

UNUSUAL SUBURBAN HOME

The United States of America was three years old and George Washington was president when a Connecticut Yankee built

"Topline Farm"

1784-1959

Fifteen miles outside the industrial town of Danbury, Connecticut, Katherine Wheelen's "Topline Farm" is still a working farm where a herd of registered Brown Swiss cattle graze on the steep slopes that run into the Litchfield Hills. The character of the stern little original house has been lovingly preserved—wide floor boards, thick walls, plain fireplaces that stretch the width of the rooms, and at the same time the place has been opened up with wings and galleries and big graceful windows for a joyous communication with the out of doors. Here truly are "improvements," where new life and new ideas have served to make the old more beautiful.



The house is set in a series of gardens—in this one the pool is the main feature, framed in the green of lawn and hedges.

