VICTORIAN HOUSES

Changes

Many social and technological changes had profound effects on the architectural development of the period.

• Imposing houses were built in town and country for the aristocracy,

• tarraced houses began to be provided for the poor

• growth of housing for middle class

With the beginning of the railways and new manufacturing processes, previously locally produced building materials became available all over the country.

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Tarraced housing

- More and more people moved into the new industrial towns to work in the mills and factories and rows of terraced **back-to-back** houses were built to house them. The houses were joined together to save space.

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- Terraced houses were very small with two rooms upstairs and two downstairs. There were often no gardens, only small back yards where the outside toilet was.
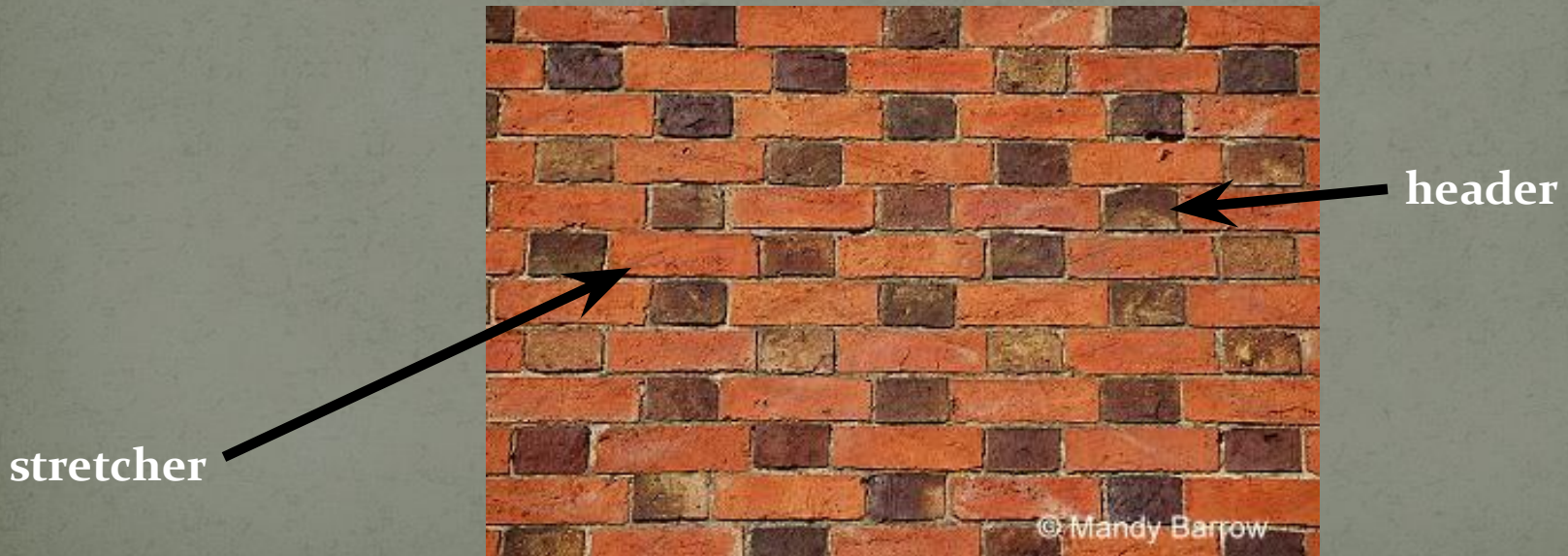
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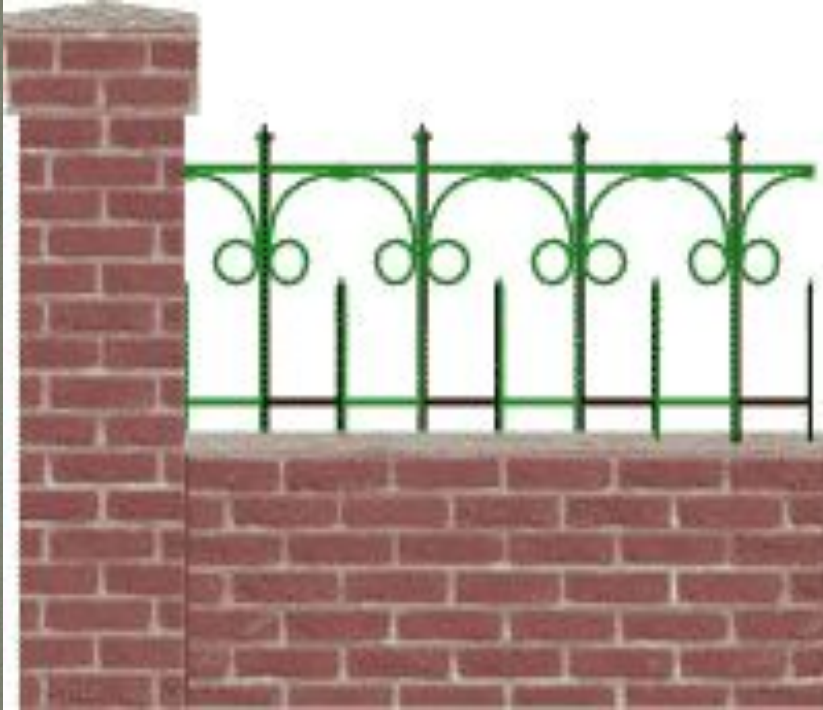
Brick work

- Houses were often decorative with fancy brickwork.

- Flemish brick bond:

header, stretcher, header, stretcher

header

stretcher

Roofs

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Windows

- The Victorians invented a way to make big panes of glass, called 'sheet glass'. This type of glass arrived in 1832 - five years before Victoria ascended the throne. True Victorian windows had six and later four paned vertical sliding sash windows
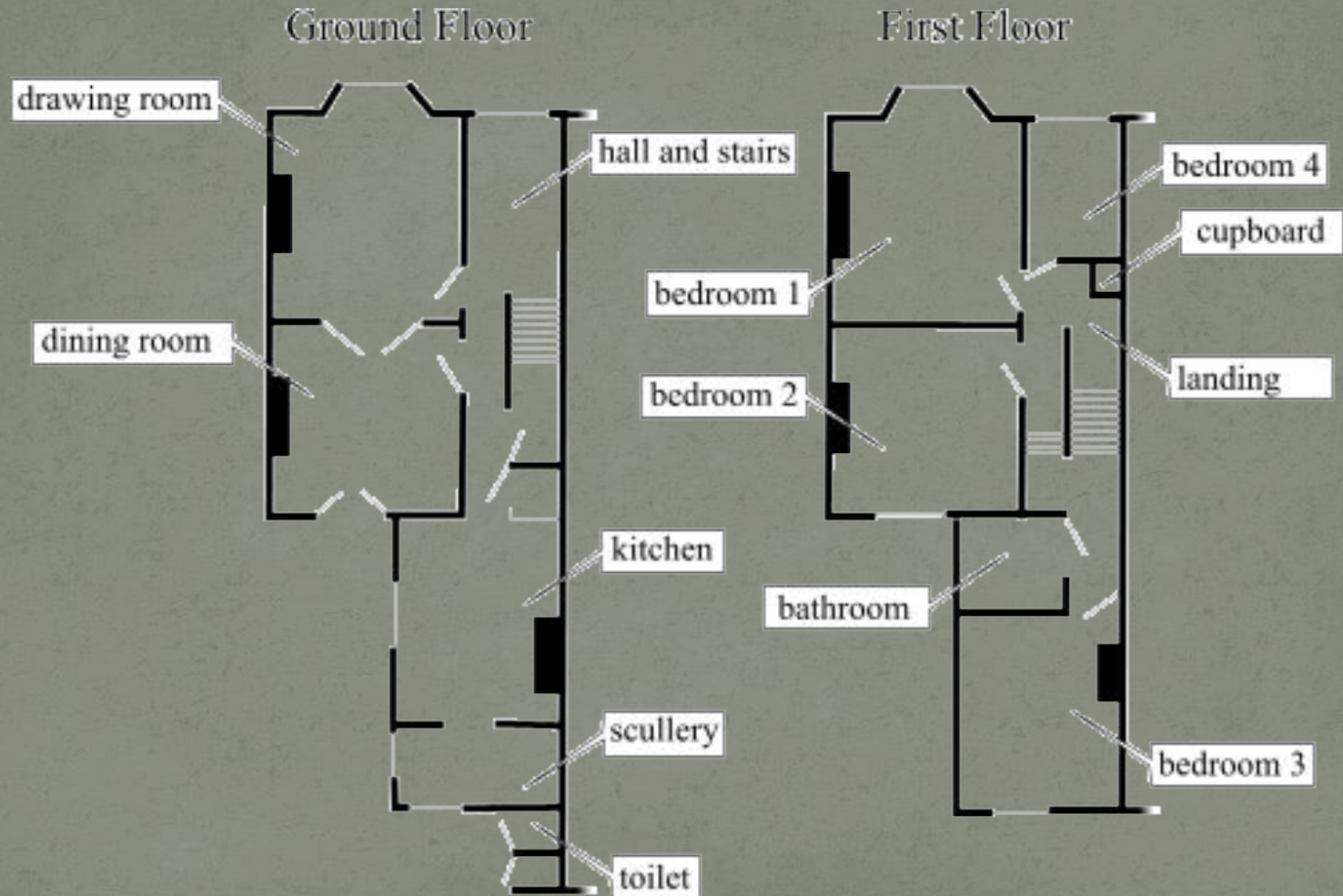
Windows

Doors

Door furniture

Interior

- Poor people in Victorian times lived in horrible cramped conditions in run-down houses, often with the whole family in one room.

- These houses had **no running water or toilets**. Each house would share an outside water pump. The water from the pump was frequently polluted.

- Some streets would have **one or two outside toilets for the whole street to share.**

- Poorer families, if they owned a bath at all, put it in front of the kitchen rang. This was the warmest place in the house and very close to hot water. The whole family would wash themselves one after the other

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Toilet

Interior

Ground Floor

First Floor

drawing room

hall and stairs

dining room

bedroom 1

bedroom 2

kitchen

scullery

toilet

bedroom 4

cupboard

landing

bathroom

bedroom 3

Decorations

Stamped tin ceiling in informal parlor room

Main hall

Drawing room

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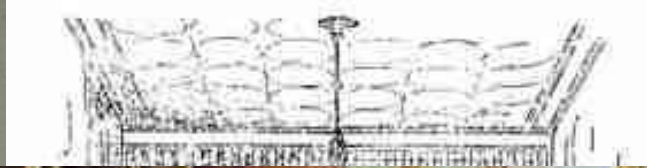
The Victorian Parlour

DRAWING ROOM of HAMPTON & SONS' £500 ESTIMATE.   For prices and descriptions see opposite page.

Drawing room

Examples of Victorian Furniture Design from the Crystal Palace exhition of 1851

- cluttered with furniture
- white, elegant, marble fireplace
- curtains covering doors, furniture,
- scarlet, white, pink, green colours
- different kinds of chairs and sofas
- every surface covered with
 porcelain, pictures, lamps, mirrors etc.

Dining room

- Dark, masculine style

- Pictures of family in heavy frames

- Curtains maroon-colour with gold

- Deep crimson flock paper on the walls

- A few pieces of mahogany furniture:
    - sideboard
    - table
    - chairs

Kitchen

- Situated remte from the principal apartments of the house

- Domain of the servants

- Large and utilitarian

- Was not filled with ornate details

- Furniture:

  - Wooden dresser

  - Range

  - Table

  - Couple of simple chairs

- Scullery, butler's pantry, ice-house

Bathroom

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Victorian Bath

- Bathrooms became the features of Victorian houses after 1870s.

WATER CLOSET

Bedroom

- Main pieces of furniture:
- Bed
- Wordrobe
- Dressing table
- Chest of drawers

Nursery

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3. S C U L L E R Y
4. F I R E P L A C E
5. B A Y   W I N D O W
6. S I D E B O A R D

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