

Here's an Idea for Furnishing

SOME of us are luckier than others—we have a flair for furnishing, and whatever we do, wherever we place our furniture, it just seems right. We all know people like that—the minute we go into their home it just reaches out to welcome us with its inviting air. But you can have a furnishing flair, too, if you like to go to a little trouble to study your house, and its rooms.

If you have a room that is inclined to be dark and a little on the small side, have you ever thought of making a mirror window? This is not hard, and it transforms the room for you. You will need a fairly large-sized mirror, which you must fix above a chest of drawers. Perhaps you have an old sideboard—that would serve admirably. Now, with your mirror hanging on the wall, just imagine it is a window, and curtain it accordingly. With a pelmet across the top, and curtains down each side, it looks for all the world like a window. A bowl of fruit placed on the sideboard, and a lamp, with perhaps a vase of flowers, and your room looks twice as big as before, and very much prettier. Do try it.

Are you one of those women who have longed always for a dressing table, with a low stool, so that you

There's night and day, brother, both sweet things; sun, moon and stars, brother, all sweet things; there's likewise a wind on the heath. Life is very sweet, brother—who would wish to die?

—George Borrow

can sit in front of it and attend to your beauty needs? Don't despair—take a look at our picture, and you will see that although pennies may not permit of a new low dressing table, you can still have your low stool. The small cupboard on the left is useful for keeping shoes, or even hats, while the chest of drawers is just your old dressing table minus the mirror and attachments. You may not be lucky enough to possess a long mirror, in which case you will have to buy one to use between the two tables, but just imagine your thrill when you can at long last sit in front of your own mirror.

Have you ever wanted a writing table? I saw a novel idea the other day. My friend had a kidney-shaped table which she didn't like, so she painted it a pretty pink, and used it in her bedroom as a writing table. Now she loves her little table, and spends many a pleasant hour at it.



You too can acquire a flair for furnishing if you keep your eyes open wherever you go, and whenever you can. It is amazing how many bright ideas you can glean from the homes of your friends when you are visiting.

Helpful Hannah Says . . .

If you press men's trousers with a sheet of brown paper, instead of a wet cloth, it will make a much better job, and all grease marks will disappear.

If a cork has broken off in the neck of your bottle, insert the blades of two pen-knives on opposite sides of the cork. Pull the handles towards one another, slowly twist round, and then pull. Your cork will fly out!

To remove a tight lid from a bottle or jar, hold a piece of sandpaper in your hand.

After peeling onions, rub your hands with salt when you are washing them, instead of using soap. Fingers won't discolour then.

If your bread crumbles when you are making sandwiches, dip your knife into boiling water. With a hot, wet knife, your bread will cut like wafers.

When your clothes pegs are new, boil them in clean water for an hour, and you will find they don't split.

Painting? Then use a brown paper bag as a glove, and you will keep your

hands clean. Brown paper "gloves" are easy to replace, and save so much paint from your hands.

Stand your jar of peanut butter upside down when not in use. This prevents the oil from settling on the top, thus leaving the end of the jar of butter almost dry.

When frying onions, add a pinch of sugar, and there will be no fear of indigestion then.

Damp your silk shoelaces with water before tying, and you'll find they don't slip.

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