

Introductory Notes

for entertaining. There are also no staircases, so that the cost of furnishing and upkeep is considerably reduced. The Flat-de-Luxe has long been a great success on the Continent, and here in London, no doubt, more buildings of this description will be erected year by year. Not only do they possess all the comforts to which the wealthy are accustomed; in addition to that, they need fewer servants than are necessary in large houses; and it is easy to lock up a flat and leave it in the care of the manager.

When considered also from an architect's point of view, the designing of Mansion Flats offers great opportunities both for planning and for artistic treatment—opportunities perhaps even greater than those which present themselves in the building of a town mansion.

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