

# HOUSE FURNISHING AND DECORATION.



New ideas and odd conceits for home decoration are always welcome, and the few suggestions here offered possess the charm of artistic simplicity as well as practicality.

At the top of the page is shown a dainty little hall or dining-room ornament in the shape of a musical Japanese bell, which will be sure to attract interested attention. It is made of brass effectively enamelled with bright Oriental colorings in fantastic designs. Holding the three portions together and fastened in graceful festoons is a heavy gilt cord and tassels.

In the lower corner is portrayed a coezy sitting or living room. A room of this description adds greatly to the comfort and general elegance of a home and is always particularly enjoyable, as it reflects more or less the individuality and good taste of the occupants. A cool green carpet covers the floor, and a large cabinet rather Oriental in character is one of the most ornamental articles. This cabinet may be utilized to give a variety of decorative results. Upon the top shelf are tastefully disposed a few pieces of favorite bric-a-brac, and in the small curtained recesses just below are bookshelves divided by



a small box effect having a door of ornamental scroll work in handsomely carved wood. A row of photographs in a long

covered oak frame gives a finish to the lower part. Just in front of the cabinet is artistically placed a sofa, uniquely designed and covered in a pretty Empire stripe of green and white. A small side cabinet with doors of leaded glass and a gilt mirror are effective wall decorations, as is also a handsome plaque of heavy hammered brass. A mahogany stand with a swinging mirror is tastefully placed beside the open sliding door, which is gracefully draped with rich green velours. In the foreground a comfortable Morris chair stands invitingly, and placed conveniently near is a unique paper-rack in which may be arranged conveniently periodicals and newspapers.

Where space is of great importance nothing can be of greater service than the economical closet here pictured. This will be greatly appreciated by the orderly man, as in it can be conveniently placed every article of attire. At one side is a deep recess having a brass rod across the top upon which may be hung any number of coats compactly arranged upon wire frames. Above are shelves for hats and below spaces for boots and shoes. In the other half of the closet provision is made for collars, cuffs, ties and other numerous and necessary small articles. Below are shelves that are neatly filled with shirts, although it is an admirable arrangement to have a shelf for putting away vests, which can be carefully folded and so better retain their shape and style. Extending across the entire lower part of the wardrobe or closet is a long folding drawer with swinging sides and front, which open conveniently, thus permitting easy access to any portion. In this drawer trousers are laid, care being used to fold them smoothly and correctly.

An ornamental finish could be given this closet by finishing the long door with a mirror panel, which would also add considerably to its general utility.