

Suggesting a "Young Home for a Young Couple"

Here is a Budget that is Flexible. It Includes Both the Basic Pieces and the Extras. Expert Suggests a Buying Programme That Has Its Points.

(By Elizabeth McRae Boykin)

Sometimes we can get awfully worked up over the fact that girls at school are taught so much about geometry and so little about common garden variety of household arithmetic, so much about geology and anthropology and so little about home furnishing. For sooner or later most of us come suddenly up against the problem of furnishing a home, and we have to learn by mistakes—and live with them. Looks like it ought to be required of every girl in school to take a comprehensive course in home organizing and managing. Then a bride with a budget wouldn't find herself so lost in the maze of prices, styles, proportion. She knows where to skimp and where to splurge, how to make the budget include the necessities with enough left over for cherished little extras.

A Furnishing Plan

Take the bride with three to five hundred dollars to spend on her little new home. If she bought at random, she'd likely put too much on one thing and find herself without something basic. So it's important to spend it all on paper first with pencil and eraser at hand, before actually buying a thing. Today we present a furnishing plan for a living-dining room that will cost from \$300 to \$500, complete, depending on whether you can afford the extras or not. The basic pieces are the English styles most people like best—they are of reasonable quality and include the things necessary to start housekeeping with a comfortable completeness. (Which is also something most people like best) . . . buying one treasure and make-shifting for the balance is fine for those who want treasures that matter of course.

The secret of this room's charm is color-distinction . . . without this most important—but inexpensive—ingredient, the grandest of furniture hasn't much of a chance; with it the simplest pieces can be interesting. In this case, the backgrounds were bold . . . three walls papered in a stunning white flower design on a powdery rose-red ground with green leaves for accent, and the fourth wall painted in the plain powdery rose-red. A white fireplace on this wall and full white ruffled organdy curtains for the windows created a smart and pretty effect.

A beige fibre and cotton fringed rug, green, beige and wine upholsteries, furniture in both natural and bleached mahogany. The sofa in wine faille for winter is slip covered for summer in a green and white striped sateen, the two easy chairs in green faille for winter are slip covered for summer in plain beige. Lamps are white, accessories are white and green. But here is the itemized budget:

(x) Sofa with extra slip cover	\$86.75
(b) 4 side chairs at \$6.95 each	27.80
(x) 2 easy chairs with extra slip covers complete at \$40 each	80.00
2 lamp tables at \$9.95	19.90
Oval coffee table	11.95
(a) Drum table	15.95
Console extension table with 4 leaves	32.50
Knee hole desk	32.50
(b) Console chest with 4 drawers	22.95
(b) Occasional chair	12.95
Pair of lamps at \$5.95 each	11.90
(a) Table lamp	10.00
(b) Reflector lamp	7.95
3 pairs of curtains at \$8.98 pair	26.94
(a) Book shelves at \$11.95 each	23.90
9x12 fringed rug	25.00
(a) 6x9 fringed rug	17.95
Accessories	25.00

\$491.89

But—if you don't have that much to spare, eliminate the items marked A and cut down those marked X and right away you'll have about \$150 lopped off! If you are still out of your depth get just two side chairs instead of four (marked B on the budget), and eliminate the console chest (b) the reflector lamp (b) and the occasional chair (b) and you'll be down another sixty dollars in round figures.

This particular budget, worked out

by a noted budgeteer, Elsie Stapleton, is evolved on a plan of basic things—then you add the glamour and little luxuries if you can afford them, otherwise you're still pleasantly comfortable and "at home." More about budgeting will be found in our bulletin "Building a Budget" which will be

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Disappearing Table May Prove Just What is Needed

(From Building in Canada)

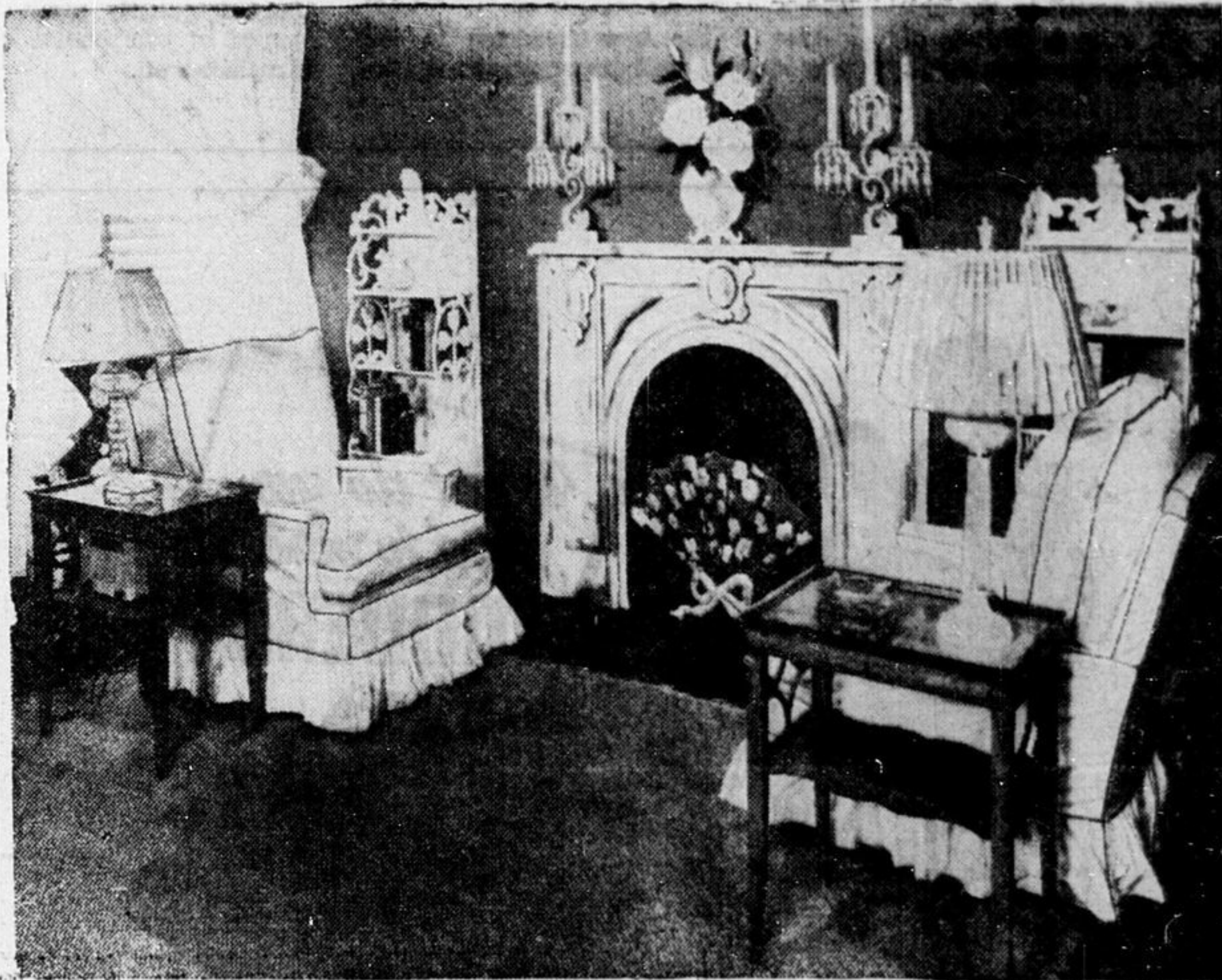
Many house owners who do not have a dining room and use the living room for dining find that a disappearing table is very advantageous. It saves space in the room and maintains the harmony of the living area . . . a table may be bolted to the wall and hidden by a simple panelled door. This method is also being used by house owners who have small dining rooms to take care of larger groups of guests.

Separate Washroom for the Men of the House

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The men of the house usually need a separate washroom located in the basement near the workshop. A small washroom may be added for a nominal cost. It should have proper light and is more convenient if shelves for soaps, brushes, etc., are included . . . The walls and door should be painted a bright cheerful color in a good washable paint. It is a good idea to apply a ring of dark colored paint about the door knob, for this will not show up dirty finger prints like a lighter tone.

"There's no place like home!" Particularly if it's a real home, physically as well as otherwise.



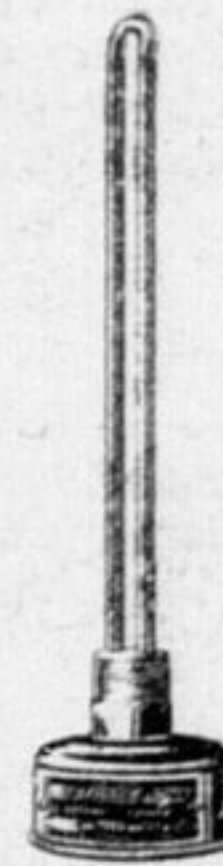
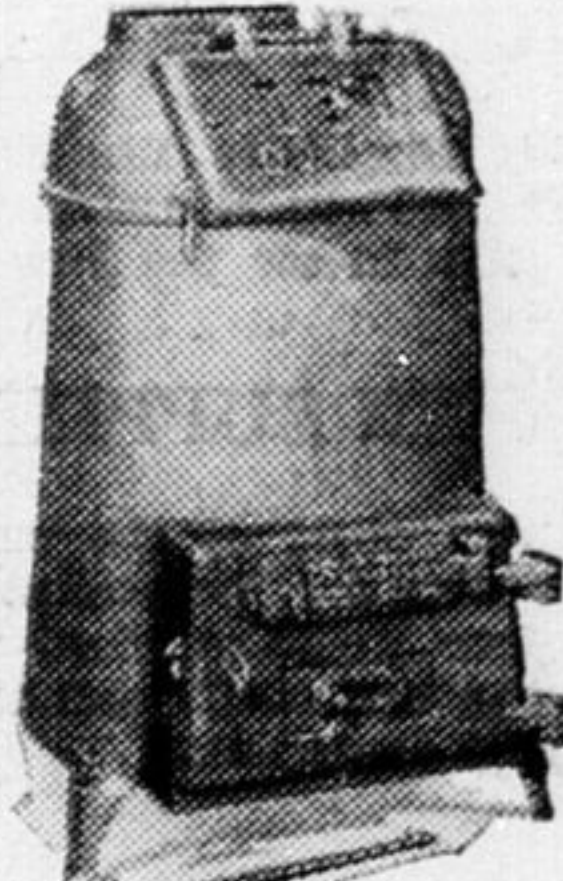
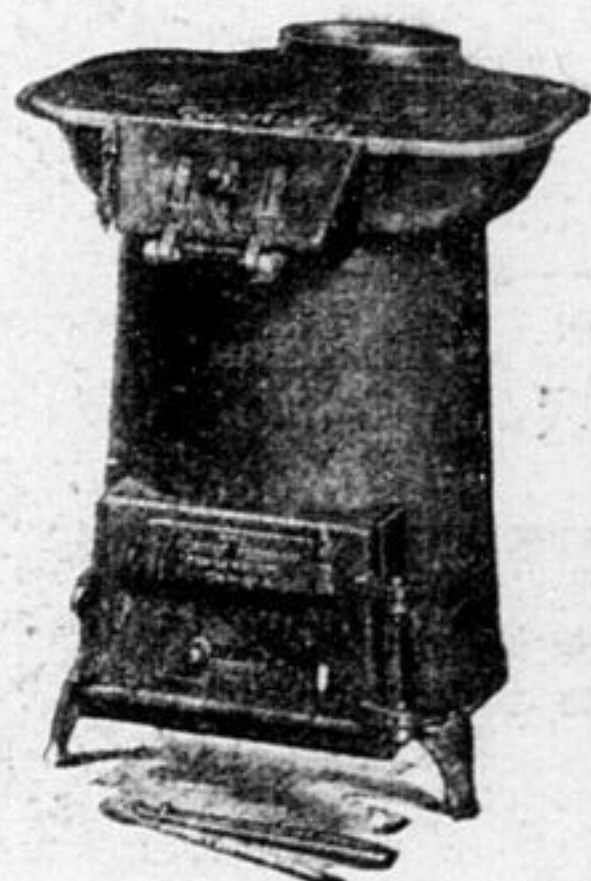
This is a view of the fireplace end of the room, trust to the flowered paper on the other three the wall of which is painted in a wine red by con-walls.

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