

**SCREEN IMPORTANT
IN DECORATING ART**

USEFUL AND ORNAMENTAL

**Skyscraper Furniture Another
New Feature, According to
Designer; Modern Style;
Varied Lines**

The modern art movement, or L'Art Moderne, has brought with it a greater emphasis than ever on the importance of the screen as an accessory in certain phases of interior decoration. This has reached such a point that some designers are giving their entire attention to the presentation of these objects in a way which make them blend beautifully into any interior where the modern motif is uppermost.

The whole spirit of the new things which are being done along these lines in interior decoration is based on the idea that this generation is trying to create something which will be characteristic of itself and not be forever borrowers from the designs and decorations of other days. Just as the early Colonials developed their own furniture and just as the various periods in other countries have been distinguished by their own art, so the designers and decorators of today are trying to put into concrete form something which will be symbolic of the age in which we live.

Sky-Scraper Furniture
For example, when some of the new furniture first came out, it was characterized as skyscraper furniture because the bookcases, desks and some other articles seemed to have some of the lines which distinguish the great modern buildings which are America's own contribution to the world. This name, however, was misleading because, although the new art has, it is true, something of the skyscraper about it, its distinguishing notes are simplicity, straight lines, haddness, clarity, the absence of dust and dirt and an abundance of color, while, at the same time, comfort is emphasized in every part.

Into this scheme the screen enters and takes its place because the designs offered are so much a part of the whole and, also, because it enhances the general effect when it is made in the clear, clean, fresh-looking lacquered materials. Some of the screens are being decorated in pyralin. This material has an unusual place in the modern art setting because it makes contrast possible and is so pleasant to the touch. Modern art aims to do away with the harshness of metals.

Touch of Beauty

Besides that, this plastic adds a touch of beauty, which gives it as prominent a place artistically as the old ivory had in the hands of the master craftsman of medieval days. Some of the artists of France are using ivory in certain of their decorations but the quantity of this material is so scarce that it is impossible to employ it on a large scale and the leaders in the modern art movement have found that modern materials, such as pyralin, lend themselves perhaps even better to the working out of certain motifs than other products. The screens get an added beauty because the lacquered fabric of which they are made is satin finished. This is a beautiful surface and one which makes possible a detail in the ensemble of decoration which blends most harmoniously into it.

**SPIRAL EFFECTS GIVE
SLENDERIZING ASPECT**

**At Least This Is the Dope Now
Handed Out by Fashion
Experts**

Lengthwise lines on women's clothes have lost favor as a means of presenting a more slender looking individual.

Commenting on this abandonment of a long established idea, Farm and Fireside Magazine says that the lengthening line is far too obvious in its intention to achieve slenderness, spiral effects working from the right shoulder down to the left waist line and then straight down. Sometimes two or three lines are used in this way to get lengthwise effects. Close fitting sleeves and narrow belts also make for slinness and are decidedly fashionable at the moment.

"Black is good," says the magazine, "but it is not very summery and unless skillfully developed it may take on a 'Mourn for you' look that is too matronly to be becoming. Dark gray is another matronly color and dangerous for anyone past thirty-five. The gray pastel shades and lighter tones all are favored colors in the height of fashion. Even if one's size did not make it necessary to choose subtle colors, one's complexion would."

Nerves and Matrimony
The marital unhappiness of the ordinary nervous patient is usually just another symptom along with insomnia and a tired feeling in the morning, says a physician in the Woman's Home Companion.

While Public Plays
On the whole, says a commentator in The Woman's Home Companion, the public seems to be having too good a time at golf, bridge and money making to worry about national integrity.

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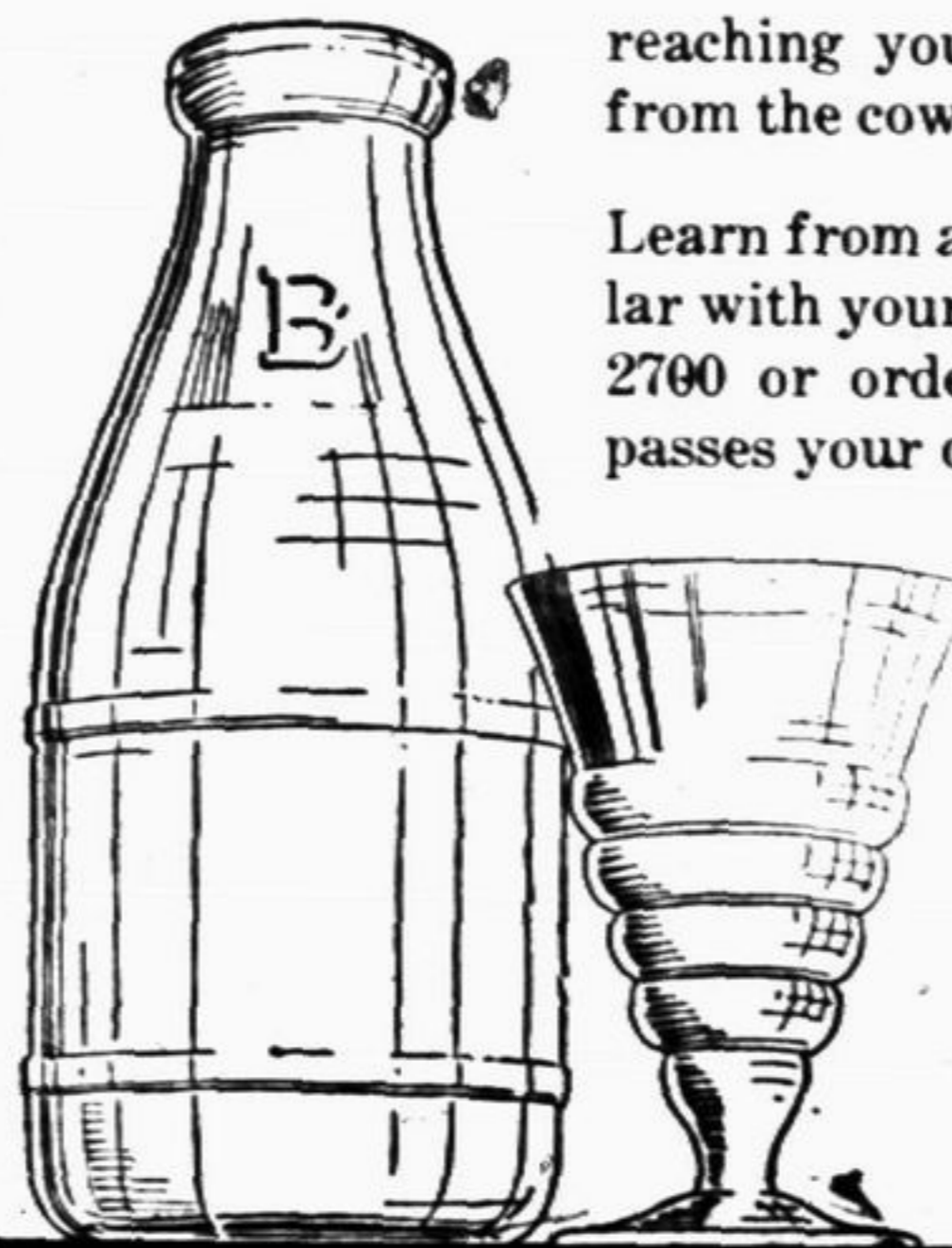
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