

Imports bring welcome changes

We are currently under the influence of imported furnishings and designs. You have only to look around you to notice the influx of imports in every store.

We have long been incorporating the Japanese design of furnishings in our homes. It seems to be the source of much of the Oriental influence on interior and exterior architecture. Certain analogies are frequently drawn between Japanese architecture and the contemporary style we enjoy.

Sometimes a designer is completely unconscious of any outside influence on his work. However, strong parallels are apparent to anyone who knows both styles of architecture and furnishings.

The Japanese seem to have solved successfully the underlying needs that we commonly have. The work of Frank Lloyd Wright reflects the character of Japanese architecture. We think of it as contemporary. Architects and decorators have at times appropriated the best ideas of various countries and adapted them to our needs.

THE POWER of quietness, or understatement, is the Japanese approach to beauty. Lasting beauty, severe and astringent, simple restraint and an unassuming quiet feeling may be applied to a house, a person, a costume, or furnishings.

It doesn't designate high style, or correctness of taste. The appeal of the Japanese influence isn't due to falsification or applied design but rather brought forth from within by skill and materials used. It has the power of the unfinished statement.

The beauty of many of the imports is rich, serene — creating a timeless effect.

Lois Carey will head area's library board

Lois E. Carey has been elected president of the Board of Trustees of Farmington Community Library. Her vice president for the coming term will be Ernest E. Sauter.

Other board members elected were James H. Ebel and James E. Wibby. Wibby has served on the board as an appointee since January.

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design

Gloria Cohen

smaller rooms, or a bedroom with a dressing room. Great matting rather than translucent papers are sometimes used for screens in order to give a degree of privacy.

Occasionally, we Americans adopt the ideas of Japanese tradition. We display a single beautiful object to its fullest advantage. There is something to be said for the sense of space, the emphasis on simplicity, the neutral backgrounds, the beauty of natural woods, restraint in color, concentration of decorative interest — the "less is better" theory.

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