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A HOUSE EXQUISITE IN TILE



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This 6 room stucco California bungalow is doubly attractive in that it has a wealth of beautiful tile work both inside and out, and is built to conserve every foot of space in the house.

The entrance porch is recessed to more than half its width, and with the solid wall of stucco on the front, it gives the impression of a patio to one standing within. The porch is floored with red pattern tile, which is complimented by a roof of red Holland tile. This Holland tile differs somewhat from the ordinary type of tile used for roofs in that it lays flat though giving a raised effect.

In the living room, which is finished with a combed tapestry finish and a cornerless panel ceiling, is a huge window that covers the entire front of the living room. A large portion of this window is solid glass, while there is a paneled portion on each side and at the top. From the outside, one notices that this huge window is inset, and the inset lined with a colorful green tile.

On each side of the window there is just room for the built in brick-a-brac niches, each of which is electrically wired. A real fireplace is in the middle of one side of the room, and is outlined and has a raised hearth of Aztec tile. On each side of this is a window, while above is a built in arch made for a clock.

There is an arched opening to the dining room, which is finished in the same manner as the living room. A long French door, with French windows on each side opens onto the front porch.

In the hallway off the dining room are two linen closets, one at each end. Two bedrooms, finished in ivory and containing a large closet with built in shoe racks and shelves, have cove ceilings. Conspicuous in its absence in this house is the ordinary type of floor board and woodwork. The bathroom is flush with the plaster, leaving only the quarter round projecting. This is a new type of finish, and is not only quite pleasing to see, but easy to keep clean in that it is dustless.

In the back bedroom of the house, there are two sets of built-in drawers, one on each side of the window, forming a type of dresser. The bathroom is a symphony in

orchid. Orchid and black large tiles are used in the floor, with a border effect created by the manner in which the tiles are laid.

Water lilies on orchid tiles form the border around the top of the tile on the walls. The tile which is a mottled orchid is laid diagonally till it reaches the row just above the bath tub, and from there it is laid straight. This gives a novel and striking effect. The windows and doors are tiled in the tiny quarters of tile forming the casings.

Lining the shower is a tile effect that stamps the bath as one of the most modern being built into the new houses. Vari-colored tile has been used, placed in a bit and miss fashion, and the effect is like that of an interesting patchwork quilt.

The kitchen is another spot in the house that incites the envy of every woman who visits this home. Green mottled tile is used for the wall, and reaches to the ceiling, which is tinted to match the tile. An ocean scene, hand painted on tile, runs around the drain board, and is particularly beautiful. There is a double sink, located beneath the kitchen window, and convenient cupboards for every purpose. A large refrigerator for iceless refrigeration has been built into the kitchen.

Black tile outlines the kitchen window, and also lines the arch between the kitchen and the breakfast room, which has a block patterned tile floor, and oyx tile on the walls for a height of about three feet.

Each corner has a corner cupboard, with glassed in doors above, a silver drawer, and doors below. There are two windows in the room.

On the enclosed service porch are two long cupboards for storage, a telephone stand, built in milk compartment, reached from the outside by the milk man and taken in from the inside, an ironing board and iron compartment. The floor is of green and buff small tiles.

An unusual feature of the house is that the inside of the cooler and the cupboards also have tile, making them easier to clean, and cooler all the time. There are 52 small cupboard doors in the house whereas the ordinary house has about 12.

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