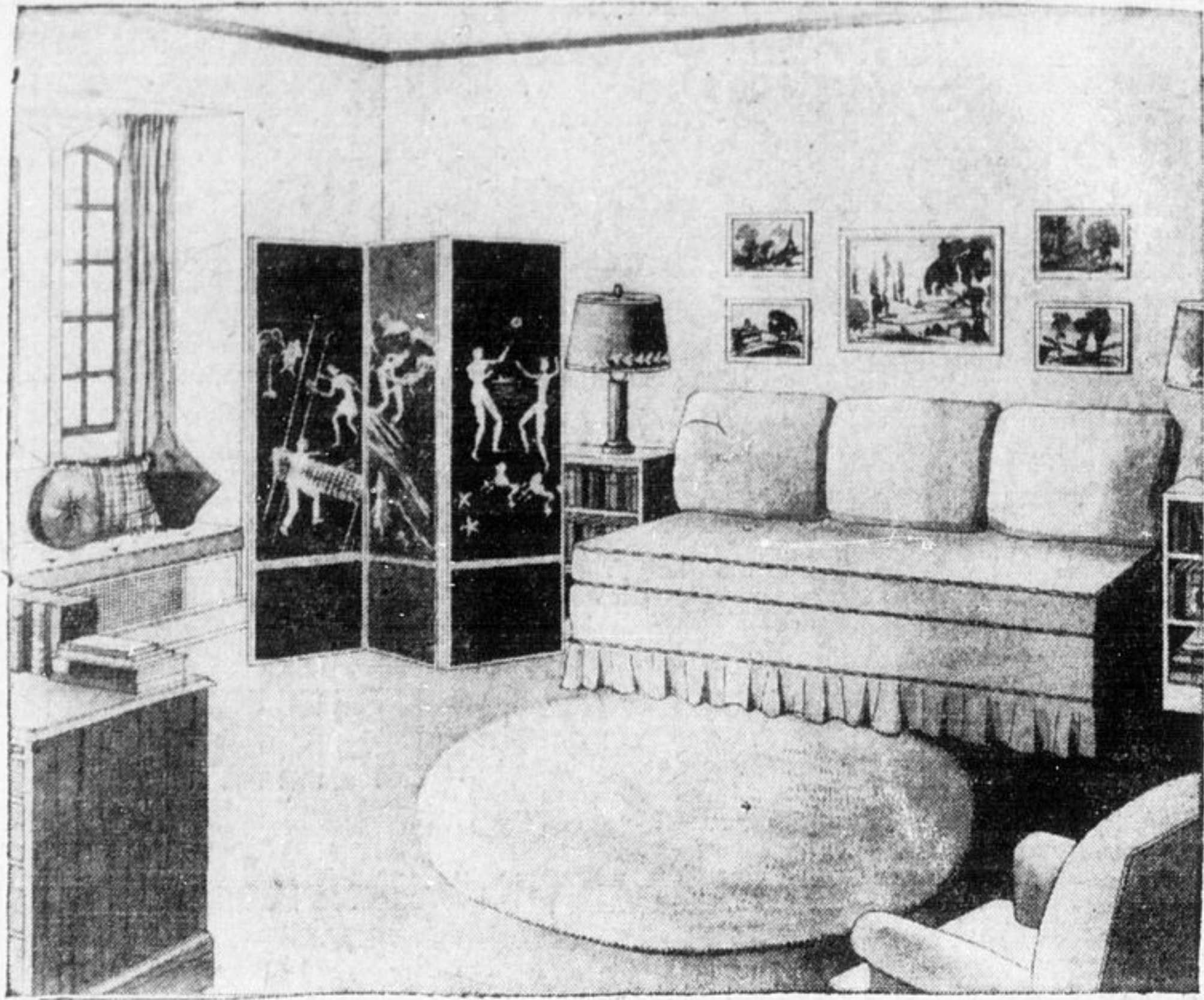




# PLEASANT HOMES

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**IT TAKES MORE THAN PENNANTS TO FURNISH A COLLEGE ROOM**  
Dormitories Supply Only Bare Essentials—The Students Must Take Along Curtains, Spreads, Lamps, Towels and Bedding—Suggestions for Extras.



Wall paper panels of sporting scenes make a very debehair screen for a college room—to hide any sort of junk in a corner.

It's an awful blow to face the fact that you, Esther K. class of '39, have a daughter ready for college . . . that you, Mary Tom W. letter girl in '39, have a letter man on this year's team at good old U. of S. and S.

But there you are. Babies have a way of coming back at a lady like that right when you're feeling almost as young as you did Senior Week. But for goodness sake, don't go in for any fancy reminiscing, if you don't want to date yourself, lady fair. Just better grin and bear it and be as helpful as

you can when you go shopping with your young sprouts, for college room furnishings. It takes more than pennants to furnish the room you know.

Dormitories usually supply only the grim necessities—bed, dresser, chair, study table, but that's practically all. Included in a college "trousseau" there must be sheets, blankets, bed cover, curtains, towels, rugs, lamps and any other extras a fellow may wish. That many things can make or break the room, decoratively speaking, so it looks as though a student had better add a

bit of interior decorating to the schedule whether or no.

### More Like a Studio

There won't be many ruffles in college rooms you may be sure. But there's still quite a lot of leeway for variation. In fact the trend is all toward making a college room look more like a studio sitting room than like a bedroom. That calls for sporty looking materials like tweed, sailcloth in bright colors, awning duck, rep, plaid serge, corduroy. Practically no flow-ered things, though there's no law a-

shared by two students. Then one can sit up late and bone without bothering the other. Because a shaded light behind a good sized screen pretty well cuts off the scene. Here book shelves, desk, typewriter, lamp and the like can go—better a corner with a window though, so there'll be good light for daytime study.

Still another way (for a girl) to use the space behind the screen is to have her dressing table and make-up paraphernalia there. Whether there's a built-in dressing table (as in many dormitories) or a table-with-a-skirt—it will still want to go behind a screen if there's going to be any attempt to make the room look more like a studio-sitting room instead of so bedroom.

**For An Ambitious Wardrobe**  
In buying towels and bedding, my advice is to buy things that are decisively marked or individual colors. That's so they won't get mixed up. And indelible ink isn't the answer. Those woven name tapes are good, but I think for sheets and pillowcases a colored border or a big appliqued monogram is better. Or even colored sheets—for a college man beige sheets have a lot of style. Carry one colour throughout the college linen "trousseau" using it for towels as well and you'll save a lot of scrambling in the wash. Blankets are better in two weights—for mild weather and cold—the light pair can be cotton, and the heavy pair wool.

The only "furniture" that will be needed would include perhaps a set of hanging book shelves . . . and one of those closet shoe cabinets, a closet set of drawers—with maybe a couple of leather hassocks for extra seats.

As for wall decorations and pictures, you're safe there in leaving that to the college generation—they'll turn up with treasures of their own to cover the walls. But if you want to be helpful you could contribute a few empty picture frames to be filled in with college pictures. But when you go to visit, please don't be shocked at what you see . . . just remember your own undergrad room and how harmless it really was for all you thought you were being so modern.

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to finding new uses for the mineral, especially for the lower grades, and for the waste rock, which among other things, is a potential source of magnesium metal, and magnesium salts.

Chrysotile is industrially the most important member of the asbestos family, and constitutes about 98 per cent. of all the asbestos used commercially. Canada has long been the chief source of world supply of the mineral, the output being obtained almost entirely from the Thetford district in Quebec. Russia and Rhodesia are the only other important producers. Output of other varieties is very limited, and has come mainly from Austria, Italy and the United States.

The Thetford chrysotile deposits were discovered in 1877, and shipments were commenced in the following year. As regular production in other countries did not commence until much later, the development of the Canadian deposits and the introduction by Canada operators of mechanical means of preparing the fibre may be said to have laid the foundations of the modern asbestos industry, which has seen its greatest development in the United States, the United Kingdom, and, recently, in Russia.

Although a constituent of many products, asbestos fibre is used chiefly in conjunction with Portland cement, metal, rubber, graphite, oil, grease, and bituminous materials, the five chief types of asbestos products being textiles, and textile products, building materials, heat and sound insulating materials, molded products, and miscellaneous products. Textiles were perhaps the first asbestos products, having been made by the ancients, but it was the advent of the steam engine and the automobile, that was responsible for this large branch of the industry. At present the manufacture of automobile brake-linings and clutch-facings is the largest single outlet for asbestos textiles.

In the building industry, the public interest in the development of lightweight roofing and siding of very pleasing appearance has grown to such an extent that the capacity of existing plants had to be increased, and new plants built to meet the demand. Among molded products, asbestos is used chiefly in the manufacture of molded automobile brake-linings, which have found wide acceptance.

## Paper Deals With Uses of Asbestos

Further Uses Expected for Asbestos.

Microscopic investigation has shown that asbestos fibre is probably the finest in existence, a property which, when better understood may lead to valuable new applications of this material. David Wolochow, research chemist, National Research Council Laboratories, Ottawa, states in his paper on asbestos and its uses, which appears in the September issue of the Bulletin, Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Knowledge of the physical nature of fibre aggregate, and thereby of the effects of milling processes on asbestos is being definitely increased and put on a sound basis by this investigation, he notes. Reviewing asbestos research in Canada, he advises that considerable work has already been carried out in the Council's laboratories with a view

## Ontario Fire Marshal Honoured by Fire Chiefs

Fire Marshal W. J. Scott was honoured by an invitation to address the International Association of Fire Chiefs at New Orleans on September 29, where he spoke on the subject "Arson Control." The Ontario Fire Marshal was the first Canadian in a number of years to be on the programme for the International Fire Chiefs' Convention and was the only speaker on arson and the only Fire Marshal addressing the New Orleans meeting.

San Francisco was chosen as the 1939 convention city of the International Fire Chiefs' Association. Chief R. E. Mottesheard of Dearborn, Mich., former 1st Vice-president of the Association, succeeds in the presidency. Chief Daniel B. Tierney of Arlington, Mass. Other officers elected for the ensuing year include: Ray Tiller, Waterloo, Iowa, 1st Vice-president; William

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During the long months of our Canadian winter, it is no exaggeration to state that the health and comfort of every member of the household depends on an efficient heating system, says the Canadian Institute of Plumbing and Heating. For a complete heating satisfaction, every unit of the system, including boilers, stoking equipment, chimneys, radiators, valves, controls and humidifying equipment is equally important. With the advent of automatic heating, particularly with complexity of equipment and controls, the need for quality and one hundred per cent. dependability in the entire heating system has been increased.

In keeping with the trend for home modernization and the appropriation of basement space for recreation purposes, manufacturers have made amazing changes in boilers, not only making them more attractive, but improving their performance. The better types have a fire travel several times the length of the boiler itself and a thick covering of insulation, surrounded by a complete outer steel jacket, so that every ounce of available heat is transferred to the water.

Sound chimney construction is also essential to the efficient operation of the heating plant. Without an adequate chimney, economical heat is difficult to obtain. An experienced heating contractor, when checking over the quality and performance of the various units of a heating system, will not overlook the possibilities of faulty construction in the chimney.

One of the latest improvements for heating efficiency, and one which has practically revolutionized hot water heating, is forced circulation by means of an electric pump inserted in the return line. This speeds up the flow of water so that all radiators may be heated in a very short time. With the thermostatic control, an even temperature may be maintained. Furthermore, with forced circulation, smaller pipes and smaller radiators may also be used, with no loss of heat.

To have a household heating system checked over periodically, is a wise investment, suggests the Canadian Institute of Plumbing and Heating. Modern improvements to plants which have been in operation for a number of years may repay ample dividends in comfort, efficiency and economy.

Money spent for fire prevention is well invested—saves property and lives.

H. Palmer, Charlotte, N.C., 2nd Vice-president; James J. Mulcahey, Yonkers, N.Y., re-elected secretary-treasurer, and Jay W. Stevens, San Francisco, reappointed executive secretary.

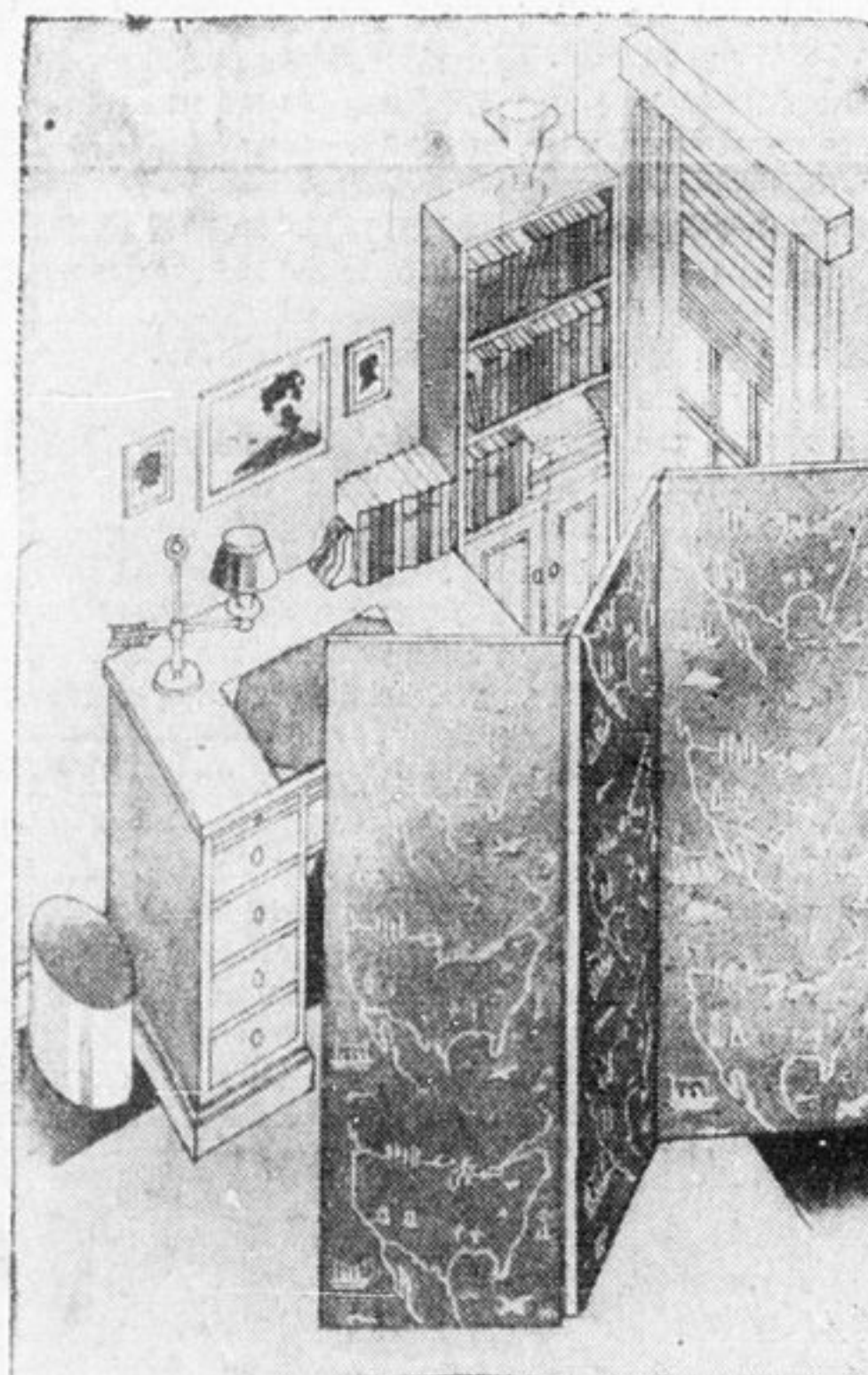


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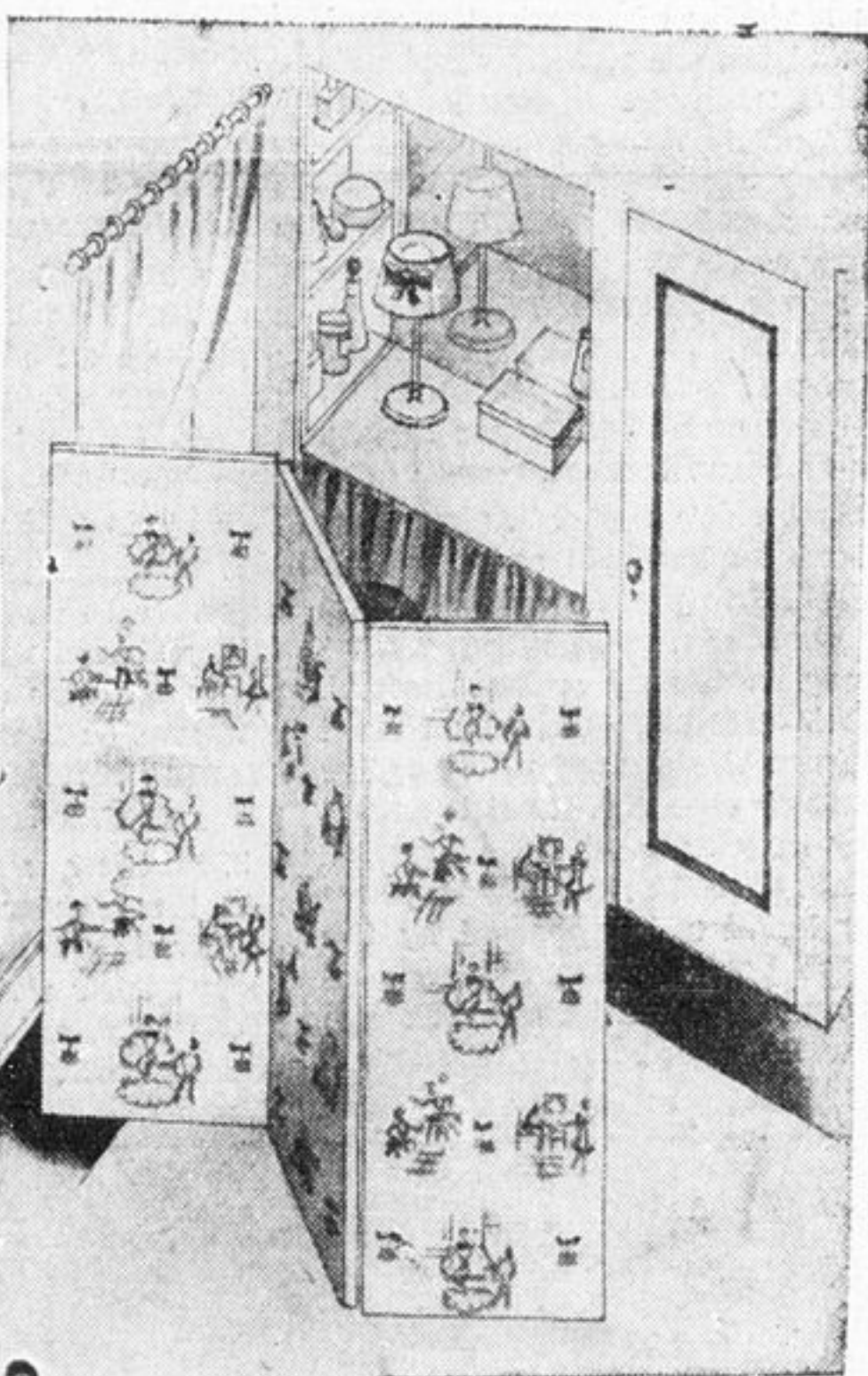
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A screen in a college room may also be used to cut off a study corner and thereby enable one roommate to bone late at night while the other one gets some sleep. This screen has a map design wall paper which is also very suitable for the average college room.



A built-in dressing table is often the feature of the more modern dormitory, and when you want to make your college room look more like a sitting room, what is better than a screen for hiding the personal details of the dressing table.

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gainst them if you are looking for something inexpensive. But the fabrics suggested above are sturdier and make grand couch spreads and curtains as well as chair slip covers. Curtains on rings and heavy enough to cut off the view when they're pulled together seem better to us—pongee is good for that purpose if you want something cheap. Then it can be dressed up with a valance to match the spread. For rugs, small strips of broadloom are just fine because you can just about take your choice of all sorts of patterns and plains—many of

them very jaunty. Lamps had better be good reading models with the proper height and the proper tilt of shade. (The I.E.S. tag of scientific construction is your guarantee of that and you'll find all types of such lamps in most any store). But even within those limits you can get quite gay with your lights . . . with sporting print shades, plaid gingham shades, or cut-outs from chintz rubber-cemented as medallions on plain parchment shades. Or decorated with autographs of all your cronies.

### For Junk Collectors

And here's a clever trick that some of our young college friends have told us about. You know how much junk you seem to collect around school—and how small college closets always are. Well, the answer to that is a screen for one corner of the room—a screen to be covered with one of the more brazen wall papers. Big dramatic sporting panels make stunning screens for college rooms; so do map designs and some of the slightly ribald game room designs.

The space behind the screen can be used as a general dump—although then it's apt to get to be too much of a catch-all. For a student who is a fairly-well organized soul it's better to use the space for some specific purpose. For sporting equipment if the owner is an ardent athlete and is always overflowing with golf clubs, tennis rackets, hockey sticks, skis and the likes of those. After all, such stuff can be so in the way.

### A Place to Bone

Or a study corner can be made behind the screen if the room is to be

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