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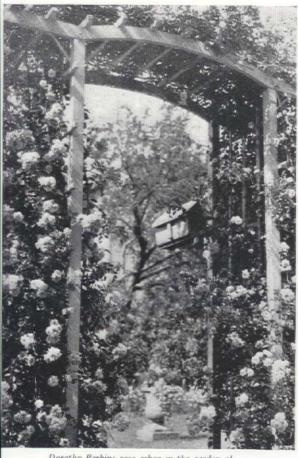
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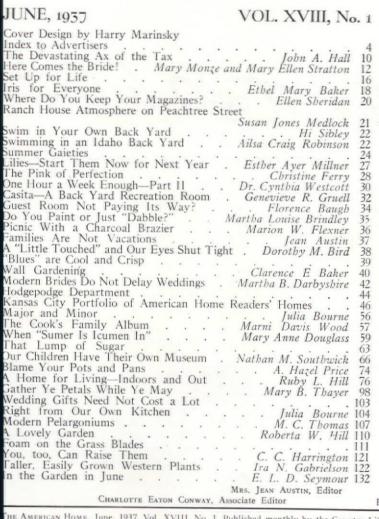
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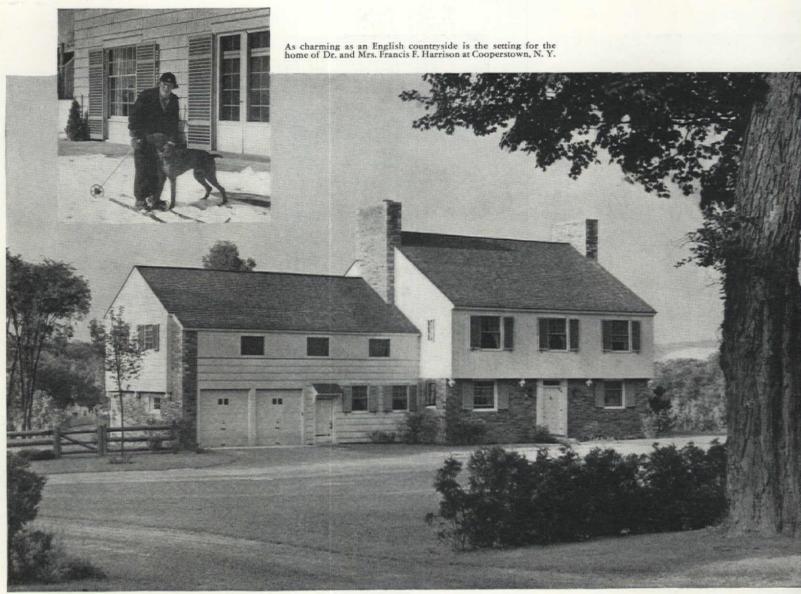
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This hypothetical radial wiring diagram shows how overload is eliminated and full current assured every outlet.

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#### The devastating ax of the tax on American homes

JOHN A. HALL

Just as death and taxes are two of the most certain things in life, a discussion of the tax question, until the recent years of the depression, was just as popular as a discussion of death.

Many thousands of our families, however, in the last five or six years have felt the sharp edge of the ax in the tax on homes and on vacant lots bought with a view of building a home at a later date. The pages of our newspapers have been filled with notices of foreclosure sales. It is indeed unfortunate that it took severe jolts of this kind to awaken the owners of property to the urgent need of giving proper consideration and foresight to this very important subject.

However, it is far more unfortunate that a very small percentage of those who have not suffered from the loss of property through tax sales are even today giving very serious thought to this growing and menacing problem. A most peculiar situation has existed in relation to taxes on real property for many years, and especially among the home owners of the country. In some respects the condition has presented an unusual and astounding

series of paradoxes.

The home owner has been recognized for many years by all thinking people as the best citizen of every community and therefore of the nation itself. I include the recognition of this fact even on the part of public officials and legislators, for, truly, there are many in this group who really do think beyond the next election. We seldom, if ever, hear of a home owner waving the red flag. He is generally among the most stable, the most thrifty, and the most respected citizens of every town and hamlet. There is no group the politician and the office holder would rather have in back of them supporting them and yet, paradoxically, there is no group that is more unfairly treated and more unjustly taxed.

There are something like eighteen million home owners in the United States, including the owners of farm homes. Millions of them belong to various clubs and social organizations in their communities. If these club members receive a notice of a proposed increase in dues, they jam the rooms where the meeting is to be held to protest against any such increase. I know because I have attended such meetings.

The taxes on their homes have been increasing year after year.

Try to get these same club members out to a meeting of taxpayers or home owners. No matter how attractive the program or how important to their interests the proposed discussion may be, just a mere handful will show up. I know this too, for I served for two terms as the president of one of these organizations. They are just "too tired" or "too busy" to attend a meeting. It has been almost impossible to get the average home owner to talk about taxation, except for a day or two, directly after the receipt of their tax bill. Then what a howl goes up-not where it will do any good, but on the street and in the offices and factories. That is as far as it goes, however, and at best it only lasts for a few days. And here is the important point. Maybe the politicians, behind the ever increasing taxes don't know all of that?

Coming right down to brass tacks and facing cold, hard facts we have, right there, the answer to ever increasing taxes on real estate, including our homes. Years ago, that splendid, outstanding public servant, State Tax Commissioner John J. Merrill of New York, used to say repeatedly, "Home owners will continue to be made the goats in taxation, just as long as they permit it.' That statement remains just as true today as it ever was. Only the home owners themselves can force the elimination of the ax from the devastating tax on our homes. The time has come when the home lovers of Americathose vast millions of our people who still believe in home and all that it should stand for-the time has come when they must set aside their lassitude, their indifference, in relation to taxation. We must not only bring America back bome but we must make it possible for people to keep those homes, once we have got them into them again.

In the old days, when it was first found necessary to resort to taxation as a means of financing the costs of government, real estate was the only tangible property that could be reached for that purpose. Then the home, or the farm truly represented the wealth of the family. Today all of this is changed. Real estate now only represents about one third of the wealth of the nation. Yet our homes and other real property pay as high as ninety per cent of all of the taxes in some sections. Throughout the nation the percentage is about seventy-five. One third of the

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Long before the 60-horsepower Ford V-8 engine was offered to America, we knew it was capable of unusual economy.

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averages of 22 to 27 miles per gallon of gasoline. That is the highest mileage in Ford history — and Ford cars have always been famous for economy!

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According to an adage, luck for the bride lies in something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue. The something "blue" is this lovely table for the bridal party at the formal reception after a four o'clock wedding Mr & Mr James Worthy Davis
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# ere comes the bride!

The crowning of a king cannot create more excitement or concern in any nation than does a wedding in the average family. We all go to weddings and enjoy the festive occasions but little do we realize until we have to "do the honors" ourselves that there are many formalities that must be observed. And the rules are rigid too, for marriage is a tradition older than the crowning of kings. We follow its ageless rules by doing everything within our power to make its ceremony the perfect and lovely thing it should be, even in this modern day of freedom, sit-down strikes, and so-called individualism-rugged or otherwise.

Every bride wishes her wedding to remain forever with her a beautiful memory and the family "to a man" wishes her to have this happy remembrance, hence even though the wedding may of necessity be a simple one, it can be thoughtfully planned and made a "thing of beauty and a joy forever." It is the one time when we should be truly glad to stretch the family budget almost to the breaking point to make the occasion a memorable and happy one.

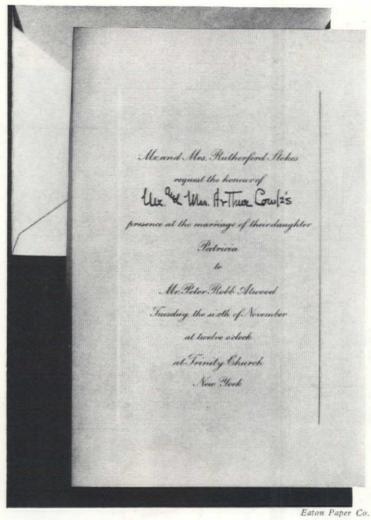
Whether the wedding is an elaborately formal one or a homey, informal affair it should express the utmost dignity and simplicity, for it is a sacred rite. Its procedure should be in perfect order to the very minutest detail. If the wedding is to have its setting in a

church, invitations may be sent to acquaintances as well as to relatives and friends; however, only the relatives and friends are invited to the reception which follows the wedding. The home wedding necessarily limits the guest list to relatives of both families and intimate friends.

The chancel of the church at the formal wedding is banked with flowers. Music by the organ precedes the wedding. A soloist or choir sings while the clergyman takes his place at the altar after which the bridal party marches slowly down the aisle in its designated order to the strains of the wedding march. The services are then read and at the conclusion the recessional is played while the bridal party marches out.

At a home wedding the ceremony might be performed at the end of a long room decorated with swags of greens or seasonal flowers or in a bay window, tastefully decorated. A fireplace that has been banked

Opposite page: The bride, her groom, and wedding attendants sit at table at the formal reception after the wedding. The palest of blue rayon damasks makes the cloth and napkins; Royal Worcester plates have touches of blue in them, and even the glasses reflect blue in their iridescent surface. Table linen, china, and glassware, B. Altman & Co. "Late Georgian" sterling silver, Gorham; wedding cake, Dean; flowers, Irene Hayes



MARY MONZE and MARY ELLEN STRATTON

with potted palms, trailing ivy, or any wood's greenery makes a charming background for the ceremony. Standards through which white satin ribbon is run form an aisle for the bridal party to pass to their places. A long well filled cushion is provided for the bride and groom to kneel upon for that part of the service requiring it. The bride's mother receives the guests

as they arrive.

One of the simplest and loveliest home weddings ever witnessed took place in a large living room made into a veritable bower of greena rich and dignified background for the wedding party and guests. A wedding bell was fashioned of white camellias and hung just above the spot where the bride and groom were to stand. Guests lined both sides of the long room. From the hall leading into the living room a piano played the strains of "Oh, Promise Me," and it was sung softly and beautifully. A few hushed seconds and the chords of "Here Comes the Bride" brought a vision of white loveliness to the top of the wide stairs. Followed by the matron of honor the bride descended the stairs and was met at the landing by her father. The clergyman, groom, and best man entered from the side door, and the clergyman led the way to the improvised altar where the wedding service was read. After the simple but impressive ceremony, the guests gathered round to offer their con-

gratulations and best wishes to the bride and her groom after which the entire party proceeded to the dining room where a buffet supper was served. This was an evening wedding-nine o'clock-in one of our far Western cities where the heat of the day makes the evening wed-

ding more desirable for both wedding party and guests.

Most formal weddings today take place at four o'clock in the afternoon, although twelve o'clock noon is a popular hour, too. After the morning or twelve o'clock wedding, a breakfast is served at the home of the bride where those invited assemble to offer congratulations to the happy couple who receive assisted by the wedding party and mothers of the bride and groom. The receiving line is usually in front of a decorative setting of potted shrubs and flowers. The wedding breakfast may be a buffet or a "sit-down" breakfast. The bride's table is larger than the others and the bride's cake, of course, the center of interest. The bridal party occupies this table. Smaller tables placed about the room are provided for the guests.

The formal afternoon wedding is followed immediately by a reception at the home of the bride or, if the home is not large enough to accommodate all the reception guests, a hotel or country club may be used for this purpose. However, the homey atmosphere does not make these public rooms the perfect setting that one's own home naturally provides. Music is as necessary to the wedding reception as the flowers and an orchestra, even though small, should be engaged to play

appropriate selections—tea or dance music.

The buffet table is set the same as for a formal afternoon tea with exquisite linen and lace or a rich damask cloth, stacks of "best" china plates, rows of gleaming silver, and lighted candles. The bride's cake and delicate flowers supply the main decoration. There are handsome cloths in pastel shades available too, and many interesting and individual tables are created by those who prefer something other than the traditional white by combining these with china decorated in various pastel shades. Caterers will take charge of these affairs if they are to be large and formal and will provide not only the food and staff for serving but also the linen, china, silver, and extra chairs.

The menu is simple whether the wedding

be formal or informal. Several suggested menus have been prepared for you and are given on these pages. A toast to the bride and groom calls for champagne, no less, if this part of the ceremony is observed. A luscious fruit punch may be substituted, however. Each guest should receive a bit of the wedding cake packed in a tiny white box and tied with satin ribbon—for what is a wedding without a piece of the cake to carry home to "dream upon?"

Of course, there is nothing more beautiful than a garden wedding. It is a natural setting for a June bride, but one needs to be on good terms with the weather man and have great faith in his "fair weather" predictions if the old and time honored saying is to come true: "Happy is the bride the sun shines on."

We have talked a lot of "cabbages and kings" and almost forgotten the most important item of all—the radiant bride—without whom there would be no occasion for even bringing up the matter! This is her day and the decorations should be planned to complement her individual beauty as thoughtfully and effectively as the stage is set to make a perfect background for its glamorous star. The white dress and veil are traditional and exquisite but occasionally a bride considers an off-white or slightly tinted pastel more becoming for her wedding gown.

While the entertainment of wedding guests calls for the very finest of everything one is able to provide in the way of food, service, and decoration, of far greater importance to its success are the human qualities of gracious-

ness and hospitality. So with the satisfaction of knowing we have done our very best to give *ber* the perfect wedding, life gradually assumes normal proportions and we begin the much needed repairing of the battered budget. We may have to postpone a lot of "should do's" but wasn't it all well worth the effort?

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On the opposite page we show our wedding breakfast table set up in informal style. Silver is by Towle and Gorham. Cloth from James McCutcheon. Large crystal flower bowl from Plummer. China, Royal Doulton, and the hurricane lamps from W. & J. Sloane. This table was kept in silver and white. In the photograph above the bride's cake—which is always a light cake—is placed on a side table for buffet service. The wedding cake—that which the guests take home "to dream upon"—is a dark cake usually wrapped in convenient little boxes. The candelabra, above, are from Black Star and Frost-Gorham

## The Wedding Breakfast

Scrambled Eggs with Small Sausages

Chicken Croquettes

Chicken in Aspic

Lettuce Salad Ring

Green Salads

Rolls Hot Biscuits

Gake

Goffee

Ghocolates Gandies Mints

#### Wedding Breakfast

Clear Tomato Bouillon or Melon Balls with Mint

Lobster Newburg

Fried Spring Chicken Green Peas Corn Sticks Hot Biscuits

Celery, Stuffed Olives, and Green Pepper in Aspic Salad

Assorted Ices Wedding Cake

Coffee

Nuts Mints Bonbons

Nuts

Anchovies in Small Tomatoes Egg Croquettes with Cucumber Sauce Sweetbreads and Mushrooms in Tiny Hot Biscuits Mixed Vegetable Salad Fresh Strawberry Sherbet

Wedding Cake Candies

Coffee

#### Four o'Clock Wedding Reception

(buffet style)

Jellied Chicken Salad in Individual Rings

Brandied Peaches

Hot Cloverleaf Rolls

Raw Cauliflowerettes Stuffed Olives

Thin Carrot Sticks

Petit Fours . Colored Ices

Coffee Nuts Candies Wedding Supper

(buffet style) Hot Chicken Timbales

Sausages in Cream Ham Mousse

Tomatoes with Cottage Cheese Vegetable Salad Bowl

Pickled Pears Ripe and Green Olives Hot Biscuits Rolls

Individual Ice Cream Molds Assorted Cakes

Coffee

Candies Nuts

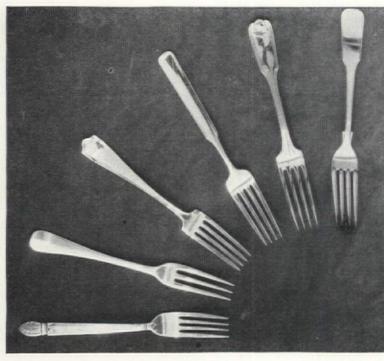
One-Bite Sandwiches on White and Whole Wheat Bread (Cheese and ginger, pickled tongue, chicken salad, turkey, egg salad with capers)

Cherry Gingerale Frappé Assorted Cakes Coffee

Salted Nuts and Bonbons



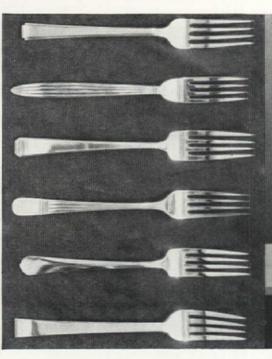
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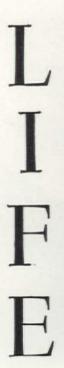
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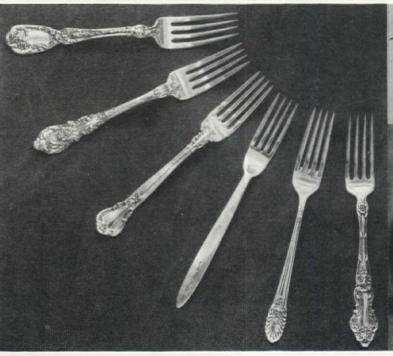






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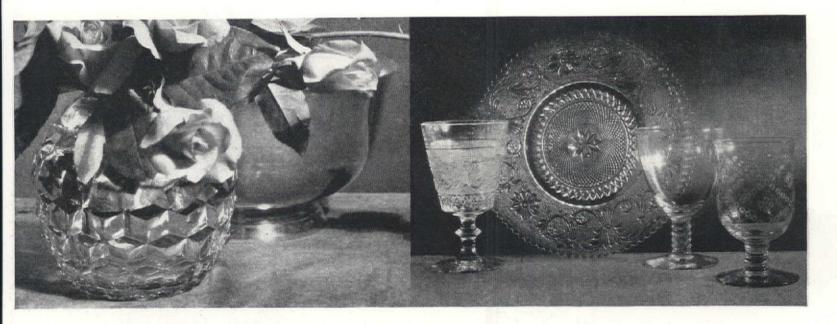








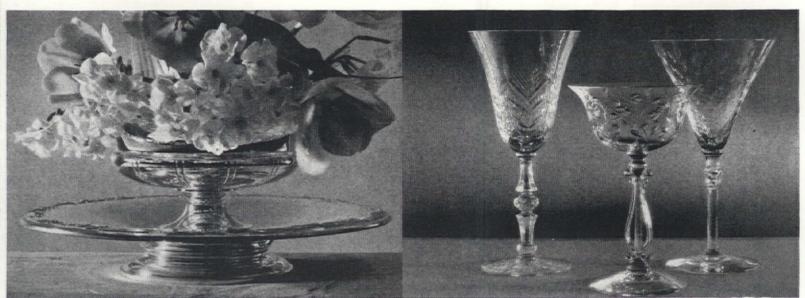
For description of flat silver and china shown on this page, see page 100



Most wedding gifts are those we give within an intimate circle of friends. We know their tastes, future plans, the style of their new

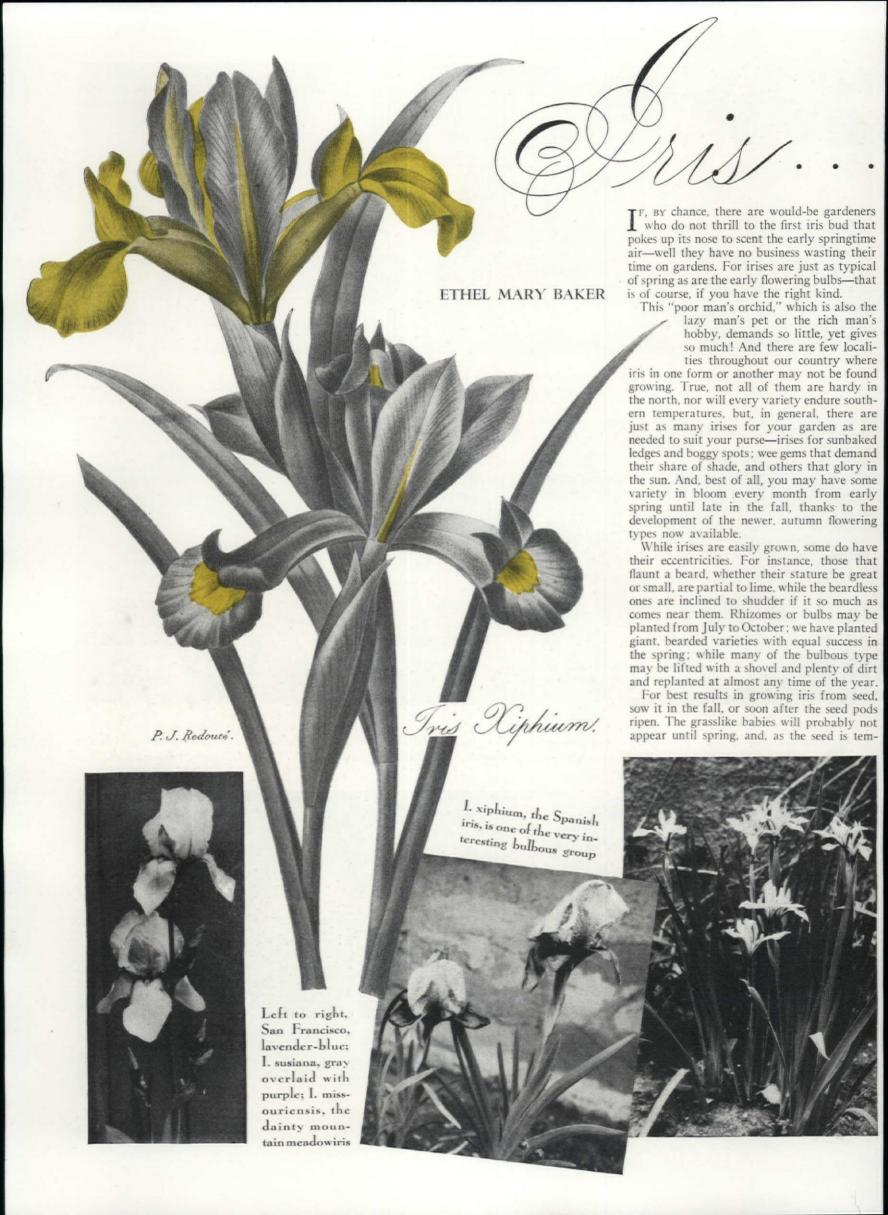


home, their scale of living. Why not band together, you group of friends, and work out an "ensemble" design for giving? If the new young couple is going to live in a Colonial house, consider the silver, china, glassware, and odd bits shown all across the top



F. M. Demarest

of these two pages; if they have "gone modern," they should have the things illustrated across the center of the page; and if they are going to live in the grand manner, choose the pieces at the bottom of the page. You will find them all described on page 100



#### FOR EVERYONE

peramental, some of them will come early, while others will be later. For the summer, transplant the seedlings to a row in the nursery and there, unless they are well anchored, mulch them the first winter. When they bloom, study them carefully, throwing away those that are the least bit below the standard for which you are looking. With practice you will learn much, and perhaps some day originate a very fine iris.

Tuck away a few bulbs of Iris reticulata in deep humus soil on the sunny side of the rock garden. The dainty blossoms, that resemble dark violet butterflies, often appear ahead of the crocus, and sometimes before all the snow is gone. Following close on their heels comes the perky little dwarf I, pumila mimicking the giant bearded beauties in everything but size. Because they are so suitable for rock gardens, hybridizers have been busy and these midgets may now be obtained in many good varieties: Baby Mine, a wee, yellow, Black Midget that sometimes grows ambitious and puts out a bloom in the fall; Blue Miniature, a dark blue self with a striking white beard; Gray Cloud, a lovely blend of several shades; and Rose Mist, a soft, rosy lavender.

Next in season comes the intermediate class, the result of crossing the pumilas and members of the giant bearded group. In size, as the group name suggests, they are larger than the pumilas, yet smaller than the giants; also they very successfully fill a gap in the blooming season left between those two. Red Orchid is what its name implies, an excellent red in this class. Then there are Challenger, a dark purple; Colleen, a reddish bicolor; and Ragusa, a purple so dark that it borders on black. Among the softer shades you'll find Perces Prim, a rosy pink touched with white; May Gold, a yellow self; Zua, white with a blush

of lavender; and Elizabeth Huntington, a fresh looking blue variety with crinkly petals.

It's easy to make dollars stretch when it comes to purchasing the tall bearded giants, for the rhizomes increase rapidly and prices of novelties soon tumble. How long has it been since we've all wanted such varieties as Morning Splendor, King Tut, Bruno, Asia, Candlelight, Frieda Mohr, and El Capitan?

Then there's Wm. Mohr, that grand fellow with an oncocyclus parent on one side and a tall bearded forbear on the other. After many years of attempting to persuade W. Mohr to yield an offspring, a hybridizer has at last succeeded in producing a desirable seedling, which he has very appropriately christened Mohrson, I. susiana, known as the mourning iris, is a most interesting form of the oncocyclus type but it refuses to tolerate crisp winters unless given the protection of a coldframe. At that, it's worth growing. Purissima, one of the finest whites we have today, also needs some winter protection, although in our Colorado climate, a board fence high enough to break the north winds is all that is necessary for proper growth.

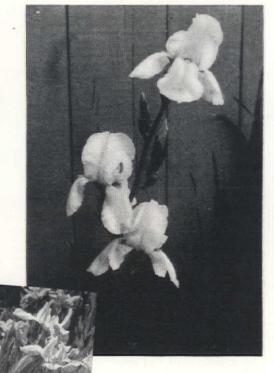
Although to me, Persia is the blue and gray iris, it is really a most exquisite blend of blue, lavender, gray, and bronze, with the standards like soft smoke on a winter morning, and the falls claiming most of the blue. Desert Dawn is like the morning sun peeping over the rim of the desert, all lavender and gold. Rusty Gold, as one would naturally suppose, is a lovely blend of orange-bronze, flushed with copper. Black Wings closely approaches the black in its deep, midnight blue, while Blue Velvet still holds up its head proudly, although introduced some time ago.

We also like Indian Chief with its bloodred falls brushed with bronze, and the charming Grace Sturtevant on whose chocolate-drop falls the orange-red beard stands out so brazenly. Santa Barbara is claimed by many to be the clearest lavender-blue yet introduced; Dogrose is a soft rose-pink with a golden beard; Migard is an exquisite blend of yellow and pink, and San Francisco still stands at the head of the plicatas, although its sister seedling, Los Angeles, is a close rival.

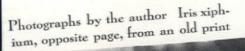
Siberian iris grow almost as readily from seed as do perennials, and, because of their slender, graceful foliage as well as the dainty blue or white flowers, they are especially desirable for mass effects or when planted close to pools. Blue Flame, Emperor, Perry's Blue, Snow Queen, Wisteria, and Red Raider are all excellent varieties. The spurious irises (so called because the type species is I. spuria) do well in borders where the soil is rich and deep. The group's stately queen is I. ochroleuca and a single spray is a bouquet in itself, for the snowy blossoms with a yellow patch on each curved fall, pop out along the stem like curious children peeping from behind a door. This iris has some fine offspring including Alice Eastwood and Snowflake, both whites, and Canary, Sulphurea, and Sunny Day, all yellow. Other spurias that you'll like are Mrs. A. W. Tait, a soft blue; Monspur, a tall bluish purple; Shelford Giant, cream and gold; and Monneri, a rich golden yellow.

Japanese iris should be planted two inches deep. They revel in rich soil that is somewhat acid and supplied with plenty of moisture, especially when buds are ready to pop... and they do idolize sunshine. We find them in both singles and doubles, which is something unusual for an iris. Martha Kemp, a deep toned lilac; Celestine, silvery pink with a touch of orange; Frances E. Cleveland, one of the best and largest blues; Monija, a crimson, and Shimoyo, smoky gray veined with violet, are all good singles. When selecting

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Pure white with a gold beard is Iris purissima. At left, clump of I. tectorum with its crested, orchidlike flowers. Beyond, an unnamed but graceful seedling





## Where do you keep your magazines?



Bob Humphreys

#### **ELLEN SHERIDAN**

TE FIND it hard to discard magazines in our household. For though the reading matter may be exhausted, there are still the gay covers to add a cheerful and exhilarating note to the room. This is not idle talk. Often a blue covered periodical lying carelessly on a table or chair will repeat the particular blue of some other article and "lift it up." In fact, the modern magazine may well become a decorative feature of a room when used with a little skill and care.

Have you ever hastily discarded a current publication

with the thought that it contained nothing you could use, only to discover a month or two later that it did have just the answer to an important problem of household furnishing absolutely unforeseen the month before? And its solution lies in that rejected magazine lying disconsolately somewhere; but where, oh, where! Then follows a desperate search or a trip to the library or many phone calls among one's friends in an effort to locate that all essential, lost publication.

Karl Obert

But where to store the magazines one can collect even in a few months time is another problem. There is always the attic, of course, or the garage, or a deep, dark closet. But these are generally inaccessible—too much trouble to get at—and, besides, magazines are apt to be forgotten when out of sight.

We are indebted to the public library for the practical idea in the photograph above.

The shelves were built originally for books. It was an easy and inexpensive matter to convert them into racks to hold magazines. These racks, fifty inches long and set at a forty-five degree angle, with eight and a half inches between shelves, slide in and out so the shelves can at any time be restored to their original purpose. One can see at a glance what one wishes to read without mauling over dozens of other numbers. But, above all, this rack becomes quite the gayest thing in the room and certainly the most enticing. It will give tone to any living room or library no matter how drab it may

otherwise be. And it is a convenience that once you have had you will not do without.

From time to time one finds a rare and interesting foreign or domestic magazine to put upon the rack. A casual visitor will see this immediately and have a grand half hour absorbing its contents—all new to him.

The colorful rack has even saved strained social situations when you are being called

#### Ranch house atmosphere on Peachtree Street



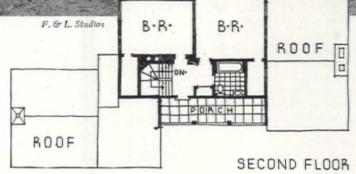
The Atlanta, Georgia, home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wagstaff

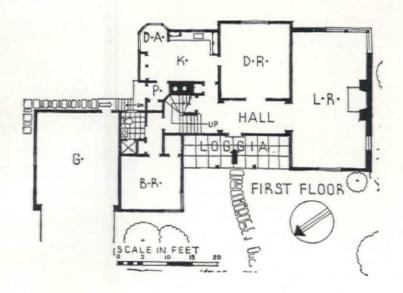
#### SUSAN JONES MEDLOCK

Steps going up and more steps going down lead you from one bright and attractive room to another in the Henry Wagstaffs' California ranch house on Peachtree Battle Avenue in Atlanta, Ga., for this charming little house has five levels. The first level is the rumpus room and rear terrace; the second, the garage; the third, the kitchen, living and dining rooms; the fourth, a bedroom, bath, and closet; the fifth, two bedrooms, a bath, several closets, and a very good sized front balcony.

Approaching the house, you can see that the middle section is built of white clapboards running vertically, while the outer ends are constructed of white painted bricks. Outside blinds in bright green are used on the front windows and doors. A flagstone walk leads to the house from the street, and an old-fashioned kerosene lamp post, which has been turned into a modern light, stands near the front door. A balcony with an iron bannister stretches across the boarded section of the house, with the street number attractively printed underneath in neat black letters.

An observation window is the most outstanding feature of the living room, located on the right of the paneled entrance hall. At a first glance this window appears to be two windows meeting in the corner of the room, but it is really one large, all steel casement window which continues from one side of the room to the other. Natural finish Venetian blinds with deep red tape hang at this window with tailored drapes of red, beige, green, and yellow stripes, [Please turn to page 80]





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Swim in your own back yard



It is not easy to name any one project which, for the money invested, would afford as much wholesome pleasure for the entire family as a private swimming pool-especially if the cost of construction were not much more than that of the average garage

#### HI SIBLEY

ACTUALLY the original pool from which these drawings were made cost approximately \$350, including hired labor. This was a contract job, and the home owner who likes to build things himself, can materially reduce this figure. A capable assistant. however, would be indispensable, as of course, there is plenty of robust, perspiring labor involved-excavating, wheeling concrete in a barrow, setting up the forms.

In order to keep the cost at a minimum for a practical pool, the accompanying design has been modified from the original at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Tac-chella of Altadena, California. The parapet with the tile top shown in the photographs has been eliminated and a narrow walk constructed directly upon the ground.

Material required includes about 100 sacks of portland cement, 9 cubic yards of sand and 12 cubic yards of gravel. Reinforcing bars come to a third of this, or about \$35. To the foregoing must be added the lumber for forms, but in most communities used material from a wrecking yard will be available. Naturally this last item will vary. In any event, the wood will come in handy for the fireplace the following winter. The cost of labor will be approximately the same as for the materials. If the owner does the work himself he should rent a power concrete mixer, for hand-mixing is out of the question. Although these seven-inch-thick walls are entirely satisfactory for mild climates as in Southern California, in territory subject to severe winter conditions the walls should be at least ten inches thick, thus adding about \$40 to the cost of materials over the seven-inch walls.

It will be well to consult a cement contractor before starting the job. If he is unable to make you a suitable figure on the work, he can give sound advice on local conditions. And if you have had no previous experience in this sort of construction, your assistant [Please turn to page 64]

MRS. ROBINSON'S \$175 POOL

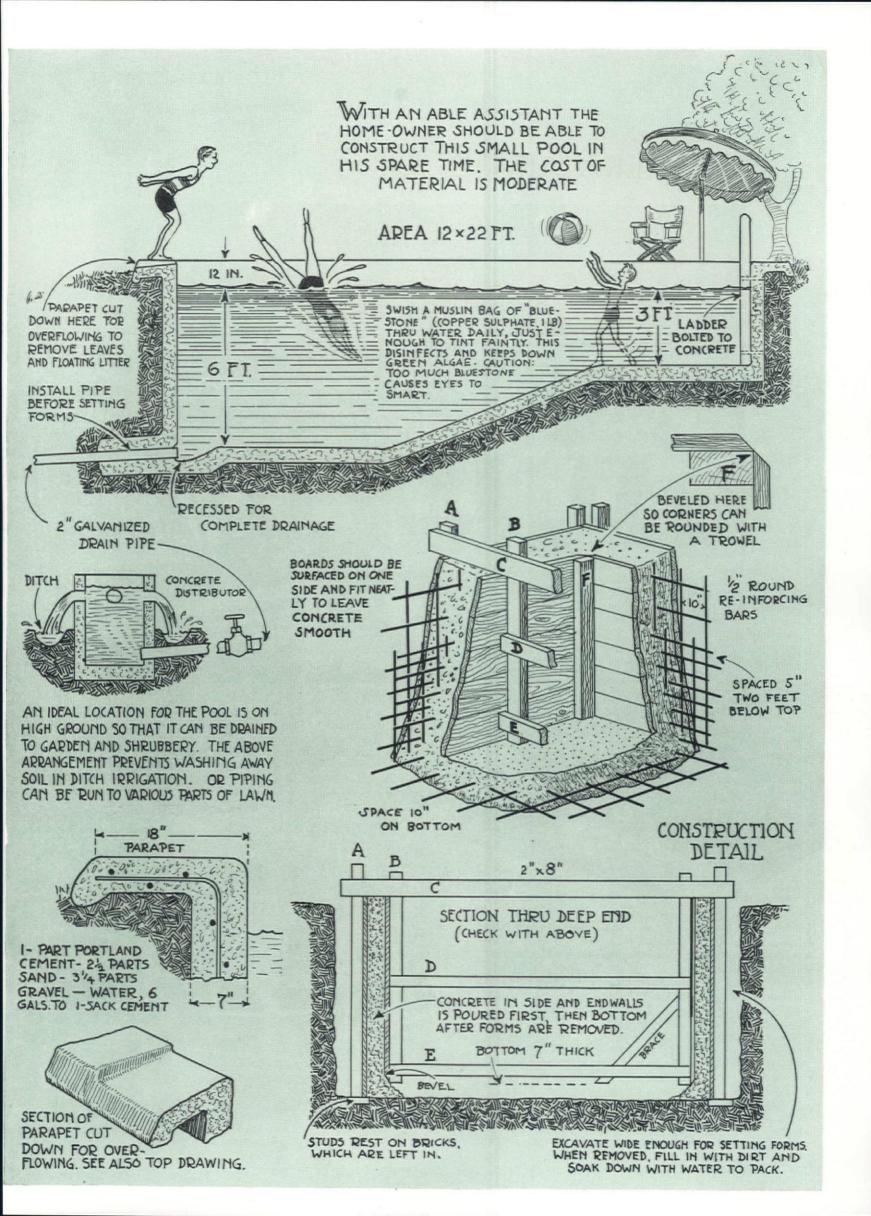
#### Swimming in an Idaho back yard

AILSA CRAIG ROBINSON

W HEN we came to live in this irrigated country of Idaho with its thousands of miles of canals and ditches, the fact that our three children could not swim was a constant worry. I resolved not to be like the woman who when the gang came by "Yoo-hooing" for he Charles to go swimming, told the boys grimly but firmly, "Charles can't go swimming unti-he learns to swim!" Though the city boasted a fine natural hot water natatorium, it was expen sive and a source of ear infection for us.

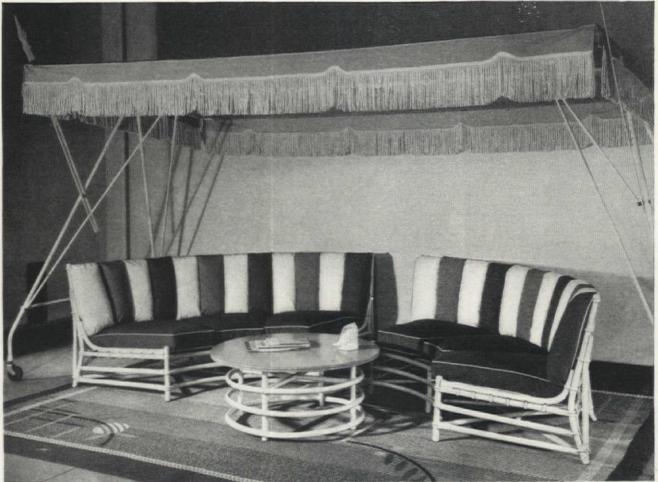
We bought three acres at the edge of town where we built our home. The only drawback to this otherwise ideal location, was the treach erous Ridenbaugh Canal at the west boundary of our land. This swift, deep irrigation projec

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#### SUMMER GAIETIES





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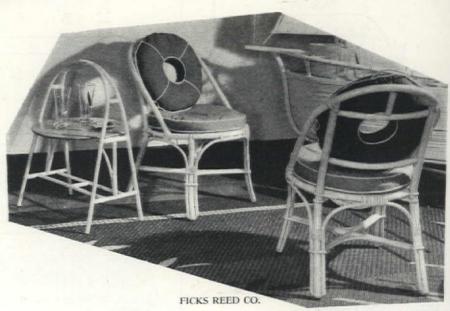


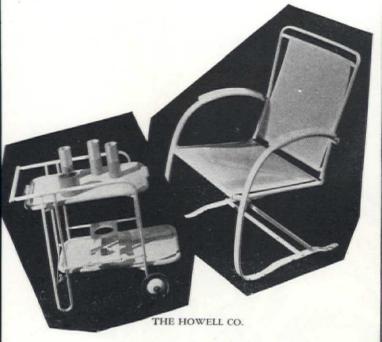
HEYWOOD-WAKEFIELD

In the next four months, we are willing to wager, you are going to spend more time out-of-doors than in. There are going to be bright, brisk mornings when you will want to lie in the sun and watch the garden grow; busy days when a moment snatched from household duties will find you flung down on a lounge in the sunroom, with its once winter-closed windows now open wide to summer; warm afternoons when you will want your tea in a shady spot on the lawn under the trees; sultry hours when the coolth of the open porch as it catches every vagrant breeze, will tempt you; moonlit evenings when the open terrace, with no awning but the sky in its silvery splendor, will bring out every ounce of romance in your soul.

Almost as delightful as the actual living, is going to be the planning and furnishing of these out-of-door spots for summer. You don't have the bother of draperies or accessories, just the fun of selecting the furniture that is best suited to your particular need, that is most comfortable and most decorative. You can choose between metal, reed, and wood; between practical, simple pieces and those highly decorative. There are sun-tan cots for lying in the sun without suffering the ministrations of wandering ants; gliders that sway gently to lull you to sleep; all kinds of chairs and lounging pieces for more than one person; tea carts on wheels, canopies, parasols, everything conceivable to make your out-of-door living room livable and thoroughly comfortable this summer.

Summer furniture has become far more style-wise than it used to be, and the three things to look for this year are whites, natural finishes,





and new strong colors in upholstery fabrics and in umbrellas. Illustrated on these pages are two sun cots with adjustable backs, so that you can either lie out flat, or be propped up enough to read. One, shown at the top of opposite page, can be converted into a single bed for the unexpected guest. The other, page 26, is equipped with rubber-tired disk wheels and convenient front handle for moving at will. Three gliders are also illustrated on page 26. At the lower left is one in rust color with metal cane arms and chromium trim. The upholstery is done in brown, rust, and yellow. The one with the channel cushions of lily-patterned fabric is known as a "bed glider," since it can be converted into a comfortable bed by etting down the back. A smart plaid fabric in wine is used on the third glider, which comes with small roll cushions for extra comfort. Canopies may be ordered in colors to match.



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#### LILIES-start them now for next year ESTHER AYER MILLNER

Here are kinds that can be grown from spring-sown seed: At left (with that enthusiastic expert, W. E. Marshall) the dream lily (Lilium philippinense formosanum); below, L. regale by a pool; from the Orient, L. henryi and L. tenuifolium

URELY there are no prouder gar-S deners today than those who can point to a fine clump of lilies in flower and say, "I raised those, my-self, from seed." It may well be a matter of pride, for while raising lilies from seed is not difficult once you have learned how, there are, at first, many unsuspected pitfallsunsuspected because conditions essential to the successful raising of lilies are not those to which we have had to give much thought in raising, other perennials. I failed with them utterly the first three years I tried them; today, the work seems easy and more interesting than raising anything else from seed.

This is the very time to start—outdoors, in cold frames or open seed beds. By following a few simple directions, you can reasonably expect dozens of strong, diseaseresistant bulbs.

Since germination gets poorer as the weather gets warmer, it would be well to order seed at once unless you already have it on hand. Many of the seed catalogues are now listing lily seed. Three kinds-the regal

lily (Lilium regale), the new Philippine lily (L. philippinense formosanum), and the coral lily (L. tenuifolium) are among the very best, and are to be found in nearly all the lists.

Both seed and bulbs of the splendid regal lily are apparently the easiest of all to handle. But to the many who have been sowing seed from their own regals let me recommend for trial the other two just mentioned. Both come into bloom from seed more quickly. Practically every bulb of the philippinense will bloom the second year; if seed is planted early enough in the spring, some will bloom the first fall. The coral lily will do almost as well. Seedlings of both require slightly more attention than the regals, but they are not difficult and they greatly extend the lily season, for the coral lily comes in late spring, and the philippinense blooms just as summer is giving way to fall.

The coral lily, a native of Siberia, and one of the hardiest garden lilies, has been planted widely. Its brilliant scarlet, waxy blooms and dainty habit of growth make it a gem in the spring garden. With yellow irises and white columbines, it is a picture. It germinates quickly and very freely and planted in full sun and light sandy soil it grows beautifully.

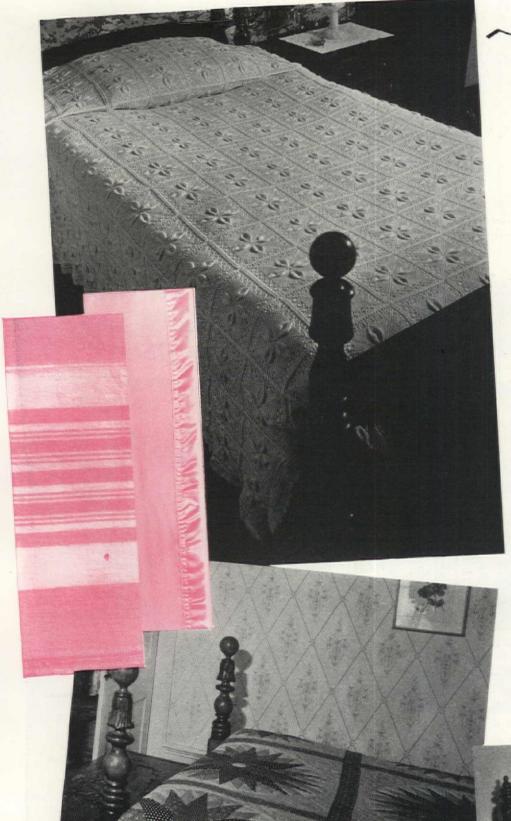
W. E. Marshall & Co. and J. Horace McFarland Co.

The philippinense (or dream) lily, although a newcomer, is rapidly becoming very popular. Several catalogues this year are offering seed of the improved pure white variety, which is most desirable; it is quite like the Easter lilies that we buy in pots, except that the flowers are creamier and much larger. Their freshness and exceeding beauty coming at the end of a long hot summer, make them especially appealing. Not only does the seed germinate well, but with plenty of moisture, the seedlings grow rapidly.

With the seed in hand, a cold frame is the best place to sow it until killing frosts are over. The seedlings of even the hardiest varieties of lilies are killed outright by light frosts. Since early sowings are generally the most successful, if no cold frame is available, sow them in boxes in the house. Use light soil and keep it moist all the time; keep the boxes covered with several thicknesses of newspaper until germination takes place. After most of the seeds appear to have sprouted, set the boxes outdoors during the day, but do not let sun or wind dry the soil out. Transplant the seedlings to an outdoor seedbed after the weather has become thoroughly warm and settled as to temperature.

In sections where spring is already well ad-

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## The Pink St.

#### FOR SUMMER

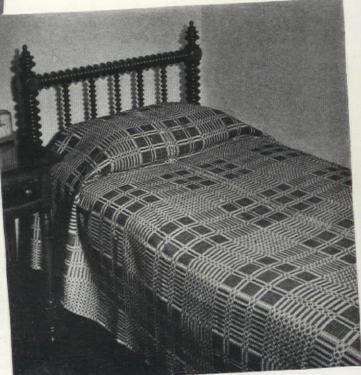
CHRISTINE FERRY

Because of its size and consequent importance in the decorative scheme, a bed and its dressing have ever been a challenge to women of artistic sensibilities. First there is comfort to be taken into consideration, then color and beauty. From time to time the spotlight of popularity is focused on bedspreads employing such needle arts as patchwork, quilting, appliqué, tufting with candlewicking, knitting, crochet, and varied styles of embroidery. There have also been many elaborately patterned textiles hand loomed for this specific purpose. All have had their place in the sun during different periods and are intimately associated with bedroom decorative schemes.

Pieced patchwork makes a delightful coverlet for both pine and maple beds, the bright reds, yellows, and blues of the quaint old calico prints being quite in keeping with the tawny orange tones in the wood. The star pattern, illustrated in lower left corner, is a fine example of the best of these old quilted patchwork coverlets. It is banded with the Turkey red calico which was so highly prized.

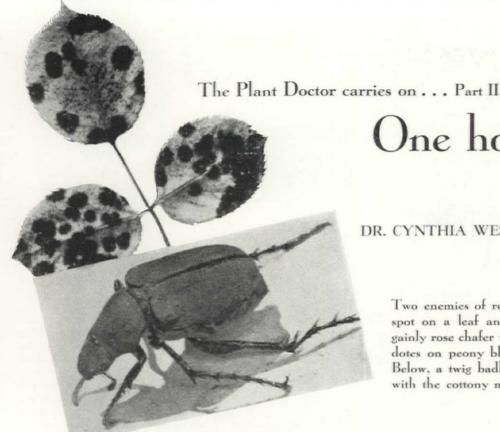
Then there were the quilted appliqué coverlets, usually made in blocks but sometimes in one piece with a central ornament and border. Quite a social occasion was the quilting party when the coverlet was finally put into the frame, in fact, as much an occasion for merriment as the cocktail party of today. Illustrated on page 29 is such a coverlet made in New York state over a hundred years ago, a copy of an even earlier one which appears to have a very definite Pennsylvania Dutch ancestry.

Top: Knitting—This is the popular "kitten's ear" design. Courtesy of Mrs. L. R. W. Leland. Left: Warm blanket "sheets" have a stitched finish at the edges. Nashua Mfg. Co. A summer weight blanket comes in lovely pink or hyacinth blue, satin bound. North Star



Patchwork—One of the finest of old pieced patterns, medallion stars of appliqué quilting. Courtesy of Gould Crosby. Right: Weaving—An old, colorful coverlet hand-loomed in Kentucky





One hour a week enough

DR. CYNTHIA WESTCOTT

Two enemies of roses: black spot on a leaf and the ungainly rose chafer which also dotes on peony blooms . . . Below, a twig badly infected with the cottony maple scale

Are you ready for another professional tour of your garden like the one we took in late March? . . . This time bring along your clippers and a large paper bag.

Today I am more interested in investigating the lacebug situation than anything else. You remember last time I mentioned those yellowed leaves on the rhododendrons. Practically every rhododendron growing in the sunshine has lacebugs—beautiful, insidious agents of evil. They lurk on the underside of the leaves, sucking out the plant sap, and stippling the upper surfaces with yellow or white. Turn up these unhealthy leaves; take my hand lens and look closely at the tiny brown spots. They are eggs and when they look a bit wet, like small drops of molasses, they are ready to hatch. Here are a few already in the next, or nymph, stage—tiny brown and gold wingless babies. The adults will be small, too, less than a quarter-inch long, but with the loveliest lacy wings.

Now that they have started to hatch, you

must be sure to get on your first spray for them soon-within a day or two. But you will have to spray again in a week or so anyway, because the eggs keep hatching over a fairly long period; and even if they were all out at once you could not get a one hundred per cent "kill" with one spraying. Any contact insecticide that is a good spreader will do. Use nicotine sulphate and soap (one and a half teaspoons of the former and an ounce of liquid soap or a cubic inch of fine laundry flakes in a gallon of water); or use any reliable proprietary compound containing nicotine, rotenone, or pyrethrum. Spray thoroughly and from underneath. Go back and lift up the leaves to see if they are all wet. If you do not do a thorough job now, there will probably be a second brood in July.

Although, around New York, I am most concerned about the lacebugs on rhododendrons, I have found them rather bad at times on hawthorn and occasionally on azaleas of the hinodegiri type. In the South they are especially prevalent on pyracantha.

FOUR-LINED PLANT BUG. That's another pest that I always watch for at this season. . . . See it, looking at you from that

chrysanthemum leaf? Watch it scuttle underneath as we approach. It looks something like a small bettle, greenish-yellow with four black stripes; but actually it is a true bug-a sucking insect. Wherever it sticks in its beak, a small, depressed, tan spot is formed in the leaf-light and prominent on peonies, thistles, and others, darker on delphinium and such shrubs as aralia. Several insects working on a single leaf tip will make it appear dry and shrivelled.

And do you see these tiny fat, red bugs? They are the young (nymph) stage of the same insect. If you try to get them with a spray they are apt to jump to the next plant before they are hit. I think the best plan is to fill your dust gun with a rotenone combination and send up a big cloud of dust to confound them before they can get away. Some people tell me that straight sulphur dust works, but I have not been as successful using it without the rotenone. You may have to spray or dust frequently for about five weeks -that is through June-to control this pest.

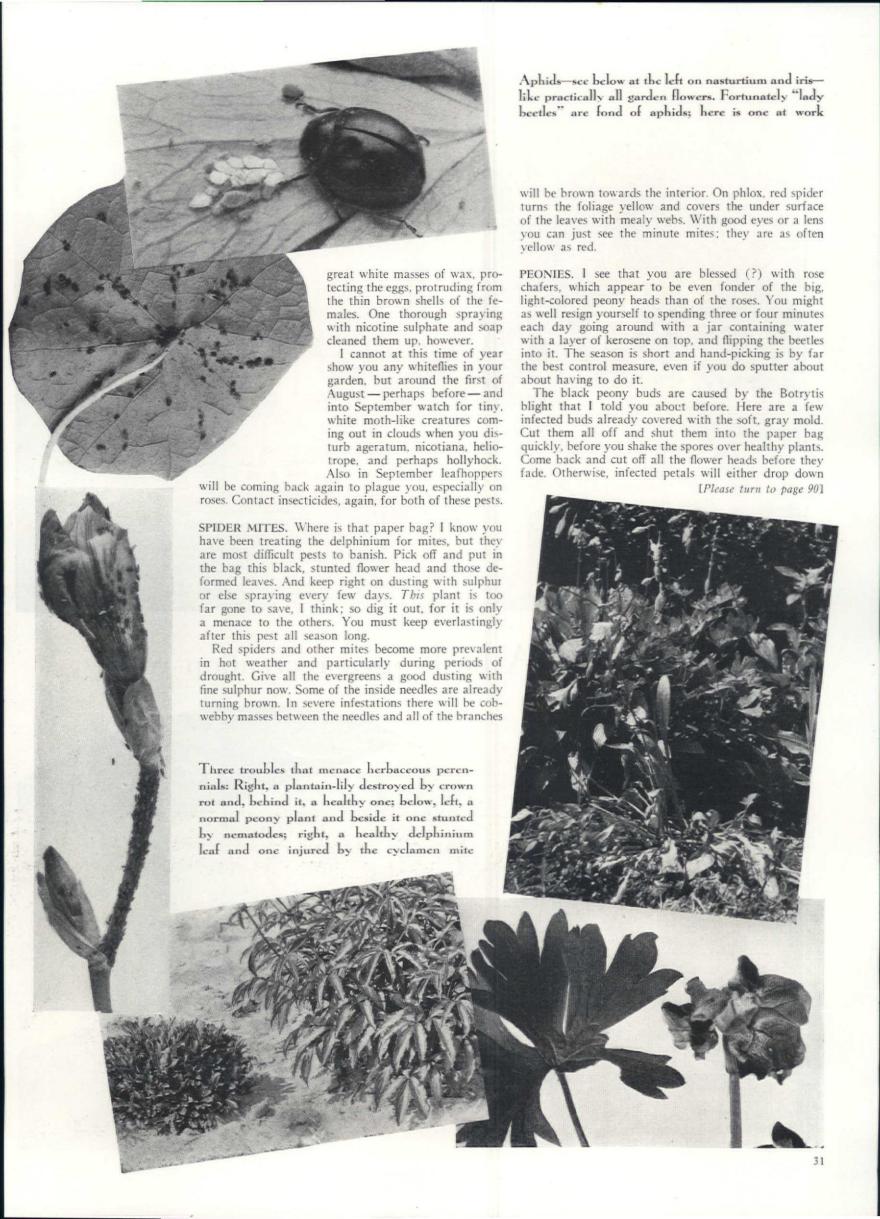
APHIDS. Without any words from me you are going to be continuously reminded to do something about aphids as the season goes on. You'll see them-you can't help it-clustering on leaves, shoots, and buds: black ones on nasturtiums, pink or green ones on roses, yellow and brown ones on lilies, red ones on annual larkspur or on eupatorium. And you are sure to be cross enough at them to douse them immediately with any contact insecticide you may have at hand. A pyrethrum, rotenone, derris, or nicotine spray (or dust) will work, for aphids are soft-bodied insects and easily killed if you hit them.

You know, don't you, that the red, black-spotted lady beetle feeds on aphids? But are you familiar with the dragon-shaped larval stage—black with orange and blue spots along the sides? This also does yeoman service for you, so be sure not to kill it.

SCALES. Although the dormant spray you put on in March takes care of most of your troubles in the way of scale insects, do not trust it alone to control the euonymus scale. Look for a new generation hatching in June and July-slender white sticks of males, the females brown and shaped like the oyster-shell scale. Infested leaves will be yellow and conspicuous. Spray with nicotine sulphate and soap or, if you are careful, with one of the summer white oils. If the day is too hot or if you use too strong a concentration, the oil may cause burning. Follow the manufacturer's directions exactly.

There is another scale that may turn up in the summer, if you did not notice the small, brown, inconspicuous winter stage and get the host plants sprayed. This is the cottony maple scale (shown below), sometimes found on that host but also on many others. Last year I saw a good many dogwoods with







#### CASITA . . . A back yard recreation room

#### GENEVIEVE RUDOLPH GRUELL

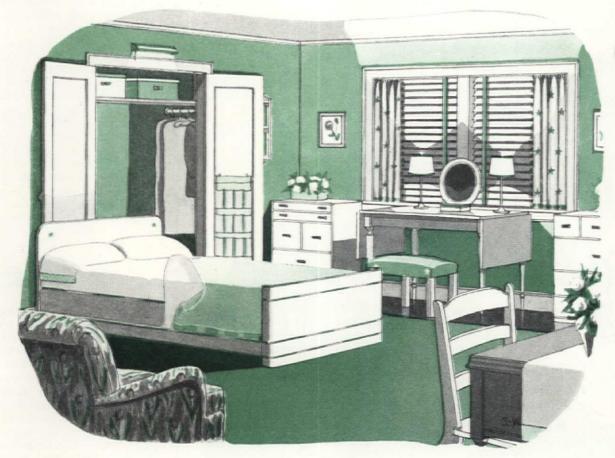
For a long time my husband and I had been interested in a recreation room. We read all the articles we possibly could on this subject and found that the majority of them were made in the basement. Such a room for us was out of the question, because we live in California where basements, in small houses, are few and far between. Then we conceived the idea of building a complete unit in our back garden. We visited the lumber yard and the figures given to us for a room, thirteen by twenty, were very discouraging. Then, from some neighbors, we were given the inspiration to use old material in building one.

The company my husband works for discards a great deal of old lumber that the employees may use for fuel. From this "wood pile" we salvaged enough lumber for the whole house except the finish boards on the outside and the knotted pine paneling inside. A batch of hollow tile (seconds) form the two-foot foundation set upon a firm footing of crushed rock and cement. They were given a coat of cold water paint and now give the impression of an adobe wall. The fireplace was copied from books found in the library, and built from old brick that we had been collecting for a long time—and a very effective one it is.

Second-hand garden tiles were used to make the floor. These were painted on the underside with tar, then set in sand with cement joints. The completed floor was washed first with muriatic acid and water, and later with a solution of ammonia and water. When the house was finished all the boiled linseed oil the tile







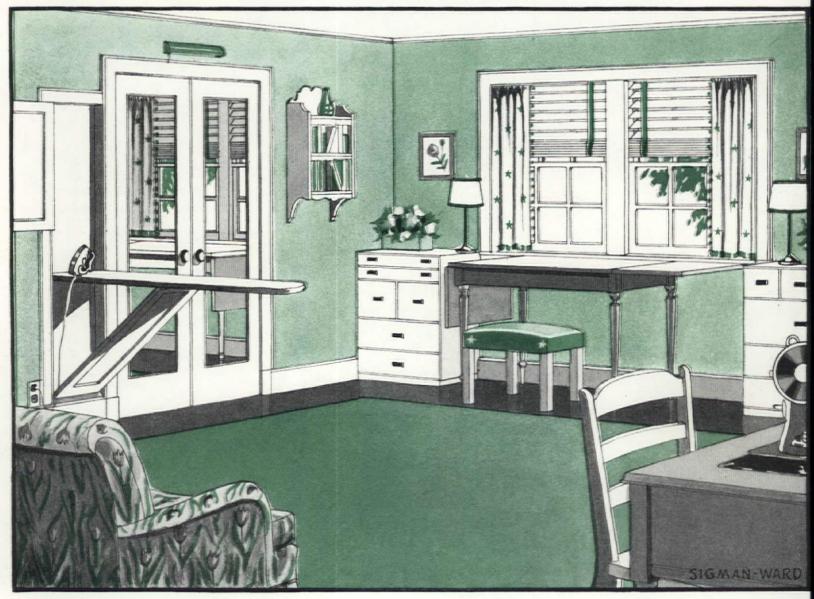
### Guest room

You

By combining the guest room and sewing room, the guest is not made to feel that he or she is "doubling up" or discommoding the household—yet the "guest room" is not hurting your conscience every time you passit by with no occupant to justify its existence

FLORENCE BAUGH

Sketches by Sigman-Ward



#### not paying its way?

#### simply must have a sewing room? COMBINE THEM!

We are doing much economizing of space in our houses these days, yet many modern homes still have one room furnished and set aside for the occasional guest. Furnished as it is, the room is not usable for anything but a bedroom. Have you a room like this in your house? Are you a woman who has always longed for a sewing room? Then make this extra room serve the double purpose of guest room and sewing room and both will pay their way in your space-

economy program!

Everyone will have a different problem to face in fixing up this sewing-guest room, so what I have to offer can be only suggestions on a few of the essential characteristics of this combination room. First, equip the room with a "rollaway" bed that will fit into the closet. With the bed out of the way, there will be ample room for sewing machine and work table to be moved around into the most convenient places. If this is impossible, a studio couch is the "next best" thing. And when guests arrive, the sewing equipment can be pushed back, the bed made up, and the room is ready for occupation.

The work table in the sewing room should be made to order so that you will get the height that is best suited to you and the size that will fit best in your room. I would suggest a table about thirty inches high, made with a smooth-finished hardwood top about forty-two inches wide and forty-five inches long, with an eighteen-inch drop leaf at each end. The table should be low enough to enable you to sit at it and work without tiring your shoulders by lifting your arms too high, A table forty-two inches wide makes it easy to unfold thirty-nine inch material and cut it single. The drop leaf at each end gives you a long table for cutting, yet takes up less space when the bed is in the room. With the leaves down the table can be used as a desk or dressing table for the guest.

A built-in or a portable ironing board should be a part of the sewing room equipment, for the rule of stitch and press is an important one in good dressmaking. A fulllength mirror is another necessity. It can be one on rollers so that it can be moved wherever the light is best, or it can be built into the closet door. A light on each side above the door will help if the closet is

situated in a dark corner.

The closet will be needed for the rollaway bed. If you have two closets in the guest room one can be used for the bed and the other can be fitted up with drawers in one end and a rod for hanging space in the other. If the single closet must be used for the bed, then the necessary drawer space must be built into the room, and the drawer space is almost the most important part of this sewing room. The sizes and shapes are designed to fit the things used in the sewing room and thus do away with those suit boxes of patterns shoved up on the closet shelf, those piece bags hung way back with all the old clothes that are not quite wearable but might be made over some day, and the candy boxes of buttons

and trimmings that are "around here somewhere." The size and shape of your room and the amount and kind of sewing you do will determine the exact size and number of these drawers, but here are a few suggestions for you to work into your plan.

You will want two or three deep, narrow drawers for patterns-similar to those at regular pattern counters-so that the envelopes stand upright in the drawers and can be thumbed through without disarranging all the patterns. And you will want a spool drawer. a shallow, wide drawer with partitions, also similar to those found in department stores. A drawer, or part of a drawer, deep enough for cards of bias tape to be put in will make the search for the right color easier. You can keep these empty cards to wrap ends of lace and ribbon on and keep them in this same drawer. The button drawer should be fairly shallow and divided into two sections, one for ordinary buttons and one for trimming buttons. Any of these drawers could have a section divided off for pins, needles, scissors, tape measures, and notions.

As a substitute for that old piece bag, three large deep drawers will be found very convenient; one for silks, one for cottons, one for woolens. If there is no hanging space left in the closet a small wardrobe can be built in with the drawers. A large hanging space is unnecessary; you will need only enough room to hang up the clothes on which you are working. A few inconspicuous hooks or a rack or a swinging rod might serve the

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#### DO YOU PAINT—OR JUST "DABBLE?"

W E ARE forever hearing how the faces of women past the thirty-year mark may be practically made over by properly handled make-up. Although that point is perhaps still open for discussion, there is one case where rejuvenation with new make-up definitely does work. That is with old furniture. The most amazing changes are effected by those proficient with the paint brush. At some time or other in their lives, every woman is moved to try her hand with some favorite piece of furniture, which, through hard usage, begins to look seedy. It is a natural inclination, when we see such remarkable transformations made by expert refinishers, and too, all women apparently like to dabble with paint.

Dabble is right. How does the newly painted breakfast set look after all your efforts? Definitely amateurish, it must be admitted. And always the question is, why? It looks so simple when we see an expert re-

finisher at work.

It has for a long time been the writer's opinion that there was no reason why amateur paint jobs should be festooned with ropes of superfluous, halfdried paint. If just once someone would be generous enough to tell us step by step how to proceed, home painting should be successful. Craftsmen who wield the brush seem to be most evasive about this necessary information, as if it might be bad business to divulge such professional secrets. About all any of us then could do was to go to the nearest paint shop, buy mixed paint, a brush, and hope each time for better luck.

Sometime, we felt, it was certain that some generous soul was going to break down and tell the guarded secrets of the fraternal order of furniture refinishers-and sure enough! A young man, named Ralph Burke of Beverly Hills, California, who has made quite a name for himself in painting and doing over furniture, has agreed to tell us the fine points that have led to his success. According to Mr. Burke, there are two reasons why amateur paint jobs are such dismal failures. First, we do not prepare the wood surface correctly before we start the job, and, second, our paint is too thick. To have a smooth finished surface in the final analysis, the under-surface must be smooth, and our paint must flow on. The brush should never feel as though it were pulling through the paint mixture.

To give definite instructions for different types of paint jobs, we shall use specific pieces of furniture that Mr. Burke has refinished for clients. A bed in the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Roland Moore was an old ivory one purchased at least fifteen years ago. Originally, the footboard was as high as the headboard now is, and the headboard was twelve

Professional secrets divulged by

MARTHA LOUISE BRINDLEY

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## Picnic with a charcoal brazier

MARION W. FLEXNER



The fire is laid and ready to be lit. Note the open vent facing the wind. The steak is turned constantly while cooking, and when it is done it is transferred to a large pan, browned in butter, and then well salted

oil over the whole before lighting the fire. The smell of the kerosene will have died away long before we are ready to cook our food, and the whole process will be shortened by many minutes, for we do not cook until our blaze

has died away, leaving a bed of red embers. This takes between fifteen and twenty minutes. While our guests are watching the fire it will be well to pass our drinks—mint juleps, if we are in our own garden. Our menu follows:

\*\*Back yard picnic menu\*\*

Grilled steak with barbecue sauce in finger rolls
Fried corn or potato chips
Whole tomatoes (quartered) Dill pickles
Toffee squares Fresh peach ice cream Iced tea

On another table we have already placed a large platter of tomatoes, tiny dill pickles, a generous sized pitcher of iced tea, a smaller one of lemon juice, a sugar bowl, a tray of finger rolls, sliced and buttered on one side, paper plates and napkins, paper spoons and forks.

Our fire is just right—a bed of glowing coals. Over the top of the brazier we put a small wire grill. Now we are ready to cook our steak—a sirloin cut two, or two and a half inches thick, and weighing 5½ to 6 pounds—enough to serve six. We pepper the meat heavily on both sides, and if we are familiar with the tastes of our guests, rub the steak with garlic. Then we place our meat on the grill. It must be turned often, and a two- or three-pronged fork with a wooden handle will be found most satisfactory. The steak, after fifteen or twenty minutes, will have acquired a semi-charred crust. If it is preferred rare, it is ready to be removed to a long pan. Not until this moment is the meat ready to be salted. This is done on both sides. The steak is heated again and half a pound of butter allowed to melt and brown in the pan. Baste the meat well and slice in pieces one inch wide by four or five inches long. Dip the buttered side of the roll into this gravy, add a piece of steak and serve at once.

A very good barbecue sauce may be made by adding four tablespoons of ketchup, two of Worcestershire, a teaspoon of prepared mustard, and twelve drops of Tabasco sauce to the browned butter. Let it simmer two minutes before using.

At the same time the steak was cooking some of us have busied ourselves with the corn, but unless there is another brazier handy, it would [Please turn to page 105]

THOSE of us who travel in the South off the beaten path have often paused in front of a tumbled down log cabin, lured by the enticing aroma of cooking food. We know without further investigation that some colored mammy is preparing the family dinner on her old-fashioned charcoal brazier, and what has lured us across the parched cotton fields to her humble shack is the combination of charcoal smoke plus sizzling steak, chops, chicken, or bacon, as the case may be.

Long ago we added a brazier to our kitchen equipment and wouldn't be without it for the world. There are various types of portable charcoal braziers, but the cheapest and handiest model is a tiny pottery affair encased in galvanized iron. At first glance it resembles an ordinary scrub bucket lined with pottery, but on closer examination we find a false bottom about six inches from the top with numerous holes the size of a dime. This is to allow the ashes to drop into the true bottom, four inches below. On the outside and lower part of the bucket is a small vent or window. When cooking, this should be opened and if possible should face the wind. There is only one warning. The stove must be used out of doors! Remember the early Victorian novels where the heroine or hero died by stuffing the cracks of the room and lighting the charcoal brazier? Outside of this factor the brazier is safe-safer than the average out-of-doors fire, for there is no danger of the blaze spreading. We must remember, however, to place our stove on a stone or dirt surface, especially when we use it in our garden, as the heat will destroy grass or other vegetation.

Now we are ready to build our fire. Unfortunately charcoal made from southern pine is rarely available in most sections of the country—hickory, apple, or oak being substituted. And since hardwood charcoal does not burn easily, it will be necessary to place paper, small sticks, or excelsior on the false bottom of the brazier before adding the charcoal. A still better method is to pour a little kerosene or coal

#### Families are not Vacations



R. W. Hill

T TOOK no small amount of will power to put aside resolutely the beautiful travel olders when it came time to write of vacaions. Each year they become more alluring nd in the most hardened old heart stir up a ostalgic urge for some new adventure, scenic xperience, or a last fling at romance. But this ear I wanted to ask you to "think" about his coming vacation of yours, rather than look" at vacation possibilities in these pages. Ve will, by personal letter, help you plan our vacation, but today let's just discuss it rom another angle-the spiritual necessity or each member of the family to have his or er own vacation.

Your family may be different and your ousehold may have escaped any depression lights, but it has been my observation that nost families have become overdeveloped motionally and spiritually impoverishedatural after-effects of so strange a "jag" as his past depression. All of us dabbled a bit n child psychology, self analysis, and all

Of course he will be sadly neglected and miss you (but don't press him too hard on this question). Just try leaving him-if you can face the certainty that he can have a good time without you . . . JEAN AUSTIN

manner of isms, until our little houses fairly burst their sides containing such inordinate quantities of "personality," "individuality," quantities of "personality," and "self-expression." Our terror of repression impelled us to some pretty foolish extremes in adult behavior and unwise oversights of adolescence cussedness disguised under tony names. We all stridently insisted that "temper" had been taken out of temperament. thought it "such fun" to buy cheap things and palm them off as "smart," and went in for streamlined carpet sweepers and Victorian clothes. All very exciting, strenuous-and indeed impoverishing, to describe it mildly.

Then summer would come along, and the necessity for a family vacation. It was pretty old fashioned, and mighty hard to "fall to" as one unit. We did our valiant best to remember that consideration for others was the only hope for a successful vacation for ourselves. And considering the great span of years, temperaments, etc., we made a pretty good job of it too-for two or three weeks. But weren't we also secretly a little relieved when it was over? Of course we had a marvelous time, hated for it all to end, but it was "good to get home again." Well now I wonder. Was not this one-for-all and all-for-one attitude as exhausting in its way as the strident individualism practiced at home?

As a financial necessity, I have no quarrel with family vacations. But I do maintain that with a little careful planning, it is rarely a financial necessity for an en masse vacation. maintain that packing up two or three children in a car and heading for some beauty

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It тоок audacity, and stubbornness, and even a dash of insanity to rejuvenate Hamilton Place, for only people a "little touched" would take a great, dingy rooming house variously dubbed an "eye-sore," "a rookery," and a "white elephant" and expect to turn it into a lovely private residence, all on \$4,000!

We bought the place with our eyes shut tight. When we opened them, this is what we saw: a drab overgrown structure, with several sagging porches and ugly composition roof; the inside consisting of six bedrooms and bath upstairs, and three bedrooms and bath downstairs along with living room, dining room, and kitchen—all dark, battered, stuffy, and inconvenient. The basement had no floor; bath water was heated by a rusty laundry stove; soft water came via pail and rope from a dirty, inadequate cistern in the side vard.

As we looked over our mad purchase, we could find only five assets: the location on a river bank, where swans swam past the back door and simply gorgeous elms and maples clustered, was superb; the frame-work and white-wood siding were practically as sound as on the day of their first nailing; there was a hot water heating plant, even though it didn't work; the stone-work at the back was pretty; and the rooms could be rearranged without tearing out any partitions. But except for that charming bit of stonework, everything about the house proper, both inside and out was ugly, and gone to seed.

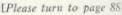
If it were to be made habitable again, every inch of it would have to be done over completely and with painstaking care.

After deep consultation, we budgeted our four thousand as follows:

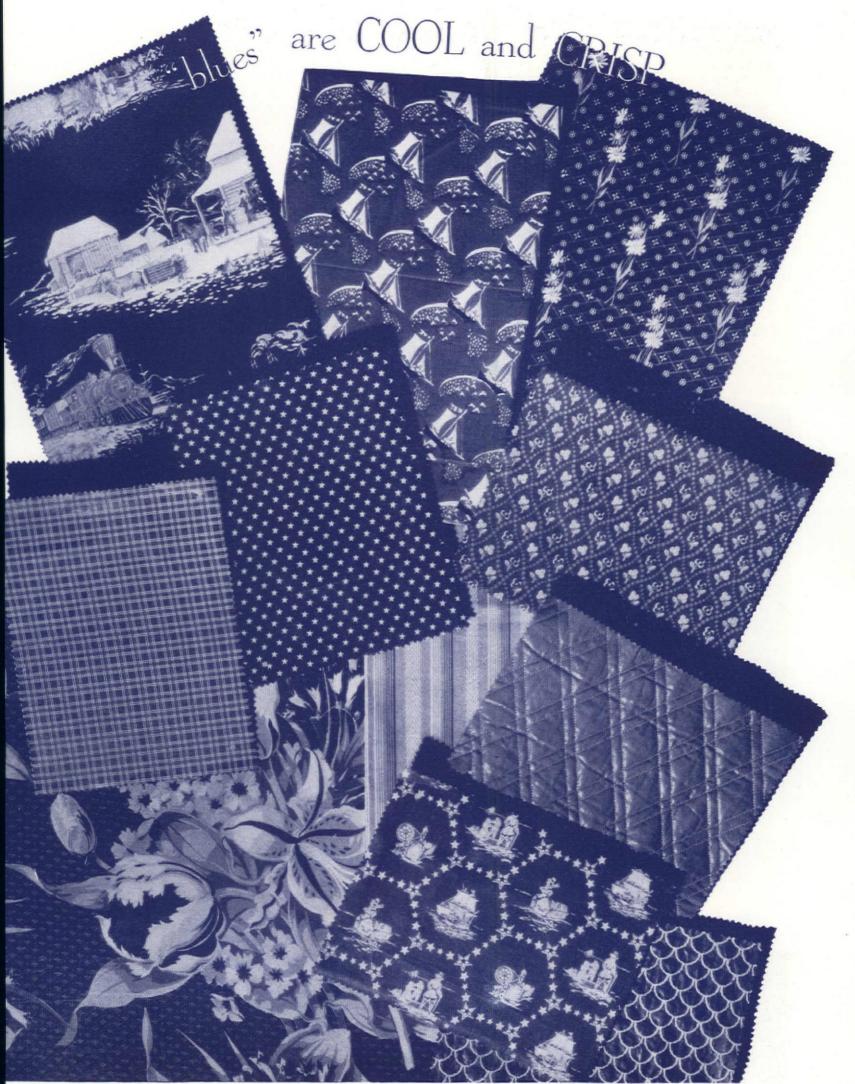
For carpentry and masonry including, of course, all materials, \$1500. The house was first reroofed with the best quality of cedar shingles; square Colonial posts were substituted for the oddly assorted porch pillars and posts; the southeast porch was torn off: the bay window given a stone foundation and new roof; and a new entrance made into what was to be the library. The south porch was widened and screened, the top being developed into an airing porch. Half screens for all windows, combination storm and screen doors for all outside

entrances, storm windows for the west exposure were made. A picket fence was run across the north boundary (part of this was used fencing). The superfluous northwest entrance was eliminated, a window replacing the door. The basement door, greatly in evidence from the west, was rebuilt and given strap hinges and latch of black iron. The front door, with its plate glass panel, was replaced by a three dollar black walnut paneled door secured from a wrecking company and cut down at no expense. The south porch was given a stone foundation matching as closely as possible the basement stonework, and the very few pieces of defective siding were replaced by new. So much for the outside.

The inside was to be left as it was with the following exceptions: the three downstairs bedrooms were to be converted into writing room, library and music room; the downstairs bath, badly located between dining room and writing room, was to be made into a baby's playroom; and the pantry facing the north porch entrance was to be partitioned through the middle to make a lavatory and children's coat room. The double doors between living room and music room were taken off, revealing a nice archway.







Demarest

PPORTUNITIES for wall gardening are afforded upon the grounds of many a suburban home or country estate. But often these opportunities are overlooked. Almost any home grounds has some bare retaining wall or uninteresting masonry barrier that might well be converted into a veritable fairyland of beauty by the use of flowers, shrubs, or vines.

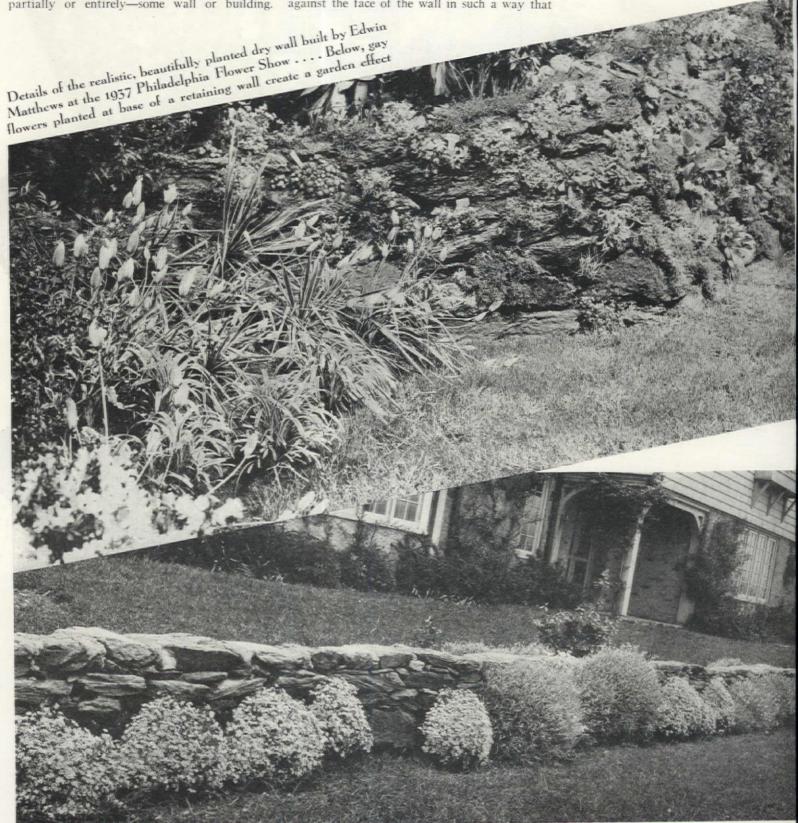
Perhaps a high masonry wall surrounding a country home presents an overformal aspect, entirely out of keeping with the garden arrangement within. If it is in a warm, sunny location, plant some climbing or pillar roses along it to introduce a touch of life and beauty. Permit the shoots to wander naturally over the wall rather than restrict or train them into some definite system.

In other gardens the problem may be to hidepartially or entirely-some wall or building. For this purpose select a leafy vine that makes a dense growth, such as Boston ivy. If the even growth of such a vine tends to emphasize the severity of line, plant slender evergreens in small groups at irregular intervals along and close to the wall to relieve the monotonous effect. If the problem is only to relieve the monotony of a long wall of uniform height, train the main portion of the vine along the top of the wall and permit shoots to trail downward at irregular intervals. All such practices tend to produce GARDENING intervals. All such practices tend to produce a less formal aspect suitable to the naturalistic type of landscape design.

If it is desirable to maintain a formal note, the growing of fruit trees upon garden walls in the form of espaliers presents an interesting and novel solution. Plant the trees close to the walls in deep, well prepared soil and train them against the face of the wall in such a way that

## WALL

CLARENCE E. BAKER



J. Horace McFarland Co

Stone steps cleverly introduced into a well planted, weathered wall that separates two garden levels and is nicely finished by the clipped hedge that bounds the upper area

all the branches are in a single vertical plane. Direct the growth of each branch according to some predetermined formal plan. For instance, by cutting the central stem back to a short distance above the ground and training each of he new shoots upward but at a different angle, ou produce a fan-shaped tree. In another form of espalier the central stem is removed a short distance above the ground and two lateral shoots which will grow from the buds remaining ire carried out along the wall in each direction it right angles to the main trunk and parallel to he ground. From these lateral branches other hoots are trained directly upward at equal ntervals and parallel to each other. The young hoots are fastened in place until they acquire ufficient rigidity to maintain their position. The esult is a very symmetrically shaped wall tree or espalier.

Trained fruit trees are available from nursries that specialize in this type of plant naterial. They are budded upon stocks that tend o dwarf the top so that it does not make exessive vegetative growth. By using trees that re already formed and that have reached bearng size and age, almost immediate effects are ecured. Cherries, apples, pears, plums, and ther fruit trees are grown in this manner and

the production of very high class fruit is possible, although the yield is smaller than from standard trees grown in the customary orchard manner. In foliage or in blossom, espalier trees have a certain fascination as well as an abundant landscape value in formal arrangements.

In many gardens, large and small, the growing of alpine plants in rock pockets or crevices presents abundant opportunities. Retaining walls are frequently required but it is not necessary that they should stand out from the garden or detract from its beauty. Indeed, they may be worked into the plan in such a way that they become an important and even vital part of the garden, one method being to grow a combination of plant materials between the rocks of the wall.

The general principles involved in the construction of a successful rock garden apply also to the making of a wall garden. Arrange the stones so that pockets are provided between them in which the plants can root and grow. Fill these pockets with an ample supply of rich soil and humus and wherever possible provide a direct, continuous connection with the natural soil of the bank. Place the stones in such a way that they slope toward the bank in order that moisture will be carried to the roots of the plants instead of away from them, and to prevent the washing away of the soil in heavy rains. Except in rare instances, no mortar is used to hold the stones in place. Hence, set those at the bottom of the wall farthest forward and place each tier a few inches back of the one below so that the face of the wall slopes slightly. Tilt the stones to make the rear portion of each stone a little lower than the front; this carries the moisture into the wall. Avoid stones of equal size and shape as irregular effects are the most pleasing.

Plants capable of growing in crevices where a limited amount of soil is available are laid in between stones as the wall is constructed. The amount of soil placed between the rocks will [Please turn to page 124]

A retaining wall in a naturalistic setting like this offers a tempting pportunity to the wall gardening enthusiast. Part of the landaping in the garden of R. T. Walker, Chappaqua, N. Y.

Modern brides do not delay weddings!

-and of all the brides with a flair for making much of little . . . cleverest is Mrs. Earl Clark, a Los Angeles antique hound

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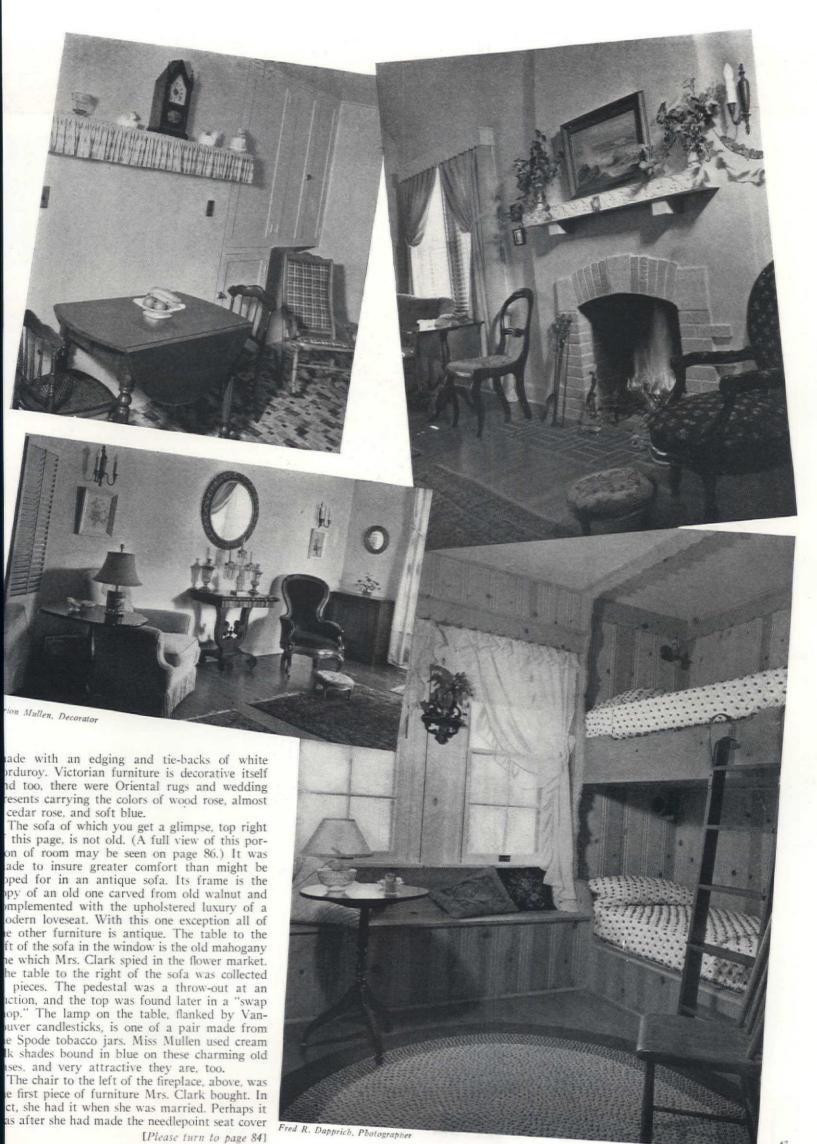
MARTHA B.

The modern engaged girl's idea of household necessities is nothing short of appalling to her mother. Wealthy or not wealthy, the usual list of linen supplies in dozen lots, considered in mother's day as essential, today is tabulated as useless—a lot of bother. "One table-cloth for state occasions, place doilies, and a luncheon set or two," is the bride's-to-be ultimatum-if linens, or rather the lack of them, is to hold up the wedding! This, of course, is not saying that some brides do not have a large stock, but the lack of them is no barrier to wedding bells. Nor are young folk losing any sleep over the amount of furniture they must have before they may take the fatal leap. Some girls are clever with a can of paint and a package of dye. One bride has fine cheesecloth dining room curtains dyed a luscious chartreuse. The furniture is secondhand and painted. The color scheme of the room is chartreuse and aquamarine blue. On the living room floor she uses Chinese matting. With wedding presents she has managed a small house that stays in your memory. But of all the brides who may make a small amount of money go farthest, it is the girl who has a flair for collecting antiques who is able to do the most clever things. Mrs. Earl Clark, living in Carthay Circle, Los Angeles, has such a house. Since the minute the wedding day was set Mrs. Clark has been collecting, piece by piece, the furniture and accessories for her new home. She has found her possessions in every wayside place imaginable -a table in use in a flower market, a chair from an old ladies' home in the country, and a pair of Spode tobacco jars from the dusty shelves of a second-hand store. She has traveling antiques too, or so she calls them. On the wedding trip to Vancouver, B. C., she unearthed a handsome pair of pressed glass candlesticks with Waterford prisms. They are as handsome as any to be found in an exclusive shop, and all for a song to the young lady who knew enough about antiques to recognize what they were. A set of old English fire tools, of brass and steel, came to light on the same memorable trip.

Mrs. Clark has made no attempt to collect fine Sheraton or other old-period pieces. She liked many periods of antiques, but Victorian pieces were within her budget and it was possible always to locate them-that is if she got out and hunted. Of course, there is Victorianand again Victorian. Mrs. Clark was determined to collect only better Victorian pieces. It has meant passing up a chair, which possibly would do when she needed it greatly, to continue her search for one of

more graceful lines and true Victorian beauty.

Her success has been dependent on another thing also. Although she knew antiques, and what she didn't know she has learned, interior decoration was a totally new field. Instead of trusting her own judgment in creating a background, she sought the advice of a decorator, Marion Mullen. Miss Mullen planned an inconspicuous setting. In the living room she employed off-white walls and beige mohair curtains



## Our HODGEPODGE departmen



Keep your lawn mower in excellent "loaning" condition!

It's a good idea to commence by acquiring a mower which not only deserves decent treat-

E. T. KEYSER

It is not necessary to discard a machine that still performs perfectly or seek to exchange it for one with the same "innards" but a more streamlined front, in order to cause envy on the part of one's next door neighbor or to keep up with those mythical Joneses. That explains why it is real economy to select one sufficiently well constructed to operate easily and effectively after the gilding has lost its primal luster and one with a sufficient width of cut to insure that manicuring the lawn will not degenerate into a hiking expedition. Thus, too, you can pro-rate the initial cost over a period of about ten years—excellent value for your money.

Recognition of the fundamental fact that substances other than grass constitute indigestible mower fodder, explains the wisdom of raking a lawn before starting to mow it. Such preliminary effort will be rewarded by a choice accumulation of wind blown twigs, bones forgotten by transient or resident dogs, lollipop sticks casually discarded by the children, and many other interesting items which otherwise would have played the mischief with the cutting blades.

The average Michael Angelo, who commits horticultural

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Outdoor fireplace displayed by the Garden Club of Indiana at the Model Home Show which was held at Indianapolis last year

atrocities on a contract basis or for an hourly fee, usually sets the revolving blades of his personal machine in such chummy proximity to the stationary knife that his method of forward propulsion is necessarily by a series of sudden short armed jabs. His theory is that such a setting makes the mower self-sharpening. Possibly it does, but what starting the heavily braked wheels does to the turf is something to warrant strong language on the part of the party who paid out perfectly good money for the seed and the seeding.

It's better policy in the long run to relieve the mower of any duties as a automatic hone and turn it over to a competent mechanic from time to time for sharpening first ascertaining that he is capable and has proper equipment. By adjusting the distance between revolving and stationary blades so that a sheet of writing paper may be inserted, one secures an easy running, effective combination.

In making such an adjustment, the first operation is to looser the side nuts on the outer ends of the axle upon which the stationary knife is hung. Next adjust this blade with the two pairs o opposing set-screws to the proper angle, and then tighten up the end nuts. Some proprietors of mowers have been known to over look the first and final acts of the program and then wonder why they have only succeeded in springing the knife!

Incidentally, after getting the desired adjustment, it is a wis precaution to cache the wrench in some inaccessible place so as to [Please turn to page 114]



PLEASE!

Dear Sir:

"I wonder if you would be inclined to display a few bold lines somewhere in your magazine, asking those who write to other subscribers for information regarding photos shown, please to be courteous enough to enclose stown, please to he courteous enough to enclose stown, please to he courteous enough to enclose asking about some received many letters asking about some recent things of mine on the Hodgepodge pages and only one person the Hodgepodge pages and only one person wanted the material sufficiently to enclose at the Hodgepodge that to answer thirty old wanted the material sufficiently to have letters, giving dimensions or sketches. I have letters, giving dimensions or sketches. I have decided to disregard any more that may come unless stamps are enclosed, but a tip from you may make it easier."—E. Girton

Below: Mr. S. J. Bensen of Caldwell, New Jersey, uses a wagon wheel for a garden gate



Letters-sweet and sour :: trade gossip

## news :: other folks' ideas

17,000 bricks



A VANITY CLOSET DOOR

An ingenious idea for a closet has been carried out by Mrs. Daniel Morton of St. Joseph, Missouri. By attaching a small wooden bookshelf under the mirror, a space has been provided conveniently for toilet accessories

The "Felix" lamp may be turned on by twisting the nose which is fastened to an ordinary socket inside the head. The ears are of tin and the very dashing whiskers

The made of small spring wire.

The maple lamp is intended to represent a candlestick holder. The lamp is turned on by lifting the block, which contains a plug with prongs, and inserting it into the socket at the base. This outlet may also be used for an electric fan.—Don Porter, Ypsilanti, Mich.



This inscription is on this little writing desk  $(16'' \times 12'' \times 6^{1/2})''$  when closed), the treasured possession of Mrs. R. W. Bulkley of Kansas City, whose home you will see on page 53. Of rosewood, with pure silver shield and narrow band around top and sides, the writing top and lid are lined with green

velvet which has lost none of its richness throughout its long life

#### QUICK, ANDRE-THE STREAMLINED HASH!

"We bachelors and Boy Scouts are grateful for the recipe of Mr. Andre Chappelle's Happy Meatloaf which appeared in your April issue. Man and boy, I have had meatloaf

cold, hot, and warm, but no matter how sharp the knife or how thin it was cut, it still was just meatloaf.

"After reading Andre's rec-"After reading Andre's recipe I think he has something there. I'm going to try it just like he says, and if the Happy Meatloaf turns out to be only a "Sad Misteak" I'll know that it will be nobody's fault but my own, and I'll still think the recipe is great. Maybe Andre will tell us how to modernize and streamline hash into something streamline hash into something more exciting than it has been these many years. I'll be

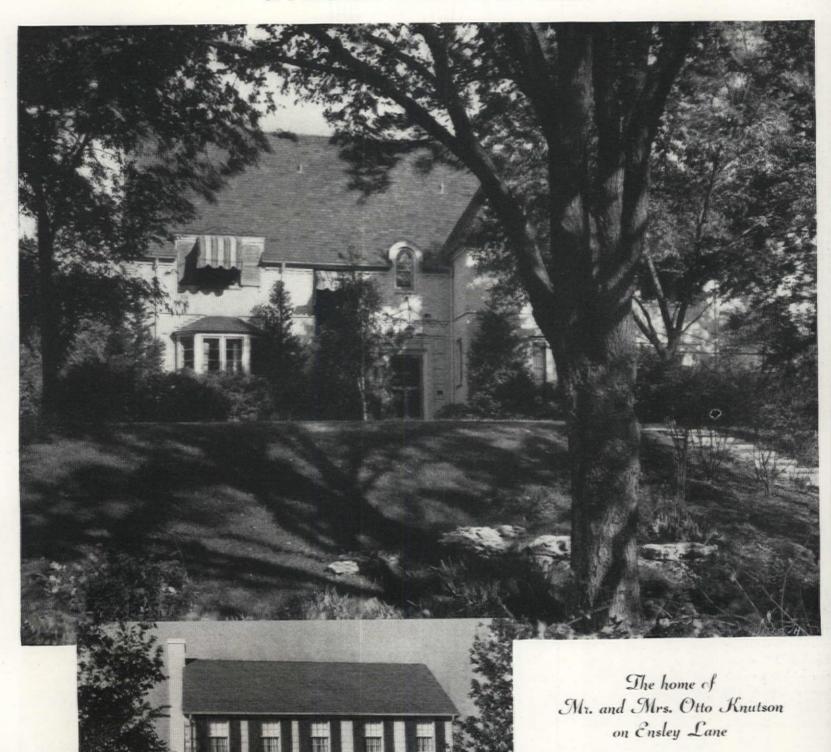
Bud Merker, Lake Jem, Florida

return postage :: streamlined hash

LAMPS FOR A CHILD'S ROOM

#### KANSAS CITY PORTFOLIO

of American Home readers' homes

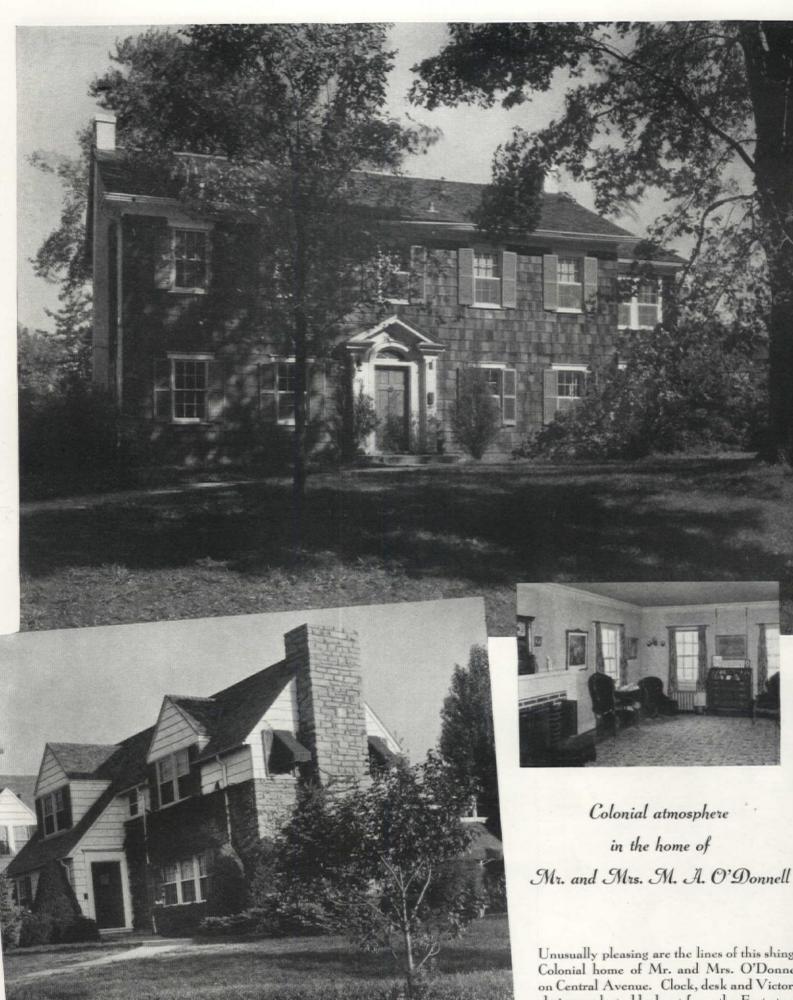


The home of Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Walker on Sagamore Road

Last summer it was our pleasure to visit the Mid-West and while we do not claim to have seen Kansas City at its best, the very fact that our enthusiasm survived even the 112 degrees temperature is surely proof enough that we found delightful new homes and charming old ones. The newer ones are invariably smaller and with a decided tendency towards Colonial architecture, instead of the English which previously predominated. Many of our folks were gone for the summer, but even that did not discourage us. We kept at their heels until our photographer got together all these photographs for you. We hope that the owners and their friends all over the country will enjoy this small but representative portfolio of good and loyal American homes which we found in Kansas City's lovely suburbs.

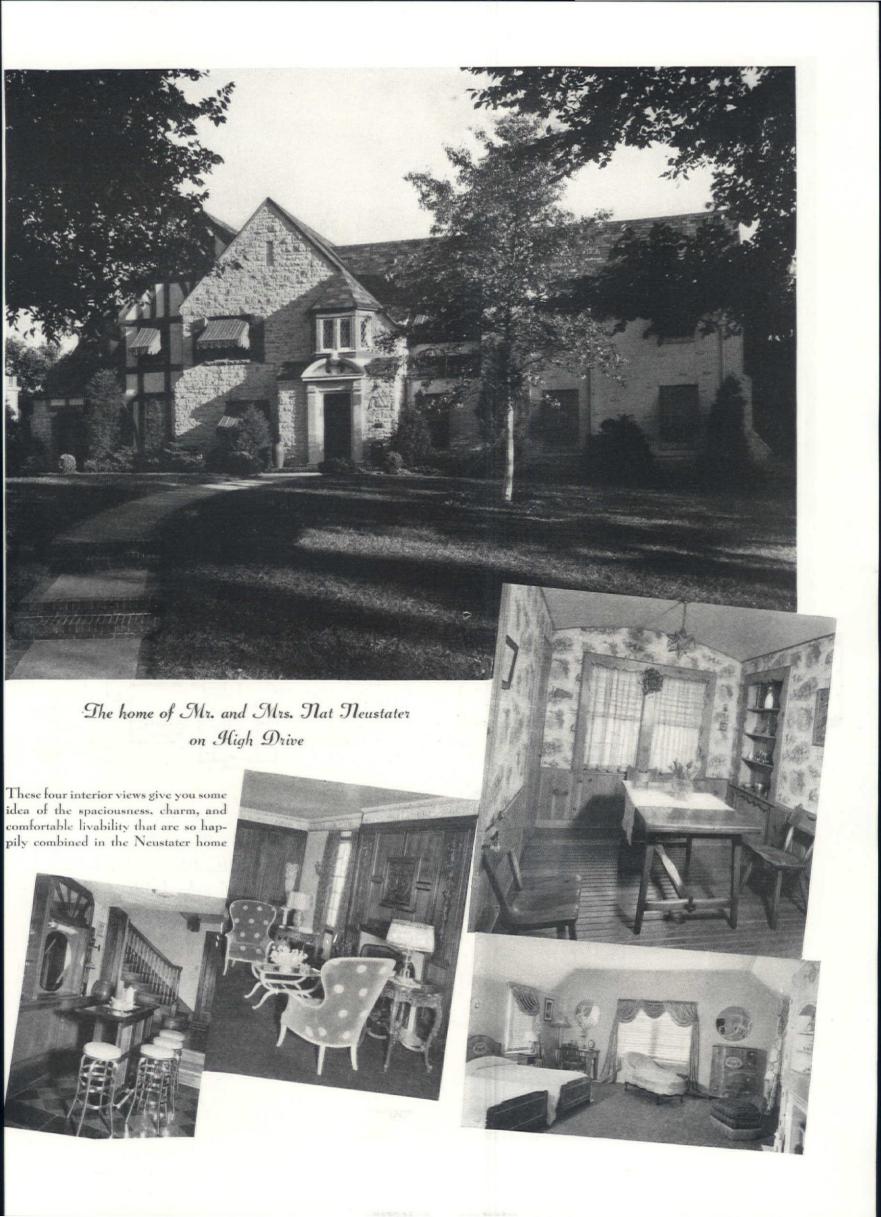


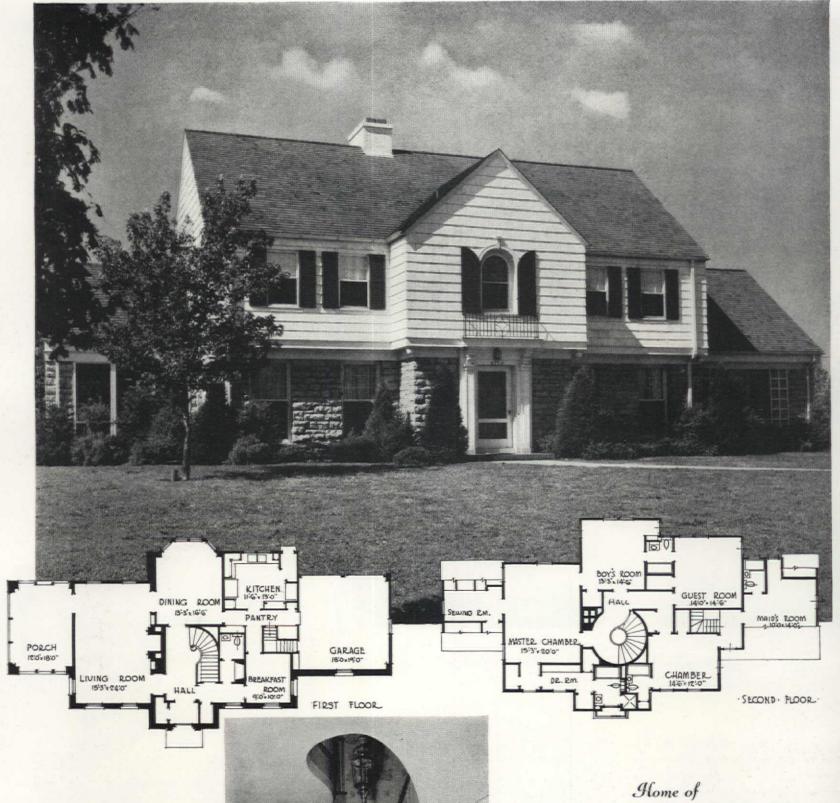




The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Davis on Romany Road

Unusually pleasing are the lines of this shingled Colonial home of Mr. and Mrs. O'Donnell's on Central Avenue. Clock, desk and Victorian chairs surely trekked out from the East at some date! The home of Mr. and Mrs. Davis, at the left, is typical of many of the newer homes constantly being built in this progressive city.





BOILLOT & LAUCKE ARCHITECTS

All photographs in this Portfolio were taken especially for us by Tyner and Murphy

Home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond W. Hall on Tomahawk Road

MRS. HALL said that many of her relatives in Virginia would be interested in seeing her "little gray home in the West." Well, I expect they will, especially if they still cling to the fond belief that Mrs. Hall is "roughing" it out in Kansas! It's a delightful home, isn't it? Dignified and yet cheerfully friendly rather than prim. The clock, which you see tucked away in the book recess in the living room photo, belonged to the grandmother whose oil portrait hangs over the mantel. Wood paneled and painted a soft gray-green, this fireplace side of the room conceals a built-in radio and a cupboard for cards, etc. Graygreens and brown and beige in rugs and upholstery give the room quietly rich atmosphere. The dining room is





The home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford B. Smith on Westover Road

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Tourtello on Westover Road

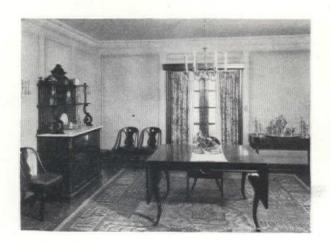
The trees make it difficult to see in the photo graph the charming doorway and the beauti fully simple lines of the Tourtellot home. Th wing extending at the right adds to the spacious ness. The Smith home has a porte-cocher at the left and, above it, an inviting dec

ON OPPOSITE PAGE: A hundred years ag most of the furniture in the Bulkley home wa in the home of Mr. Bulkley's great-grandfathe in Charleston, South Carolina. The most hand some pieces are perhaps the large secretary an the bookcase in the living room, and the dinin room furniture. These are of San Domingo mahogany. The child's chair which you will pe ceive at the left of the fireplace has bee occupied by a century of small Bulkleys, the current and very important one being their three controls and the state of the state o and a half year old son, whose name is Pete



The home of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald W. Bulkley on Westover Road

The secretary is topped by a slab of black marble. The candelabra are old, of equal age with the furniture, and are of crystal. The chairs and sofas are of rosewood. The sofas are upholstered in dull blue. The little chairs of French Empire influence by the tea table and the hassocks are done in rose-red damask and, so far as I know, have always been so covered—the color, I mean. (See page 45 for a photograph of a rare old writing desk of rosewood and velvet, dated August 1861, owned by Mrs. Bulkley.)







The home of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Curry on Ward Parkway



The Curry home enjoys a delightful situation on Ward Parkway, that beautiful Kansas City boulevard lined with charming homes on either side of its extremely well-planted expanse. Living room and master bedroom above

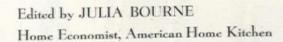
Interior views of Henderson home, below, are shown on opposite page





#### **MAJOR**

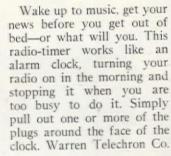
### AND MINOR



QUITE new is the way in which color is used on this kitchen equipment. The gas range is topped with black and the gas refrigerator matches it with a wide bold stripe of black enamel. Floor is black, off white and gray linoleum and even the knobs of the cabinet doors go black to maintain the ensemble scheme. Below, a Hotpoint electric range with a monel metal working surface and, of course, an automatic oven clock. But what's really noteworthy is a back splash with a metal strip of convenient outlets for the use of some small electrical equipment.



They had "panties" for cocktail glasses, but now it's oiled silk panties to protect left-overs or stored foods. Three sizes fit over bowls, pots, and deep dishes. Blossom Mfg. Co. Below these, one kit for four stain removing fluids, in case you are one of those persons who can never remember the magic home remedy until a stain has "set." Voss Mfg. Co.





For summer travelers who like to sneak in a bit of light ironing, here's a light weight, collapsible iron, in a waterproofed plaid-lined suede case that will

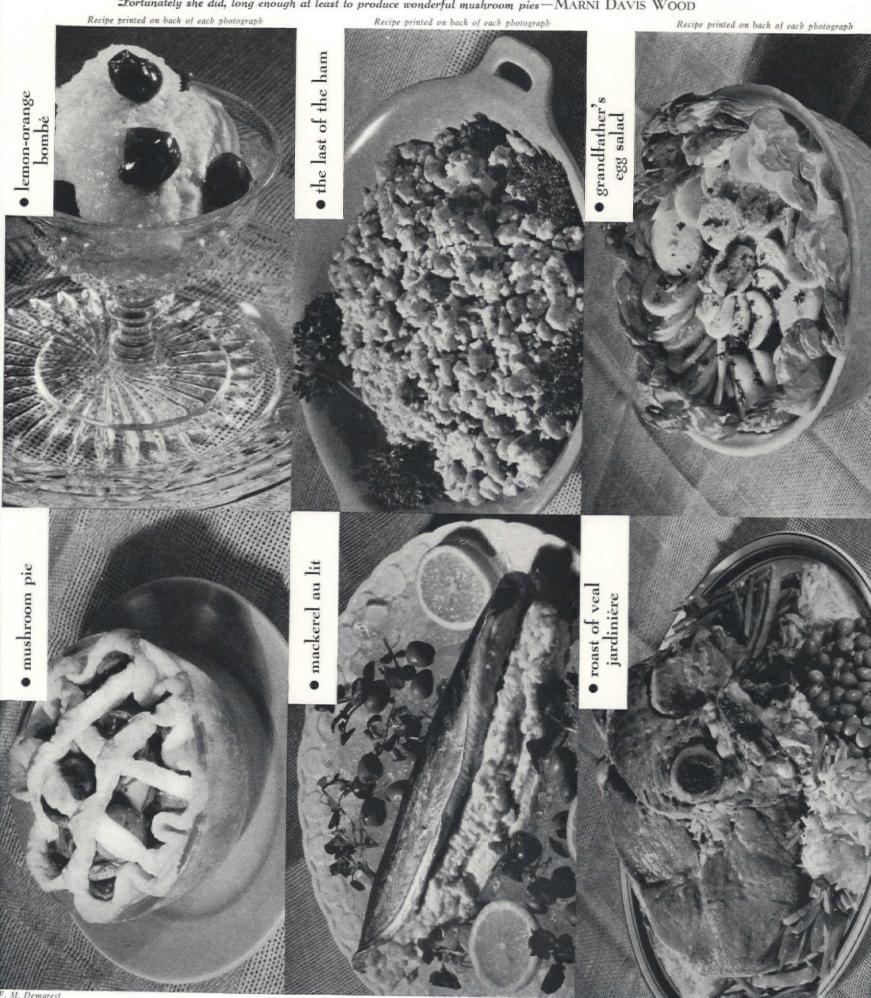
fool any hotel maid. Winstead Hardware Co. Below, a new metal serving tray with throw-away fillers that bear up under the pressure of a meanly sharp knife and remain absolutely indifferent to the soaking gravy or sloppy salad dressings. Grand for those outdoor meals—you save the trays, but without compunction burn up the fillers, just as you've always wanted to burn up the after-dinner dishes! No more juggling the cup in one hand and the plate in the other, either. A special division for your cup or glass simplifies the service. From the Michigan Metal Products Co.



Above, a smart electric heater in cream-white enamel and polished chrome. Grand for just taking off early morning chills in bathroom or cabin. A. C. Gilbert Co. And, at the right, a new cabinet from Westinghouse to keep all the small electrical gadgets in their proper places. Toe room underneath, the right counter height and two convenient electric outlets right in the cabinet. Looks like the day of trailing wires in kitchens is at last happily on the way out!

### The cook's family album

Along about the first of June, when there is too much to be done everywhere in the garden, I feel very much the way an old cook we had did when she would say on receipt of the day's menu, "Yas'm, ef I live." Fortunately she did, long enough at least to produce wonderful mushroom pies—MARNI DAVIS WOOD



### The cook's family album

There is something about veal that identifies it with the warm months . . . perhaps this is because it is a "white meat," or maybe it is because of its adaptability to variety. One of its best uses is veal jardinière-MARNI DAVIS WOOD

I teaspoon Worcestershire sauce 14 cup grated sharp cheese I tablespoon minced parsley

4 tablespoons salad oil 2 tablespoons vinegar

> salad bowl, china or glass preferred, uness you don't mind a persistent flavor of Worcestershire sauce in your wooden bowl. The little lettuce leaves from the garden are supreme for this. Fill with alternate layers of sliced hard cooked eggs and sliced onions. Over this pour the dressing made by beating together the vinegar, salad oil, salt, pepper, Sprinkle with the cheese and garnish with

WITH lettuce leaves line

good pinch rosemary (optional) good pinch thyme (optional)

large clove of garlic, minced

bay leaf

6-pound roast of veal

grandfather's egg salad

4 teaspoon pepper 11/2 teaspoons salt

Dash paprika

6 medium onions 12 hard cooked eggs

I head lettuce

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sauce.

and Worcestershire

paprika.

1/2 cup shredded string beans 1/2 cup green peas (shelled)

necessary. Brown slowly in a moderate

oven (350° F.) for one and one-half

beans, peas, and a cup more water if

hours. Remove cover and add carrots,

Pour off sauce and serve separately.

hours, basting frequently.

Arrange the vegetables on a platter

around the veal.

1/2 cups shredded carrots

or 4 peppercorns

salt, peppercorns. Add the water, cover closely, and cook very slowly for two

garlic, bay leaf, rosemary, thyme, clove,

range roaster over low heat. Add the

UT veal on rack in top-of-the

· roast of veal jardinière

2 cup water

teaspoon salt

whole clove

parsley. Serves 6 to 8 people.

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I cup minced baked ham tablespoon butter

pounds fresh peas

mint leaves, shredded

2 tablespoons cream

# · mackerel au lit

2 cups cream sauce 3 hard cooked eggs, chopped

small mackerel

1/2 cup pimiento, chopped

tablespoon vinegar

carrot

cups water

Split and remove backbone of a small mackerel and stuff with a thick cream sauce which has been mixed with the chopped

stalk celery, shredded whole green peppers I tablespoon salt onion pimiento and chopped hard cooked egg. (To

make the cream sauce, thicken I cup milk and I cup cream with 6 tablespoons flour. Season with ½ teaspoon salt and a dash of pepper.) Now wrap the stuffed fish in a white cloth and simmer gently in the water in which the vinegar, carrot, onion, celery, and salt have been boiled together for 20 minutes.

Cook fish slowly for 15 minutes. Then drain the fish carefully and allow to cool

before unwrapping. If you wish, serve on a bed of shaved ice and garnish with water-cress, stuffed olives, and lemon slices. A delicious sauce to serve with this is chopped cucumber and capers mixed with cream-thinned mayonnaise.

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• the last of the ham

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thoroughly and serve hot. This is an ham-more if you have it. Cook until peas are tender, then drain well, add the butter, cream, and mint leaves. Mix excellent way to use up left-over ham. JOOK the peas with no salt. Just before they are done add the minced

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# lemon-orange bombé

ries. Or to make a true bombé, line a Boil sugar and water together for five minutes. Add to stiffly beaten egg white. When cool add the fruit mechanical refrigerator, and freeze for about three hours, stirring once during this time. Or freeze in an ice cream reezer. Serve with ice cold pitted chermold with stiffly beaten cream and pour in the fruit, egg white and syrup mixjuices and grated rind. Stir in the cream, whipped, and pour in the tray of your ture. Freeze without stirring.

uice and grated rind, 2 lemons 2 cup water egg white

1/2 cup sugar

Black or red cherries, canned or fresh cup heavy cream luice, 2 oranges

· mushroom pie

deep pie dish (or individual dishes that are bake proof and good looking enough to be brought to the table) with it.

lattice. Crimp the edges and bake in a hot oven (450° F.) about 30 minutes or until golden. Wash and peel the mushrooms, leaving short stems. Slice thickly and sauté for 5 minutes. Add the cream and papin the butter, chives, and parsley. When tender add the lemon juice and simmer rika. Pour in the pie dish and cover top with twisted strips of pastry laid in a

tablespoon chopped parsley 1/2 pounds fresh mushrooms tablespoon chopped chives I tablespoon lemon juice tablespoons butter cup shortening 2 cups flour 1/3 cup rich milk 2 cup cream

l tablespoon paprika flour and moisten with the milk. Line a UT the shortening into the

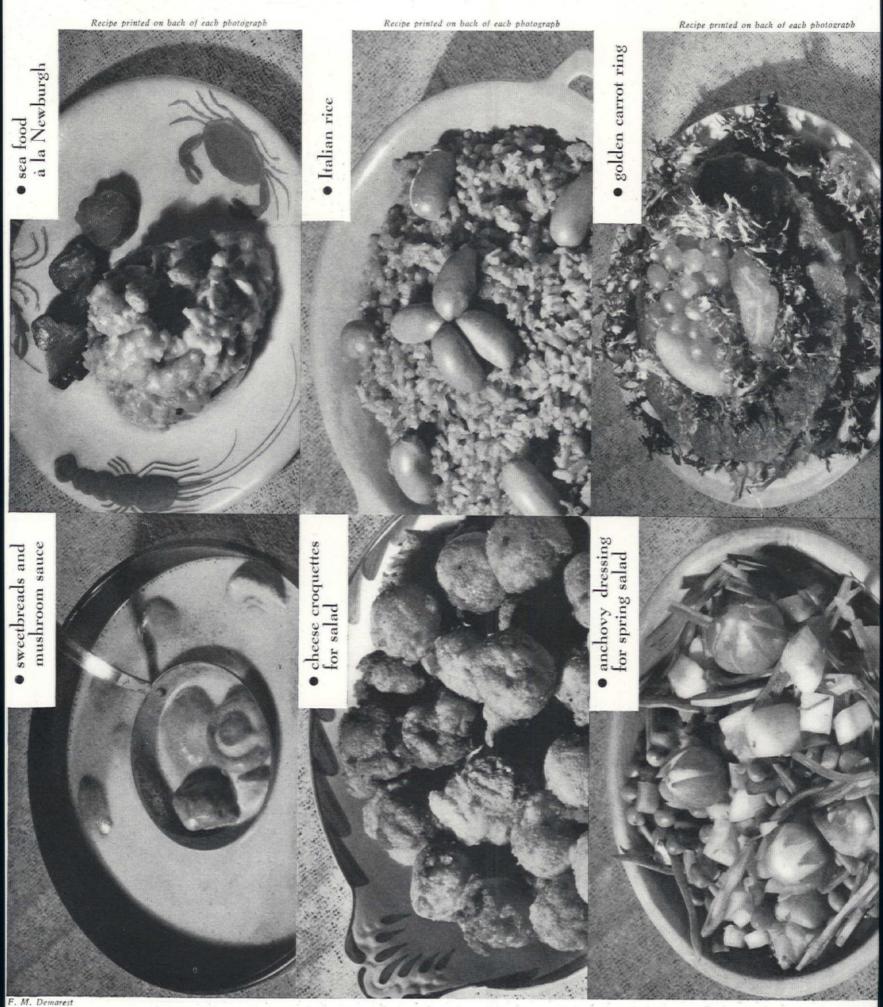
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### When "sumer is icumen in"

And you have a yen for travel or things foreign, try this savory method of cooking rice, perfected by the Italians; or the tasty unchovy dressing, the sweethreads and mushrooms, and the sea food Newburgh ... all of French origin—MARY ANNE DOUGLASS



### sumer

If you are one of those who would explore "America First," I offer golden carrot ring and cheese croquettes, concocted in the kitchens of our own South-MARY ANNE DOUGLASS

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Dash red pepper or Tabasco sauce

teaspoon paprika

½ teaspoon salt

5 cupful Madeira or sherry wine tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

teaspoon sugar

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(I cup consomme and two of pod garlic (chopped fine)

onions (chopped fine)

cups soup stock or

2 tablespoons butter, margarine or 14 teaspoon saffron (if handy) salad oil water)

Salt and pepper to taste

Serve hot in a vegetable dish or platter with tiny cocktail sausages or frankwith watercress and lemon slices or wedges

## • cheese croquettes for salad

4 teaspoon salt 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce 1 tablespoon flour

pound American cheese

1/2 teaspoon dry mustard

6 drops Tabasco sauce

GRIND cheese in meat chopper. then mash to a paste with a fork or

Dry bread crumbs, in which to 4 egg whites I tablespoon water croquettes lastly 3 of the egg whites stiffly beaten. With the palms of the hand model bits of this mixture to form a ball the size of an egg yolk. Set in refrigerator until spoon. Add seasonings and flour, and ready to use.

white, beaten and mixed with the water, and then in crumbs again. Fry in a basket in deep hot fat (375° F.). When golden brown remove from fat. Drain lust before cooking, roll balls in bread crumbs, then in the remaining egg on brown paper and serve immediately. Makes 16 croquettes. Tested by THE AMERICAN HOME

## mushroom sauce sweetbreads and

Salt and pepper to taste

pounds sweetbreads

Wash mushrooms well. It will not be neces-sary to peel them if they are fresh. Remove OVER sweetbreads with water

teaspoon sugar caps from stems. Melt fat in skillet, add

Add onion, celery, parsley, salt, and pepper. Boil one hour or until sweetbreads are tender. Strain broth and reserve to use later. There should be about two cupfuls of the liquor. Remove skin from sweetbreads.

tablespoons Worcestershire sauce

tablespoons sherry

tablespoons flour

teaspoon Kitchen Bouquet

cups cream

cup butter or margarine

pound mushrooms

sprigs parsley

stalks celery

onion

mushrooms, and simmer until tender (20 minutes). Add two cupfuls of stock from Cook until sauce thickens, stirring constantly. Add sweetbreads. Simmer for two sweetbreads, flour mixed to a paste with cream, and all other ingredients. minutes longer. This is an excellent sauce to serve over baked potatoes. Tested by THE AMERICAN HOME

• Italian rice

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and grapefruit sections. Garnish with a

fill with fruit, such as grapes, orange

bit of green such as chicory or lettuce. If desired, fill the ring with cooked creamed vegetables, instead of the fruit.

Serve with a fresh vegetable salad, such as the one shown in photograph backing this recipe. This particular combination includes peas, beans, green pepper,

omatoes, chives, and cucumbers, also radish roses for garnish.

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little liquid for the amount of vegetables, add 3 tablespoons of salad oil to every

one of vinegar and salt and pepper to taste.

all other ingredients. Should there be too

to a paste; add chopped anchovies and

it in the dressing, although by this time

it usually evaporates. Mash the garlic

If a small quantity of water remains, use

Boil garlic in water for 15 minutes, or until garlic is thoroughly tender. (375° F.) or until mixture has set. Turn onto a large round plate or platter and

ring mold and set in a pan 1/4 full of water. Bake one hour in a moderate oven

sary to add more water if rice begins to stick to the pan, but it should be dry pepper, and saffron. Add stock or consommé and water. Cook until rice is rice become golden brown. Add salt, and tender (about 1/2 hour). It may be necesgarlic, and rice and fry until grains of HEAT fat in skillet. Add onion when done, each grain standing alone.

furters (shown in the photograph) or small patties of browned sausage. Decorate

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à la Newburgh

(shrimp, lobster, crabmeat mixed)

quart cooked sea food

egg yolks tablespoons butter or margarine

tablespoons flour

cups cream

cream sauce, stirring all the time. Add sauce to sea food and allow to cook minutes before serving on toasted bread or biscuits. ture becomes the consistency of thin

## sea food

paprika. Stir well. Pour into double boiler and continue cooking until mix-In a separate bowl beat egg yolks, add cream previously mixed to a smooth paste with flour. Add wine, sugar. Worcestershire sauce, salt, pepper, and MELT fat in skillet. Add sea food and allow to simmer five minutes.

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cup cooked strained carrots (fresh or canned) 4 eggs

Salt and pepper to taste cups whipping cream 2 cup bread crumbs tablespoon flour

Bear the egg yolks separately and • golden carrot ring

add the strained carrots, bread crumbs. flour, salt, and pepper. Fold in well-

beaten whites, and lastly cream, whipped our the carrot mixture into a greased

2 tablespoons vinegar 3 drops Tabasco sauce

Dash red pepper

6 tablespoons salad oil

cup water

tablespoon capers

pods garlic

anchovies

anchovy dressing

hor spring salad

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#### That lump of sugar

Tow little we think of the amount of work necessary to duce that lump of sugar we p so nonchalantly into our of coffee, or the cupful of vdered sugar we measure out make into a toothsome icing

t is sometimes said that we nericans eat almost our own ght in sugar every year. Like er English speaking peoples, have an exceedingly sweet th and eat about three times much sugar in proportion to pulation as the average Conti-ital nation. The sugar consumpn of a country is often said to an illustration of its prosperity. Sugar is a comparatively modproduct. The ancient Greeks Romans, having no sugar, d honey as a sweetening agent. gar was produced in India as ly as the first century, either m sugar cane or bamboo or th, but for years it was used y as a rare delicacy at feasts for medicinal purposes.

The Arabians brought the sugar e plant from India to the West d also gave it its name-the rd sugar is Arabic. At first y introduced the cultivation of plant into the valley of the gris and Euphrates, then into ypt and finally into Spain. It s not until the 12th and 13th turies (the time of the Crules) that sugar became gener-y known in Europe. The earliest ord we find of sugar in Engd was at the beginning of the h century, and then only as a dicine. Two pounds of it cost much as a pig, or as much as a penter could earn for two days

By the close of the 14th century rope had developed a flourishtrade in sugar and other iental products by way of the erland route. Columbus was king a water route for the de in sugar and spices when discovered America.

Soon successful efforts to grow gar nearer home were made. om Madeira and the Canary ands the sugar cane was introced into Haiti, Cuba, and other ands of the Western Atlantic d then into Mexico and Brazil. e sugar and spice trade was mensely valuable, and one of great motives which impelled ain, France, England, and other ropean nations to reach out er tropical and subtropical coles was to obtain a sugar sup-. Sugar cane was first grown the English Colonies in North nerica in 1751, but the industry s of no importance until about enty-five years later.

Today half of the world's gar is produced in the temperregions of Europe and the United States from the sugar beet. The first serious attempt to utilize this source of supply was made by Napoleon when the Allies were blockading the ports of continental Europe and cut off the import of sugar. He made large grants of land and money to encourage the sugar beet industry, and many factories were established in France and Germany. In the latter half of the 19th century, the new industry advanced rapidly in Europe, but it did not become important in the United States until the final decade of the century.

The "sugar bowls" of the world

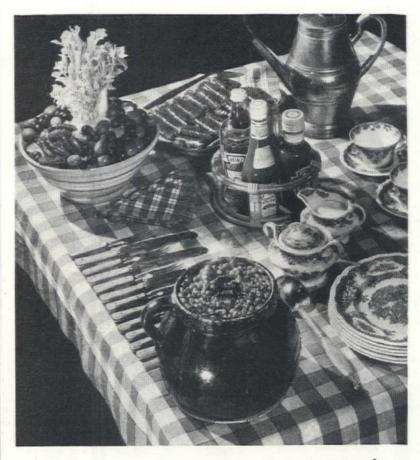
today are Cuba, India, Java, the Hawaiian and Philippine Islands, and Porto Rico. These are the producers of cane sugar. Beet sugar is grown chiefly in Germany, United States, Russia, France, and Austria-Hungary. Louisiana produces nearly all of the cane sugar grown in the United States, but Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, and Texas also grow some, principally for making syrup. The leading sugar beet states are Colorado, California, Utah, and Michigan, for sugar beets grow best in rich soil with plenty of moisture in the spring, a dry summer, and a cool dry fall. Excellent results have been obtained through irrigation so that semiarid sections of the west have be-

come large producers.

A field of sugar cane looks somewhat like a field of corn, but the cane is much taller than corn, reaching sometimes a height of twenty feet. The stalks grow thickly crowded together with a large branching cluster of leaves at the top of each stalk. The plant stalk is divided into many joints, like bamboo, sometimes as many as sixty or eighty. At harvest time, the workers cut the stalks with broad, sharp knives and strip the leaves away. The yield per acre sometimes is as high as forty to fifty tons. The juice of the stalk is approximately ten to twenty per cent sugar.

At the mill, the juice is squeezed from the stalks by sets of heavy rollers, each set squeezing just a little harder than the one preceding. The stalks are sometimes torn by a "shredder" before they go to the rollers and are moistened with steam and water to aid in the extraction of the sugar. When the cane has been thoroughly squeezed the stalks or "bagasse" are quite dry, and this fibrous mass is carried away to the power house to be used as fuel.

Milk of lime is added to the raw juice to precipitate the impurities which hinder crystallization. Sulphur dioxide is then added to neutralize the excess of lime and to further bleach and



## Table and Contents NOTED

Noted: The checkered table cloth and the portly, full-bosomed, red-brown crock, the color mellowed by five thousand Saturday bean-feasts. For it was turned on a potter's wheel perhaps a hundred years ago.

Noted: The beans\* that filled the crock. The kind of beans you get up Boston-way, well-seasoned with molasses, enriched with sweet, juicy slabs of pork, well-streaked with lean.

Noted: (although it sounds incredible) These beans were transferred to the crock from shiny Heinz 57-labeled tins just half an hour before we ate.

Noted: The yellow mixing bowl landscaped with relishes. Idea borrowed from a famous New York eating place. The bowl is filled with fine-cracked ice on which are set olives (ripe, stuffed and plain), Heinz Sweet Green Gherkins. Fronds of celery ris-ing like a fountain from the ice.

Noted: Brown-bread and butter sandwiches on an old Connecticut "slip-ware" plate. Antique knives. Broad-bladed—the better to eat with!

Noted: It's much, much easier than pie to serve a baked bean supper for your crowd. Just order several tins of Heinz Oven-Baked Beans (yellow label Boston-style with pork and mo-lasses). Word of warning: Be quite sure you get Heinz Beans because they are baked—really oven-baked—through and through.

\*N. B. (Note on Beans) Heinz makes four delicious kinds of beans, all oven-baked: (1) with pork and tomato sauce, (2) in tomato sauce without pork (vege-tarian), (3) with molasses sauce and pork, Boston-style, and (4) red kidney beans.













BANISH "TATTLE-TALE GRAY" WITH FELS-NAPTHA SOAP!

purify the juice. It is then evaporated in vacuum pans into a thick syrup, and finally to sugar crystals. Part of the syrup does not crystallize and remains on the crystals. The whole sticky brown mass is then put into centrifugals, and most of the syrup, now properly called "molasses" is forced out through perforations in the drum, leaving the sugar inside.

The molasses is then boiled and crystallized once or twice more producing an inferior grade of sugar. This "raw sugar" is now shipped to the sugar refineries. As it still contains many impurities which give it a color varying from dark brown to nearly white, it must be refined before it is ready for the market. At the refineries, the dark sticky raw sugar is mixed with water and again put into centrifugal machines. This again produces sugar crystals and molasses, but the sugar crystals are much whiter than they previously were. These crystals are dissolved again in water and pass through cotton filters from which the liquid comes out clear and light yellow. The sol-uble impurities are now removed by filtering the liquid through bone-black. This refined syrup is now ready for the final processes of boiling in vacuum pans, crystallizing, and putting again through the centrifugal machines. The sugar remaining in the centrifugal drums is now pure white granulated sugar, and after being dried and packed, is ready for the market.

Cube sugar is made, as a rule, by pressing moistened granulated sugar into molds. Powdered and confectioner's sugar are obtained by grinding the best grades of granulated sugar and sifting through silk bolting. Brown sugar is the less refined sugar made from molasses.

#### Sugar from beets

The process of sugar making from the sugar beet is principally the same as the making of cane sugar. However, with beet sugar, the entire process is carried on in one factory. The beets, after having been brought to the factory, are stored in trough-shaped sheds. They are then carried to the washer by a flow of water. From the washer they are dropped into elevator buckets and carried to the slicing machines. There they are cut into tiny V-shaped pieces called "cossettes." These cossettes are now soaked in warm water and the sugar contained in them is dissolved in a series of tanks known as the "diffusion battery." The warm water is forced through these cylinders, one after the other, and when it has passed the last tank, it contains the beet juices plus all the impurities which must be removed. This is done by adding carbon dioxide gas and

milk of lime and filtering in hu filter presses. This process is the repeated, and the purified lique is reheated and bleached with sephur dioxide. After a final filting it is boiled in vacuum parand goes finally to the centrifus machines.

The molasses from beet sug is not palatable for food so it rediluted, boiled, and whirl again in centrifugals. The res is "second" molasses and a brow ish sugar. The brown sugar is p into the diffusion tanks again a comes out finally as granulat sugar. The "second" molassyields potash for fertilizer a "press" cakes for cattle feed. It also interesting to know that sa charin is a white powder mar factured from coal tar. It is 3 times sweeter than cane sugar a is used in many ways as a sug substitute—especially medicina—as in diabetes, liver diseases, duction of corpulence, or wheney the use of sugar is undesirable.

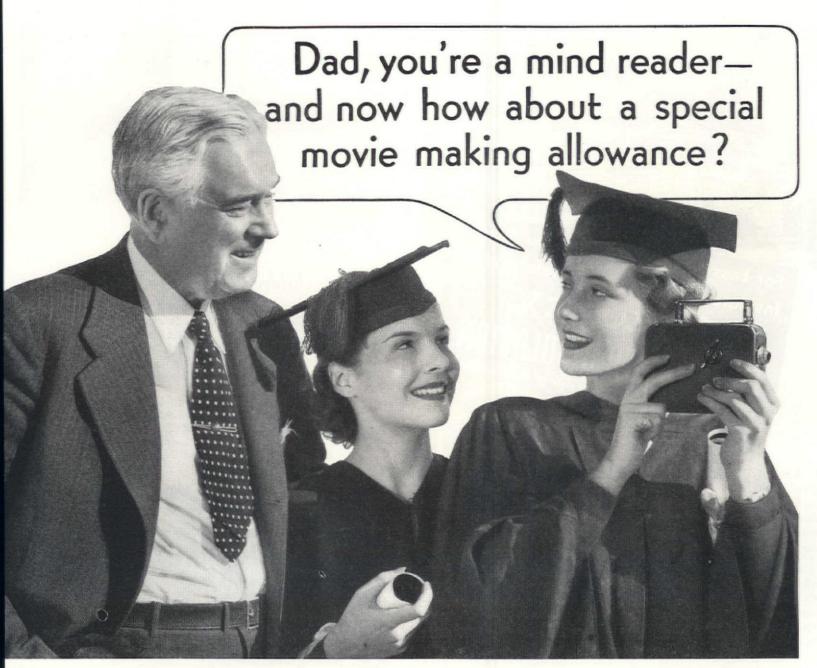
#### Swim in your own back yard

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should have some knowledge of This pool is designed to drained periodically and fil with fresh water, instead of runing the same water through filter, a more expensive instaltion. Hence, if the pool can located on higher ground than surrounding premises, so much better, as the waste water can the drained off on to garden a shrubbery. If only level land available, it must either be run in the sewer or pumped out wan electrically-driven pump.

Excavation must be consid ably larger than the outside mensions of the pool to allow setting up the forms. These can of any rough lumber provided inside wall fits neatly and is surfaced boards to leave the co crete smooth. Another import point: once the concrete work started it must be carried throu to the finish, because if one sect is permitted to set before anot is added there will be a joint qu liable to leak. In other words, wa and bottom should be perfect 'welded." If the finished bott is exposed to the hot sun wl setting it should be kept mo with a fine spray from the hose covered with wet burlap.

The original pool is beginn its fourth year, and has been highly successful and so poput that it was necessary to build fence around it to discourage invited guests—often complestrangers who without any permission had no compunction making it a public institution.



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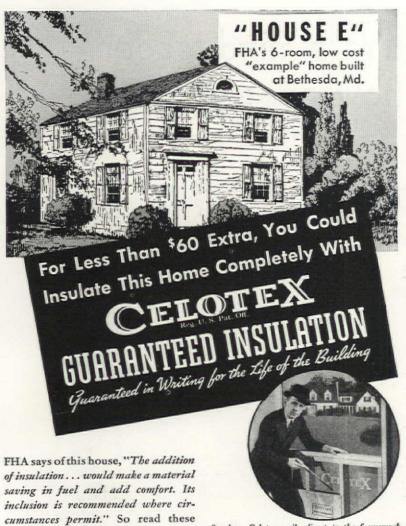
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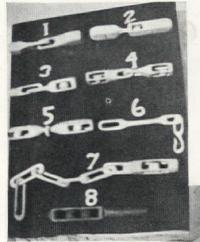
#### Our children have their own museum

NATHAN M. SOUTHWICK

WHEN our eldest son, aged eight years, and his sister, aged six, first began collecting specimens for their museum, the initial acquisitions were sea shells, pressed leaves, butterflies mounted on pins, turtle shells, snake skins, antiquated bird's nests, and so forth. As our other children arrived and attained the age at which they, too, became museum minded, many exhibits of like nature were added to the original

was created as a result of visits that they made to the Natural History Museum on State Street, in Worcester, our nearest large city, six miles distant. There they made a superficial study of stuffed birds, animals, and fishes, and also of the insect family. This interesting exhibition instilled in the minds of our youthful naturalists the desire which resulted in their first museum.

Several years later, during the high school period, the children became interested in such institutions as the American Antiquarian Society, the Worcester Art Museum and the Worcester County Historical Society. Under the influence of such organizations as these, their viewpoints broadened to the extent that they no longer confined their activities to collecting specimens for what, at best, was a meagre assortment of natural curiosities; and after visiting museums in Boston and New York, they were more than ever attracted to the antique field, and a trip to Sudbury

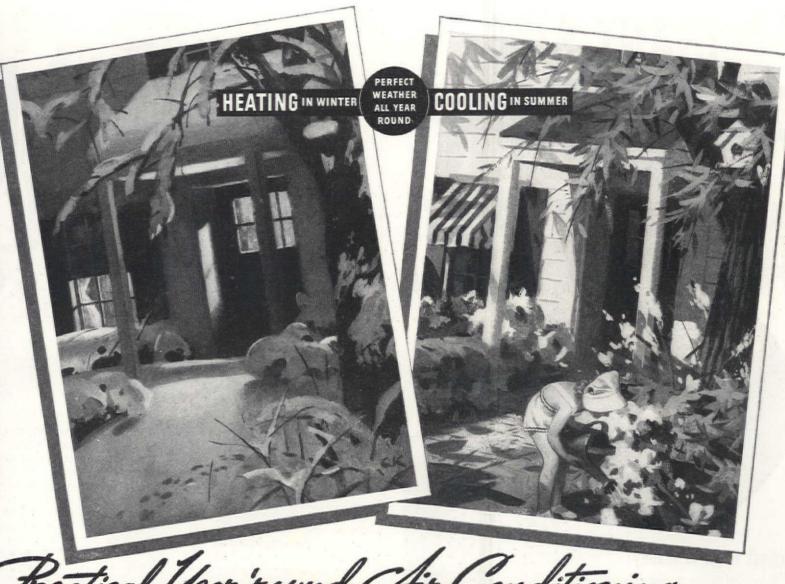


mass until its octopuslike tentacles penetrated cupboards, shelves, and other hidden places that youthful initiative considered suitable and convenient.

But as a degree of wisdom and discretion crept into the sensibilities of the originators of the enterprise, a meeting of members was called, at which it was decided, perhaps not unanimously, that henceforth their object should be the quest for genuine antiques, preferably New England, but anyway, antiques.

Our children's interest in their first museum





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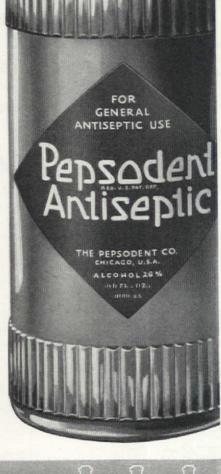
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Mass., where Henry Ford's Wayside Inn is located, with its immortal associations with American Antiquity, brought to them added zeal in this endeavor.

We have old and interesting pieces of furniture in daily use in our home, such as desks, bureaus, clocks, sofas, chests of drawers, and so on, but some of the chairs have a particularly enviable Southwick background. In 1868 my father and mother were living at the old homestead here in Leicester, where my paternal grandparents, straight-backed Quakers, had spent their entire married life. After they died, at about the same time, certain renovations were in order, such as storing away in the attic pieces of furniture that had seemed

indispensable for the comfort and use of the aged couple, but out of place in the new order of things. Many of the articles that my grandparents had kept in daily use for years and years, were unceremoniously relegated to temporary oblivion high up under the rafters.

Among these undesirables were some old, high, straight-backed chairs. Save for the lower part of the legs, these chairs were completely covered, arms, seats, backs and all with heavy padding, principally of sheep's wool, which was held in place by numerous layers of home-spun cloth.

Upon entering the attic one day my mother was attracted by the appearance of the legs of one of these chairs. She imagined that they were hand-carved and subsequent examination proved that to be the case. Removing the thick padding required much time and patience, as the chairs had been re-covered many times, each new covering having been placed over the old. However, the chairs ultimately appeared in the nude, much to the delight of anyone artistically inclined. Two of these chairs today grace our parlor, the others having been apportioned among the more covetous members of the family. One of these chairs, as chronicled by my father, dates back, at least, to his great grandmother's time—a genuine antique.

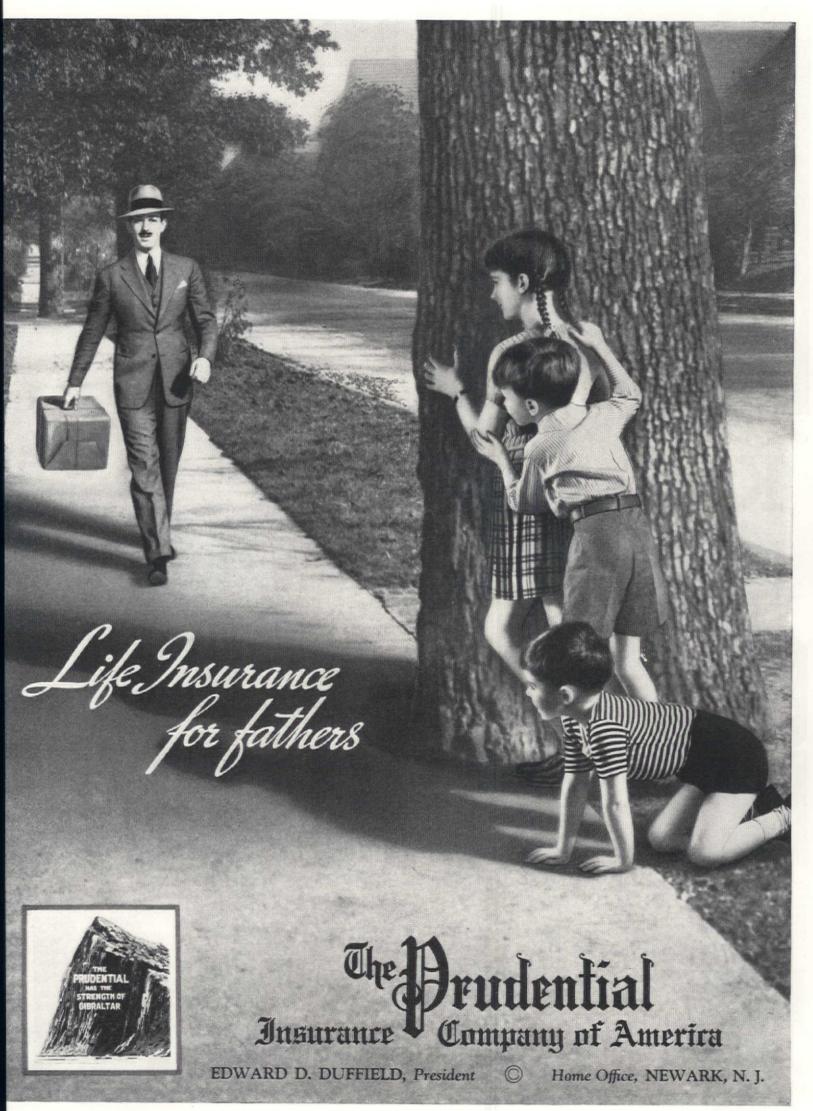
Although daily contact with these heirlooms has been instrumental in developing appreciation for such things in the minds of our offspring, much of their interest in, and love for antiques evolves around a butler's buffet, or, as some would term it, a sideboard. Accurately speaking, it is not a sideboard at all. It is



a Hepplewhite buffet of the eighteenth century, and was signed for the butler's use. large upper center drawer cor forward, the front panel swi downward, forming a desk, v pigeon holes and small draw in back. Here the butler kept accounts. The large lower draw is for linen. On either side of upper drawer are quarter-circu drawers for holding silver cutlery. On either side of lower drawer are quarter-circu doors opening into compartme cleverly designed for holding ju bottles and what have you? buffet was the butler's sanctua but this particular buffet, with superb inlay and special des has an interesting history.

In 1848 Mr. Eli Thayer, worthy citizen of Worces Massachusetts, erected and dowed the Oread Institute Worcester. This was a "Yo Ladies' Boarding School," almost immediately, upon opening, it came into great fa among the elite of the nat Young ladies who were to become the wives of future presidents other noted men, attended the stitution, as did also those we later in life, became eminent their own right.

The Oread Institute flouris for some years under the guida of Mr. Thayer, but in 1854 of vital interests absorbed his attion. It was at this time that territories of Kansas and braska were to be admitted the Union as states, and there tremendous pressure being erted, particularly by the so to have these two fertile te tories admitted as slave sta Mr. Thayer conceived the idesettling Kansas and Nebraska sending emigrants from N





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England, hundreds at a time, who were opposed to slavery, and who, as citizens, would do the voting on this question. He enlisted the aid of several influential men, one of whom was Amos Lawrence of Boston. The city of Lawrence. Kansas, is named in his honor.

Many meetings were called in the principal cities in New England, the last and most important being held in Worcester, Mass... Mr. Thayer's home city. Mr. Thaver could not attend this meeting, being confined at home by illness, caused by the strain from the intensive campaign that he had been waging for this cause. However, he was represented by Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale, who explained the purposes of the meeting, at which The Massachusetts Emigrant Aid Society was born. Later the Massachusetts Legislature granted the sponsors a charter.

Through newspaper articles, particularly in the "Daily Adver-tiser" and Horace Greeley's "New York Tribune," and by continuously addressing public assem-blies, the members of the society succeeded in recruiting thousands of emigrants, whole families whenever possible. The society promised to erect sawmills, boarding houses and other temporary buildings, and to furnish printing presses and other necessary machinery. Every promise was kept and Kansas and Nebraska came into the Union as free states.

In order to carry out this enterprise much money was required and Mr. Thayer sold his property in the East, including his household furnishings. Among these was the above-mentioned butler's buffet, his most prized possession in this line. This was in 1854, My grandparents, on my mother's side, bought the buffet and moved it to their home here in Leicester, where is was up until three years ago, at which time we loaned it to the Worcester Art Museum where it is now on exhibition for the public.

Although my maternal ancestors possessed other old and precious pieces, all ranked lower in their esteem than this buffet. As children, my sister and I were taught to revere it, as being a thing of great antiquity, beauty, and value. My wife and our children all feel the same toward it, and I think that this feeling was primarily the cause of our youngsters' decision against snake skin and turtle shell exhibits, and in favor of old time relics.

One of the attics in our house furnished the nucleus for the present museum. Further search in this and in our two other attics revealed such a conglomeration of specimens that before long we were called upon to provide space for this ever growing collection. We allowed the children to trans-

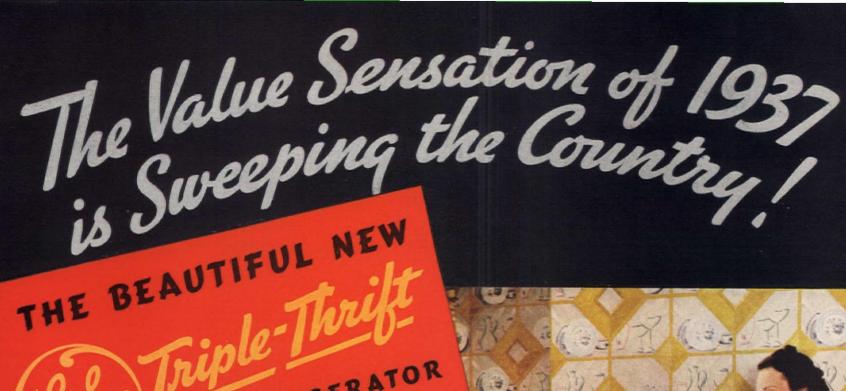
form a small room in the lowe attic in the house in which w live, into a show room for their exhibits. I might say here tha this house is one hundred and thirty-odd years old, and the "old house," as we call it, situated it the same yard, is so ancient tha Washburn's History of Worceste County does not even mention it existence in its pages.

It is needless to say that wit two attics in one house and one i the other, it is not surprising tha our children had fertile soil which to dig for treasure. I shoul have said fertile dust. They dis covered such an assortment of antiquated utensils and bric-a brac that ere long we were oblige to remove a partition and gran the children the entire space around the old-fashioned chin ney. As the quest progressed an the number of treasures from these attics multiplied, my will and I took part in the search. W found documents dating back 1711. We found old portrait nearly lifesize, canvases that probably had not been subjected to the light of day for more tha a hundred years. We found an o painting, a landscape, which the Worcester Art Museum has ha restored by Mr. Rosen of the Metropolitan Art Museum, Ne York City. It is now at the Wo cester Art Museum where we hop its authorship may be established by means of the X-ray. It is po sible that Ralph Earle, the fir American landscape artist renown, painted this canvas.

Our house was built by Sil. Earle, Senior, about the year 1800. This was called the "Ne House," Mr. Earle and his large family having lived in the "O House," up to that time. Rala Earle, the artist, lived in t second house from this one ar without doubt spent some tin here with his relatives.

It is nothing short of remar able what one may find in hidde recesses and dark catchalls baof partitions and under the eav of old houses. Articles that ha been tenderly stored away by pe sons who were once very mualive, rest under the gatheri dust, long after these people ha passed on, only to be restored view by inquisitive youngste seeking treasures, or by the elders bent on the same mission Many an old house has burned the ground, the flames fed parchment or vellum, broadsi or tract, possibly a Poe's Tame lane, the owners having had knowledge of their existence.

It is a common occurrence tod to see an automobile driven in the yard of some old house, a come to a stop. An occupant the car (there are usually two makes his way to the front ste One glance shows him the rainbe stains of age on the priceless w



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There are many such empty paces now in our attics whence ave come long forgotten articles every day use a century or ore ago. Warming pans of diferent designs, candlesticks and andle moulds, for both barberry nd tallow, whale oil lamps and nterns, handloom reeds, cattle okes, fish spears, spatulas, jugs, ottles with the rough bottoms, opper kettles, brass and cast on andirons, bullet moulds, annon balls, powder horns, neepskin covered trunks of many es and an assortment of other lics of a forgotten past were lvaged from this New England adle of antiquity. The accomanying illustrations show some them.

I doubt if there is a lawn ower anywhere that antedates e one shown here. It is nicely nished and the woodwork is held gether by use of wooden pins. A cycle with iron bound wooden heels was discovered under a ass of debris in one of our back eds. It is in perfect condition th the exception of the seat. nich is lacking, but I am confint that it will turn up sooner

In collecting specimens for their useum our children have been rtunate in having relatives who ve aided them in their quest. uncle is a Rear Admiral in United States Navy, reed. His son is now in the navy d they both have contributed, th other seafaring men, not tiques, but interesting novelties om remote corners of the earth, th as coins from nearly every tion, curios from foreign lands d seas. Other friends and relaes have donated mineral speciens from many places, also trified wood from Arizona, wood from California, beaver rk from Maine, Indian arrowds, skinning stones, pestles, d numerous other oddities.

While repairing a stone wall on our farm here, which contains three hundred acres, we unearthed an Indian mortar which, with the pestles, makes an unusually attractive exhibit.

Although school and college life have absorbed most of our children's time and energy (we have five college diplomas already, and more to come), they have found time for penknife work on wood. A cut of some specimens is herewith shown.

The museum in its present form embraces the best specimens from the initial collection, and odd curios picked up here and there during the time intervening between the youthful snake skin and pressed leaf era and the high school-age antique period, plus the varied assortment of more worthwhile objects acquired by these energetic embryo connoisseurs since that time. At the present rate of expansion this infant museum will soon require additional space. That will necessitate their taking over another attic room which is now used as the home for stuffed skunks, weasels, squirrels, woodchucks, and the like. Where this menagerie will be domiciled in the future is problematical, but youth is ingenious and the parlor may have the honor.

When the children started collecting for their museum they had no thought of pecuniary reward, but as its existence became known to friends and relatives the word was passed around and outsiders began to show interest. These visitors were always welcome and some manifested a desire to purchase articles that appealed to them. The Indian pestles seemed especially to attract their attention and the warming pans occupied second place in their esteem. However, late one afternoon a car was driven into our yard. The sole occupant of the car, a rather young man, said that he would like to be shown the museum. His wish was granted and he carefully scrutinized the Indian relics and the brass and copper items, apparently completely ignoring a collection of old lamps that was displayed upon the shelves of an ancient black walnut whatnot. After profusely expressing his approbation of the museum as a whole, he casually remarked that he would be interested in the purchase of four lamps from the collection on the whatnot. He retraced his steps and identified the lamps by placing them together on a small table near by. These were four tall glass kerosene lamps with flaring bases, the upper portions being decorated by flutes, and by raised and depressed surfaces, either blown or moulded in the glass. His proffer was declined as the price mentioned was fifteen dollars, which





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he afterwards raised to twentyfive. This offer was refused also, not for reason of knowledge on our part as to the value of the lamps, but more from the feeling of uncertainty concerning their true worth. He then left us, reluctantly, we thought, leaving us still in possession of the very much coveted lamps.

On the following day, as we were preparing to leave by automobile for Amherst, Mass., where one of our sons was enrolled as a college junior, two men drove up in an automobile.

The occupants of the car proved to be our visitor of the day before, and another young man. The newcomer opened business negotiations at once by requesting us to allow him to examine four glass lamps which his partner had been shown on the preceding day; purchase, if possible, being their object. They were escorted to the museum and after a brief examination of the lamps, on the part of both, we were requested to place a price upon them that would be perfectly acceptable to us. I did not know then nor do I know now why I mentioned the price that I did, but anyway I told them that if they cared to pay one hundred dollars cash we would part with the four lamps. Ten seconds were required for the consummation of that deal, and after carefully wrapping the lamps in old newspapers they placed them in the car and drove away. I should really like to know what those lamps were really worth.

Although the ownership and management of the museum are vested in the younger members of our family, they delegate to me the bargaining in case of sale or

purchase and they are more interested in acquisitions than in dispersals from their collection.

One major disappointment in securing specimens occurred some years ago. I had bought a large tract of timberland in Sturbridge, Mass., on which two old houses stood. At the corner of one of these houses stood a very perfect Indian mortar, a much better mortar than the one that we found here later. I fully intended to bring it home but almost criminal neglect on my part resulted in its being stolen. We are still searching for it, and I recently heard that a certain physician in a neighboring town had acquired a very excellent Indian mortar: It probably is not my mortar at all, and the good doctor possibly has a warranty deed to his mortar, signed by Sitting Bull himself.

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We elders hope, and our chil dren foresee our present museun as a nucleus, only, of what may follow. However, it has already provided us with much pleasure and some valuable experience

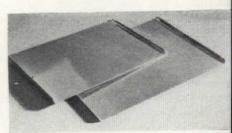
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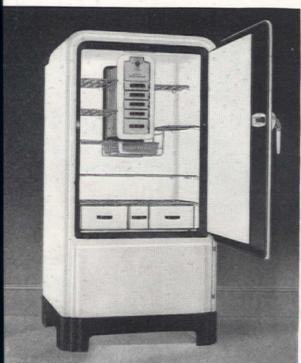
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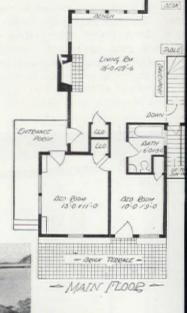
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Left: The house as it was in sea captain's days and, below it is today after being remode



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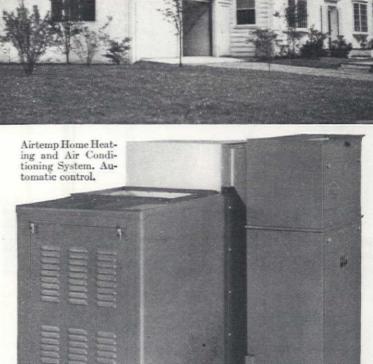
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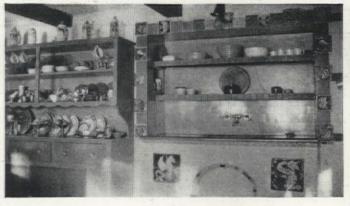




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The Swedish sea captain and his wife loved this house on the shore of San Francisco Bay even if only one small window opened out toward the view and the rooms were drab and unattractive. Today, however, the house is a charming example of imagination and appreciation of natural beauty at work. The fruit trees, the palm, the eucalyptus, and the rose vine planted by the sea cap-tain are important features of the garden and of the house as well, since one eucalyptus and three fruit trees frame the view from the living room windows. The floor plan was left much as it was originally. The sun porch windows were moved to the living room, and the weaving shed at the left of the house was replaced by a most attractive little house intended for a guest house but now profitable income property. The charm comes from all the special and ingenious things that have been done.

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Rust drapes, warm brown woodwork, pieces of old walnut furniture, mahagony stained parquetted soft wood floor, Oriental rugs with rust color predominating and furniture upholstered in rust, blue, and yellow complement the living window picture in the living room. The rust drapes were a happy choice because blues and greens cannot be used against the background of blue water. The fireplace is made from driftwood picked up on the beach below the house. A lovely wood carving, a memento of a European trip, forms the door of a cabinet for storing flower bowls.

A friend arranged the book-cases on the north wall of the living room to have "dynamic symmetry, sustained motion, and color!" Jugtown Pottery, Holland glass, cloisonné. and Harry Dixon's copper give the international touch. The davenport conceals the stairway leading to the peasant kitchen below or to the sun deck on the roof. The ship's lanterns used for lighting fixtures seem perfectly at home in this setting by the bay.

The peasant kitchen-dining room is the favorite. Color is brought in with the Russian, Swedish, and English copper, the gay colored dishes and the checked curtains in reds, greens, blues, and yellows. When the house was first built the fireplace was used for cooking, but now the more convenient gas stove has been added. The fireplace still heats the room. The cement floor was grooved with a spoon and painted various shades of red to look like tile. The old walnut furniture fits into this setting. The sink is recessed in the wall

and decorated with tile picked up in Europe. The cupboard is built to conform to the line of the stairs. The laundry tubs and the cooler are in a small alcove off the kitchen. The kitchen opens on to a patio that is protected on three sides, but the bay side opens out to the view of the water. The geraniums and the fruit trees changing with the seasons add color. This patio is a real outdoor living room.

This house is a house of memories, because things from many travels are incorporated in it. Here Mrs. Damon has brought the charm of the old world with the conveniences of the modern world, the joy of being on a sea voyage with none of the discomforts, and the beauty and color of the San Francisco Bay. The worries of the work-a-day world are left on the other side of the hill. Here one lives. Others in the community are beginning to realize it, too!

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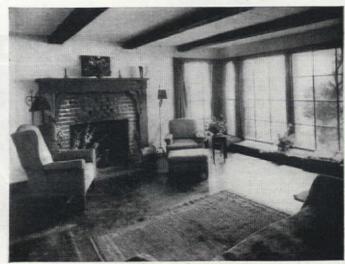
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giving a colorful note to the room.

The living room ceiling is paneled in Georgia pine, while the walls here and throughout the first floor are of white plaster. The wide oak floors in the living and dining rooms are trimmed with an eighteen-inch border of black

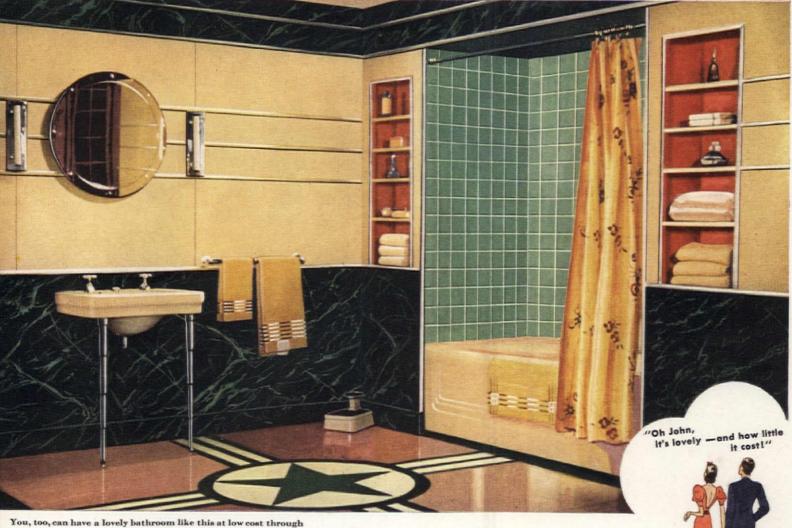
maple-a nice contrast.

An enormous Mexican wine bottle planted with various kinds of growing plants stands on the long Spanish table in front of the twelve-foot observation window in the living room. All around the room small electrically wired kerosene lamps are hanging. Scatter rugs, linen and chintz upholstered maple furniture, red leather lounge chairs, and a black tile and white wood mantel with anchor-shaped andirons all blend together to give



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this room a cheerful and bright atmosphere the typical hospitable appearance of a ranch house.

Soft shades of maroon, dubonnet, and rose are harmonized in the dining room to add another bright spot to this attractive ranch house. The dining table is Duncan Phyfe, and the Sheraton chairs are upholstered in needlepoint. A twelve-foot observation window gives a delightful view of the back terrace. In one corner of the green and white kitchen is a white enameled breakfast room set, the chairs being done in green and white striped linen. Floor is covered with black and white squares of asphalt tile. All modern equipment for easy housekeeping is found in this room.

From the kitchen it is possible to step to another level down to the garage, which is enclosed by the light sliding overhead doors. Continuing downward, a circular stairway carpeted in red leads to the most unusual spot in the entire house, the rumpus room. This playroom is done in pine paneling and stone, and the floor is of the

same black and white asphalt tile as the kitchen. A hundred-year-old wagon wheel with wired kerosene lamps is suspended from the ceiling by old hand-wrought trace chains. Odd lamps made of old kegs and barrels are placed on tables around this room, which runs the entire length of the dining and living rooms directly above. A large stone fireplace is at one corner of the rumpus room, and an attractive bookcase is opposite. A double door leads out to a flagstone terrace.

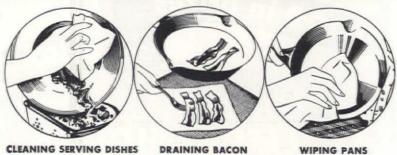
On the same floor with the recreation room is the furnace, which is itself, one of the best looking pieces of equipment in the whole house. The entire gas air-conditioned furnace is in one piece, which is bright green enamel. In this furnace room only is there any evidence of the heating and cooling transmitters in the house.

After again returning to the entrance hall on the first floor, by turning left you climb a few steps to the landing, where are located a bath and the first of the three bedrooms. The color scheme for



Rumpus room in the basement and, above, the living room

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this room is yellow, and the furniture is of knotted pine. The same type observation window gives this bedroom a bright and airy effect.

By stepping to another level you reach two more bedrooms, one decorated with dainty pink dogwood wallpaper and maple furniture, while the other is papered in green and furnished with maple tester beds. On this level are two large linen closets, and a bath. Leading from the hallway on this floor is a door which opens onto the balcony overlooking the front yard.

Many years ago it used to be a habit of the people in Atlanta to stop their automobiles and gaze at the newly built castles and very expensive homes. Now it is a smaller home like this ranch house that causes a sensation, Mr. Wagstaff has had numerous opportunities to sell his attractive home, and it is already being duplicated in Highlands, N. C., a popular summer resort. Just recently a group of people from New York, bound for Miami via the coastal highway, came two hundred miles out of their way to see this fascinating ranch house, which they'd heard about from a recent and very enthusiastic visitor to this city.

# Modern brides do not delay weddings!

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that the dignity of the old-timer suggested furnishing her entire house in antiques. The armchair by the fireplace was rebuilt and padded to be most comfortable. This purchase required unlimited bargaining, but that is what makes a piece prized in the eyes of a collector. Mr. Clark good naturedly questions the economical saving connected with this one acquisition, that is if shoe leather is to be counted at all. The price was to include refinishing, rebuilding, and upholstering.

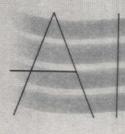
It was a deep seated chair of unusual comfort and the only one Mrs. Clark had found like it, but it took fifteen trips before the transaction was put over to the satisfaction of both parties concerned. The Hagerup Marine above the fireplace, and very beautiful it is too, was another wedding gift. The old brass andirons are French but fit in well with the carved design of Victorian furniture.

A motor trip to San Jose yielded the beautiful old lyre pedestal mahogany card table, which stands below an old Florentine mirror. There is always a silver lining to every cloud and, though the delay of a blowout along the way was aggravating to the man at the wheel, it gave Mrs. Clark the opportunity, while in telephoning the nearest garage, to cast an appraising eye toward the friendly farm woman's parlor. One look was enough. There was this handsome lyre table looking somewhat lost among an array of Sears Roebuck's latest products. In no time the tire was changed and the Clarks were again on their way, but more important, the coveted table was holding down the rumble seat. It had to be refinished, but a little old man off the beaten track of antique dealers does Mrs. Clark's work painstakingly at a small cost. The Florentine mirror was one which Miss Mullen and Mrs. Clark found while bargaining for gold bronze candelabra with wood polished prisms. By taking both, the price of each was at bargain level. The old Ruby glass candy jars complete the setup, entirely restoring once more the dignity of the fine old table. The lounge chair at the left of the table is an old one rebuilt and recovered in diagonal weave, beige and white chenille.

At this point the Clark living room began to take on real home atmosphere. Only one thing more was necessary and that was

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another comfortable chair. By this time Mrs. Clark had learned many of the tricks of the collector. Not only was she perfectly at home in the back rooms of side street secondhand shops, bargaining with shrewd shopkeepers, but she had learned the art of trading and swapping. Each collector invariably finds herself loaded down with some one certain thing. Early American pressed glass was Mrs. Clark's failing. It so happened that several friends of hers were also trying their hands at furnishing their new homes in antiques also. One of them had the chair, seen at the right of the lyre table. She acknowledged openly she had no need for the chair but had not been able to resist its simple, graceful lines. This particular friend was only getting around to collecting accessories. She had no pressed glass. Over the bridge table a night or two later, while the husbands discussed prosaic stock market quotations, the two girls came to a mutually agreeable trade, with Mrs. Clark parting with two of her choicest pieces of pressed glass in return for the old chair which she promptly had recovered in blue velvet.

With the discovery of another small table, hanging by its neck in a neighbor's garage, Mrs. Clark not only relieved her friend of excess baggage, but furnished an end table to the lounge chair.

Corners are important in this little house. A mahogany whatnot, seen at top of page 42, is just the thing to hold some of the many old pieces of bric-a-brac. On the top shelf Mrs. Clark uses an early Victorian blue glass vase with fluted top, filled with ivy. The next shelf holds a part of her collection of rare million-flower paper weights. A cottage vase, one of a pair, graces the next shelf. The beautifully carved straight chair hides an old English brass teakettle on the lower shelf.

Mrs. Clark has collected pressed

glass not merely to set up in a cupboard to look at now and then, but with an idea of finding a modern use for her treasures. On the table, in the same picture you see how adaptable a footed Sandwich glass sauce dish and a pressed glass honey dish are a cigarette accessories. Glass cup plates are used as ash trays of the lyre table, while a blu pressed glass hat and sauce dish serve the smoker's needs on the table by the sofa in the illustration at the bottom of this page

The dining room continues the blue and wood rose color scheme dictated by the Oriental rugs in the living room by using a soft plain blue rug and linen draperie combining the two colors on cream background. As an accent note Mrs. Clark decorates he wall shelf with fine examples of vaseline pressed glass, while the handsome old commode (top left page 42) holds an amber pressed glass bowl filled with fruit and colorful gourds.

The Warsaw candelabra on th Lazy Susan, seen beside commode was broken in several pieces an tarnished almost black when Mr Clark found it in a junk pile. I silver wash was removed in buffing, leaving a clear-cut hand chased design in satin brass. Co lector that she is, Mrs. Clark wifrom now on be watching alway for the mate to this candlestic. The one alone is handsome, but the pair we must admit would be perfectly stunning.

The guest room in the Clar house, shortly before they cam along, had been paneled in knott pine and modernized with bun beds. However, organdy ruffle curtains, candlewick bedspread a braided rug, an old table, an maple chairs show the famil resemblance of this room to the rest of the little house. No change for this young modern room to deny its heritage while grace with the old pressed glass lam which one day must surely have





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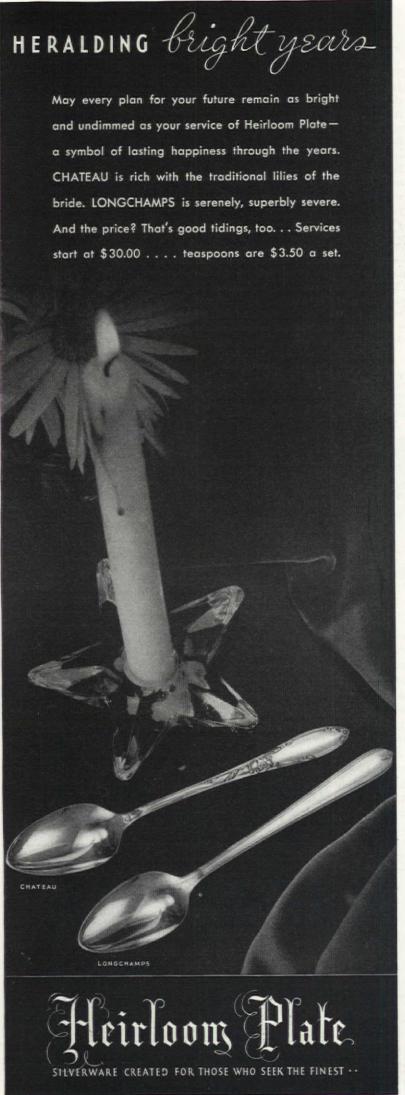
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perched in a wall bracket right above grandfather's reading chair.

Whatever discipline was necessary in handling the wayward modern bedroom, the kitchen was amenable to reason. Of course, it had a few up-to-date ideas but they were purely utilitarian in motive, and excusable. When it came to decoration, the kitchen was dressed up in blue and white plaid gingham and wel-comed an old walnut table and spindle-backed chairs along with grandmother's old maple rocker. Whether it is late afternoon, with the kettle humming a teatime tune, or dinner hour, with the little old clock on the wall-shelf marking off minutes until the return of the head of the house, the kitchen is a cheery spot, the very pulse of a genteel, kindly, and very hospitable little house.

#### A "little touched"

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Shelves and cupboards under the windows were built in the library. The writing room and playroom being directly above the coal bin were floored in short oak. Both bath and lavatory were given new walls and ceilings of tile embossed wall-board: the bathroom door was changed to permit the placing of a radiator. Chair rails were put up in kitchen and service entrance, clothes poles and shelves in all closets. A linen closet was built into the dead end of the upstairs hall, and a clothes closet in the tiny bedroom above the kitchen. Stove pipe holes were plugged up. Covers were built for living room and dining room radiators. The plate glass mirror and golden oak top of the tall fireplace were pulled down, the black iron shield and cannel coal grate taken out, the interior

enlarged to permit the placing of andirons and small logs. In the basement, the rickety wooden partitions were taken down and used in building a capacious coal bin. Basement floor is of concrete.

For plumbing and fixtures, \$450 (This figure does not include the kitchen sink which we already possessed.) The plumber first strengthened weak spots, insulating all pipes known to freeze. Hot water pipes were wrapped. A recess tub and shower with taffeta shower curtain, square washstand and white seat for the upstairs bath (the tank and toilet bow after being cleaned with muriation acid were found to be in perfeccondition) cost only seventy dollars. (Needless to say we "shop ped" for these items and bough the least expensive on the market. In the new lavatory we used the old marble washstand from th downstairs bath (it needed only to have the cracked bowl replaced at a cost of three dollars) and th old toilet bowl and tank with new white seat. A pair of ston laundry tubs were installed in th basement, together with the larges size quick recovery storage ga water heater, and an oversize han operated water softener.

For electrical work and fixture \$150. In collaboration with the cit engineer, the electrician first elim inated fire hazards from the wiring Then he tore out all light fixture inside and out. In each of th closets, he placed a simple dro light. Each of the living rooms wa given four outlets for lamps; eac of the bedrooms, three. In the kir chen and baths permanent fixture of the dollar store variety were in stalled. The lights and lanterns of the various porches were prin cipally discontinued models picke up for several songs. Only in th library did we show real ex [Please turn to page 128

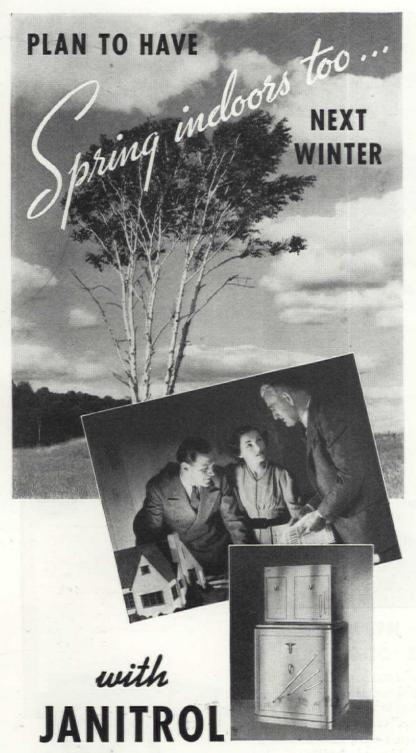


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## Swimming in an Idaho back yard

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yearly claims its toll of lives as do others of its kind all over this country. Furthermore, the water is contaminated and wholly unfit for swimming. As all the neighborhood youngsters were forbidden to go near this canal and other deep ditches, we soon realized that some water attraction must be provided to keep our children contented at home.

The site of our first swimming pool was a hole filled with irrigation water, at the rear of our acreage. In the early summer of our first year in our suburban location, the children used this mud hole for a swimming hole. Some of them actually learned to swim there! Its popularity quickly spread via the neighborhood grapevine system and soon the water became the consistency of chocolate syrup. Then we decided something must be done about that swimming hole. The price of hauling and filling it with dirt was prohibitive. We discussed with a contractor the possibility of a cement pool and at a cost of about \$175, our plans for a cement pool materialized. Its dimensions are fifteen feet by twenty-seven feet, five and onehalf feet deep at one end and three and a half feet at the other. Oneinch screw eyes were set in the cement and knotted for safety purposes. It is filled with city water from the garden hose at a cost of \$1.62 plus the cost of two quarts of Clorox. One quart is used for cleaning the pool before fill-ing; the other added after filling to control the moss growth that is natural in water. The water is tested for chlorine by taking a test tube full of water from the pool and adding a few drops of orthotolidin. If this creates an amber color, there is sufficient chlorine in the water to insure against common infections. Clorox must be added occasionally in proportion to the amount of use the pool gets, but the water is safe if it reacts to the orthotolidin test. The pool drainage is provided by a pipe out to an irrigation drainage ditch.

A boardwalk at a cost of three cents a running foot, was a fortunate "find" when a lumber camp town near by was being dismantled. This walk was made of 2x6 planks laid on 4x4 timbers. It was a distinct improvement, leading from the house to and around the pool. The basement of the house is the dressing room for the girls. The boys use either the garage or the tent which is pitched under the trees during the summer.

By the end of the first summer, every youngster in the neighbor-

hood had learned to swim. They taught each other in a quick and capable manner, with results that would be the envy of many a salaried instructor. Then a diving board was added. There were no "timid souls" in this gang and the challenge of a rival gangster soon developed the "belly floppers" into divers of real grace. Now after three summers, there is not one of them who cannot find a pin on the bottom of the pool. There have been no accidents and no illnesses Not even a common cold has resulted from this healthful sport.

Though our hens won't lay and our only sure crop is dandelions we are rearing sturdy children brown as Indians, and excellent swimmers. When we were cruising on Puget Sound last summer and saw them dive from the side of the boat and swim with all the skill and assurance of seasoned aquatic stars, we knew our swimming pool had been a good investment. Try it in your own back yard!

# Guest room not paying its way?

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purpose very satisfactorily. No extra hanging space need be provided for the guest, for when the bed is made up in the room, the closet will be used for clothes.

As a sewing room this will by your workroom with your equipment all conveniently at hand and no necessity of putting away you work with every interruption. When you turn the sewing room into a guest room, the bed will be made up in the room and the work table and sewing machin will be made a part of the furnishings.

# One hour a week enough

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on the leaves and start new disease spots or else rot into the ground and cause trouble next year. (By the way, speaking of Botrytis blight, prevent it of tulips either by digging your bulb as soon as the foliage is yellow or by cutting off the faded leave at or below ground level.)

This stunted, dwarfed peon plant (see page 31) probably afflicted with nematodes, whice are microscopic eelworms. It with not pay to try to keep the plan and I shall dig it up now so I can show you the many swellings of galls on the roots. This nematod disease (called root-knot) usually more serious in the Sout

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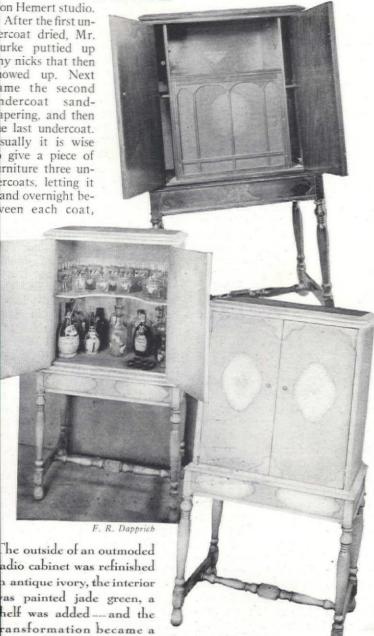
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nches higher than it is now. The irst step was to modernize by utting both head and foot boards welve inches. Next, the head and oot boards could be either upholtered or painted. This particular ed Mrs. Moore ordered upholtered. The color scheme of the oom in which the bed is used is rench blue and apricot. After the abinet man had remodeled the ed, Mr. Burke's first step in reainting was to wash the ivory namel surface with soap and vater to remove any grease film. lext, he sandpapered the entire urface before applying the first oat of undercoat. The bed was ainted French blue and trimmed rith apricot. The blue was to natch exactly blue glazed chintz hich was to be used to upholster he head and foot boards and for bedspread, as planned by an iterior decorator in the Martin-

After the first unercoat dried, Mr. urke puttied up ny nicks that then nowed up. Next ame the second ndercoat sandapering, and then e last undercoat. sually it is wise give a piece of rniture three unercoats, letting it and overnight beveen each coat,

with sandpapering between each coat. Mr. Burke uses a fine sandpaper, either No. 4-0 or No. 5-0. The use of the sandpaper is to remove brush lines or bubbles. The final sandpapering before applying the enamel is with a still finer sandpaper, No. 6-0. This is merely to polish the surface. The last coat is of high-grade furniture enamel. This coat in order to be successful must stand twenty-four hours to dry thoroughly.

If you want the piece of furniture antiqued, which is probable, as that gives a much more professional appearance, take two parts of turpentine and one part boiled linseed oil, and color it with raw umber, which you buy in a tube at a paint store. You apply this mixture with a softhaired brush over the entire surface of the bed and let it stand about five minutes. Then, with a soft cloth, wipe it off, working from the center of a panel outward, removing as much of the antique glaze as you wish. Generally speaking, the center of a panel will be wiped off more than



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along the sides. On turned legs, the heavier coat will be left in crevices, with the round, turned surfaces wiped cleaner. The next day, after using the antique glaze, add one coat of dull clear varnish to prevent the surface from unsightly marring.

There are several things to remember about the undercoats. In the first place, they should be near the color you want in the final coat, a shade lighter rather than darker. You may be able to buy mixed undercoat in a color you like, but that is not the usual case. Mr. Burke would correct the idea that there is anything difficult about mixing your own paint. His advice is to buy white undercoat paint and tint it. In the case of the French blue bed, he tinted white undercoat with ultramarine blue and a bit of chrome green medium. In other cases, he might have used chrome green light. The ultramarine blue and chrome green comes in tubes. The chrome green is added to bring out a richness in blue. Blue and white combined without a little green will give a gray blue.

In the case of Mrs. Moore's blue enameled bed, Mr. Burke was working to get the exact same French blue of the glazed chintz to be used as upholstery. He bought white undercoat and thinned it to brushing consistency. He warns that all paint, as it comes from the paint store, should be thinned. You thin undercoat by adding turpentine. Some paint requires more thinner than others. Add a half cup of turpentine usually to one quart of paint. Make a paddle out of a stick of kindling for mixing the turpentine into the paint. Stir well, then dip your brush in and try it on a clean board. Be certain the paint flows freely. To the thinned white undercoat, Mr. Burke added a little ultramarine blue, mixed the two well, then added a little chrome green. Over and over, he repeated this operation until his undercoat was only a shade or two lighter than the sample of blue glazed chintz. When it came to the final coat, he used white enamel, thinned it with turpentine as he had done with the undercoat, then colored it with the same ultramarine blue and chrome green until the enamel matched his chintz sample.

In painting, Mr. Burke advises to paint with the grain of the wood, then in the opposite direction, and finish off with your stroke following the wood grain. The brushes to be used are important. For the average piece of furniture, you need at least three brushes, one large and two small. Pay from \$1.50 to \$2 for a two-and-a-half or three-inch brush for painting large surfaces, fifty cents for a small one inch brush, and about forty cents for a half-inch

brush with which to trim. (There may be variations in these prices in certain sections of the country.)

Since mixing paints holds such fear for the amateur, Mr. Burke gives a few simple rules for mixing the colors one is most apt to be using:

To mix peach, which was the trim used on Mrs. Moore's blue bed, add orange chrome, or yellow chrome medium, to white undercoat, or enamel.

To mix green, add green chrome medium to white paint, and add a little light yellow chrome to bring out the color.

To mix yellow, add yellow chrome to white.

To mix ivory, add French ochre, or raw sienna, to white. French ochre gives a yellow ivory: raw sienna a pinkish ivory. Mr. Burke favors French ochre.

Red is difficult to mix. It is better to buy ready mixed red undercoat and red enamel, then add white to it if it is stronger than you wish.

If you wish to spray rather than paint furniture, a spray gun may usually be rented by the day from a paint shop. To spray, you use lacquer thinned with turpentine. It usually requires three or four coats of lacquer, but the safest rule is to spray until a surface is well covered. In spraying your lacquer must be much thinner than when you paint with a brush. You may put on three coats in a day with a spray gun adding the last coat the next morning.

This gives definite instructions for painting over a painted surface. The second bed in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Moore is one or which the head and foot board were again lowered, and this time painted instead of uphol stered. The bed is antique ivory trimmed with jade green. The bedspread is light, gold-colored glazed chintz, welted in jade green—a beautiful combination

formerly Painting over a painted surface, as in these tw cases mentioned, is not so difficult as it is to paint over a walnu or mahogany stained piece of furniture. In the illustration of page 93, Mr. Burke shows wha may be done with an old cabinet type radio. You see the old ou moded radio in its walnut case By removing the radio, the cab inet, which is made of excellen wood, may, by addition of shelf and several coats of pain find itself serving as a very eff cient little home bar. The outsid of the cabinet is antique ivor The inside is painted jade green which with the addition white-and-red glassware acce sories makes a most attractiv and inexpensive piece of furn ture, as well as a much mor inviting background than kitchen cupboard for the making

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In painting a stained piece of furniture, the question arises as to whether the old varnish is checked. If not, you may paint over it. Add benzol to your first coat of white undercoat, one half cup of benzol to one quart undercoat. This loosens the varnish enough to bind the varnish and undercoat together. From here on, you proceed exactly as Mr. Burke described in painting Mrs. Moore's blue bed.

If you must remove the old varnish because of checking, use varnish remover, then wash the surface well with soap and water to be certain you have off all the old varnish. By using varnish remover and soap and water, you will have removed the wood filler. To add a filler again, buy paste wood filler at a paint shop and thin it with three parts gasoline and one part linseed oil. Apply this to the surface, then let it stand until nearly dry and rub it with a cloth, working against the grain always.

After the filler has dried, add one coat of white shellac that has been thinned with alcohol, one third alcohol and two thirds shellac. Let this stand an hour, sandpaper, and go ahead with your first coat of undercoat, then proceed as described in the repainting of the blue bed.

To paint over brown walnut stain is much simpler than over red mahogany stain. In the latter case, the aniline dye may bleed through your paint. Perhaps you may have experienced this disappointment after painting an old mahogany toilet seat. In the case of a red mahogany piece of furniture, Mr. Burke suggests it may be necessary to use two or three coats of shellac before putting on the first white undercoat.

Another kind of furniture refinishing, which should interest us all, is that of changing a walnut or mahogany piece to the popular maple finish, as shown on page 35. The little drop-leaf table was walnut, refinished to be maple. For this operation, first apply varnish remover with a brush. Be generous with the amount put on. You should apply one coat of remover after another before the previous one has had time to dry. When the varnish finally lets go, sponge it off with alcohol. Because any of the old varnish left on will retard drying of later coats of varnish, it is necessary to next wash the piece with a strong solution of soap and water. You then bleach the wood surface by using ordinary Purex, which is the household cleaner with which we are all familiar. As Purex will eat your paint brush, wear rubber gloves, flow it



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on and rub in with a soft cloth. Put it into the sun to dry and further bleach. This operation will remove all of the walnut or mahogany color. At the same time, you have again lost your grain filler, which must be put back in by adding paste wood filler. As described earlier, the paste wood filler must be thinned with three parts gasoline and one part linseed oil.

When the filler dries, you are ready to add your maple stain. To two parts of turpentine and one part boiled linseed oil, add burnt sienna, which is of a reddish tone. Apply this stain with a soft haired brush and let stand twelve hours. Next add one coat of shellac that has been thinned with half as much alcohol. Sandpaper with No. 5-0 after the shellac dries, then add two coats of dull finish varnish, sandpapering between coats.

Mahogany or walnut stains, which you may buy ready-mixed at a paint shop, may be added to your bleached piece of furniture if you prefer the dark finish instead of the maple.

Bar-top varnish may be added to tables to insure against mars and rings from glasses. This hard finish was given, of course, to the shelves in the small bar already described.

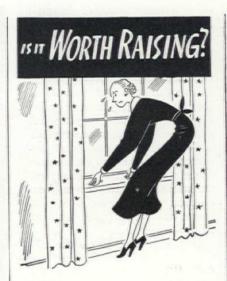
Surely with all of this explicit instruction, any and all of us have a busy season ahead giving the household furniture new make-up. How about canary yellow for the breakfast set, and blondine maple for the brunette walnut living room pieces? A new household background is as good for a woman's morale, so they say, as a new hat. But don't forget to wash out your paint brushes in coal oil or gasoline when you finish work. You're going to need them again! The writer is that sure of your painting success.

# Casita . . . a back yard recreation room

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bath in kerosene and water, then thatched on, just hit and miss. This, along with the moss and dull tones of rose, green, and blue stain, still left, give the roof a very quaint appearance.

The finish used on the knotty pine was found after much grief and experimenting. First a coat of white flat was applied and when dry rubbed down with steel wool. The stain used was a mixture of rotten stone, mineral spirits, a little linseed oil, and Japan drier. Care was taken to rub out all knots after each coat and to grain the wood after the stain was put on. A natural effect was obtained



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by brushing the board with long strokes from top to bottom with the same brush that was used to apply the stain. When thoroughly dry it was given a coat of floor wax and polished. The result was a finish both warm and old looking, toning in well with the ceiling and floor.

There are two five-foot bay windows on the south side of the room. These keep it warm even on cold days, if there is any sun at all. Then with the top of the door left open and the north windows swung wide, it can be kept cool on hot days in spite of a low roof.

The old chairs with the rawhide seats add more Mexican atmosphere, while the small chair by the door, bought for thirty cents at a second-hand store, has really regained its self respect with a coat of new varnish and a bright seat I wove from Mexican hemp. The pictures were painted by my sister and the rag rugs and cushions were made by my mother, while the wing chair, copper tray, and outside lantern were my own brain children, made at night school.

So far we have found many uses for Casita. The day-bed makes it possible to convert it into an extra bedroom if needed. As a play-room for the children and their little friends, it saves a great deal of housework. But best of all is its use as a place to entertain our friends informally.

When you live near the coast, you find that King Neptune is a very temperamental gentleman, and often what has started out to be a beautiful evening for a barbecue turns out to be rather a damp one when he suddenly starts blowing his foggy breath over your party. So with very little trouble you move into the little house where the meal is eaten in comfort. Then, too, with the aid of an electric percolator and chafing dish, it is a perfect spot for Sunday night suppers or tea.

I think perhaps I should have said in the very beginning, that building Casita was our first experience along those lines. Each step was worked out as we came to it, although there were mistakes and many things had to be done twice. We spent nearly a year building Casita, for there were many long waits in order to find some of the materials needed. Because it took so long we feel that our little house really wasn't built, but like Topsy, "just growed." By using lots of good advice from everyone, and doing all the labor ourselves, our recreation room cost us not quite sixty dollars. Now, here is a word just for

Now, here is a word just for the lady of the house. Don't be afraid to get in and help. It's a great deal of fun, and dishes and dust do wait. I shingled the roof and was sorry when I finished; puttied the glass into the window frames and packed brick for the

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### Where do you keep your magazines?

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Even the guest bedroom was not overlooked in this problem of magazine storing. The shelf under the window is built to hold either books or magazines. The large drawers in the bed hold those well-known larger publications worth saving. Any guest in this room can amuse himself for hours until his lazy hostess arises or until the pangs of hunger are too great to be checked by any magazine no matter how good.

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## The pink of perfection

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Of early origin also are the hand-loomed coverlets patterned with wool on a linen warp, such as are being today reproduced in many village industries. Although particularly desirable for use in boys' rooms and summer camps. they are usable on any simple bed in rooms which must be made to do double duty. Note bed at

bottom of page 28.

More delicate spreads of this nature are done all in white, either altogether in linen or a combination of linen warp and mercerized cotton filling for the pattern. Edged with a hand-netted fringe they look exceedingly well on both mahogany and maple beds.

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THE title isn't quoting the present exactly, but since any who is going to make a rose is interested in petals, not r buds, we may be excused for ting liberties. "While ye may good advice, however, as season for rose petals is compa tively short-our modern e blooming roses notwithstand

The most fragrant roses are old-fashioned ones: the pink of bage rose and the gallica ro which can be seen nodding to wayfarer along country and by deserted houses, obliviapparently, to the fact that hands which planted them I long since vanished. They are hardy race, and like many pla which grow and thrive ur neglect, they have become spised and forgotten, their p being taken by tender and pricious beauties that would pe if neglected for one short sea But they are still supreme as as fragrance is concerned, and who have plantings of them well count yourselves fortuna As I said, their period of bl

is short; about three weeks is you can count on. So, if you going to dry petals, begin e in the season; for, not only it take a large quantity of petals, but, once you start, will find it a fascinating occi tion. Then, too, you will wan surplus so you can give a some of the delightful things can be made from them. D forget that you have the wea to reckon with. Should the day moist and sultry, or should rain, you cannot gather pe Indeed, it is better not to ga them even the day after a rain the blossoms will be satur with moisture, which not prevents the petals from dr quickly but also renders them fragrant. The time to gather petals is early morning, after dew has evaporated but be the sun has become hot; fragra then seems to be at its peak. freshly-blown flowers should



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The process of drying is very easy. Select an airy, warm place such as an attic or the upper room of a shed, where breezes will not blow the petals about, but yet where there will be a circulation of air. Spread out clean newspapers and on them loosely scatter the gathered petals. Since the object is to dry them as quickly and thoroughly as possible, spread them as thinly as space will allow. A light sprinkling of common table salt is said to preserve the fragrance. By the next morning, when you are ready to gather the second lot, the first should be well shriveled and almost dry. The petals can then be transferred to a smaller paper or a shallow box cover to finish drying, while you put a layer of fresh petals on the newspaper. Direct sunlight should not strike the drying petals as it injures them, but heat, no matter how intense, seems not to hurt them.

When the petals are thoroughly dry, store them, as they accumulate, in an air-tight container. such as a stone crock with a lid. They must be kept covered to conserve their fragrance, but mixing or stirring is not to be done until sufficient petals have been gathered and prepared.

There are many recipes for rose jars, but they all fall into two classes-moist jars and dry ones. The former have alcohol and essential oils added to help preserve the petals, which may be used fresh, but the dry ones are perhaps simpler to make. Many of the recipes are complicated and include all manner of fragrant substances, but the results in such cases cannot be called true rose jars; potpourri, or sweet jar, is the name given to such mixturesbut that is another story.

The following is the recipe I used and found very satisfactory:

Dry rose petals, 1/4 pound (about 10 cupfuls)

Ground orris root, 1/4 pound Sandalwood powder, 2 ounces Table salt, 1/4 pound

Crushed (or ground) cloves, 1/2 ounce

Crushed (or ground) allspice, 1/2 ounce

Crushed (or ground) cinnamon, 1/2 ounce

Vanilla beans, 3 or 4

It is wise to begin assembling the other ingredients at the same time you start gathering petals. for you may find that one task takes as long as the other! Living near a large city, I expected no trouble in getting the ingredients: but I was mistaken. Even the Japanese shop could not help me! Finally, through a drugstore, I secured the unusual articles. The spices I used were common kitchen

[Please turn to page 127]

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## Set up for life

[Illustrated on pages 16 and 17]

HERE are six exquisite patterns in sterling silver for the bride who likes Early American maple furniture, pine paneling, and Cape Cod houses. Right down to left: International's "1810" pattern Towle's "Benjamin Franklin," Gorham's "Christina," Alvin's "Maryland," International's authentic reproduction for Colonial Williamsburg, Reed & Barton's 'Colonial Classic,'

This same bride will like the "American Stage Coach" plates of Taylor, Smith & Taylor, or Pit-cairn's "Medford" plates, with all the other pieces to match. Or she might prefer "Candlewick," the pattern of the cup and saucer which as you will see later, is also available in glassware. The cream and sugar are part of a set called "Abundance," in a Cape Cod shape, done by W. S. George.

For the center of her table she will want "America," a crystal rose bowl by Fostoria, or a beautifully simple sterling silver bowl, by Towle.

No glassware could be lovelier than reproductions of Sandwich pressed glass, in plates and goblets, done by Duncan & Miller. Another appropriate goblet is plain, with chevron cutting on the stem, from Heisey, and the third goblet we show you is Candlewick, done by Seneca to harmonize with Candlewick china.

#### Modern minded

Now for the bride who has gone stream-lined in her tastes. She will want one of the six patterns of silver shown in center, top to bottom: Rogers, Lunt & Bowlen's "Modern Classic," Reed & Barton's "Jubilee," Towle's "Craftsman," Watson's "Dorian," Wallace's "Reflection," or International's "Continental"—all very beautiful.

Her china may be Haviland's platinum band service, of which a plate and cup and saucer are shown, or Limoge's middle plate

with its ombre colors, and extremely interesting shapes for cream and sugar, or the decorated plate from Onondaga,

For centerpiece, sometimes she will use International's oval sterling bowl, adapted from a Swedish modern design, or Fostoria's "spool." vase which comes in pastel colors as well as crystal. Her glassware may be Cataract-Sharpe's block stem, shown at the left, Cambridge's "Straw Flower," at the right, or Fostoria's new modern shape, plain or decorated. shown in two sizes in the center of the photograph.

#### For elegance

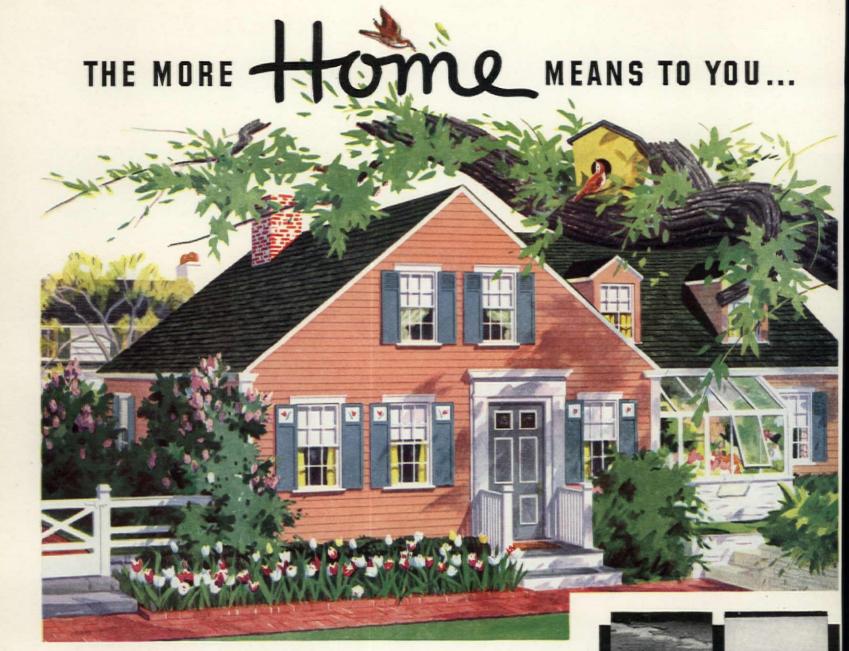
If the bride has a flair for elegance in living, here are the gifts you should consider: From top to bottom, the silver includes Gor-ham's "Florentine," Wallace's "Sir Christopher," Gorham's "Chantilly," Reed & Barton's "Sonata." International's "Riviera," Watson's "Meadow Rose."

"Billingsley Rose," shown in a dessert plate and cup and saucer, is one of the most bridey Spode patterns at Copeland & Thompson; the other two plates are both Wedgwood, the first one "Columbia," the other an exquisite new pattern of pale blue on an Alpine pink ground. The cream and sugar are Spode, reproductions of fine old Lowestoft, from Copeland & Thompson.

In sterling silver, the Towle centerpiece can be used as it is shown, or can be separated, and the plateau used for sandwiches, cake, cold cuts, or what you will. A delicate fern leaf pattern distinguishes the crystal goblet shown at the left of the group, by Duncan & Miller. In the center is a sherbet glass in Cambridge's "Symphony" pattern with Stradivari stem, and the graceful raindrop glass at the right of the photograph is from Cataract-Sharpe.







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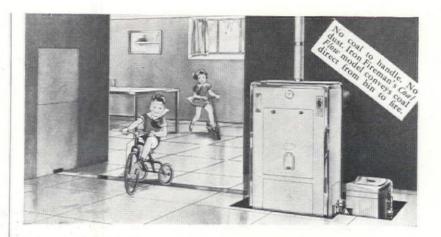


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# Right from our own kitchen

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Now in case any other readers are ever confronted with such a problem (and there's no telling when that might happen to you and you) there's a new book called "Recipes and Menus for Fifty" that will help you. Then as chairman of the "eats" committee you can not only tell Mrs. O'Henry to prepare Spanish Beans to serve fifty people, but you can give her the exact recipe as well, and then forget about the bean part of the meal. Mrs. O'Henry will show up with the correct number of beans-and cooked the right way, too. Same way with the fruit punch. The book gives the exact proportions to serve fifty people. Other chapters include fruits, bread, cereals, meats, vegetables, salads, cheese dishes, pastries, and desserts; also some menus suitable for the four seasons of the year that are appropriate and easy for serving large crowds. M. Barrows and Company. Price \$2.

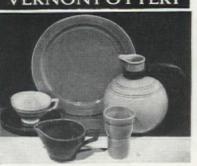
But perhaps you would like to have me give right here some tips on amounts of food to serve fifty people in case you're needing this information at once. So many people have asked us about this. Fruit punch, 10 quarts; coffee, 1½ pounds; cream for coffee, 1½ quarts; sugar, lump, 1½ pounds;

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Not long ago, we had anot letter from a reader, "Please don't you give us more mer We like and use your recipes your menu-maker, but we more suggestions for putting t which seems lik together;" sensible suggestion to us. In in this very issue we've inclu some menus for wedding bro fasts and receptions. The can easily be adapted to occasions. But will you pl tell us what kind of menus want most? Are they for far dinners, formal dinners with o pany, picnics, Sunday night pers, or what? Tell us, and see what we can do about it.

One thing I wish is that I people could be here when we our testing bees in the kite Manufacturers are always sen us new food products the thought up and some of them grand, and others not so gr Yes, some even verge on bei little queer, we think. And for who are firm believers in plain food (though beauti cooked and served) we hesita recommend new food prod unreservedly, until we feel that you will like them. Of co some of these new foods grow on us after we've had around the kitchen for a We'll let you know. But I would like to tell

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Another one of the new products that we like in our kitchen is Kemp's Sun-Rayed Tomato Aspic which has just been introduced on the national market. It looks like plain tomato juice at room temperature, but you put it in the refrigerator and it "jells" all on its own. You can imagine how easy it is then simply to cut off a slice and serve as a salad or garnish. Each 15-ounce can contains six average servings, and retails for 15 cents.—Julia Bourne.

# Picnic with a charcoal brazier

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be well to substitute potato chips. Five tablespoons of butter or bacon grease have been placed into our iron skillet. The wire grill is used again to support the pan. Now we add one chopped green pepper, twelve ears of corn cut from the cob, two teaspoons of sugar, and salt and pepper to taste. The corn is allowed to simmer, but must be stirred constantly to keep from sticking. A wooden spoon with a long handle is best since it does not carry heat. After twenty or twenty-five minutes our corn is ready.

Since this is a picnic—a most informal affair—we are using paper plates and cups exclusively. The steak sandwiches are to be eaten with the fingers, likewise the tomatoes and pickles, but we have plenty of wooden or paper spoons for the ice cream. There are also large shakers of salt and pepper, and plenty of paper napkins to wipe our greasy fingers. After each course these plates, forks, and napkins are burned in the braziers, and fresh ones passed around.

At last we are ready for our dessert which has been prepared earlier in the day. Those who do not care for sweets may be served slices of chilled watermelon. But we prefer

# Fresh peach ice cream (Southern style)

1 pint heavy cream
34 cup sugar
1 cup crushed ripe peach pulp
and juice
2 eggs
Few grains salt

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#### Toffee squares

½ pound fat (1 cup) 1 cup sugar

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Few grains salt

2 cups flour 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon 1½ cups nuts chopped very fine

Cream fat and sugar. Add egg volk unbeaten, salt, cinnamon. and flour. Mix well as for pie crust. Place in a long cookie tin, previously floured. With the fingers or spatula work dough into place. It should be evenly distributed over the bottom of the pan and the dough should not be more than 1/4 in. thick. Over the surface of the dough pour the slightly beaten egg white and with a brush smooth the whole surface. Now cover the dough with the nuts. Bake twenty to twenty-five minutes. Use a moderate oven (375° F.) for five minutes, and 400° F. for the rest of the time. Remove from oven and while cookie dough is still hot cut into two-inch squares, but do not try to remove from pan until cookies are cold. Place cookies in a tin box. They will keep fresh for two weeks.

It's all easy and simple fare but your guests will call it one grand picnic from start to finish!

# Families are not vacations

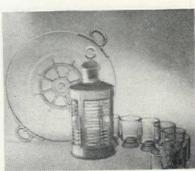
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spot which you want to see is a selfish scheme. If you cannot send them to some camp where they can develop cherished companionship as well as sturdy little bodies, board them out at some farm where, for the time that you are gone, they will have the time of their lives and learn first-hand far more than from those en route lectures you deliver and refer to as "educational." It's a lovely idea and one which every last one of us cherishes-this idea that we are "companions" to our children. We are, by comparison to our relationships with our parents, but it is stupid to suppose that they have as good a time with us as they have with their own kind, "We are more like two boys, than father and son" may be uttered sincerely, but have you ever heard the children themselves make such a statement? Being "swell" is not exactly the same thing as this brother or sister act of which parents are so fond. Children would rather have a vacation on their own than share in the most elaborate family program. If you don't believe it, ask them. If it's to be a boat trip, that of course will appeal, as will our more spectacular national parks. But in that event, be sure they are old LET THE LOVELIEST

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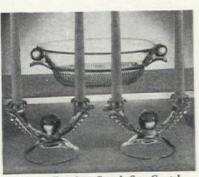
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You will have perceived that our impassioned plea for individual vacations has been shrewdly built around that most vulnerable of all pleas "for the children's own good." Personally, I believe it is Mother and Dad who need individual vacations far more than their offspring but, rash as I am, I shall not throw all caution to the winds and give forth sound, intelligent reasons which would be immediately smothered in sentimental indignation. What I do hope for most sincerely is that family vacations, except in rare cases wasted sacrifices, may be discontinued at the earliest possible moment. I should like you to think of your vacation as a time in which to renew yourselfemotionally and spiritually as well as physically; that you squeeze into it as much adventure as your spirit and your purse allow-but that you do not try to squeeze your vacation down to Junior's size-however cute little rascal he may be. Of course he will be sadly neglected and miss you (but don't press him too hard on this question) and no one can ever understand him lik his own mother and you can' have a good time without himwell, try it. That is, if you ca face the certainty that the childre CAN have a good time without you and will want to go back camp or farm next year!

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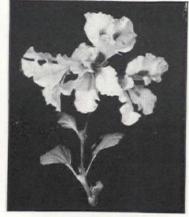
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M. C. THOMAS

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volumes on Geranium (1820 to 1830) he had already before him for reference seventy-five different works on the subject, the earliest being John Parkinson's written in 1629. There must have been a mild craze about Sweet's time to prompt him to spend ten years on a work devoted solely to geraniums. Nevertheless in all of the five hundred well drawn and finely colored plates there are very few which approach the beauty of the present day pelargoniums. These newly developed sorts are very useful plants and deserving of more attention. They can be grown successfully in pots or tubs for patio and outdoor living room decoration as well as in the garden borders, either trained into standard form or allowed to grow as a bush. Of course they are tender and must be taken indoors over winter in the North.

The greatest improvement seems to be in the size and refinement of the individual flowers and the splendid coloring. The varieties come in shades ranging from light to dark pink and through salmon, red and lavender to white; they are easily divided into color groups making it possible to fit them into almost any color scheme.

The pink group is rich in lovely flowers, but first place could well be awarded Springtime, the cheeriest of all and with such a descriptive name! It forms a strong, sturdy plant with many blossoms open at one time. The flowers are of a distinctive bright pink color with the white edge daintily ruffled. The throat is almost pure white, making an altogether beautiful flower. Edith North, a delightful rose pink, shaded deeper on the upper petals and with dark brown blotches, is a real addition to the pink group. German Glory is another very fine bright pink with large clusters of flowers. Chicago Market is a rich though delicate rose pink with two red brown blotches on the upper petals, all of which are fringed. The plant is dwarf and compact. Sue Jarret is bright pink with the two upper petals blotched with dark brown; the three lower petals have brown tracery. It is a lovely flower and the plant is well shaped. Improved Mrs. Layal is sometimes called the pansy pelargonium, and not without reason for it rivals the pansy in richness of coloring and marking. The two upper petals are almost entirely a velvety black, relieved only by a narrow edge of rosy purple; the throat is a delicate pink veined with rose and black, and the lower petals are a mixture of light and dark rose pink. In all, a blossom of extraordinary beauty borne in large clusters and, in addition to exhibiting such coloring, it is of great size, measuring three and a half inches across its widest part.

In the salmon group are found



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Pride of Quedlingburg, which shades from very light to very dark salmon pink. The two upper petals are dark with deep brown blotches contrasting with the white throat. The plant is inclined to be spindly but is worth growing in spite of this bad habit. California Giant is a deep salmon rose with a conspicuous iridescence in the three lower petals. Dark velvety blotches on the upper two make i a most attractive blossom. Gross mama Fischer is a ruffled one in clear dark salmon with two black blotches above. Swabien Maid ha large flowers of a good shade o salmon with a black blotch at the base of each petal-an arrange ment of color that creates an en tirely different effect.

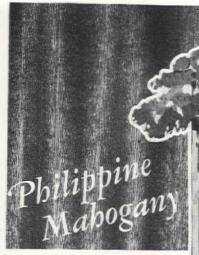
The red varieties include som very fine ones with Easter Greet ing perhaps the best with its enormous flowers of bright red, each petal being marked with a blac blotch. Wurtembergia is a ric dark red with a very dark, almos black, blotch in each of the fiv petals—a very interesting flowe Wolfgang Goethe and Marie Vograre two other good reds.

Among the lavender shade Princess, with its lovely lavende pink blossoms and extremely lor blooming period, stands out as very desirable variety. Prince Bi marck has large ruffled flowers a a good shade of rich lavender wivelvety black blotches. Neuhe Faiss is a soft lavender with a deepurple blotch on each petal.

Among the white or delicate tinted sorts Fruhlingszauber very good-white with a delica pink tint and red brown blotch on the two upper petals. The who flower appears fluted on the ed Olympia is a good white and G: deners' Joy is one of the best the light colored group. ground color is white; the trupper petals have blotches of de brown and each of the others l a decided red-brown stripe do the center. They are all somewi ruffled giving the effect of a ser double flower. Individual blosso are very large-three inches acr -and more round than par shaped. This variety is a delight example of the modern Pelar niums now available.

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An uninteresting faucet and drain at the end of the house, just where we congregated, was a constant eyesore, but a necessity, as it is the one and only hose con-

nection for the garden. My man Friday and I gathered some old bricks, brown stone, sand, and cement-and what we lacked in skill was balanced by determination and hard work. The result we proudly call a wall fountain. The stone work was whitewashed and the bricks left natural-an old surrey wheel fits exactly over the faucet. An old jar was painted blue and a blue flower pot on the ledge balances the color. When the heavenly blue morning-glory really bursts into glory, all will be well. Thus a liability has become an asset, both for looks and use. My potted plants, two children on bicycles, and a bull dog were constantly getting tangled together. Now the plants are safe and my temper calm.—Estelle Earnest.



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However, the "little filling-in" ran into several dollars and when it was finished we had nothing to spend on the planned-for evergreens, nor even on flowers. We had bought enough grass seed for the front lawn, so we sowed that, kept the grass neatly trimmed against the house, and tried not to miss the spruces and pines. While the side lot that was to have been our lovely garden grew broom sage prolifically, we drew plans for the pool and the beds of delphiniums, peonies, roses, lilies, and other flowers. We talked borders, hedges, and groupings fluently, though we couldn't even afford to plant more grass seed. 'Next year," we consoled our-"maybe we can get selves. around to it"; meanwhile it remained on paper.

Two "next years" went by, and we were no better off financially, so we tried cutting the broom sage and weeds early in the spring and often with the lawnmower and found the resulting greensward far from unsightly. The broom sage soon completely disappeared and that was really our first step in coming out of the woods.

I read and re-read the catalogues in an attempt to find bulbs and plants that I could afford to buy, but the prices merely infuriated me. I felt that a dozen bulbs would have been lost in that half acre, and the prices for "hundreds" were disheartening. Friends donated a few iris, half a dozen jonguils, and a root of spirea, but they were mere dots on the ocean. Each week I looked longingly at the flowers and plants the little French florist sold at the city market and finally I weakened to the extent of asking about prices.

He had some ground phlox for twenty-five cents a plant, all colors and gorgeously in bloom. I bought one, and planted it against a rock where I wanted my rock garden to be. Of course it looked lonesome, but as rocks were free for the gathering, I gathered, and set them in place on a natural slope. The following week I spent another quarter for a phlox of another shade, and it joined the



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first settler. (I have since found out that flowers, unlike vegetables, are often cheaper out of season. I was able to get large vigorous phlox plants in the fall—the best time for transplanting—at six for a dollar.) Next, from a neighbor, I got a water-loving little vine that grew prodigiously over the rocks and helped the barrenness immensely.

I was now fully decided to buy whatever plant, or plants, I could get for a quarter each week when went to market. I could not spare more money, but this tithe I could extract from the grocery budget without stinting the family table. And, like every flower lover, I was the beneficiary of gifts. Sharing is half the fun of having flowers, and as a result I accumulated sweet bergamot, firebush four o'clocks, dusty miller, balsam, daylilies, forsythia, and many others. When the Frenchman offered forget-me-nots, three for a quarter, I started with one pink and two blue plants. The blues spread and I have at leas ten clumps now, not to mention the ones I gave away or traded too! The pink one pined and eventually petered out so that wil be one thing to replace next sea son when I am able.

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The newer creations and in proved hybrids are, of course, e cluded from my garden by the cost, but as soon as there a enough of the ordinary plants remove from our place the serted, poverty stricken look. will be able to combine sever weeks' quotas and do some e perimenting. I did combine la year on azaleas. When, in fall, small plants were selling fifty cents each, I bought thr All through the fall I boug crocus bulbs one week and j quils the next, a few at a time, plant in scattered clumps arou the trees and the pool.-Oh, y the pool, my particular love!

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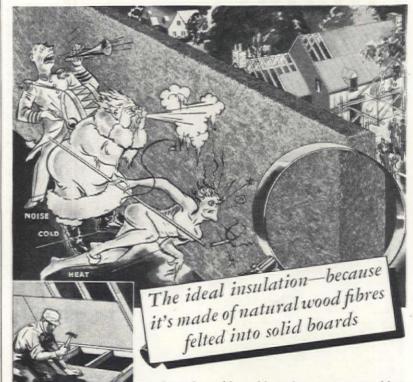
We have a few roses, started from cuttings, and some day we hope to have some really nice ones. As yet we have none of the much desired evergreens-except our annual Christmas trees, which now grace the garden. In short, we have none of the long-named miracles the writers exclaim about, but we do have a garden, charming to sit in, to play in, and to eat in. We have plenty of flowers to cut for the house and plenty to give away. Maybe some day we can order twenty dollar shrubs, and ten dollar iris, and thirty dollar waterlilies, and be nonchalant about it. But meanwhile we are really enjoying our half acre and getting as well as sharing a full measure of health and happiness from it.

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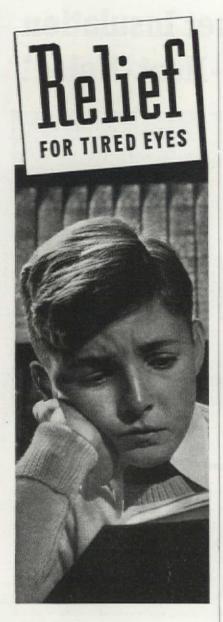
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what like a broad, dull-colored form of the more familiar leafhopper and specimens can usually be seen sitting (or jumping around) on chrysanthemum plants during most of the summer.

The nymphs are green, soft bodied and of the rather indescribable shape shown below. To afford them protection against enemies, Nature has given them the ability to, first, secrete a colorless liquid and, then, by rapid, violent body contortions, whip it into the familiar foamy masses within which the little creatures hide themselves.

Except in the rare instances when the hoppers occur in great numbers, and may do a little damage by sucking sap from infested garden plants, these spittle bugs need cause no alarm and do not warrant control measures.



The spittle bug (greatly magnified), and its foamy, protective screen. Photographs taken by Dr. E. Bade



If any treatment seems called for, an application of an insecticidal dust containing derris is effective. Usually, they can be ignored or, rather, observed and appreciated as an interesting phenomenon and a further reason for that rather bromidic comment, "Isn't Nature wonderful!"

# Dollar Ideas

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# For loose screws

To tighten screw which continually works loose, remove the screw, dip the tip in glue and replace immediately, it will not work loose again. Mrs. O. R Phinney, Ticonderoga, N. Y.

# When making gravy

To brown gravy place one of two bouillon cubes in a pan of gravy. This not only gives a lovely color but improves the flavor as well. Mrs. H. S. Lewis Fond du Lac, Wisc.

# To flour chicken

In flouring chicken place the flour, salt and pepper in a paper bag, then drop in the pieces of chicken one at a time and shake mixture on them. This method covers the entire piece with a uniform thin coat of flour—and is much easier than rolling the chicken in flour. Mrs. A. Chambers, Cincinnati, Ohio.

# Putting in elastic

I have discovered a simple and quicker way of putting elastic in a garment. Before removing the old elastic, fasten to it one end of the new with a small safety pin, then in drawing out the old you automatically pull in the new. Mrs. R. L. Fraley, Toledo Ohio.

# Preserving brooms

To preserve brooms, dip then into boiling soapsuds for a few minutes once a week and the will become tough and pliabl and last longer. Mrs. J. L. Mor RIS, Berkeley, Calif.

# For more whipped cream

If you have not enough whip ping cream use with it a stiffly beaten egg white. This will in crease the amount without chang ing the whipped cream mixture Mrs. C. J. Sweeney, Spring Valley, Ill.

# Brightening kitchen atensils

If you have a collection of various colored or marred handles o your kitchen knives and forks sandpaper them lightly, the paint them any bright color yo wish. When dry, give them coat of varnish which make them impervious to water. Mrs. A. A. Marrs, Kansas City, Mo.

## Bright flames

To bring out beautiful cold in your log fire, use a yard lengt of your tarnished Christmas tre tinsel. This brings out a lovel blue, green and purple light—an a little goes a long way, too. Mr HAROLD H. CLUM, Chappaque N. Y.

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## A sewing hint

To avoid stretching seams that are slightly gored in sheer fabrics. lay a strip of paper under them when stitching. ETHYLE M. SMITH, Uniondale, Susq. Co., Pa.

# Sugar in the bread box

If you will keep your package of brown sugar in your bread box, you will not only prevent the sugar from becoming hardbut will keep your bread moist as well. Mrs. HARRIS B. HASKELL, Leicester, Mass.

## A bag for the grinder

When grinding crackers, hard bread, nuts, etc. in your food chopper, place an ordinary paper bag over grinder letting ground food drop into bag, thus preventing crumbs from flying onto table and floor. Mrs. J. H. McGARRY, Providence, R. I.

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For sparkling windows, first wash windows with warm, sudsy water. This removes all smoke and greasy film. Then rinse with ammonia or vinegar water, wipe dry and polish, Mrs. G. F. Fitz-GERALD, Olean, N. Y.

### For boiled potatoes

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are to boil. This small amount of milk prevents them from taking on that grayish look while cooling on the table. Mrs. LOTTIE PUTNAM, Webster, Mass.

# Salads and desserts

For individual gelatine salads or desserts, use fluted paper baking cups set in muffin pans. When set the paper cups can be removed very easily leaving perfect molds. Mrs. W. F. Hannaman, Mason City, Iowa.

# Repairing blankets

Blankets which are worn through in the middle can be made to last much longer by tearing down through the center and sewing the selvedge edges together, first with an ordinary seam and then sewing flat. Then run a narrow hem down the sides, after trimming away all ragged and worn parts, and you will find, if the work is done neatly, your blankets will be as good as new. Mrs. E. M. Sharp, Mill Creek, Indiana.

## Peeling potatoes

I find that I can peel hot potatoes quickly and without burning my fingers if I use a strawberry capper instead of a knife. Mrs. L. C. HAGAN, Swarthmore, Pa.

## Refrigerator tray

If the wire mesh shelves of your refrigerator are woven in large squares so that small glasses, etc. are easily tipped over, insert an inexpensive tray, just the size of the shelf. This provides a smooth, steady surface and may be removed and replaced with ease. Mrs. C. E. Hinds, East Orange, N. J.

### Skinned tomatoes

I prefer to skin tomatoes before using, but I also want to serve them very cold. So I have found it very satisfactory to scald all tomatoes when they are delivered from the market, then pour cold water over them and cool. Then I put them in the hydrator of my refrigerator until I am ready to use them. The peels come off very easily and the tomatoes are ice cold. Belle Adams, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

### Meat garnish

For a pretty and unusual meat garnish, tie tiny sprigs of parsley with grass ribbon bows, and put beside each plate one of these and a pickle fan, made by slicing pickle in thin parallel slices to bottom of pickle, but not all the way through, and spreading fanwise. Mrs. Hugo Gersten, Harmonsburg, Pa.

### Removing stains

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efficacious. Spread it over the marked area and leave for an hour or more, then rub off with a soft cloth. Anne Marichak, Westfield. Mass.

# Groning helps

Materials such as silk, seersucker and others which stick to the iron may be pressed easily by placing a piece of plain wrapping paper over the material and pressing with a moderately heated iron. LILLIAN N. DALE, Wallowa, Oregon.

# To darken molasses

When I use molasses for ginger bread, spice cakes, and cookies and it is not dark enough, I add two tablespoonfuls of melted chocolate to it. This will darken molasses and will also give it a nice flavor. MISS ANNA R. BALSAMO, Dayton, Ohio.

## Butter for sandwiches

When making sandwiches in a hurry, instead of waiting for the butter to soften from its rock-like refrigerator state or struggling to cream it with a spoon, use a pastry blender. Butter is thus quickly reduced to the proper consistency for easy spreading. Mrs. Edward B. Ham, New Haven, Conn.

### Dress covers

When my pillow cases are worn out at the corners and seams I make them into dress or hanger covers. Shape the top to fit the hanger (make it the exact size of hanger if to be used as a hanger cover—larger if to be used as covers). E. A. Baltes, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

# Using blotters

Large blotters, which may be bought quite cheaply or which many commercial firms give away, make fine pieces to place under small table cloths. Small blotters are fine under hot dishes or children's plates. Any liquids spilled are quickly taken up. Jean McCaleb, Safford, Arizona.

### Cleaning walls

A good solution for cleaning painted walls is I cup vinegar, I cup of kerosene and I cup of hot water. Mix together. Apply with cloth and wipe dry with another soft cloth. Mrs. D. A. Jamie, Seffner, Fla.

# Our hodgepodge department

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discourage unauthorized changes by others. When, in the course of years, the mower becomes unduly vociferous, the trouble shooter's best bet is to suspect the gears



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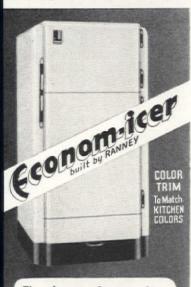
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One of the amusing eccentricities of the mower industry is that some manufacturers, whose product is equipped with ball-bearing cutter reels so constructed that they are practically immortal, persist in issuing instruction sheets which tell the purchaser how to take up any looseness which may develop in them. Consequently, if and when any portion of the mower's anatomy sets up a squawk, the first thing that the owner does is to attack a perfectly good bearing instead of going after the gears.

Some manufacturers recommend half hourly applications of oil. While this may be on the liberal side, it is, indeed, a good idea to let the oil can accompany the mower whenever it goes out of the tool shed. Even if one does give unnecessarily heavy doses of lubricant, a lawn mower will never earn one a ticket by smoking. A hard wood toothpick which will not splinter is an effective aid in opening up earth-clogged oil holes. An occasional massage with an oily cloth will keep blade edges from rusting. And a valuable accessory in the mower garage is a whisk broom with which to free the machine from dirt and wet grass clippings after it has done its daily- or weekly-stint.

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# Lilies-start them now for next year

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vanced, sow the seed in a cold frame, or make a seed bed in the open ground, choosing a sunny or partly shaded, well-drained spot. Ground sloping to the southeast is ideal for the purpose.

In making a seedbed, whether outside or within the cold frame. make sure that there is a good six inches of fairly rich, friable soil on top. But "richness" here does not mean the use of manures of any kind. Leafmold. sifted compost, or prepared humus, as sold



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by the bag, is the best food for lily seedlings. In heavy soil, porosity or friability are gained by adding builders' sand or sifted coal ashes. An excellent formula for seedbed soil is two parts loam; one part leafmold, sifted compost or prepared humus mixed with an equal part of peat moss; and one part builders' sand or sifted coal ashes. Spade the mixture over several times, then rake it fine and level. This will give a raised bed, which means good drainage, and, as is often stated, good drainage is the first essential of success in raising lilies. The deep (six-inch) seedbed is necessary because, in the Northern half of the country, it seems best to leave the lilies in this bed for two growing seasons.

Edge the outdoor bed (which should not be over four feet wide) with boards wide enough to be bedded firmly in the ground and to project three or four inches above the level of the soil surface. Their function is to keep soil and seeds from being washed away during heavy rains; they also furnish support for a lath shade cover in summer, as well as a burlap-covered framework during the period of germination.

With the seedbed made, broadcast the seed and cover it about



Lilium concolor bears its dainty, vermilion, star-shaped blossoms turned upward

one half inch deep. Water the bed thoroughly and thereafter make sure that it does not dry out at any time before the seed comes up. If you are using a cold frame, close it; and if there are glass sash, lay paper or other material over them to exclude the light during germination. Over the outside bed use a single thickness of coarse burlap stretched tightly and tacked to the top of the vertical boards all the way around. Watering is done right through the burlap. This covering helps the bed to hold moisture and hastens germination. If there is a night temperature of about 60 degrees the seeds will come up in about two weeks; in cooler weather they may take five or six weeks. The burlap is removed (or the paper taken from the sash) as soon as GIMCO ROCK WOOL
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most of the plants seem to be up, which will be ten days to two weeks later. Then give the seedlings all the sunshine possible. When watering becomes necessary, do it in the morning of bright sunny days and aim to keep the surface of the soil dry a good part of the time to prevent mildew and damping-off.

Toward the last of June make a lath cover for either frame or outdoor bed to protect the tender seedlings against too much burning sun and drying winds. Nail the laths their own width apart to a light frame. These covers help amazingly in reducing the temperature and keeping the soil moist within the frames. Keep them on during sunny days and remove them in cloudy or rainy weather.

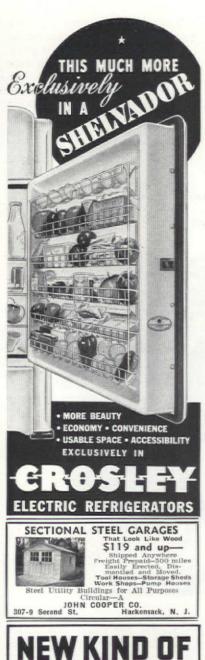
An adequate supply of moisture over the summer is most important. For seedlings of the philippinense species this means a great deal of water; for all kinds it means more than is needed for the average run of seedlings. In very hot, dry weather it may be necessary to water twice a day, for if the foliage of these young lilies wilts and dries up, the bulb quickly disappears. On the other hand, particularly with the tenuifolium varieties, too much water soon rots the bulbs. Watering requires care and study.

South of the Mason and Dixon Line, and in such favored locations as the West Coast, carefully dig these little bulbs early in October and transplant them to a well-drained bed of good soil. Carefully adjusting the roots, surround the bulbs with sand, setting them a good three inches deep. Mulch about two inches deep with leaves straw, or peat moss in sections where the winter brings freezing and thawing. It will help the growth of the lilies over the summer to leave the mulch in place

In the North, as the weather turns cold, cover the beds with two



Litum cernuum, a relative of the coral lily has pale pink flowers spotted wine-purpl





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inches of good soil; cover this with a six- to eight-inch mulch after the soil freezes. Freezing, where bulbs are well established, is seldom detrimental to them.

The second growing season will show some bloom on all varieties. The philippinense lilies will bloom the most freely of all. The second fall the bulbs will be ready to set in their permanent positions. They generally increase in size and beauty in perennial borders, where the soil is a good porous loam, and where there is a ground cover of the less vigorously growing perennials. Set the bulbs at a depth equal to about three times their height. As already noted, a mulch is recommended. After it is in place, dreams and delightful visions are in order.

The lilies named at the beginning of this article by no means exhaust the list of kinds easily raised from spring-sown seed. There is, for instance, the golden orange sport of the coral lily, called Golden Gleam. Although not as outstanding in color, it is an even easier lily to raise, having a more vigorous constitution. L. cernuum is also allied to the coral lily, except in its color which is a dainty pale pink with wine-purple spots. It is rarely seen although, in my experience, extremely amenable to cultivation. Seeds germinate close to 100 per cent and the bulbs are very healthy. Many crosses made with L. regal have given forms resembling that species but, since they bloom later, extending its season. L. princeps bears magnificent white trumpet blooms and there are also pride of Charlotte and Shelburne Hybrid. All are easy to handle and come fairly true from seed. They are especially free from disease, vigorous, and bear blooms of an unusually fine substance.

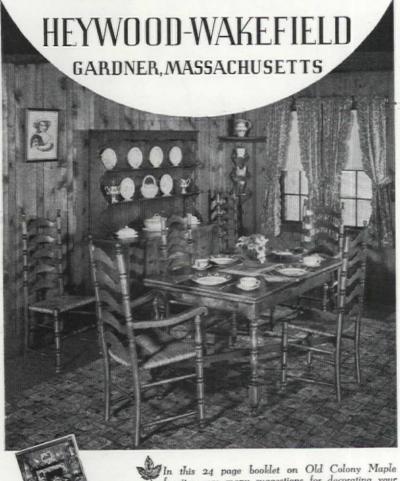
In the yellow, red, and orange lilies (often the most satisfactory of all) are L. amabile, like a low growing tiger lily, but of better color and substance; L. concolor, a dainty vermilion colored species with star-shaped, upturned flowers; and L. henryi, one of the outstanding lilies today, doing well under almost any conditions. Its flowers are shaped like the speciosums, but orange apricot in shade, and borne in July and August. Finally there is L. Willmottiae, an exceedingly dependable kind with flowers of a vivid orange-red shade, and vigorous and easy to grow.

To those living south of the Mason and Dixon Line I would like particularly to recommend the Easter lily (Lilium longiflorum giganteum). Entirely hardly in the coldest section of Virginia, and excellent in both germination and habit of growth, it is one of the finest lilies for the border. Plants grown outside are far superior to those which are forced in greenhouses especially for Easter.





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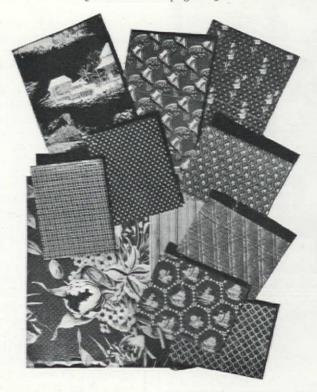
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# "Blues" are cool and crisp

[Illustrated on page 39]



Beginning at top, from left to right:

A scenic designed after Currier and Ives makes this glazed chintz ideal for hangings in an Early American room in winter as well as summer. While the ground is blue, the scenes are in rich colors of red, yellow, green, brown, and white.

Red boats and white sails on a blue glazed chintz ground for the seashore cottage, Cape Cod room, or a boy's "nautical" room.

This summery looking print with its perky white flowers and grass green leaves would find itself at home in almost any room in the mountain or seashore cottage.

Center, left to right:

Slip-covers of plaid are interesting for the occasional chair and usable with patterned and plain chintz. This would also make good covers for French Provincial dining chairs. Curtains and covers could be used to good advantage in a recreation room and playroom too.

White stars on a blue ground combined with plain blue or white glazed chintz (wide bands or ruffles) would make adorable summer hangings and dressing table skirt for a young girl's room.

Stripes are smart this season and are used for hangings as well as slip-covers. A real slip-cover fabric, the one shown directly in the center, is certified. Nice for a modern room.

A quaint pattern similar to a calico print that is so hard to find is "just the thing" for the old-fashioned room with hooked rugs and provincial furniture.

Perfect for bedspreads and upholstery is this quilted glazed chintz which is available in many plain colors.

Bottom, left to right:

Hangings and one piece of furniture slip-covered in this handsome flowered fabric, one or two pieces done in a plain color, and another in a stripe would make a charming summer living room.

The Landing of the Pilgrims, old spinning wheel, and sailing vessel makes this fabric ideal for an Early American room.

Another pattern adaptable to many uses suggests slip-covers and dressing table skirts for a summer guest room—swag design.

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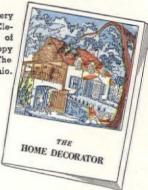
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Large-flowered or "florists" chrysanthemums, the author means—such as the variety Thanksgiving Pink, above

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You have often seen them in the late fall, gazing brilliantly om florists' windows, nodding enignly from the garden of your irt-scratching rival, or offered or fifty cents apiece to be worn

a football game.

It is to the giant chrysantheum that I am referring; the rysanthemum whose gaudy ellow, orchid, or white bloom easures six or eight inches ross. What garden enthusiast, th the least trace of pollen in s or her veins, does not harbor secret ambition to raise such auties? And it is easy to do; r easier than the successful culre of many of the other plants er which you labor so patiently. If you have this ambitious idea mind, the time to get started now-in the spring, around emorial Day. At this period, e new shoots are eight to ten thes high and ready for sepating which is done by digging e roots and cutting them so that h shoot will have a good porn of the root system.

So, in the early spring, beg om your florist or gardener end, steal, or else buy some ttings of a large variety of rysanthemum; for instance, blonel Appleton. The chances that you will find yourself in ssession of several clusters—th a long root from which anch several shoots. The thing do is to separate these shoots, sing care that each bears a od section of split root and nty of root hairs.

After the shoots are all sepated, they should be planted out ten inches apart, the roots ng covered with two inches of od, porous earth. A small ount of fertilizer may profitly be worked into the soil ghtly below the root level. As on as they are planted, water them. You will find that chrysanthemums, especially right after replanting, require more water than a duck.

The hardest work is now over. But keep the plants well watered. For several weeks they will appear to be the sickest looking plants you ever saw. Leaves will droop and stems will bend as though in the last throes of winter death. Restrain any impulse you might have to pull them out and plant zinnias, for they are doing finely, all their progress being made under the ground. Just keep them watered. Suddenly, almost overnight, they will take on new life and you will have a row of vigorously growing plants with which you can hardly manage to keep up.

Through the summer the ground must be kept well cultivated, for these plants will need all the strength that the soil can provide. During this growing period it is well to add a small quantity of a mixture consisting of one part bonemeal, one part cow manure, and one part high grade fertilizer—such as a 5-8-7. Twice during the summer will be sufficient for proper growth.

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As most of these large varieties bloom late in the fall, they must be protected from the frost. A light wooden framework over which some old burlap bags can be stretched above the flowers, will prevent them from turning a disgusting brown after the first touch of cold weather.

In the winter the roots may be forgotten. The stems should be cut off after the flowers are removed, and the new shoots, found peeping through the ground, covered with corn stalks or anything that will offer a protection without smothering the plants.

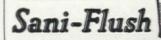
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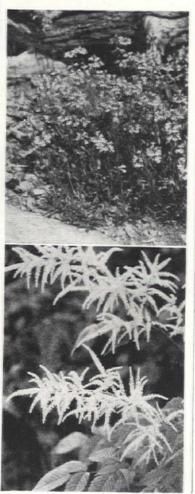
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# Wall gardening [Continued from page 41]

vary with the chances for the roots to reach other sources of soil. Generally only enough soil to encourage the roots of the plants to grow toward the bank need be provided. A layer of sandy gravel between the wall and the bank insures drainage and lessens the danger of the stones being disturbed by frost action; at the same time it provides a moist medium which is very favorable for root growth.

Space the plants sufficiently far apart so the wall will not be entirely covered or hidden. The beauty of a wall garden is lost if



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the rocks are too greatly obscured by the plants. Let the rocks predominate and serve as a background for the flowering plants.

It must be remembered that this form of gardening is artificial. However, if one realizes the obstacles involved and does his best to duplicate natural conditions, using plant materials that have a preference for such conditions, he is well on his way toward the construction of a successful wall garden. Do not expect a plant that prefers a rich, moist soil to do well in a wall pocket where only a small amount of dry soil is available; and do not attempt to grow a shade-loving plant in full sunshine against a hot, rocky wall.

The following list includes some of the plant material best adapted to general culture in wall pockets or crevices. In most temperate latitudes any of these plants may be set out either in late autumn or early spring. Give them a little extra care and attention and they will respond in an appropriate

manner.

Alyssum argenteum (silvery madwort) Alyssum compactum saxatile

(golden tuft) Androsace sarmentosa (rock jasmine)

rbis alpina nana con (dwarf alpine rock cress) compacta Arbis Arenaria montana (sandwort)

(mexican Argemone platyceras poppy)

Armeria cephalotes rubra (thrift or sea-pink)

Cerastium tomentosum (snow-in-

summer) Dianthus deltoides (maiden pink) Dianthus plumarius (scotch pink) Erinus alpinus roseus or albus Linaria cymbalaria (toad-flax) Nepeta mussini (ground ivy, cat-

mint)
Phlox stolonifera (creeping phlox)

Sedum acre (mossy stonecrop) Sedum album (white stonecrop) Sedum sexangulare (dark green

stonecrop)
Tunica saxifraga (coat flower) serpyllum languinosus Thymus (downy thyme) Valeriana coccinea (garden helio-

trope) Veronica repens (creeping speedwell)

# Comments from a wall garden builder

Convincing evidence of the fact that, employed in the right setting, rightly constructed, and planted with the correct material, a wall garden can become one of the most charming features of the home grounds, was presented at the Philadelphia Spring Flower Show held in March of this year Probably none of the striking exhibits staged there was more successful in reaching the hearts of home owners than the rugged old-fashioned bit of naturalistic planting of which a portion i shown on page 40. Emphasizing the principle that this phase o the art of gardening should no be forced, but rather applied where the circumstances seen definitely to call for it; and th

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further necessity that it should

The importance of giving such a wall a sufficient tilt backwards was clearly demonstrated, as well as the necessity for affording ample pockets and soil-filled fissures for the plants which are to adorn its surface. The ideal way to get the desired effect and to insure the greatest measure of success, Mr. Matthews pointed out, is to plant your wall as you build it-especially when good sized plants are used. All the larger and more heavily rooted subjects should certainly be put in place as the work progresses; afterwards it is a simple matter to tuck the smaller material into the remaining chinks and crevices.

The selection of the right kind of plant material is also important," he continued. "In most instances, what will thrive in a rock garden will also flourish in a wall. But there are a number of plants that must be classed as 'first acceptance,' since not only can they survive dry and difficult seasons better than some others, but many of them have the added quality of careless grace that is so needed in wall gardening.

"These first choice plants are: Phlox subulata and its several varieties; Cerastium tomentosum; Aubretia deltoidea; Iberis sempervirens, Arabis albida and its double flowered form, albida florepleno; Alyssum saxatile; Veronicas in variety, and sedums of the following kinds: S. album, S. acre, S. speciosum, S. hispanicum, and S. sarmentosum. The pinks (Dianthus) also thrive in a sunny wall, especially the plumarius types.

"Campanula carpatica and C. garganica should also be included. while, of course, various sempervivums are incomparable for the chinks of a sunny wall. The heucheras and the foamflower (Tia-rella cordata) increase the interest of the flowering season. Plumbago larpentae, while a little too invasive, can hardly be omitted



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# Iris-for everyone

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doubles, look for Kuro Kumo, a deep purple overlaid with blue, to prolong your blooming season, for it is extra late. Alice Blue, a pale blue with yellow markings; Kombarin, a fine white, and Eleanor Perry, a brilliant red, are also excellent varieties.

You will find many lovely things listed among the hybrids and the iris species, among them the tall, moisture loving I. pseudacorus, a European native with blossoms like burnished gold, and alba, its white form. This species and the purple blossomed I. versicolor, native wildling of the northern states, are the only iris that love to puddle their feet in water. That dainty native of our mountain meadows, I. missouriensis, deserves a prominent place in our gardens; moreover, it occurs in three distinct colors-deep blue, a softer porcelain shade, and white.

None of the small tribe of created irises grow very tall, but the exquisite blue or white blossoms of I. tectorum make one think of orchids. This type grows so freely on thatched roofs in China and Japan that it is often called the roof or roof-garden iris. I. cristata is a cunning dwarf in this group, the flowers, fringed as well as crested, being of a pretty, soft blue; although a native of the southern states, it cheerfully endures the climate of the North. However, it does appreciate a leafmold pocket on the shady side of the rock garden.

I. dichotoma blooms for us during late July and early August. Because the two-inch butterflylike blossoms poised on the many branched stems do not pop out until mid-afternoon, this graceful plant is known as the vesper iris. While it is easily managed, the fleshy rooted plants are tardy about awakening in the spring, so it is well to remember where they are when doing early digging. Seed germinates readily; in fact, tiny plants are apt to shoot up all



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over, a white-flowered one app ing now and then as a nice c plement among the lovely b

As yet, the newer autumn blo ing bearded giants are not exa numerous; consequently, mos them bring rather stiff pr Eleanor Roosevelt, a deep pur Frost Queen, a sparkling w Autumn Dawn, a lovely blen gold and pink; October O and Golden Harvest are worth ing. We're all going to war least one or two, if for no reason than to prove to our satisfaction that some irises tually do bloom in the fall!

# The devastating ax of the tax

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wealth, representing the best zens of our land-the owne our homes-the very found of our Republic, pays sev five per cent of all of the while sixty-six per cent o wealth pays but twenty-fiv cent. Dare any one say that not only time for a new de: the home owner but a deal, from a new deck?

There are so many serious connected with our presen system that it is truly ha know where to start and wh stop in attempting to discu present situation. "Special ments" and the manner in they are created and hand without doubt one of the glaring. It is such a mena every home owner that it m considered by itself. Another injustice is done the home through tax exemption, man unfair and un-American in ciple and practice. It has a been my claim and remai belief today that if all of th exempt real property was appraised, as of market that the percentage would enormously high that a statement of the figures wo enough to awaken the peop stop this great evil.

The only solution, the on out, the only way to sec equitable distribution of burden is through constr united effort. Every other of our citizens, every other est, is efficiently organize most ably represented legislative halls. Only such organized effort can th owners in every communit to have the influence to their investments in their We can no longer "let Ge it" for "George" will cont do it for the other fellow.

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These facts remain. Today we again have taxation without representation, as far as the home owner is concerned. Members of our legislative bodies give their thought and attention to the organized groups represented in their halls. They would welcome some one acting as the real, sincere voice of the home owner. When the home owners do become as efficiently organized as all other interests in our public life and not before will they get the square, equitable deal to which they are entitled. Until they become organized, with a constructive, carefully considered program they will continue to bear an ever increasing tax load, until these taxes have reached the point of confiscation, which they have already reached in some instances.

# Gather ye petals while ye may

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ones. And, by the way, if vanilla beans are new to you, you may be surprised when you see them. Though some old-fashioned cooks still keep them on hand, many modern housewives are acquainted with them.

The recipe as I have given it is sufficient to fill a large ornamental jar or several smaller jars which. you will find, make most acceptable presents. Any extra material goes into sachet bags which will be welcomed by your fastidious friends who like to put them among "handkies" or underwear, or by the thoughtful hostess, who lays them between her bed linen.

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# A "little touched"

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travagance. Here we have a ceiling fixture consisting of three little lamps with chimneys and shades. It cost six dollars! We have always dined by candlelight, and have a number of crystal candelabra, and brass candelabra, sconces, and sticks to supplement the lamplight in other rooms.

For heating, \$400. The house was notoriously cold, the furnace being half large enough for the tremendous radiation. We solved this problem by installing an Iron Fireman. A tiny radiator was put into the previously unheated upstairs bath, and a pretty green enameled rubbish and wood burner was added to the kitchen equipment to supplement the work of the inadequate kitchen radiator. (Our kitchen is like the one mentioned by Della Lutes. In case of financial stringency we could live in it and be quite comfortable). A ceiling register above the stove permits heat to enter the little room above, thus making what was once a veritable small icebox quite habitable.

For decorating, \$1147. This was simple. Everything outside was given three coats of the best quality white paint, everything, that is, except the discolored copper east porch roof and shutters. These were painted the darkest possible green. Inside, the wallpaper was steamed off and loose plaster pulled away. Then the walls were carefully patched. Only the kitchen had to be entirely replastered as that was to be enameled. Then all rooms and halls (with the exception of kitchen and baths) were papered in heavy ivory washable paper that looks like rough plaster. All woodwork was painted a dead white, using over two coats of "flat," a coat of "half and half" to give an eggshell finish. Floors upstairs, after having the cracks filled with a mixture of sawdust and glue, were given three coats of porch and deck paint in soft blue, a fit background for rag carpets; taupe paint was used downstairs as it blends better with our somewhat heterogeneous collection of rugs. In the kitchen and lavatory, the walls were enamelled warm cream above the chair rail, morning gray below, the woodwork dead white. The upstairs bath was done entirely in white.

For miscellaneous items, \$128. Among these were the printed linoleum cemented down and well varnished, in kitchen and back entrance; the Tile-tex floors in the two infinitesimally small baths; the washable window shades green outside, white inside, with which we provided all of the windows (these like the bathroom fixtures

we had to shop for); the white porcelain door knobs for such doors as did not already have them; and the hand-made ivory tiles that replaced the unattractive yellowish-greenish ones which were used in the fireplace.

For landscaping and tree surgery, \$225. Of this, fifty-five dollars had to go almost immediately for tree surgery. The lawn was rebuilt, worn places being sprinkled with black dirt and seeded; hopeless spots such as a terrace edge, the place where cars had been parked, and so forth, frankly sodded. A twenty dollar Persian lilac hedge was set in along the south bound-ary. The woody spireas around the concrete foundation on the east and southeast corner were dug up and replaced by evergreens. An irregular terrace was built sloping up to the new southeast doorstep, thus solving a fairly serious landscaping problem.

And so the thing was finally finished, without a penny to spare \* \*

Every small town has its Hamilton Place-its original owners hav ing passed on along with the rustling silks, the fine lace curtains and the warm hospitality of an other day-a house deteriorating more with each change in owner ship until all trace of its forme stately beauty has vanished. Quit often, as we sit in the candleligh it seems to us that those one-tim owners of Hamilton Place com back to enjoy with us the lovel ness which we have managed recapture and that they are quit as enthusiastic as we are over i complete rejuvenation!

# One hour a week enough

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where it attacks a great varie of plants on sandy soils. There is usually necessary to replace the soil in an infested bed wi virgin soil or to grow non-su ceptible plants for a few years starve out the worms. In your case I think you will be safe if y replace the soil where I took of this one plant with fresh, and th put in another peony next fall.

ROSES. I know that you mu have been fairly faithful in spra ing your roses, for your neighbo over the wall show brown lear skeletonized by the rose sl You must be even more care from now on, however, for black-spot fungus (see page stalks abroad in humid weath If you can, water the ro by laying the open end of hose right on the bed. If must wet the foliage, do early in the day so all the lea are dry before night.





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For the Dorothy Perkins on your fence Tri-ogen may be too expensive. However, in that case you are chiefly concerned with mildew and three or four applications of sulphur dust, the first made now, at the end of May, will keep it under control. The white threads of the mildew fungus can be dried up with sulphur even after you see them, since they grow on the surface of plants and not inside skin as does the black-spot fungus, which must be controlled by treating plants before infection takes place.

IRIS. I see some signs of iris borer - ragged, water-soaked leaves with dried tips; and from the matted condition of the rhizomes I know it has been more than three years since you last divided your plants. You can "squash" a few borers now by running each suspicious leaf between your thumb and forefinger, but that will not get many. The rest you will get when you divide in June, as soon as possible after flowering. If you wait until August, as the older books direct, the borers will already have hollowed out the rhizomes to make room for their two inches of soft, creamy, repulsive pinkness; or perhaps they will even have changed into hard brown pupae.

When you dig out the clumps, go over each one carefully; cut out every borer; trim the fans back to six inches, and then soak the whole plant for about twenty minutes in a solution of bichloride of mercury, two tablets to a quart of water (a 1-to-1000 dilution). Some people roll the rhizomes in a material called Cupro-Jabonite, instead. Then, and most important, to my mind, in preventing that slimy, foul-smelling soft rot which so often follows the borer, let the plants dry in the sun for a day or two. When you do replant, remember to leave the



Botrytis blight causes the familiar rotting of young peony shoots. Blasted buds (left), which later show a gray mold, are another symptom of the same disease





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We know that, while scattere beetles may be found as late a October, the majority are throug eating by about August fifteent During those six weeks, then, you want to save the bright-col ored flowers that are so attractive to the iridescent, coppery blue green beetles, you must go ou for a few minutes each day wit your jar of water and kerosen even as you are doing now for th rose chafers. During this period you may even have to cut you roses while they are in bud an enjoy them in the house.

After their brief period of heav feeding, the beetles lay their egg (usually in sod) and die. Th young grubs feed for a time on th grass roots; as cold weather ap proaches they burrow deeper int the soil to spend the winter coming near the surface to fee again in the spring. Lawns can b grub-proofed with a mixture o ten pounds of lead arsenate and five or six bushels of soil; appl evenly over an area of 1000 squar feet, either in September or nex spring, and water in thoroughly

# A summer pest control calendar

(Approximate dates for the vicinity of Second week: Inspect your gar-New York City) den frequently. New York City)

MAY

Fourth week: Spray rhododen-drons if lacebugs hatch.

Spray roses. Dust evergreens and phlox with

sulphur for spider mites. Spray or dust del-phinium for mites.

Dust for four-lined plant bug.

JUNE

First week: Spray bedding roses. Dust ramblers with sulphur for mildew. Hand-pick chafers roses and from peonies

Cut off diseased peony buds. Treat for four-lined plant bug.

Second week: Spray again for rhododendron lacebug. Spray for aphids

and young scale. Dust phlox and delphinium. Spray roses. Dust ramblers.

Third week: Divide iris and clean out borers. Spray roses.

Fourth week: Watch for signs of crown rot. Apply protective spray against Japanese beetle. Spray roses.

JULY

First week: Hand-pick Japanese beetles. Dust

Oust phlox and delphinium. Spray roses.

Watch for crown rot. Look for lacebugs

on hawthorn and azaleas and for a second brood on rhododendrons. Spray roses.

Third week: Dust phlox, del-phinium. Give second spray for Japanese beetle.

Fourth week: Spray annuals, if necessary, for Asi-atic garden beetle.

Fifth week: Spray for aphids as necessary.

AUGUST

Spray roses. Watch for white-First week: flies. Dust (for mildew) phlox, lilacs, zin-nias, chrysanthe-

mums, etc. Second week: Snip off all fading and diseased flow-

ers. Third week: Spray roses Dust for mildew.

Fourth week: Spray roses. Keep aphids under control. Grub-proof lawns to check Japanese

beetles.

SEPTEMBER All the month: Continue to spray roses weekly. Keep aphids Keep aphids, whiteflies and leaf

under hoppers control. Dust various plants for mildew, especially lilacs.

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The chestnut-brown Asiatic garden beetle chews foliage at night and hides in the soil during the day. Lead arsenate on the foliage of asters and other annuals

will protect them.

CROWN ROT. Before I leave, I want to warn you of one serious midsummer disease, though you will probably find no case of it before the hot, humid weather of late June or early July. It occurs as a sudden wilting and toppling over of a plant or, perhaps, an incredibly rapid blackening and disintegration of plant tissues. This crown rot disease is particularly dangerous because the fungus, like that causing Botrytis blight, lives over in the soil in the form of small, hard resting bodies, called sclerotia. In this case, however, they are not black but reddish-tan, resembling mustard seed. If you do not find the first victim of this "sudden death" in your garden, the white, growing threads (mycelium) of the fungus may carry the scourge to almost any perennial in your border-delphinium, iris, ajuga, eupatorium, aconite, phlox and physostegia, to mention but a few. So, as soon as you find one. take out the sick plant with the surrounding soil and destroy it. Drench the hole and the crowns of surrounding plants with 1 to 1000 bichloride of mercury solution. Keep a sharp watch through the summer for a fresh outbreak.

Do remember to make a weekly tour of inspection. Snip off this and that wilted flower, diseased leaf, suspicious shoot. Put them into your paper bag. Burn them.

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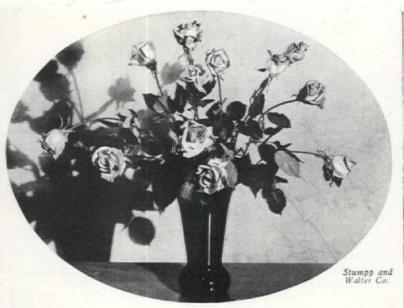
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# About the garden in June

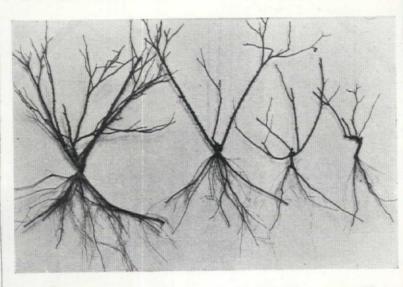
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Just as the opportunity (and the necessity) for outdoor activity increases with the coming of June, so do the subjects that clamor for comment or, often commendation. . . For example, the little Yearbook of the Delta (Ohio) Community Club graciously sent us by Corresponding Secretary Dora Kessler with a friendly letter. We don't know her, or any of her sister members, or their town; but from the 44-page typewritten yearbook in its pink, hand-decorated cover tied with silk cord, we are convinced that here is a livewire, conscientious, enthusiastic group doing a good job at its chosen task-"to create, maintain, and extend throughout the community a better appreciation and understanding of plant life.

Organized with ten charter members in 1934, it is now within seven of its constitutionally set limit of fifty; operates with some intelligently specific by-laws; and boasts, apparently, an efficient

lot of officers and committees. "Any member," we note, "missing three consecutive meetings without reasonable excuse, is automatically dropped from membership." Also, "Any member failing to be properly excused shall be fined five cents and "Any member failing to do or be responsible for assigned work, shall be assessed one dollar." Besides giving the Club's complete personnel, constitution and by-laws, and a detailed program for each month (with an appropriate verse and a speaker and hostess designated). the little booklet starts with a prayer and closes with a poem.

PERHAPS, it is out of place to hand an orchid to a rose. Nevertheless, we pay a corresponding tribute to the new, brilliantly salmon and orange-pink rose, R.M.S. Oueen Mary, for its debutante performance at the spring flower shows. Exhibited for the first time at Philadelphia, New York, and Boston, it won



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One other rose note: The American Rose Annual for 1937 has for some weeks been in the hands of the members of the American Rose Society as one of their earned increments from a \$3.50 membership fee investment. Edited, like all its predecessors, by Dr. J. Horace McFarland, with his characteristic breadth of interest, ability to secure live material, and courageous freedom of view and expression, it contributes much, in its 278 pages, sixteen full color plates and twenty-three halftone illustrations, to the knowledge, appreciation, cultural skill, and enjoyment of those who love roses or seek to know that privilege.



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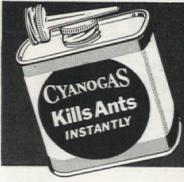
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The early garden pea crop has probably been planted ere this; and few of our readers may sow pea seed in bushel lots or with a mechanical seeder. Yet they may be interested to learn that a new development in the growing of this important vegetable crop is the lubricating of the seed with graphite during the sowing process! It is estimated that last year, in New York State alone, some 50,000 bushels of peas were eased on their way through the seed drill by the addition of one and a half ounces of dry graphite per bushel. The result was an improvement in the uniformity and quality of the stand averaging about twelve per cent for all varieties grown. This simple treatment is being increasingly used in connection with the use of red copper oxide as a preventive of rot, decay, and other seed-infecting diseases.

Copper oxide alone is, of course, becoming a familiar material among home gardeners as a preventive of damping-off, that insidious fungous disease that takes such a heavy toll of seedlings in flats, hotbeds, and outdoor seedbeds. The powder can be applied dry before sowing the seed-a tiny pinch added to each packet and thoroughly shaken up so as to coat all the seeds is sufficientor it can be applied in solution, first on the bare soil immediately after the seed is sown and at weekly or fortnightly intervals until the plants are large enough to be set out. In this case, one ounce to three gallons is the formula, the soil to be well moistened with the solution.

WHILE on the subject of disease control (and with respectful reference to Dr. Westcott's second article elsewhere in this issue), we have a revised circular from the United States Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine listing the kinds of barberries which are subject to Federal regulation in connection with the quarantine against the black stem rust which menaces the wheat crop in many sections. Certain forms of barberry (Berberis) are carriers of this fungus and their movement is therefore prohibited from any part of the country into any of the following "protected" wheat-producing states: Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, Ohio, Wisconsin, and Wyoming; or from any one of those states into another. Other kinds of barberry, after tests by Government experts, are considered sufficiently immune or resistant to the disease so that they can be shipped, under special permit, after having been inspected and certified. A third small group, consisting of the



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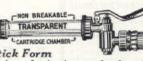
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distinct lines that are now grouped under the general term 'Osmoculture." This was created to suggest the important part played in plant growth by moisture, absorption and, especially, the physical phenomenon of osmosis (that is, the transfer of solutions of different densities through a membrane so as to create a balanced condition on either side). This principle is involved in the taking up of soil moisture and food material by roots and it is right here that the new products offered the plant grower fit in. Leaving those interested to get the complete story from the literature available from dealers in Osmoculture products, we can say briefly that these consist, first, of blocks of compressed material to be used as a germinating medium for seeds or a rooting medium for cuttings; second, of a new style small pot for the growing on of seedlings and small plants; and, third, of an absorbent, durable mat to be placed under a clay flower pot in a saucer, from which it transfers a supply of moisture to the wall of the pot and thence to the soil and the plant root system within.

Now, none of these objects is exactly new in theory except possibly the last named (and even it has its prototype in the layer of pebbles, cinders, or peat moss on which many pot plant growers have long raised good crops). But they are all quite different from any previous devices in that they are made of a substance-partly a leather derivative-that is entirely free from cellulose which is a part of all materials made of paper, wood pulp, and the like.

The significance of that is that when cellulose, in a plant container, comes in contact with soil and moisture, it begins to decompose. In doing so, it promotes the growth of certain bacteria that require nitrogen for their sustenance; as they grow, these microorganisms take their nitrogen from the closest available source -that is, the soil. Thereby they may-and very often do-so deplete the nitrogen supply that the plants growing in the soil and container do not secure enough and become weak, spindly, yellow and generally unsatisfactory. Considering that otherwise such plants are receiving the best of care, the grower is likely to be sadly puzzled at his lack of success. According to the "osmoculturists" the use of their materials prevents this nitrogen stealing and, in consequence, turns what might have been a crop failure into gratifying crop success. . . . And thus, as we are constantly discovering, is the way of the plant grower and garden lover, being made smoother, richer, and more enjoyable and satisfying.

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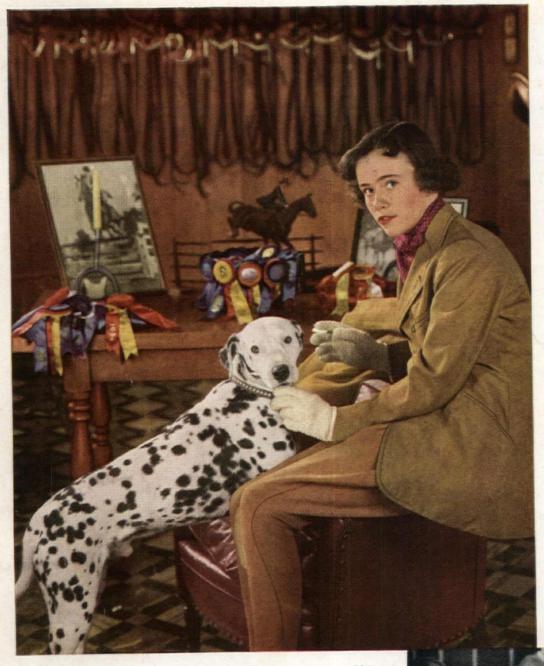
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