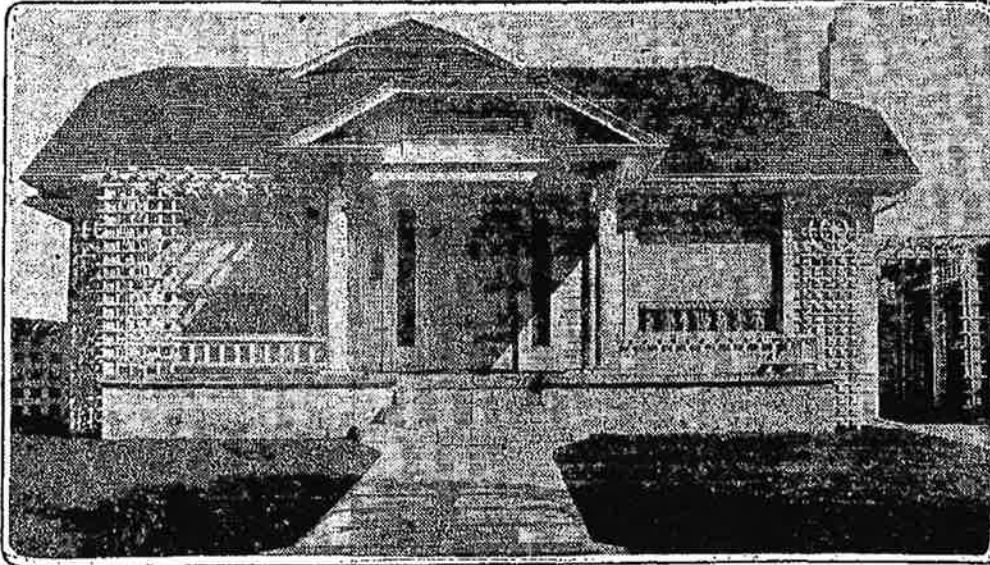


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LARGE ROOMS ADD TO COMFORTS AND JOYS OF HOME



AN ATTRACTIVE HOME

MANY FEATURES UTILIZED IN THE PLACE.

Cost of Five Delightful Rooms Is Moderate and Reflects Lower Prices.

"The author of 'The House of Seven Gables' little dreamed the extent that American domestic architecture would go to create the different, the distinct and the beautiful. A good plan, good detail and pure white paint make up a combination hard to surpass. And in plan this design is especially strong—immense, well-lighted living room, 14 by 14 dining room, good-sized kitchen with attractive breakfast alcove and two splendid bedrooms with large closets. Attention is called to the arrangement of basement steps and grade entrance which will commend itself to everyone. For those who like large

rooms this is one of the best and will prove a wonderful home. In the great Northwest, the source of supply for the lumber markets of the world, there is at hand the finest of timber for framing and beautifully grained boards for interior finish. The planting of the site is the last thing that is done but it should be planned ahead. The home illustrated herewith, amply provided as it is with trellises, presents an ideal subject for a wonderful picture when properly docketed out with the glories of the garden.

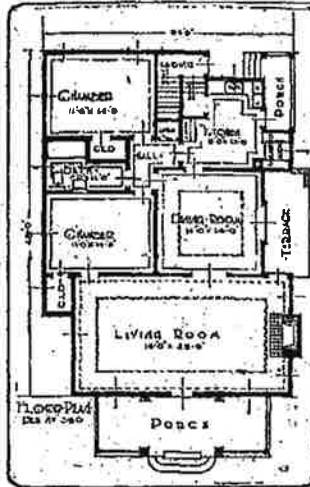
The estimated cost of this house complete, without heat and lighting fixtures, is \$4,500. The plans and specifications were prepared by Edward L. Merritt, architect, Empire Building.

Building Situation Is Improving, Says Expert

"Building activities throughout the country show improved tendencies as we approach midseason," said S. W. Straus, noted business expert.

"Fundamental conditions at this time are favorable to a construction program somewhat in keeping with the magnitude of the nation's needs. Optimism in part is based on the improvements which lately have been shown in the labor situation, which always is a factor of prime importance. In various parts of the country large numbers of the members of the building crafts have resumed work following amicable settlements of wage disputes, which have generally been arbitrated along the lines of slight recessions in wage scales.

"The increased activities which have been manifested continuously since February 1 are beginning to exert an influence in the market for building materials, which lately has begun to reflect tendencies toward a higher range of prices. The pressure for new work in enormous and the amount of



Five Rooms of Ucker.
This many-gabled little bungalow home has proved a popular choice with scores of home owners in America. The cost is given by the designers at \$4,500.

actual construction undertaken is not over 50 per cent of the amount definitely planned.

"Opinion quite generally prevails that a continuation of present tendencies will result in a satisfactory stabilization of building costs, but with such an extensive margin of demand over supply it is considered probable that stabilization will be brought about at levels as high if not higher than those now in effect."

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