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BALLOON HOUSES

Near Washington they are experimenting with an entirely new type of house. A balloon house. It's revolutionary, not only in type, but in the time it takes to do it. Cement sprayed through a pressure gun forms a coating over a wire mesh and all that holds it up is a hemispherical balloon inflated by means of an inner tube. The designer shows how the rubberised core gives. You simply deflate the inner tube to start the interior decorating and you've got a smart little igloo that takes no more than 14 hours to build. The sponsor of the scheme says that a 100 balloon houses could easily be built in 60 days. Inexpensive igloos while you wait.