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is nicer than flower decorations on are decorative.

painted on white or pastel painted sur- graciousness. There are, of course, the

faces to the dashing modern effects. Hitchcock type of painted rockers,

Often you can get very pretty decalco- straight chairs and settees, very fine

mania motifs to transfer on your furni- copies of which can be bought today at

ing. Or you'll be surprised what versa- you own some originals which have

painted subtly.

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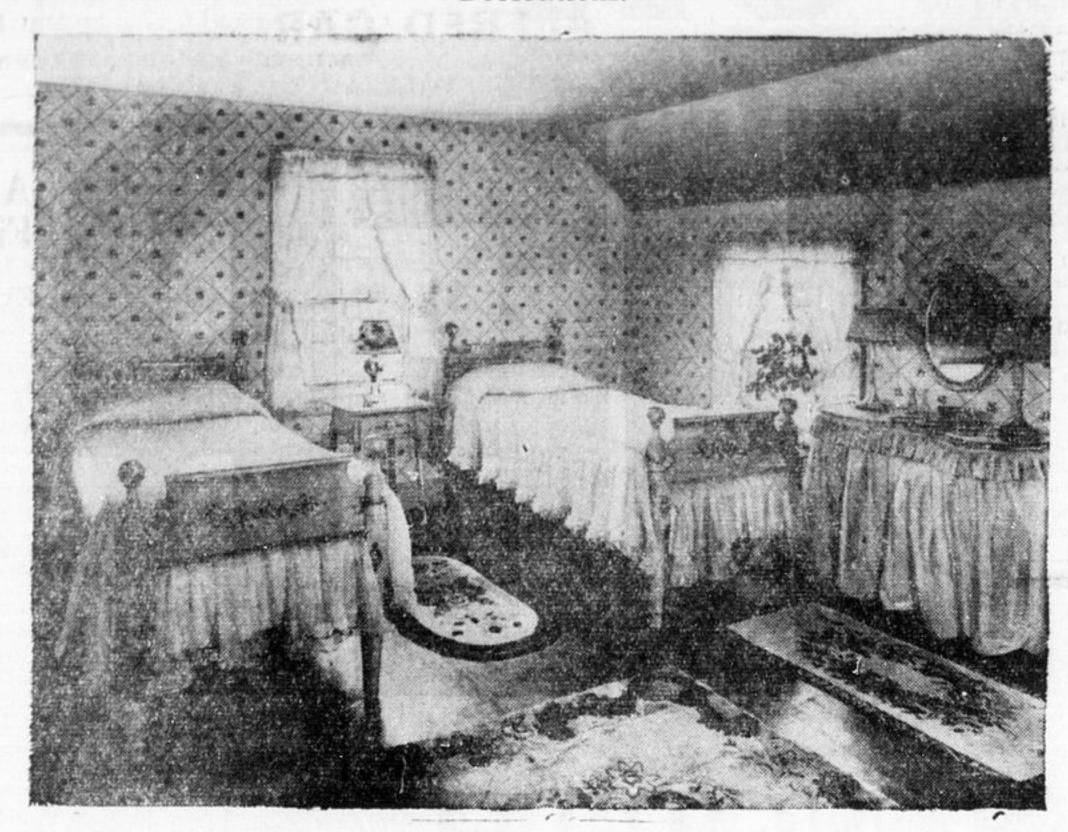


PLEASANT HOMES

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MAKING SOMETHING OUT OF NOTHING VIA THE WAY OF A LADY WITH A CAN OF PAINT.

a good cigar for pleasure A Paint Brush and an Old Piece of Furniture Makes an Aritst out of any Lady with a House-Suggestions for Doing Over Old Furniture-Some Ideas About Colours and Decorations.



A charming room for a young girl is this one in an attic with sloping ceiling, sprigged wall paper and furniture painted in pale apple green with flower decoration. This room was designed by Elizabeth Peacock, who is very clever about decorations for both furniture and door panels.

go a long way toward making an ugly Mexican, Swedish, Swiss. Tyrolean, pains about it. piece of furniture into a star. All paint- Dutch. Not to mention the carry-overs As to colors, ponder ponderously. If ed furniture need not be reserved for into our own colonial furniture, such your room is toned down or drab in informal or peasant rooms either. Re- as the Hitchcock chair with its stencill- colouring anyway, don't have primary member that many types of quite fine ed decoration, the Pennsylvania Dutch or clear tones in your painted things. 18th century French and English furni- marriage chest, the California painted The more mellowed shades in paint will ture were painted as well as the very cabinets and chairs. expert at the job.

nondescript room. They have a distin- copy our motifs as we will. guished heritage, too. When furniture cottages and homely roof-trees. So de- amateur jobs are nothing more or less achieved by the use of simple pieces

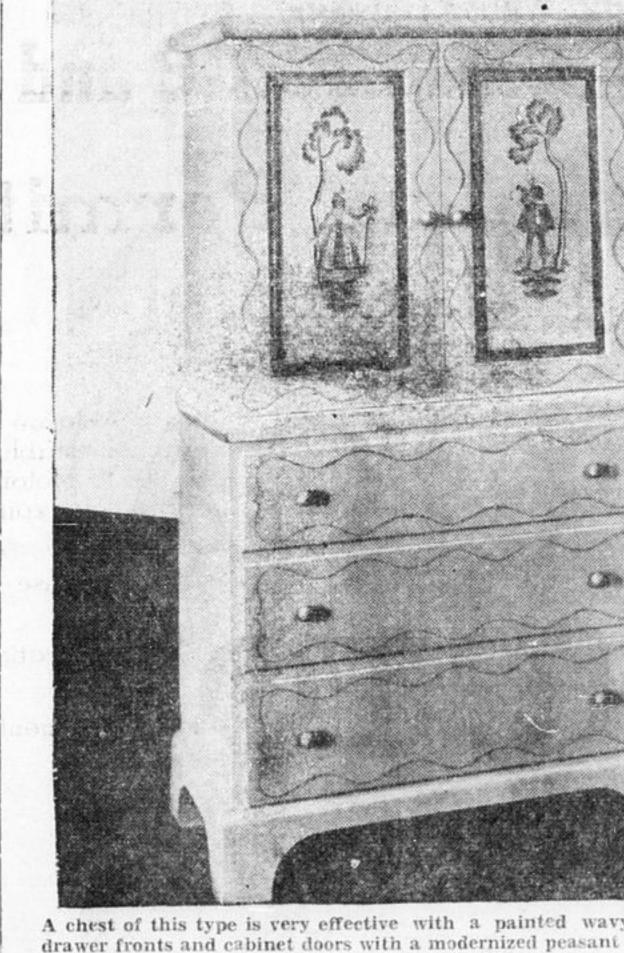
grandest of the Venetian pieces. How- This universal urge to make some- old things look dingy by contrast. ever, for practical purposes, it's just thing out of nothing which prompted Greyed-greens and dusty peach tones as well to stay to the less formal types | these early homemakers to take up | are very smart in painted furniture. So of painted furniture till you're a real their brushes for better or worse still are ping-beiges, antiqued powder blues keeps us at it to this day. Only we and dull old reds. . Painted pieces for the pleasantly in- have far more sources to draw on than On the other hand, if the rest of the formal and typically American home ladies with paint brushes in other days. room can stand it, the clear incisive are charming accents that add "decor- For we have access to all the differ- paint colours have a crisp fresh charm pasted on furniture and shellacked the years, you may restore them if ator touches" to many an otherwise ent peasant design sources and can not to be equalled by the greyed casts.

So if you like to "fool around" with the peasant effect, the very bright clear had to be made of necessity of the paint and brushes, look up at the li- colours are more authentic. For the more common woods and without fine brary the type of painted furniture very average type of room, such colours inlay or skilled cabinet finish, people you want to have, then follow your as henna, delft blue, jade, grey and took to painting their own colorful style sources. Keep mindful of the fact Mandarin red are usable colors. Don't designs on their beds and tables and that there's a big difference between forget that a very modern room can chairs to add zest to unpretentious painting and daubing. An awful lot of be successfully but inexpensively

Fine feathers may not make fine veloped the peasant and provincial than smears and yet it is quite possbirds, but a good job of painting can feeling in painted furniture-French, ible to have a trim neat job if you take

brighten the room without making the

And as a rule, if you're striving for



A chest of this type is very effective with a painted wavy outline for drawer fronts and cabinet doors with a modernized peasant design in the centre, as here shown.

stencils on each. Have these four for valances over the windows, then hang the bridge table on the sun porch and simple, peasant cloth curtains at the lend a touch of true Americana to your windows. ultra-modern Contract.

esting in lots of places.

painters will take your old Hitchcock | Colonial or provincial dining rooms pieces and refinish them so that they adapt painted motifs with a grace, look as they did when great-grand- consider how a painted chest under a mother was a girl. Or, it's fun to buy window to hold linens would look. Or good unpainted copies of colonial add a stencilled design to the doors of straight chairs, and do your own paint- your corner cupboards (stylized fruits ing jobs, adding simple designs. You and flowers and leaves are good here). can trace patterns from books in the Try a jolly border painted around that libraries or from other furniture, make old fashioned plate rail that you've stencils of the patterns and go to work. been wondering what to do with. Bor-Do four chairs in different colours-a der stencils are often available in the green-blue, a grey-green, a smoky yel- large department stores, and you could low and a deep rust, using the same repeat your plate rail border on wooden

But what's the best solution of what A painted lift-lid chest in front of to do with the old time sideboard that's the fireplace adds an interesting colour not old enough to be "antique" but note to many a room and makes a ust old enough to belong to the golden grand place to sit and watch the dying oak and mission periods? We've liked embers. A plain pine box may be bought the Mexicanization of these! several or made with a hinged cover (incident- people we know have painted them in ally the box is a good place to store Mexican and California colours and bridge equipment, or magazines you decorations. It gives an old dining want to clip later, or Junior's violin room a new lease on life. Another sugmusic, or the baby's assortment of gestion for reviving a tired dining downstair toys). Art departments in rcom-maple early American furniture, department stores have attractive sten- hooked rugs in bright floral patterns cils for you to use, or you can make for the floor, dark blue walls, white your own. A simple ivy pattern around plate rail and valances with stencilled the edges of a pine box painted the flowers in reds, blues and greens, white Williamsburg red (a deep purply tone) dotted Swiss or sailcloth curtains at the trailing ivy stems in white and window and a white chest repeating the leaves in dull blue would be inter- the floral design under one window. Corner cupboard white with stencilled

drawer panels, or bouquets cut out and design, and interior of cupboard paint- boy whose mother is tracing cowboy When all's said and done, nothing pasted on the centres of the drawers ed a tone to harmonize with one of and Indian motifs on his furniture to the brighter colours in the stencilled paint in Western colours. The furniture painted furniture. These can range The informality of Colonial backfrom the very dainty feminine florals grounds will accept painted pieces with

over. Borders are pretty to outline the you're clever that way. Or some job And if possible, a scalloped tin hood over the drawer fronts. Remember over the stove!

But a Pennsylvania Dutch kitchen would be a real joy. Have stylized tulips in red and blue as a border for the white walls and paint the ceiling delft blue. Blue calico curtains of find useful if you have furniture paintcourse, a Hitchcock rocker near the ing on your mind and conscience. One breakfast alcove, rush-bottom chairs for is "How to Paint Furniture", and the the the breakfast alcove painted blue with tulip design repeated on chair- Decoration", which has peasant motifs backs. Blue breakfast table. And, if you can trace. Send stamped a stamped, possible, a rew of copper pots prominently hanging on one wall.

French provincial kitchens have their own hearty charm, Grey walls with red Rae Boykin.) and white gingham curtains, for instance, and chairs painted grey with red flowers for decoration would be a nice version of this.

For bedrooms, painted pices score agair. At foot of bed a chest will hold extra blankets. At mid-afternoon a painted rocker will rest a tired back. For household accounts a French painted desk will give a lady a sanctuary away from the bustle of the household traffic. Instead of the almost inevitable

painted furniture. We know one little crafts are well worth preserving.

itself is enamelled in a light sky blue But it's in the kitchen that you can against which those pioneer symbols really go to town with paint. How stand out brightly. And another little about having Swedish peasant figures boy is having his furniture painted with in clear blue and lemon yellow on white his favourites in the animal kingdom. walls, then repeat the figures on the traced from simple picture books. A ture, or here too you can resort to trac- prices within the bounds of reason. If | doors of the cabinets? White breakfast little girl we think the world of has nook with top of table and seats of her beloved "Heide" traced and painted tile effects you can get with wall paper been pretty badly stayed with through benches or chairs painted lemon yellow. on her furniture, and another has Blue straight curtains at the winodws. Uncle Remus decorations wandering

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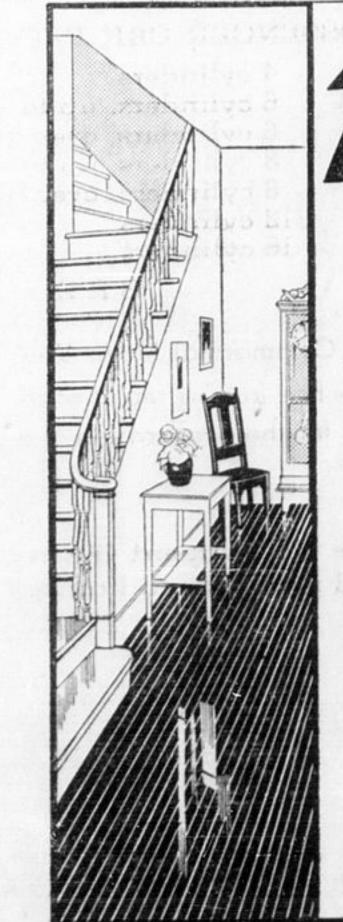
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