

English Type Brick Home Attractive and Has Many Superior Advantages



A home of charm and individuality in brick with that much sought for Colonial entrance. The floor plans are as well designed as the attractive exterior. The rooms are all large and this home has more than the usual number of closets.

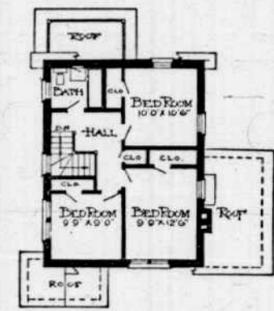
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While the first brick houses in the United States were built by the Holland Dutch who settled in New York, brick has been the stable building material in England for several centuries. And in the use of brick English architects have developed an individual type of architecture, an example along the English lines being shown in the accompanying illustration.

While this house is not a true type of English architecture, it has the many gables and sloping of roof that is popular in the British Isles. This

rooms, bath and five clothes closets. The entrance door leads into a small hall which projects out from the main lines of the building and leads into a large living room, 11 feet by 20

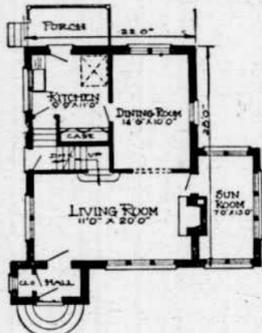


Second Floor Plan.

feet, which extends the width of the house. At one end is a fireplace. A door at the side of the fireplace leads to the sunroom, which is 7 feet wide by 13 feet long. A double cased opening leads to the dining room, which is 14 feet 6 inches by 10 feet, and at the side is the kitchen, which is rather large, 9 feet 9 inches by 11 feet. An enclosed stairway runs out of one side of the living room and leads to a central hall on the second floor. Off this hall are three bedrooms, each a corner room, and the bathroom.

The arrangement of the rooms and the size of each one may be visualized by the floor plans which accompany the exterior view of the home. It will be noted that each of the rooms is so located as to give plenty of light and ventilation. At the same time the arrangement is such that the work of caring for the house may be done without unnecessary steps.

For the prospective home builder who wants an unusual house that is solid in appearance, is comfortable and has rooms larger than is usually found in a six-room house, this design will appeal.



First Floor Plan.

is a home of charm and individuality. The one touch of American architecture in it is the colonial entrance door. This house is 22 feet by 28 feet, exclusive of the sunroom made possible by the turning of the pitch of the roof from the front gable. It contains six

Buildings of Future

May Be Windowless

The skyscraper office building of the future, the school, church, even the private home may be built with few or no windows. The only purpose the window will serve will be to permit those on the inside to enjoy the view, or those outside to look into a store or display room. Problems of light and fresh air can be solved artificially and more satisfactorily than they are by the many-windowed buildings of today.

This is the interesting forecast offered in the American Architect, which points to innovations in several new buildings as indications of such a tendency.

In the new Union Trust building, Detroit, for example, 16 stories of windows are so built that they will never be opened. Air conditioning designed to keep the temperature at a uniform 70 degrees throughout the year makes the open window unnecessary. The heating and refrigerating machinery of the building also regulates humidity by mixing ozone with the incoming air and eliminates those listless days so frequently felt by indoor workers when even fresh air feels dead.

In New York the new Waldorf-Astoria hotel will install a system by which each guest can regulate the temperature of his own room summer and winter. The radiator will be in combination with a cooling apparatus attached to the refrigerating plant. Many other modern buildings throughout the country are introducing similar systems elaborated from those already in use in theaters and up-to-date storage warehouses where furniture, art works, furs and other valuable goods must be protected by a constant temperature.

"Advances in illuminating are such that the time may come when even office buildings will be lighter and more livable without windows than they are now with them," says the American Architect writer.

Lighting of approximately the same tone as daylight already has been achieved and applied practically in stores and offices, it is pointed out, and many such business buildings, particularly department stores, will find the wall space now occupied by windows to be far more valuable for dis-

play uses. Elimination of dust and outside noises are important considerations, especially in crowded cities, it is shown, and this can be achieved to a large degree by the elimination of the open window. Avoidance of drafts and variable temperatures which endanger health is another important factor noted.

Lastly, many architects point, the elimination of windows—or the necessity for them—would help solve the artistic problem of the skyscraper, since more pleasing results can be achieved with a solid shaft than with one punctuated with openings.

Oak Flooring Adds to Value of the Old Home

Buying an old home and modernizing it is becoming more and more popular. Frequently such a house can be obtained at a reasonable figure and, through the expenditure of several thousand dollars, made into a residence worth much more than the investment.

Sometimes it is advisable to remodel, though this depends, of course, on the house. More often a few modern touches such as new bathroom and new electric light fixtures, refinishing of the woodwork and the laying of oak floors will be the principal items of expenditure.

Nothing is more important in the appearance, health and comfort of a house than good oak floors. If the old house which you are remodeling has oak floors, the chances are they will only need refinishing, since oak floors will last as long as a house and with proper care will become more beautiful with age. If the floors are of soft wood, it would be simple and inexpensive to have oak flooring laid over them.

Unlucky Saturday

Saturday is the most dangerous day for the workmen, according to findings of a survey in New York reported by the American Architect. On construction jobs it was found that more men were injured on Saturday morning than any other half day. The explanation advanced is that the men are tired and anxious to get away for the week-end, hence their minds do not focus as clearly on their jobs as during other days.

A Picture for Christmas

By Clara Agee Hays

ON CHRISTMAS eve Marion surveyed her apartment—wreaths of holly in the windows and a tiny tree with colored lights in the living room. For three Christmases—all alone—she'd done this. Even baked a chicken to well—make it seem Christmas.

Anyway, she wasn't hungry or homeless. Marion's smile was wistful and perhaps a little bitter. There was no one in the whole city to share her Christmas. She'd worked up to a good job, but her business acquaintances all had their own family festivities. How the girls who worked under her had planned and chattered for the last week! They called Marion "Miss Morris" and were timid before her. Of course, she couldn't break the ice with, "I'm only a lonely girl! Don't think of me as a boss. Let me share your fun."

Marion paused, now, as she passed "Jack's" picture on her table. Playfully she screwed up her face. She'd get him a present, of course. A— a cigarette case with his initials—expensive but simple. That's the way the girls at the office sounded. And he'd get her a—She dropped the enlargement and hurried to rescue the potatoes—scorched for supper.

Last year "Jack" had been a present from herself. Her brother, Ben, thousands of miles away, had sent a snapshot of himself taken with a young man. "My pal and I—He's a real fellow." Ben had scrawled across the back. Marion had studied the fine face in the picture and yearning born of a long unrealized dream of romance stirred her. Finally when last Christmas came she had guiltily cut her brother's picture off and had the other enlarged, tinted, and framed.

"The color of his eyes?" asked the artist.

"Oh—er—brown," she said and blushed. That was what she wanted him to have. She had called him "Jack." And ever since "Jack" had been her confidant, her pal, her fiance.



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The long evenings passed more easily when she looked into the large brown eyes and dreamed of the time she and "Jack" might have a home of their own.

But, tonight, another empty Christmas eve, imaginative Marion with twinkling eyes, became matter-of-fact Miss Morris of the office. "It's ridiculous!" she scolded. "Completely in love with a picture! I must be losing my mind!" Vindictively she thrust "Jack" into a drawer and sat down to make herself read and forget.

Suddenly the door bell rang. Marion opened the door cautiously. Then she gasped.

When David Bruce entered he wondered why the attractive sister of his pal stared at him as if she could not believe her eyes and sank weakly into a chair.

"... Here on business. . . Told Ben I'd look you up," he explained a little nervously. "Shouldn't have broken in on your Christmas—a perfect stranger!—I—ab—was a little lonesome, I guess. . ."

Marion manged to say softly, "I'm glad you came." And David, looking at her felt that, somehow, she was.

There'd been lots to talk about. David leaving late, anticipated with actual eagerness the dinner with her tomorrow. And Marion's heart sang as she got up early on Christmas to "get things done." David came early, too, and Marion, planning a towel around him, let him help. It seemed natural. She and he had been friends in her imagination so long! The afternoon passed swiftly. In the evening they went to a theater.

When they returned, "A look at the tree before you go?" invited Marion. David stepped in—for a look at Marion. He flushed and glanced down.

"I—I told Ben—if his sister was as attractive as the picture he showed me, I'd—want to bring her back with me and—" He looked up seriously. "Please don't think me cheeky. I've got to return so soon and—well, she's better than the picture. I. . ."

A minute later he held her in his arms. "Oh, Jack!" Marion gasped in happy confusion and then flushed. But David's brown eyes had read hers and what her lips said didn't matter. There were the words "Yuletide"

The Christmas Candle



The legend runs: On Christmas eve A little candle's ray, Shining through the dusk, will light The Christ Child on His way.

I've polished well my window pane And set my candle there; I'll light it when the twilight comes And say a little prayer:

Bear Christ Child, may my candle's light Lead You into my heart tonight.

ANNA R. BAKER—In Chicago News

Yuletide Happiness

CHRISTMAS time! That man must be a misanthrope, indeed, in whose breast something like a jovial feeling is not roused—in whose mind some pleasant associations are not awakened—by the annual recurrence of Christmas.—Dickens.



THEY all came tumbling forth. "We're in plenty of time," they said.

"Well," said one, "you know we hear so much these days about doing your Christmas shopping early that we wanted to be just as punctual."

"It's nice to see every one again," one of the others said.

"Oh, yes, and this cold, crisp air does agree with us so well. We feel so glowing and so full of health and gaiety."

At that the word "Glowing" and the word "Health" and the word "Gaiety" all looked so pleased.

They had come tumbling out of the dictionary where they spent a good deal of their time, but now they would be out all the time, they knew.

It was their very own season. Each word had all its family along, too.

They were quite large families. In fact it seemed as though they were quite large enough to fill the world's orders for them.

All the words were feeling so pleased. There was the word "Holly" and there was the word "Mistletoe." There were the words "Christmas Greens." There was the word "Merry." There was the word "Happy."

There was the family of "Compliments of the Season." There were all the "Good Wishes." They were an enormous family.

There were the words "Yuletide"

and "Christmas Day" and "Christmas Eve," and there was the family of the "Spirit of Christmas."

And the word "Evergreen" came out, too, and the word "Snow" and the words "White Christmas."

Then came the words "Christmas Tree" and the word "Ribbons" had linked arms with the word "Red." The word "Tinsel" looked as bright and sparkling as could be, and the word "Stocking" just looked as though it would burst with pride.

The word "Children" was right in its element, and the word "Peace" looked so happy, so relieved. The words "Good Will" were on hand, too.

And all these words, such beautiful, happy words, had come tumbling out of the dictionary to stay until the Christmas season was over, for they knew they would be in such great use. They had come in plenty of time—there was no fear about that. And then the word "Peace" spoke.

"It would be so perfect," said "Peace," "if human beings, all over the world, would make a real friend of me. There is no one who will be a better friend. I will make it so that instead of troubles, agonies, miseries, waste and destruction coming along people will be able to do great deeds and think great thoughts. They will be able to make life richer and more beautiful for all about them. They will accomplish great peace time improvements and deeds. They will work to do away with poverty and trouble. That would be the most wonderful Christmas every one in the world could give to every one else in the world."

"Oh, I should like to see suspicious and doubts put away, to see trust and belief in people by other people. You know how one always appears one's best with a person who thinks a lot of you—so with trust and faith the world will think more, each of the other."

"Then, beautiful Christmas Words, we could be around so much more of the time than just at Christmas."

"There is no season like Christmas. But to make the spirit of Christmas last throughout the whole year would be the greatest gift that human beings could make to Christmas. For years Christmas has given people cheer, happiness. Now, wouldn't it be a good idea for people to give Christmas a great and mighty present?"

"I should so love to be a present to the world—a real, lasting present."

And all the words looked more delighted than ever. "That is a beautiful idea, Peace," they said, "and we all hope that that idea of yours will really, really grow until all, all take you as a gift not only to themselves, but to every one else in the whole world."

So the Words were ready for the great Christmas season. But of all of them Peace was the one hoping the greatest, greatest hope of all!

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Movement in Poland to Change Unseemly Names

A Polish parliamentary deputy belonging to one of the peasant parties wishes to introduce a law to facilitate and cheapen the changing of surnames. Many peasants' surnames have crystallized out of mocking nicknames conferred by neighbors. There are on record "Paunch," "Leprosy," "Scarf" and many others still less complimentary. Jews are often in a worse plight than peasants. Until the end of the Eighteenth century they bore patronymics such as "Abraham, son of Jacob."

The police of the three powers that partitioned Poland insisted that they should all take surnames. Either in an attempt to extort bribes or else to amuse themselves they often inflicted the most ridiculous and unseemly names on the unfortunate Jews. "Tonweight," "Abdominal Ulcer" and "Berlin Blue" are among those recorded.

Some such surnames have so grossly indecent a meaning that they could not be translated in the pages of a respectable paper. Some of the Jews, who only understood Yiddish, did not know what their Russian names meant. Thousands of them have changed their names since the war.—Exchange.

Relativity

The late Chauncey M. Depew used to poke a good deal of fun at philosophy, relativity and other high-brow subjects.

"Philosophy," he once said, "has been likened to a blind man searching a dark room in the night for a black hat that isn't there."

"But relativity! Relativity is like the dialogue of Pat and Mike."

"Can I know what I don't know?" says Mike.

"No," says Pat.

"Well, now, there's a certain thing I don't know, and I know it. Then don't I know what I don't know?"

"I don't know."

Modern Morals

Maxwell Bodenheim, the poet and novelist whose name figured tragically in the news a year ago, was talking one day in Greenwich Village about modern morals.

"Modern morals," he said, "are exemplified in a poet of my acquaintance."

"Maltravers," I asked him at a studio tea, "Maltravers, can you remember the first girl you ever kissed?"

"Maltravers twirled the pointed end of his blond beard and answered: 'The first? Good gracious, I don't even remember the last.'"

Popular

Reports are seeping in that New Jersey is striving to emulate California. A real estate man in Camden tried to sell a lot to a Californian. The deal was moving along just so when the Californian heard something.

"What is that awful humming?" he demanded suspiciously.

"Oh, just the theme song for a mosquito revue," was the prompt reply.—Los Angeles Times.

Deaf Persons Hear Talkies

It is figured that there are 15,000,000 persons in this country with deficient hearing. It was thought that they would be deprived of a source of amusement when the "talkies" threatened to take the place of the "stills," but this has been taken care of in many of the newest theaters by equipping a section of the house with acoustic devices for the use of these afflicted persons.

Against All Government

An "anarchist" is one who believes that all forms of government are wrong and unnecessary. Some anarchists believe also that it is their duty to destroy governments. Literally the word "anarchy" means "without a head." Hence it has come to be almost synonymous with disorder, revolution or terror.

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Live and Learn

Jim—I always kinda thought a wife would be some one to lean on in time of trouble.

Jack—Changed your opinion, eh?

Jim—Yes; I find she's some one to sit on you for getting into it.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Call to Order

"What are you mumbling about, John?" demanded his autocratic wife. "I was talking to myself. Why do you butt in?"

"Well, you don't seem to be paying any attention to yourself."

Maybe He Will Be

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Old Town Renews Life
Once Weymouth, N. J., was a prosperous town, but it was off the beaten track. One by one families moved to larger cities until only a few old settlers remained. The town became deserted and for several years no rent has been charged the few residents willing to stay in the old town. Now a water company has run a line into the town and a service fee of 10 cents a month has been placed on every house and the tenants are required to pay the fee.

Politics Inevitable
"I think I shall keep out of politics," said the young man.
"What are you going to do," rejoined Senator Sorghum, "be a hermit?"—Washington Star.

Reason Enough
"Why did you steal the 10 shillings from plaintiff?"
"Because he would not lend them to me for my honest face."—Fliegende Blaetter, Munich.

It doesn't seem to matter to some men whether they ride in an automobile or a patrol wagon.

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