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EDITOR'S INTRODUCTION

ONE of the important problems of home life is that of making the physical setting of the home a beautiful, restful place. The furnishing of the home, as well as the planning of it for those who are fortunate enough to be able to build, is the most striking expression of the family ideals. If the furnishing is done with little thought and on the recommendation of the furniture salesman, then the family ideal is not high as to this particular subject. Some people prefer to have just what "everybody" has; many a house-keeper wants some piece of furniture just because a friend or neighbor has it. But more and more home-makers are longing to express themselves in beauty of line and color and pattern in the furnishings of the rooms they live in.

The book Miss Quinn has written is for such home-makers as this last group. It will be of service to those who have homes of long standing that can be made more beautiful, to those who are planning a new home, to the woman who has a whole house, to the woman with a small apartment, or to the one who has but one room, to the

girl of high-school age who wishes to help intelligently in her present home and to know how to plan for a future home of her own.

The book differs from other available books on the subject. There is a group of valuable books on historic furniture, intended chiefly for the connoisseur, and another group of practical books, which either give nothing on the historic side or deal with expensive furnishings. Miss Quinn has written a book between these two classes, with a statement of principles and a rapid review of historic furniture because these are necessary as a basis, but with the practical side of details, directions, and prices that will assist the buyer of average means. Giving prices is always a difficult matter, and usually brings criticism, but, on the other hand, the possible range of prices is of the first importance to the average purchaser. Perhaps the main purpose of the book is to show that the family whose purse is slim can nevertheless have a beautiful setting if intelligence, interest, a reasonable amount of time, and the knowledge this book gives can be added to the money available.

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BUILDING THE HOUSE

THE home-maker who is fortunate enough to be able to build the home cannot be too persistent with questions about everything concerning the construction of a house. There are a multitude of details that must be faced before the first spadeful of earth is turned. Every member of the family should express his ideas and desires, and every need and limitation and possibility of the family life should be considered before a site is chosen or plans drafted.

If part of the family go to and from work each day, it is necessary to be near the station or trolley. If there are children of school age, it is imperative to select a community which has good schools. If doctors' bills are to be avoided, the prospective builder will do well to