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# On the House

ONE OF THE IRONIES of life for the householder is that in the midst of summer heat he is obliged to do some thinking about his heating plant. windows to break the chill, metal baseboards circulate hot water around the room. This is designed to take the chill off the floor, radiate heat from all directions and al-

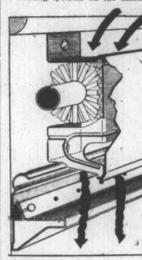
If he failed to clean it out in the spring, take down the smoke pipe, and so on, he knows that the condensation now causing the cold water pipes to sweat and drip, is going to rust and eat away a lot of expensive metal work.

There are two main types of radiation type that relies on radiation, and a slotted type that combines radiation with convec-

And about the only time you combines radiation with convection (the heating engineers' description of naturally circulating in this good old summer time.

But there are some time.

But there are so many newfangled heating systems on the market



CROSS SECTION of a base oard heating unit, showing how cool air from floor passes through aluminum fins around copper hot water pipe and emerges as warm air under an

these days-radiant floors, radiant walls, radiant ceiling, air-conditioning, light fixtures that blow gentle warmth into rooms, electric heat pumps and what not—that a choice seems to be as confusing as try-ing to figure out a racing form.

TO WEIGH the advantages and disadvantages of every type heating system is a tough Taking a lot of short cuts, you can say that circulating warm air is fine because you can filter it and humidify it to suit, and the ducts are there when, as and if you can afford air cooling. But, of course with thermostatic control you have the heat coming on and going off periodically.

And radiant heat of any type is fine, because theoretically its rays heat you more than they heat the air you breathe. But how can you control or regulate humidity? Granted, we soak our houses in too much moisture most of the time, but excessive dryness can

be annoying, too.

That's one of the problems in steam-heated buildings. Steam is highly efficient in sealed vapor-vacuum systems. But it's either hot as blazes or not there at all. And it's comman for apartment dwellers to hang pans of water behind radiators to keep the dry air from parching their nostrils.

HOT WATER, however, is one of the most popular and flexible of all radiant heating mediums. It's used widely in hospitals, for example. The Plumbing and Heating Industries Bureau says the temperature of water in such sys-tems can range from a low of 80 degrees in mild weather to a high

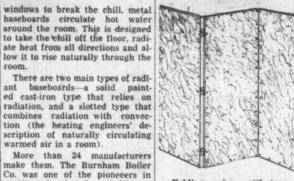
of 215 in rugged periods.

Of course, you still have your own humidity problem to solve artificially, if necessary, but average family bathing, cooking. and laundry, household plants and basins of water usually take care of that. And one advantage is that the same boiler that heats the house can supply hot water for kitchen and bathroom—except in

he summer. Heat from a hot-water boiler can be distributed through radiators, convectors (thin-fin types of air warmers), panels, radiant floor or

THIS BRINGS UP one of the most interesting of modern heat-ing methods. Instead of having den baseboards around a roo with radiators principally under

# Make Do



Folding screens with torn or broken coverings can be re-modeled easily by tightening the frame with corrugated fasteners and sheeting each side with thin pressed wood. A decorative ef-fect can be had by using leatherwood, which is embossed like leather. Bevel the edges slightly.

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quick to appreciate the advantages of these baseboard systems because of the freedom of space afforded for furniture placement, wall-to-wall carpeting and window drapery. The Plumbing and Heating Industries Bureau points out that either radiant baseboards or low level convectors offer solu-tions for heating rooms with large picture windows. Most installations merely take the place of existing wooden baseboards.

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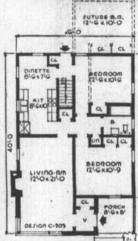
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