Two deep, inviting seats are located at
the sides of the porch, the sides and back
of these being of one by six material,
while the “seat” portions are each made
of two one by twelve boards, supported
by two two by fours. The slanting back
of these seats makes them very comfort-
able. The posts at the outer corners of
the seats are of six by six material. The
walls of the porch, with the exception of
the door, windows and seats, are covered
with split shakes and are painted a light
gray, to match the remainder of the exte-
rior of the home—a fine color effect.

In the description of this porch only
the half of its beauty may be told. The
restful feeling that it brings is beyond
words. The rose vines growing in and
out among the beams of the pergola
overhead add their individually charming
effect, while the potted ferns nearby and
the perfume of the flowers from the roof
to this little retreat, all add to the indefin-
able delight, comfort, beauty and satisfac-
tion of the owners.

AN ALL-CEMENT CHICKEN HOUSE: BY ALBERT MARPLE

The chicken house made entirely of
cement is one of the latest features de-
vised and constructed by a home owner in
Long Beach, California. These houses, one
of which is shown in the accompanying pic-
ture, are made for service. The walls are
three inches thick and are solid. Each
house is three feet square, three feet high
at the front and four feet in height at the
rear. One side, that is always turned to the
south, is left open. This might be closed in
colder climates. This house is as near a
vermin-proof structure as it is possible to
get. They are readily cleaned and may be
effectively and easily sprayed and white-
washed.

It would seem that the final word as to
the uses of this amazing material, concrete,
had not been said. Almost every day reveals
some new adaptation of it for practical use
and some fresh, pleasant way of creating
beauty with it. Beauty certainly cannot be
claimed for this chicken house, but practic-
cality and permanence can. It also has the
quality of being warm and dry in winter.