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## SMALL HOUSES IN JULY

THE small house is a problem all by itself. It is not merely a small reproduction of a large house. It has its own architecture. Consequently good small houses are not so common as one might suppose. But in this July number there are at least three that have the distinction of individual merit.
The first is a stone house of real Dutch Colonial design, with a sweeping roof. The dining room has been dispensed with and the family have a combined living and dining room. It was designed by Frank J. Forster. The second is a New England farmhouse type in clapboard and shingles, with a simple, livable plan, designed to meet the requirements of a small family. The third is a cottage especially designed and furnished for House \& Garden. It is a sort of dream-book house that can be both built and furnished for a reasonable sum.
Of further interest to small house builders is the article on the bedroom, choicely furnished with articles that come at moderate prices. Also there is the article by Elizabeth


## A Dutch Colonial house, with sweeping roof, in the July issue

Leonard Strang on the garden for the small house-three types of gardens to cost not more than $\$ 100$ each, including heavy labor.

From Prof. Traquair's article on FrenchCanadian cottage architecture can be gathered endless suggestions for the small house; and the sketches of an Italian sort of house, designed by W. R. Bajari, show a simple plan that is effective. And then, for the man who wants to study a hard problem, comes "Plumbing in the Smal House," by the engineer who designed the plumbing in the government community homes. If a garage is contemplated, you may find some suggestions in the two designs in this issue. In fact, there never was a number of House \& Garden so filled with practical and stimulating suggestions for the reader who is about to build.

The other subjects include peonies, the use of decorative panels, placing the desk, pots and pans, Indian art for the collector, and the new designs in handwrought hardware.
Finally, you may have heard of the Government embargo against the importation of certain plants. F. F. Rockwell tells you what to substitute, in an article on American grown stock for America.

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JUNE SHADOW

The elusiveness of Spring has gone, passed with the inconstancies of April, the swift upward rush of May. Comes now the season of Nature's stability, the sequel to her long weeks of vacillation. For the spirit of June is a tangible thing. One can grasp it, and grasping, feel that here is a definite tonic for the soul. It azoaits us
in divers forms-in the ripe greens of expanded leaves, in blue skies above flowery meadows, in the voice of the brook among rocks. Most of all do we find it at the woods edges, the borderland of light and shade. Here dwells June herself, for she is the month of sunshine and shadows, of warm airs and cool and refreshing breezes


# HE FIFTY BESTCLIMBINGBROSS 

As Selected After Several Years of Tests and Experiments With Upward of Two Hundred and Fifty Varieties-Characteristics, Culture and Uses

J. JENNINGS

LIMBING roses have claimed the attend tion of every great hybridizer since their roduction; but it is during the past twenty ars that the greatest improvement has been de. Here in our own country, the results tained by such men as Captain George C. tomas, Jr., and Dr. Van Fleet are shining amples of our progress along these lines. The aim which I believe has acted as a eat incentive to these men is to produce an erblooming climber-that is to say, a rose in ich are combined the strong climbing charteristics of the wichuraiana type, with the rsistent blooming qualities of the tea and brid tea. While, so far as my researches go, s has never actually been accomplished, some Capt. Thomas's seedlings give wonderful omise in this reect. It has been my od fortune to obve many of them in testing ground, d of these, at least e is more or less eeblooming through$t$ the summer. It s not, however, deloped the long, vigous shoots that are nerally associated th a typical climbg rose.

## limbing Hybrid Teas

 After some years of servation and testg I do not regard many climbing rms of hybrid teas d teas as desirable, ith perhaps one or o exceptions (notaClimbing Lady shtown), simply beuse they do not rank climbers. If some them do succeed in nding up a few long hoots, then such ants are invariably ery shy in blooming. limbing Lady Ashwn is an exception; here is a splendid vecimen in the vicin-

A variation of the usual arbor is secured by planting pairs of slender evergreens such as arborvita, trained and tied to galvanized iron arches, in such a way that they form divisions between the rose lattices proper. By this scheme a pleasing year-round effect is obtained
ity of Philadelphia, fully $12^{\prime}$ to $15^{\prime}$ tall, trained in pillar form and literally covered with wonderfully fine flowers which are just as shapely and colorful as the bush form. After the spring burst, this variety will give a scattering of blooms in September, and so it is worthy of a place even in a small garden.

If the climbing hybrid teas are pruned as severely as is necessary in the wichuraiana and multiflora classes, they will very often refuse to develop any long shoots, reverting in fact to the bush form. Therefore I would advise but very slight pruning of this class unless some strong basal or side shoots are apparent, in which case the oldest wood can be cut away to that point.

The comparatively limited blooming season
of the average climbing rose, approximately ten to fourteen days, may be responsible for their lack of popularity among the avowed bush-rose lovers. To many, therefore, it will come as a pleasant surprise to know that it is easily possible by careful selection of even as few as twelve varieties, to obtain a constant succession of flowers for almost two months.

It was the search for this information that prompted me to make daily observations of over two hundred and fifty varieties, generally listed as climbers, covering a period of four seasons. Even during the first season it became apparent that synonyms were plentiful and some kinds were decidedly useless as climbers. Unfortunately also, many have been introduced in which I have been unable to detect even one redeeming feature and so have marked them to discard. Please remember that in this matter, as well as through the rest of the present article, I am speaking of my own personal experiences and observations.

## Deceptive Names

Of these culls, to show how little faith we should attach to names, I might mention:
Non Plus Ultra (Mult.), introduced by Weigand in 1905, which has a most distasteful muddy purple color and miserable foliage; and Paradise (Wich.), introduced by Walsh in 1907. This is a decidedly inferior form of American Pillar, lacking the bright, snappy rose shade, good growth and nice foliage.

Strange to say, among those on my list of discard are two varieties that have been highly re-
commended by at least two authorities. I refer to:

Graf Zeppelin (Mult., Boehm, 1909), which I have noted each year as having small dirty pink flowers and poor foliage which soon drops; and The Wallflower (Mult., Paul, 1901). While this latter variety has distinct red flowers, the color almost immediately blues when the sun peeps at them and it becomes one of the much abhorred magenta shades. Further, it is a shy bloomer and has but poor foliage.

On the other hand I note that Captain Thomas has discarded Francois Gillot and Snowdrift, both of which have with me been gorgeous each year when covered with their snow-white blanket of flowers. In each case also the foliage is distinctly beautiful-the ear-mark of a good garden rose. So unusually striking have they been that one Snowdrift has found a place in the twelve essential climbers, and the other is included in the first twenty-five. In comparing notes I have found other such differences of opinion, formed under different conditions.

## Influence of Conditions

Much evidently depends on situation, soil and climatic conditions, as to whether any variety will show up to perfection. In the test under consideration, however, every rose was grown under exactly similar conditions so that it seems just to judge by comparison as a class. I have found the distinctly wichuraiana hybrids much superior to the multiflora hybrids

Why not use Gardenia, or one of the other good cream colored climbing roses, along that red brick wall? Good foliage as well as blossoms should be sought


Tausendschön is an old favorite among the multiflora climbers. Its flowers are semi-double, ranging in color from bright pink to pure white, deepening with age
and other types only in the textur petals but in the liage which is erally of a beaut deep green, shiny and qu leathery. This characteristic $r$ ders the class a whole almost $p$ against insect and diseases, an set that is by means to be looked.

It was princip on account of foliage that the known Crim Rambler was carded in favor Excelsa. This ter variety, a hy wichuraiana, though of comp tively recent in duction, has alre won its way by s merit into popula (for a climbi rose). Indeed, have often co across instar where it has sent out for Crimson Ramb but it never $九 a i l s$ to prove its superiority. color it is decidedly brighter and the flo has more petals that hold their color; but greatest improvement is seen in the lustr foliage which is retained in good condit until late fall. While selection is largel matter of personal taste, I have presumed list fifty varieties that have in the four secutive seasons just passed consistently gi better satisfaction than the balance. M over, these fifty cover practically the wh flowering season of the climbing rose.

## Continuity of Bloom

In order to obtain this continuity of flow ing, some favorites, blooming with the major (Continued on page 74)



$T$HE notes which follow are compiled from exhaustive tests covering a period of four years. In considering the results it is well to remember that they were obtained in the latitude of New York City and would not necessarily apply in all details in other sections and under different conditions. Those roses which are marked "winter kills" were killed back to root by the unusually severe winter of 1917-18, a season considerably colder than the average in this region. The varieties noted as being hardy survived that winter and consequently may be considered highly coldresistant. The time of blooming varies approximately six days for every fifty miles' difference in latitude. Varieties prefixed by the figure 1 are considered especially good; those marked 2 are the next choices. A wise selection of a dozen or so will result in successive blooms for nearly two months.


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June 1-7 1-Miss Helyett-(wich.) Winter kills, Fauque, 1908. Large double, blush with carmine shading. Strong, good foliage. Long season. Good stems.
May Queen-(wich.) Hardy. Conard \& Jones, 1899. Delicate pink. Foliage good, weak grower. Fascinating color, with crimped petals.
Neige d'Avril-(mult.) Hardy. Small pure white flowers, profuse, semi-double. Prominent yellow stamens. Foliage fair.
June 7-14
Ghislaine de Feligonde-(mult.) Hardy. Turbot, 1916. Practically thornless. Bud orange. Flower cream when open, foliage fair. Medium growth, very long season
Purple East-(mult.) Hardy. Paul, 1901. Rosy pink with over color of mauve. Wonderful color in early morning. Semi-double, large, free. Foliage only fair.
2-Francois Guillot (wich.) Winter kills. Barbier, 1907. Double white. Free, vigorous. Foliage very good. Shaded yellow in bud. Long blooming season.
June 14-24
Paul's Scarlet Climber-(wich.) Hardy. Paul, 1916. Large, vivid scarlet shaded crimson. Fine large foliage. Vigorous, unusually fine color that holds well.
Silver Moon-(mult.) Winter kills. Henderson, 1910. Very large semi-double, almost $5^{\prime \prime}$. Pure white, yellow stamens. Buds tinged yellow, foliage unusually good. Strong, but some years fails to bloom.
1-Christine Wright-(H. P.) Hardy. Hoopes \& Thomas, 1913. Rose pink tinged yellow. Good form, fragrant. Good texture. Color lasts, long period of bloom.
Zephirin Drouhin-(Hybrid Bourbon.) Hardy. Bizot, 1868. Large single flower, wonderful silvery rose color. Petals wavy. Long season, strong bushy growth.
2-Baroness von Ittersum-(Multiflora.) Hardy. Leenders, 1910. Bright red foliage. Fairly free bloomer. Some flowers are lighter. Quite large.
August Roussel-(Macrophylla.) Hardy. Barbier, 1913. Large flowers, semi-double. Rosy salmon. Good foliage. Shaped like H.T.; like a clear pink form of Dr. Van Fleet.
Climbing Lady Ashtown-(H.T.) Hardy. Bradley, 1909. Free for H.T. Vigorous. Best climbing H.T. Has long spring season and a few autumn flowers.
Alberic Barbier-(wich.) Winter kills. Barbier, 1900. Buds yellow, flowers cream, foliage good. Young shoots bronze. Good color until it fades.
1-Paul Noel-(wich.) Hardy. Hanne, 1913. Large double, $2^{\prime \prime}-3^{\prime \prime}$. Bud carmine; open, deep salmon, splashed orange. Wonderful color and foliage. Long season.
2-Elisa Robichon-(wich.) Hardy. Barbier, 1902. Delicate rose tinged yellow. Free, vigorous. Foliage very good.
Chatillon Rambler-(wich.) Hardy. Nonin, 1913. Pale rose, free, strong good foliage. Similar in form and habit to Dorothy Perkins but a shade lighter.
Gerbe Rose-(wich.) Hardy. Large double. Clear pink, strong, good foliage.
1-Gardenia-(wich.) Hardy. Manda, 1899. Bud yellow, flower cream. Good foliage, vigorous, free.
2-Renee Danielle-(wich.) Hardy. Guillot, 1913. Deep yellow in bud, pale yellow open. Very large and double. Small, isolated clusters, very fine foliage.
Mme. August Nonin-(wich.) Hardy. Nonin, 1912. Double, mauve-rose. Vigorous, good foliage, lasts well.
2-Electra-(multiflora.) Winter kills. Veitch, 1900. Deep salmon pink heavily shaded. Foliage good. Color fades but veins become more pronounced.
2-Ida Klemm-(mult.) Half winter kills. Walter, 1907. Large double, cream. Fragrant. Good form, fine foliage, long blooming season.
2-Tausendschön-(mult.) Hardy. Schmidt, 1907. Semi-double, bright pink to pure white. Color deepens in dull weather and with age. Foliage fair.

Blooms
June 24-30 Blush Rambler-(mult.) Hardy. B. R. Cant, 1903. Clear rose, free, good growth. Good, fast color, center turns paler when old.
2-Klondyke-(wich.) Winter kills. G. Paul, 1911. Yellow bud, flowers paler. Vigorous, free, foliage good.
1-Source d'Or-(wich.) Hardy. Turbat, 1912. Buds bright yellow; open, pale yellow, large. Very faintly tinged blush. Vigorous, foliage very good.
Sanders' White-(wich.) Hardy. Sanders, 1912. Double, pure white, very free. Long season, glossy foliage, vigorous.
2-Dr. W. Van Fleet-(wich.) Half winter kill. Henderson, 1908. Flesh pink. Good form, foliage very good. Vigorous, fragrant.
1-American Pillar (mult.) Half winter kill. Conard \& Jones, 1909. Rose pink, light centers, good foliage and growth. Flowers freely and regularly.
1-Marie Lovett-(wich.) Half winter kill. Large, double, pure white; fine shape, vigorous. Foliage very good. Fragrant, large, waxy petals prettily curled. Beautiful bud of H.T. shape.
Debutante-(wich.) Hardy. Walsh, 1901. Soft light pink. Variable. Vigorous, foliage good. Very large clusters.
Adelaide Moulle-(wich.) Hardy. Barbier, 1902. Coppery salmon, double. Foliage good, strong. Small but pretty flowers in, clusters. Fades in bright weather.
2-Evergreen Gem-(wich.) Hardy. Manda, 1899. Cream, free, fragrant. Vigorous, foliage very good. Faint blush center when open.
1-Hiawatha-(wich.) Hardy. Walsh, 1904. Single. Rich scarlet, vigorous, free. Foliage good.
Sicile-(mult.) Hardy.
Coronation-(wich.) Hardy. Turner, 1912. Vivid crimsonscarlet, lighter stripes. Very free. Large strusses. Strong, foliage good.
Francois Juranville-(wich.) Winter kills. Barbier, 1906. Salmon, large, double. Foliage good.
Jean Girin-(wich.) Hardy, Girin, 1910. Salmon, double, free, vigorous, foliage good.
July 1-7 Sodenia-(wich.) Hardy. Weigand, 1911. Very bright scarlet, with lighter edges. Free, strong, good foliage.
Ernst Grandpierre-(wich.) Hardy. Weigand, 1900. Double white, small. Free, vigorous, good foliage. Cleaner white than White Dorothy.
1-Dorothy Dennison-(wich.) Hardy. Dickson, 1907. Creamy pink. Vigorous, good foliage. Very double. Fast color, deeper in dull weather. Habit like D. Perkins. Synon, Lady Godiva.
2-Excelsa-(wich.) Hardy. Walsh, 1909. Crimson. Vigorous, free, good foliage. Brighter than crimson rambler and has decidedly better foliage.
2-Evangeline-(wich.) Hardy. Walsh, 1907. Single, blush, pretty shape. Free, vigorous, flowers large, color variable.
1-Dorothy Perkins-(wich.) Hardy. Perkins, 1901. Rose pink. Double, vigorous, free. Foliage good.
White Dorothy-(wich.) Hardy. Paul Cant, 1908. The white counterpart of Dorothy Perkins.
1-Snowdrift-(wich.) Hardy. 1910. Pure white double flowcrs, large clusters. Very free, vigorous growth. Good foliage.
July 7-14 1-Gruss an Freundorf-(wich.) Hardy. Praskac, 1913. Deep crimson, light center. Semi-double, vigorous, exceptionally fine color.
Leontine Gervais-(wich.) Winter kills. Barbier, 1903. Nasturtium red, free, good growth, foliage and color.
2-Mrs. M. H. Walsh-(wich.) Hardy. Walsh, 1912. Pure white, small, free, vigorous. Foliage good, flowers very evenly distributed. Grows very tall.


In the entrance hall a hanging of old Italian Fillaticcio is a background for two kneeling angles, attributed by Siennese artists to Jacopo della Quercia of Sienna. The chest on which they stand is old Italian. The only modern touch in the grouping are the two pictures which are arrangements of fruits and vegetables in old Italian vases done by Mrs.Potter after the manner of Della Robbia

ROOMS in the NEW YORK APARTMENT of MRS. FRANK HUNTER POTTER

A corner of the "powder blue" room shows a set of four projets for 16 th Century Italian tapestries. The walls are painted deep powder blue and glazed; the woodwork is black. Italian damask in old yellow and blue is used with Chinese yellow glass curtains, the whole forming an unusual scheme

As a reaction from drab war times, Mrs. Potter has made her bedroom a place of gaiety a place of color. The walls are tinted dove gray, the chintz in curtains (rose lined) and on the furniture is an 18th Century French design with blue predominating. Center of bed cover and dressing table hanging are old blue taffeta


A remarkable collection of family heirlooms gives the dining room particular intercst. The old table and chairs show the beautiful patina given only by long usage, but the center of interest in the room is found in the three family portraits. The unfinished oil sketch at the right is a particularly well known portrait of Mrs. James Bard, Mrs.Potter's grandmother, painted by Gilbert Stuart about 1825


The drawing room contains some of the Venetian and 18 th Century French furniture which has been collected by Mrs. Potter over a period of years. The room is done in old Italian blue and Venetian green. The delicate colorings of the Aubusson tapestry on chairs and settee, the 16th Century Italian painting over the mantel on which stands a Florentine Madonna of the 14 th Century have all been combined with rare good taste

T${ }^{1} \mathrm{HE}$ other evening a well-known American playwright stood on the steps of a New York club watching the theatre crowds pass. It was shortly after eight o'clock and the streets and pavements were packed with men and women, boys and girls hurrying to reach their theatres before the curtain rose. They pushed one another aside. Motors jockeyed for position. Women dodged in and out between traffic. All rushing with a great frenzy as though driven by the dread of an invisible and terrible Something.
For a long time the playwright watched them, then he remarked, "In my youthful vanity I used to think that people went to the theatre to be amused, but I am beginning to believe that they go because they are afraid to be alone. They haven't enough mental furniture to make their lives livable, haven't enough thoughts or resourcefulness or amusements in their own homes to keep off the devils of ennui. They're bored with themselves and with each other. They wouldn't dare stay home alone for seven nights in succession-they'd go stark, raving mad."

Perhaps an exaggeration, but there's a world of truth in that remark. Discontent is on us like the plague. It is eating the vital tissues of our American life. Sentimentalists used to think that the war would sober the American people into being content with their lives at home. Some fanatics think that legislative prohibition will do it. Nonsense. The change has to start within. Contentment, like charity, begins on the lee-side of the doormat. The only possible solution for this wild flight from ennui and fear is to get interested in your home, to develop its resources and yours.

AT the present moment many people are worrying about Bolshevism or, rather, worrying lest we have a repetition here in America of the slaughter and pillage that accompanied the establishment of Bolshevism in Russia. Theoretically there are some excellent ideas in the Bolshevist program; there are also some terrible evils. The great weakness with the Russian program is that the ideals cannot be put into the working without the evils. One of these evils is the utter abolition of the home and property. The Bolshevist constitution couldn't last ten minutes in a country where the people own their own homes. Bolshevism is a religion of tenants. The man who owns his own home, who works in his own garden and reaps the fruits of decent labor has no desire to overthrow those in authority or take from his neighbor the good things he has acquired through years of work. Authority preserves property. Own your own home, plant your own garden, pay your share of the taxes, take your part in the community life-and Bolshevism will fade like a bad dream at dawn.
The solution of any Bolshevik tendencies that may be haunting the American people is found in that excellent "Own Your Own Home" movement.

AND having acquired your own home, what? Be content with it.
Contentment is not a stifling of ambition, a refuge of lazy minds. Philosophers in all ages have discovered it to be the touchstone of life. Marcus Aurelius and old Solomon both arrived at this conclusion after the discipline of bitter experience. Start in and see what

## TO LET

## A Wood where no man dwells, It is a holy place Enisled with sleeping boughs That lean out into space;

## A Desert without Man Is full of dreams, is farMuch like the magic face Of an untravelled star;

> A Meadow lush with grass Is rich with little joys Where thighed grasshoppers leap Like elves or playing boys;

But, O this Wood or Stone<br>Is chill with alien cold, Too long built to be new, Yet too new to be old. . . .

## I hate a vacant house With its long reach of stair:

'Tis such a place that none
Do wish to tarry there

> Where small mice squeak and flash Along each dusty shelf And Silence shrinks, afraid, Because it hears itself!

> Harry Kemp
your capacities are, they say. Get to know yourself. See what can do. Before you know it you'll discover a hobby or a taste for or that which will satisfy you thoroughly. The old mad flight fr ennui will cease. You'll no longer be afraid to be alone.
Contentment breeds on activity. Activity clears the mind, just water purifies itself by moving. The stagnant mind is the disconten mind. Seven successive stagnant nights after labor will eventua make a man afraid to be alone with himself.

THE activities of a contented man may be legion. His fan suffice for him. And in the majority of cases he pursues a ho or some creative or cultural interest. Books furnish one, music anotl collecting a third-these three are the great trinity of contentmen

Can you imagine Charles M. Schwab being bored with himse Charlie Schwab is one of the best amateur organists in America. is John Wanamaker, and the dream of John Wanamaker's life i give an organ concert. I could fill this page with the names of pro nent Americans who are accomplished amateur musicians-men huge interests and great responsibilities who find in music an untir solace and amusement.

One bright light on the horizon is the return of music as a fan custom. Mr. George Eastman, of kodak fame, maintains an orche: in his house, and there are hundreds of families this land over who discovering enough musical talent in their own family circle to furn homemade musicales. For th who cannot play or sing, there the player-piano and the talk machine. Really, when you c to think of it, the American pec should lead the world as mu lovers, so great are their advanta in their own homes.

With the library facilities at command of all, it is also a ma that the American people are the best read in the world. reading takes time and thought requires a certain sense of ease. can breed contentment only a one has become initiated into $t$ noble company of those to wh books are friends. And yet, i amazing the number of houses can find in America-homes well-to-do folk who own m cars and wear smart clothes-wh books are not to be found and re ing is as a lost art.
The collecting hobby needs bush. The custom is growing. E day brings to House \& Gari evidences of the spreading inte in collecting antiques and cur That way lies contentment. the collector must necessarily b student of his subject-and one begins to study a subject en flies out the window.

NOW these three breeders contentment - music, bo and collecting-are cultural m ters. One does not make money them; in fact, the less commerc they are, the more happiness can derive from them. They quire activity to maintain, but it a different sort of activity w which one drives through the or nary day's work. Therein lies th power of attraction for busy m and women and the peculiar soo ing tendency they have on the mil Each man should have at least interest about his home to which is ardently devoted and whose be efits cannot be calculated in ca


Gillies

THE ARCHITECTURAL BOOKCASE



An ivory relief of a jou ing scene, illustrati French workmanship
the $14 t h$ Century

# I V O R Y 

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Examples of an Ancient Carving Art, from Combs and French Fans to Cabinets of Nippon and Chinese Screens

GARDNER TEALL

GOLD, silver, ivory-how inseparable they are with History's story, comedy and tragedy, romance and commerce, inertia and progress-gold, silver and ivory! I am inclined to believe that the sins of the world have brought upon us, at least the most of us, the inability to receive our initial conception of gold and silver in other than immediate mental terms of the coinage of the realm. Alas that it is so! Alak-aday! Would that the mention of gold brought instantly to our thought the glory of sunlight, the jewels of fairy princesses, the skill of Saint Eligius, the craft of Benvenuto Cellini, the bracelet of Helen of Troy; or that the mention of silver would first evoke for us memories of purling streams, moonlight on the jasmine flowers, a cup from Delhi, the Ardagh Brooch, that of Tara!

But ivory, magic word! When it is


Intricately carved and busy little figures form the high relief of a 19th Century Chinese brush holder

spoken who thinks first of the commerce of $t$ Congo, or the horrors narrated by Conrad, Barnum's prowess with Jumbo? Ah no, de Reader, you and I have but to hear it whi pered and lo! King Solomon's throne of ivor with its six steps flanked by the carved lion the tribute of King Hezekiah to the Assyria of couches of ivory-Shinni piri, they called "Elephant's teeth,"-hard teeth indeed for t King of Judah pull! And did n the Prophets Ezeki and Amos tell "benches of ivor brought out of tl Isles of Chittim?" suppose the "ivor palaces" of the $45 t$ Psalm meant warc robes, but as long one isn't sure of it is comfortable an amazing to cling t the palace and contemplate th enormous wardrob it might have held one far outrivallin that of Potsdam!

When I have vis ited the collection in the British Mu

The leaves of this early 19th Century Chinese fan are entirely of ivory carved with lace-like delicacy

## (Left) An ivory French fan once owned by Marie Antoinette. Courtesy Metropolitan Museum



And then there is a comb with both.coarse and fine teeth, the decorative design consisting of scenes from the life of Joseph. It is Italian work of the 14 th Century


The cardcase carved by a Chinese workman of the late 18th Century brings out the ivory's full beauty


Not all the ivories show carving in relief. The cabinet above is elaborately inlaid with a variety of bird, butterfly and flower designs. Japanese, of the 19 th Century
um I have flattened my nose against a cerin case there that contains two inlaid daggers namented with ivory that date from the time Moses. Moses and those days thirty-seven undred years ago-how much more real they em when I am looking at daggers! If old ord Chesterfield were here in the flesh, instead in the spirit, on my library shelf there suitly bound by Rivière, I would not give a fig r the scorn he might heap upon my way of inking, should he repeat the paragraph pomously indited to his helpless son, which runs do by no means advise you to throw away ne in ransacking, like a dull antiquarian, the inute and unimportant parts of remote and bulous times." I hope you too, dear Reader, 11 be on my side. As gentle suasion, if that necessary, I shall add Lord Chesterfield's rting dart anent the matter, "Let blockheads ad what blockheads wrote!" I am sure we e one against the old gentleman. I don't ppose nature graced him with enough humor anticipate the time when he himself would me to seem to all of us as much part and rrcel of remote and fabulous times as Cheops Moses.


Mary Magdalene as a French carver of the early 16 th Century represented her in an ivory figurine


An ivory knight of the chessboard. He is of


Bone "ivory" marking wheels and pricking forks for the needleworker. Both of these are of American make and date from the late 18 th and early 10 th Centuries

On a rainy day like this I like to bring forth my few ivory treasures and feel that the moisture in the air is good for them. True it is that there are no ivory palaces, or thrones and sceptres of ivory such as Tarquin was forced to hand over to Lars Porcenna; would that there were! Would that I might touch, might own, the very rod wherewith the grave senator of ancient Rome, Marcus Paperius, smote the Gaul who, marveling that the senators sat unmoved in disconcerting dignity when their victorious enemy burst into the Capitol, touched the beard of the noble sire to see if he were alive. I may even confess that whenever I re-read the Iliad I shall be sure to pause at once part and give furtive wish that I might have one of the worn check-pieces there described. Perhaps you remember the lines-
"As when some Carianor Mæonian maid
With crimson dye the ivory stains, designed To be a check-piece of a warrior's steed: By many a valiant horseman coveted, As in a house it lies, a monarch's boast The horse adorning, and the horseman's pride."
But I cannot hope for any such luck. I (Continued on page 62)


The back view of a Chinese ivory screen of the Ch'ien Lung period, 1736-1796, shows six relief panels each with a different design. The figure of the ivory itself is clearly shown


The front view of the same screen is more pretentious, depicting what may be interpreted as some of the ways in which one amuses oneself at a Chinese week-end party in the country

## AMERICAN SCULPTURE FOR AMERICAN GARDEN

## An Infant Art Worth Fostering

PEYTON BOSWELL

RODIN predicted that a new birth of sculpture would take place in America, and that a great school would develop here, comparable to that which sprang from Ancient Greece to glorify her ideals in after ages

This prophesy of the greatest of modern sculptors, one of the most marked proponents of idealism in art, is worthy just now of a close analysis.
A comparison of the development of the economic condition of Ancient Greece, coeval with the golden age of Grecian sculpture, with the present economic condition of America, unmistakably reveals a parallel that seems to point to the fulfillment of Rodin's prophesy. Periods of great wealth foster periods of great art. It may seem at first very difficult to make this statement fit into a discussion of the ideal, but nevertheless it is true. The epochs of commercial aristocracy in Greece, of imperial power in Rome, of far-flung trade in Italy, of monarchical splendor in France, all had as their concomitants periods of art development such as the world never saw before or after. The epochs of social change, of commercial decadence and economic poverty were characterized by periods of poverty in art. And now comes America, wealthy beyond any dream of the past, and at the threshold of an era of industrial aggrandisement and trade expansion of which she herself never dreamed.
Grecian sculpture undoubtedly had its origin in the religious instincts and innate love of beauty of the ancient Hellenes. But in the days of Greece's first struggles, when her people were primitive and tribal, when they lived sufficient unto themselves and wealth and power had their seats in Persia and Tyre and (Continued on page 68)


A fountain, by Mrs Harry Payne Whit ney, designed for ax American garden Courtesy of the Whitney Studio
"A Girl Aquaplaning," by Rena Tucker Kohlman, shows the freedom of interpretation characteristic of our American garden sculpture. It stands $20^{\prime \prime}$ high and is intended for a basin fountain or a small garden pool where the water could be arranged to spray against the figure. Courtesy of the Milch Galleries

In the cleft of a rock garden you discover a young Pan piping away. The gray stones are immedately animated and the rock plants vitalized. This figure by Janet Scudder is in the Rockefeller gardens at Pocantico Hills and shows the proper placing for such work-secluded and surprising as you come upon it

Silhouetted against the sky and surmounting the gardsn pool stands young Diana, a lear-cut gem of garden statuury. It is by Janet Scudder ind is found in the garden of Iohn Long Severance, Esq., at Cleveland, Ohio. Courtesy of Gorham Gallery

"Girl and Fish"" a garden figure of happy interpretation, could find a place in a garden pool sprayed as a fountain base or in a stream of rushing water. Harriet Whitney Frishmuth, sculptor. Courtesy of Goritam Gallery


The sundial offers a wide and varied field of interpretation. This figure, "The Fruit Bearer," by Edzward McCartan, has found a sunny spot in the gar den of Mrs. Harold I. Pratt, at Glen Cove, L. I. Courtesy of Gorham Gallery

These figures-Morning, Noon and Night-support the table of this sundial in the garden of John Long Severance, Esq., Cleveland, Ohio Harriet Whitney Frishmuth was the sculptor. Courtesy of Gorham Gallery


Golden pheasants on a cream ground, to say nothing of the many other colors in the design, key up the color note afforded by the cretonne curtains, valance and upholstery. Pull curtains of old yellow are used in place of shades. Light putty walls, mahogany furniture, putty brown rug. The mahogany table is priced at $\$ 92$, and a bookcase to match at $\$ 82$. Ladder-back mahogany arm chair, upholstered seat, $\$ 34$. A wing chair similar to the one shown is $\$ 95$ and $\$ 100 ; 43 / 4$ yards of velour will reupholster it. Overstuffed chairs in pheasant cretonne, backs in dark putty velour. Elack lampshades decorated in color, and notes of brilliant rose, purple and green in the corner cabinet

## FURNISHING the ROOM from CRETONN

With the Wide Variety of Colors and Designs in Which It Can Now Be Obtained, One Can First Select the Cretonne and Then Furnish the Room Around It

ETHEL DAVIS SEAL

IS there anything else that can accomplish such sheer delight and joy in a space so small as a yard or so of cretonne? You see it dangling from a counter in a most prosaic carpet-stripped aisle, and the world immediately waxes rosy, or is cleft with winging birds. You see it beckoning from an otherwise quite usual shop window, and the gorgeous blending of colors goes to the heart of you like music. Surely possession of such cretonne would be nine-tenths of the law of happy decoration, and juggling awhile with the tempting suggestion set in your path by the wily shopkeeper and the crafty writer for magazines, you tentatively inquire the price by the yard, only to find that temptations come cheap nowadays, and that cretonne combining all the quality of the old uncut velvets and the charm of the
needlepoint designs is to be had for a paltry two or three dollars a yard!

And what can compare with the adaptability of cretonne! Time was when its kingdom was in the bedroom, or, at most, in the breakfast or living room of the summer cottage; but in these days of modern ingenuity of manufacture and design, there is no room into which it may not fit with suitability and dignity, simply by varying the character of the design, the finish of texture, the weave, and the method of making up the material.

## Fitting the Room to the Cretonne

But there is another delight found in cretonne beside those we have already conceded. If just the right piece is sought diligently, it will fit in any room. True, but how about
choosing the cretonne first and then fitting t room to it? For here is a game that is wort of the gods.
After the material is chosen, just enou should be bought to use for the leading featu say the curtains, for it is likely that they w be of the cretonne. In this way you are limited beforehand by too much of any thing'. You must have absolute control of yo growing scheme, allowing it to develop by grees; then later if you find that you want chair or a sofa upholstered to match the cu tains, a pillow covered with the same creton laid in a certain place, you will be able to bi the additional quantity.

In building a room scheme around cretont the fundamentals should be given first atte tion. Possibly the material has a light bac

The pheasant cretonne shows peacock green, yellow green, mulberry, rose, peacock blue, gold, magenta, purple and black on a grayish cream ground. $31^{\prime \prime}$ wide, $\$ 2.65$ a yard
und, no matter how well this be covered; perhaps the lightest tone is evident in some the flowers or the birds. This tone should reproduced as accurately as possible in the kground of the room, the walls. Some rming light-toned neutral papers can be now, since the neutrally light wall treatat has been found to be so eminently satistory: heavy two-toned effects, stipple tones, erous grasscloths. These used, of course, hout a border or other decoration. Or the ls may be hung with a fine linen canvas, itly paneled with narrow wood molding, 1 the whole painted with a good flat oil paint.

## The Trim and Floors

Che woodwork should duplicate the light e of the walls in the case of the latter treatat, since the narrow molding must match h the wall tint and the woodwork. More vay is found with the papered walls, for, ile the room woodwork should still be nted a light color, it may be any one of the ying tones of ivory, or slightly lightor darker than the tone of the walls. Floors have a way of jumping up I hitting you in the face, if they not kept strictly under the feet by use of a properly subdued floor ering; and especially in the case of oom developed in a figured materithe floor treatment should show le design. The two-toned Wilton s or the all-over carpets are best those who wish to keep within a tain expenditure, and this choice is such good taste that it is never open question. I should say that one of deepest colors in the cretonne ould be duplicated as nearly as posle for the rug or carpet-one of foliage or woodsy tones.
And after this moderation in the kground, such actual squeals of joy the smaller color notes! These are And you will find that 1 may be most daring! A brilliant

The desk matches the long table on the opposite page; it is priced at $\$ 100$. Bench chromewald brown, the color of American walnut, upholstered in the pheasant desigr2 chintz; $\$ 24$


The sofa is particularly desirable for the small home. 64" long overall, $34^{\prime \prime}$ deep. Hair and down stuffed, chintz upholstered in variety, $\$ 102$. Mahogany drop-leaf table, \$24
lampshade, a jar of burning orange, a teapot of kochi red lined with yellow

## A Room that Grew from Cretonne

I am reminded of a room of my acquaintance that so grew from cretonne: a linen black-grounded, with small weird trumpet flowers of brightest cerise on King's blue stems. The wall tone was found in a tiny bud nearly putty color, and which had, interestingly enough, turquoise stems, furnishing opportunity for some rapturous accents of this hue, which is so delightful with just the right tone of rose red.
Well, the walls were of putty oatmeal paper, plain and unbordered; the woodwork was white. On the dull brown floor there were laid small blue rugs reproducing the blue tones in the
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A bird bath affords comfort on hot summer days. This bath, of manufactured stone, $30^{\prime \prime}$ high and $24^{\prime \prime}$ wide, comes at $\$ 20$



A sundial or gazing globe can be placed on this pedestal, $36^{\prime \prime}$ high. Globe $12^{\prime \prime}$ in diameter. Pedestal with globe, $\$ 25$; with sundial, $\$ 15$

For tea on the lawn or terrace there comes weather proo iron furniture painted in gray and white. A set of four chairs, two straight and two with arms, and the table, come complete at $\$ 47$


A wall fountain of synthetic stone, comes complete at $\$ 28$ $33^{\prime \prime}$ high, with a grotesque dolphin figure


The dolphin fountain has a pedestal $36^{\prime \prime}$ high and a bowl $23^{\prime \prime}$ wide and $17^{\prime \prime}$ projection. In manufactured stone, it comes for $\$ 30$



The broad and substantial Dutch Culonial lines of the house mass well against the wooded slope behind. It is wide white clapboarded with solid shutters on the ground floor and green blinds above. The whitewashed chimneys and the unslained shingles, left to weather naturally, carry on the well judged simplicity of the whole


Two tones of French gray are in the living room panels, the darker one in the stiles. The cornice is a very light gray whiclt almost matches the ceiling. Over the mantel is a panel of plaster framed in wood which extends to the ceiling. At the right of the picture is the entrance to the vestibule



The glassed in porch serves as a winter sunroom where potted plants bloom through the cold weather. Above it is a sleeping porch for summer use. The woods and hill to the north act as good protectors from cold winds. The view shown here is of the southwest exposure

## The RESIDENCE of

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At the rear is the entrance with its two white painted benches, knocker and old black iron hanging lantern. This entrance opens into the vestibule which in turn connects directly with the living room shown opposite

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There is little waste space in the house, considerable cleverness having been shown in the utilization of the corners and angles. As is fitting in a house of this architectural style, the plan shows open rooms without suggestion of restriction

At the east end of the red brick paved terrace is the breakfast porch with its pergola roof. Here and on the supporting pillars grow climbing vines. A line of stepping stones leads from the end of the terrace

# FROM CANDLES TO INCANDESCENCE 

The Simple Rules for the Use of Varied Lighting Fixtures -Their Placing in the Room and Shading

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For a drawing room, a two-light black and silver bracket, \$30

$A^{R}$RTIFICIAL lighting is one of the most important things we have to think of both with reference to decorative results and on account of physical comfort and convenience. The lighting (which means both the light and the light fixtures) may either make or mar the effect of a room, even when its decorative appointment is in other respects impeccable. The task of arranging and lighting a room is comparable to composing a picture with its due disposition of light and shadow-a delicate task demanding discretion.

And yet, despite the vital importance of satisfactory artificial lighting, there are many
households where it seems to be ignored in inverse ratio to its importance, of course with deplorable results. Delicate as the task may be, nevertheless bad lighting (again we include both the light and the fixtures) is quite inexcusable. The remedy is merely the use of plain, native common-sense. What to do and what not to do can be settled by a few simple principles that any one blessed with ordinary intelligence can apply.

The whole subject falls naturally into two divisions:
(1) fixed lighting, whose arrangement constitutes a part of the fixed decorations and is architectural rather than otherwise, although a proper connection must be observed between lighting fixtures and furniture, just as a like consistency must be maintained between the furnishings and their architectural background;
(2) portable lighting, which belongs wholly in the realm of furnishing.

The former is largely determined by the architectural character of the background, first as regards pattern, material and scale of the equipment; second, as regards the placement of
lighting appliances. The latter admits almost unlimited latitude in placement, in selection of divers types of appliance, and in t choice of illuminating media.

Whether the lights be fixed or portable, c tain general principles obtain. Under ordina circumstances, a blazing glare is painful to the eyes, as well as ugly, and is disastrous to the aspect of any room, even though it be well furnished, unless the furnishing has been theatrically calculated to be viewed only in a glare. A number

Empire glass and gilt brass form this



The use of tall wrought iron candelabra is shown in this apartment where the contour of the candelabra and their colors-polychrome and giltare in period harmony with the old chests and background of the room. W. Lawrence Bottomley, architect
ses would it be desirable, to have the articial light fall from precisely the same quarter the light by day, but it is highly desirable have the light at night coming from approxiately the same level as the daylight, and to luminate, not the ceiling, but the region of the om humanly inhabited.
In the third place, the quality and intensity the artificial light must also be taken into count. It should not be harsh nor sharp in fect nor of such intensity as to distort the lative values of illumination and shadow.


## cesirable.

## The Nature of Illuminants

The illuminants to be considered upon grounds of decorative desirability or expedience are candles, oil, gas and electricity. The physical facts and the possible methods of employing each are stated without special advocacy; responsibility of selection rests with the reader.

Of these four illuminants, the first most (Continued on page 72)




GARD MISS ROSII HOYT

SOUTHAMPTON, LONG ISLAND JAPANESE HOMES OF TODAY

Interiors Decorated and Furnished in the European Manner in Houses of Traditional Japanese Architecture

EUGENE CLUTE

AST and West meet in Japan, old national 1 traditions and the latest Occidental ideas e found side by side, for the Japanese have deavored to hold fast all that was good and pecially well suited to their needs in the old der and to assimilate and develop all that emed desirable in Western civilization. Nonere is this more clearly evident than in the mes of some of Japan's representative men, aich are, in the main, true to the Japanese le, while such conveniences as electric light, $s$ and modern plumbing have been introaced and certain rooms have been furnished the European style for the reception of reigners.
An especially good example is the residence Baron Sumitomo at Osaka, for it is not only te of the finest homes Japan but is also one the most up-to-date.

## A Residence at Osaka

It stands in a beauti1 garden twenty acres extent and forms an rmonious part of inmerable charming ndscapes. Though the use is large, having an ea of 28,800 square et, it blends perfectly th the garden, for it is mposed of a number of mi-detached pavilions ranged on an irregular an so that only picturque bits of the house e seen at a time among e trees. The garden terlocks with the house rming small gardens tween the pavilions d providing pleasant ews from all the rooms. The exterior is purely panese in architecture


The architecture of Baron Sumitomo's home at Kyoto is in perfect harmony with the romantic landscape. The exterior is typically Japanese, though several of the rooms are furnished in the European manner. Yutaka Hidaka, architect
to realize that he is in Japan, beyond question.
The lace curtains and the plate glass of the windows are, by the way, the only things in the drawing-room of this house that were imported. The woodwork and furniture of teak wood in a medium brown finish, the silk wall covering that shows a small diamond pattern in tan and blue-gray, the chair covering, the hand-tufted rugs patterned in tan and dull old rose, the silken hangings draped at the windows, and the electric lighting fixtures in antique silver finish, were not only designed by the Japanese architect of the building, Yutaka Hidaka, but were made by Japanese artisans in Japan. In the dining room the woodwork and furniture are of teak wood in a rich dark brown finish, the walls are covered with a gray-green silk material, the chairs are upholstered in brown leather and there are brown silk draperies at the windows.

## Lighting and Heating

There is a glass-enclosed verandah, furnished with chairs, settees and small tables, all in the latest European style. Not only is the whole house supplied with electric light, gas, water and modern plumbing, but it has an indirect steam heating system. Before passing over the steam coils, the air is washed with a water spray to remove dust and other impurities. In the summer the air circulated by the ventilating system passes over ice to cool it. Baron Sumitomo also has interesting residences in Tokyo and Kyoto.


A house that is European both inside and out (at the left of the picture) has been built on Baron Sumitomo's Tokyo estate. Yutaka Hidaka, architect

Close incorporation with the gardens has been achieved by arranging the semi-detached pavilions of the Osaka residence on a somewhat irregular plan


Apparently American arts-and-crafts but really Japanese made and designed throughout. Yutaka Hidaka, decorator


The drawing room for foreigners in the Sumitomo


Modern European style in which Japanese details are evident characterize this room in the Kyoto residence

While the problem of receiving Europeans in the manner to which they are accustomed, and at the same time retaining purely Japanese surroundings for the life of the family was solved in the residence at Osaka by furnishing and decorating certain rooms in the European manner, a quite different method has been followed at the Tokyo estate. There two separate and distinct houses have been built, one purely Japanese and the other European, inside and out.

In the house at Kyoto several rooms have been furnished in the European manner in a building that, though typically Japanese, is of an entirely different character from the house at Osaka. With a keen appreciation of the relation that should exist between architectural design and the character of the landscape, the architect has produced in this instance a picturesque exterior, with wide projecting eaves, rustic stonework and rough plaster walls that harmonize with the romantic garden and the mountains in the background.

The decorative treatment of the re-ception-room for foreigners is less formal in this house than in the others and is in keeping with the character of the building. It shows features of Japanese design united skilfully with the dominating European forms in both the wall treatment and furnishings.

## A Tokyo Residence

The residence of Kanichi Sumitomo in Tokyo seems modest when compared with the handsome estates of his father Baron Sumitomo. It is, nevertheless, a charming house and it shows a remarkably successful blending of Japanese and Occidental ideas.

Standing in a garden that is at


The drawing room in the residence of Baron Sumitomo at Osaka represents the latest phase of Occidental interior decoration in Japan


A portion of the main salon in the home of Baron Mitsui in Tokyo. While the wall treatment is Japanese, the furniture is European style
once simple and pleasing, this hou looks almost as though it might in a residential suburb of an Ame can city. In the second story there what appears from the outside to a glass-enclosed sun-parlor, but in fact, a large living-room in Japanese style. The reception-roc in foreign style is in the lower sto It is a typical American Arts-an Crafts interior, though everything the room was designed and made Japan.

While all of these houses were signed and decorated by the sar architect, Mr. Hidaka, they show variety of treatment that gives el dence of careful study in each stance and of the logical developme of the designs from the conditio and requirements met with.

The rooms described represent $t$ latest phase of Occidental decorati in Japan, for none of them is old than three years and those in Bar Sumitomo's house at Osaka have ju been completed. They are very mu like their European and Americ: rooms and in this respect they diff widely from rooms furnished le than a decade ago.

## Baron Mitsui's Home

Good examples of the latter peri are in the home of Baron Mitsui Tokyo, where in every case the i terior architecture is essentially Ja] anese, while the furniture and fu nishings are of the European type.

The large salon has walls con posed of sliding screens painted landscapes such as are frequent found in Japanese houses. Daylig is admitted through the transluce paper that covers typical shoji. Ov the wide opening between the tv sections of the room is the usual tyl of grille or ramma.

The chief feature of the wall trea


The second story sun parlor in the Kanichi Sumitomo residence in Tokyo is really a Japanese living room
(Right) Old Japanese in every respect except the electric lighting fixture. In the home of BaronSumitomo,Tokyo
ment is the pair of recesses known as the tokonoma and the chigai-dana.

In order to harmonize the furniture with this environment Japanese lines were introduced into the designs. The electric fixtures received the same treatment and the floor was covered with large rugs in a simple large-scale pattern.

In the reception-room a similar combination of styles is found, but the walls and ceiling, while Japanese in detail, have an appearance of permanence and solidity that is foreign. The wall treatment of the dining room approaches the European type to some degree, while the furniture is European in character.
The blending of native and foreign styles in these rooms is probably due quite as much to a desire to retain so far as possible the nationa character as it is to the fact that this phase was in the natural order of development.
Practically ever since Japan opened her ports to the rest of the world, the problem of entertaining Europeans and Americans in a suitable manner has been up for solution.

It was soon found that boot-heels damaged the mats or tatami that were intended to with stand the impact of nothing more harsh than the cloth tabi worn by the Japanese. Then, too, the guests were not used to sitting on thein heels in the Japanese manner, and the cushions, which were all that their hosts were able to

An example of the East adapted to the requirements of the West. The entrance hall in the New York home of Dr. Jokichi Takamine
offer them, were but poor substitutes for chairs. At first temporary and makeshift means were adopted to relieve the situation. Carpets, probably obtained from a foreign ship, were laid over the tatami. Chairs from the salon of a ship that happened to be in port were bought in some instances. A little later furniture was imported, but until very recently the wall treatment was always Japanese.

It is an open question whether the latest practice of exactly following European styles is as desirable as an effort to create a style in which the practical features of European furniture are combined with Japanese design characteristics.

A notable achievement in this direction is seen in the home of Dr. Jokichi Takamine on Riverside Drive in New York City. There historic Japanese decorative styles have been adapted to the requirements of the Occidental manner of living. The walls and ceilings are richly decorated purely in the Japanese style. Antique Chinese rugs of great beauty cover the floors. The furniture hąs been given a purely Japanese design character that brings it into harmony with the wall treatment.


Wistaria growing without let or hindrance softens the lines of the formal columns and late in May fills the air with the fragrance of its blossoms. A rolling screen closes this opening when desired

The house is simple and without architectural pretensions, but interesting by reason of its English Gothic influence and the touch of Venetian marble in the chimney. The sleeping porch arches reproduce a theme from Lincoln Cathedral


A wide doorway connects the sleeping porch with this child's room, permitting the bed to be rolled from one to the other according as the weather is favorable or otherwise. The furniture throughout is simple and interchangeable

## The SLEEPING

 PORCH in the RESIDENCEof
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## A Little portaolio of GOOD INTERIORS




# MAKING A GARDEN OUT OF A SAND HEAP 

An Experience Which Goes to Show That Intelligent Attention Can Surmount the Difficulties of Limited Space and Unproductive Soil

T. C. TURNER


The tall stalks of the hollyhocks lend an old-fashioned touch

THEREismuch truth in the old saying, "once a gardener always a gardener". If you are brought up with a garden, the instinct grows and you never lose it, even though the garden and you part for many years.

The garden of my boyhood was an old-fashioned one in East Anglia, where gardens are as much a part of household life as a steam radiator is a part of the average New York apartment. It had probably been a garden for the best part of a hundred years, facing the highroad for $125^{\prime}$ and running back at a very gentle slope about another $200^{\prime}$. Box edgings, roses, a low brick wall, a cottage at the end of a straight little pathway-these are some of the memories of it which followed me through the twenty gardenless years of business until at last I felt again the pleasure of putting spade to soil.

We had found a home in a new suburban development, but my poor garden in which I planned to atone as well as might be for that long lapse of years was nothing more or less than a sand heap. So good and pure was that sand that it could be used as it was for plaster or concrete mixing; in fact, the contractors had availed themselves of it, in this direction, in the construction of the house.

The problem was what to do with my sand heap to make a garden out of it. Two things were possible. One was to take out a good foot of the surface and replace it with the best kind of top-soil. This would have produced results, but like most other quick methods would have cost a considerable sum to accomplish. The other method was to make the soil myself-more a question of time than expense, but as all successful results in gardening depend more upon patience than money, I decided on the latter plan.

## Beginning the Work

The first thing was to take my line and lay out the beds. The paths were left untouched, except so far as leveling them was concerned, and they have remained untouched to this day, when they are almost as


The strawberry bed is attractive throughout the growing season, besides yielding fine fruit
firm as sandstone. The intended beds I turned over to a good depth with a digging fork, and let the earth lie in a rough state for a week; then I applied a hundred pounds of the best mixed fertilizer, and turned the beds over once more. While this digging process was going on I cleared the ground of large stones, various


Asters there are, of course, annuals which, with zinnias, scabiosas and antirrhinums, would be sorely missed
tin cans, pieces of concrete, etc. Then when had things about to my liking I spent an enti day applying the rake, and let me say here th the rake is a very important factor in preparation of any ground for seeding. Ra deep and plenty, breaking up the ground we for unless the soil is pulverized you cannot the best results from it after seeding. The ra and cultivator are more important than hose and watering can in the making of good garden.

In the course of a few days I sowed all beds thickly with crimson clover previou treated for the production of strong and ral growth. It was then early June, and I ma no effort to plant anything except the clov After this I rested for a time and planned what should be done in the autumn.

## Autumn Activities

By the middle of September I had a green crop $6^{\prime \prime}$ to $10^{\prime \prime}$ high. Now came so more hard work, for by the first of October entire clover crop was to be turned under, object in planting it being to provide the $s$ with what it lacked-the necessary nitros and humus. Crimson clover is one of the b legumes; its roots take down into the grou more nitrogen than any similar crop, and growth above ground gives the needed hum These together with the fertilizer gave me nucleus for a garden, though I had yet by means a first class soil such as one needs producing really good specimens. It take good three years to make a garden out of $r$ material, but I was at least ready to mak start.

Early experience had taught me that things would not grow in one kind of soil, at the beginning I went carefully in plant and bought a lot of inexpensive roots of various things of wh I ultimately intended grow better varieti These were put in duri the month of Octob At the end of Noveml I got a load of sta manure which I used a winter cover and spring turned into ground to help impro it. The trouble was $w$ repaid, for most of varieties of that autum (Continued on page 5

# THE HANGING ON THE WALL 

A Strip of Brocade, an Old Ecclesiastical Embroidery or a Piece of Brilliant Fabric Will Enliven a Room

BROCADE, ecclesiastical embroidery or fabrics of strong coloring are coming more and more to be used as wall decorations. They furnish a variety of contour to a wall hung with pictures and concentrate color in spots where it is most effective.

The rich patterns and colors of an antique brocade add a warm tone to a room. Where one has a heavy piece of furniture such as a chest or a credenze that demands a background, a square of brocade will be eminently suitable. The edges of the brocade should be finished with a dull galloon or guimpe and the fabric tacked to a narrow stick and hung as a picture with hooks. This assures a straight hang and easy handling. The same is true of any fabric or embroidery, for in this use of fabrics the design should be shown flat.

Antique ecclesiastical vestments and embroideries furnish a wide field for selection. There are copes, chasubles and altar frontals, on which much artistry has been expended. These best add to the glory of a room when hung on the walls, where their interest of design and color will enrich a furniture ensemble.

Fabrics in crude colors, such as some of the modernist designs, give a room pleasing color relief. They should be used with discretion and hung where


A square of rich brocade edged with antiqued guimpe will furnish an harmon:ous background for a piece of furn:for a pece of furn-
ture and tie the cnsemble together

# THE MARRIAGE OF FLOWERS BY BIRDS 

The Essential Rôle Played by Certain Birds in Bringing About the Fertilization of
Blossoms-Interesting Examples from Both Hemispheres
Blossoms-Interesting Examples from Both Hemispheres

## ERNEST INGERSOLL

ONE of the many delightful paragraphs in that generally delightful book, "The Birds of Jamaica," by Philip Henry Gosse, father of the English critic, is one relating to the banana-quit. "Scarcely larger," Mr. Gosse writes, "than the average size of the hummingbirds, this little creeper is often seen in company with them, probing the same flowers, and for the same purpose, but in a very different manner.

The quit alights on the tree, and proceeds in the most businesslike manner to peep into the flower, hopping actively from twig to twig, and throwing the body into all positions, often clinging by the feet with the back downwards the better to reach the interior of the blossom with his curved beak and pencilled tongue."

An interesting thing about this account, from the naturalist's point of view, is the absence (similarly noteworthy in Gosse's equally charming pictures of hummingbirds) of any remark that these birds came out of the deep corollas they explored with their heads dusted like a miller's hat with pollen, which they brushed off and renewed from flower to flower as they visited one after another. It is true that Gosse wrote his book some years before Sprengel, Darwin and Wallace and Fritz Müller had begun to reveal to us the conjugal mysteries of the marriage of plants by the aid of insects; yet it is strange he did not observe and note the presence of pollen on the feathers of these birds he knew so well.

ORDINARY plants reproduce by means of their flowers. These consist of a more or less gaily colored envelope, the corolla, within which are several slender growths called stamens carrying on their summits little packets (anthers) filled at the proper season with minute grains of a flour-like substance called pollen, which corresponds to the male element in animals. From the center of the flower rises a hollow stalk (the pistil) with somewhat sticky tip (the stigma); and at the base is a chamber that contains one or several embryos of seeds (ovules) - the female part of the plant. The object of this arrangement is that ripe pollen shall reach the stigma, be caught there and then shall pass down the tubular pistil to the ovule, and entering it shall fertilize it and so cause it to develop into a perfect seed which, when nourished by the kindly earth, will reproduce its kind of plant.

But nature has found, as we recognize, that self-fertilization or "inbreeding," as we say, is a bad policy; it diminishes vigor and leads to degeneracy of the species. Therefore most flowers are so constructed as to prevent a stigma from receiving pollen from its own circle of anthers, while it is advantgeously placed to catch and hold pollen from other blossoms, especially those growing on a different plant. This transference of pollen from one flower or plant to another is accomplished in many interesting ways, but I am concerned here only with one.

Long years ago it was noticed that a bee, for example, gathering honey from flowers became coated with pollen and that some of it would always be brushed off on the stigma in the next
blossom entered. These flowers-many of which had no other means of pollination-were fertilized by the visits of insects bringing them foreign pollen and taking their own to another flower. This healthy method of interchange is known as "cross-fertilization"; and the books of modern naturalists are filled with fascinating stories of these lovely marriage rites in flower-land.

After this interlude-which I trust the elder readers will pardon for the sake of the younger ones-let us go back to our banana-quit.

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 NSECTS visit flowers mainly for one or both of two reasons-to get the sugary liquid called nectar in the blossom's innermost pocket, or in the case of minute sorts, for the safe dwelling place the corollas afford them. At any rate, flies and other small insects abound inside most flowers, especially the big, tubular, nectar-holding corollas of the tropical trees and vines, far more numerous there than in colder zones.Now this banana-quit had found this out long before Mr. Gosse did; and he got his living day by day in searching the blossoms in his native woods for the toothsome little bugs hidden there, and like them none the less for the nectar with which they were smeared. The banana flower was his special choice, and in frequenting it he cultivated the crop of bananas, for his head became dusted with fertilizing pollen a part of which he gave to every new flower and its ovules that he reached. Not that he knew or cared about this. Doubtless the sticky pollen was a nuisance-a disagreeable accident of his business, like coal-dust to a miner, and he had to spend his leisure every day in cleaning his feathers when he would rather be asleep.
Perhaps, therefore, it was not accident but a real discovery on the part of a cousin of his, the Bahama creeper, that led to a method by which this nuisance could be avoided; for that bird gets its food from the "leaf of life" (Verea crenata) by thrusting its bill through the base of the petals right into the nectar, instead of going inside. From the point of view of the plant, however, this is mere burglary, whereas the banana-quit pays for its sweets by transplanting pollen.
These quits, or sugar-birds, of which the West Indies and South America possess many species with similar habits, have slender, curved bills, and long tongues, bifid and frayed at the tip like those of the hummingbirds and of the sun-birds and honey-suckers of the Old World, to neither of which are the quits otherwise related in structure.

THE sun-birds and honey-suckers are confined to the warmer parts of the Old World, and have pointed and somewhat curved bills, much like those of the hummingbirds, which they further resemble in size, shape and brilliancy of plumage. In fact, observing but unscientific travelers in the Orient have often described them as hummingbirds, although no true hummers are known outside of America. This agreement is especially close in the tongue, which in both is long, protrusile, and provided
with suctorial powers. In the hummingbird the tongue is rolled into a pair of tubes sepa rated at the tips, each of which has a horn fringe. In the honey-suckers and sun-bird the tongue forms a single horny tube, single a the base, but double-barrelled toward the tip where in the honey-suckers it forms a hollo brush, and in the sun-birds is frayed into brist ly tips. "The object of the terminal vibriss: in the sun-birds, and the tubular brush in th honey-suckers," Dr. Gadow explains, "seem to be to prevent the air from rushing into th tube, if there should not be enough nectar fill it, inasmuch as the fluid will then ente the anterior part of the tube by capillary action and then be sucked up.'

This resemblance in feeding organs, accom panied by other external likenesses, betwee groups of birds anatomically separated classification, is an excellent example of wh naturalists call "convergence," that is, th tendency of entirely different and perhaps fa separated kinds of animals to assume simila adaptations to meet similar requirements, a in this case, the need of getting their livin from blossoms containing nectar and harbor ing insects.

THE honey-eaters chiefly inhabit Australi and Dr. Gould, the eminent Australia ornithologist, considered their brush-like tongu especially adapted for gathering the honey fron the flower caps of the eucalyptus trees. I fact, birds of this family are peculiarly Au tralian, none of them being found outside th range of "that wealth of nectariferous flowerin shrubs and trees, which," as Wallace remark "is one of the marked features of Australia vegetation." The same rigid limitation to thi province characterizes the lories, or brush tongued parrots-a group that get a large pa of their living from the flowers, especially the eucalyptus. They are distinguished, their name implies, by the dense coating papillæ on the tongue with which they lick honey and insects together; and more than on writer has mentioned that their foreheads ar smeared with yellow pollen as they go eagerl from tree to tree, riffing the blossoms and pay ing for their board.
Now it is a very significant fact that Aus tralia and its neighboring islands are strikingl deficient in insects, especially of bees and but terflies, so important in the scheme of flower fertilization in Europe and America. Ther are no bumblebees there and it was necessar to import and acclimatize them before clove for fodder could be raised. Yet it is state that in New Zealand "no less than one-fourt of all the flowering plants are incapable of selt fertilization, and therefore wholly dependen on insects and birds."
This shows how important a service to plant is rendered in Australasia by birds, and wh the brush-tongued sorts have been locally de veloped in so large numbers. It is probabl that it also accounts for the prevalence of th gum-trees (Eucalyptus) there. No doubt cer tain birds and certain flowers have become, some extent, made for one another. Thus i
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# WORK AMONG THE JUNE VEGETABLES 

Important Matters to Meet the Conditions of the Changing Season and Prepare for the Hot Weather to Come - Succession Crops and the Maintenance of Soil Fertility

)NE of the most important things in successful vegetable gardening is to keep up sowings of those crops that mature quickly d therefore require occasional or frequent wings to maintain an endless chain of fresh yetables constantly in motion between the rden and the kitchen. To accomplish this fuires a little thought and a whole lot of arage. We know that hot weather will pre$i 1$ during July and August. It would, theree, be unwise to sow cool crops at this time it would mature during the hot season. Peas, dishes, spinach, large head lettuce, etc., are asidered cool crops.
By selecting a partially shaded place, or by cting some improvised artificial shade, it is ssible to have lettuce and radishes all sumr. With lettuce, it would be wise to select : small headed, heat resisting varieties. Two wings of corn and bush beans should be made s month, and at least one sowing of cucumrs, beets, carrots, okra and the small bush uashes. The final sowing of beets and cars may be made now for storing next winter they are to be cut when cooked. If they are be used whole, it would be better to wait til next month before sowing. The late sowys of kale, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliwer and celery should be attended to at once.

## When to Gather Vegetable

It is important that the vegetables be gathd at the proper stage of their growth if we e to have what justly belongs to us. Those yetables of which we use the seed pods, such

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Radishes should be gathered when small. All root crops become more or less woody and tough with age. Succession planting should be practiced to maintain the supply

Beets, as well as other vegetables intended for canning, should be picked while they for canning, should be picked while they
are young and tender.

The beans need support to prevent breakage
as they grow larger. Stakes and a line of as they grow larger. Stakes and a line of heavy cord will serve the purpose as well as more elaborate arrangements.
as peas, beans, etc., do not lose their food value when old, but they get coarse. Green crops such as spinach or Swiss chard lose their food value when old. Root crops, when allowed to attain any size, become unfit for the table because of the "wood" which they develop.

With the gathering of vegetables for canning it becomes doubly necessary to use extra care in the selection of young, tender ones. One reason for this is the time that it takes to cook them, the saving of fuel being a factor well worth considering. Another reason for using young vegetables is the appearance they make in the jar. Young vegetables are full of color and wholesome. Those of a uniform size should be selected for either table use or canning, else results will not be satisfactory.

## Determining the Time

The best method to employ when gathering root crops for table or preserving kettle is to go along the row, gathering those of the accepted size, leaving the smaller ones to come along later. This is by no means as hard as it might seem. The fore-finger forced into the ground at the top of the vegetable will soon detect its size. The practice of pulling all the vegetables as you go along the row and then sorting them is very wasteful.
Peas become meally with age. This is the general complaint about canned peas and is usually caused by allowing the pods to get too full. If gathered ripe the pods should be a
very dark green and should show no lines.
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The wall fountain many possibilities treatment. It may off sharp color contrast its background, or be, here, identical in tone a material. Walker \& G lette, architects

# PLEA FOR THE <br> W A L L <br> FOUNTAI 

A Garden Accessory Whose Possibilities, When it Is Well Designed and Suitably<br>Placed, Entitle It to a Position of Honor in the Landscape Scheme

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THE wall fountain as a garden decoration has many possibilities. To these our architects are fully alive, but the general public is not so well informed. Fountains, lily basins and swimming pools are having their day, and nearly every well appointed country place has one or more of these attractions. But the small wall fountain, which is comparatively inexpensive, has not heretofore had many admirers. There is nothing in the garden that adds more to it than does the fountain, assuming that it is well designed and properly placed.
The setting has much to do with the success of a wall fountain. A small, quiet nook of a place is perhaps the best. Unexpectedly one comes upon the fairy plume of water, perhaps half lost in mist, or finds on a shadowy wall a satyr disdainfully spouting from his mouth into a wavy pool below. Again, it may be a sunny bowl where goldfish disport in glowing
circles, or the fountain may be set in a garden wall with nearby benches where one sits to rest and listen to the small but constant silver stream. Though house and garden planning are closely akin, there is perhaps more pleasure (to a garden lover) to be found in the garden. The color, the endless variety of light and shade, the unexpected vistas that one comes across, the old friends among the flowers that one discovers, the fragrance of the roses and pungent box, and not least the wall fountain with its refreshing tinkle of water-all these fill the garden hours with delight.

## Size and Effect

The popular idea that a fountain necessarily entails a large expense in the making is quite untrue. Nor does it follow that because the fountain is small the pleasure of possessing it is equally so. Quite out of proportion to the
size is the real enjoyment of the fountain owner. Like the garden, it soon attains a pe sonality which appeals. Not long ago, wh on a visit to a country place where the gard pool is surrounded by roses, I was interest in seeing how the goldfish came to the surfa when the owner walked by. Darting glear of black and gold shimmered where a mome before the pool had seemed entirely empt This particular garden pool is a pet possessi of the owner.

To refer to the Old World gardens of Ital France and England and their many famo fountains is to call to mind some of the beau spots of the world. There the architects ha used a small amount of water in creating $t$ largest possible effect by utilizing it over a over, breaking it up by changing its moveme and making it into a picture by framing (Continued on page 62)


Gillies
An example of contrast between fountain and wall. Note, however, that the design is kept simple, as a wall fountain should be. The ivy will soon cover the trellis

The fountain on the Joseph H. Choate place at Lenox, Mass. (below), has as its central feature one of the many conceptions of a satyr's head suitable for such work


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A wall fountain at the home of Earle P Charlton, Esq., Westport Harbor, N. Y. Conventionalized sea-horses supply the water. Farley \& Hooper, architects

In the center a satyr's head peers from the ivy that drapes a stuccoed wall. On the grounds of the H. H. Rogers place at Tuxedo, N. Y. Walker \& Gillette, architects

# KITCHENETTE CLAIMS in the LEAGUE of RATIONS 

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"JOY!" gasped Mrs. Gregory Eggleston, turning on the electric current for breakfast coffee.
"Isn't it a luxury after you've been out late," she said turning to her guest, Mrs. Bradford Reardon, "not to have to think of servants and be able to have breakfast like this at 10:30with impunity! You know I think the kitchenette will rob domestics of house room!"
"It certainly is a luxury to have a little cooking kit like this whether one has another home or not. And to have it as you have-within easy driving distance from the theater, where you and your friends can spend the night and breakfast like kings from this shiny apparatus. Besides," she continued, "it's amazing how a little $6^{\prime} \times 5^{\prime}$ room (see plan 1) does solve the omnipresent question of how to live in the country and yet not have to depend on hotels to keep one comfortable while attending to the affairs of business and pleasure in the city."

## ETHEL R. PEYSER


"You're right," agreed Mrs. Eggleston, taking some chilled oranges out of the refrigerator under the table, "Gregory and I wanted the country for our growing kindergarten and yet it seemed impossible until we thought of this scheme. Gregory has so many interests in the city and you know how many I have that it seemed almost exile to leave it. If we didn't have this place, Id be on the road all the time, whereas now when I am home I can devote my entire time to the kiddies.'

## Dropping the Maids

"But," she went on, "you'd be surprised how Gregory hated the idea at first of a manless or maidless entourage. He said he couldn't bear to think of me messing with stoves, etc., and now you should see him! He loves it-he helps me too, and says it makes him think of our early days-and he loves me to wait on him and be alone with him.'
"The kitchenette as the domestic canteen h come to stay," Mrs. Reardon said, and th looking about her with an amused flash in h eye, "but your kitchenette, dear, is like ordinary kitchen. The kitchenettes I've co jured up when thinking of them at all, ha been little curtained slits in the wall in $t$ corner of two rooms without bath, cloth closets without clothes, bath rooms witho baths, washstands capped with shelves full canned goods and gas appliances all permitti of cookery with every requisite for human fo except the desire to eat it.
"Yes," laughed Mrs. Eggleston, "I gu the only definition of a kitchenette is: a pla to cook smaller than your previous one a smaller than any kitchen of any of yo friends!"
"But," Mrs. Reardon continued with ra ture, "your kitchenette is a dream. It alwa reminds me of jewels-the tiled floors, wa

4lmost everything runs by electricity in this elaborate kitchenette-electric stove, dishwasher, bread mixer, and ice machine. There are no back-breaking cupboards, but the utensils are hung up at a reachable height. Courtesy of the Edison Co.


The most compact kitchenette can be made to fold up into a cabinet. Here it is, with electric stove, ice box, drawers below and a pull-out work shelf and foodstuff shelves above. Courtesy of the Edison Co.
and ceiling like luminous settings and the apparatus like lovely gems. Really it breeds appetite and culinary prowess. Any one could cook in this place! And when I'm not in such an esthetic mood I am reminded of an engine room in a small electric yacht."
"That is amusing," said Mrs. Eggleston, laughing, "but I hardly can see how it could be otherwise because Gregory and I thought of all the yachts we knew before arranging this kitchenette. He always says, 'Well, dear, we certainly are ship-shape here-even if we don't own a yacht!'"

Whether the slit in the wall kitchenette or the tiled kitchenette is the only kitchen in the family, or whether the kitchenette is only for weekends of the foregoing variety, it must be small and ship-shape. These are the only definite kitchenette requirements.

## The Necessary Equipment

It need consist only of a couple of three foot shelves, so compact are the stoves and ranges made for light housekeeping. But roominess is no crime, so multitudinous are the tools to play with. Smallness, however, is usually synonymous with convenience in kitchenettes
Nearly every professional woman and many men in the large cities are banded into a huge League of Rations by the sympathetic tie of small kitchenettes. These compact cooking outfits make their lives simple, adaptable and healthful, they are the result of the hatred of the restaurant and café which turn steady diet into a farce, and they put an end to the regime: "Eat, drink and be merry, for to-morrow we diet." And so the slit in the wall or the covered cupboard is made the nucleus of home cooking and family feeling. No servants needed, none missed and a feeling that one is oot living down by doing one's own work but living up by managing the difficult combinaion of living well and doing one's job on the
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Walter Russell, artist and culinary hedonist, has a kitchenette in which the stove hides behind a mirrored door flanked with tile, while the rest of the kitchenette is finished in transparent white paint, and cement floor


The electric kitchenette of Mr. Penryhn Stanlaws, the artist, has cement floor, walls and ceiling and shows a range of the latest design and the $\sin k$ conveniently placed under one of the lights.


If one has no kitchenette a whole meal can be prepared on the dining room table in a table range and ovenette, the smallest form of compact electric stove. Courtesy of the Edison Co.


The Principles on Which Is Built Sincere Architectural Construction
HOBART B. UPJOHN

NINE houses out of ten, regardless of style, are framed structures to which is applied the style they are intended to represent. A "showy" box in other words, to which are nailed moldings and wood columns and pilasters fashioned to the correct outlines and form. The result may be a home in many cases pleasing and comfortable, but it is really not much more than a prettily painted and finished exterior, an application of rouge, paint and powder.

We may admire these buildings much as we do the buildings built at the various expositions for design and style. But when we learn they were only skeleton framework and staff or stucco we turn away with a distinct sense of disappointment, not in the lack of design or beauty, but because the beauty was only skin deep.

Now, when throughout history a new style was evolved it almost invariably arose from a definite method of

Sincere workmanship is shown in the sketch of this house at Rye, New York, recently finished by the author

building constructio around which and de veloping with it gre what we call "style" The post and linte were the base of th Greek, the round arc the cause of the Romar the pointed arch th Gothic, and the tim bered wall combine with the Gothic deta out of which it grew th Elizabethan.

Therefore to reali fully the sense of buil ing in our design must have back of o construction the hone method which caus the inception of $t$ style. This sense honest construction particularly importa to the proper carryi out of the timber house.

In many cases we houses of which the : leged timbering is on boarding nailed to frame core, with corn built up so that th edges show, and of a board curled warped out of sha We may be furt shocked when we the boards fully smo ered and painted (Continued on page

In the photograph be the vertical timbers are ing halved for the rec tion of the horizo stringer



The terrace leading to the garden may be shaded by a smart awning made of green and white stripes of the same width. A tan and green, or fawn and green may be had in the same design. An orange and blue stripe is new and effective

One of the new awning stripes comes in a wide green and a wide gray stripe with a narrow white stripe between, a combination both cool looking and effective. The awnings could be finished in a key pattern instead of the usual scallops. Awning cloth such as this comes of a durable quality, 31 inches wide

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One of the very newest and most popular is a wide green stripe and a wide white stripe with an accompany ing narrow stripe of crimson



Sweet pea vines trained on fences should be tied up as they grow


Potato beetles should be met with poison sprays or powder


The unproductive suckers should be cut away from the corn
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insects.


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| TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY |
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| 3. Before applying a mulch to the to protect the rum from dirt it is a to glve the plicats an aptrong liquid food. This will greatlyincrease maturing berries. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 4. Do not } \\ & \text { omit spraying } \\ & \text { the potatoes } \\ & \text { with arsenate } \\ & \text { of lead at the } \\ & \text { itirst appear- } \\ & \text { ance of the } \\ & \text { potato beetle. } \\ & \text { HIlling the } \\ & \text { potatoes when } \\ & \text { they are in } \\ & \text { flower is advis } \\ & \text { able. At this } \\ & \text { stage the young } \\ & \text { tu e ers are } \\ & \text { orming. } \end{aligned}$ |
| 10. Fruit treached the producing stage should be sprayed wherdeaux mixture. This protects the parasites and fungi. suecessive genera- tions must be destroyed as they hatch. |  |
| 17. Do not neglect garden soll deepty and often. Tnts not only keeps the weeds in check, but preser ves the soil molsor the plants. Ifone the molyture from the soil will quickly evaporate. |  |
| 24. Thtnning out all the crops in the crops in ace garden is ad- visable. This visable should be done when the plants are sere the roots befor are interlocked. desirable plamo ved fore lifting. | 25. Carnat1ons in the neld which are intended for planting out in greenhouses for bloom next winter should be sprayed oith casionally with ${ }^{\text {casiona }}$ Bordeaux mixture if there is tis Indication of rust: This difference later. |

Into the stilly woods I go, Where the shadows are deep and the wind-flowers blow,
And the hours are dreamy and lone and long,
And the power of silence is greater than song. -Wilfred Campbell

| THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 5. A $t \circ D$ <br> dress to the fawn now will action that will help the grass weather sure to come later in the season. bone meal or wood ashes are terials to use. | 6. If they have finished early spring shrubs such as forsy thia, deutbe pruned. The best method is to cut out en- tirely several of the very old branches. By pruning now no sacrificed. |  |
| shouldare 8haten with all taken newly planted that it be not allowed to sul- fer for lack of water. Thoroush soaking of the groundnota mere sprinkling followed by heavy mulch is needed. | 13. All the hedge be dom should be done trimining ls required in order ing a number of unsightly volds, Hedges neglected for some time may tying in shape before cutting. | 14. It is a over the tomato plants, quantity of ununproductive vines and supporting those left to carry the crop. It matters littie employed to supported. |
| 19. The flow er garden should be looked over and any dry be remoyed plants that bloom throughgeason should be top-dressed occastonally with zome good fertilizer 10 maintain vigor. | $\begin{aligned} & 20 . \text { r a } \\ & \text { nowers such as }\end{aligned}$ nowers suck delphiniums, hellanthus, etc., snould be supported betore any damage 18 and heavy winds. Propel stakes shoudd be put in and the plants can be tled in to them. |  |
| 26. Azaleas, genistas, acaclas should de plunged in beds where they can be well prowater and sprayed. These making growth forming next year's buds. | 27. It is advisable at this time to take large quantities of chrysantheThese if rooted now will make $6^{\prime \prime}$ or $7^{\prime \prime}$ pots, or when bed- ded out will make stems about $3^{\prime}$ long with good sized flowers. | 28. Keep a sharp lookoul kinds if the weather is it all dry. It the plants are infested spray them for three successive evenings with reliable tobacco solution. spray reaches the under sides. |

This Calendar of the gardener's labors is aimed as a reminder for undertaking all his tasks in season. It is fitted to the latitude of the Middle States, but its service should be available for the whole country if it be remembered that for every one hundred miles north or south there is a difference of from five to seven days later or earlier in performing garden operations. The dates given are, of course, for an average season


A can partly filled with kerosene is an excellent receptacle for rose bugs


A little sheep manure scattered over the grass will improve its quality. This fertilizer should be spread as evenly as possible


The root stock growth of grafted roses should be kept reduced


Old barrel hoops surrounding the plants and raised on stakes $1^{\prime}$ or so make excellent supports for the


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Making a Garden Out of a Sand Heap
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planting gave very successful results in the spring and summer.
The roots put in were perennials, my intertion being to have the garden ultimately about two-thirds perennials and the rest annuals. Having no more spare time than my evenings and holidays I felt that this was best, for to replant a garden every spring is a big undertaking. As the summer went along I worked continuously on the soil, keeping it cultivated week by week, the top surface never being allowed to rest. As time went on my garden flourished, so I felt encouraged in the autumn to replace some of the plants by better ones of the same kinds.

From the start I had kept close watch of the best seedsmen's catalogs, attended specialty shows, and little by little had made the acquaintance of nurserymen who limit themselves to special lines. This all proved of value, for when one settles down to gardening as an amateur, one finds that the best nurserymen not only are in business for a living, but are quite willing to give a helping hand to the man who is really an enthusiastic horticulturist. The specialists charge only a fair price for their roots, and you know what you are getting; you run no more than the average risk of weather, etc., if you take care in the planting,
My little plot ran east and west longitudinally, giving me a full southern exposure on the left and a half shaded border on the right. This half shaded border proves no detriment to a garden, for in it one has space for such plants as aquilegia, dielytra, digitalis, aconitum, Spirca aruncus, Sweet William, primula and pansies. These all do better for the lack of full sun. Then, too, much of this border can be used to intersperse your annuals, for by the time such young stock is due for planting out the ground has been warmed up by the higher sun of May.
In the full sun border I planted the peonies, iris, delphinium, phlox and chrysanthemums, the latter that they might have the full benefit of the late autumn sun. What was left of this bed was used for zinnias, cosmos, antirrhinum and other late flowering annuals, to follow the peonies and iris. When planting a garden it is well to provide for succession, that you may never lack color from the narcissus in April to the chrysanthemum in November. It is a simple matter to do this, if you study the flowering period and habits of the plants.
Another matter to be considered is so to arrange your planting that the bed is well graded, the taller plants going to the back of a border, or in the center of a flower bed, so that nothing is lost to view. My center beds were made oblong, half of the lower one being given over to the strawberries, for I was convinced that my sandy foundation would prove about right for them. Nor was I disappointed, for this little bed, not more than $6^{\prime} \times 10^{\prime}$, provided every other night during the fruiting season enough berries for a family of four.

## The Vegetable Section

The other half of this bed comprised my little vegetable garden. Here I raise each spring a few radishes and lettuce, and follow them by tomatoes for the autumn. Growing vegetables other than these is not worth while in so small a city lot; it isn't large enough for a vegetable garden even if you take it all, to the exclusion of flowers. One half of the upper center bed is used for roses, the other half for narcissus and tulips in the spring and annuals such as asters later in the season. In the bed at the end of the garden I planted four Lombardy poplars to provide an artistic
curtain between myself and my ba neighbor, who I knew would eventua come, and in front of the poplars I p in a row of Spirca van Houttei. As shrub for the small garden nothing more ornamental than this or a dw variety of the deutzia. I selected t former, because in its flowering seas early June, it is a beautiful mass small white flowers and during the mainder of the summer, and in the a tumn, its small, dark green foliage giv a pleasing effect.

The reason for laying out my beds did was to give the advantage working the ground almost entire from the paths, without being oblig to walk on the soil. One little thi to remember is that a garden, like bank account, can't be continua drawn upon without making some d posits, so don't neglect your small lo of stable manure each autumn. serves its covering purpose for the w ter, and provides strengthening force the spring.

## Some Good Varieties

In the selection of some of the pere nials there is a large field open to yo Particularly is this the case in peon and iris, each of which run into hundreds; in fact, I know of one sp cialist who lists over five hundr peonies. Those which I have found t most pleasing for the small garden ar in whites, Festivia maxima and Duch de Nemours; reds, Rubra triumphan pinks, Madam Emile Galle, Mada Coste, and Mathilde de Rosenech; the vari-colored, Philomele and Alexa der Dumas, both rose and cream. the irises, Mrs. H. Darwin, Mada Chereau, Hector, Idion, and Honorab In phlox, Europa, Jeanne d'Arc, Eliz beth Campbell and Argon. Amo chrysanthemums, Kenneth and Grace whites; Triomphe d'Or, yellow; Lill Doty, one of the finest pinks; Ju Lagravere, crimson; and Dupon de l'E amber and bronze. Of roses there colors and shades almost beyond nu ber, for in hybrid teas alone there over five hundred varieties, besides hardy perpetuals and climbers. Ho ever, Ulrich Brunner, Hugh Dicks Mrs. Aaron Ward, Mrs. R. G. Sharm Crawford, and Frau Karl Druschki ha all stood the test with no more th ordinary care. In delphiniums, bo light and dark varieties should find place; of the former Amos Perry a Lize Van Veen, and King of Delphiniu and Mrs. Creighton in the latter. The with a few Oriental poppies, campanu digitalis, hollyhock, gaillardia, coreops dahlias, aquilegia, dielytra, Astilbe aren si, lupines, Sweet William and the clo pinks, will help make up an old-fa ioned garden, when accompanied for v riety by annuals such as zinnia, aste scabiosa, and antirrhinum. The last yearly becoming more popular. It one of the most pleasing flowers of ate season, starting to bloom in Augu and continuing steadily until frost; comes in many beautiful shades of so and broken colors. There is a divid opinion as to whether antirrhinum annual or perennial, but my experien has been that with care it can be carri through an average winter, with the sult that it flowers much earlier following season.
Many wild flowers take kindly cultivation, and are worthy of a litt space. As an example, in my gard tands a specimen of wild aster (Micha mas daisy) which was gathered fro the roadside as a baby, bloomed w the first season after transplanting, a now after three years of care has veloped into one of the most beautif plants, covered in early October with mass of pale violet flowers with oran and scarlet centers.

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## Marriage of Flowers by Birds

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certain West Indian islands where logwood does not grow no species of creeper, elsewhere frequenting that tree, are to be found. In Sumatra, according to
Forbes, a green spider-eater (a sun-bird) feeds on the bright flowers of a kind of ginger that blooms on the surface of the ground in dark places where few insects are to be found. No other means of cross-fertilization of this plant are apparent than this particular spidereater.

Layard relates of a fine honey-sucker in the Island of New Caledonia that it crowded into certain forest trees when in flower; but completely disappeared from the locality when the flowers were gone. Of this and another species he noted that he found a specimen which had its throat covered with yellow pollen "añ we doubt not that some of the large, lofty, flowering trees are fertilized by such agency, as insects are very scarce here."
Darwin concluded that the beaks of birds are specially adapted to the various flowers which they visit; and Grant Allen expressed the complemental opinion that "many of the most brilliant and beautiful bell-shaped tropical flowers have been specially developed to meet the tastes and habits of these comparatively large and powerful fertilizers."

But it is among the hummingbirds that we get the most striking examples of the reciprocal relation of birds and flowers.

It would be hard to find in the animal kingdom a better example of adaptation of form and powers and habits than the hummingbird with its ability to find and live upon food practically inaccessible to other birds; its marvelous strength of wing, enabling it to hold its body suspended in the air while it obtains this exclusive food; and its long bill and extraordinary tongue that form perfectly fitted implements. These little creatures, rivaling gems in their flashing beauty, illustrate another general and interesting phase of our subject, namely, that, with hardly an exception, the birds associated with flowers are themselves brightly colored, many gorgeously arrayed in their small way, and this despite the great disparity among them; even the eucalyptus-aiding lories are the gaudiest parrots of their showy race.

Why? I do not know
About 500 species of hummers have been catalogued, varying in size from one hardly larger than a bumblebee to a giant as big as a chimney swift, but the differences in bills are even more striking, for the straight beak of a Docmastes may measure $5^{\prime \prime}$, more than equal to the combined length of head, body and tail, and capable of penetrating the depths of
huge trumpet-flowers, while in on
species of Ramphonicron it is only $1 / 4$ long. In some the bill curves slightl upward in others downward; in th Eutoreres it is bent just like a sickle All these varieties indicate special re quirements-the choice of particula kinds of blossoms; and Fritz Mülle says that various species of abutilon i southern Brazil are sterile unless fer tilized by the one kind of bird tha frequents each one.
One cannot enumerate many instance of this mutual dependence, but I woul like to give one or two remarkable ex amples described by Belt in Nicaragua

The flowers of the lofty climbing vin Marcgravia nepenthoides hang down the form of a circular bunch of pocket over which the stamens curve. In earl spring these pockets or "pitchers" ar filled with a sweetish liquor that a tracts insects and these in turn the hum mingbirds. "The flowers are so di posed, with the stamens hanging dowr wards, that the birds, to get at th pitchers, must brush against them an thus convey the pollen on their bac from one plant to another.

Another species of Marcgravia "h the pitchers placed close to the pedice of the flowers, so that the birds mu approach them from above and anthe are turned upward so that the pollen taken and given by the breast of $t$ bird."

Another case is that of the palosab Erythrinia) whose large red flowe that appear in February, when the tr is leafless, are shaped like a carvi knife. The "handle" is a thick, tou calyx, and the blade the single pet folded double so tightly that only t stamens protrude a little.

Only very minute insects can get side this flower, which is attended two kinds of hummingbirds having lo curved bills. "Whilst the bird is pro ing the flower," Belt explains, "t pollen of the stamens is rubbed on the lower part of its head, and th carried from one flower to fecunda another. The bottom of the flower covered by a thick calyx-an effectu guard against the attempts of bees wasps to break through and get at honey. Hummingbirds feed on minu insects, and the honey would only wasted if larger ones could gain acc to it; but in the flower of the palosab this contingency is simply and effectua ly guarded against."

It is evident that birds take an in portant part in the proper fertilizati of plants; and also that the flowers ta an important part in providing inse fare for the smaller birds. Their int relations offer an interesting study.

## Furnishing the Room From Cretonne

## (Continued from page 33)

cretonne, which, being very splashy, was used only at the windows, on a pillow, a banding of it on another pillow done in black velour, and on a runner for a tiny table.
Seven pieces of the furniture were black. A chest of drawers, a bookcase, a desk, two wall chairs, a Windsor, and a tiny tip-top table. The desk was painted a brilliant Chinese red inside, and the drawers were lined with the same color; the tip-top had a scarlet edge. There was a mahogany daybed with a throw cover of King's blue, and pillows in varying tones of rose red and black, one of them matching the curtains. An ivory wicker lounging chair with a blue seat and rose cushion; a neutrally upholstered wing chair; a mahogany gateleg table. A tea cart of red Chinese lacquer, with a brass kettle and flagon, cups of blue pottery, and a

Chinese red kochi pot. A gray bean-p amp with a rose red silk shade; a m hogany lamp with a shade of blue; $m$ rors; tall candlesticks; books of ma colors; some used pewter. A satisfacto room-and all from a bit of cretonr Truly a game for the gods.
And when perhaps more subtlety desired we turn to the rich cretonne forth for you really to see and calle delightfully, Golden Pheasants up Cream. This cretonne is by no mea quiet, it fairly sings with color, and should call it one of the most beauti that has been produced recently. the background of a grayish cream, ve nearly the actual color of putty, the are peacock green leaves, yellow gre leaves, and mulberry leaves and vin The pheasant is a gorgeous fellow reen and yellow, rose and peacock (Continued on page 62)


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## Furnishing the Room From Cretonne

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with tail feathers of spun gold. All can be found a bookcase and a de this on this pheasant cretonne, together The rug is putty brown; the wi with dahlias of magenta and old pink, arm chair is upholstered in mager rose phlox, old yellow tulips, and feath- velour, with a line of gold; twa ov ery combs of purple and black and stuffed chairs are upholstered in gold. Truly a feast for the senses, and cretonne with backs of dark putty-c quite beautiful enough to be framed ored velour. There is a walnut de and hung on the wall.
If the temptation were not quite so great to make curtains of it! Which is as it should be. Floor length curtains lined with wistaria sun-fast, the wellshaped valance bound with yellow, the same color of spun gold. Pull curtains of old yellow are used at the windows instead of window shades, and are hidden between the overdrapes and the glass curtains of ivory mull, when not in use.

The wall is satisfactorily painted in a light putty, matching the background of the hangings. The furniture is of that mysterious brown which leaves one so satisfactorily in doubt as to whether it be mahogany or walnut. And the new Italian note is sounded in the smart center table, to match which there harmonizing with, though not mate
ing, the table. This is shown in ing, the table. This is shown in
photograph. The bench-thing is holstered in the pheasant material. ofa is covered in a putty velour, boidered by hand in a pheasant's spot design in magenta, black and go Notes of brilliant rose, purple and gre are slipped, in the shape of luster wa into the corner cupboard; the lam shades are of black, decorated in colc a peacock jar holds converse with va of lavender and candlesticks of pew on the mantel, and the pillows are deep blackish purple and gold.
You will find that one of the joys using a length of cretonne for the ke note of the furnishing of a room will

## A Plea for the Wall Fountain

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edges with a picturesque floral or architectural treatment. The artists and architects did not disdain to work out inconspicuous details in stone and shrubbery to complete the effect they wished to give to the observer.
In such gardens the fountain or pool played an important part, for it was realized that the value of water, with its sparkle, its color and light, is great,

## Ivory Thrones and Elephants

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trust I am valiant, but I can make were, and the matter has furnished se no boast of being a horseman, at least cus savants with wonderful opportur not one quite up to Homer's implied ties for differing with their colleagu prowesses. If I were, I suppose I would be quite as content with blue ribbons, whereas my soul, my collecting soul, yearns for the crimson-dyed check-piece of History's day-dawn!

You less sympathetic ones-though I doubt if your curiosity brings you to these lines!-will think that the weather may have something to do with the matter. I assure you-I have told you it is a rainy day-that it has, but only because it evokes a whole band of spirit memories of the past. One does not like to think of ivories that crumble to dust, dry up and pulverize. They get thirsty. Do you not recall how the deep well under the ivory statue of Asklepios was reputed to keep the image in fine form, how the Ephesians poured water or oil (perhaps both) through hundreds of little apertures in the ivory statue of Artemis that the wooden framework supporting the covering of ivory might not shrink and cause the plates to split? And did not the Athenians reserve in their theater a special seat for the one whose duty it was to clean with rain water the ivory statue of Zeus? This, Pcusanius tells us, was kept in condition by olive oil and water. Certain it is that ivory can be rendered somewhat ductile by various oils and vinegar. Perhaps some time we shall recover a knowledge of what seems to be the lost art of softening ivory to such a state as the ancients seem to have been able to bring it. Only by some such process can it have been possible for such large surfaces of unbroken ivory as the ancients are credited with having used to have been available. It has been suggested that large sections of tusks were subjected first to a softening and then to a spiral cutting and unwinding, as it
and use was made of it according We in the New World are followir though sometimes afar off, these beau ful gardens of the Renaissance, wi their silent, grass-grown walks, terrac pools and wonderful vistas. And cause we love and admire them, in tir we will equal the masterpieces whi their creators with the passing yea have made them. $s$ for me, the matter is interesting b cause a halo of romance must ever cli to the "lost arts."
Because I have spoken of rainy da and ivories, do not think I would tu the world into a humidor for my ou few treasures of this fictile sort! Som how the drizzling rain outside seems fit setting for the medieval bits, and can even conjure up an elephant hun or those gloomy days when Alexand the Great pushed on into the jungles India and seemed to encounter all t elephants on earth that might have fu nished enough ivory to stock the wor of his day, to build such statues as th: ivory one of Athene Alea with whic Augustus Caesar ran off to Rome tl time he took with him the famous tus? of the Calydonian Boar, the Ather which he later set up near the Forum.
My own treasures are few, so fe that I do not spread them before yo verbally lest you think discouraging of their extent. But this I must te you: collecting ivories is a pursu fraught with keen pleasure.
In the first place one does not nee to have "ivory thrones, sceptres an couches," life-size Chryselphantine sta ues of Zeus, of Athene, rods of Roma Senators and the like to feel that ther is comfort and delight in what he ha been able to acquire in the way of ob jects of carved ivory. He may chanc to discover an antique bit, or his acqui sitions may not even reach objects the medieval period. Fine ivories hay been highly prized from immemoria times and one may as well disclose th fact that a lengthy, unhesitating purs s needed for such bits as would caus museum curators to rub their eyes, an (Continued on page 64)


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## Ivory Thrones and Elephants

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the palms of connoisseurs to itch. round or ribbed handles from ivory, an But who seeks to outrun curators and make an opening through the middl connoisseurs? We simple-hearted folk lengthwise, then with various files prop may find our ecstasies in a Chinese card- er for this work enlarge this openin case of exquisite workmanship, a Japa- that it may be inside as outside and le nese statuette of beauty and grace, an it be smooth everywhere and moderate old French chessman that perhaps the ly thin; and portray flowerets aroun curator might have snatched up had he it very finely, or animals, birds, seen it first, a Roman stylus some truth- dragons twisted together by the neck ful traveler-let us believe there are and tails, and transpierce the ground such!-picked up on the fields that with very fine instruments, then scul skirt the Appian Way. Did Terence use as gracefully and as artistically as yo it or did Tacitus, Procopius or Properti- may be able. Which, being done, fi us; or did Suetonius keep it sharpened to his record of scandal? Who knows ! After all the pleasure in things is measured by their appeal to the imagination; at least I must conjecture so, for I know an old lady who finds infinite delight in collecting bone buttons, and an old gentleman who exhibits an equal zest for current banknotes.

## Elephant Tales

And so with this little group of ivories with which I am amusing myself this rainy day. Did I say amusing myself? Well might I add instructing, since they invariably lead me to take down from their shelf history after history, book after book. One day I read all about elephants. I had put it off as long as seemed decent, for, after all, did I not owe it to Mr. Elephant to study his contribution to my pleasure? I had expected to be bored. Frankly I was not. From Tentobocchus, the Cimbrian Chief whose towering height was the marvel of Roman chroniclers, down to the Elephantida of modern times the story was worth following. It was diverting, too. One learns, for instance, from that fascinating volume "Ivory and the Elephant" by Dr. George Frederick Kunz, how "a queer African name, or we should perhaps rather say designation of ivory, is reported by an English officer in the Sudan. When a native comes to the barracks with ivory articles for sale, and is asked 'Is this ivory?' he first points to his teeth, then puts his hands together at the side of his face and says Dead elephant,' this term being in general use among these natives for ivory." This is but one of the many stories the reader will find recorded in the book I mentioned. Alfred Maskell's "Ivories" in the Connoisseur's Library series, is sued in America, is another volume interesting and instructive alike, though neither so late nor so comprehensive as Dr. Kunz's "Ivory and the Elephant."
On another day I have taken down from its shelf old Theophilus's "Treatise Upon Divers Arts," a 12th Century handbook of technique, therein to read the entertaining chapter "Of Sculpturing Ivory." There he saith, "in sculpturing ivory, first form a tablet of the magnitude you may wish, and superposing chalk, portray with a lead the figures according to your pleasure, and with a pointed instrument mark the lines that they may appear; then carve the grounds as deeply as you wish with different instruments, and sculp the figures or other thing you please according to your invention and skill. But should you wish to ornament your work with a leaf of gold, lay on glue of the bladder of the fish which is called the huso, and the leaf being cut into small pieces, overlay it as you please. Fashion also
the opening inside with the oak woo which you cover with thin gilt coppe so that through all the grounds the gol can be seen; and so two pieces bein ioined in from a particle of the sam vory, close the hole before and behino you will fasten these on with ivory pegs so cunningly, that no one may be abl to see how the gold is laid in. Afte this make an opening in the small piec in front in which the blade is placed, th handle of which, being heated, can b easily inserted because the wood is with in, and it will stand fast; make also plain handle, and, according to its siz make an opening in which the blad should be placed, and join the woo carefully into it, and according as th wood is fashioned so cause the hand of the knife to be made. Then poun some clear Thus into the finest powde and fill the opening of the handle wit it, and envelop the blade near the hand with a wet cloth, in a threefold manne and placing it before the furnace war this handle until it slightly glows, an immediately fix it carefully in the hand that it may be well joined in, and will stand firmly."

## Pieces From the Past

I think I should like this object well as the daggers of Moses' time But it would be of Theophilus's, th time when Greece was the painter of th continent, Tuscany the enameller, Arabi the worker in metals, Italy the jewele France the worker in glass, Spain th chemist, industrious Germany anxious i acquiring dexterity, or knowledge in al when all these artists had constructe and were adorning the church of S Mark at Venice, and were elsewhere oc cupied in Western Europe in "writing or painting the sacred histories in th churches in terms which were in tha time synonymous so that the illiterat might read the examples set before them a time that preceded the glories of th Renaissance to follow. Ah, good ol Theophilus! How carefully you se down the arts of the past! How eas you make it all seem! But I turn ti this little globe of pierced ivory, con taining globe within globe, exquisitely patiently and marvelously wrought, anc I realize it is not so easy after all Perhaps those very difficulties that be set your followers have added charm to the bits of their work that have come to bless my leisure!
At any rate, I have no guilty feeling of extravagance in the matter, for they are worth their weight in gold to me and cost but their weight in metal less precious, since I have been so fortunate as to have picked them up in my travels and in my browsings for the collector's proverbial song-ah, who that collects begrudges its notes!


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Work Among the June Vegetable (Continued from page 49)

String beans for table or canning should be gathered before any beans are developed in the pods. This can be easily determined by breaking open a couple of pods. Spinach and Swiss chard or beet tops which are canned green should be attended to when very young. This means more work than when the vegetable is canned old, as there is more shrinkage in the canning operation. The leaf of the old vegetable becomes coarser and does not shrink as much, but the extra work of using the young vegetable is well worth the effort.

## Corn Requirements

It makes little difference whether corn be sown in drills or hills. The principal factor in determining the quality of the crop will be the condition of your ground, although this may be overcome to some extent even at this late hour by proper methods of refertilization. While corn is considered an easy crop to handle, it grows very rapidly and any check that it might suffer is certain to have its effect on the yield. The secret of corn growing, therefore, is to have the ground in such a condition that the growth is very sturdy. Corn is what we might term a dry weather crop; therefore, overwatering would be considered dangerous. That is another reason for keeping the corn plantin rather isolated. If mixed with other should be thinned out to at least crops it might be necessary to water the inches in the row. Closer planting th: corn when watering the others.


Good head lettuce is always acceptable. If you cannot use the whole crop, it will be easy to give away the surplus

Ground that is poor can be improved yield satisfactory ears. Another poi considerably by the application of some well worth considering is that und good commercial fertilizer after the most conditions corn will throw o corn has developed growth. Most of numerous suckers. It is quite necessa these fertilizers dissolve very rapidly that these be removed if high quali and are therefore available for the use ears are the objective.
of the plant a very short time after Most people assume that the princip applying. purpose of working the ground is
Never allow the corn to crowd. If destroy any weed growth that mig planted in hills, not more than three exist there. This is of little cons plants to the hill should be allowed to quence at this season of the year, as


Brush tips are a wise addition to the egg-plant and pepper plantings. Though the plants are not climbers, supports benefit them is an easy matter to destr weeds that are growing at th time. The real purpose of cult vation is to maintain a mulch loose earth which acts as blanket, covering the moisture the lower soils, and leave it the for the use of the plants. Tl rain penetrating into the ear after reaching a certain point again attracted to the surface the action of the wind, sun ar other elements. This is called th upward passage of soil moistur When the surface soil is bake and hard this moisture is quick dissipated by the elements, by where the surface is covered wi a mulch of any kind, whether be loose earth, leaves or litte the moisture is immediately a rested in its upward passag Also keep in mind that this moi ture is impregnated with th fertility of the soil throug which it passes. Therefore, baked, arid soil is casting int the air much of its fertility.

Cultivation and Plant Food
Deep cultivation is advisabl There is very little danger a tached to cultivation with impl ments that are made for th purpose. The surface roots th: might be destroyed in this ope ation are more than offset b the deep rooting which is er couraged by keeping the surfa soil stirred. It matters vel
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## Work Among the June Vegetables

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little what type of implement is used there and may possibly cause dama for this purpose. This stirring of the Peas, spinach, radishes and oth soil should be attended to at least once crops which will be maturing in rap every week and certainly immediately succession should be followed by otl after every rain. Professional gardeners crops of equal food value. If y who realize the wonderful advantages ground is in a productive state it of constant cultivation seldom fail to wasteful to allow it to lie idle. If it work their gardens for an entire sum- not in a productive state it should mer without resorting to artificial meth- made so by the restoration of the s ods of watering. This, of course, is a This is best accomplished by the so distinct advantage, not only because of ing of cover crops with a view to tur the economical value, but where the ing them under. Shell beans are a ve ground is made productive by cultivation easy crop to grow and immune from the effects are more lasting than where dangers of hot, dry weather. growth is temporarily stimulated by the should be started at this time. I application of water. Another point small white, or navy, bean, our 1 that might be well worth while con- popular shell bean, is grown in alm
sidering is the fact that all soils contain every garden, but there are many oth hard lumps, or areas of small soil par- equally good. The white marrow, whi ticles so tightly compacted as to hold is somewhat larger, is also a good be their shape. These lumps contain con- or even the large white kidney bea siderable natural plant food which is both are of high food value and easy not available for the plants unless cultivate.
broken. Deeper cultivation encourages If you wish to grow some onion deeper rooting, which means that the for your own use, a piece of your natural food elements in the lower soils are available for the plants.

## Enriching the Soil

Liquid foods of all kinds are more quickly available for the use of the plants than any other fertilizer applied to the soil. The reason for this is that all forms of plant food must be soluble before being assimilated by the plant. It is, therefore, a general practice among gardeners to stimulate plant growth to quick maturity or a high degree of perfection by the
liquid manures.
liquid manures.
Various fertilizers may be applied to the ground in this manner. More care must be taken in using the stronger feedings, such as nitrate of soda, sulphate of ammonia, etc. It is a good practice to have placed at convenient points several barrels of water in which may be placed sacks containing any kind of good manure, left for several days, then thinned down to the color of weak tea before applying. After several applications the strength can be gradually increased. With commercial fertilizers, a pint or two to a barrel of water will be found sufficient.
It is a bad practice to feed plants entirely on one diet, and it is well to balance the diet somewhat by occasional changes. Crops that remain in the ground all summer, such as Swiss chard, spinach, parsley, New Zealand spinach, onions, etc., will be immensely improved by regular applications of liquid food, or fertilizers may be applied directly to the soil at the base of the plant and worked into the soil with the cultivator. Thorough watering will help dissolve the fertilizer. It is a very good practice to water the plant after spared at this time, as they will applying, which cleanses the foliage of higher in quality and in food value th any material that might be deposited at any other season.

## American Sculpture for American Gardens

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Carthage and Egypt, its sculpture was navies ruled the seas and Greek m of the kind called "archaic"-splendid chant ships transported the wealth in its spirituality, it is true, but not the world. Her traders became ri attaining the beauty which is recog- their riches brought culture, their c nized as Grecian art.
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arms and for trade asserted itself. For- was given the glory that belonged arms and for trade asserted itself. For-
eign nations were conquered, Greek ture built magnificent suburban hom and those suburban homes with th wonderful gardens gave Greece golden age of sculpture.
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## American Sculpture for American Garden

## (Continued from page 68)

him; he was not starved for appreciation; he became a demigod of art. Inheriting as he did the ideals of his race its genius and its inspiration, with the glory of achievement burning in his heart, he had freedom-freedom to express all the beauty that was in his soul.
Those wonderful statues of goddesses, of nymphs, of boxers, of discus throwers, of warriors, all were made either for Greek gardens or for the porticos and halls leading into those gardens. The remains of this art which are our heritage have been excavated on the sites of those ancient, suburban homes of Greece-for instance, the Venus di Milo, which was found on the site of suburban home on the island of Milo -or else come from Italy, whence they were transported when Rome obtaine the ascendency of wealth and when Roman aristocrats adorned their own gardens with the art not only of their own country but of fallen Greece.
An Italian garden! The very expres sion brings to mind the statuary that graced the Italian renaissance, and this renaissance was contemporary with the times when the Italian states were rich, when, midway between the Orient and the Occident, they were the traders of the world.
The "parcs" of France, those stately grounds surrounding the mansions of the French nobles who were the re tainers of Louis XIV and Louis XV, call to mind the bronze groups of those 17th and 18th Century Frenchmen who created the most glorious school of French sculpture that the Gauls have ever produced.
Is a golden era of American sculpture about to dawn, under precisely the same influences that brought greatness to the sculpture of Greece, Rome, Italy and France? The answer can well be affirmative; in fact, that the first streaks of that dawn already have ap-peared-a light that is full of promise.
Sculpture lagged behind painting in America. Early American sculpture need hardly be mentioned. It was smooth, precise, sweet, uninspired, wholly Victorian-a mere imitation of the insipidities of 19th Century Italian sculpture-eclectic and conventional and even below the point of mediocrity

The New American Sculpture
The new sculpture had its birth ten or twelve years ago, when America's wealthy families began their movement toward magnificent and beautiful suburban homes. With the planning of these country homes, which came to be the year-around residences of many of their owners, there grew a demand for native sculpture which immediately began to develop the best that was in American talent. This development increased rapidly in its velocity, and reached such a point in 1913 and early in 1914 that American sculptors were flooded with orders

A new spirit developed, also. There came freedom and appreciation, and fine works were eagerly sought. The American patrons of art already had grown to appreciate the best in painting. Their standard in sculpture was so high and their ideas so liberal that the native artist found full play for his imagination. His public demanded the highest. artistic achievement of which he was capable. He was inspired by his opportunity, and today America with pride can say that its contemporary sculpture, as well as its contemporary painting, is leading the world The world conflict temporarily checked the output of sculpture by abating the demand, but it did not quench the sculptor's spirit, because he felt that the future was his, and he has emerged from the eclipse with his ideals strengthened. Opportunity is here again, not simply the old opportunity, but
a boundless new one. When the began there were eight thousand $A$ can millionaires, who were prospe patrons of sculpture. Now, accor to official estimates, there are thousand Americans whose wealth them that classification. With the foundation of culture for them to upon, and with the splendid co seats of Mrs. Harriman, Mr. R feller, Mr. Deering, Mr. Schwab, H. P. Whitney, Mr. Pratt and oth emulate, it can easily be seen American sculpture will henceforth velop so as to give our native full exercise of their talents

American garden statuary is ch terized by a freedom and a spirit is of the nation itself. It is not any other sculpture in the world. America and it fits in with Ame desires. No other sculpture is ap priate for these American gardens American sculpture. This fact demonstrated in the first efforts at den adornment in this country years ago. On this aspect of the ion the ideas of Mr. W. Frank P head of the Gorham Sculpture Ga who has done more to place the of American sculptors with Am art patrons than any other man particularly interesting.

American Work for America
"When Americans first began to suburban homes," says Mr. P "they tried the experiment of brir antique statuary from Europe. result had to be incongruous, was. Old world interiors, old paintings and statuary for the in of the home can be used with su Within the walls of a house an ill can be obtained that is perfect charming. But in a garden this possible. America is all around and its aspect, its atmosphere cann changed. Old world statuary is o place, just as much so as a battlem castle would be. Experiments wi have been disappointing. Owne homes in some instances have spent lions on it, only to find their mi and replace the antique statuary nodern American works."
Mr. Purdy's view may be illust y drawing a parallel with an branch of art. A garden is a lands Now, an artist in painting a land is sure to rearrange it, so as to o a more pleasing effect, or an effect better represents the mood in whic views the landscape. To use a tecl term, he will probably employ lights" ; that is, insert objects or that interrupt or guide the eye passes over his canvas. For ins the little peasant figures with red chiefs or blue aprons that dropped into his landscapes; or groups of farmhouses or distant lages that Inness used to place i Montclair subjects. Well, the land architect does the same thing. H arranges his scene, and here and he puts "high lights" in the sha statuary, fountains, or sun dials. puts in something inappropriate atmosphere it would be as if placed an Arabian horseman in o his quiet glimpses of the Seine v or Inness inserted a Moorish cast the marshes of the Hackensack riv There there is the speculative ins which always can be pardoned in lector, for it is only human to pride in one's judgment when a c work of art is seen to apprecia value year after year. This happe sculpture just as it does in paintin meritorious work by a sculptor reputation is growing is very certa double and treble and quadrup value. An instance of this wa purchase in 1913 of a certain pie (Continued on page 72)

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## From Candles to Incandescence

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When chandeliers are used, have also if possible, in a balanced or symmetrical enough side lights at a lower level; manner.
otherwise the center of illumination is Electric bulbs should be screened from too high. Only in exceptional cases, even when candles are burned, can a chandelier be successfully used as the sole source of illumination.
Hanging lamps and lanterns for halls, entries, stair wells and rooms, especially large rooms, permit a freer use than chandeliers. Drops, usually and preferably for electric lights properly shaded, with the bulbs concealed from beneath, are to be recommended for use above dressing stands. "Domes" of every kind, eschew.

Sconces, wall lanterns and all other fixed lighting appliances, every one of which ought to have a very real decorative as well as utilitarian function, should be placed (1) where they will be useful; (2) not too high so that most of the light goes to the ceiling; (3) and,

## The Fifty Best Climbing Roses

## (Continued from page 20)

have had to give preference to others which I would place Elisa Robichon. that are possibly not quite as good, but they flower either much earlier or later when there is a dearth of bloom. As an example, Philadelphia rambler might be cited. For color and growth it should certainly be included in the best fifty, but flowering as it does when most climbers are in their glory, its value depreciates. To take its place I have installed Gruss an Freundorf, a wichuraiana introduced by Praskac in 1913. This variety has the same wonderful glowing crimson, rather deeper than the former; the foliage is a little better and in addition it flowers right at the end of the season when its beauty is doubly appreciated.

Other names that will be expectantly but vainly sought in this list are purely synonyms, or are not distinctive enough to bear another name. The most conspicuously in mind as I write are:

Lady Gay, synonymous with Dorothy Perkins; Lady Godiva, synonymous with Dorothy Dennison; Farquhar, resembling Dorothy Perkins; Newport Fairy, resembling American Pillar.

Varieties typified by Garisenda (a personal favorite of mine) have been omitted from the fifty selected because of their moderate to weak growth. This variety when used as a small climber only is beautiful indeed with its satiny malmaison pink flowers. It lacks freeness in flowering, however, and so as a general garden climber cannot be recommended. Possibly - even probably there are some other varieties which I have not had the opportunity of testing that should be included in this collection.

From advices received from some authorities among whom I must name the late Admiral Aaron Ward, I have made notes to observe specially Alida Lovett, a double flesh similar in shape to Dr. Van Fleet but of deeper pink; Mermaid, single yellow; Roby, single red; as well as other varieties not quite so promising.

## Uses of Climbing Roses

When the many varied uses of the climbing rose are borne in mind it is all the more remarkable that they apparently have not found favor to a larger extent. A good illustration of their economic value can be seen in the suburbs of Philadelphia, where in places the railroad banks are clothed with rambling roses. Not only are they desirable from an esthetic standpoint, but they hold up the bank with their fibrous roots, preventing washouts and generally keeping the banks in good condition with just the initial cost.

There are several varieties especially adapted for this purpose, first among

This variety has been used with extraordinary effect at the home of Dr. Robert Huey in Philadelphia, where a whole bank is densely clothed with its lustrous foliage. Again, large boulders, heaps of stones, old tree stumps and such objects offer an ideal setting for the display of the climbing rose. These features when clothed with garlands of flowers are transformed to beauty spots of the garden. For such purposes, the wichuraiana hybrids have been found unusually good.

Rose arbors, pergolas and arches are common enough not to need comment, but divisional fences which generally are obnoxious would, if used as a support for roses, become a mutual tie between neighbors, as well as effecting their primary object.

The trellis also has been wisely used for training the rose over the porch, but how seldom is a wall of roses seen, such as are so wondrously beautiful in England. True, it may not be possible for us with our almost tropical summers to gain such perfection, but a surprisingly creditable result can be obtained with care and forethought. A high wall facing south should be chosen and extra care taken in the preparation of the soil. On such a wall even the less hardy kinds such as Aviateur Bleriot can be made to flourish. The shoots may be affixed to the wall, either with cloth strips the ends of which are nailed, or tied to a trellis work erected close to the wall for that purpose.
Another method of growing the multiflora hybrids has been recently drawn to my attention-that of training, or rather allowing them to grow as large shrubs. This is done by simply affording them a strong stake, preferably iron, for support. It must be noted that it is the multiflora class that are used for this purpose, as they have sturdy, vigorous shoots and develop into more bushy specimens than the more graceful wichuraianas.
A practice that is followed with great success in the balmy climate of England is training wichuraiana varieties into various shapes-topiary work. Various shapes of ships, animals, birds, etc., are modelled in wire and the long shoots tied on to these. When in full bloom a very unusual display which strikes you rather by its oddity than its beauty is the result. This, however, I am afraid would entail too much labor in order to keep them through our winters, although in the south it could undoubtedly be performed.

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The utensils for these electric kitchen
ettes are without end; some of them re: Tables, ranges-afore mentioned; and grill combinations; griddles, oaster; percolaters of all kinds; large and small ranges; ice cream freezers; combination meat grinders, ice cream, whipped cream and dough mixing units; electric ice makers; automatic time ovens, with clock attached so that you can put something in to cook and at a designated time the current turns itself off; immersion heaters, coffee mills; amovars; egg boilers; buffer, etc. for sharpening and polishing silver and knives; and countless other things.
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And jot this down-that if you have a good refrigerator, electric or plain, you can have all the onions inside of it that you want without affecting other foods, and if you have an electric ozonator you can cook onions in the smallest kitchenettes without damage!-so they say!

## Real Half-Timber Work

## (Continued from page 54)

single dead color, killing entirely all the natural grain and texture of the wood itself. This method is defended as being practical, but there is only one step further forward in the effort to be practical which would be to paint the boards on the stucco itself and then we avoid all joints or tendency to rot or warp! As camouflage it is the best of examples, but as architecture it is abomination itself. If for practical reasons of cost or possible durability the true method cannot be used, we had better choose another style that does not pretend to be what it is not.

But if we want to build a true and honest timbered house, then, the construction must be apparent, the corners must show that they are of one solid piece and not two thin pieces nailed together. We must be able to see enough of the construction to recognize its inseparable importance to the building construction and to know that truth and strength stand back of what we see. We must see that the brackets that extend from the walls are supported by heavy diagonals tennoned in to give a solid support on which to rest the sill and that the horizontals are heavy and continuous with full strength to hold the weight of the verticals. The braces must show their function in the design and the
pins left projecting to demonstrate that the mortice and tennon have been used in putting the work together. The timbers must be left with the axe marks on them and if checks come, so much the better.
The principles of true half-timber construction may be summed up as folows:
No. 1. The timbers must be solid and of sufficient strength to carry the loads. No. 2. They must "build"; in other words, it must be apparent how each piece functions and how it fits into and forms an integral part of the building
No. 3. The means by which it performs this function should be apparent by showing the heads of the pins and by giving due allowance for the projections of various members where such projections will add to the strength of the building.
Half-timbering lends itself to much elaborative detail. Members may be molded as carved and a certain amount of ornament enlivens the design. Too much, however, palls and tends to destroy simplicity and dignity of design.
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