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House Within House? Yes, It Can Be Built

For generations the tale has been told with much laughter of the town meeting which voted to build a new fire house, to construct the same from the material taken from the old one, which was to be demolished, and to continue to use the old building until the new one should be completed. It has been regarded as a ridiculous impossibility, and yet something very close to this is nearing accomplishment at West Chop, where George F. Frederick, architect, and Leo DeSourcy, contractor, are remodelling the so called Trafford house.

It was purchased some time ago by Mrs. John Barton Seymour, whose desire it was to transform the massive, three story structure into a much smaller dwelling, in the approved Cape Cod style. Mr. Frederick and Mr. DeSourcy set to work upon the problem, and it is a safe bet that few passersby knew what was going on before Sunday, when some of the new work was uncovered. What has been done is to build a two story house inside of the old one. The new house contains, roughly, half the number of rooms that were in the old, and so cleverly has this been accomplished that the interior was open to the weather but a single day.

Now that the new house is nearly completed as to exterior, the remains of the old house, not used in the building, will be torn down. The transformation has consumed but about a fortnight.