

one large rug is most beautiful and most sanitary. A linoleum of inconspicuous design may be necessary where there are a number of children.

And the fireplace must not be forgotten. It will be greatly worth while to make many sacrifices for this luxury. With an open fireplace of brick, one can afford to do without many of the pictures and ornaments that we usually consider so essential; the fireplace can more than make up for any scarcity of other decoration. Avoid the up-to-date one with its small provision for a fire and its precautions for shutting off what fire there is, from view. The little extra labor required to keep it cleaned out is more than repaid by the pleasure and comfort derived; the open fireplace has been in the past one of the greatest factors in fostering the love of reading and literature, a fact worth noting.

"The beautiful is not to be stared at but to be lived with."

—Macaulay.