

HOUSING HINTS

Tips on How and What to Improve Improving Garage Doors

Now that frigid winter mornings are at hand, inspect the workings of your garage doors. There is real comfort in being able to open and close the doors without leaving your car, and attachments which are simple, practical, and relatively inexpensive have been perfected for this purpose.

Paint Dark Steps

A narrow strip of white or a light-colored paint on the front edge of each step, especially when they are poorly lighted, as in the case of basement and attic steps, increases the visibility of the step line.

Build Lily Pond

Small water lilies can be grown in a pool 3 feet in diameter and with a depth of 22 inches. If the earth is firm, the bottom, well packed, will suffice. Masonry sides should be 6 inches thick. The cost, where you do your own work, will be trifling.

Add Bay Window

Space and comfort can be increased in your dining room or living room by building on a bay window. Be sure when this is done that the space around the window is caulked properly. Dormers in attic room also help the appearance of a house.

Build Wine Closet

Home owners interested in old wines might find much enjoyment in building an insulated wine closet in their cellar.

RADIO OUTLETS ENHANCE VALUE, REDUCE BOTHER

The value of a house can be definitely enhanced by the presence of radio outlets in convenient places. Wiring for radios can be considered just as integral a part of the house equipment today as are such conveniences as bells, thermostats, etc. The lead-in from the antenna or the ground is just as unsightly as leaving the wires to the front door exposed.

Standard installations of radio wiring embody advantageous features. The ground and aerial are connected and provided with wall or baseboard outlets. This eliminates such makeshifts as the former flat conductor tape over the window sill, which never quite permitted the window to close.

Outlets in various rooms may be provided, or a master plate may take the output of the receiver and distribute it to a series of speaker outlets located in different rooms. These in turn are either controlled by the station selector of the central receiver, or in larger set-ups, such as in hotels, apartments, schools, and other institutions, remotely, each outlet plate being able to select between two or more sta-

tions. Outlets for antenna and ground will usually have a connection to the house circuit to provide power for the radio set on the same plate.

In apartment houses, particularly, the owner should consider the unsightliness of the tangle of radio antenna on the roof. An installation of equipment as above described not only makes the apartment more attractive but should materially improve reception for most of the tenants.

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