



No. CH-1012 Upper floors 1136 Sq. Ft. Lower Floor 580 Sq. Ft.

The illustration shows this Colonial split level with a single car garage but blueprints include details for a two car unit. House would then require a 75 foot lot. The plan includes four bedrooms and two four piece bathrooms — both with double basins. Back

bedrooms have built-in dressers. All closets are extra large. Kitchen has ample table space. Construction is a combination of brick and frame, but full details explaining how to build in all brick or all frame are supplied with the blueprints. 1,136 square feet.

First Aid For Ailing Houses

By ROGER C. WHITMAN
BLACK RINGS
QUESTION: Black rings have appeared on the hardwood plant shelf in our sun room. I'm sure they are caused by dampness from the flower-pots. How can these rings be removed?
ANSWER: I'm sure you're right about the cause. Placing aluminum plates, rather than porous ceramic plates, under the flower pots will prevent this. To get rid of the rings (these are mildew and probably worked clear-through into the wood). Take off the finish at these spots with paint remover, following label directions. Bleach out the rings with commercial wood bleach. Then touch up with the same type finish. Or — as an over-all preventive — cover the plant shelf with aluminum or formica.

HARD WATER DEPOSIT
QUESTION: My favorite tea kettle's spout has now become so built up inside with hard water scale it almost won't pour any more. How can I remove the scale?
ANSWER: Don't waste your time trying. Discard the kettle and do what most housewives do in hard water areas: Use an open saucepan instead of a kettle. That scale is near impossible to get out of a tea kettle spout.
SMOOTHING PLASTER
QUESTION: Please tell me how to smooth out rough plaster walls.
ANSWER: Grind down the rough sandpaper. Fill in the valleys with a good compound. Move out all carpets, drapes and any other fabrics so that plaster dust won't work into the fibers. If some are impossible, cover them as best you can with layers of newspaper, sheet plastic, tarpaulins or whatever else you can press into service.
QUESTION: Is it a standard requirement of mortgage companies that a house must be guaranteed free of termites and other wood-boring insects?
ANSWER: I can't answer for every company. But I do know that in some sections of the country, at least, a written clearance of "bug-freeness" is a requirement of both FHA and GI mortgages. If you are shopping around for mortgages, be sure to clear up this point with each bank or company. Personally, I consider such a requirement of greatest possible mutual benefit. The time to find out for sure about whether a house has termites or not is before anybody signs on any dotted lines.
CLOSE LOUVERS
SAVE FUEL
QUESTION: Should our attic louvers always be open? I should think it would save fuel if they were closed during cold weather. My husband just said I should write to you with the question.
ANSWER: Louvers should always be open, to permit thorough ventilation of the attic space. Without ventilation, dangerous condensation conditions could cause serious damage to walls and ceilings below. Closing the louvers would have no effect on heat loss in a well-insulated house.
SLIPPERY TUB
QUESTION: My mother-in-law (I got a good one!) is coming to live with us. She is no longer young. I want to make my house as safe as possible. How can I make the bathtub in her bathroom less slippery?
ANSWER: Nonstick tape, now widely used in hotels and motels can be run in strips along the bottom of the tub. (or a shower). This is widely available in

hardware stores, variety stores and most supermarkets. It sticks tightly to the tub but does not effect the finish, and can be removed without difficulty. An excellent safety precaution.

LEAVE PASTEL ALONE!
QUESTION: Is it possible to freshen up a pastel picture? This one has become quite soiled — both the paper as well as the colored figures themselves.
ANSWER: Leave it strictly alone — until you can find an art dealer experienced in hand-

ling pastels. If there's any type of picture easier to ruin, I've yet to meet it.

TERMITE SHIELD
QUESTION: Is there any way to protect a house, a house

which will be built, against termites?
ANSWER: One of the very best protectors of all is a termite shield. This is a strip of copper or aluminum which is sandwiched between the top of the masonry foundation wall and the siding above. This strip extends two inches out from the wall, and is bent downward at a 45-degree angle. So when termites, building their little mud tunnels up from the wall, come to this barrier they find it's the end of the line. They are kept from the wood above. Too bad this can't be applied to already built houses!

ALUMINUM ON CLAPBOARD
QUESTION: Peeling paint has given us so much trouble that I've decided to end the problem by covering the house with aluminum siding. Can this go on over the clapboards or must all this present siding be removed first?
ANSWER: Put the aluminum

over the siding as is. Having the double layer will also increase insulating qualities. However, try to find the source of moisture in the wall spaces and eliminate it first. It would be worth an inspection fee by a good builder.

SLOPE FOR SHAKE ROOF
QUESTION: Can I use shake roofing if the slope is 4 1/4 inches to the foot?
ANSWER: That is just a little less than the accepted standard for shake roofing, which is five inches to the foot. At this slope, for example, only five inches of a 16-inch shake should be exposed, which is getting to the impractical class. With a slope less than this, you should expose even less of the shake, so you would need still more shakes per square (100 by 100 feet, the roofer's unit of measure). You'd do better, in my opinion, to consider a built-up roof or a slag roof, with such a gentle slope.

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