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Notes From Fiddler's Choice
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We have been homesteading at Fiddler's Choice for nearly two years. We have built Joe's Workshop, in which we are still living. The snapshots below show Joe putting siding on the west end of one of our rigid-frame-construction shop. (American Plywood Assoc. has specific plans for buildings of various sizes.) The building has no ridgepole or horizontal framing; this function being performed by the plywood skin over the framework. Plywood sections are glued and nailed into shape on the ground, then raised into place by pulling on a rope tied to the building frame.

We also have built a tool shed, and have plans to build at least the shell of our house this summer, and perhaps our sauna also. Although the cost of a building of this type in a \( \text{R-course} \) area is high, we feel that once we have finished, our house is finished we plan to use the shed for storage and the shop for visiting would be homesteaders to work alongside us.

We have begun our third growing season. Slowly but surely the soil is being improved, and we hope that something will grow in it. Poult house and sheltered plantings will serve to protect the crops. The houses of the dairy farmers take their nourishment. Our soil is sandy, so we have to supply it with manure, which we plan to do for that purpose.

The Engineered House

These words are used in house-building — specifically, wooden house-building — with a great deal of care. The term means house-plans, and posts, ought to know about Fox Roberts' book, Your Engineered House. It is aimed at the person who will hire an architect and contractor. There is much of it that is most pertinent for the person who wishes to build his own house. It is published as a book in two parts, each part being divided into two sections, one dealing with the house plans and the other with the construction.

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