

"COLONIAL" HOUSES COVER MANY STYLES

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the roof line was brought out from the peak and dropped sharply. A couple of dormer windows gave the necessary light.

Like the Dutch Colonial, the New England Colonial harkens back to the ancestral home. Most of the men building this style of house were from England, so they naturally built along the line of the homes in their own country. The craftsmen employed the methods and ideas they brought with them to the new country, adapting them to the exigencies of the surroundings and materials, though not as completely as did the early Dutch builders.

Kitchen Is Important

As in nearly all early houses, the kitchen was the most important room. It was probably the only room where the heat was sufficient to make the members of the household comfortable during the long winter evenings. The family ate in the kitchen and most of the spinning and weaving was done there. A few of the homes lacked space to the degree that the kitchen was used as a sleeping quarter, also. A wooden bed-frame strung with cords or ropes was hinged to the wall and hooked up during the day. It was concealed with a curtain.

The parlor was reserved, as it is today in many country homes, for the important happenings in the life of the family. Weddings, funerals, and important guests only were admitted to the honor of this room. The "best bed" was sometimes kept in this room, not concealed as the modern "in-a-door" but proudly on display, for it probably had pineapple-topped posts or a bow top with the "best set" of curtains.

The early style of Southern Colonial had no pillars and was not made of brick. When the earliest houses were built, bricks and stone were so hard to get that the owner had difficulty in finding the materials for a chimney. The houses were constructed of wood in a low, rambling manner. Some of them had a number of smaller houses for the workmen, the tools, and even the kitchen was in a separate house. The more affluent period of Georgian architecture did not come until later when brick yards were established and the wealth of the colonists permitted of a more luxurious home.

Ground for Evergreens Must Be Pre-Cultivated

Preparation of the ground before planting evergreens is as important as the planting and care of the trees afterward. The soil, particularly if it is clay or sand soil, must be especially prepared for their culture. Their chances for development are best where they will get plenty of moisture. This will be best obtained when part of the subsoil is removed so that when the trees are planted they will be in a shallow depression. In the hole left by the excavation a bed of mulch should be left to stand a while so that the trees will have food for the roots.

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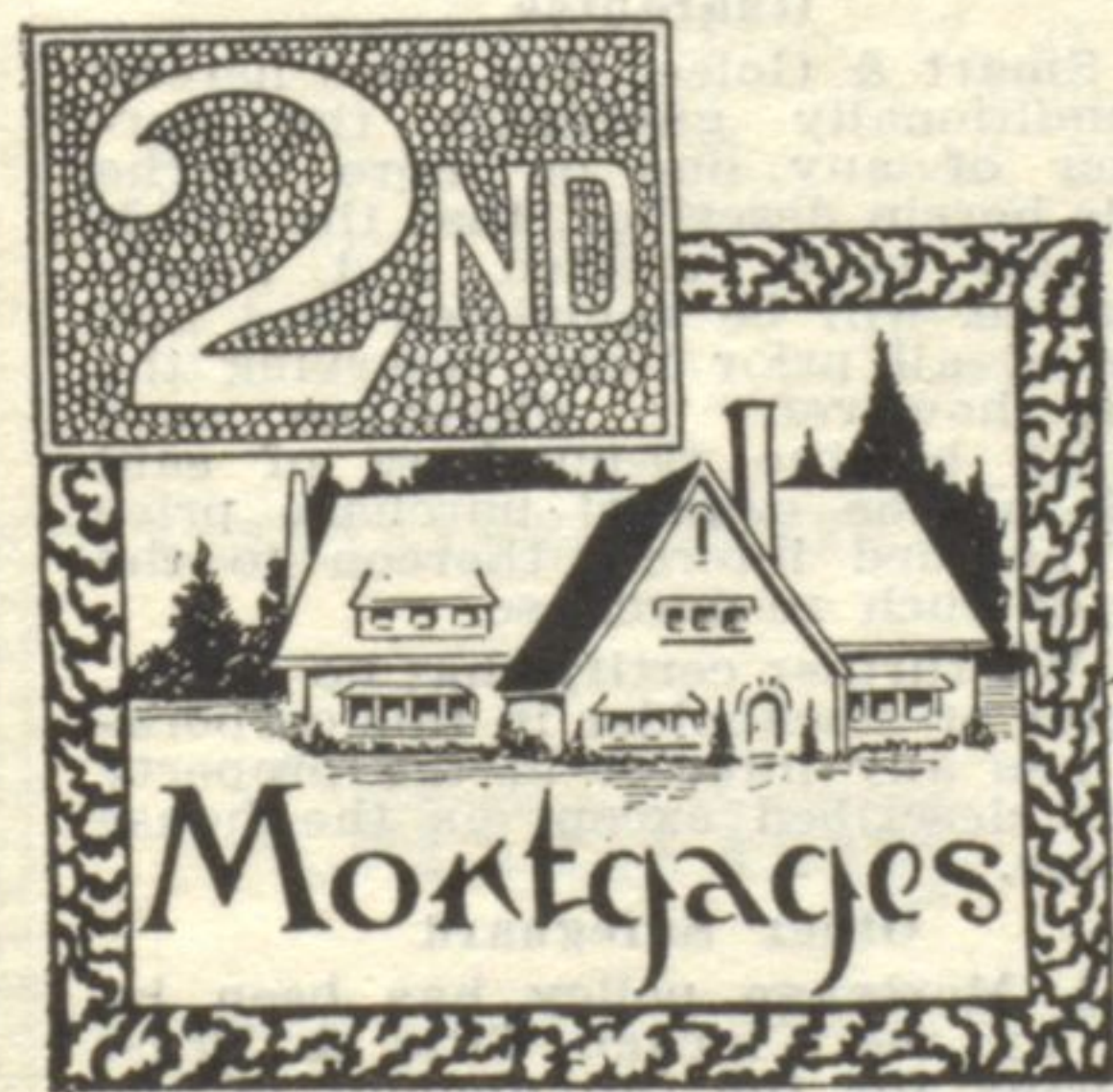
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