

# ENGLISH HOUSE IS ATTRACTIVE BOTH OUTSIDE AND IN

Almost Any Woman Will  
Find It Pleasing.

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A SMALL house, this, but one which has received at the hands of the architect, E. A. Martini, 64 West Randolph street, the same careful study and attention which is put into more pretentious and expensive homes.

To describe it in the words of the young wife and mother for whom it is being built would be to bring out its salient points most vividly. For back of her words is all of the enthusiasm of youth and all the abounding joy of a first venture into home making and home owning.

"It may not seem large to you," she said, "but to us it is fairly palatial with its four large rooms, its dining nook and sun porch, especially when we compare it to the tiny apartment we have been living in for five years. We managed all right in the apartment when we had one child, and even two. It was not till the third came we simply had to move.

"It is going to cost us about \$7,200. That is with only half a basement cut out and partitioned. It will be enough for a few years, and when we have more money we can finish the rest and also add to the house. Some day we will probably need more than two bedrooms upstairs and a large dining room below.

**Entrance Is Inviting.**

"I do like the entrance! It is of oak, arched, with a small iron grating at one side. I am not one of those people who believe an entrance should be hidden away. I believe it should stand out, inviting hospitality and welcome.

"Another thing I have always wanted in a home of my own is casement windows. They are easy to handle and to clean. There is no straining and stretching, and as I will probably be cleaning my own house for some time to come, I determined on just that kind.

"Then there is the stairway, going up from the side of the living room, with landing space, or an 'ingle nook,' midway between, where we can have a cozy corner."

"And the fireplace—plain, old fashioned red brick. How I have wanted a real fireplace! I have grown so tired telling the children stories at night by the side of a steam radiator. I have even had a photograph of my husband's father, enlarged and framed, to hang over the mantel to give a little tradition, I think that's what you would call it, to the room.

**Bathroom Complete.**

"Our bathroom is equipped as completely as we can afford. The floor is painted. Some day I want tile. Our fixtures are enamel, with an overhead spray shower, built-in cabinet, and clothes hamper.

"The kitchen faces north. It has an east window, too. I know that is cool in summer and a kitchen in winter is always warm, anyway. It is nearly square. That is the shape I prefer in a kitchen.

"The sink is not under a window, which I know is supposed to be the proper place, but I prefer my windows free to arrange the tables and chairs beneath them, as I like.

"There are casement windows in the kitchen, as well as in the bedrooms. And the kitchen walls are painted. These are washable and a comfort. The ceiling is to be an enameled hard wall plaster.

"As for the floor, it is to be linoleum covered. Some day—a cork and rubber tiling. But that is some time off.

**Keeping Down Costs.**

"Upstairs there are enough closets. No use idly dreaming of more, when you are actively engaged in keeping down costs. There are three closets and two bedrooms. The children will have the larger front bedroom. It has only one exposure, but we can get a cross draught from the other bedroom, in warm weather, by keeping the doors open.

"And for a little while, at least, we will use the sun porch downstairs for a nursery, playroom and—incidentally—a sewing room for me."

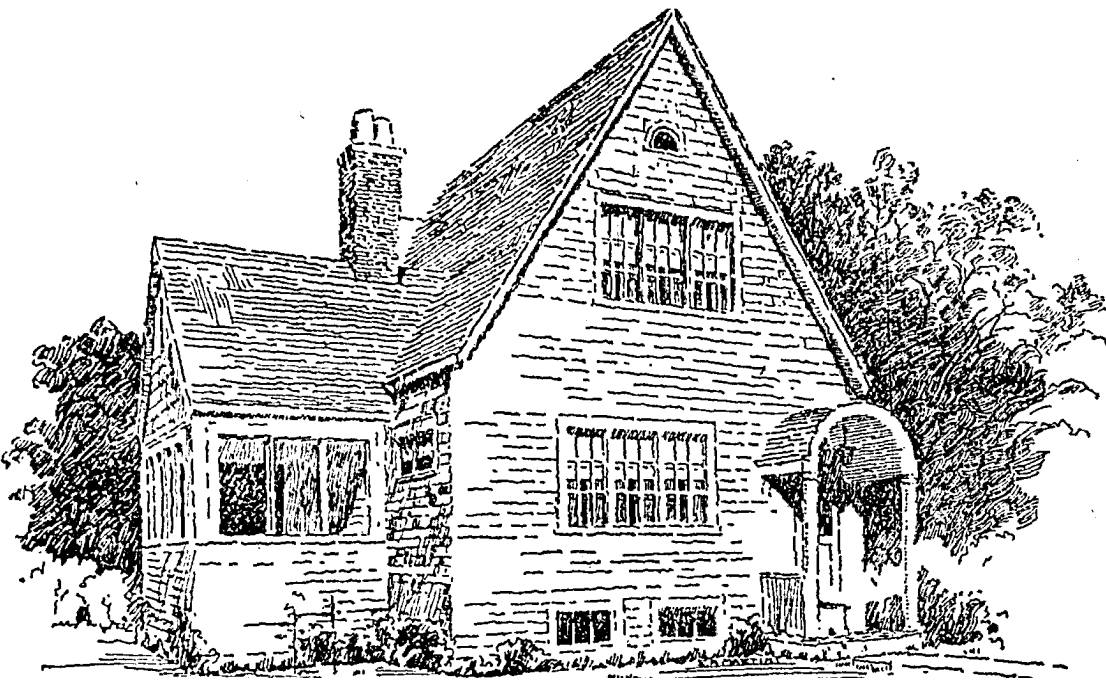
This house in question is planned for clapboards, the wide, smooth sort, without rough knots. They can be painted white or dove gray, with an asbestos shingle roof and allowed to weather to a natural finish.

A house this style and size needs a 40 foot lot. If a house is to be built on a 25 or 30 foot lot it has to be designed with that fact in mind. Such a house must necessarily be long and narrow across the front. And, it should not be forgotten, a long house is usually more expensive to build, a square house being perhaps the least costly of any house.

If one wished to build this in stucco, there is a wide range of finishes to choose from: smooth trowel, stipple, pebble dash, or sand spray. And each one is adaptable for the very small home, or for the more elaborate one.

The floor dimensions of this house are 30 feet by 26 feet.

## Roof Lines Are Simple and Pleasing



Modern English, this four room frame house. It can be expressed in stucco, shingles, half timber or clapboards with wide, smooth finish. Inclusive of a dining nook and sun porch, it can be built for \$7,000 to \$8,000. E. A. Martini is the architect.

