

### Better Homes Ask for English, French Antique Harmonies

The better homes are turning to English and French antiques rather than the Early American antiques, according to John Odh of Hubbard Woods who is a dealer in antiques. The Early American furniture is not as comfortable as the antiques of other countries.

The owners of French and English style houses want their furniture to match their homes. To this end many of them buy the original antiques or copies. Many of them have furniture remodeled and reconditioned before attempting to use it. Again, one of an original pair of tables or one of a set of dining room chairs is purchased and copies are made to finish out the set.

In furnishing the homes most of the buyers stick to one period and do not commit the error of badly mixing styles and periods of furniture.

There is not as much faking in American antiques as there is in the French and Italian antiques, according to Mr. Odh. Much of the antique furniture sold to tourists is partly or wholly fake. A good part of it is fine reproduction, but in the copying of the design original ideas of the copyist creep into his work, an unsuccessful job of laying on the antique finish, or some other detail will show that it is not a real antique.

The workmanship on furniture which is reproduced is usually not as fine as on the original antique. The carving will not be as clear cut, the lumber will not be seasoned properly, the construction will not be correct, and nails instead of wooden pegs will appear in some supposed "antiques."

#### REVERT TO WALL PAPER

The reversion to wall paper has not been in favor of complete hanging in most cases. Rather the scenes of the country and so on are hung in the panels of a room after the manner of old tapestries, the pannelling of the room serving as a picture frame.



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#### ENGLISH WARE ATTRACTS

A new English ware by Jones has been shown in the shops lately for breakfast sets, luncheon sets, and novelty dinner sets. Some of it comes all white and comes with the raised figures on the band in colors. A floral design in which gold and orange predominate and a grape design favoring purple and green are popular.

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A charming freshness is given to a room when the new sets of curtains are used that have a colored design woven into the curtain. In some of the stores curtains and valances are shown which preclude the use of over-drapes. The design runs across the

bottom of the panels and across the valance.

The two narrow panels on either side of the window will frame the outdoor picture as will the net curtains held with tie-backs.

#### PEONY HAS LEGEND

The peony, which in recent years has regained favor as a flower for the garden, was given its name by the ancient Greeks from a legend. Paeon cured a wound Pluto had gotten during the Trojan war with a root he had found on Olympus. Other physicians were so envious of this cure that they threatened the life of Paeon, but the grateful Pluto changed him into the plant with which he had made the cure so that he might be immortal.

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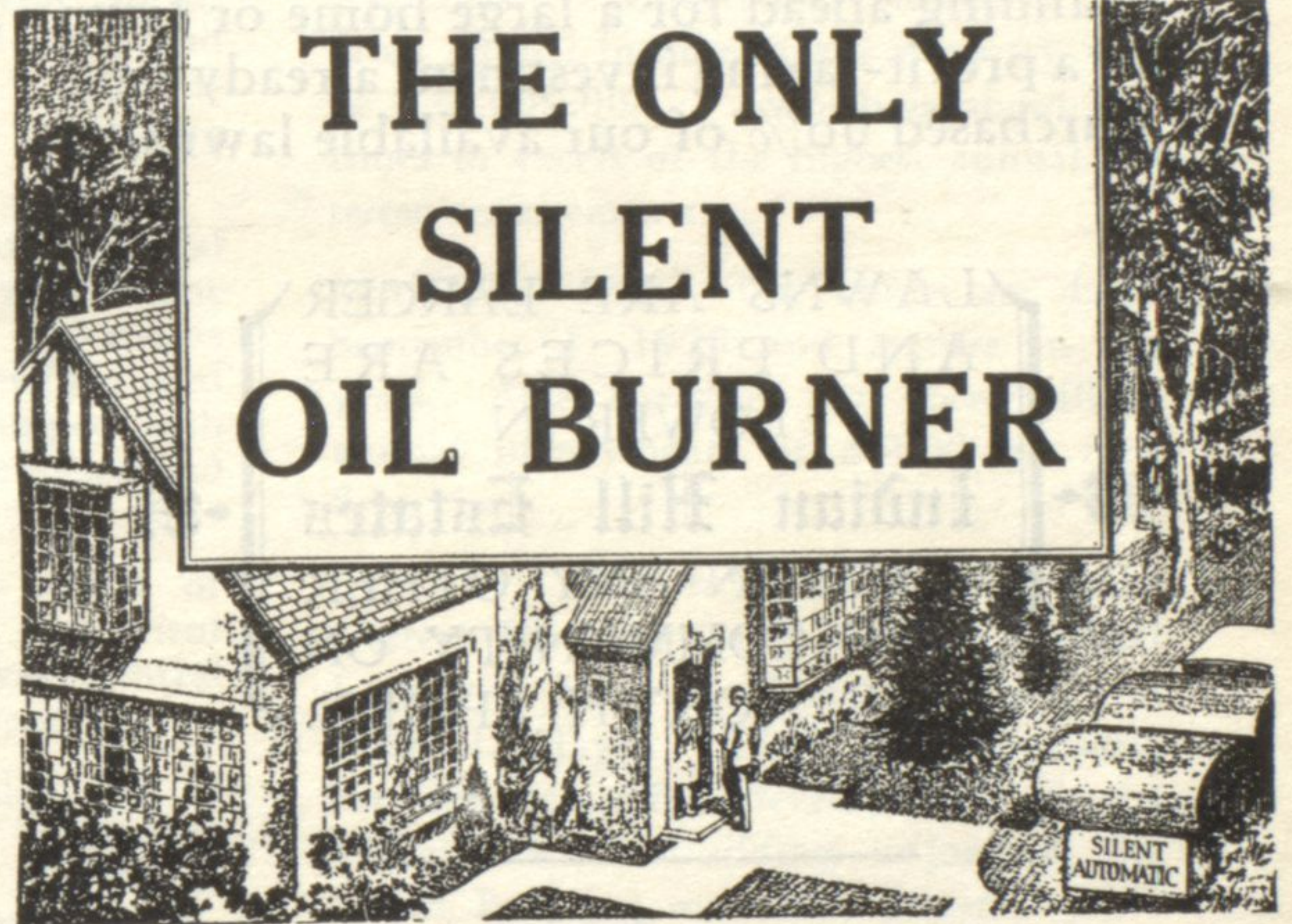
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