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Designed and Arranged by

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These twelve rooms were designed and arranged by Mrs. James Ward Thorne of Chicago. In size they are 25 to 36 inches long and 18 to 20 inches deep. Many of the tiny pieces of furniture and ornaments were selected from Mrs. Thorne's collections of miniature objects which she has found in various countries, particularly Italy, France and England. These, however, formed only a nucleus around which each room was developed and it was necessary to create all manner of diminutive things to complete the furnishings.

Throughout, it has been the designer's rule to use real materials wherever it was possible. The Spanish and Italian lamps, grilles and screens are iron, the furniture is wood, carved in the finest detail and covered with genuine fabrics, the lighting fixtures of brass and crystal, the rugs are real pieces of Aubusson and Petit Point. The lighting of each room is either through the windows or the open door in order to create a realistic atmosphere.

The greatest difficulty in constructing these rooms has been to keep everything in correct scale and to accomplish this, the most painstaking efforts were made in the selection of all the materials used.
EARLY AMERICAN KITCHEN


Scale: 1 inch = 1 foot.
MODERN ENTRANCE HALL

White walls, ebony floor and door inset with lines of chromium. Small ermine rug, carved ivory ornaments. Two bright red coral trees on black tables in front of gray and white murals. Andirons and wall brackets of chromium.

Scale: 1 inch = 1 foot.
FRENCH BED ROOM
Louis XVI Period

Cream walls, aquamarine blue taffeta curtains, crystal and brass chandelier and side lights, Petit Point rug. Furniture covered in grayish peach, corn color and blue. The antique desk and commode are inlaid wood with marble tops and the drawers lock with a tiny key. These and many of the ornaments were bought in Paris. Screen made of old gouache painting and two smaller gouache circles above doors.

Scale: 1 inch = 1 foot.
FRENCH DINING ROOM
Louis XVI Period

Pale green walls with line of gold in mouldings. At back an old cartoon of tapestry done in gouache. The small consoles, chairs and table are carved in elaborate Louis XVI design. Gilt service on the dining table and marble console came from Paris. Rug of Petit Point in peach, green and tan. Dull peach taffeta curtains.

Scale: 1\(\frac{1}{8}\) inch = 1 foot.
FRENCH EMPIRE SALON


Scale: 1 inch = 1 foot.
EARLY ENGLISH LIBRARY

Copy of wood paneled room in Levens Hall. Elaborately carved mantel 18 inches high. Red velvet hangings, soft green velvet on couch, green damask on chair.

Scale: 1 inch = 1 foot.
MID-VICTORIAN PARLOUR

Mustard yellow walls, elaborate white ceiling, peacock blue curtains, heavily trimmed in yellow silk fringe. Massive gas chandelier with prism beads. Furniture, which came from England, is covered with original dull red taffeta. Statuettes 2 inches high on pedestals in windows, copy of London Times (edition made for the Queen's Doll's House) in news stand beside the desk.

Scale: 1 inch = 1 foot.
VENETIAN ROCOCO SALON

Dull blue plaster walls, carved wood ceiling gilded, old yellow
rep curtains. Square of Aubusson tapestry used for rug.
Two chandeliers of old bronze, beautifully moulded and
trimmed with amber, lapis lazuli and crystal. Venetian glass
candle sticks on carved wood credenza at back. Most of
this furniture was bought in Venice and Rome.

Scale: 1 inch = 1 foot
ITALIAN DINING HALL

White plaster walls, floor of small brown tiles. Beams of ceiling decorated in color. Furniture elaborately carved, all copies of pieces from the Davanzati Palace in Florence. Wrought iron candle sticks, old silver service on table.

Scale: 1 inch = 1 foot.
SPANISH BAROQUE BED ROOM

Old gold damask walls, dull red velvet bed, embroidered in gold, back of bed elaborately carved with insets of coral, mother of pearl and gold. Chairs and benches covered with green brocade.

Scale: 1 inch = 1 foot.
SPANISH VAULTED HALL
17th Century

Walls of white plaster and gray stone, floor of brown tile. Red velvet chests. Hanging on walls are two tapestries of finest Petit Point in old red, brown and green. Bronze fountain in garden on other side of iron grille door. Wrought iron lamps and hanging lights.

Scale: 1 inch = 1 foot.
MAJORCAN KITCHEN

Copied from an old house still in use. Plaster walls, beamed ceilings, floor of gray slate. Table set with bottle of wine, bread and bowls for onion soup. Many ornaments found in Italy and Mexico.

Scale: 1 inch = 1 foot.