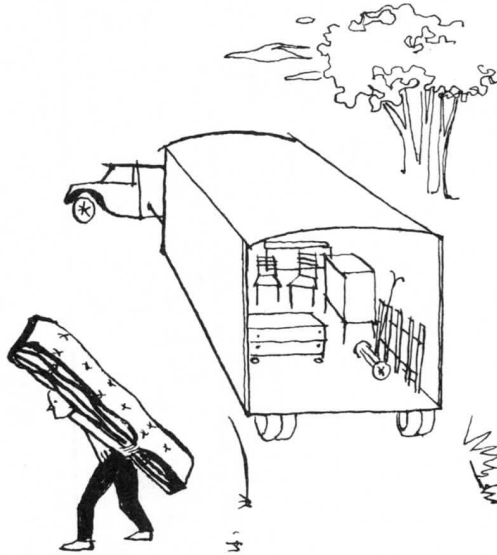


Chapter Four -- IT'S YOUR DREAM,

NOW LIVE IN IT



Living in your new Techbuilt house will probably be quite unlike any other experience fitting into a house or apartment you have had before. The space relationships within a Techbuilt house are fresh and stimulating, much more fluid and provide many different ways of arranging livingroom space. You will take great delight in arranging new areas for meals or for a cocktail party; a new place to prepare the roast for the oven while you talk to a friend who is sitting comfortably in your livingroom admiring the view.

The Techbuilt Way: Living Goes With Decorating Your New Home.

With the new house, many new ideas in decorating will suggest themselves. Some will work out; others you will discard, but keep your eyes open for new ideas for your home. That is one of its pleasures -- fresh stimulation -- even after you have owned it for years.

Actually by the eventful day you spend your first over-night -- how's that again! -- in your own house, you will have begun to be acquainted with its special features, its possibilities, and its feel. It has become your relaxation and your hobby as well as fulfilling the most binding need of all. Life need never be stereotype in such a house.



One of the fascinations of planting around your new home, of landscaping the outside as well as decorating the inside is that truck and error are not fatal. Mistakes or rather ideas you wish to try out need

not be permanent eyesores. Techbuilt architects and designers have found that certain theories and rules will aid you in this pleasantest of all jobs around a house.

Planting.

To give you an idea of how careful the design factor of the Techbuilt house has been worked out, the architects strongly recommend that you do not plant, for instance, cedar trees in pyramidal shapes, four feet on centers one foot away from the foundation walls of the house. The architects feel that in most cases the Techbuilt house looks better without any foundation planting.

It is preferable to plant in clumps and at strategic points. Bear in mind that for most people planting is seen from the inside. The house has big windows. It is more desirable to see your planting yourself from an easy chair than to put it just where it makes a fine show for the casual passer-by.

The small tree that you put close by the front door may in future years keep you from getting in that way! . If you have cared for it meticulously, you may find that you can't bring yourself to cut it down until one day you discover that you can't see out of your own window.

Decorating.

The windows in a Techbuilt house being mostly the same height and so arranged that single curtains can cover a large area, there is no necessity for curtains of different height and valence. Exceptions are the gable-end curtains which are explained in the plans. The best solution is to pull shades up from the bottom for privacy, like classroom windows. Gable drapes, on the other hand, must be hung to be drawn across on a horizontal curtain track, not at, but near the peak of the window. You may not wish drapes on these windows at all. The higher the light source the farther the light comes into the room. Such curtains can enhance this feature.



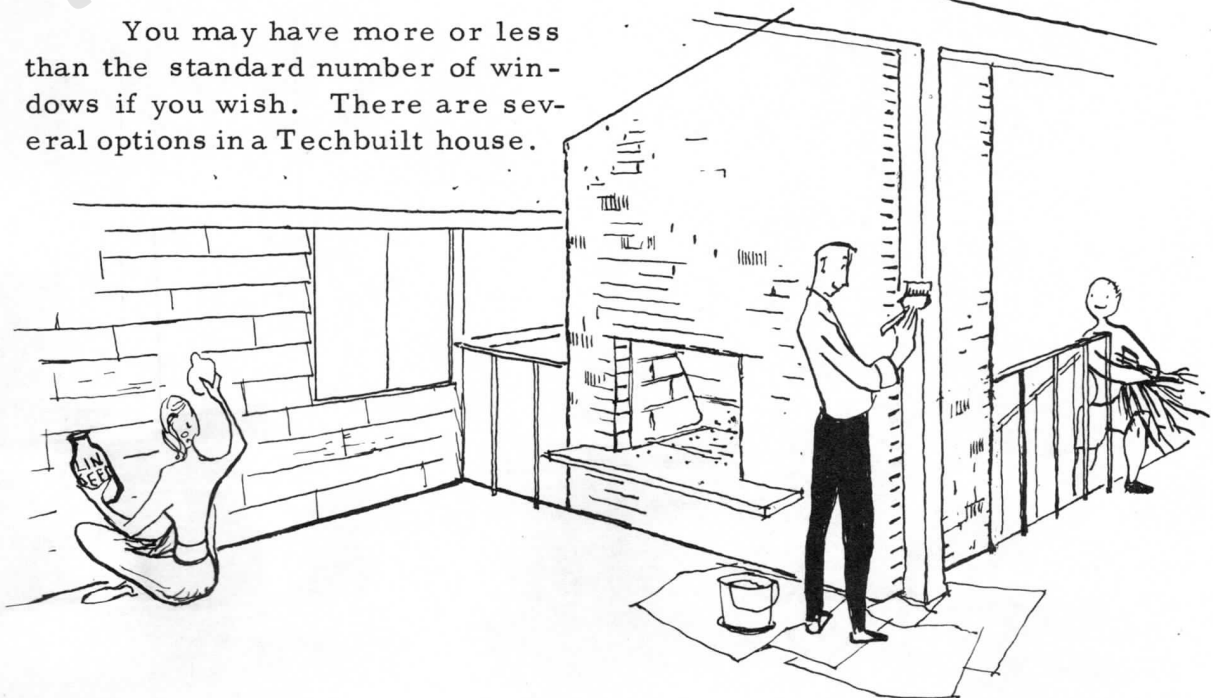
Each customer will have his own idea as to whether he wants large flowered wallpaper, plain finish or no finish at all. Techbuilt architects have generally found that it is more successful, more restful and pleasanter in the long run to keep your walls and large surfaces simple in color and pattern. If the walls are light, the color should be in small gobs where you can afford to have very bright colors. If you wish a change, have a very small area to rework. It is surprising what a fairly lively and interesting interior appearance you can get with a few pillows in brilliant colors or even in gaudy oriental patterns backed by a clean simple color.



Always remember too, especially if you have children, it is a lot pleasanter to have easily maintained material that may not give the best effect right off, but that in wear and tear on your temper and on the children's ego work out better in the long run.

The Techbuilt house being a wood house, a great many wood members can be left unpainted if reasonable care is used in erecting the frame. These are more attractive in the long run than painted surfaces that show kick-marks and scuffing, and that take a lot of puttying and maintenance to bring them up to a high finish which is not suitable to the house.

You may have more or less than the standard number of windows if you wish. There are several options in a Techbuilt house.



With large window areas you can afford to have a lot of color on the walls and light-absorbent materials if your taste runs in that direction. On the other hand you cannot possibly, even on bright days, get as much light in any house as your eye can really use. You need not consider that you have to paint everything black to offset the size of your windows. In fact you really create a feeling of glare and undesirable contrast by using dark colors.

Additions and the Flexibility.

In the Techbuilt house as you will see again when you walk into it, you are purchasing as much space as you will ever need, leaving more of it in an unfinished state. You expand within the house instead of tacking on to it.

The experience of architects today proves that it is inordinately expensive to add to the structure of a house. You must in the original situation take care, heating and plumbing wise, for the later additions, or pay for the very expensive replacement and remodeling cost in connection with the utilities. Your requirements for building permits, your requirements for landscaping, your foundation work, even with adding a room to a house -- you have to go through the whole business.

Over and over again architects have found that a small addition is in effect the tail which comes close to wagging the dog -- cost-wise. For this reason we have developed the Techbuilt house to supply almost any family with the ultimate in its space requirements. The additions as they are made are made on the inside of this shell, completing the unfinished areas, developing the heating and plumbing skeleton which comes with the original house and generally working within a pattern that is definitely more economical than building onto an original structure.

