

NOW SUN PORCH IS ELECTRICAL

Popular Room Should be Wired for Every Convenience, Writer Declares

FINE FOR BREAKFAST

Delightful Place to Start the Day

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The sun porch, according to architects specializing in designing homes, is like the rocking chair, purely an American invention. Just when they came into general use is hard to say. Shortly after Californians borrowed the bungalow type of residence construction from India, the sun porch began to come into its present prominence and as bungalow building spread eastward the sun porch became more and more a distinct feature of American domestic architecture.

Today, this sun porch, with glass sides for winter and screens for summer, is considered by many just as essential a part of the home as the living room, the dining room, or both. In fact, many families make more use of the sun porch than they do of any other portion of the house. From early morning until long after dark it is frequently the place where the family congregates.

During the winter months nothing is quite so cheering as the welcome warmth of the sun's rays as they filter through the inclosing glass. What, therefore, could be more delightful than to have breakfast in the sun porch? There is but one possible drawback—the nuisance of the kitchen. This, however, many sun porch enthusiasts overcome by having it supplied with a couple of heavy duty convenience outlets. Into these can be plugged the cords of the necessary electric table cooking appliances. This done, the coffee starts percolating, the eggs boiling, and bread toasting, while the family bathed in the clear winter sunlight eats its fruit.

Ideal Place to Lounge

Then, again on a winter evening, the steam-heated sun porch lighted by several subdued electric lamps makes an ideal place to lounge, read the evening paper, or play bridge or mah-jongg. Something about its informality makes it especially restful after a strenuous day at home or in the office.

When spring begins to melt into summer and the glazed sides of the sun porch can be replaced by screens, then it is that it actually becomes the center of family life. Wired for the use of electrical appliances it is an ideal place for informal afternoon entertaining. As the weather gets warmer gravitate there. The breezes blowing in through the screening make it the coolest spot of the entire house. Likewise, when protected by suitable netting, one may sit here after dark reading by the light of a conveniently placed electric lamp, unmolested by buzzing mosquitoes.

On the hottest night of summer the electrical equipment which enabled you to enjoy a sun porch breakfast in the dead of winter again comes to your aid. Bring out the electric fan and plug it into the same convenience outlet that supplied the current for percolating the breakfast coffee and loll at your ease in its refreshing breeze.

These are but some of the uses that can be made of a sun porch that is wired for electricity. Others equally as practical will suggest themselves to you as you begin to make the most of this most delightful portion of the modern American home.

In arranging for the electrical wiring of your porch include several convenience outlets—one in the center of the floor, if possible—and either a ceiling luminaire or two or three side wall fixtures. Such an installation enables you to make the fullest use of it throughout the year.

HELPING THE GOLDFISH

Here is a helpful hint for better success in keeping your piscatorial pets:

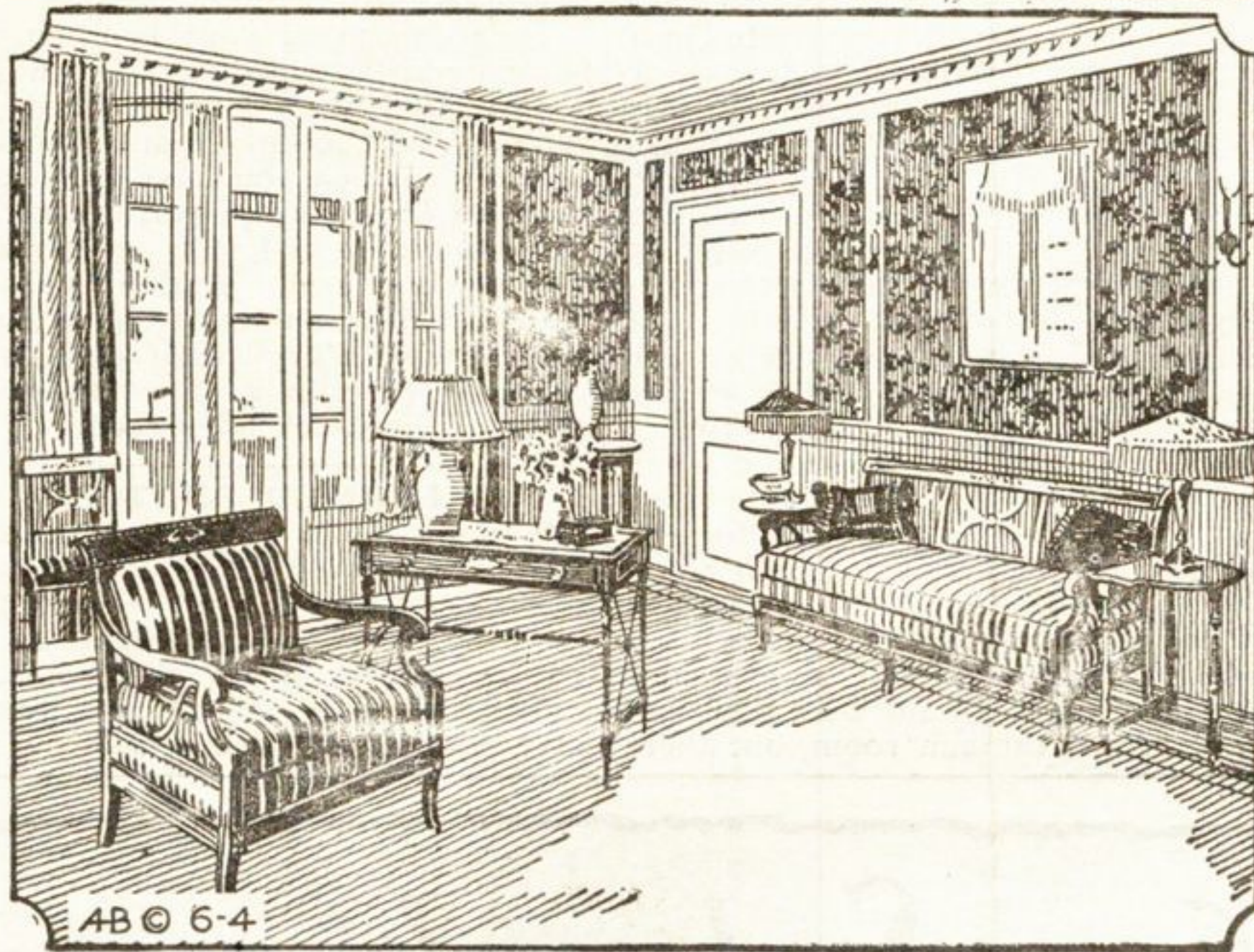
On the outside of your goldfish bowl, or globe, paint the bottom and about two inches above the bottom with dark green paint.

This adds greatly to the comfort of your water pets. They will not swim so wildly, but seek the bottom and rest. Pretty castles can be built of rough pebbles and cement, by choosing a cement that will not be affected by water, and also tunnels, projections and nooks, which will be appreciated by the fish.

GLUE AND OILCLOTH

New oilcloth that is losing its luster may be made to look fresh and to last longer by treating it to a thin coat of glue. The oilcloth should be washed thoroughly with a weak suds of a neutral soap, then apply the glue water with a flannel cloth at night, and it will be hard and dry and ready for use in the morning.

Charming Sun Room Effect



Suggestion for a Home With No Sun Room

"Modern Apartments" An Ally to Better Homes

A consistent ally for better homes, in helping develop good taste, are the "modern apartments" which retail stores maintain on their floors and which show home furnishings in their home setting.

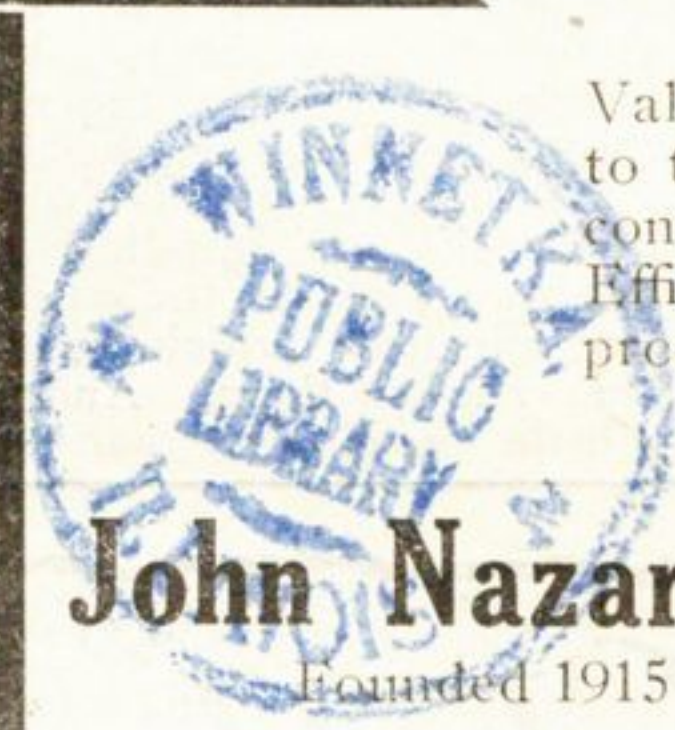
Thousands of these apartments, which have been installed by mer-

chants, are being continued in retail establishments. They are being introduced as a new idea in metropolitan and small town stores.

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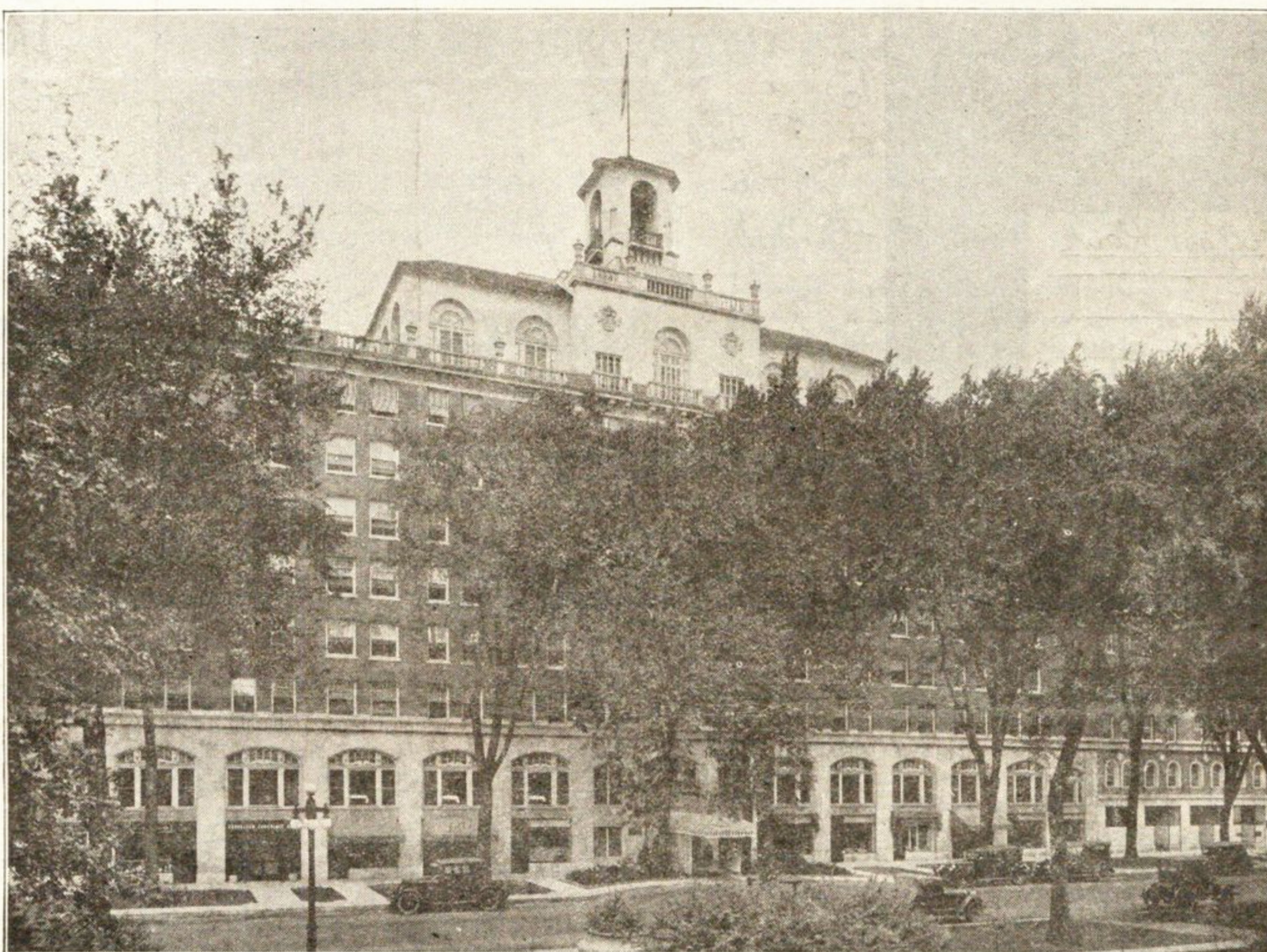


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