

erally admitted opinion of all our citizens is that St Johns ave. should be improved from Lincoln ave. to Vine ave., that St Johns ave should be extended northerly from Vine avenue as platted, bridging across the ravine north of High street and forming a perfect junction at Bloom street. That Sheridan road, formerly called Port Clinton ave., should be improved from Central avenue north to the government reservation or Walker avenue. That a subway or viaduct should be constructed across the right of way of the C. & N. W. Ry. Co., at Vine avenue and that Vine avenue be improved from Sheridan road westerly until it connects with the macadam roadway of west Vine ave.

We do not wish to be understood in the suggestions made that we have lost confidence in our city council, who was formerly under the laws of this state the sole judge of all improvements. Of late years conditions have changed and a majority of the frontage and resident property owners is essential for the successful prosecution of any improvement contemplated.

Now we would say as the property owners have certain rights under the law that must be respected, why not encourage this joint conference; they certainly would do no harm and might be of great service to the city. More anon.

Lieut. Winston has been ordered to Dallas, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. George McNabb are living in Chicago.

No burglar will enter a house using the "Wak'em" brand of fox-terriers.

Tuesday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Mihills, a delighted audience listened to a paper given by Mrs. Garrett Newkirk on the development of "The Modern Novel." The paper was analytic and comprehensive, with a happy blending of criticism and poetic original thought. The illustrative selections were happily chosen and were read in a manner to bring out every shade of meaning. Mrs. Newkirk has given this paper in Michigan, Evanston and before different Chicago clubs, but we are sure it was never given to a more appreciative audience than that of Tuesday.

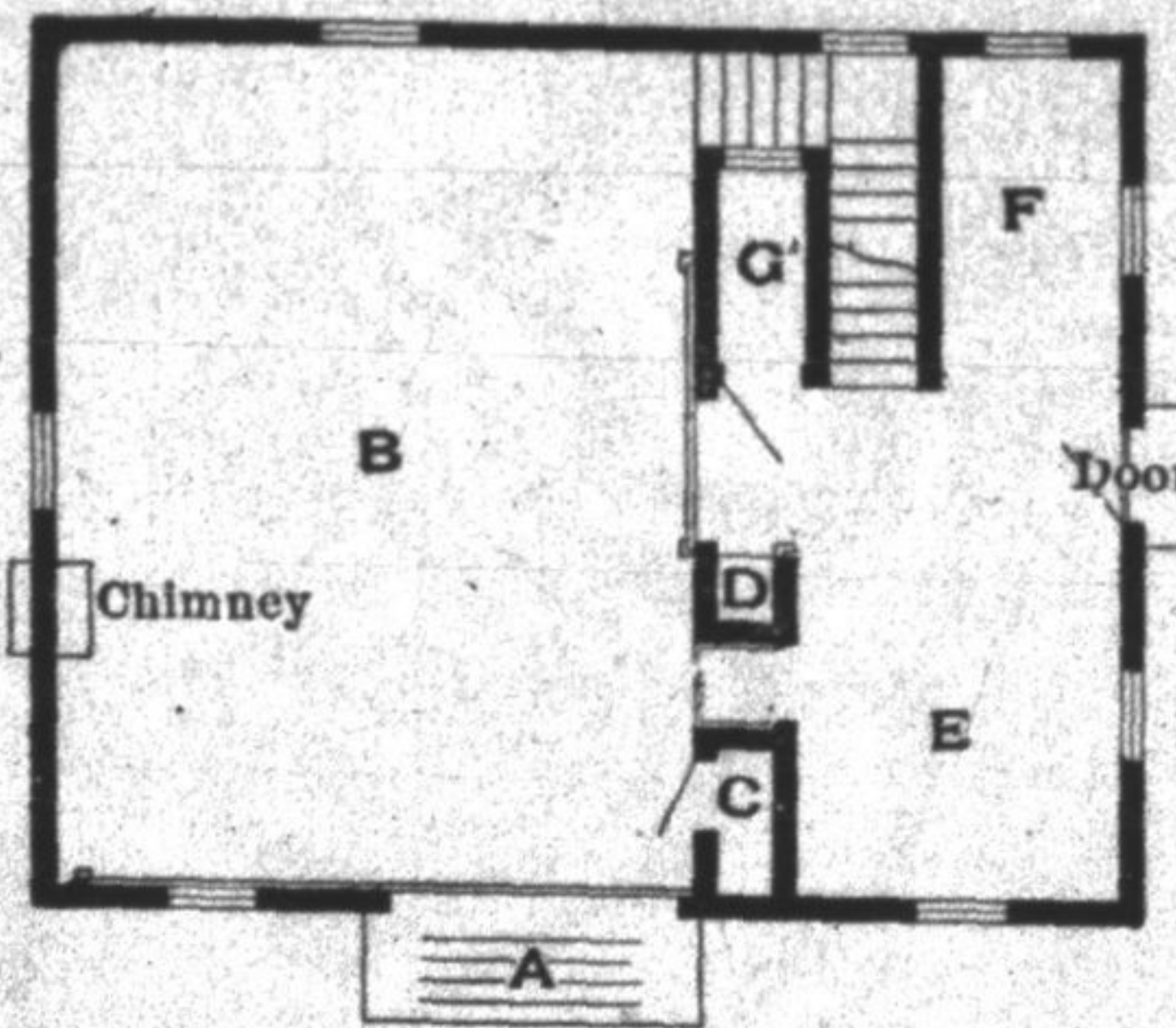
### Crow's Nest

A SUMMER COTTAGE AT HIGHLAND PARK OWNED BY MRS. P. A. MONTGOMERY.

This unique summer cottage, situated on two acres of ground between Lake Michigan and a deep wooded ravine where the out-of-door is the main and best part of life, was planned for a barn and shows with a little taste what is possible to do if one wishes to first build a barn and live in it until the house is built.

A. Intended for the apron or platform, which is entirely screened in and a variety of vines grown over it.

B. Carriage room with a red brick chimney, with large fire-place. This makes a delightful, large living room; a frieze 15 inches wide, made of plain turkey red denam, and two colors of Japanese figured crepe with a three-inch ecru fringe at bottom;



PLAN OF GROUND FLOOR.

the curtains are red and white striped mull, fastened back with rosettes of same; the floor is covered with matting, with a large Turkish rug in the centre, and small ones scattered about; several Japanese lanterns, suspended from the ceiling, add much to the beauty of the room. The luxurious couch is a spring cot on which is a thick hair mattress; this is encircled on three sides with a frame, both being covered with green denam. Small and large head brass nails are used to ornament and beautify the frame work. Pillows covered with green denam, interspersed with a goodly number of fancy ones, are scattered about the couch, creating a very pretty effect and one pleasing to the eye.

C. Tool room, used for coat room.

D. Oat bin; used for china closet—screened off by rice-straw curtain.

E. Box stall; used for dining room. A large Japanese umbrella, with a small Chinese lantern fastened to each rib, is suspended over the dining table. The frieze in this room is quite unique; it is of fancy pictures in paneled form. A red hemp rope is used in place of moulding for a finish. The place for the sink is made into a sideboard. The high windows of this room are draped with blue and white dotted mull curtains, fastened to inside screens, as the windows are hung with hinges at top and push out at bottom. The floor is covered with matting and Turkish rugs. Green denam portiers divide the living from the dining room.

F. Single stall; used for butler's pantry, and screened from dining room by Japanese rice-straw portier.

G. Harness room; used for store room.

The coachman's room on the second floor has been converted into a guest's chamber. The hay loft is calcimined, the floor covered with matting and rugs and decorated with bunting, Japanese lanterns and flags. Separations are made by means of screens.

This barn is built over the ravine. The quarters below, provided for the coachman's family, are used for the culinary department and servants' quarters.

The arrangement of the rooms of Crow's Nest and their decorations go to show what skill and artistic taste can accomplish with moderate outlay and very little labor.

Nature has done much in the way of a setting for this unique and cosy little home. On the east side the blue waters of mighty Lake Michigan are ever visible. On the west side the owner has assisted Dame Nature in several ways, one of the most essential improvements being a flight of rustic stairs leading half way down the ravine to a rustic bridge and connecting with another flight leading to the crest on the opposite side.

Mr. and Mrs. William Egan have taken a house in Chicago for the winter and will introduce their daughter, Miss Eva Egan, Thursday, November 23rd.