

The Architect Transforms

Correcting The Mid Victorian

OAKENKROFT, the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Roger K. Rogan at Glendale, Ohio, illustrated on this page gives one an idea of what can be done with the unsightly Mid-Victorian Gothic type of house so much in evidence on many of our beautiful old estates throughout this section of the country.

The original wing of the old house was built in 1847 and after many attempts of remodeling and additions by various builders, finally developed into the house as shown in the upper right hand corner of this page. In 1927, the owners finding the old house too small for their needs and not wishing to give up the beautiful grounds and landscaping which had taken so many years to develop, decided to remodel the old home and secured the services of John Henri Deeken, A. I. A. Architect, who added several wings to the building, introduced a few interesting details here and there, and by re-

moving the old roof and lowering the new to develop proper proportion, created a pleasing



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Georgian residence which fitted wonderfully well into the existing landscape. Both the old and new brick walls were painted a light ivory and the roof was covered with a mottled green and purple slate while the trim and shutters of the house were carried out in an Apple Green.

There were several interesting rooms within the old structure which were permitted to remain in their original state while the remaining part of the house on the interior was carried out in the Georgian style with enameled woodwork and paneled walls.

On the whole the house presents a most interesting appearance and it would be extremely difficult for one going through this home to realize that it had been an old home remodeled.

As for those who see only the exterior, the photographs are certainly adequate testimony to the great improvement in the remodeled house over the conglomeration of the earlier one.



Photograph—J. Anthony Bill

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