

“Helluva bar fight, you should see the other guy.”

—Chris Dodd

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forget that some interior renovations end up affecting the exterior appearance of the house.



RIGHT This intact American Foursquare is in the same neighborhood. **ABOVE** Lose something?

“ONE-EYED WILLY”

Our correspondent writes: “I love *Old-House Journal*. When I saw this house in my neighborhood, I thought it might be a contender for Remuddling. It’s an otherwise attractive house, but a developer thought it would be a good idea to remove a front window. I call the house One-Eyed Willy. Such a terrible idea! What were they thinking?!”

“The Detroit Shoreway in Cleveland is full of old houses. But the flippers and developers see dollar signs, so it has also become a hotbed of remuddling, inside and out,” she explains. “Many homes have been gutted to appeal to those looking for an open-concept floor plan.”

People remove a window to gain wall space for built-ins or furniture, and sometimes to block the view of a too-close neighbor. This one is a puzzle, though, as the removal is upstairs on the front of the house and robs a large section of that floor of natural light. The change also leaves the façade visually unbalanced.



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