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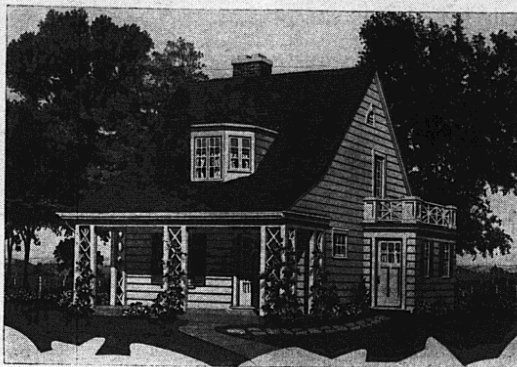
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**THE SMALL HOME OF POPULAR DEMAND — ITS CONSTRUCTION**

... by ...  
**NORMAN T. MAXON, Architect**

IN our last article the plan, design and financing of a new, low cost home of popular demand was discussed. In this article we will briefly describe the construction, but before going into that it is suggested that the plans and design of the above home be studied. Here we have one of the most popular of small home plans—cozy, simple and very convenient; a typical suburban design that will add charm to any neighborhood. Like the other design, there is an economy of space; every square foot is put to the maximum of efficiency. This house, because of its plan, will be easy to frame, thus lowering the construction costs. Note the kitchen and dining nook, the rear entry, the fine large living room and that cool, comfortable front porch, which can be screened in for summer living. Notice, too, the second floor and its practical arrangement.

Now, a few pointers on construction. Foundations are the most important part of a well built home. Eight inch solid concrete walls are the best. The old stone walls were okay but were too expensive. Concrete blocks were at one time popular but have given way to the more practical monolithic, poured wall. Good footings are very necessary. A footing ten inches deep and six inches wider than each side of the wall is ideal.

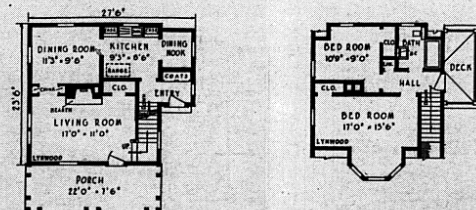
Good framing is next in importance. In the olden days they actually wasted lumber, but today's engineers have cut out all the waste, and only that which is required is used. It is not necessary to use three by twelve white pine joists as they did of old. Today we use two by ten yellow pine which is stronger. Even Douglas fir this size is far more practical than white pine. We have just as good lumber today as we ever had, but we use it more practically.

There is nothing that adds charm better than wide siding, either shingles or clapboards. Stucco is entirely satisfactory, if properly applied, but people have an idea (based on poor examples of application) that it cracks and gives trouble. However, a white painted, shingled house with its soft pleasing shades and shadows is ideal. As far as the roof is concerned, there is a greater demand for the composition shingle, owing to lower insurance rates, yet houses in this country one hundred to two hundred years old had nothing but wood shingles. Speaking of insurance rates, the most important thing in your home to consider, as far as fire prevention is concerned, is a well built chimney for furnace or fire place. By all means, see that the flues are at least eight by twelve inches and lined with terra cotta lining the whole length, and you will reduce fire risk to the minimum.

For interior plastering wood lath has given way to rock lath, which is better. We do not use the old style lime mortar for good plastering today, as specially prepared plaster comes already to use and is more satisfactory because of its uniformity.

As for interior trim, solid oak is out of question for the smaller home. In fact painted wood work allows us to use less expensive woods which are just as good. Even yellow pine can now be painted satisfactorily. White pine is, however, more popular. Birch is a very good wood for fire place mantels and book cases. As far as floors are concerned, there is nothing better than oak, either white or red. Maple is used for kitchens and bath rooms. The floors are not practical for low cost homes. The use of linoleum is very satisfactory and much cheaper than tile for bath rooms. As above mentioned, painted wood work is the thing today. Stain is used on stair rails and sometimes on window stools. There is nothing more charming than properly selected paper for the wall coverings of the living room, dining room, and bed rooms. Kitchens and bathrooms and closets are better painted.

In a coming issue of the paper we will present another modern design and plan of a low priced home, and will set forth major points of interest as far as the mechanical side of the home is concerned.



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Mrs. H. A. Howland, who has been ill at her home for four or five months, was taken to the Bellings Memorial hospital Sunday for treatment.  
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