

moth-proof room, linen room, to say nothing of servants' quarters, dress-closets,—in short, every little cubby hole that does its share in making life pleasant.

He tells exactly how to mix the mortar, how to hang windows, how to put in stoves, how to build chimneys that will draw, how to deaden walls, how to make a house warm in winter and cool in summer, how to get the utmost use of the piazza without the disadvantage of too great shade, how to protect the piazza steps from the effect of rain, how to ventilate the attic, how to make rooms rat and mouse proof. He suggests many little points about bath rooms, that the plumber may object to, but the comfort they will give during years of use will amply repay one for the argument.

Keeping this book at hand will not only give one many invaluable ideas, but will be money in the owner's pocket as well. His suggestion on page 41, about the systematic examinations of the plans will mean a great deal to the person building if followed. Also, what Mr. Moore says on page 68 in regard to penalties will be an "eye-opener" that may save many dollars, and many days of annoyance.

All specifications for building are given in a lucid manner. Any one fortunate enough to have this book, while contemplating building, will have more cause to be grateful to Mr. Moore than perhaps he or she will realize, unless they have built a house without it.

How to Build a Home¹

This is one of the most satisfactory helps to the home maker we have ever seen. It is full of valuable suggestions that appeal to the very rich, the moderately well-off, and the unfortunately straitened, alike.

How many people after getting into a house, that they have thought over and planned and re-planned, are conscious of a feeling of keen disappointment that some little thing is not as they wish. It would have been "just as easy" to have it right as wrong—if they had only "thought of it in time." By keeping this book of a hundred and fifty odd close-written pages at hand, there seems no valid reason for committing any blunder.

Mr. Moore does not go deeply into the æsthetics of home-making. He does not tell how to drape a picture or what period of furniture to buy, but he does show how to have space that will contain the furniture to the best advantage, and how to have a cellar the comfort of which will permeate the entire house. He tells how to guard against fire, that bane of the country house, and how to have the dining room comfortable and inviting at all seasons of the year, how to place windows to have full benefit of them and avoid their inconveniences. He arranges for every possible thing the house-keeper must provide for, coal bins and chests in cellar, milk room, trunk room,

¹How to Build a Home. By F. C. Moore. Practical Ills. Doubleday & McClure Co. \$1.00.