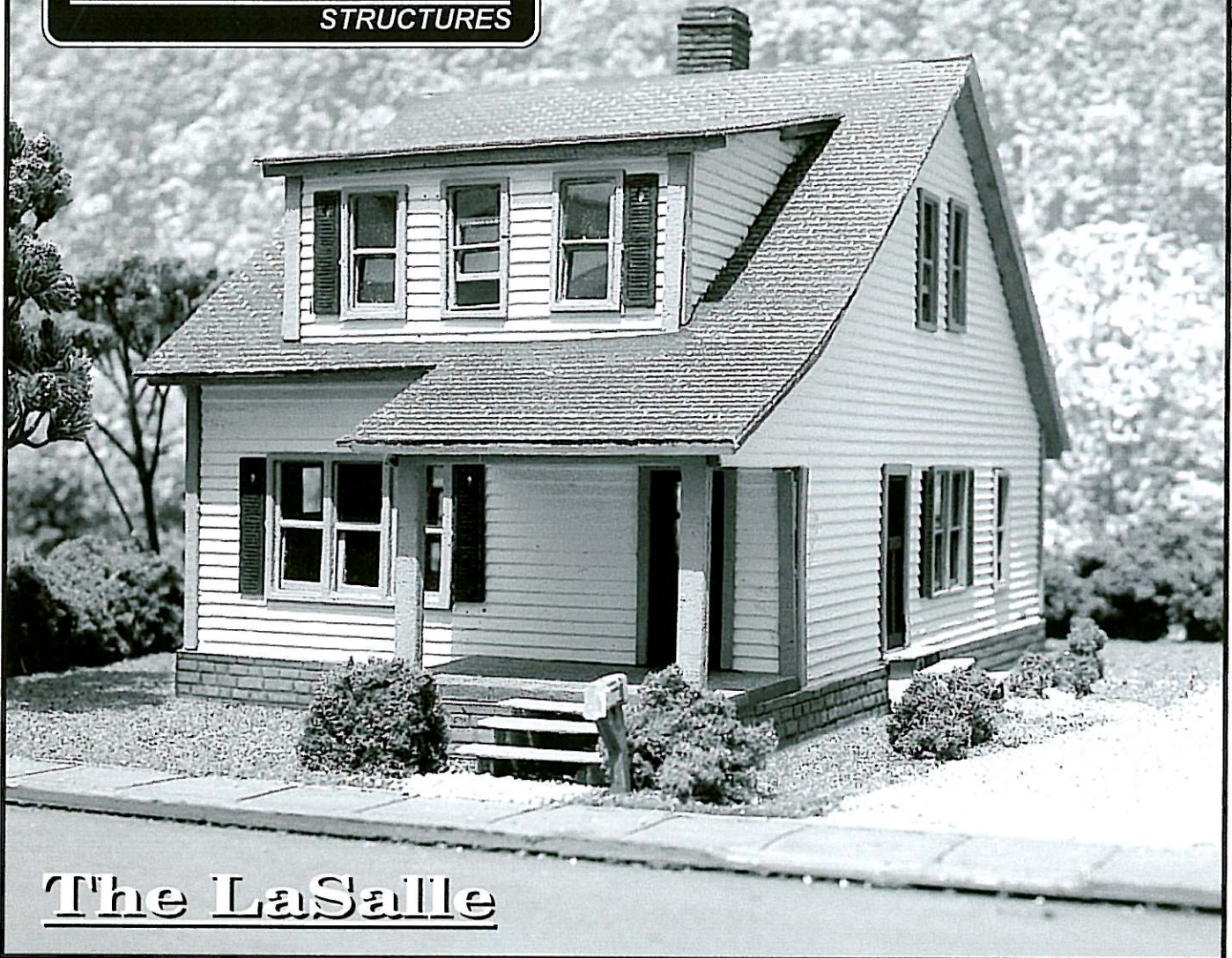


LASER-ART STRUCTURES



The LaSalle

History:

Throughout the later half of the 19th century and well into the 20th century many architectural firms offered stock house plans that could be purchased for use in constructing homes throughout the country. Often these plans were published in elaborately illustrated catalogs for prospective homeowners to browse and dream of their next purchase.

One of the most prolific catalog home firms was Sears, Roebuck & Company. Over the years they offered many catalogs full of home designs. The LaSalle is based on a home shown in the 1926 Sears catalog. The kit price of \$2,746.00 included all lumber, millwork, trim, cupboards, doors, windows, hardware, gutters and downspouts – even paint and varnish!

Although designed to look like a single family home, the LaSalle also included a second floor apartment which was to provide “A steady income from the rent... In the long run the owner finds such a rental pays for the investment”.

Tools:

A few tools are required to assemble this kit. A sharp X-Acto knife, tweezers and glue (Elmer's white glue or similar for wood to wood joints and ACC, contact cement or epoxy for metal parts) should be all that is needed. A small square may also be useful.

Painting and weathering tips

We find it easier to paint many of the parts before assembly. If you choose to use water-based paints please be sure to paint both sides of the wood siding to minimize warping. Don't panic if the wood warps while the paint is still wet, in most cases it will straighten out after the paint dries.

Do not paint the inner wall framework until after it is glued to the side walls in step 1. These parts are very delicate and may warp if painted before they are glued into place.

Before you begin:

We recommend that you read through the instructions as well as the picture diagrams before you begin each step. This will help prevent any assembly mistakes. Dry fitting pieces before you glue will help as well.