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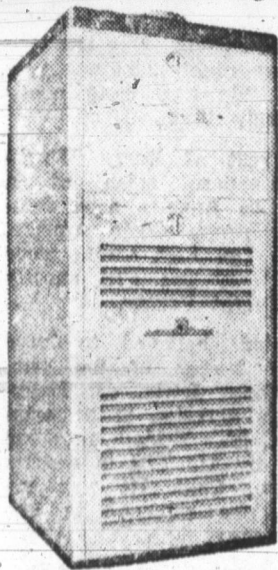
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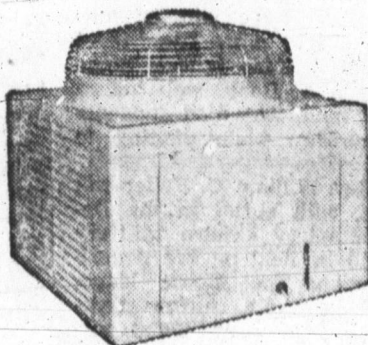


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Bench-Railings

When you design a wood deck, add built-in benches to serve as the railing. Slant the bench back slightly and add tie-on cushions for real lounging comfort. Use Douglas fir lumber for benches as well as deck.

Nature Aids Prolific Trees

America's most remarkable renewable resource is her forests and nearly all of her regions are growing timber to support what is now the third largest industry, which employs 1,500,000 men and women.

And the most spectacular timber-growing region in the country is the West Coast region, a wedge-shaped slice extending from the Canadian border south to San Francisco. This rain-blest strip of valley and mountain runs 800 miles long, but never more than 150 miles inland from the Pacific beaches.

In this evergreen belt, the Douglas fir is the reigning monarch. This prolific species alone furnishes more than 27 per cent of the nation's softwood lumber, and nearly all of its construction plywood. More than ten billion board feet of Douglas fir goes into lumber each year—50 per cent more than the runner-up species, southern pine.

The Douglas fir and its near relatives, the west coast hemlock, western red cedar and Sitka spruce, produce more than one-third of the nation's lumber, yet they require only about 7.2 per cent of U. S. timber land.

The West Coast timberlands are confined to only 35 million acres of America's total of 486 million acres of commercial forest land. And this same wedge is so rich in timber it also contains the principal source of redwood, a narrow belt mainly on the California coast, which produces nearly one billion feet of redwood lumber a year.

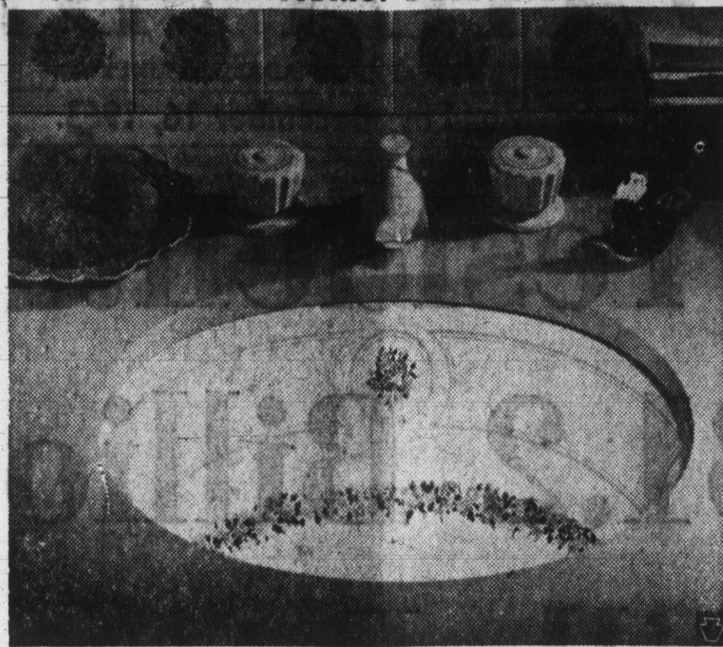
Favored Ceiling

Architects favor wood decking for exposed ceilings in homes, churches, schools and commercial buildings. Wood offers excellent insulation value, strength and beauty.

Not Turtles

Turtles are not the world's oldest living things. Some trees, like the giant redwoods of California live for 2,000 years and more. Some Douglas fir trees, which supply nearly half the nation's softwood lumber, are over 1,000 years old.

New for the Home: Decorated Baths



IN NEW BATHROOM STYLING, decorated fixtures are matched by coordinated accessories. Pictured is one of six Rheem "Fashionette" designs, "Victorian Garden"—"deep pink, heavenly blue and yellow flower bouquet in a delicate pink border, on a white background." Copyrighted designs appear on wash basins, gold and porcelain faucet sets, closet seats and closet tank lids. Motifs are repeated on towels, shower curtains, window drapes and curtains, ceramic cabinet hardware, wallpaper, wall tile, floor tile, ceramic towel bars, soap dishes, and glass holders.

The trend toward "American traditional" furnishings in the home promises to be speeded by a new concept of decorated bathroom fixtures and matching accessories.

Rheem Manufacturing Company's Home Products Division, Chicago, has announced wash basins and other bathroom fixtures decorated with six "Fashionette" designs created by Ellen McCluskey, noted New York designer. She said, "These are exquisite, dainty designs in delicate pastel shades that will enable bathroom fixtures to set a tasteful key for expression of a coordinated theme."

William S. Goodfellow, Rheem division vice president, said: "Decorated bathroom fixtures will be available for the first time from a leading fixtures manufacturer producing for volume distribution. As a result, they will cost little more than plain white plumbing ware. Also, the homemaker will be able to obtain matching accessories. 'This program makes it possible to achieve tasteful elegance in decorating the bathroom at reasonable prices—either in building a new home or remodeling an existing bathroom. And surveys show that

homemakers consider the bathroom second only to the kitchen as most important."

Rheem calls its "Fashionette" designs Grecian Gold, Victorian Garden, Paris Violet, Tulip Time, Misty Rose and Gold Moderne.

Accessories with matching designs include ceramic wall tile and related products, made by Wenezel Tile Company, Trenton, N.J.; vinyl floor tile, Robbins Floor Products, Tusculum, Ala.; towels, Callaway Mills Company, La Grange, Georgia; wallpaper, Imperial Wallpaper Mill, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio; shower curtains, window drapes and curtains, Para Manufacturing Company, Inc., New York City; and door pulls, Amerock Corporation, Rockford, Ill. The bathroom fixtures are obtainable from plumbing contractors. Accessories are available at leading department stores and specialty shops.

Building Congress Delegates Want Homes with Basements

Should we have a basement in our new home? The answer from Mrs. U. S. A. is overwhelmingly in favor of homes with basements.

In a recent national conference of housewives on housing, three-fourths of the delegates from all parts of the nation voted for basements. Only those in warmer climates, where basements are not customary, did not follow the trend.

We need storage space," the basement supporters said. "We need a place for our children to play in the winter. You get more space for less money."

"A basement," these ladies report, "is where you store baby things when not in use and all the other things you can't bear to throw away."

A bonus for the basement home, reports many a housewife, is a better floor to walk on. Instead of the hard-as-rock concrete slab so common in basementless homes, you have a wood joist floor which is so easy on the feet.

There is a certain resilience and give to a wood floor, the ladies report, which takes up much of the shock of walking and at the end of the day a housewife is not nearly so tired as the one who has to walk on concrete.

Basements keep a home warmer, builders report, and there is less chance for moisture to accumulate.

The ladies listed a good many points in favor of basements, such as providing a place for the laundry where it is cool in summer, a workshop for the man of the house, a place for storage of children's skis and other

bulky sports gear, extra room for a bedroom or a playroom, a shelter against tornadoes.

From a construction standpoint, basements with wood joist framing provide ideal space for future enlarging, because you can easily apply ceilings to the exposed joists.

A joist framed floor is an interesting installation when viewed from below, and you get an excellent demonstration of why the wood floor will give ever so slightly when you walk on it and thus ease the strain in your legs. The joists are braced so that the weight on one spot is taken up by several joists on either side, thus providing strength without immobility.

Two of the better known species of lumber used throughout the nation for framing lumber—Douglas fir and west coast hemlock—come from Oregon, Washington and California. These two species are available at every town in the nation and account for more than half of all framing lumber used in home construction. They are immensely strong and an ordinary joist floor built of 2x10 or 2x12 fir or hemlock joists will withstand great loads.

The vast majority of housewives want basements and they want wood floors, not cold jail-house slabs, they stated at the building congress.

Patios and Decks

If you wish a free copy of a patio and deck building plans booklet, write West Coast Lumbermen's Association, P.O. 62, 1410 S.W. Morrison Street, Portland 5, Oregon.

High Fencing Gives Privacy

Do you have a corner lot with your house exposed to the prying eyes of every passerby? Then here is the ideal solution. Convert your property into a courtyard, with high, solid board fences going right to the property line. This is a style made famous by the Spaniards and brought to the New World in the fifteenth century.

With attractive fences, you can make a world of your own, private from the casual stroller. You will find that every foot of your land is available for gardens when you enclose your lot with estate-type fences.

These fences may be solid boards, to give maximum privacy, but you can also use a louvered fence with the slanted boards set so that no one can see in. Board-on-board fences also give maximum privacy without the feeling of being isolated. Fence posts should be 4 x 4 inch cedar, with the portion intended for sinking in the ground treated. Your cross rails or top and bottom rails can be Douglas fir and generally either 2x4s or 2x6s are sufficient. Fir boards are adequate for any design one may select.

These fences can be stained or painted, but many homeowners are finding the most charming fence is one where the wood has been untreated and left to weather to a lovely, soft, natural grey color.

Douglas Fir Has Strength, Looks

America's favorite species of tree for lumber is not any of the pines or cedars, spruces, maples, birches, oaks or redwood, however famed these may be.

It's the Douglas fir grown on the west coast, within 150 miles of the Pacific ocean in Oregon, Washington and northern California.

The towering, straight-stemmed Douglas fir provides more than 27 per cent—nine billion board feet each year—of the nation's softwood lumber. This is 50 per cent more than the second lumber tree, southern pine.

Named for a Scottish naturalist who explored the far western forests, Douglas fir also is the raw material for nine-tenths of the country's softwood plywood—some nine billion square feet of panels a year that go mainly into homes and buildings.

Douglas fir lumber is one of those rarities. It has great strength which makes it a much sought after lumber for framing and for use where stoutness is needed.

It is also one of the country's most beautiful woods and it is widely used for paneling, furniture and for sash and doors where lovely grain and texture and its soft natural colorings can be utilized.

Nature's Miracle

Nature's miracle substance has to be wood, one scientist exclaimed recently. No other natural material can do all the things that wood can do. It can be saved, bored, nailed, turned, planed, painted, treated, stained, and it will not rust.

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Household Scrapbook By Roberta Lee

Care of Furs
Fur garments, while they're hair on one side, are actually leather side, or hide, is kept in should be treated as such. The leather side, or hide, is kept in condition originally by the oils which the animal who inhabits the pelt secretes. If the oils are dried out by time, dry storage, or cleaning, the thing to do is replenish them. Glycerin, or even neat-foot oil, rubbed sparingly—very sparingly—into the back of the hide will do the trick.

Sock Repair
If bobby socks—or men's socks—feel uncomfortable, it may be due to loose threads and little knots inside. Turn these socks inside out and trim them.

Flour Sifter
Your flour sifter will stay clean and rust-free longer if you'll keep it, when not in use, inside an old cast-off pot or in a large paper bag.

Stuck Glass Stopper
If a glass stopper is stuck in its bottle, don't force it. Tap it gently with the stopper out of another bottle. If no other stopper is unstuck for the job, pour a few drops of glycerin around the top of the stuck stopper. It may take a few minutes, hours or days to soak through—depending upon how badly stuck the stopper is—but eventually it will enable you to withdraw the stubborn stopper with ease.

Chipped Furniture
To repair a chipped table or refrigerator, lay a small piece of appropriately-colored crayon on the spot, cover with cellophane, and then press gently with an iron set at rayon heat. When cool, remove the cellophane.

Auto Dents
Automobile door and body panels that have been sprung in may often be restored to shape with a plumber's rubber suction cup. Dip the cup in water and attach firmly at the deepest part of the dent, forcing as much air as possible from the cup. Then grip the handle firmly, and jerk. One operation will usually be sufficient to restore the section to its original contour.

Enameled Woodwork
To clean enameled woodwork, mix one cup of kerosene, one cup of vinegar, and a half-cup of water in a bottle. Shake thoroughly, apply to the woodwork with a soft cloth, and follow up with a dry-cloth polishing.

Tarnished Silverware
If your silver is somewhat tarnished looking, place it in potato water for awhile, and you'll find it looking much better when dried.

Watch Crystal Repair
Plastic watch crystals that become loose through wear can be fitted tightly by applying colorless fingernail polish around the edge of the crystal. As many coats as necessary to increase the diameter of the crystal are used. Care should be taken to keep the polish from the surface of the crystal. After the last coat has dried, the edge is sanded lightly for a smooth fit.

Washable Wallpaper
When cleaning washable wallpaper, make a heavy suds of warm water and mild soap, and apply with a clean cloth. Don't let the suds remain on the paper too long before rinsing off with a damp cloth.

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Q. What about self-sealing wind-resistant asphalt shingles—do they really work?

A. Definitely. Just be sure to ask for asphalt shingles that have been approved for wind resistance by Underwriters' Laboratories. UL-labeled shingles which have met rigid specifications for materials and have passed severe wind tunnel tests have helped save many homes from serious damage in hurricane-belt states.

Q. Why does an electric heating system require more insulation than oil or gas?

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Noise Costly

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