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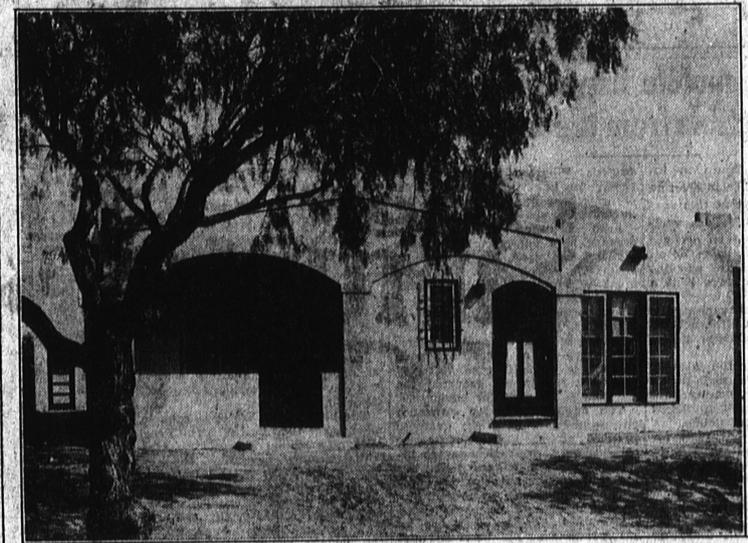
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Novel Duplex and Garage Apt. Built for Miss Mowry



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That Torrance is rapidly becoming a center for lovely small homes, is being proved daily by the number of attractive homes that are being erected here.

Homes, duplexes and apartments in attractive architecture are to be found in every part of town.

This new duplex was recently built for Miss Elta Mowry at 1726 Martin Avenue, M. L. Darling of the Industrial Housing Corporation designed and built it.

The duplex is slightly elevated from the level of the sidewalk, and stepping stones grade the sloping lawn. The house is reminiscent of the old Spanish houses, with its pale tan stucco finish, and dark brown wood-trim and griled windows.

Arrangement of rooms is the same on both sides of the duplex, although the color scheme in some of the rooms varies. Each unit contains five rooms, a living room, dining room, kitchen, two bedrooms and bath. A tiny entrance hall, with a small griled window, greets visitors. The living room is the full width of the house, and has an attractive composition tile fireplace at one end. This fireplace tile imitates the most expensive type of tile, and is a clever description, unnoted at a casual glance.

Three long windows face the front lawn, and are so arranged as to form one large window for draping. The two outer windows are casements, while the middle one is stationary. There is also a casement window on each side of the fireplace.

The dining room is small and cozy and the wide arch between it and the living room, gives full view of the dining room from the living room.

These rooms, together with the reception hall, are papered with a subdued, neutral paper, and have hardwood floors. The woodwork is gumwood.

The kitchen, finished in two shades of green, is just off the dining room, and fitted with the modern conveniences to be found in the newer small homes. Well planned cupboards line the walls, and a breakfast table, and two chairs, painted the same colors as the kitchen, are found in one corner.

Off the long hall, reached from the dining room, are the two bedrooms and bath. Here also is a large linen closet, filled with deep shelves.

Both bedrooms are papered, one finished in ivory and the other in orchid. The bath is ivory with black trim.

In the other unit, the kitchen is brightly finished in two shades of yellow, a new and extremely attractive note in kitchen finishes. In that side one bedroom is finished in green, and the other in orchid.

On the small enclosed porches in the units, are quite large built-in closets for brooms, mops, etc., with a generous storage space above. Then beneath the automatic hot water heater is another cupboard, which may be used for soiled clothes, soaps, etc.

In the back of the duplex is a unit of three garages, over which is built an apartment that is one of the most attractive and cheerful dwellings that may be found.

Windows all around the living room, give a view of the surroundings and lend an air of hominess and cheerfulness.

Here is a sunny bedroom, a tiny room that may be used as a den or a small extra bedroom, and a kitchen, finished in green, with green tile drainboard.

A quaint crooked little hall, which angles off the living room, has a ceiling high group of springs doors, some opening up and others opening down, that form individual linen doors. There are doors to the den and the bath off the hall also.

A tiny enclosed service porch off the kitchen, has a door that opens to the tiny platform at the head of the entrance stairs. Both the front and rear doors open onto this porch, thus making one stairway serve the purpose of two.

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