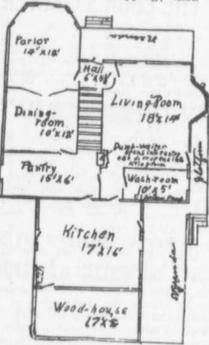


An Up-to-date Farm Home

Among the many attractive and comfortable farm homes that have come to our notice of late is that of Mr. J. T. Birchard, of Victoria Co., Ont., an illustration of which appears on page 16. After much persuasion Mrs. Birchard was prevailed upon to send us drawings of the first and second floor plans of her home, which are also reproduced herewith.

The house is built of solid brick, plastered on the inside. Then comes the studding or stripping, then the

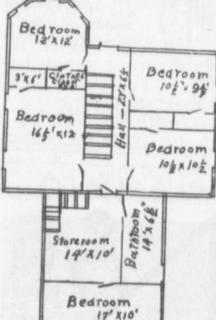


First floor plan of home of Mr. J. T. Birchard, of Victoria Co., Ont.

laths and finally the plaster, all of which, Mrs. Birchard writes, makes the home much warmer than it otherwise would be.

THE GROUNDS

The grounds are surrounded by a "three thorn acacia" hedge, which was set out in the year 1886. In 1901 the young trees were trimmed by their branches and bent over at the roots or "plashed," and pinned to stands of wire which serve to keep them in place. Cedar hedges also separate the front lawn from the vegetable garden. The sprig of spruce to the west of the houses, we find excellent shelter for the orchard as well



Second floor plan of the home of Mr. J. T. Birchard, Victoria Co., Ont.

as a protection for the house against winter winds.

The small building to the south is the old log cabin, preserved as a relic of one of the earliest settlers in that part of the country. This house was built about 70 years ago by Mr. Elisha Birchard.

In a letter received from Mrs. Birchard, she writes: "In this old house we found two old newspapers; one was an issue of the Toronto Globe,

dated July 21, 1863, printed at the time of the American Revolution. The Herald, dated July 18, 65. In the latter is a good picture of Abraham Lincoln. This cut is outlined with heavy black lines, and gives full particulars of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln."

DESCRIPTION OF PLANS OF HOUSE

A glance at the first floor plan of the Birchard home, shows at once that it is a most commodious, well arranged and very comfortable. A spacious bay window is an attractive feature of the parlor, which opens into a large hall and into the dining room as well. A large living room, 13 x 14 feet, occupies nearly the whole of one half of this flat. From this living room is a dumb waiter, which opens into a large pantry, and also into the living room.

A convenient wash room back of the living room is to be found with an entrance into it from the kitchen and from an outside platform, making such an arrangement extremely convenient for the use of the hired help. A cistern pump is to be found in this room. Another convenient feature at the rear of the kitchen is a large wood house, where the wood is piled and kept dry for use at any time. A large veranda off the kitchen, and at the front of the living rooms, adds greatly to the enjoyment and comfort of the family.

SECOND FLOOR PLAN

Four large bedrooms, of unusual size, are the best feature of the upstairs of this home. Each of these bedrooms opens into a central hall. Back of the central part of the house is one of Mrs. Birchard's most convenient spots, a large store room, 14 x 10 feet, and a convenient well-arranged bathroom of an unusual size, 14 x 9 1/2 feet. Plenty of windows and good ventilation, are to be found in this well arranged home. The house is heated by a hot air furnace.

The barn and driving house stand to the east of the dwelling and are not shown in the illustration.

The Upward Look

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.—Math. 7: 21.

We sometimes hear people say, as an excuse for not becoming Christians and joining the church, that there are too many hypocrites among professing Christians. Such people, when they give the reason honestly, are to be pitied. If we will hold a cent piece close enough to our eye it will shut out the light of the sun. So it is with these people. They are allowing their sight to be obscured by the faults of sinful men that they are unable to see the glorious vision of God's loveliness.

Our text shows that Christ recognized that all professing Christians are not honest. He has warned us to beware of wolves that come to us in sheep's clothing. Our text shows also, that Christians who are following Christ in name only will not be benefited by their hollow professions. They cannot enter the kingdom of heaven unless they do as God has commanded them. They must love God in sincerity and in truth, they must love their neighbors, they must forgive their enemies, they must be generous and kind to the poor, they must be humble and lowly.

When Christ was on earth He recognized, as we must to-day, that there were many things about the church that were not pleasing to God. He went to the temple and drove out the money lenders, and the others who did business there. This

knowledge, however, did not lead Him to refuse to identify Himself with the church. Instead, He went into the synagogues and taught.

People who complain about the hypocrites who are in the church, should read the warning Christ gave them when He said: "Judge not that ye be not judged," and "Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and behold a beam is in thine own eye. Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye." (Math. 7: 4, 5.) Thus we see, that they who complain about the inconsistency of Christians should ask themselves seriously and earnestly if there is not a danger that they are hypocrites themselves. They should study the bible to see what Christ, who is the only example that we should follow, taught on this subject.

We, who are followers of Christ should remember that He has said that we shall be known by our fruits. We should ask ourselves if we are living so that we will not offer occasion for our brother to stumble and if the fruits of our lives are such as are likely to be pleasing in our Master's sight.—I. H. N.

Talks with Mothers

Mothers are requested to write the Houseful Editor on any matters they would like to see discussed relating to questions of interest to them. We will endeavor to publish short letters by our Canadian mothers. Contributions for this column are solicited.

Look For Causes

By Helen M. Richardson.

Do you ever stop to think when your little boy is "cross," as you call it, and bangs his head upon the floor and sets up a howl for something that has been denied him that he may be all tired out, as you often are when things go awry?

A normal, healthy child is seldom ill-natured. The little fellow who kicks his playthings about or strikes at you, rebelliously with his baby hands, in nine cases out of ten is suffering from a nervous derangement of his system just as you are when you say the hasty word or are sorry for the moment it is uttered, or give this same rebellious little boy the shake or the slap you also regret the next instant.

Children have their moods as well as older people; why should they not? And their moods are in a measure governed by the physical condition of the person subject to them. Yet we who do not control our own short comings presume to chastise our little ones who have not been taught by either precept or example to be self-controlled, for so skillfully copying their elders.

Instead of the hasty reprimand, why not first endeavor to find out the reason for Mary's peevishness or Johnnie's stubbornness? Very often it can be traced to an excess of improper food, impossible as this may seem to the average mother. And the doughnuts which Johnnie eats at breakfast, and oftentimes between meals, also, have nothing except the hole in them, according to the statement of a physician, to commend them to favor.

If parents would often stop to take these seemingly trivial things into consideration, and would profit by the insight thus gained, there would be less cross, nervous children in the world to grow up into nervous dyspeptics by the simple law of cause and effect. And if instead of punishing the child who has "tantrums" the mother were to take it for a walk in the fresh air, or would otherwise skillfully divert its attention she would in all probability succeed in banishing the

trifling humor, and she would also be taking the first step towards finding the cause of its peevishness, and by finding the cause be prepared to apply a remedy.

What Some Women Have Done

Not long ago, our attention was drawn to the work accomplished by a good band of women in a very rural community of Indiana. This work was that of improving and caring for their cemetery, the usually most neglected spot in any country town or village. A brief summary of what these women have done follows, and we are in hopes that the women of Canada will read it with much interest, and that we shall hear of other similar organizations in Canada, during the coming season.

We should be pleased to have other women write us if they have done anything of the kind in their town, with



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