

New Wall Covering Cuts Noise Hazard

Acoustic Plaster Now Put Upon Walls Instead of Human Guests

...long + nuisance under many instances, now begins to assume proportions of a public health problem. As a result, scientists, including a number of Canadians, are engaged in acoustic research with a view of finding ways and means of reducing the annoyances of excess noise. Canadians, to date, have advanced as rapidly as the investigators of other countries in the subject.

Among the investigators are such names as Prof. G. R. Anderson of the University of Toronto, Prof. H. E. King of McGill, Prof. A. E. Grieg of the University of Saskatchewan, Prof. G. M. Thompson of California, and Prof. G. M. Thompson of California.

Anderson who was one of the members of the Acoustical Society of America, has just completed a series of studies in his laboratory at the University of Toronto, using the findings of psychophysicists who have tested the effects of noise on the human system, he says that his findings show that noise not only adversely influences the retina production, conduces to a general restlessness of the mind, but also that it is necessary to develop practical methods of cutting this nuisance down to a minimum. To take advantage of the methods already developed in the construction of buildings and the use of existing structures. This is by the application of materials which absorb sound.

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The Child and His Music

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"I took Billy up to Mrs. Martin's studio this morning to ask her to give him piano lessons, and what do you suppose she suggested?"

"Mrs. Knowles and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Sawyer, were talking things over as was their daily custom."

"Did she think Billy too young?"

"No-o," returned Billy's mother, "I don't think she did. In fact, she said a child's musical education should be started when he is very young indeed—even while he is in his infancy."

"How is that possible?"

"Well, she said that the early pounding or hitting that the child does with his spoon, on the chair, table or dish is the beginning of a sense of rhythm which means so much in music. She thinks one should help the child by teaching him 'pat-a-cake' and all such movement jingles."

"What did she suggest especially for Billy?"

"You'll be surprised. She told me to send him to kindergarten for at least half a year before I started him in the study of piano technique."

"What did she want you to do that for?"

"She says that he will learn a lot of rhythm there and will also learn motion songs. The fact that he will learn to move his body to music will develop his sense of rhythm unusually well, she told me."

"Is that necessary before he begins to play the piano? I thought all that was picked up, naturally, as one learned to play."

"I did, too, but you should just hear Mrs. Martin talk about that very thing. She won't let a pupil begin to learn to play until he can march and move in other ways to music 'interpreting the music by physical movement,' I think she calls it."

"But will he learn to do all that by going to kindergarten?"

"Oh, yes. They teach a lot of that sort of thing along with much more that is really fine. I want Billy more than anything else to be a musician, and I don't think I should let him miss any of the things that he would want to practice. But Mrs. Martin assured me that the training she wants him to get there will tend to make him more interested in his music and more willing to practice. She is going to teach him to make up his own songs and put them to music in his own little way."

"That sounds interesting, but isn't it funny how differently they teach things now from what they did just a few years ago, even when we were in college?"

"Live and Learn!"

"Yes, old as it is, that seems to be as sound advice as ever."—Issued by the National Kindergarten Association, 8 West 40th Street, New York City. These articles are appearing weekly in our columns.

Winter Comes to the Southwest

Shorter grows the days,
While the peach trees flame,
And persimmons burn behind their
thinning leaves,
Grapevines smolder darkly, copper
and maroon,
The air is fruity, with a mellow
haze;

Pomegranates open scarlet hearts
In a kind of golden light,
Flowing slowly, thickly, near the
hills, and giving fall assurance
of the hills and valleys float
Within an amber glaze
And a sweet and pungent odor is
around;

And then a restless tension takes the
air,
The dry soil quickens, and late
in the night,
The first rain falls,
And in the morning there is wind—
Leaves seek the earth, and every-
where
The trees stand bare,
Etched clear against a sky of sting-
ing blue;

Yet up and down each hillside,
through
The sidewalk, on the garden path,
Everywhere the gallant breeze can
pass,
New grass
Is bursting in deep emerald veins
Young violets break in purple with
the dawn,
And freckles lift pale faces to the
sun;

Huge fields are white with cotton,
green
With barley, alfalfa scents the air for
miles
And miles, and there are eager heads
of crisp lettuce growing in between
The budded walnut trees—
And each and every one of these
Seems to declare:
Winter comes—in this, the far South-
west,
And beauty hums and loveliness is
blest,
And growth is everywhere!

—Peter A. Lea.—In "The Christian
Science Monitor."

Capital Punishment

...of a Christian man... got a capacity crowd... losing money. The up-... must be pretty... "Yes, sir. These... up the prophets..."

...Banish... Capital Punishment... of the capital... experimental period... recommended in the re-... parliamentary committee... punishment made public...

...fully: "Do you think... live on \$15 a week"... I suppose they could... poor creatures."

...like to give my little... —Gus Alfonso of...

Make These Beauty Resolves For 1931

Now, More Than Ever, Feminine Loveliness Looms High in the Social Whirl

If everyone kept every New Year's resolution made in the bright hopeful hours of the young year—what a wonderful world this would be!

Yet there are always a few resolutions we do keep. And women who realize the importance of retaining their youth, and gaining more beauty with each year should count among their resolutions the vow to follow the laws of beauty daily throughout the entire year.

Beauty lies more in clear, well-cared-for skins, well-brushed hair, clean sparkling teeth, and all evidences of health, cleanliness and intelligence than in mere doll-like prettiness.

Beauty can be acquired. Not perhaps the kind of beauty that will add your name to the list of immortal beauties, but certainly the kind of beauty that will improve your own looks many times. No woman today cares to be placed in the category of beautiful but dumb; neither men nor women tolerate in their society a dumb or stupid person. The old days when mere doll-like prettiness was an advantage have passed. We must have some cleverness, some mental advantages to go along with our appearance.

However, she who hath both beauty and brains has a definite advantage over the girl who cultivates either asset at the expense of the other. This is why we find the high-school graduate, the college woman, the progressive wife and mother giving a certain amount of time each day to the duty of improving their looks.

These are the girls and women who know the value of keeping their beauty resolutions. It must be an everyday practice to build up more beauty. If you set a few rules for yourself to begin with, and make them an automatic part of every day's duties, you will soon see enough results to them, and adhere to them, as well.

Age Doesn't Count

I want you to make some beauty resolutions this bright New Year. I don't care how old you are or how young you are; if you begin right now to form a single beauty habit, and adhere to it throughout all this year, I promise you, this time next year you will admit that you have been repaid for your attention.

Let me see, in France they begin with their girl babies, keeping their little bodies supple and sound. When they grow into little girlhood they are taught small duties, such as sitting erect in their chairs, learning to place their feet correctly in walking, and so on. In Canada, all too frequently girls are not taught these things till they begin to teach themselves. Often Canadian women feel self-conscious about paying attention to their looks, as though it were a shameful thing to be careful of the bodies that were given to them by the same Divine Law that makes flowers beautiful. We owe much more to our personal beauty than we do to the beauty of our flower gardens, but as a matter of progress we should not neglect either of them.

I want to give you a little New Year's present. I want to give you a list of beauty resolutions that I have made out for you—all simple things that will not take much time.

Lasting Rewards

The following resolutions are the first and simplest of Beauty Rules. I know many women who follow them—and they are always the women who command attention for their charming looks. One of these women is about seventy, and I assure you she looks younger than many a woman young enough to be her daughter. "I don't do much, my dear," she says simply when I tell her how wonderful she is: "I just keep clean inside and outside, think as nice thoughts as I can about my fellow men, do a good deed here and there, and add a little powder and the slightest tinge of rouge to my cheeks for good measure." Then she smiles at you with her wonderful smile, and you see the lovely dimple in the faint pink of her cheeks, and decide you will certainly "keep your beauty resolutions all the rest of your life."

Resolved: To eat my meals regularly, and to select the most wholesome and nutritious foods. To eat slowly, and as sparingly as my health and strength permit.

Resolved: To get out-of-doors for a walk every day, even if for only ten minutes. To walk briskly, breathe deeply and stand correctly while I am taking this exercise.

Resolved: To take a quick but thorough bath every day I can.

Resolved: To go to my dentist once a year to have my teeth examined.

Resolved: To get enough hours' sleep every night, in a well-ventilated room.

Resolved: To watch my temper, guard my tongue and govern my nerves.

Resolved: To brush my hair carefully each day. To shampoo it at regular intervals of days or weeks, according to its needs.

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Ths Dead of Robin Hood
By William Rose Benet

There hangs the long bow, the strong bow, once was bent
To cleave the clout, to split the willow wand;
Till the quiver's shafts were spent
The bow that wrought wild justice in this land.
The red deer, the roe deer knew that bow,
And king and clergy knew
How sure its cloveheads flew
To right the poor an' lay oppression low.

There grows our great oak, our girl-timed oak; over all
The shires of England may it branch and be
As once in Sherwood, tall
As truth, and honor's ever-living tree!
The hunted and the hounded knew its ground
A stiff yew hedge in the wood
Around its bole, when that horn was wound.

Merry men all, God spare you to the hunt;
Through time it stretches, down the centuries,
Outlawed, we bore the brunt
Of the hour's disfavor, and its penalties;
Freemen, forever we with free men ride
Whenever, by God in Heaven,
They gather to make odds even!
Our souls with them they shall not fall that tide.

Now, lift me; I would see my forest walls
Badged with colors, yea, till Time be done.
Where this last arrows falls
Sod me with turf the stag treads lightly on.
Go soft then, saying naught; but, hark ye! kneel!
When the evil hour would awe,
Kneel and bend low and draw
And loose your shafts in a whistling sleet of steel!

Ardent Proposals.—She "I've been asked to get married lots of times."
He—"Who asked you?" She—"Mother and Father."

Minard's Liniment for all Pains.

Hen Robot



Miss Sue LaBall looks over the mechanical hen which was one of unique exhibits at annual poultry and pet stock exposition which was held recently in Chicago Coliseum.

"Is He Downhearted?" No!

Resolved: To care for my fingernails.
Resolved: To cultivate the fineness and health of my complexion. To spend at least ten minutes every night in removing the soil of the day with a good cleansing cream.
S. S. Adams.

Earth's Core Composed Of Iron and Nickel

The core of the earth is composed of iron, Dr. Leason H. Adams, physical chemist of the Geophysical Laboratory, Carnegie Institution, of Washington, says in a research narrative issued by the Engineering Foundation.

"Neglecting the relatively thin film of sedimentary rocks at the surface," according to Dr. Adams, "there is a first layer of granite ten miles thick; below that a layer of basaltic rocks twenty miles thick; then 2,000 miles of peridotite, a rock rare at the surface, consisting of iron magnesium silicate, and finally a central core 4,000 miles in diameter of metallic iron with a little nickel."

"Perhaps the most striking feature of the composition of the whole earth is that our globe is made up almost entirely of four elements: iron, magnesium, silicon and oxygen; the remaining eighty-eight possible elements are confined to the thin film called the crust."

Subways for pedestrians are becoming popular, according to a report by the Department of Commerce. Hidden forces seem to be at work, in one way or another, to place the pedestrian under ground.

Words in German Often Made Up Like Dominoes

A Frenchman calling attention to the fact that in some languages words are made up as in a game of dominoes by adding new pieces proceeded to have fun in the following way in showing how it was done in German, says "The Pathfinder."

A kangaroo in German is "beuterratten," meaning a rat with a bag. A cage is a "kottter," so a kangaroo cage is a "beuterrattenkottter." Grating of a cage is called "latten" and the roof "gitter," hence a kangaroo cage with a roof and grating would be "beuterrattenlattenkottter." Going a step further, had weather in German is "unwetter." So a kangaroo cage with a roof of grating to protect it from bad weather would consequently be "beuterrattenlattenkottter n w e t t e r k o t t e r."

Another example:
A Hottentot mother in German is "Hottentottenmutter." Children who stammer are called "strattertrottel," so a Hottentot mother of such children would be "Hottentottenstrattertrottelmutter." To add a little, an assassin is an "attentater." Accordingly, the assassin of the mother just described would be "Hottentottenstrattertrottelmutterattentater."

Gabby Gertie

Somebody told old Ragson Tatters that playing the stock market was a dangerous game in which one was likely to win one day and lose the next, so Ragson evolved a new system. He says: "I'm going to try playing the market every other day and get rich."

If you would B Ye
Whenever U C Bs,
U will mind your Ts,
And never, never Ts.

Some day science will arrest the story while it's brewing.

Bride—"How do you like these biscuits?"
Newlywed (Absentmindedly)—"Did you make these with your own little darling hands?"
Bride (hesitatingly)—"Why, yes."
Newlywed (mentally absent)—"Who lifted them out of the stove for you?"

Nothing makes a mother beat so loudly as for her boy to have an attack of calf love.

The word waffle reminds us—have you heard of the absent-minded professor who played a waffle on the phonograph and ate the record?

Minard's Liniment for Frost Bite.

Canadian Winter Lovers Welcome First Snow

This picturesque scene of snow-cloaked woods and hills shows tourists getting ready for winter sports at Mount Royal, Montreal.



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