were to be found in almost every home. To all of us these old pieces of furniture have greater charm if they come to us from some former generation and are associated with our childish imaginings of family gatherings and wonderful great aunts and uncles, but a well made reproduction of these types will have just the same value in making our home beautiful.

But the furnishing of a home presents other difficulties than knowing what is suitable to buy. The good pieces of suitable to buy. The good pieces of furniture are expensive and frequently have to be bought one piece at a time, it is probable that most of us are familiar with the difficulties of harmon-izing the one new piece with the more worn and less expensive furniture that the room already contains. The more beautiful our newly acquired treasure is the more trouble it is likely to give us. It is well to decide in the beginning the style of furniture and kind of wood which you wish to use, and keep this always in mind in making new pur-chases. Old furniture which must be used in the room can be made of the same color by the use of a stain; and where cheaper new pieces must be bought to fill in temporarily wicker will be found to answer the purpose very nicely. Many of the shapes in the wicker furniture are very good. The chairs are extremely comfortable and may be stained to correspond with the rest of the furniture. It is most important that the relation between the varying pieces in the room shall be felt. as, if each draws attention separately to itself, the effect is more suggestive of a furniture ware-room than a home.

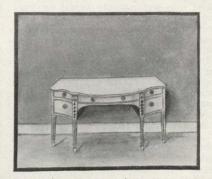
If it is necessary to economize in some part of the house it is wisest to use the best furniture in the dining room, living-rooms, and drawing-room and a cheaper quality in the bed-rooms, though beauty of shape, and comfort need not be sacrificed. Wicker and white enamel are pretty and inexpensive and quite suitable for this purpose.

Books are exceedingly ornamental in

Books are exceedingly ornamental in our homes, filling a second place only to our pictures, and the question of how they shall be arranged and cared for is worthy of careful consideration. If the house contains a library it is here of course, that most of the books will be kept, the shelves usually being built into the room and finished like the woodwork. If the books are very numerous work. If the books are very numerous these sometimes run to the ceiling, the upper shelves affording room for books of reference that will not be in frequent use; but a more pleasing effect is obtained by letting the shelves run only to a height that is easily reached, the space above leaving room for the pictures and the top of the book-case gives opportunity for the placing of a cast or a choice piece of pottery.

the exception, and walnut and mahogany suitable size for magazines. An attractive sitting-room has book-cases built in at either side of a wide window, reaching the whole width of the room, but taking very little from its length. The shelves for the magazines are placed beneath the window seat and are enclosed as magazines do not stand wear well enough to be very ornamental. This makes a comfortable place to read with the books close at hand.

If there are only a few books a single shelf fastened securely but inconspicuously to the wall at a convenient height often answers the purpose. This should



CELLARET SIDEBOARD (HEPPELWHITE)

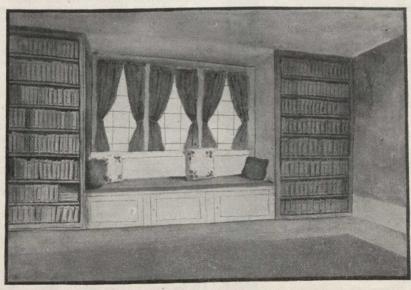
be of the same wood as has been used in the rest of the room and be made with ends high enough to hold the books securely. It is a mistake to place brica-brac and books on the same shelf.



## A Cement House

HERE will be no water bugs or mice for the housewife to fight in the future, for she will live in a cement house into which they cannot penetrate. It will take just six hours to build it. "I believe," says the inventor, "that a house can be erected complete with plumbing and heating apparatus for \$1,200 on land underlaid with sand and gravel. Every house would be different, but in this priced house the general plan would be twenty-five by There would be three thirty feet. storeys, a cellar and six large living and sleeping rooms. There will be airy halls and a bathroom. Such a house as this would stand on a lot forty by sixty feet."

In the vision outlined by the inventor these houses, all of them different in shape and design, will stand on a succession of wide lawns with blooming beds of flowers. These will all combine into flowered towns in which there will The shelves form only a setting for into flowered towns in which there will the books which they contain and, like be no animals either harnessed or run-



BUILT-IN BOOKSHELVES

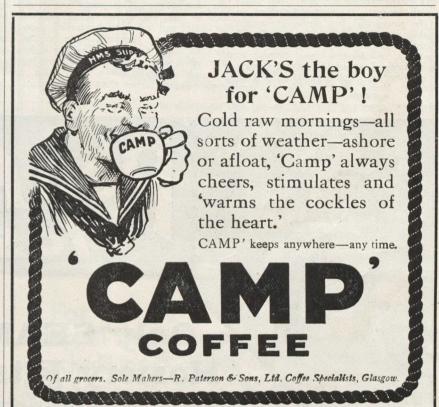
ally the plain wood is the best.

If the books are kept in the living room the book shelves are usually of smaller proportions and may frequently be so arranged as to take up little space while adding greatly to the attractiveness of the room. A corner may some-times be utilized for this purpose, the shelves either following the wall or built across the corner. In the corner book-case shown in the illustration the the lower divided into compartments of door to answer the grocery man.

the frame of a picture, should not be ning loose. "The worst use of money ornamented in any way that will draw is to make a fine thoroughfare and then the chief interest to themselves. Usu- turn it over to horses," says Edison. 'The cow and the pigs are gone and the horse is still more undesirable.

Life is to be one continual picnic as far as cooking and eating is concerned, for besides the improved cooking facilities the food will all come in packages. In this way it will be partly prepared and there won't be anything to put into the garbage box. More wonderful still there won't be any marketing, in the ordinary sense, and upper shelves are used for books and there will be no bother running to the





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