

Mother hurriedly, "are you sure they have yet cherry seeds? Cherries ain't ripe yet, and—"

"We didn't—we didn't!" came in a perfect chorus of walls from the little fence birds.

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An Up-to-date Model Farm House

The fine farm home of Isaac Holland of Brownsville, Oxford Co., Ont., illustrated in this issue of Farm and Dairy, is one that any farmer may well imitate. This farm house scored second highest in the first Dairy farms Competition held by Farm and Dairy, although the other portions of the farm did not secure as high as some of the others competing. Mr. Holland's house took first place under the heading of arrangement and plan and finish. The highest score for these two points was awarded to Mr. Holland. The dwelling and farm buildings are about 300 yards from the highway. A fine avenue of maple trees and a good gravel road lead to the house. Concrete walks lead from the front and back of the house to the avenue. On three sides of the house is a fine lawn enclosed by an iron fence on a cement foundation. This is shown in the illustration.

"When planning my house," said Mr. Holland in a letter to Farm and Dairy, "I had three points in view, convenience, durability and appearance. The walls are of red pressed brick, and the roof is covered with slate, making a very durable construction, and giving an attractive appearance. The best of material was used in the house."

FLOOR PLANS

The rooms on the first floor can be designated by the floor plans given in this issue. These rooms have all 10 ft. ceilings. The dining room has a door to the veranda, one to the sitting room and one each to the kitchen and pantry. The staircase to the second floor enters the dining room. The kitchen, pantry and dining room are arranged to save the housewife many steps. The sitting room has a fireplace and mantel with a large plate glass mirror. The floor of the sitting room and hall are made of soft maple, red cherry and walnut. The maple and cherry are cut in three-inch strips and laid alternately. The walnut forms a fancy design for the border. These floors when well dressed and polished, present a very attractive appearance. There are large rolling doors between the parlor and sitting room, and the dining room and hall. Most of the rooms downstairs and two of the bedrooms upstairs are finished in polished oak of the best kind.

SECOND FLOOR PLAN

The second floor plan as illustrated shows the various rooms on the second floor, including closets and bath rooms. These rooms have all 9 ft. ceilings. All the bedrooms and the bathroom open into the hall. The bathroom is equipped with all modern fixtures. A stairway leads from the back hall to the attic. The attic stairs, cellar stairs and the middle stairs are all directly over each other, thus avoiding waste of space. A tank for cistern water is placed in the attic. The water is piped from this to the bathroom, kitchen and washroom in the basement.

THE BASEMENT OF THE HOUSE

The cellar or basement consists of a hallway, pantry, and the various other rooms shown in the floor plan. The floors are of cement and the rooms are divided by brick walls. A dumb waiter is installed between the first floor and the cellar and pantry. The firewood is all kept in the cellar during the winter. "The Wood Elevator," writes Mr. Holland, "is one of our greatest conveniences. It runs

between the washroom in the basement and the kitchen."

A two and a half horse power gasoline engine manufactured by Gould, Shapley & Muir, is used in the washroom for pumping water from a large cistern to the tank in the attic. Pumping is done on the washroom. The engine then drives the pump and the washing machine at the same time. The cost of pumping

person who is full of God's spirit and in whom God dwells.

And thus we ourselves can tell how near we are living to God, and how much of God's spirit is within us, by the manner in which we love. If our thoughts are mostly of self and of our own objects and desires and we do not feel a warm love for others, we may know that we are not loving God as we ought, and we will

running over, as an immediate reward.

Throughout this Christmas season we should be living very close to God. On all sides the spirit of God is in evidence. The store windows, full of their Christmas offerings, reveal this. The greetings and good wishes and gifts of our friends and acquaintances are but the showing forth of the spirit of God, the spirit of love, that is within them. And we, if we are to be truly happy, must enter wholeheartedly into this spirit of love. We must forget self and think of others. We must look for and take advantage of the opportunities to do the many kind deeds, and to speak the loving words that often count for more, than every day affords. And above all our hearts should be full of love for God, for "In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins." (1 John, 4: 9, 10.) Let us, therefore, do all that we can to show forth the spirit of God by loving both God and the dear ones and others who are all around us. If we will but do this the true spirit of Christmas, the spirit of love, the spirit of God, will enter our hearts and we will receive a taste of celestial happiness.—I.H.N.

Lay a mat of fresh green cedar on the ironing table, pass the hot iron over and over it, and the iron will be as smooth as glass. Clip the cedar off, discarding any hard stems, and pile up the twigs. It is just rough enough to give the peculiar volatile oil that does the work of cleaning and smoothing iron better than anything I have ever seen tried.—Mrs. Bruce.



Up-to-date and Comfortable

A fine farm house owned by Mr. Isaac Brownsville, Oxford Co., Ont. This house is well equipped and finished for comfort, durability and convenience. See description and floor plans on this page.

and washing for a large family is about four cents a week for the cost of the gasoline. The engine may also be used to drive the separator, churn, etc. This labor-saving convenience we have used for nearly two years.

HEATING AND LIGHTING OF THE HOUSE
Our house is heated with a McClary Sunshine heater, and lighted with acetylene gas. The machine for making the gas is manufactured at Aylmer, Ont. The cost of this gas machine was about \$100, including piping and chandeliers. Every room is lighted by gas and the rooms on the first floor are all equipped with good chandeliers.

We have a local and long distance telephone, which is a great convenience. We have been using it over two years. It is placed in the dining-room, with an extension transmitter to the basement.

The Upward Look

God is Love

Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.—1 John, 4: 7, 8.

At this Christmas season, when our hearts are full of love for one another, it is a sweet thought to know that God is love. We are told also that God is a spirit, and thus we know that God is the spirit of love. Even more than this we know, and that is that "He that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God and God in him." (1 John, 4: 16.)

Does this not bring God very near to us? When once we begin to comprehend this great truth, it comes home to us that God truly is everywhere and that we can, if we will but look, see Him on all sides. Wherever we see a loving deed done we see the Spirit of God manifested. Wherever we find a person who, all the time, is unconsciously performing kind deeds for others, we see a

That Cold Room



on the side of the house where winter blasts strike hardest always has a lower temperature than the rest of the house. There are times when it is necessary to raise the temperature quickly or to keep the temperature up for a long period. That can't be done by the regular method of heating without great trouble and overheating the rest of the house. The only reliable method of heating such a room alone by other means is to use a

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