDY AND SIMPLE VISE.

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Save the Forests.

Aids from those interested in taking up these public lands there is a strong sentiment in favor of supporting the President and saving our forests. Unless something is done in this matter we shall soon see the end of our lumber resources, with the very worst results not only to the many industries which depend upon wood as the chief material but upon climate and productiveness as well.

Never before has there been such wanton waste of timber as we of America are guilty of today. We are cutting down three times as much as we are growing, using six times as much wood per capita as is used in Europe. After the Eastern and Western States had wasted their valuable forest wealth it was thought that the South, which had the bulk of the remaining merchantable lumber, would be more careful and sparing; but experience seems to go for nothing in this matter, and the South is to-day cutting down its pine, oak and cypress as rapidly as Michigan did. In the twenty-six years up to 1907 the fourteen Southern States produced 235,147,000,000 feet of lumber, or nearly one-third of the total. To-day the South has reached its maximum of production, and if it continues at its present figure it will soon be as treeless as portions of the East.

At present about one-fifth of the total forest area is still embraced in national forests; the other four-fifths have already passed into private hands. The question is now as to the preservation of these lands and the extension of Federal and State ownership and control so as to save such of our forests as remain. Public sentiment is unquestionably with the President in this matter.

Buying Potatoes.

The Anxiety of Dealers Indicates a Short Crop.

An unusual thing is happening in Lancaster county where agents are traveling the country buying the potato crop in the ground. The price paid is fifty cents a bushel. It is reported that there was such keen competition last week that the price has jumped to sixty cents. The conditions are that the potatoes when taken up are to be run over a screen to take out the quite small ones. The price is considered good by the farmers, there being no handling or storing of the crop other than lifting them and delivering them to the station, and they are selling out in large numbers.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE of valuable REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Administrator of the estate of Margaret M. Smith, late of the Township of Greenwood, Columbia County and State of Pennsylvania, will expose to public sale upon the premises on

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1907,

at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of the said day in the village of Light Street, the following described real estate, to wit:

All that certain house and lot of land situate in the village of Light Street in the County of Columbia and State of Pennsylvania, described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a post on the road leading from Bloomsburg to Orangeville and an alley and lot of Jacob Eckert, thence along said alley and lot South eighty-six degrees West one hundred and forty feet to an alley and lands of Peter Shug, thence along said alley South thirteen degrees East sixty feet to a post and corner of a lot belonging to said Peter Shug, thence along said lot North eighty-six degrees East one hundred and forty feet to a post and road leading from Bloomsburg to Orangeville thence along said road North thirteen degrees West to the place of beginning, containing thirty and five-tenths perches be the same more or less, on which is erected

A DWELLING HOUSE.

Being the same property conveyed to Elmira Marr by Henry Faue and wife by deed dated the 24th day of March, A. D. 1873, and from the heirs of the said Elmira the said house and lot was conveyed to Margaret M. Smith, by deed dated July 7, 1901, and recorded in Deed Book No. 72, page 110.

Also AT TWO O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON of the same day in the village of Rohrsburg, said County the following described house and lot:

All that certain lot of land situate in the village of Rohrsburg being part of lot No. 2 as marked on plot or draft of said village, Greenwood Township, County of Columbia and State of Pennsylvania, being six rods in front and seven rods back with an allowance of four feet on the South line designed for an alley, and fronting Market street on the East, bounded on the North by lot No. 1, formerly owned by E. G. Kieckert; on the West by land formerly owned by Frederick Rohr, and on the South by lot No. 3 formerly owned by Isaac Evans, containing 42 rods and four feet allowance, more or less. Being the same lot of land which H. R. Albertson and his wife by deed dated April 7th, A. D. 1897 conveyed to the said Margaret M. Smith, and recorded in the office for the recording of deeds for Columbia County in Deed Book No. 63, page 144, on which are erected

A DWELLING HOUSE, STABLE, AND SHOP.

TERMS OF SALE.—Ten per cent. of one-fourth of the purchase money to be paid at the striking down of the property; one-fourth less the ten per cent. at the confirmation of the sale, and the remaining three-fourths in one year thereafter, with interest from confirmation in si.

WESLEY MORRIS, Administrator.

Andrew L. Frits, Attorney. 9-12-4t

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of sundry writs of Alias Levari Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County, Pa., and to me directed, there will be sold at public sale at the Court House, Bloomsburg, County and State aforesaid, on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1907 at 2 o'clock p. m., the following described real estate:

All that certain piece, parcel and tract of land situate in the Borough of Catawissa, County of Columbia and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Bounded on the North by an alley a distance of eighty feet, on the East by land of O. D. L. Kostenbauder a distance of one hundred and fifty feet, on the South by Mill Street a distance of eighty feet, and on the West by lots of Claudia Guie and Enola Guie a distance of hundred and fifty feet.

Seized, taken in execution at the suit of The Borough of Catawissa, H. C. Thomas, Collector vs. William H. Rhawn, and Columbia County vs. William H. Rhawn, and to be sold as the property of William H. Rhawn.

CHARLES B. ENT, Sheriff.

L. C. Mensch, Attorney. 9-26 and 10-3-10-17-1907

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

The undersigned auditor having been appointed by the Court to make distribution of the funds in the hands of Frank Ikeler and Harvey I. Gingles, Executors of the estate of William Gingles, late of the Town of Bloomsburg, deceased, as shown by their third and partial account, will sit at the law offices of Fred T. Ikeler, Esq., in the Town of Bloomsburg, on Tuesday, October 22nd, 1907, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to perform the duties of his appointment, and all those having claims are requested to present same or be forever debarred from coming in upon said estate. 9-19-5t C. A. SMALL, Auditor.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD

Bulletin.

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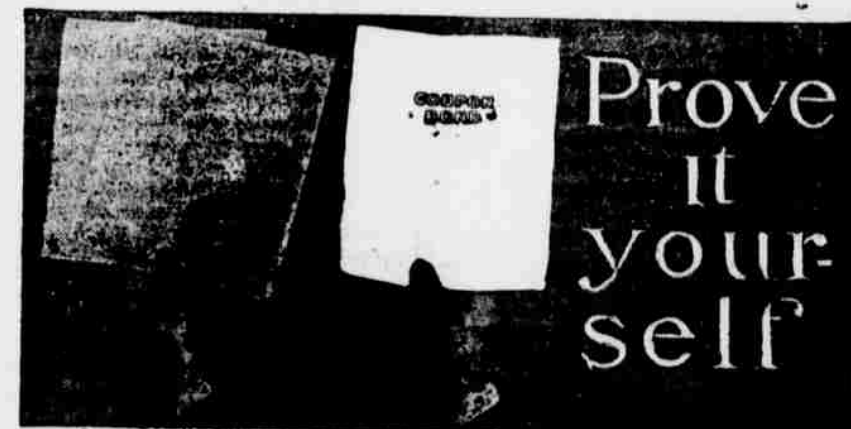
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