

Bedroom Suite of Five Spaces Gives Parents Useful Haven

Are you planning a home with a master bedroom separated from the children's bedroom wing?

Why not expand it into a versatile suite to which you can retreat in daytime or evening hours?

One home designed recently by a Pacific Coast architect has as its most unusual and luxurious feature a cluster of five useful

spaces, centered around the master bedroom.

The homeowners wanted such an arrangement, so they could retire in comfort from the scene when their teen-agers and friends held a social conclave in the main living area.

The master bedroom, bath and dressing rooms from the nucleus of the parents' wing, as is common in well-planned homes now being built.

But the further addition of a den for reading or television turned out to be a brilliant stroke by this architect. The adult's studio can be shut off from the bedroom with sliding doors. It also has direct entry from the hall.

And finally, a Douglas fir deck built flush with the bedroom floor, reached by one of the now popular sliding glass doors, completed the versatile bedroom suite. The deck is spacious enough for a couple of chaise lounges and a coffee table, all ready without fuss to serve up an hour or two of sun-basking.

A solid wall of the same rough-cut vertical siding as that on the house extends along one side of the deck at eaves height, assuring privacy from the front of the lot. Wooden box planters mark the outer corners of the deck, adding to the feeling that here is yet another room, the fifth, in this imaginative bedroom suite.

Within the house, the sense of unity is enhanced through the use of clear finished lumber paneling on most of the walls, west coast hemlock in this instance. Other western species such as Idaho white pine would serve equally well.

The tall sliding doors between bedroom and study bear the same natural finish, and the use of warm wood walls and built-ins within the suite works as a design element connecting indoors to the fifth, roofless room.

Here is an answer to a frequent family need. Teen-agers can entertain at home, out from under the constant scrutiny of parents who have no other area to retire to. Here mother and father leave the scene, but remain close at hand, comfortable in their private suite, that was designed for living as well as slumber.

Fir Masts Loom On 'Old Ironsides'

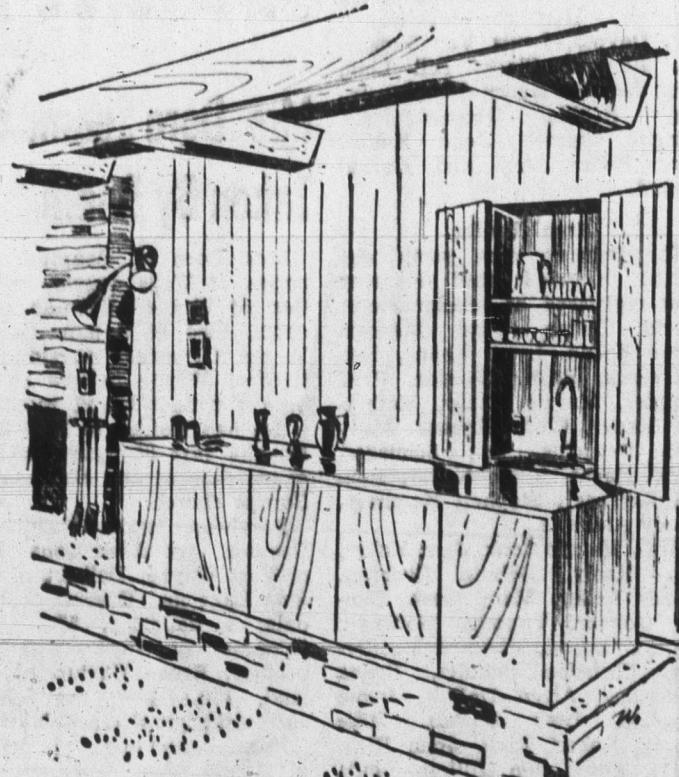
That famous fighting frigate, U. S. S. Constitution, unfurls her sails from tall masts of Douglas fir. A Pacific Coast firm recently supplied four timbers 110 feet long and 20 inches square for the vessel, now enshrined at Boston Navy Yard.

Attesting to the strength, uniformity and great height of the Douglas fir, the Navy has ordered no other wood for use in masts aboard "Old Ironsides" for many decades. This species is by far the most widely used in American home construction.

Vegetable Island

Remodeling a big, old-fashioned kitchen? Consider putting a new vegetable sink in an island tailored of long-lasting western woods. On one side of the sink, build in a chop block which doubles as giant-sized breadboard for baking operations, with counter on opposite side of the sink in tile or plastic laminate. Build drawers and cupboards into island for special implements needed here.

REFRESHING CABINET



Here's a slick way to make the job of hostess easier. This clever cabinet built into living room hearth wall hides a small sink and glassware. Other supplies can be kept in lower cabinet, along with the bridge decks and ash trays. When closed, cabinet doors blend perfectly into wall paneled in ponderosa pine.



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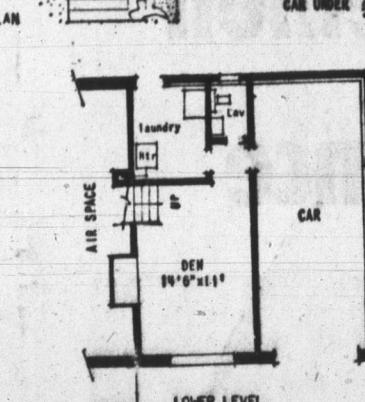
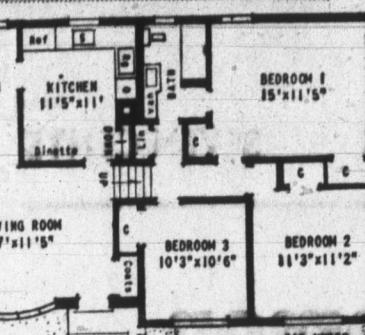
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Wood Gutters

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The fall of the year is the time to check out your house. Look at the downspouts and gutters and clean them out. Check your windows and doors, because you can lose a lot of heat in the winter if they are not tight and snug.

You should plan to paint your window sills every year for best wear and performance. It wouldn't hurt to give your windows a good coat of paint every year; it would help seal up any cracks or leaks.

If your gutters are in bad shape, and you've been battling fast wearing metal gutters for years, it might be a good idea to take a look at wood gutters. They require very little attention each year, aside from an occasional dose of red lead inside and maybe a painting on the outside to match the home.

Wood gutters have long been the favorite of people who like good detailing around their home. Also, wood gutters have a very long life when properly maintained. You can match Colonial styling with wood gutters or they will match as easily with contemporary home designs.

Man's most versatile raw material, wood, is the source of an amazing array of useful products, some 5,000 in number. But its most important use, as it has been since the day of the country's founders, is in home building.

This is why the most emphasis is placed on the widening range of building materials during National Forest Products Week, booked this year for October 18-24.

Lumber continues to be the major wood product, and the base material for four-fifths or more of the homes Americans build. The tree harvest also provides plywood, softboards and hardboards, shingles and shingles, wallpaper and certain plastics.

Homes have advanced remarkably since the day of the frontier cabin and even from that of the severe Victorian era. Today, skilled architects and builders are creating the finest homes of any era, and doing so with lumber as the chief material.

Informality and luxury, efficiency and beauty are fully compatible in today's home. Taken for granted now, the average new home would have dumbfounded people of just a few generations ago.

But its basic functions are the same as those of the 18th century house, and its structure has the same strength, emanating from ages-tested wood.

Two-thirds of the softwood lumber American forests produce for homes comes from 12 western states. Among their dozen commercial lumber species the most noted are Douglas fir and ponderosa pine.

Western lumber serves practically every use in home construction, and is available in the vast majority of communities through the country's 30,000 building material dealers.

Ceiling Magic

Builders' Dozen

A dozen species make up the family of western trees, from which is produced nearly two-thirds of the nation's softwood lumber production.

These species are: Douglas fir, ponderosa pine, western hemlock, Idaho white pine, sugar pine, larch, white fir, Engelmann spruce, western red cedar, Sitka spruce, lodgepole pine and incense cedar.

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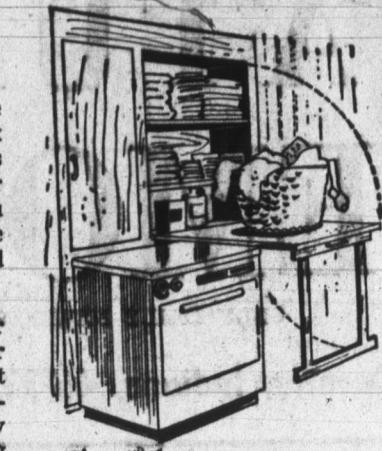
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