

THE IDEAL HOME EXHIBITION:

It's Golden Jubilee Year for the Ideal Home Exhibition and though it's bigger than ever, the idea's the same; to mix the things you can afford with the things you can't so that you'll be dazzled without being depressed. This "Unity" house, for example, costs only £1,000 - which is about as low as prices can go, these days - but no one can deny it's attractive. Here's the lounge..

...And here's the main bedroom.

The German "Round House" is designed for use in remote areas where building's difficult - it's so compact and light it can be slung beneath a helicopter and planted in the Belgian Congo or the Australian bush. And now for a house that grows; the pyramid-shape roof is a three-bedroomed home in itself - and when you've got a little more money to spare, all you do is to hoist up the bit you've already got and slide another storey underneath it. Just remember not to walk out of the old front door.

Here's something every housewife dreams of - an oven you don't have to stoop to, or burn your fingers, in either. Separate from the oven is the hotplate unit - self-igniting, of course.

Another bright idea - the kitchen cabinet with movable shelves, so that everything can be brought to eye level. And as for this - it speaks for itself.

And so does this.

An electric sharpener, which sets knives and scissors at the correct angle...

And a shoe-rack which stores twelve pairs in the space of two.

This girl's drying her hair in front of an infra-red heater which can be beamed like a searchlight.

And here's a long low coffee-table which converts with a simple movement into a square tea-table of normal height. So many new ideas - it makes you wonder every year how on earth you've managed to exist up to now!