

Miscellaneous.

Notes for Building. The Country Gentleman gives the following rules by way of suggestion for country residents, farmers and those who intend to erect dwellings next spring.

Secure provision for pure water. In winter and spring, then with filtered rain-water. Many lose their lives by using impure water.

Place the house where it will be most accessible from all parts of the farm, and nearly as near to the convenience of the owner and his men in their constant labor.

Begin with the basement or cellar, let it be well lighted and double glazed, and always kept dry and clean, so never to need cleaning.

Let the cellar extend under the whole house, for preserving the timber from rotting, and affording the room.

For country houses, wood is usually best and cheapest. Stone walls are cold and damp, unless well furrowed, plastered and plastered. All brick walls should have air-spaces.

Use wood for the outside and interior plastering, with the additional saving of using building paper or brick lining, and use plenty of nails, as they are the cheapest strengtheners.

For spacious windows are better than many contorted ones. On airy window sashes, and never place them so as to strike each other when opened.

Bed-rooms should be large enough to avoid placing the bed against a window or closet door. Plenty of closets should be provided, and hang the closet door so that the closet may receive light from the near.

Attaching the kitchen, dining or living room, should be a small room accessible from outside, for workmen to leave muddy boots and overcoats, and to wash their hands.

In the country, avoid basement kitchens, and place kitchen, living room and common bed-rooms all on one floor, for ready access.

To divide the floor between the cellar and room above, nail flooring on the lower side of the joists, place on this two or three inches of concrete and then lay the floor. This will exclude dampness, prevent rising exhalations from fruit room or cellar, and prove additional security against fire.

Kitchen windows, being in constant use, should be hung on weights; and they should always be on opposite sides, to give full light and free ventilation.

A square or rectangular house gives the most room for the same amount of outside walls, but such an exception must be made in order to obtain light and side ventilation.

Avoid projecting angles in roofs as much as possible, as they are a frequent cause of leakage. Bally accessible verandas may be made with high ceilings, to prevent marking windows.

A high ceiling to reduce poorly ventilated is not so good as one of moderate height, but well ventilated.

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