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The Old Adobe Lives On!

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bradford Have Combined the Beauty of Old Mexico with the Convenience of the Modern in Their New Home at 1226 Acacia.



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The charm of the old adobe dwellings is in this attractive five room stucco home built for Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Bradford by M. L. Darling of the Industrial Housing Corporation.
 It has an exterior of white stucco with green wooden shutters on the smaller windows, and a touch of dark brown wood on the porch. Two small patios, walled in with white stucco walls, adorn the house. One runs parallel with the side of the house and has an entrance to the dining room. Wrought iron gates decorate this patio, and blooming flowers are on each side of the walk that runs through it.
 Small stepping stones run diagonally across the lawn and to the front porch, to the left of which is one of the small patios. This one is built to form a spot of beauty when the front bedroom window is opened.
 The door to the living room is of unusual design, with a small gridded window. Orchid is used sparingly but effectively in the decoration of the door.
 In the living room the finish is an imitation of the old adobe, faintly tinted tan. The woodwork, or what is the imitation of woodwork, further carries out the old Spanish idea, for it is what is called bull-nose moulding. A narrow line is painted around the base of the walls and around the doors. This is of green, and is finished with the customary quarter round moulding at the bottom. It is a new type of finishing, and is dustless.
 A large square window, composed of many oblong panes of glass, overlooks the front lawn, and another window, a casement window with oblong glasses is on the side. At this window is a disappearing screen that may be pulled down in the event that the windows are opened. The window opens out into the patio.
 There is one small step up to the dining room, which is finished in the same manner as the living room. Across one end of the room are the French doors to the patio, and long French windows on each side.
 Beyond this is the kitchen with the cozy breakfast alcove off of it. This alcove is lighted by two windows, and there is a dainty arch between it and the kitchen.
 The kitchen, finished in yellow and cream, with touches of green and black, is extremely well lighted, and attractive in finish and convenience. Golden yellow tile is used for the drain boards on each side of the sink and in back of it. There are many cupboards, a built-in ice box and cooler, ironing board and built-in iron cabinet.
 Off the kitchen is an enclosed service porch, from which one may see the double garage in back.
 From the dining room one enters the hall, which has doors to two bedrooms and the bath. There is a long linen closet in the hall.
 One bedroom, the front one, is finished in a delicate shade of green, which gives it a very unusual and attractive effect painted over the uneven adobe finish. Two casement windows, one overlooking the tiny patio in front, light the room.
 The other bedroom, directly across the hall, is finished in a delicate shade of pink, and has a recessed window. A clothes closet set within the square walls, gives reason for the recessed window, and the finished effect is charming.
 A bath of blue and white tile completes the floor plan of the house. In the bathroom is also a long cupboard with long doors and drawers, giving the effect of the old time portable "pantry."

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