

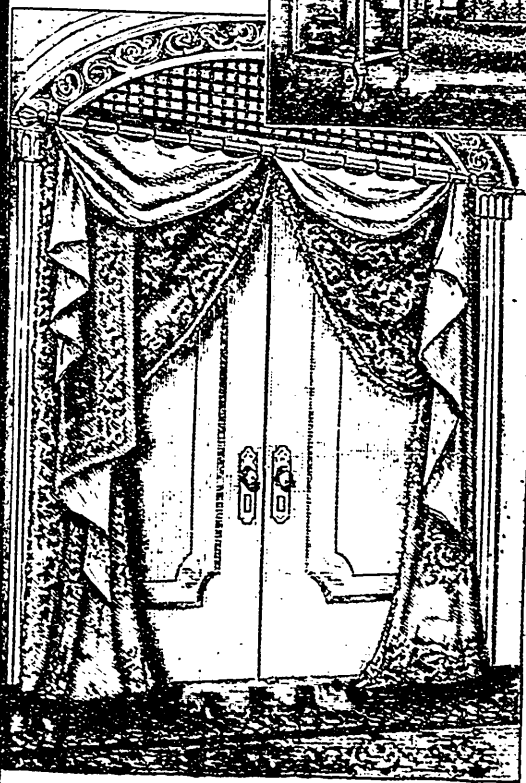
HOUSE FURNISHING AND DECORATION.

There is a simplicity and quiet elegance in the style and decoration of the mantel shown at the top of this page equally appropriate whether it is used for a city or country home. The mantel itself is in white and gold, simply but tastefully carved. On it are a clock and ornaments. One silk banner hangs flat at the back of the mantel and another is draped at the side behind a bracket of Venetian iron from which is

grate. The comfortable chair is upholstered with brocaded silk and a white tea-table supports white and gold china.

The banner back of the mantel would furnish a pleasing background for a shield or crossed spears of steel, bronze or brass.

A graceful drapery in a handsome doorway is seen in the lower left-hand corner of the page. A beautiful cherry-wood grille is above the silk drapery, which con-



sists of a plain silk and a figured silk that is plain on one side

The door drapery on the right is of old-rose silk figured in green and its free edges are decorated with silk fringes. Empire designs are on the wall paper and a bracket lamp is placed near the door.

Alcoves and door-ways offer admirable opportunities for the display of portières. There is now such infinite variety in the designs and materials for draperies that the humblest homes may be made attractive with graceful hangings which need not be extravagant in cost. If good judgment is used in the selection of colors and materials, the effect will be delightful to the eye.

Silk tapestries are now very popular for portières and come in dull green, red and blue, in handsome Oriental designs, with gold thread interwoven. English corduroy, Liberty velvet and printed denim are also available for such doorways as are illustrated on this page. A refined personal taste may be safely followed in the selection of colors and materials for draperies, particularly when they are used for the adornment of living rooms.



suspended a handsome lamp. On the opposite side are arranged trimmed palm leaves. The floor is covered with a two-toned Wilton carpet and a fur rug is spread in front of the cheerful