the Leavenworth Constitutional Convention of 1859. He was admitted to the bar in 1861, was elected the Legislature in 1862, served in the Eleventh Kansas Infantry through all grades from second lieutenant to colonel. After the war he served again in the Kansas Legislature, and in 1871 was chosen United States senator to succeed James M. Harvey. Mr. Plumb was a wealthy man, and in addition to his senatorial duties, was actively concerned in railroad and industrial enterprises, and was widely known in financial circles as an indefatigable promoter.

THE NEWS IN KANSAS.

TOPEKA, Kas., Dec. 20.—The news of the death of Senator Plumb was a great shock to his friends in Kansas. No one knew he really had been sinking, and the vigorous campaign he made last fall in the interests of his party seemed convincing proof that his robust constitution was to be the last condition that stamped the State from sea and to the other, being obliged to undergo all the fatigues of a spirited campaign. His work is generally credited with having been the prime cause of the Republican victory. It is not an exaggeration to say that Senator Plumb was one of the most popular men in Kansas. He was the idol of his own party and was regarded by his political opponents with respect.

The Kansas law provides that in the event of the death of a senator the vacancy is to be filled by the governor's appointment until the next meeting of the legislature. The present legislature does not meet until a year from now. Governor Humphrey was seen by a reporter of the Associated Press this afternoon. He seemed very much saddened at the senator's death by private dispatch, but was greatly shocked at the news, so much so that he had given no thought as to the successor. The name of Senator Ingalls is already prominently mentioned by politicians, in fact, to other name has received any mention at all.

MR. PLUMB.

EMPORIA, Kas., Dec. 20.—This city, the home of Senator Plumb, deeply mourns his death. Mrs. Plumb, who has been so invalid many years, was today able for the first time in several months to attend church and it was here the news of her husband's sudden illness was communicated to her. She was prostrated and taken home in a cottage. She had scarcely arrived home when a second dispatch announced Mr. Plumb's death. Mrs. Plumb is now completely prostrated.

HARRISON AND BLAINE.

Sheep Says he Thinks There is no Embroiling Between Them.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Senator Sheap of Idaho, who is in the city today, talking about political affairs, said he believes there is a perfect understanding between Harrison and Blaine. He is inclined to think that both are to take a neutral position and let the people decide who shall lead in 1892. Idaho, said Sheap, is for Blaine first, last and always, and will send six delegates to the convention pledged to his support. When asked who he thought would be the Democratic nominee, Sheap said: "It will not be Hill or Cleveland, and in my judgment will be none other than Senator John M. Palmer. Interviews with leading men of the party brought me to this conclusion. Some seem to think Gorman might get the nomination. The bitter fight between the Hill and Cleveland factions must result in a compromise candidate to get the New York factions to line. The Democrats are going to make a tremendous effort to capture the West and Northwest. Palmer is the most available man, and he was never so near the Presidential nomination as now."

A Chinese General Dead.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The Chronicle's correspondent at Shanghai says: The chief acting general of the Imperial army has been thrown from a horse and his neck broken. He was the finest commander in the Chinese army, and is greatly admired. China will find it difficult to replace him.

Armed Lying in a pool of Blood.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—At an early hour this morning a policeman found a man lying on a sidewalk in Plymouth Place in a pool of blood. The patrol was summoned but he died in a few minutes. Letters in his pocket showed his name to be Carl Edgar Johnson, and that he was a furniture varnisher. On Saturday afternoon he took a room in a small hotel on Sixty Clark street. This morning about 2 o'clock he arose and left the place. Investigation has disclosed the fact that he went to the Manhattan building, ascended to the fifth floor and jumped through a window in the sidewalk. He did not wait to open the window but jumped right through the glass. His head and body were terribly mangled. Nothing is learned about him yet, but the police think he was insane.

Skating Rink Destroyed by Fire.

TRUCKEE, Cal., Dec. 20.—A fire, which broke out tonight in a restaurant, destroyed the skating rink and the Sierra House and a number of other buildings. The entire town is feared the eastern part of the town will be wiped out.

A FAMILY KILLED.

PAWNEE CITY, Neb., Dec. 20.—A. L. Ferguson, farmer, started for town this morning with his wife and boy. While trying to cross the railroad track his team was struck by the train, wedged on the pilot, and carried some distance. When the train stopped Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson were found to be dead, and the baby fatally injured.

Republican Literature for the Coming Campaign.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—A meeting of the presidents and secretaries of the State Republican league clubs was held this morning. James S. Clarkson, president of the national Republican league, presided. The States of Illinois, Iowa, Ohio, Indiana, Kansas, Nebraska and Minnesota were represented. The meeting was with closed doors, but it was learned that the session was given to matters pertaining to the dissemination of literature during the next campaign. It is intended to make as unusually strong and prominent feature of this work. One of the most important branches of it will be the collection of figures and statistics to prove that prices, since the McKinley bill passed, are made lower instead of higher.

Five Cents Abolished.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—The meeting of the five cent agents of the Western roads, to which two days in this city, has resulted in the adoption of a resolution by which, taking effect January 1, the basis of free transportation to live stock shippers is to be abolished except that provided for in distributing cattle. This allows the commodities to only at the source of their shipments necessary to look after the stock in transit.

A SENSIBLE HOUSE.

It Is Convenient, Big Enough for a Small Family and Costs Only $1,500.

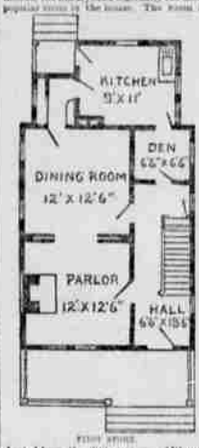
[Hyperion, 105, by Absolom Peter Arnold.]

It is a mistake for people of limited means to try to build and keep up large houses. How much more comfortable and it must be agreeable, satisfactory a house—such a one as the carpenter in these sketches—when all whose large expenses bring constant worry to how to meet them, the interest, taxes and may be built for $1,500 or less. It may be built on a $5 lot or and still get light from the side.

ELEVATION

From the outside you enter the entrance hall, which is of simple size and directly assemble from all the rooms except the kitchen. The front room, PARLOR, serves the double purpose of a parlor and sitting room, it is lighted from the front by two large windows, which extend to the floor.

The room and the chamber adjoining it are pleasantly warmed by a heater. Back of the parlor and separated by sliding doors is the dining room, of the same dimensions as the parlor, with the kitchen and pantry in the rear door extension. The "den" was originally intended for a storeroom, but was found to be so convenient that it was first used as a sewing or workroom, and finally the communication between it and the kitchen was shut off and a sliding door put in leading to and the dining room. Bookcases were placed on the sides of the room and the original storeroom or closet became the library, and was really the most popular room in the house. The room is



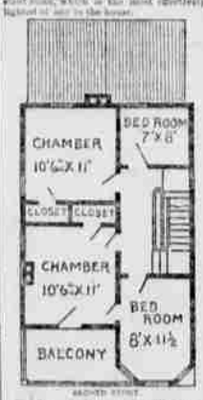
FIRST STORY.

heated from the dining room. Although this room is small, yet it is quite large enough to accommodate the books in good and well-filled shelves, and it is not necessary the bookcases may extend to the ceiling.

The outside kitchen door is protected by a porch.

In the second story is a good sized chamber in front with a window extending to the floor, which affords access to the balcony. Back of this room and directly above the dining room is another chamber of about the same dimensions as the front chamber, with closets for each between, as shown in the sketch. Adjoining the rear chamber is the bath and of the hall is a small bedroom which could by used as a bedroom if desired.

The most noticeable feature of the second story plan is the projecting bay window in the second story, which increases the size of the small bedroom in front to a good sized room, which is the most cheerfully lighted of any in the house.



SECOND STORY

The floor over the veranda is filled in and packed with sawdust and is made to warm. The roof is left unplastered and used as a storeroom. If desired two good rooms may be obtained in the attic or a small additional one. A cellar extends under the main part of the building only.

D. W. KING.

A New Idea.

A new idea in glass is ordinary mean the application of a patented border to be used on the floor with will place flooring a design resembling wood parquetry, which is effectively executed, and the floor will then to closely resemble inlaid wood that only a microscope will detect the difference. An exhibit this method in the floor of the Rice will surprise the dear decorators.—Decorator and Furnisher.

Lime in Mortar.

A field of enough great chemist always be kept as a winter resort for men, and it is well to have it in close proximity to the field so as to be immediate delivery. For long as the day is dry, even although a little damp, mortar will set and harden properly. They will give themselves only short exercise, and will pass their work into the old heritage in good of grace. Sleep is treated will be far more enchanted in the fresh air than in the room. If they feel hungry, indeed, they will enjoy better health, will produce stronger cattle, and participation will be much easier with them. There is no hard and fast rule that woman by doing so a special principle for the healing of cities. Much must be left to the judgment of the master and shepherd.

As healing appearances you must avoid the high condition and not proceed exactly poverty, always remembering that the demand for the sun's strong influence as the best medicine, therefore you must watch the sensation of the sun. All dictates for the work should be composed of mixtures. The most common is mixture and is known as mixture in the winter months are tar, bran, oats and in some instances linseed cake, very easily to be, they receive pulped roots, which form such a happy and excellent change from continued dry food. Silage is also found to be valuable adjunct for all classes of sheep.—Cor. Field and Farm.

Live Stock Points.

A southern stockman says he regards one pound of cotton seed meal practically worth as food a pound and a half of the ordinary cotton seed.

Dr. E. W. Carroll, of Detroit, chief of the live stock department of the Columbian World's fair, is a strong believer in the use of cattle, hogs, lambs,