

# About the House

## DECORATING TRICKS ADD UP-TO-DATENESS.

When entering certain rooms for the first time have you ever been at a loss to discover just what made it look "just right"? Nothing was elaborate. In fact, everything was quite ordinary and simple, yet the whole room conveyed an atmosphere that was restful and so pleasing to the eye.

There are many little tricks in decorating that help to create this atmosphere and I believe tricks with curtains make delightful changes in our rooms that it does not pay us to overlook.

Curtains of one color very different from the walls give too sharp a contrast. A band (on heavy material) or a braid (on light weight) containing colors of both curtains and walls, will tie them together and reduce the contrast. Extending the curtains outside the casing will give the effect of width and help make room lower and more extended. A valance does this, too, besides giving the wanted color that furnishes variety.

Low broad ornaments, vases, etc., add to the effect of repose, as long, low buildings and long low rooms give the idea of repose. Low, wide masses give the feeling of stability, while the slender lines, as church spires and skyscrapers, give feelings of exaltation, action.

Straight lines, especially vertical ones, also may mean dignity, stiffness, austerity; as opposed to the buoyancy, grace, and yieldingness of curved lines.

Curved lines better express richness, and furniture with curving outlines will look more expensive than straight line furniture that costs more.

Straight line furniture in a room demands more color and ornament and design to offset its austerity.

The small room will do better with curves instead of straight lines, all-over patterns instead of stripes.

Placing furniture carefully is another trick that will add spaciousness and repose to small rooms. In small rooms the centre must be left empty to give a feeling of space. The long way of furniture and rugs must be placed the long way of the room, with few opposing cross lines or cross corners.

Should a room be too long, place the furniture with its longest sides across the short sides of the room. Raise the ceiling by making it lighter and of smoother finish.

A ceiling almost as dark as sides, and of rough surface, or brought down on side walls, seems lower than it is.

The mind wants to see likeness in dimension but not sameness. This principle makes the square room or the too long room unpleasing. In the one we see sameness, in the other we fail to grasp likenesses. By these tricks we change apparent dimensions; we make our rooms satisfying.

In the too large room the mind cannot grasp the dimensions or their comparisons. A too large room will lack in the quality of intimacy. Furniture is apt to look too small in proportion. Put in more furniture and place it in groups. Break up long spaces, reduce the light, use contrast, heavy furniture and hangings, deep and advancing colors and rough textures. The size of rooms is apparently lessened by having all furniture, pictures, ornaments, etc., large and heavy.

There are certain other requirements in decoration for emotional sat-

isfaction or feelings. Definite laws or principles bring about required results that the mind accepts as beautiful.

When you buy new furniture or change the fixed decorations you can make your home what you want it. In the meantime, try some of the tricks of the decorator's trade.

## A DAINY PARTY FROCK.



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## LUMINOUS LABELS FOR SAFETY.

One night last summer, when visiting a friend, I had a severe toothache. I stood it for an hour and then ventured to wake my friend to find out where to get something to relieve the pain. She said:

"In the little white wall cabinet door, I found that every bottle was labeled and that the writing showed up plainly in the dark. The poisons were all in bottles just the same size, for a daytime reminder, and they were all on the top shelf.

The next day I asked my friend what sort of ink she used for the labels so that it shone in the dark. She instructed me to dissolve a dram of phosphorous in an ounce of oil of cinnamon. This is then put in a bottle and the bottle tightly corked and placed in hot water until the mixture is dissolved. When cool it is ready to use. Using luminous ink will prevent possible tragedy by making bottles containing poison noticeable even in the dark.—N. P.

## TO JOIN LACE NEATLY.

Sometimes lace edging will have to be pieced in the middle of a ruffle or some other place where it shows equally as bad. If you buttonhole both cut edges with a fine thread and then whip the purling of your buttonholing together the joined place can scarcely be detected. Of course, it is essential

to match the design and to use a thread for your buttonholing that corresponds to the weight of your lace. Also I use this method when I join lace anywhere in place of the felled seam we are usually taught to use.

## RESTORING WILTED LETTUCE.

Nothing seems more hopeless than a head of wilted lettuce, yet in lettuce as in life, "while there's life there's hope." Wash the woe-begone vegetable in cold water, shaking out all surplus moisture, and imprison it in a stone milk crock, covering it tightly. This treatment of solitary confinement will work wonders with the erstwhile hopeless looking lettuce. In a short time it will emerge as a creditable specimen. This same method of procedure will keep lettuce fresh and crisp for several days.

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## The Owners of the Trees.

Man thinks the trees were made for him

To use them as he will,  
Their centuries of vibrant life  
With axe and saw to still.  
Cradle and coffin, hut and hall,  
Churches and homes and schools,  
For all his sport and all his toil,  
For playthings and for tools,  
For ships to navigate the air  
Or sail the Seven Seas—  
No need of all his many needs  
But he will take the trees.

But when the singing tribes have come  
Across the fields of air,  
They take possession of the trees  
As if their right were there.  
To branch or bole, forked limb or hole,  
The myriad clans lay claim,  
And there they come to make a home  
Year after year the same.  
By ancient and unwritten law  
A valid deed they hold;  
From sire to son the titles pass,  
And none is bought or sold.

The thrushes seek the shadowy depths  
Of forest solitudes;  
More sociable, the robins flock  
To village neighborhoods;  
The bluebird loves the orchard aisles  
Where fragrant blossoms fall;  
From friendly maple branches high  
The oriole flutes his call;  
The redbud tree the chickadee  
Is satisfied he owns;  
The crossbill from the pine tree peers  
And dines on tasty cones.

Kingfishers watch the lakes and streams  
From drooping willow boughs;  
The kinglets find the juniper  
A warm and sheltered house;  
The blackbird haunts the swampy glade  
Where all his brothers throng;  
And from the cedar tree there floats  
The warbler's homing song.  
Each knows and greets some favored spot,  
And each his taste can please;  
Through age-long tenancy secure  
They know they own the trees!  
—Annie Johnson Flint in Youth's Companion.

## A Voice from the Farm.

It is my dream to have you here with me,  
Out of the heated city's dust and din,  
Where the colts have room to gambol in,  
And kine to graze in clover to the knee.  
I want to see your wan face happily lit  
With the wholesome smiles that have not been  
In use since the old games you need to win  
When we pitched horseshoes; and I want to be  
At utter loaf with you in this dim land  
Of grove and meadow, while the crickets make  
Our own talk tedious, and the bat wields  
His bulky flight, as we cease converse, and  
In a dusk-like velvet smoothly take  
Our way towards home across the dewy fields.  
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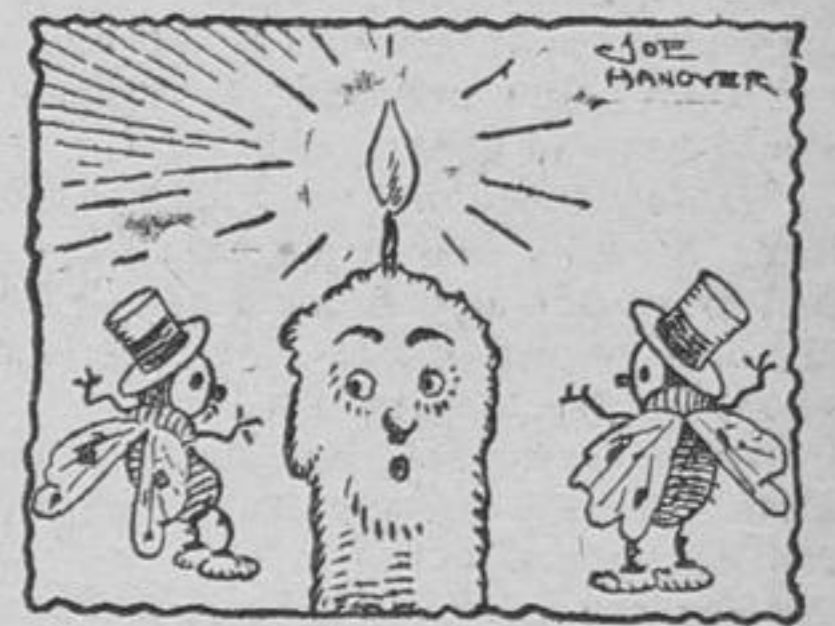
With every passing season the dressing of shop windows, especially at Christmas time, becomes more artistic and elaborate. Compared with the gorgeous, glittering miles of alluring objects that every city of any pretensions can now display the shops of a hundred years ago were poor and dingy indeed.

Yet the lure of city shops for the rustic from village or backwoods is ages old.

So far back as the reign of Louis XIV. of France, Paris was already the greatest mart for luxuries and objects of art and fashion. Even then France had settlements in Africa; and it happened that a Senegalese, son of a black chief who had been serviceable to the settlers, was taken under the king's protection and sent to receive his education in the capital—a lone precursor of the many thousand Senegalese blacks who were to help France fight her battles in the Great War. After the young chieftain had seen the wonders King Louis graciously asked him to choose a present for his father, promising that whatever he

selected should be promptly dispatched to Africa.

Unhesitatingly and in tones of imploring eagerness the youth exclaimed: "Mighty monarch, let me send a shop!"



Ha! Ha!

1st Moth—"Mr. Candle looks kind of dizzing to-night."

2nd Moth—"Yes, he's light-headed."

Stockings which are too long or too tight can do as much harm as badly-fitting shoes.

It is not lawful for man to know what the morrow may bring around.

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