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"WHATEVER became of that lovely old chest of drawers and that beautiful old walnut daybed we used to have out in the back yard at home? They must have been split up into kindling!"

At this point the modern homemaker sighs and the second-hand merchant (pardon me, I refer to the antique dealer) grins his teeth. How little we appreciated these heirlooms in the past and how we would love to have them now to refinish ourselves and to use in our best rooms!

True, just because a piece is old does not necessarily prove it to be worthwhile. To be worth refurnishing, a piece of furniture must have three essentials; good lines, good wood and good construction. However, many really worthwhile pieces have been resurrected from the attic, the basement, the back porch, the hay loft—even, even from the kindling pile. With a little time, patience and a considerable amount of "elbow grease" or rubbing these have been changed from ugly old black pieces to beautiful articles of furniture of which anyone would be proud.

Moreover, it is such fun to "do" them oneself! First, have any necessary repair work done and next remove the old varnish or paint. Sometimes there are many, many coats of either or both to remove, likely scraped off down to the original wood. Scrape away, not against or across it. Hold the scraper at an angle of about 45 degrees, using even, steady strokes. Now wash the surface clean with benzine, dematured alcohol or gasoline, according to the brand of "remover" employed, and allow it to stand until dry.

As the next step, smooth the surface with sandpaper, first using coarse and lastly fine sandpaper, rubbing with straight, firm strokes in the direction of the grain. Again wash with benzine or gasoline to remove any fine particles of dust.

Spots, unless they have been absorbed too deeply into the wood, may often be removed after the sandpapering process by a solution of one teaspoonful of oxalic acid to one pint of water. If this bleaches the wood, the color may be restored by the use of weak ammonia.

If one now wishes a darker color, a stain may be applied until the desired color is obtained. Many times, if the (Continued on page 7)

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By Madge McClade—Director of Housing

FORTY-FIVE years of evolution to rise from a "Ladies' Hall" to a Freshman Dormitory! Freshmen girls who this fall "set up housekeeping" in Mary B. Welch Hall may look back upon almost a half century of development in women's dormitories at Iowa State College.

In the year 1887 President W. L. Chamberlain wrote an urgent appeal to the Board of Trustees begging for a "Ladies' Hall." The request was not granted until 1896. Then the president's report included the following: "The erection and completion of the Women's Building works a new era in our advancement. It is designed with choice architecture, composed of bricks, roofed with slate and finished with taste. It occupies one of the most choice locations on the campus, giving the most pleasing outlook to its occupants. It tones for the better our entire college life. It is named Margaret Hall in honor of Margaret McDonald Stanton, whose estimable life and character were given in large measure to building and moulding the college through a greater part of its early history."

In 1912, when it became apparent that Margaret Hall could no longer accommodate the ever increasing number of women students coming to the campus, a committee composed of a number of prominent faculty and campus women was appointed to find proper housing accommodations for these young women. The personnel of this committee is little changed today. Its group has worked untiringly through the years to build up a splendid campus home for our women students, who come from many parts of the world. As a result of their efforts, the cooperation of the president and the generosity of the State Board of Education, Iowa State College has a system of housing for women that is probably
not excelled by any institution in our country.

Out of our 1,291 women students last fall, 252 lived in eleven sorority homes, 277 in their own homes or in faculty homes, where they worked for board and room, and 762 in our eight splendid dormitories, seven of which have been erected since 1912.

In 1929 the west wing of our newest dormitory, Mary B. Welch, was erected. The entire building houses 260 girls. For the first time this fall all of these girls with the exception of the 20 senior sponsors, will be freshmen.

For a number of years the Housing Committee has felt the need of a freshman hall. The high schools send us a splendid group of young women each year who are leaving their homes for the first time. There is bound to follow a serious period of adjustment. These girls find their classroom work very different and more difficult than that of high school. Many new social adjustments must be made. Many friendships are to be formed. Much of the future good work of these young people depends on the start made during their freshman year. For just such reasons it was decided to set aside one hall for freshmen.

It is not the wish of the college administration to give these women superior quarters in which to live, but rather a comfortable, wholesome atmosphere where the proper conditions exist for study, sleep, health and play.

Parents who are sending their girls to Iowa State College are ambitious that their daughters may be trained to live the most abundant, useful and happy lives. It is our duty to do all possible to see that these ambitions are realized. If these new freshmen women can but be helped to realize the value of integrity and courtesy, the work will not have been in vain.

An artist who does not use his imagination is a mechanic.—Robert Henri.

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