

Home Town Helps

HAS APPEARANCE OF CARPET

Western Man's Idea in the Use of Cement Could Be Carried Out in Many Ways

An air of perpetual festivity, like that of a reception or wedding, is worn by one residence in a western city as a result of the ingenuity used in laying the cement floor of the front porch and the cement walk from



Permanent "Carpet."

porch to street. In the middle of the walk, first there was laid cement in which green coloring ingredient had been mixed. This strip, about 18 in. wide, was continued up the front steps. On the porch it was broadened out into a rectangle which includes all of the floor save for a white border. The general effect achieved is that of a bright, green carpet and long runner.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

HAPPINESS IN OWNING HOME

Ideal Citizen is the Man Who Lives Upon and Cares for His Own Small Property.

A respondent writes: "We need not look far back into history to prove, nor far around us in the world to see, that the deepest contentment and the highest prosperity are ever found where there are the most proprietors of small holdings of land, each owner living upon and caring for his own property. The most stable and ideal governments in the world are those whose citizens in the largest number own and occupy their homes. The first step in the prevention of anarchy is to secure a home-owning and home-loving people, and the longest step toward peace and prosperity in a nation is the possession of its own home by each family in the state. The fundamental reason for this is in our nature—our intuition demands it—we know, because we are created to know, that the family home is the nearest approach to heaven that this earth affords, and is the source of the deepest contentment the human heart can attain."

Study of Park Shrubs Helpful.
It is a good plan to have some of the large shrubs in the corner of the lawn, and smaller ones in between should be in an irregular line, with a tall specimen here and there near the front, so the top line will not be too straight. By visiting parks a study can be made of the growing habits of the various shrubs. This will be found helpful in deciding what plants will be best suited for certain locations. You will avoid such mistakes as planting shrubs too close together and planting the wide spreading varieties too near the walk. Close planting may be practiced, but it is usually necessary to take up every other one within a few years. If plants are set near the walk it is often necessary to keep trimming them back every year.

Get Busy With Paint.
"Sadly in need of paint" is the verdict that anyone must pass upon the houses that in an automobile trip he will see along town and country roads while the trees are still bare. The "paint-up and clean-up" weeks that we had before the war we dropped for more urgent business and because of the high price of paint and labor. Now, when prices are a little easier, we should make up for the years of neglect. A house that is bare of pigment and dry of oil is all the time going backwards a little by reason of the assaults of the weather; and the still high cost of building a new house makes it well worth while to preserve an old one.—Youth's Companion.

Youth and the Motor.
"Are you seeing to it that your son's education includes courses of instruction that will help him in the busy affairs of life?"
"Yes, sir," replied Farmer Cornhouse. "I told Josh that no matter how fascinating his Greek and Latin might be, he must not let 'em interfere with his studyin' the traffic regulations."

AN ALL-AROUND LEGION MAN

Michigan's Newly Appointed Head of National Service Division is Equipped With Information.

A sailor, a traffic cop, a first sergeant, an assistant provost marshal and a patient in a army hospital for almost two years, Albert E. Haan of Michigan, newly appointed head of the American Legion's national service division, is well equipped to minister to the needs of ex-service men.

Mr. Haan gained the rank of captain on the battlefield and was severely wounded in action at Juvigny, France, while serving with the Thirty-second division. In Walter Reed hospital, Washington, for more than a year, he found out what the government intended to do for the wounded by studying plans and legislation concerning the subject. Discharged from the hospital last fall, he was made a special representative of the bureau of war risk insurance.

In army and navy camps he was instrumental through the American Legion in causing the reinstatement or conversion of \$5,000,000 in war risk insurance. In Michigan last November, as field representative of the war risk bureau, he directed a cleanup of hospital, insurance and compensation claims that placed the state ahead of all others in welfare accomplishments.

During the campaign he investigated the condition of ex-service men in the state prison at Jackson and the insane asylum in Kalamazoo. He worked with the Legion's welfare department to cause the parole of 150 men last year to the Legion. He obtained \$300,000 in funds raised during the war and used it in settling claims, relief of the disabled and their dependents and in untangling insurance difficulties and remedying hospital conditions.

Mr. Haan is twenty-eight years old. Coming out of high school, he entered the United States navy as an apprentice seaman. He served four years on the U. S. S. Idaho and was discharged as a quartermaster, second class. He then became a motor and traffic policeman in Grand Rapids, Mich. In 1916, he went to the Mexican border as a first sergeant in the Michigan Infantry. Before he entered the lines in France, he was assistant provost marshal at St. Nazaire, as a first lieutenant. Before the battle in which he was wounded, he had served in three offensives.

BOOKS FOR DISABLED HEROES

Congress Appropriates \$100,000 for Reading Material for Soldiers Confined to Hospitals.

Disabled heroes of the World war are not to be without good books to read while they are fighting to regain health in the hospitals of this country. Congress has appropriated in the civil sundry bill the sum of \$100,000 for the purchase of books, with the result that each of the 23,000 disabled veterans will soon have three or four new books to read. The American Library association, which still has charge of the libraries in the larger hospitals, has been embarrassed by a shortage of funds, and up to this time posts of the American Legion have taken over the duty of supplying books to the disabled in hundreds of the smaller hospitals. The appropriation by congress does not mean that either the services of the American Library association or the American Legion in this respect are to be dispensed with, but that they are to be greatly augmented and reinforced.

CREED OF THE DISABLED MAN

Afflicted Fellows of Washington, D. C., Post, Look on Brighter Side of Things.

Disabled veterans of the World war, nearly all of them overseas veterans and members of the Walter Reed post of the American Legion in Washington, D. C., have adopted what they term, "The Creed of the Disabled Man," which, called to the attention of President Harding upon a recent visit to the hospital, was by the President pronounced fine. The "creed" reads as follows:
Once more to be useful—to see pity in the eyes of my friends replaced with commiseration—to work, produce, provide and to feel that I have a place in the world, seeking no favors and given none—a man among men in spite of this physical handicap.

Cost of Living in Paris.
The cost of living in Paris is not exorbitant for an American, who is paid in American dollars, according to a letter from a member of the Paris Post of the American Legion.

"Beware the big restaurants and duck into the side streets unfrequented by tourists," the veteran warns. "I had a fine meal today for 8.50 francs, or about fifty cents.
The menu included: Friture de la Loire, 1.50 francs; omelette champignons, 2.25 francs; Chateaubriand (which is fried spuds and watercress), 2.50 francs; celeri braise, 75 centimes; macaroon, 75 centimes and fromage, 75 centimes.
"And after the meal, cafe cognac for 95 centimes!"

TORRANCE NEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Levy were Los Angeles visitors Sunday and Monday afternoons.

The different factories and shops were closed all day Monday.

S. Maus Purplis, general manager for the Decomposed Marine Shell and Bone Fertilizer Company, formerly known as the Torrance Lime and Fertilizer Company, spent the week-end in San Bernardino and vicinity in the interest of his company's sales department among citrus growers.

E. F. Smythe, bookkeeper for the D. M. S. & B. Co., was a visitor at Laguna Beach over the week-end.

Old Glory was very gracefully unfurled from the flag pole in Memorial Square over the week-end and was seen at half mast during the period. Similar flags were placed in front of the shops.

J. Forbes Anderson and wife of the Torrance Garage motored to Big Bear Sunday morning and returned to Torrance Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sammons of Cota avenue, with Los Angeles friends, formed a camping party and drove to Escondido Saturday morning and pitched their tent in the wilds of that section. Fishing, hunting and hiking afforded pleasures of the party while there. Bear and wild turkey was the quest of their pursuits.

Mrs. N. K. Wood has returned home from Arizona after an extended visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Isenstein and family enjoyed an outing at Santa Monica over Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Parks returned from their two weeks' camping trip to Yosemite. A most delightful outing was the verdict of Mr. Parks, who stated they encountered a snow storm while camping. They returned via Oakland and San Francisco.

The Auditorium Committee is considering several different types of chairs for the theatre, and were giving a number of samples the "once over" Tuesday morning, when they inspected several different types of chairs which a traveling salesman brought to Torrance.

A BOOSTER FOR TORRANCE

Mrs. D. Bernard of Torrance is one of the consistent boosters and never overlooks an opportunity to interest others in locating here, and in this respect her latest efforts has been directed towards having her sister, Fay V. Tilden, of Tucson, Arizona, come here. The following from the Tucson Citizen explains the work fully in which she is engaged:

"Fay V. Tilden, who has recently arrived in Tucson and will open a dancing academy in Dickerman's cafe, is both enthusiastic about her work and possessed of an unusually attractive personality. She has won distinction and admiration in San Diego, where she was playground director of Golden Hill and was prominent in arrangement of society dances, gymnasium for women and children's dances.

"Asked of the importance of dancing in the life of the community as well as of the individual, Fay Tilden replied: 'The spirit of youth should be with one always. This extraordinary physical characteristic can be retained only through diligent effort on your part. It is duty to yourself and your community.'

"Suppleness is retained through constant physical training and dancing. You cannot possess a mind that is alive with youthful spirits and a body that has what we call 'pep' and buoyancy without appropriate and regular activity. One might try to take regular exercise at home, but this is uninteresting. If one belongs to a gym class it stimulates the desire to keep up. Keep fit and you will keep young."

"Fay Tilden is a strong believer of the importance of clubs in the social life of a community, and in San Diego she organized the Golden Hill Women's Athletic and Social Club, Sans Souci, Golden Hill Civic Center, Adults' Friday Night Club. She is a member of the Trufflers, a San Diego club noted for its clever social evenings, which is directed. She also attended the University of Southern California and the State Normal. She hopes to be able to arrange attractive old-fashioned dances and novelty dances for the lovers of dancing here, and is most interested in classes made up of adults who are anxious to learn to dance, as well as the younger set and children."

The KITCHEN CABINET

It is better to be a steady, reliable plodder than to be a brilliant but erratic and undependable genius. The plodder wears better and in the end accomplishes more and better work. True, it may take him longer to do it than his brilliant brother, but the work is likely to be well done.—A. J. S., in American Cookery.

CHOICE DISHES.

These may be too fine for everyday use but will be enjoyed on occasions:

Chocolate Marshmallow Cream Roll.
Beat one cupful of sugar and two tablespoonfuls of cocoa into four eggs well beaten.

Add two tablespoonfuls of melted butter, fold in one cupful of flour in which one teaspoonful of baking powder has been sifted. Bake about fifteen minutes. Turn on a cloth, trim off the crisp edges on the four sides, spread with marshmallow filling and roll like a jelly roll. Let stand in the cloth well rolled for half an hour longer. Cover with confectioner's sugar frosting or with chocolate frosting. For the filling soften one-fourth of a pound of marshmallows in a double boiler. Melt one cupful of granulated sugar in one-fourth of a cupful of water and cook to the soft-ball stage. Pour in a line stream on the whites of two eggs, beaten stiff; continue to beat until the frosting is smooth. Add the softened marshmallows and a teaspoonful of vanilla; when stiff use for filling.

Rhubarb and Raisin Pie.—Cut the rhubarb into small pieces, enough to make one cupful. Add one cupful of raisins and let simmer in water to cover until the rhubarb is tender and the raisins well plumped. Strain and thicken the liquid with two tablespoonfuls of flour blended with two tablespoonfuls of butter. Sweeten with one-half cupful of sugar; stir in one well-beaten egg, mix with the rhubarb and raisins and pour into a fresh baked pastry shell. Serve when cold.

Asparagus With Buttered Crumbs.—Boil a bunch of asparagus. Place on a platter. In a saucepan put four tablespoonfuls of butter and one-half cupful of fresh bread crumbs; fry a deep brown. Sprinkle over the cooked asparagus with salt, pepper and minced parsley. Garnish with sliced hard-cooked eggs.

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