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PLEASANT HOMES
by Elizabeth MacRea Boykin

A BUDGET LIVING ROOM FOR A BRIDE
Enduring Style in the Furniture—Freshness in Colour—Fewer Pieces of Better Quality.

With all the respect to plaster draperies, leather floors and fur furniture, it seems that there are still a lot of people who just like to be comfortably tranquil in their interior decorations. Oh, they don't mind a leopard wall or a black patent leather ceiling in a public place. They even enjoy an occasional touch of fantasy in model room exhibits sometimes, but when they go to buy for themselves, they are as conservative as the day is long. And since the average young couple starting a new home is going to have to live with their furniture a good long time, perhaps it's pretty smart of them to like the enduring classic style. As a matter of fact the most bizarre decorator in town would agree with them, for nobody is quicker to draw the line between drama and convention than a designer of rooms that fall over backwards to shock. . . . he's the first to say that such effects should only be for those who can afford to redecorate every year or so.



Absinthe green walls with dark green wood trim, a dusty apricot carpet and chintz on a tawny ground—these are the colours in this bride's living room.

Well-Bred

There aren't many young people who are going to the altar this June who are in that fine financial category, so that's why we haven't chosen to knock you cold today with the brides' living room presented herewith. It is too much like a well-bred person for that, and so it is furnished with quiet taste



A striped sofa, predominantly apricot in tone, is flanked by two small lamp tables and in front of it is a spacious coffee table.

and dignity rather than with spectacular effects. And besides, it is planned on a budget carefully worked out to include the maximum of quality and good design and the minimum of passing fads. We think that this room has succeeded pleasantly in doing just that, and in its own way, it even has a freshness of color that keeps it from being smug.

Maybe we'd better start with the

include the carpet, the window draperies, mirror, a pair of lamps with gold tea box paper shades, and another table lamp. It is to be hoped that dotting friends and relations have provided most of these latter very essential not-quite-necessaries.

An analytical eye will discern several things about this living-dining room. In the first place, there is only the essential furniture here—enough to manage graciously on, but no breakfast cabinet, no secretary or corner cupboards, not even a desk. That's so that the basic furniture can be of better quality, a point that will turn out to be quite a blessing with the passing years. And then there are the colors—not bedazzling, that's true—but with a certain poised distinction not found often in the small home. . . . colors that accept with studied balance the brilliant accent of van Gogh reproductions.

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What to Do
by Phyllis Belmont



I AM giving a party soon and some of the guests are well acquainted—others are coming to my home for the first time. I am at my wit's end to know how to get my party started off right and put all of my guests at ease from the start. Will you kindly suggest a game that will break the ice for every one? MISS A. S. M.

Answer—You are on the right track, for a clever hostess usually gets the party going with a tricky game of some kind. Here's one that can't help but put every one at ease from the start. It's a birthday contest. As each guest arrives, he is asked his middle name and birthday, and these are written on a slip of paper, which is pinned on his back. He is requested to let no one see it. When all the guests have arrived, each is given a card and pencil. They are told to get as many middle names and birthdays as they can in a given time, but to let no one get theirs. The one rule is that every one must keep moving and not stand with his back against anything. This game keeps the crowd interested and creates a lot of fun and excitement. Really a grand ice-breaker!

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Kiwanis Offers Summer Camp to Council as a Result Lottery Ban

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An offer to turn the Kiwanis boys' summer camp over to the Town and to share in its expense was made on Monday night by a delegation from the Kiwanis Club. Spokesmen from the club pointed out that because of strict enforcement of the law against lotteries, it was put in the position where it was much more difficult to raise money to finance such a project and that it would have to curtail its activities.

Speaking for the delegation, Mr. Phil Kinkel said that the Kiwanis Club was up "against it" because of the fact that the Attorney-General had demanded that the law against lotteries be strictly enforced.

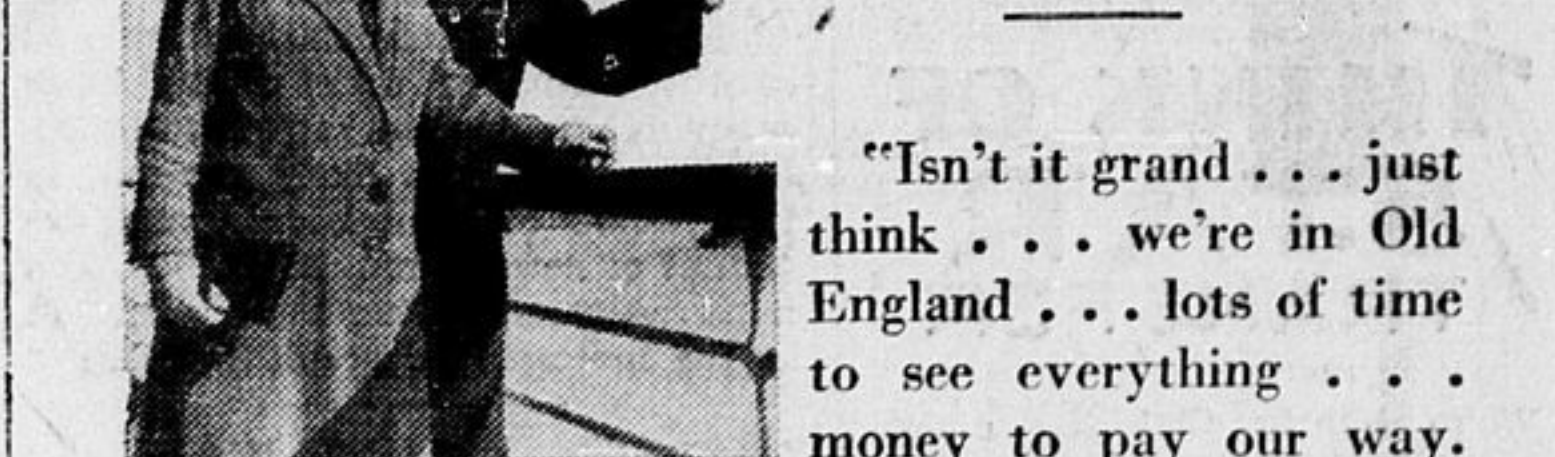
"We have for some years raised money by means of draws and raffles. In this district they have been an accepted part of the system for raising money for such things as boys' camps and now we find such a form of revenue curtailed," said Mr. Kinkel.

"The good which has been done by the camp for undernourished and underprivileged children should not be allowed to die and for that reason we offer the camp to the Town."

Mr. Kinkel said that the club had hired one of the best directors in Canada for the camp this year and would undertake to raise money to see that he was paid. In addition it would add 50 cents of the necessary \$1.50 a day to maintain a boy at the camp. The Town would add the other \$1.

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(By A. H.)

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Honore De Balzac was born in Tours, France, on May 20th, 1799. He was educated at private schools, and graduated as a student of law, which he practiced for three years. At school, he was not an exceptionally brilliant student, having neither a capacity for evil or good in great proportion, but during his earlier years he read much, and studied the writings of great authors. One of his favourite writers was Scott, who is well-known to every reader.

After practicing as a notary for three years, Balzac devoted his attention to the writing of tragedies. Unfortun-

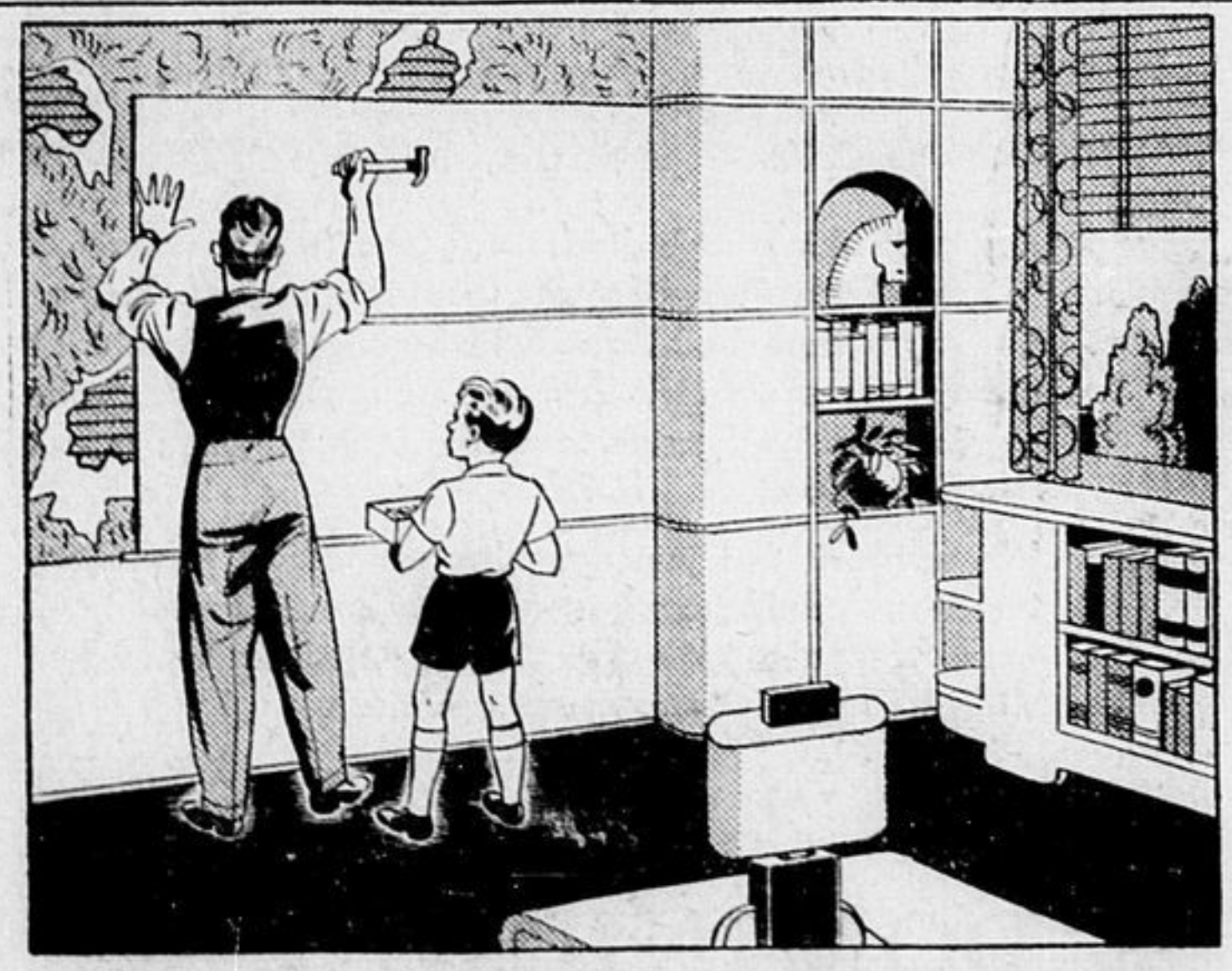
ately, this was not the work for which his talent was suited, and most of his literary writings are not known in the literary world.

A few years later, when his finances were very poor, his family tried to persuade him to again return to the work of a notary and solicitor. Revolting against their wishes, he was locked in a garret, where his family tried to starve him into submission. During that time he began his first great work in the writing of droll stories, "The Human Comedy." Then followed many more novels in the same strain, all of which laughed at human faults. He made a great deal of money but kept himself poor by speculation and travel.

Among his friends were most of the great men of France at that time, and when he died in 1850, his pallbearers included Victor Hugo, Alexander Dumas, and Sainte-Beuve.

His best known work is "The Droll Stories," although "Louis Lambert" and other works have won great favour.

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background in order to give you a picture of how the room actually looks. The walls are painted in a soft absinthe green (a pale and slightly wickered looking tint). With dark green as door trim and woodwork (your painter will probably threaten apoplexy at the suggestion of these off tones, but be firm and he'll come through nobly). The broadloom carpet is in a soft dusty apricot and the striped sofa repeats this dull apricot tone. The chintz draperies are in a mellow floral pattern on a brown ground, and one easy chair is covered in this same material. A lounge chair is in green twill, piped with coral.

Between Meals

Into this background the furniture introduced is essentially of 18th century English heritage, in mahogany, of course. Included is a console extension table which opens out to seat eight people, although between meals it closes down to 19 by 36 inches over the top. Two side chairs flank this table and the two easy chairs, mentioned

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