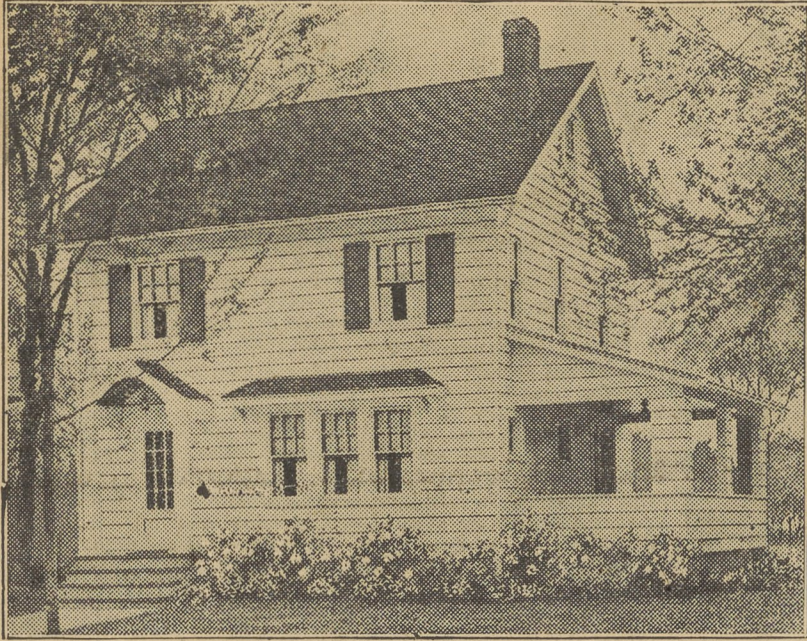


## Square Type of House Makes for Economy in Cost of Construction

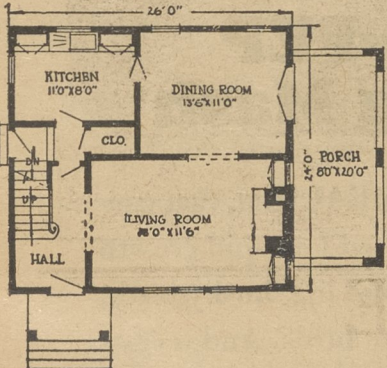


The square type home is always popular, and the large porch which can be enclosed is a feature not found in many homes.

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Economy is many times an outstanding asset with prospective home builders when selecting a design for their new home. What runs up the cost of building a home is the irregular shape of a house which requires an irregular shape foundation. Each angle or turn in the foundation requires almost twice as much masonry as the same wall running straight. That is why architects in designing small homes stick pretty closely to straight lines. The home building design shown in the accompanying illustration is a rectangular home, 24 feet deep by 26 feet wide. However, the plainness that might come by these dimensions is broken by an artistic open porch at one end. The entrance, too, has



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been placed at one end, and with its colonial type porch pillars and roof and the overhang of the roof over the window group at the front, also helps

### Foundation of Home Shows Real Condition

Several suggestions that will help everyone who is contemplating the purchase of a house are made in a letter contributed by a correspondent. "Before you buy a house," he writes, "you should start with the basement and examine the walls for water stains and horizontal water lines caused by water seepage, or water standing in the basement.

"The foundation and retaining walls should be inspected for proper thickness," he continues. "A minimum width for main foundation walls below grade for a light-frame structure of one or two stories should not be less than ten inches, if of concrete; thirteen inches of brick, and eighteen inches for stone.

"Concrete walls having a sandy or clayey appearance are deficient in cement, or else are constructed of bank sand and gravel containing a large percentage of loam. Such walls should be examined for sand and loam pockets which are detrimental to the walls' structural strength and permit the entrance of water.

"The wall plate or mud sill, which lies directly upon the foundation and upon which the floor rests, should be minutely examined for dry rot and decay. This is generally the first member of a dwelling's superstructure that goes bad."

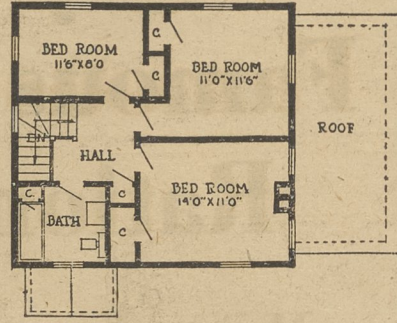
### Yellow Color Makes Up for Lack of Sunshine

Keep always in mind in the selection of materials for glass curtains that anything having a yellow or golden tone will do much to atone for lack of sufficient sunshine in a dreary or cold room.

This is a fact so widely recognized as to hardly need repetition, but in similar fashion, and not so well known, materials having a rosy tone will lend an atmosphere of warmth and coziness to a living-room or any room where such an effect is desired. The cheerfulness of the "sunshine tones," as all of the yellows and golds and mellow tans are commonly called, makes them particularly desirable for most living-rooms, but there are times when the subtlety of a faint orchid color for sash curtains in a bedroom, or delicate green in a dining-room or breakfast porch, will produce wonderfully pleasing results.

to do away with the plain appearance.

Shown on the floor plans for this home are six rooms and bath. On the first floor the entrance door leads into the stair hall with a large living room, 11 feet 6 inches by 18 feet connected with a hall by a cased opening. The second cased opening leads into a dining room, and the back of the



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stair hall is a kitchen 8 feet by 11 feet. This arrangement of connecting the hall and two rooms with a cased opening gives an air of spaciousness and makes practically all of the first floor into open living quarters. Coupled to this is an open fireplace at one end of the living room which breaks up the square wall effect. Double french doors lead from the dining room to the open porch. The stairs lead to a central square hall on the second floor off of which opens the three bedrooms and bathroom. Two of the bedrooms are larger than those found in a small home, while the third one is about the usual size. The house is of frame construction with clapboard siding. Old-fashioned shutters on the windows upstairs add to the colonial effect of the exterior.

This is the type of home building design which is popular where there is opportunity for surrounding the house with flowers, trees and shrubs. As the illustration shows, this is a most attractive home and can be built at an unusually low cost.

### Iron Bases for Porch Columns Prevent Rotting

An iron base for porch columns and newels that raises the column from slightly less than two inches to six inches off the floor, allowing air to circulate between the column and the floor, so preventing rot, is available for round and square columns. Prices are reasonable.

Permitting water to run off the floor without wetting the bottom of the column, these supports, it is claimed, will add years to the life of the columns, saving many dollars in replacement costs and improve the appearance of the porch. Water that clings about the base of columns and causes rot and decay is, through the use of these bases, passed off without causing injury. Water also is prevented from backing under and in between the turned wood base.

As it is necessary for the turned wood base to have an open center a trifle smaller than the opening in the column to ventilate the column shaft, there are no outside fastenings. Holes are provided in the center bearing for fastening the beam to the floor.

The turned wood base is first fastened to the iron base, this is then fastened in position to the floor and the column is fitted into the wood base. Before fastening the column the end should be painted, as well as the wood block upon which the column rests.

### Simple Color Is Best for Room of Small Size

If one is not able to have the services of an interior decorator in completing the home, but must rely on one's own unguided knowledge in color and design, it is a good plan to choose the wall paper first.

From the hues used in it, the general color scheme may be selected, as well as harmonizing materials for drapery and upholstering uses.

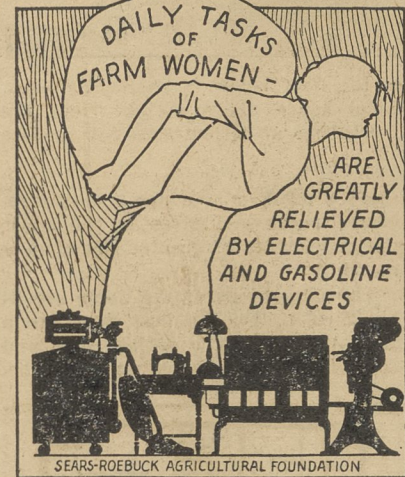
Using the wall paper as a basis for the rest of the room is made possible by the care and artistic knowledge which is employed in the planning and designing of wall paper in the modern factory.

Each manufacturer has his artists, expert in their line, to design and plan the colors of his article. His paper is a work of art, and, as such, may confidently be taken as a guide by the inexperienced.

### Labor-Saving Equipment Is Coming to the Farm Home

Labor-saving and health-conserving equipment found in the modern city residence is gradually coming into use in the farm home, where it is most needed, and is revolutionizing the daily tasks of the farm housewife, the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation observes.

With the advent of electric power secured either from individual power plants, central stations, or transmission lines, the farm wife has been able to use the electric driven washing machine, sardiron, vacuum cleaner, churn, cream separator, and other energy-saving devices. Hand sweepers, washing machines, separators, sewing machines, canners, bread mixers and



the like have relieved the drudgery on farms where electric power is not available.

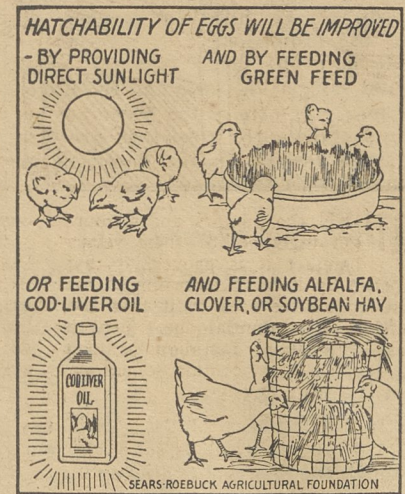
In the farm kitchen, the kerosene or gasoline stove or electric range have done away with much of the discomfort of working over a hot coal range. Fireless cookers give many a farm wife an occasional afternoon off or help her get to church on Sunday mornings. Acetylene or gasoline mantle lamps or electric lights are replacing the kerosene lamp, giving better light and easing the labor of cleaning lamp chimneys.

In a survey of forty thousand farm homes in forty-six states, conducted by the General Federation of Women's clubs, it was found that 71.8 per cent had sewing machines; 51.5 per cent, food choppers; 50.1 per cent, refrigeration of some kind; 44.6 per cent, water piped to the house; 40.3 per cent, washing machines; 30.5 per cent, kerosene or gasoline stoves; 24.6 per cent, electric or gas sardirons, and 17.3 per cent, vacuum cleaners. While this group of homes may not have been entirely typical, the survey does indicate that hundreds of thousands of farm homes are becoming equipped with labor-saving devices, the Foundation adds.

### HOW TO PRODUCE HATCHABLE EGGS

Poor hatches make costly chicks and are an important factor in cutting down poultry profits, the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation states. Forty out of every hundred eggs incubated each year fail to produce live chicks, according to the United States Department of Agriculture. About half of the loss is due to low fertility and half to weak germs which do not survive the incubation period.

To obtain good hatches the flock must be bred, fed and managed for that purpose. Only strong, healthy birds produce good hatching eggs with strong germs which will develop into vigorous chicks. Some hens lay eggs with a higher degree of hatchability than other hens apparently equally



vigorous. This characteristic is hereditary and may be developed in the flock by trap nesting and selection of hens whose eggs produce a high percentage of live chicks.

Tests, particularly at the Ohio Experiment Station, have shown that to produce eggs of high hatchability, the hens must receive two things: First, direct sunshine or its equivalent in cod liver oil; second, green feed, or a substitute in the form of alfalfa, clover or soybean hay. Skim milk and buttermilk also will partly substitute for green feed.

After the grass season starts, hens may receive both sunshine and green feed direct from the range, but in the late winter and early spring, when most of the eggs used for hatching are produced, they must be furnished by the poultryman. Besides these sources of vitamins, the ration must contain an ample supply of protein, the Foundation adds.

### REV. PENNELL A LOCAL CALLER

Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Pennell spent Friday in town visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Frantz. While here he met many of his old friends. Rev. Pennell is a former pastor of the Methodist Church.

Miss Edna Welsh who has been taking a course in Hospital work in Philadelphia, has returned home and will graduate with this year's class of the Homeopathic Hospital next week.

### -Alderson-

At the time of this writing Harvey's Lake is getting all set for the grand opening on Memorial Day. The Harvey's Lake artx has been spruced up and is all set for the big day.

This year the restaurants, the bingo game and the novelty stands are to be run by Gus Condon. D. F. Thomas has the merry-go-round. Thomas Williams still has the penny arcade, the whip and the roller coaster, and Mrs. A. L. Wintersteen, who is to manage the park, is running the Dog'em. Howard Major has made considerable changes in his bathing beach. Charley Lord has rented his large restaurant to Jack Edwards and has moved into the small restaurant next door. Another addition which, in our opinion, is not so good is the family (or families) of gypsies who are living in the little shack where "Hughey" once presided as the barber. Gypsies certainly had a colorful life and are a romantic looking people but some them at least are said to have "taking ways" and many people do not like to have them around.

Sandy Beach is going to be somewhat different this year. For some reason or other a bathing beach alone was not sufficient, for now one will also hear the racket and rattle of a merry-go-round, a whip, and a Dog'em. Strange how people insist on such noise when they go a-picknicking.

Miss Emma Odenkirchen and Granddaddy Odenkirchen are spending a few days at White Haven.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Eggleston visited friends at Centremoreland and Vernon last Sunday.

Mrs. Zelzah Gringer spent Friday visiting Mrs. J. C. Altman.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rauch, Mr. Ralph Downing, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fraley and Mr. and Mrs. E. P. DeLaney and family, all of Wilkes-Barre, called at the home of Mrs. Hattie Rauch last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Lease of Wyoming spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Amos Kitchen. Mrs. Lease was formerly Miss Hazel Kitchen.

From the latest reports Harvey's Lake is going to be thickly populated with speed boats this summer. Every day or so we hear of another boat being launched. We'll soon have to have a traffic cop on the lake.

Several people from Alderson attended the entertainment held by the Lehman school last week.

Mrs. Estelle Enders is spending a few weeks in Wilkes-Barre.

Laketon school will have a new teacher for the seventh and eighth grades this coming fall. Miss Mary Kuchta, who taught there this past year, has secured a teaching position in Philadelphia.

The Ladies' Aid made a day of it last Thursday when they spent the day giving the church a thorough cleaning.

Warning is hereby given to all dog owners whose dogs are unlicensed. Game wardens have been especially active along that line lately as several people can testify. If your dog hasn't a license get one for him and save yourself some trouble.

Harvey's Lake may hope for better telephone service in the near future. A new telephone cable is being strung from Dallas to and around the lake. Their have been many complaints about poor service lately but we hope this will remedy it.

Mrs. Lamereaux spent last Sunday visiting friends in Ruggles.

Frank Higgins is suffering from a severe attack of blood poisoning.

We are sorry to hear that Alfred Rodgers is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Armitage and Mrs. L. T. Avery visited friends at Utah Eaton last Sunday.

For some unknown reason there is a great deal of mss floating about on the surface of the lake this year. This is quite unusual and there are many theories set forth as to why it is there. Of course, some one has used it as excuse for the fish not biting.

Virginia acharias Zis spending some time with her aunt, Mrs. Lamereaux.

E. S. Honeywell is busy painting cottages this summer.

Edgar Stem, Jr., is spending a week at home before taking his final examinations at Lehigh University.

D. P. Thomas has moved from the cottage owned by R. A. Davis and is now living over the Harvey's Lake restaurant.

The senior and junior classes of Laketon high school spent Wednesday in Wilkes-Barre, where they visited the Brooks building, the court house, the jail and the Record building.

### The Problem

We have been trying to acquire a liberal education by reading 15 minutes a day, as our great inspirational writers assure us is easily possible, but unfortunately we appear to be the kind of man that devotes the entire 15 minutes, if not 16 or 17, to wondering which book he can read to the best advantage in the limited time at his disposal.

### Girl Swimmers Excel

Girls are more apt in learning to swim than boys, according to a report of the education committee of the London county council. During last year 156,848 school children had lessons, and 40,272 had learned to swim by the end of the year.

### Timely Advice

Missionary (to cannibal)—I warn you in regard to eating my brother. He will give you indigestion. He never agrees with anybody.

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### Comparing Notes

It was a casual acquaintanceship. The two men had met in the park. Suddenly one of them sighted two women coming along. "Ah," he said, "here comes my wife with some old hag she's picked up." "Fancy that, now," said the other; "here comes mine with another."