

The closet ought to be well-aired and, usually the only means of doing this is through the bed-room. For this reason, the closet door can be left open when the room is not in use.

Woodwork done in white or some other light, delicate color is much favored for bed-rooms on account of the air of daintiness and cleanliness which it imparts to a room. Light-colored papers are popular for the same reason. Blue is a favorite bed-room color. It is a cool and restful color for summer, but in a cold climate is rather chilly-looking for the winter. If used, it should be toned down to softness. A soft olive green is a good bed-room color because of its restfulness. For northern rooms, creams or buffs add the required touch of warmth and cheerfulness. Some of the warm greys and pinks beside being dainty are warm and cheerful and probably to be preferred in the colder climates.

The ideal floor for a bed-room is, of course, one of polished hardwood, but few people can have the luxury. Any floor can be painted in a color that harmonizes with the other room colorings. Few care to dispense with rugs or a large rug and it assuredly adds to the comfort. If shaken frequently, nothing can be said against rugs as regards being sanitary.

Curtains of some light washable material are to be preferred. Heavy window hangings should be avoided. Green window shades for shutting out too strong light are necessary for rest and sleep. Shades that are white or cream on the outside and a soft green shade on the inside are easily procured.

As a rule, pictures on the bed-room walls, unless it is a bed sitting-room, need not be a part of the furnishing. It might seem, however, to be the place for family portraits and those of near friends. Small knick-knacks should be shunned as gatherers of dust and as adding to the labor of cleaning. For the same reason, toilet articles should be few and of a simple kind.

Frequently, the girls of the household are given some choice about their bed-room appointments and they should be encouraged to take an interest in keeping all in nice dainty condition and in exercising their taste in fitting up and in taking a part in the work of it. It is not so often the boys have anything to say about their rooms—anything is supposed to do and the result is that they are careless and untidy about their rooms and their belongings. It is a good plan to enlist their interest in furnishing and fixing-up: it will have its result in seeing them anxious to keep everything in good order. They will even be-