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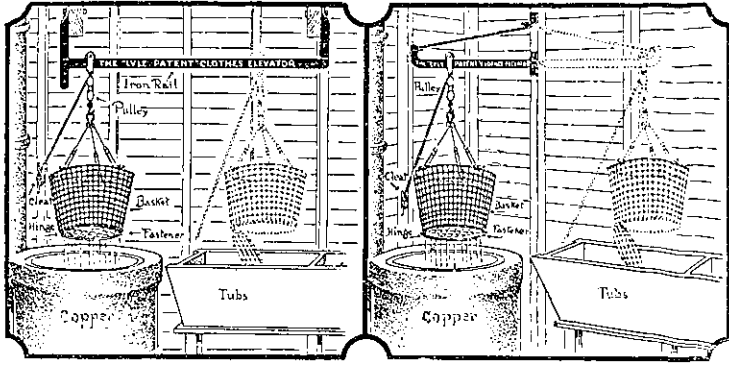


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MR. AND MRS. ARCHITECT

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and over what ought to be perfectly plain to everyone, it seems to me, that the fewer steps a woman takes, the sooner she gets done and the less tired she is. But they took it as an entire novelty, and when they left, Dave and I looked at each other, tired but happy, for we could see big things coming.

"Let's go out for dinner," said Dave. "And say, Jo, that partnership idea is no joke. Would you consider it?"

"I don't know enough," I said. "But if you wouldn't mind my studying some, I might, in time—"

Dave patted my hand.

"You little goose!" he repeated, satisfied, no doubt, with its success the night before. "Why, you've given me more ideas in a day than I've had in a year."

But I insisted on the study. And little by little, under Dave's instructions, I began to learn something of real architecture. The day came when I could plan a house myself, not as good a house as Dave's, for I have little artistic sense, but I could do it. And that day I told Dave I was willing to be a partner.

He was busy on a big contract then, a large home for a famous and wealthy man, and he was anxious to make it as complete as it could possibly be.

"Think of all the things you've wanted and have never had," he said to me.

"A clothes-chute," I said promptly, "so that when you have soiled cloth-

ing, you take it out to the hall and throw it down to the wash-house in the basement."

"Got one planned for," said Dave.

"And a cleaning-closet on every floor, so that no brooms or dust-brushes would ever be standing about," I added.

"Got that, too," said Dave.

"And," I went on, "a place for umbrellas where they would be clean and not always falling over, not a jar or stand. . . . Dave, that step before you turn, there, is big and broad; why not a long drawer fitting in the side, for umbrellas?"

"Whoop-la!" cried Dave. "I make it."

Funny as it may seem, that umbrella-drawer actually made a sensation. Mrs. Hamilton is a rich woman and has most things she wants; but she takes the greatest delight in showing off that handy receptacle for umbrellas. It pulls out under—or rather they pull out under, for she has three of them—the three lower steps by the side, and so do not spoil the appearance of the risers. They open easily, and slide back easily, and umbrellas can lie there out of the dust and not be falling over. I have one myself in our own new house, and it is a delight.

THE funniest task I think we have had was the back-in-front house. A very famous woman had bought a large section of land near a main road. The back of the section ran

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