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An extremely attractive and Spanish home was recently erected on the E. Woodchester on 11th Street by B. C. Buxton, general contractor. With its rich Spanish architectural treatment in rough dressed brown bougainvillea and square windows with heavy shutters, the house is a modern version of the old adobe.

The small square, stuccoed porch has an attractive lattice work in the center wall on one side, and has a red tile floor with a cement border.

The screen door opens to a large front room with French windows and door opening on the porch overlooking the opposite end of the room.

To the left is a well proportioned living room with a fireplace in the center of the front wall. A bay window is topped by the construction of the front of the living room, and has a large slightly arched window in the front of it.

With a large window in the front and a sliding door opening to the back porch, the living room is a very attractive room. A deep archway immediately to the right of the entrance has the door beyond, and a small bay window in the front, and a large semi window on the side. There is a built up breakfast room with glass doors of intricate design and low deep protruding bay window at the front, which gives it an unusual effect. There is also a deep arched alcove on one side of the room.

Arches in the house are not ordinary arches, for they have a sort of conventional design at the top. In every place in the house where there is reason for an arch, even at the top of the built in bookcase in the den, is this type of arch.

The entrance to the dining room from the living room is square. A large corner cupboard, which has much dignity in its construction, occupies one corner of the room. Opposite the entrance are two three-quarter length windows, with just the width of a built in bench above the window of a dining table window and bench in the wall.

Sliding service door to separate dining service from the kitchen is of a design that is not an arch and not a ellipse, but a dash of each. Above this is set in the center a window which is set in the center of the front of a square alcove. Part of this is also used in the above breakfast room.

Off the kitchen is a large screened service porch with laundry trays, painting bench, iron cabinet, broom closet and storage space. The porch, which has a floor of red tile, bordered with cement, is screened and makes a delightful place for summer meals. There are three entrances to the house from the back: the breakfast room, the bath and the living room.

Concerning to the old plan of the early Spanish homes, the living room creates the sleeping quarters from the rest of the house.

In the meeting room half just off the living room, are stairs to a bath, screen porch, and dining room-bath, and two bedrooms, both finished in cream with cream wood-work.

In the corner of the front bedroom, which has two large windows, is the trap door leading to the basement where the hot water heater and the automatically controlled gas furnace are located.

The back bedroom has two large closets, one with built-in chest of drawers and shoe rack. Back of this is the children's room with a large chest of drawers and built-in drawers for toys, etc., and a small table and white kitchen table.

There is also an outside entrance to this room, coming in from the back yard. Almost entirely enclosed by buildings is the back yard, which is a mass of green grass, with an arched fruit pond and fountain, lined with Spanish tiles.

In the rear is a long low building that houses the maid's room and bath, and a very big porch. The view from the front of the house is as follows:

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