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Joys Of Remodeling Old House Are Very Real With One 'If'

row because the kitchen's temporarily torn up — and the aspirin, of course, is in

one of those unmarked

boxes in the garage.

Remodeling a house that's sound and, in the

main, a satisfactory place to live, will be most grati-fying if the owner learns all he can about the sub-

ject, plans carefully and

chooses a reliable contrac-

Remodeling an oldér ome is a project to enter into with caution and to

emerge from with joy.

Between the moment the decision to remodel is made and the project is completed, there may be a few dark days — when the furniture is scattered around the house; the plumber's truck squashes the English ivy; the family eats out three times in a

chooses a reliable contrac-tor who has been recom-mended by people he knows.

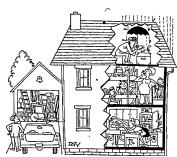
A good contractor knows how to save on costs, and also how foolish some cost-cutting can be. For example, he knows that patching a leaky roof to save the cost of a new one is wasteful, since a roof wears out all over, not in just one spot.

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investment in long-lasting protection for a home. There are many good books about home remodeling to buy or borrow from the library. Shelter magazines and remodeling guides sold on magazine stands are full of ideas and product information, and there are many book-lets available from manufacturers and their asso

One helpful booklet is "A Homeowner's Guide to the Selection of Quality

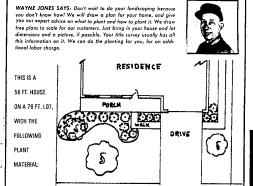


Doty shows us four very good reasons, and most families can list at least that many more.

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The homeowner who proceeds with caution, bones up on remodeling, chooses a contractor carefully, insists on quality

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