



LEFT: JESSICA AND KEN'S CAT SARA ENJOYS THE PERIOD FIREPLACE ALMOST AS MUCH AS THEY DO.



and high dressers, bedside tables, a sewing rocker, a vanity stool - even a shaving mirror. Their only compromise was the bed itself, which is a reproduction of the original-but in king size-by Portland craftsman Brent Willets of The Handwerk Shop.

Collecting that set developed an appreciation for the designs of Harvey Ellis from the short period during which he worked for Stickley. When an Ellis-designed china cabinet came from a local estate, it sparked their search for the complete dining room, also pictured in the 1907 catalogue. A server and chairs now share the room with an L. & J.G. Stickley Prairie-style dining table.

Decorative Accents

In addition to furniture, the couple shares an interest in decorative items. They collect art pottery; Roycroft metalware, particularly desk accessories; and leather handbags that show off some of the finest hand-tooled work of professionals and amateurs in familiar Art Nouveau- and Arts and Crafts-stylized designs.

Jessica remembers finding her first piece of Saturday Evening Girls pottery. She had heard the charming and compelling story of its founding in Boston and its purpose: Immigrant girls decorated pottery blanks while they sat and learned the social graces that would enable them to be better citizens. When Jessica saw a piece of this pottery in an antique mall in Denver, she was so excited she paid what at that point was an expensive \$125. She has never turned back.

As they collected more furniture and decorative work, a question continued to be raised: Should they move and find a house more appropriate for their collection?

They assembled their bedroom first, directed by the first Stickley piece they bought - a vanity table pictured in the 1907 catalogue. Jessica is enthusiastic in her admiration of the design of that particular piece. "As we looked at it and saw the arch-how beautiful, how simple - and the tapered legs - such a simple detail but so exquisite-and the wooden knobs, we came to really love this wonderful design."

The bedroom suite came together with the help of dealers and auction houses from as far afield as Boston and California. First came the nightstand off eBay, then a second one at Grove Park. These were followed by low