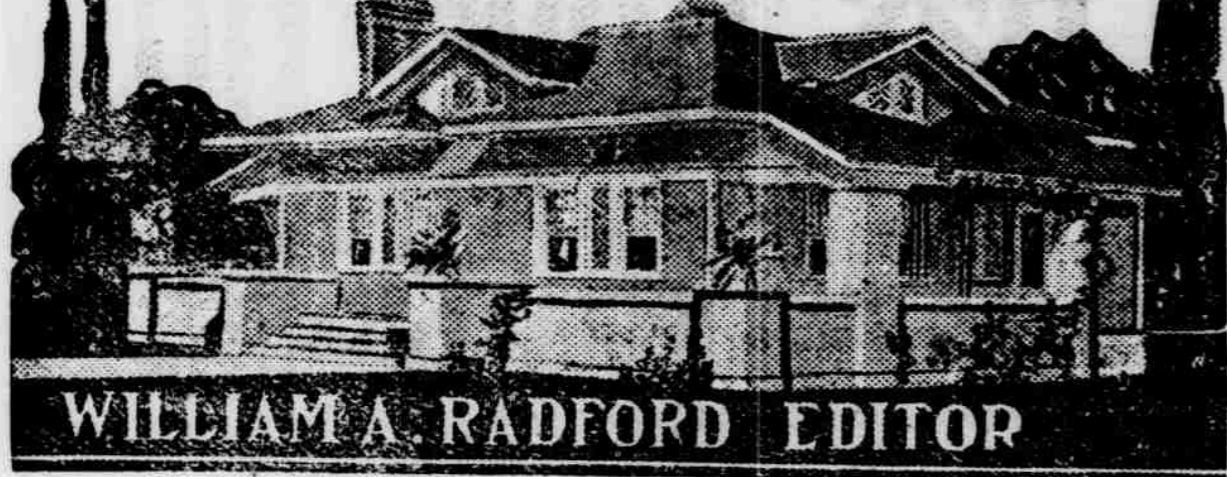


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A commodious and at the same time conveniently arranged house of moderate cost, is illustrated in the accompanying perspective drawing and floor plan. By fitting up three rooms upstairs—for which there is space available—this plan gives us a house of nine rooms, besides bathroom, front and back entries or vestibules, and a pantry.

This house is adapted to a lot 35 feet or more in width, being 33 feet 6 inches wide by 46 feet long, exclusive of the spacious front porch. The structure is somewhat, on the bungalow order, or rather a modification of the bungalow idea. Properly speaking, a bungalow has only one floor, but here we have a slight departure from this rule, though the resemblance to that type of house is still maintained.

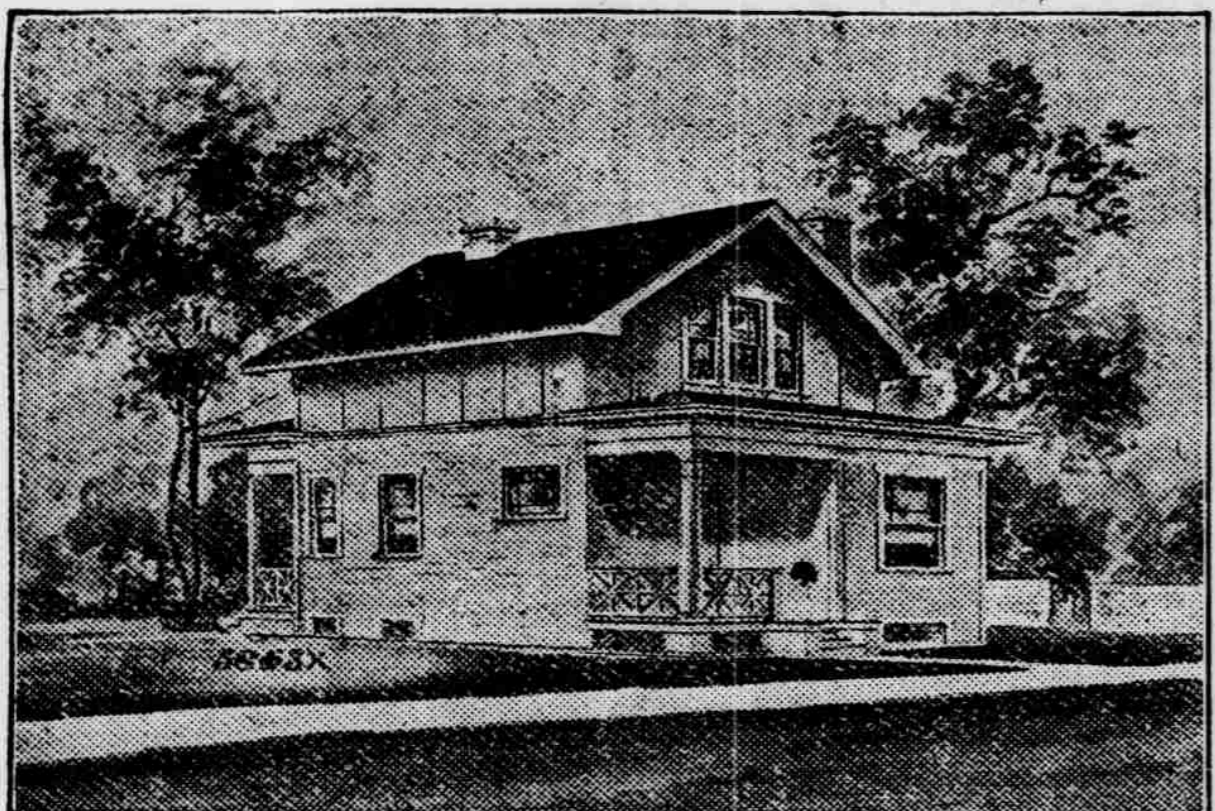
The bungalow developed in this country on the Pacific coast. The idea, probably, was originally brought from India, although a great many architects claim that the modern bungalow is really the outgrowth of the log cabins and the sod and adobe houses of the early inhabitants of the United States. Probably bungalow architectural ideas could be traced back to all these sources. The result is that we have a very comfortable, low-cost house; and the bungalow type of structure is being extensively built in different parts of the country and is constantly increasing in popularity. Within easy reach of large cities, bungalows are going up by the hundreds; and the idea is a good one. People are tired of being crowded into small, unhealthful

homes at prices within the reach of those who would never own homes of their own if they had to buy or build houses built on the regular orthodox lines, laid out by conservative architects, and built in the old-fashioned way. I have nothing to say against large two-story solid houses as heavy as any one wants them. They are all right in their right places. But what suits one person does not suit another, either in plan, in appearance, or in cost; and the bungalow has added a chapter to house building which meets the needs of large and increasing numbers of home owners and home builders.

This house plan gives an opportunity for young people to start in with a home of their own without a great outlay in cash. As designed, the house is built without a cellar; but a cellar may be added at any time. While the children are small, it is not absolutely necessary to finish the bedrooms on the second floor. The house is complete downstairs. I have known men with families of five or six children to build a house like this, occupy it for a year or two, then add a cellar, sleeping rooms in the attic, a porch at the back or side, and many other attractive features as they felt they could afford the expense. And very often the money saved in rent has paid for these improvements.

I particularly like to see thrift of this kind and I am optimistic enough to believe that similar sentiments are increasing as the country becomes more thickly populated. I see evidences of economy that I never noticed before except in isolated cases. Economy is one of the greatest virtues. Economy and ignorance seldom go together. It requires a person of more than average intelligence to practice economy sensibly. Economy is not stinginess; there is a wide distinction.

A house after this plan can be built



quarters, and are taking this means of providing themselves with good, sensible homes at a reasonable outlay.

The original bungalow roof was low and broad; but, in order to get more sleeping accommodation, the ridge was raised just enough at first to get one room above the ground floor. Builders, however, have repeatedly pushed it up higher, until now we see a good many houses built very much after this plan, with as many as three bedrooms in the roof.

It costs but little more to build a seven or eight-roomed house in this way than to build a five-roomed house with the rooms all on one level. The rafters, of course, are longer, and it takes more shingles; but the work on the roof is not much different, and so far as the inside is concerned, you simply add the finishing up of the extra rooms. The foundation is no larger; and the only addition on the first floor is the stairway, which, in this case, is built in and closed with a door at the bottom. You seldom, in fact, see an open stairway in a bungalow house. It seems to be out of keeping with the general layout. There is a modification of ideas in regard to house stairways, even in larger houses. The question has often arisen: Why should we build a fancy, open stair directly opposite the main entrance door, as though every person entering must receive an invitation to go up aloft? As a matter of fact, not one stranger in a dozen entering the front door goes upstairs, and it makes considerable difference to the members of the family where the stairway is placed. Very often it would be much handier if located in the middle of the house. It would take up less room, too, and save some money—and save the architect a headache. It seems to me that we pay too much attention to fashion or custom; one person is afraid to do anything different, and each one follows along after his neighbor without knowing why.

I have watched the development of the bungalow idea in house building with a great deal of satisfaction, because I think I can see in it the means of providing thousands of

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People as a General Rule Are Very Apt to Accept a Man at His Own Valuation.

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The man who poses as righteous obtains a reputation for righteousness. Whether he really deserves it usually does not matter. The man who poses as profound obtains a reputation for profundity. He may be as shallow as a rivulet, but the pose is apt to create the impression he seeks to convey. We all know the man who utters common-places with the rotundity of the great orator, with the air of an oracle, arrogating to himself the honors of original discovery. We all know the impressive appearance and rotund declamation which often give public men, lawyers, lecturers and other forensic speakers vast reputations which the product of their brains utterly fails to justify.

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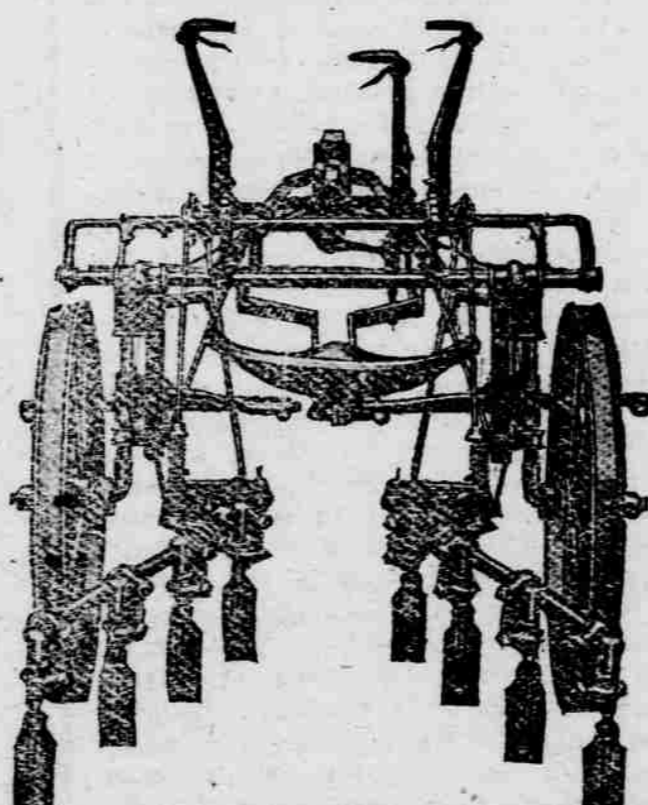
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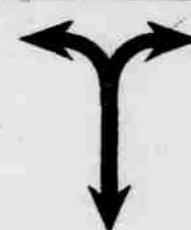
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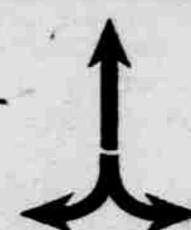
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