

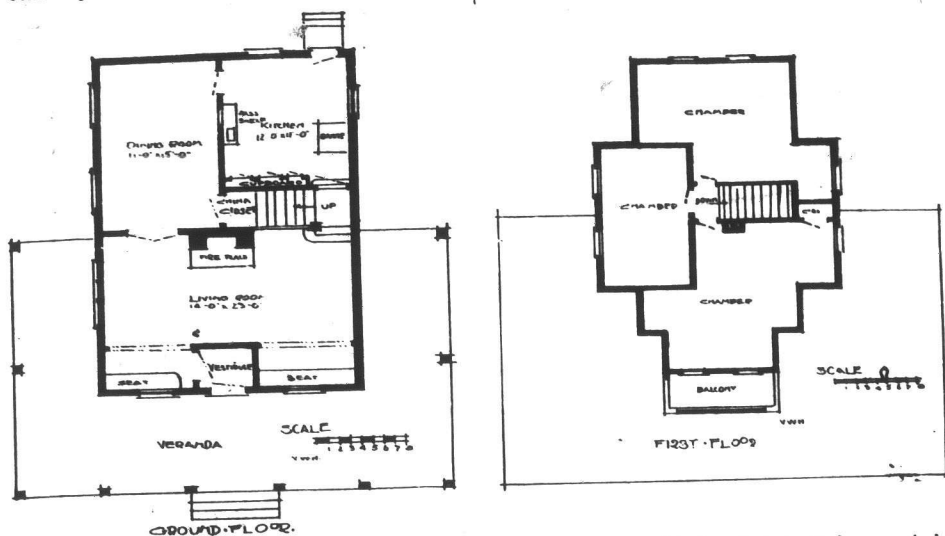
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ORIGINAL PLANS

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The measure of comfort to be enjoyed in the home is generally the result of careful attention to the smaller details. The main idea of any building can be imagined by any layman, but the carrying out should be left entirely to the specialist, whose aim is

in tone, and upstairs all woodwork to be painted white, with a quiet wall paper without pattern, and tinting the ceiling. The dimensions are given on the plans. There is no basement, and the house is set on flat stones. 2 in. x 4 in. studs are used throughout, 6 x 8



to incorporate all the minor problems into the general scheme without detracting from the finished appearance.

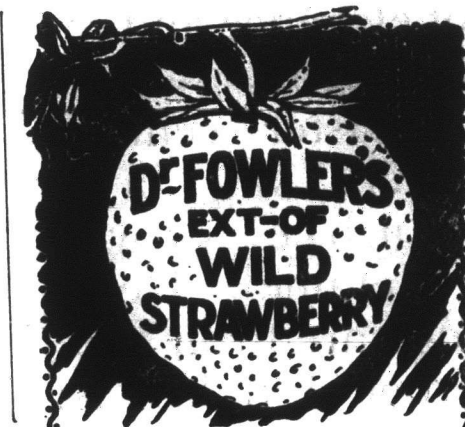
sills, 2 in. x 10 in. joist, 2 in. x 4 in. rafters, B. C. shingles and all stock frames.



This cottage is inexpensive, yet has an air of repose and hospitality that is very alluring. The fireplace is a massive brick one, and with a cheerful fire will prove irresistibly attractive. Around it will gather the memories of many happy evenings, when the winter sun is low and all outside drear and frost-bound. It appeals equally to the bachelor and the man of family. The bachelor gathers his books around him, and the father his children, and then when the day's work is over, surrounded by those they love, revel in its comfortable glow. The kitchen is compact and convenient, the cupboards well arranged. Entrance to the front is over the stair landing. The stairs are simple, having square balusters and newel running from the treads to the ceiling. The dining-room should be either wainscotted or burlaped. A very nice wainscoting is made of 3 in. by 3 in. cedar, with rounded edges, the cap about 4 ft. 6 in. from the floor and made into a plate rail. The bedrooms are under the roof, and the ceiling runs from 8 ft. 10 in. to 5 ft. 6 in. at the sides. All the finish would be in cedar, excepting the floors and stairs, which should be fir. Trim to be as plain as possible. There are some exceedingly good stock trims, and some very bad ones. The simplest is the best and least expensive. The flooring down stairs to be kept low

Ancient Trees.

These yews are old, very old; some of them were stalwart trees even before Caesar landed on these shores," says Thos. C. Ireland, of England. "There is one now standing in the church yard at Fortingal, in Perthshire, which Decondole, nearly a century ago, proved to the satisfaction of botanists to be over twenty-five centuries old, and another at Hedsor, in Bucias, which is 3,240 years old. How Decondole arrived at an apparently correct estimate of the enormous age of these living trees is a simple thing, and the principle is doubtless well known to-day to all. The yew, like most other trees, adds one line, about the tenth of an inch, to its circumference each year. He proved this after an investigation extending over several years, and we know now, 100 years later, that his deductions were correct. The old yew at Hedsor has a trunk 27 feet in diameter, proving its great age, and it is in a flourishing, healthy condition now, like its brother at Fortingal. "Their years are few, though, compared with those of some other trees. In one chapter of his writings Humboldt refers to a gigantic baobab tree in Central Africa as the oldest organic monument in the world. This tree has a trunk 29 feet in diameter, and Adanson, by a series of careful measurements, demonstrated conclusively that it had lived not less than 5,150 years. "Still it is not the oldest organic monument in the world, as Humboldt declared, for now Mexican scientists have proved that a huge cypress tree, standing in Cheputepet, with a trunk 118 feet in circumference, is older than it—older, too, by more than a thousand years—for it has been shown, as conclusively as these things can be shown, that its age is about 6,200 years. To become impressed with wonder over this, one has only to dwell on that duration for a little while in thought."



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