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PLEASANT HOMES
by Elizabeth MacRea Boykin

BOOKS IN THE DECORATIVE PICTURE
Ideas for Shelves as the Centre of Interest—Their Colour Contribution.

What a literary lot we're getting to be, what with best sellers sprouting every day and book shelves scattered all around the place. Because there's scarcely a living room in the town without its five (more or less) foot shelf.

Of course there's always the question of whether it's the book or the binding that wins it a place in the decorative picture! Well, we'll leave the question of contents to the book editor and devote ourselves to their books . . . after all, books can be as decorative as a piece of chintz. We've even heard of people who bought only the binding of books to put on their shelves just because they were so handsome—you know the kind the book agents open out so impressively. We can't say we approve that idea, even in the cause of beauty.

We saw a stunning book shelf arrangement recently though—two horizontal shelves extending the full length of the room and about a third of the way up the wall. These shelves, recessed and indirectly illuminated, struck the dominate pattern detail in the room.

And in Helen Hayes' charming house overlooking the Hudson River, there is just one horizontal shelf built all around the walls of a downstairs sitting room. Below this is a long set built and upholstered with button



A pair of book shelves on either side of the door are very attractive in this pine paneled room.



A horizontal book shelf, with button tufted upholstered settee built right into the wall beneath the book shelf, contributes the main design to a little sitting room in Helen Hayes' home overlooking the Hudson River.

or family games, adventure and mystery stories will be welcomed where the family gathers for its fun. A book shelf and game equipment storage space can be built together at the sides and over the entrance door to the play room. Book shelves are built on either side and above the door about two feet wide, making a two foot frame all around to the door. Your own game equipment will dictate the arrangement of other shelves and cupboards that can be added to either side of the bookcase frame. Small niches can be made for ping-pong balls, badminton birds and cupboards for rackets. This also is the obvious place for table equipment, score pads, cards, special game boards and such.

Then there's always the paint or paper cure for bookshelves that are otherwise undistinguished. Line the shelves with a colour that complements the other shades in the room. Or paper the inside of the shelves crisply in a completing colour. When you paint or paper the insides of the shelves, don't fill them too full of books—break the rows with bibelots.

For the really serious readers, nothing takes the place of good small pieces of book furniture to hold the volumes you want to keep in reach of your easy chair or bed. Some end tables have bookshelves in their bases and there are ingenious bookstands of various kinds all ready for a good lamp and an ash tray.

As for the books themselves, if they're well bound they're nice enough in the first place. But anybody who uses books continuously is certain to have some bedraggled-looking, but indispensable volumes. If you're rich have them rebound, if you're not, answer is fresh jackets that you can make yourself out of interesting hand-blocked papers or some of the cloth base wall coverings. Or of good stout fabrics. A friend of

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Paper Industry Now Showing Recovery
Only Fair Prices Needed to Assure Success.

(From North Bay Nugget)

A survey made by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics has revealed that the paper-making industry of Canada has regained ground lost in the depression period, and only fair prices are needed to ensure reasonable profit for the owners and a greater measure of prosperity for the employees.

The fact that this industry in Canada's leading manufacturing industry in the point of number of persons employed and distribution of wages and salaries will probably surprise a great many. It isn't generally known that the pulp and paper industry is of prime importance in Canadian economy. With mining and lumbering gaining great prominence, paper making was put in eclipse to a degree, but recent recovery moves have demonstrated that this great industry will definitely reclaim front ranking.

Announcement of sulphate plants being proposed for Blind River and Spragge lends new interest to this branch of industry. They cannot be definitely classed as belonging to the paper industry, but the kinship is sufficiently close to form a strong association. With this paper plants being operated on a half-capacity basis, and others more or less dormant for years have experienced amazing revivals and with assurance of the increased activity being of an enduring nature.

Canada is the world's No. 1 producer and exporter of newsprint, supplying an average of more than a third of the world's yearly requirements. About 92 per cent. of the annual production is exported, with the United States consuming the bulk of this supply. The United Kingdom and Australia are important customers. Of the total value of exported newsprint about 11 per cent. normally goes to the Empire and the remaining 89 per cent. to foreign countries.

Production of newsprint during the past two years has surpassed the high level of 1929, reaching an estimated 3,191,000 tons in 1936, an advance of nearly 16 per cent. over 1935 and a new high point in the history of the industry. This figure represents a gain of 70 per cent. over the depression low point of 1932. Demand is very active and some difficulty has been experienced in filling current orders. Prices which began their precipitous decline in 1928, continued downward until 1935, since when a gradual upward trend has been in evidence.

Wood pulp exports have not yet regained the high levels of 1928 and 1929 but this is due rather to the absorption of wood-pulp supplies by Canadian mills rather than the loss of foreign markets. In 1928, Canada dropped from second to third place among the world's exporters of wood-pulp, surpassed by Sweden and Norway. In 1929, Canada dropped to fourth place giving way to Finland and has since remained in that position. Canada enjoys about 10 per cent. of the world export trade of wood-pulp.

The index of the six leading pulp and paper stocks reflects the public's appreciation of the earning possibilities of the industry. The unprecedented drop in this index from the high point of an average of 126.9 in 1928 to 7.3 in 1932, was greater by far than that suffered by the common stocks of any other group of the official classification. Recent movements indicate a decided revival of optimistic interest and the index stood at 45.1 in the week of April 1 against 20.6, the average for the year 1936.

TOUGH AND TOUGHER

Economics—"It's tough to pay forty cents a pound for meat."
"Mmm. But it's tougher when you pay only twenty."—Brooklyn Central.

Literary Digest: Patrick J. Lally, street-car conductor, sued for divorce charging that his wife frequently boarded the car he operated, sat opposite his cash-box and called him names to make him miserable.

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Haileybury Police Puzzled by Thefts

Pencils and Fountain Pens Disappeared from Two Rooms in Locked School.

Haileybury, April 15.—(Special to The Advance)—A dozen mechanical pencils and twenty fountain pens disappeared from two rooms in Haileybury public school over the week-end and police who have been investigating the matter are puzzled. The building had been locked up as usual on Friday night and when Principal R. J. McClanahan came to school on Monday morning he learned of the missing articles for the first time. Chief Wallace McGillivray was notified and he has been making enquiries, but without unearthing any clue to the mystery thus far.

Pens and pencils were taken from the senior and junior fourth rooms, taught by the principal and Miss Egerton, respectively. How entrance was gained to the school, while not definitely determined, apparently was through the main entrance, since a pane of glass in the front door had been broken sufficiently to permit admission of a hand, which could then turn the automatic lock. No indication was found that other rooms had been entered. On Sunday evening, some windows at the school were broken, apparently through stones being thrown, but it is not certain this had any connection with the alleged thefts.

Dominion Life Men Hold Conference at North Bay

Northern Ontario representatives of the Dominion Life Assurance Company attended an agency convention in the Empire hotel, North Bay, Saturday.

F. N. McNally, branch manager at North Bay, acted as chairman.

The guest speakers were A. S. Upton, agency supervisor of the company, and R. Fleischer, secretary of the underwriting committee, Waterloo. Mr. Upton spoke on "Increasing Income Through Quality," and "Time Control." The subject of Mr. Fleischer's address was "Occupational Ratings."

The delegates sat down to a banquet in the grill room at 6.30 p.m.

Besides the chairman and the guest speakers, those present included: W. S. Beaton, Sudbury; W. C. Gougeon, Sudbury; A. E. Cain, Timmins; M. E. Shail, Kirkland Lake; J. A. O'Donnell, Noranda; E. C. Pike, Geraldton; C. E. Cloutier, Val d'Or; J. M. Belander, Timmins, and C. F. Brown and D. A. Hill, North Bay.

World Events: The director of the publishing house, Albright-Segati, has been condemned to five years' exile because he declared in a private conversation that he loved his dog better than Mussolini.

Northern Ontario Roads
Protection During Spring 1937
Northern Division Department of Highways

Frost action in April and May causes road beds to get soft and readily subject to damage from traffic.

All trucks are limited to half loads and speed of 20 miles per hour. Horse drawn vehicles capacity one ton, 250 lbs per inch of tires.

The weight of loads and speed will be constantly checked. Penalty for overloading is a fine, or imprisonment, or both. Permits may also be suspended. Co-operation from truck and car owners is earnestly requested to prevent unlawful and unnecessary abuse of roads.

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H. R. PHIPPS,
Division Engineer.