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To
MY WIFE AND BOY

PREFACE

This book tells how a reproduction of an early New England, central-chimney farm-house was built in New Jersey—a 1731 model with modern conveniences. We have lived in this house a year. It seems to be a success. That is why I am writing about it. Some people wouldn't like a period house like ours. It might be considered too old fashioned to supply appropriate scenery for fireless cookers and one-piece bathing suits. For the benefit of modernists, the book also attempts to tell how we solved many problems common to the building of any house.

No apology is offered for anything contained here. Nor do we gratefully acknowledge helpful and constructive criticisms from friends, neighbors or in-laws. Most people are indifferent about houses anyway. When one attempts to reproduce the spirit of the homes of our Puritan ancestors in a Main Street atmosphere—with bill boards, hot dog stands and mail-order houses, it is natural to be regarded as a lunatic,