



Design 512 — This modern split-level possesses the charm and spaciousness of a Civil War colonial. The covered porch protects the front entrance. Living room monopolizes one entire level being over 21 feet from front to back. Family room, kitchen, utility room and lavatory are on lower floor. Kitchen window over sink allows home-maker street-side viewing. There are three bedrooms on the sleeping level. A garage or carport could easily be included by simply extending the living roof and walls. Construction is a combination of brick veneer and frame. 947 Sq. Ft.

**First Aid For Ailing Houses**

By ROGER C. WHITMAN

QUESTION: Can I just move the centre beam post four feet along the beam. This will make room for a basement pool table. Or should I chop a hole in the concrete, dip down two feet.

ANSWER: Scrub with a mechanic's hand soap which contains sand, using hot water. Do not spare the elbow grease. When clean, rinsed and dry, generously wipe on linseed oil. Let it soak in for two or three hours. Then vigorously wipe off all excess. After a week or thorough drying, repeat. When this coat of oil dries, a grease-proof, dirtproof shield will protect the porous brick surface. Any soot will be easy to wipe off. Good treatment for a brand-new fireplace, too!

QUESTION: Off and on, the bathroom skylight of my contemporary house leaks. I keep wondering if I have the right type. Should I replace this one?

ANSWER: Certainly would not go to that trouble and expense without first trying to seal all the edges with cement or other caulking. Many good sealers are available, some containing epoxy which can effectively seal leaks between glass, plastic, metal and wood. At any good hardware store.

**SAGA OF STEAMING**

QUESTION: While cooking supper, the living room windows begin to steam. So I began to cover the pans, also turned on the range hood, and this helped some, but not entirely. Mornings, the living room windows are clear, but the bedroom windows are steamed. The only open cooking vessel in the coffee percolator, which couldn't possibly cause all that moisture in the air. What do you suggest?

ANSWER: If you're in a naturally damp climate or near the sea, constant ventilation won't change conditions in the air much. But your trying to keep cooking steam from the rest of the house is the right idea. Do you have a wall fan in the kitchen, or is one attached to the range hood? This where a salesman for a good electric dehumidifier should get a good hearing, maybe an air conditioning salesman as well. If you're not in a naturally damp climate constant ventilation on dry day will cure 90 per cent of any such trouble cheaply, too!

**CLEANING STAIRWAY**

QUESTION: Please tell me how to clean my composition stairways. They look like imitation marble.

ANSWER: Unless you're sure the adhesive under the "Composition" is waterproof, be as sparing of water as you can. Scrub with thick suds and wipe up quickly. Do the main "rising" with a constantly damp cloth. In short, the method is scrubbing with any similar surface.

**MATCHING CABINETS**

QUESTION: Our new range and refrigerator are the new style dark brown color. No wood grain pattern, however. Can I paint my birch cabinets to match?

ANSWER: Certainly. Be sure to sand any knots by sanding down to bare wood and touching up with shellac, special knot sealer or aluminum paint. Also be sure to clean off every trace of grease; paint won't stick otherwise.

**"WATER-WALL"**

QUESTION: During heavy rains, I find that water washes down the slope and piles up against my foundation wall. So I'm sure this is the main reason why my basement wall leaks on that side. My question: Would a gently V-shaped wall, built about 10 feet away, prevent this accumulation of water and divert it around the ends of the house? How deep should such a wall be?

ANSWER: An excellent idea! It should be built on the same principle as an iceberg, several times as much under the surface as on top. I'd suggest no more than a foot high, but at least two feet below ground level; three feet would be even better.

**PAINT ANIMALS**

QUESTION: I have a number of plaster cast animals statues I want to paint. What kind of paint is used?

ANSWER: Use flat paint or enamel undercoat of the same color as the finish coat, for the

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Most young people, buying their first home, pay scant attention to the heating system. It is the homeowner who is buying a house for "the second time around" who is far more inclined to look for the indoor comfort features.

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Young married couples, it appears, are more inclined to look for colorful "extras" provided by a builder than to worry about soundly planned heating systems.

The reason could be, heating engineers suggest, that people don't realize that heating requirements for modern houses are vastly different from what they were a decade or two ago. The basic furnace and single thermostat with which they grew up, no longer provides the desired standard of indoor comfort.

**MANY FEATURES**

Many of today's homes have features which require a separate thermostat for each major area of the house. This is true, for example, in most split levels. It also applies to houses with spread-out floor plans, or those with picture windows, or with rooms above a garage.

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