

A House to a Home

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at one side of the fireplace, and a table bearing a lamp at the other. The table lamp should do double duty, lighting both the occupant of an easy-chair at the fireside and a writer at the table. So much for a comfortable general living-room.

TWO erstwhile bedrooms at one side of this hall will now serve as dining-room and kitchen, with a serving hatch between. The kitchen will boast a central light, partly concealed and affixed to the ceiling, with brackets over the range and sink.

The dining-room will have its own special pendant over the dining table, and wall brackets over the mantelpiece, to be used for reading, study, or when more general lighting is required.

On the other side of the new hall or lounge are two corresponding rooms. These we propose to make into a drawing-room for my lady, and a study for her man of wrath. The drawing-room will have a centre fitting for use in case of need, or perhaps concealed lighting along the picture rail, to cast a soft, reflected glow over the whole room. I think, too, that she will ask for one or more standard lamps—probably one to light a cosy space near the fireside and another near the piano.

The study will need little beyond a central light, preferably semi-indirect, and a green-shaded reading lamp.

UPSTAIRS we found no less than four good rooms, arrived at by a fine staircase, terminating in a landing

nearly as large as the new hall. For this, after planning for a lamp at the end of the stairs on the newel post, we culled from the old sitting-room one of those old settees with cane back and seats. Somehow, it did not fit in with our ideas of downstairs, but here, with loose cushions and a fine old rug on the floor, it was ideal. It really made another sitting-room. When it began to look so nice, we let ourselves go here, and planned for a single candle sconce on each of the three walls.

Now, hush; Not a word! Never before had this house had a bathroom! Obviously, if Elsie were about to live here one must be found, but where? There were four bedrooms corresponding to the rooms downstairs. Should we sacrifice any of our beloved landing? No, rather one of the bedrooms must go. And we let it go with a will. The two rooms over the kitchen and the dining-room seemed the most suitable for iteration, so, moving the partition between the two a little, we achieved a roomy bedroom and a noble bathroom.

The bedroom, of course, will have its central fitting, its bedhead lamp, and its brackets over the dressing-table, and I somehow think Elsie will manage a little table lamp for a writing table.

AND now the bathroom! That really will possess the mysterious quality called IT. I do not think it will have a central fitting either. Rather I think it will have two or more concealed lights of comparatively low power concealed around the cornice again. Do you know the sort? They make you wonder when you turn the light on where it is coming from. There will be a shaving cabinet for

Benjamin, with a magnifying mirror and a light on either side of it, and another over the basin. We have not yet decided whether the basin and bath shall be sea-green or mauve porcelain. Elsie isn't sure which will tone the better with Benjamin's complexion.

The guest rooms on the other side of the landing—no, it is much too nice to be called a landing, the upper hall—shall be like unto the first. They, too, shall have their central lights to sit and talk by, while we brush the hair that we have not, the dressing table brackets by which to make our toilettes, and their bedhead lamps by which to read.

Benjamin, maybe, will be dismayed to find anything from 20 to 50 lamps installed in the old home, but the consumption of current will be small, because each of these lamps will burn when it is wanted and only then. The whole house will be enriched with lighting possibilities.

And now I am hoping Elsie will ask me to go to stay there!

Ten-Minute Marriages

THE Soviet seems to be reversing all our preconceived ideas on life. The latest is a form of marriage that takes 10 minutes and a divorce which occupies 9 minutes. The latter is remarkable. The petitioning party merely goes to the registry office and there lodges an application for a divorce. No grounds are given, for it is argued that parties not happy together should be released in the least possible time. "Have you any children . . . and what arrangements have you made for them?" is a question that is invariably put to he or she who seeks separation. Provision must be made for each offspring, but both man and woman have to share alike in responsibilities. Each is an economic unit in the eyes of the State, and responsibilities must be equally shared. It is stated that more than one young person under 25 has been refused marriage on the grounds that he or she has been married at least eight times previously. There is no form for either marriage or divorce. It is a case of enter the office married or single and come out single or married. Is this symbolic of the world of to-morrow?—G.A.G.

Fading and Distortion

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The obvious solution is to confine all the radiated waves to the ground, but means for doing this have yet to be devised.

Increasing the power of the station not only increases the daytime range, but also increases the area over which interference of ground and reflected waves may occur at night. This characteristic probably accounts for the fact that some of the lower-power stations which are heard only weakly in

the daytime, if at all, are quite free from distortion fading at night, as also are high-power stations at a distance when the receiver is beyond the range of the ground wave.

Observant listeners, therefore, if they experience distortion fading, will notice that there is always quite a definite relationship between meteorological conditions and the frequency or intensity of the fading.

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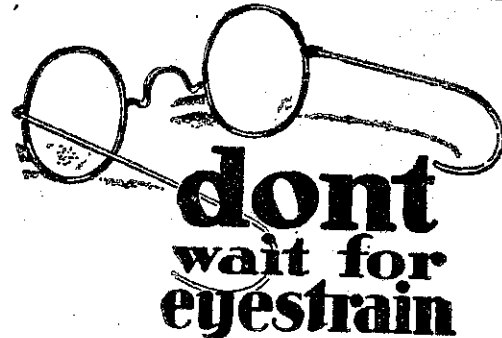


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