

*The Cockcroft Cottage*

VIEW OF THE DINING ROOM, COCKCROFT COTTAGE

and is weathering to a deep gray that comports with the quiet wall tone.

The placing of shadows in the building itself has also been done with care, as well as the breaking up of the wall spaces with window openings. The grouping of the windows in long, rectangular surfaces combines an opportunity for making the exterior balanced and reposeful, with the merit of allowing a copious lighting of the interior.

The general scheme of the plan is simple. Opposite the front entrance the driving entrance lies at the rear. The living room is to one side and the dining room to the other, as one stands at the front entrance looking in. Beyond the dining room is a spacious porch, which is designed to afford an outdoor living room. Beyond the living room at the other extreme is the pergola.

Holding to the holiday mood of the building no

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emphasis is put on the stairway as a feature of the plan. The noble old stairways which customarily dominated the center of the first floor of, for example, our Colonial houses, express, for all their attractiveness, the settled, permanent aspect of the dwelling. Here the architects seem to have felt that the changed conditions of country life altered the need of emphasis. Such a house is only used as a dwelling for part of the year and at a season when much of the living will be done out of doors. Accordingly, the first floor, thrown open in the main, and communicating on all sides with the grounds without, is made to express a sense of being complete in itself, and the fact of communication with

the floor above is passed over lightly. The effect is obtained by tucking the stairway between walls and leaving it inconspicuous. The flight is straight, the tread easy and the passage well lighted, yet the structural fact is all but forgotten in viewing the lower rooms. The thought is carried at one point and another out at the windows or into a neighboring room, but not up toward the seclusion of the householder's more personal realm.



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