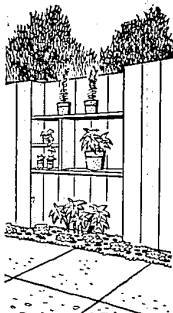


Yellow undercoating is one of the things to look for in buying cantaloupe, says the U. S. Department of Agriculture. This means the melon has ripened on the vine. But, they caution, beware of soft spots which may indicate rough handling, over-ripeness and spoiling.



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Homes and Gardening

Trend Turns Toward Use Of More Quarried Stone In Home Building

There has been a trend in the past two years toward the use of quarried stone not only on the exterior of the house but also inside the house. Many a happy home-owner is today silently thanking his architect or designer for suggesting this practical and beautiful material when his home was originally planned.

However, there are still many persons wanting to know more about stone. Where does it come from? How many kinds are there? What are the colors?

Let's start at the beginning. Rock, the raw material of the building and ornamental stone industries, constitutes the foundation on which every State in the Union rests. Such foundations may not be apparent to the casual observer, because they may be deeply covered, but if one digs deep enough he will find stone anywhere.

For practical purposes all building stone quarried in this country comes under three main classifications: sandstone, limestone and quartzite. For economic reasons

exploitation is generally confined to exposures at the surface of the earth to occurrences that have a relatively thin covering of soil or inferior rock. Furthermore, although there are many thousands of surface or near-surface deposits, only a small fraction of them have the qualities demanded for commercial use.

Flagstone flooring for all traffic areas in the home are being specified by one architect who has found this an attractive and eye-pleasing, as well as work and wear-saving, flooring for halls and passageways. Color coordinator Beatrice West has completed a house for which the entire color scheme is set by the stone in the fireplace and one interior wall.

Color is chosen because it contained pinks, purples, greens, blues and rich brown tones. Every great natural product has its imitators. Stone is no exception. When shopping for stone is best to remember that stone cannot be manufactured; it cannot be honestly imitated. The permanence, beauty and economy which come from stone can be found only if the natural product. Specifications for stone are exacting. Sound blocks of uniform texture and color, and free from spots, cracks or inclusions, are demanded. Nature has furnished the United States with an abundant supply and a great variety of rocks high in quality and attractive in appearance. They are widely distributed in many states, and their exploitation has constituted an important industry that has been active since early Colonial days.

Undoubtedly one of the reasons for the great interest in stone is the wide range of colors that color this building material has to offer the designer or architect. These are the familiar off-whites, buffs, creams, tans and grays and browns. In addition to these, stones of various kinds come in pink, rose, red, rust; in blue, purple, lilac; in yellow, green, and in variegated colors which add warmth and distinction wherever used.

The public wants stone. Its permanence, attractiveness, and the fact that it requires practically nothing in the way of annual maintenance, outweigh any cost factor. Real estate men have discovered that a house that has a stone exterior, either large or small, sells more easily. Cut stone is classified as a fireproof material and meets the restrictions of the most stringent building code, and under many codes stone walls need not meet the thickness requirements specified for other materials.

HAZARDOUS HOME CONDITIONS CAUSE ACCIDENTS

Accidents in the home accounted for 276 deaths in Detroit last year, reports Dr. Joseph G. Molner, Detroit commissioner of health. Falls outnumbered all other causes of fatal accidents. Of the 152 persons who died as the result of falls in homes, 105 of them were persons 65 years old or older.

Accidents to persons of any age could be reduced by a greater awareness to home conditions which are hazardous, Dr. Molner advises. Home accidents can be prevented if the home is made safe to live in. Good housekeeping can save lives. These are important safety factors and particularly so, when there are older people in the home. Stairways should be well lighted and should have sturdy railings. Broken stair treads should be repaired.

Make sure your small rugs will not slip, and if necessary use rubber pads and other devices to keep rugs from slipping.

Make sure floors are not so highly polished that they are dangerously slippery. All spilled water and oily liquids should be cleaned up immediately.

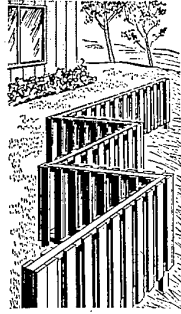
Arrange furniture so that footstools and light cords will not be tripped over. Keep toys, brooms, mops, and other articles off the steps to prevent falls.

When working above your head, use either a sturdy stepstool or ladder rather than an insecure substitute. Use only ladders with a good safety base.

Have a light switch at the door of each room so as you enter there will be sufficient light to prevent tripping and falling.

You may avoid falls if the bathtub has a rubber mat at the bottom and a guard rail on the wall.

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SAWTOOTH FENCE

Wonderful new landscaping possibilities open up if you design your fence in sawtooth pattern along the property line. Rough-textured Douglas fir or western red cedar boards give an interesting background for separate flower beds in the angle of the sawtooth. Shrubs take on new interest in this irregular pattern. These fences can be low or of estate height, and are especially good along a gully or unimproved neighboring property. Cedar or fir posts can be set in concrete to give longer service. A 2 1/2 cup of either wood will protect the louvers.

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Wood was one of his favorite materials, and from it he fashioned designs for lazy susans in revolving doors, a dumb waiter in the mantel, storm windows, drafting table and many pieces of furniture. Bedrooms were easily transformed into sitting rooms, for Jefferson recessed the beds into the wall. Even the floors are of wooden mosaic.

Here in this 35-room mansion is a tribute to Thomas Jefferson as an artist, and a tribute to wood as a building material, combining beauty, long life and hospitable charm required by a nation's president.

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Lighting Expert Suggests Different Levels

The homemaker completes her light-conditioned living room by providing the right floor or table lamp for each reading location in the room. Home lighting authorities suggest you'll get most pleasure out of lamps with more than one level of lighting. Turn them on high for reading, sewing or games, medium for TV viewing and on low for casual conversation. Choose ensembles when buying new lamps, or try improving your present lamps with matching shades for a more harmonious appearance.

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