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LAS MANOS POTTERY

Addison Mizner, Architect, Founder
County Road
Palm Beach, Florida
FOREWORD

The Everglades Club in Palm Beach County is a Colony of delightful villas of the atmosphere of the Old World. In his plans for the Club House, Mr. Addison Mizner, the architect realized that to impart the true feeling of the Mediterranean it was necessary in some way to procure the vari-colored tile roofs. The tiled floors and the terraced gardens with their multi-tinted tiles and their hand-made flower pots and vases, he also considered essential to the effect. Being unable to import these tiles and pots Mr. Mizner conceived the idea of making his own tiles. A tile maker was brought from his tile factory in Spain and the project commenced. The method employed was in every detail that of two thousand years ago. The clay was beaten into form by hand and, after being sun-dried, was placed in the kilns to be thoroughly baked. The very first output of this factory, free from machinery and other modern appliances, proved conclusively that an American Architect could successfully duplicate the work of the wonderful builders of other generations. The roof which now covers the Everglades Club is made from the tiles contained in the first kiln ever fired.

The effect of the idea was instantaneous, as shown by the fact that the winter residents of Palm Beach, nearly all of whom have already built or are planning to build their own domiciles, have followed the example set by Mr. Mizner where roof tiling, flooring and gardens are concerned. The result has been the formation of a company known as the Las Manos Pottery, distributing its products, even at this early date, as far as New York City and having at the moment inquiries from real Spanish Architects in Havana, Cuba.

Due then to the originality of an Architect is has become possible to build anywhere in America with the aid of Las Manos Pottery, exact duplicates of the never-to-be-forgotten Italian Villas and the proverbial “Castles in Spain.”
WHAT LAS MANOS POTTERY PRODUCES

We have not been able to show in this pamphlet by any means all our products. We wish accordingly to point out that we are equipped to meet any special requirements for roof or floor tile and also for flower-pots and that we can work to satisfaction with the aid of a sketch. In such cases, when so specified, we are glad to insure originality of design by the immediate destruction of our forms upon completion of the order.

Our octagon floor tile with dark burned inserts, a cut of which could not be made ready for this pamphlet, is among the latest of our designs and has met with distinct favor, being used extensively for dining rooms, terraces and tea gardens. The irregularity of the tile when laid gives to the floor a hand-made and oldish effect, which is a very pleasing contrast to the modern, machine-made, perfectly proportioned floor tile usually found in American residences.

We have also completed with very satisfactory results pillars, pedestals, bird-baths and similar articles in artificial stone. Work of this kind we consider of a special nature and accordingly carry nothing in stock for immediate delivery. The above is also true of our glazed tile, which we can produce at a small additional cost in any desired color, design or shape.

Inquiries addressed to Sales Department Las Manos Pottery, Palm Beach, Florida, will receive our immediate and careful attention.
Spanish Roof Tile in varied shades, $53.50—195 Tiles, 100 Sq. Feet
SPANISH FLOOR TILE

Natural Burned—Varied Colors:

8"x8" and 9"x18", unglazed...................44c per square foot

9"x9" and 9"x18", glazed...................70c per square foot

7"x7" and 7"x14", unglazed..................42c per square foot

9"x9" and 7"x14", glazed...................58c per square foot

Ground extra smooth......................2c extra per square foot

Octagon Floor Tile—dark burned inserts

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Spanish Balustrade Tile—$200.00 per 1,000
At Left: Small Tuscan—15x15—$12.00

At Right: Large Tuscan—18x21—$17.00
At Left:—Plain Flower Pot—19x20—$10.00

At Right:—Generalift—$14.00
At Left:—Fern Bowl—Romanesque Head—15x23—$17.00
  Plain—15x23—$14.00

At Right:—Tuscan—17x22—$15.00
Plain Flower Pot—23x40—

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Same with Winged
Sphinx — 23x40— $60.00

Plain Flower Pot—22x38—

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Same with Winged
Sphinx — 22x38— $45.00