

**HOUSE DECORATION**

**How to Make the Home Beautiful.**

The artistic home is a cult of the era. The housewife who keeps pace with the spirit of the age, feels it as much her mission to make her home beautiful and attractive to young and old as to provide food and raiment for her family. The phrase, "An artistic home" need not imply a costly house, furniture and decorations, sumptuous accessories and corresponding extravagant living. A very modest home can be transformed into a veritable picture with a comparatively small outlay of money, provided it be supplemented by a generous amount of artistic knowledge and an eye for color, and refined taste. Valuable paintings, signed engravings, marquetry floors, Turkish rugs, costly furniture and bric-a-brac are desirable possessions, but mean a heavy investment. Equally artistic surroundings can be obtained for a moderate sum without resorting to cheap and vulgar imitations.

Harmony is the first consideration—perfect harmony of color and form. Never start out to furnish a home in the style of a certain period, if it is not possible to carry the scheme to completion. Choose different periods for different rooms, if you please, but let everything in each room belong to the one selected for it.

A different color may be chosen for the woodwork in each room or on each floor; but if the house is small, it would be better to decide on one color and let the floors be stained the same color. Many prefer ivory-white woodwork in the upper, or bed rooms, which is always in good taste. Green walls look well with white woodwork, also Delft blue and white paper, if the blue and white scheme is carried out to completion. Yellow paper with ivory-white woodwork is a popular idea, and is an excellent choice for a room where the sunshine does not enter.

Hard pine floors go well with these suggestions of color for walls and woodwork. They should be quite smooth, then oiled and polished with wax.

The facilities for artistic home decorations are becoming more and more abundant each year, and knowledge on the subject is easily available.

There are various methods by which bad floors can be made beautiful; stains and varnishes will transform the ugliest woodwork into a joy to the beholder. There are wondrous tapestries, foliage and floral wall papers which induce dreams of Arcady. One has only to keep one's eyes open while on a visit to shops where house decorations are for sale to acquire an art education, so wonderful are the achievements of modern designers.

In the furnishing of the home there should be careful avoidance of a crowded effect. Do not make a museum of your house. Focus interest, do not scatter it with a thousand weak impressions. Remember—one good picture is worth a dozen poor or indifferent ones. Let there be an air of serene comfort and of the enjoyment of living, rather than an impression of two perfect orders. Let your possessions appear well cared for, but as if used and enjoyed.

In a series of articles on home decoration we hope to develop many helpful suggestions to those who live in retired places, out of touch with the spirit of progress in beautifying the home, yet who have a soul for beauty in all things. Choice of architecture, harmony in color schemes, mural decorations, choice in furnishings, in draperies, in ornaments, etc., for the modest as well as the opulent purse will be discussed.

CAROLYN MALLARD.

**Congressman Webb on Patent Medicines.**

Editor Edward Bok, of the Ladies Home Journal, called on Congressman Webb, of North Carolina in Washington last Thursday about the pure medicine bill which the latter introduced recently. Mr Webb in an argument before the house committee a few weeks ago, demanded legislation restraining the manufacture and sale of patent medicines, which he said contain not only alcohol, but morphine, cocaine, opium, caffeine and other substances poisonous and injurious to health.

Ninety millions of dollars, he declared are expended yearly in this country, the most of it by ignorant people, for dangerous patent medicines, which instead of doing them good, produces injury.

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**TROY ITEMS.**

**Serious Fire Narrowly Averted—Montgomery County News.**

Fire was discovered in a building in which cotton was stored belonging to J C Hurley one day last week. Its close proximity to the Presbyterian church and other buildings threatened serious damage but the prompt work of the employees of the Guilford Lumber Co, and others passing, soon extinguished the flames.

Messrs George W Frix and James E Tharpe have purchased 1,085 lots in and about the town of West End, in Moore county, and they propose to establish a hustling little village and resort there. Messrs Frix and Tharpe are to develop their property this spring. They are to place the lots on the market, both in this State and in the North.

Little Bernie, the 18-months-old son of Mr and Mrs J M Bell, died Thursday morning, March 15, 1906.

Messrs W T Roper, of Dry Creek, and H P Montgomery, of Montgomery, have been drawn as Federal jurors for the special term of Court to be held in Greensboro in April.

J C Burton has installed a large boiler at his cross arm factory here. This is one of Troy's most thriving manufacturing plants.

**Want Judge Boyd's Letter.**

The attorneys of congressman Blackburn are greatly excited over the discovery of the existence of a letter, from Judge Boyd as acting attorney general in the Department of Justice, to Judge Pritchard advising him that there is nothing criminal in his appearance before the Executive departments as attorney for a money consideration.

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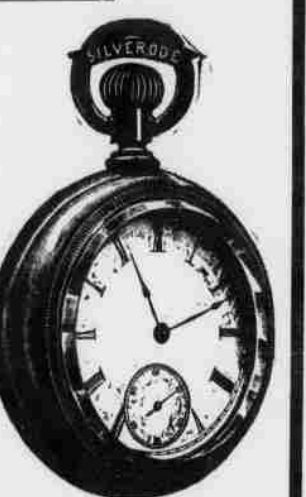
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