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## Digest of conditions:

- Any architect or architectural designer practicing in the United States is eligible for these Awards in Architecture.
- Only designs for actual clients will be considered, houses to be built when restrictions are raised, and materials are available.
- Contestants will submit: a) blueprints of floor plans and elevations, b) perspective drawing of the house, c) outline of problems of site, climate, client requirements, as related to the design, d) outline of principal structural materials and equipment. It is preferred that material be submitted unmounted.
- Material may be submitted any time in 1944.

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## COMPETITION

- We call your attention to the announcement on page 22 of a competition for plans and elevations for postwar houses. There's been a lot of talk about houses after the war being radically different from those that we've known before. In order to learn actually what architects and our readers are planning, House \& Garden invites them to submit their designs. Keep your eye on "Blueprints for Tomorrow".
Apropos of this, House \& Garden recently conducted a survey among its readers of the types of houses they hoped to build or buy after the war. Those who prefer traditional designs-Co-
lonial, Georgian, Cape Cod, Regency and such-totalled $60.8 \%$; those who prefer a new and different design for their postwar home, ran to $36.2 \%$.


## CALIFORNIA BUNGALOW

- According to Carleton Beals' "Rio Grande to Cape Horn," the California bungalow has done a lot of traveling. It came from Mexico. The Mexicans got it from the Spaniards who got it from the Moors. Imported first from Spain to Cuba, the Cubans modified the Spanish form to suit local conditions, the Mexicans then borrowed it and, being carried northward in early days, it was sentimentalized by Americans. Now, it seems, the bungalow is being revived in Mexico in a re-styled fashion and Cuban suburbs are copying the revised Mexican design.



## FOR RICHARD GOUGH

- Doubtless Richard Gough was an antiquarian of no mean distinction, and what his fellow antiquarians in late 18th Century England thought of him would elicit only the highest praise, but we like him for something else. In different parts of his garden Mr. Gough set up tablets to immortalize various pets that had added joy to his days-a sparrow, a pheasant, a monkey and a tortoise-shell cat-the makings of a melancholy garden!

COVER. These sixteen brilliant colors represent House \& Garden's 1944 Color Forecast for decoration and accessories. Through the courtesy of The Glidden Company, formulas have been worked out for mixing each shade in water-thinned paints.

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# democracy decoration 

IACH of us is now privileged to dream of how we shall adjust ourselves to peace. Each household has a right to its own postwar plan. The traditions we have clung to, the corporate denials that have made us a united people, the sacrifices that have burned away a lot of nonsense in our living, the realization of what we can do without and still maintain a satisfying home life, are all bound to shape that plan.

First comes the fitting back into normal home life and the day's work of men and women returned from the services. Then the necessities-the repairs, the replacements. Meantime, the revival of amenities-the gentler, personal customs and acquisitions that weave about the material substance of a home its intangible charm and allure.

Many of us have found fortitude through the hard years in the great domestic traditions of our countrytraditions in taste and manner of living. Many of us, having realized what we can do without, are willing to continue a simpler way of living as our standard in days to come. Many of us who now gladly accept limitations on free choice for the common good hope that we shall be capable of using that freedom reverently when once more it is restored to us. And we are planning for it now.

Focus these broad principles to the microcosm of the home, that complete little world which is an essential part of the whole world. Focus them down to the furnishing and decorating of homes. Some of us will be starting from scratch, others refreshing what we already have, still others making complete changes. How do these principles apply to such matters as beds and tables, curtains and rugs, paper on the wall and bibelots on the mantel?

The right of free choice means that you should select the type of decoration that suits you and your type of living. Its style will depend upon the degree that you hold to tradition or are willing to experiment in less traditional fields. The underlying principle of simplicity does

4- A wall of colorful books in the study of the H. W. Roden's New York apartment provides a dramatic frame for this view of the hall. White plaster ornaments, lighted by a mirror obelisk lamp, are in striking contrast with its elephant-gray walls. The mahogany, grilled-door cabinet holds plants, also conceals a radiator. Rug is French needlepoint. In the study plain ivory doors and a white shaggy rug contrast with bookbindings and a dark door. Its opposite wall is also banked with books. Bello, Inc., decorators.
not imply that we will have stark plainness in our rooms but that we will be satisfied with less so long as what we do select is of the best quality. The war years that have naturally curtailed the manufacture of the best consumer goods have also opened the gates to a flood of shoddy catch-penny, ephemeral furniture, fabrics and alleged antiques. To invest in such things for postwar homes can only bring disillusionment and regret.

Decoration based on living requirements involves knowing what kind of person you are. Merely to follow a current style produces stage sets, not livable rooms. Let us hope that free choice will give us the stamina to resist following every touted style if it does not fit our needs. Let us hope too that we can preserve sufficiently open minds to welcome the new when it can make a real contribution to our way of living.

Traditional houses and rooms reach far back into our nation's past and have persisted because they are inherently usable and serve some of us aesthetically better than any other style. Like classics in literature they transcend time to become part of every present. The twentieth century has made its contribution to decoration, too, the best of which will be considered traditional fifty years from now. It has given us a judicious use of color, space and material, an attitude of mind in planning for needs, that can enhance a traditional setting as well as find its expression in purely contemporary furnishings.

Whether you look to the past or to the future, preface your choice with an analysis of your needs. Manufacturers are trying to gauge your wants and the best barometer they have is what you buy. Every mistake you make is a false signal of approval. In our economic system if you buy the best you will continue to have the best created for you.

In the future, as in the past, fertile ideas and good materials will make a room livable, interesting, of lasting value. Shoddy decoration that compromises with taste is singularly sterile in suggestions that others may wish to follow. It is an axiom-you find more ideas in good work than in poor. On the next four pages we present the first of a number of rooms we shall be showing in which we analyze the decoration, point out ideas that make it good and lively and livable. The twelve pages that follow them offer you solutions to decorating problems involving color, furniture arrangement, rugs, fabrics. Choose among them the ideas which best apply to you.

Richardson Wright

# a matter of TASTE 

- High in idea content, refreshingly low in rulebook maxims are the nine New York interiors which we show on these, and the following two pages. Here are uncommon solutions to common decorating problems; imaginative variations on the routine gamut of styles and periods, traditional to modern; free translations in the matter of taste-simple, personal and distinguished.

- No windows and many doors posed a problem in this large apartment hall. To offset the lack of daylight, wainscot and doors are white, with blue-green walls and carpet. Pale beige sofa and tub chairs form a comfortable group given height by stylized figures in black and white painted above. Bello, decorators.

- Twin chests of midnight blue mirror and bleached wood with marbleized tops and bases stand between the living room and study doors in the same hall shown at top of page. A mirror framed in blond wood reflects the mural; green and white leaf arrangement adds drama. Bello, Inc.
- To give interest to an unusually long wall, bookcases of pickled pine in lattice effect were built in the hall of the Arthur Fischers' apartment. As continuous shelves would have been monotonous, they are broken to form a shallow niche, backed with marbleized paper in green, beige and coral, for a cabinet and lamp. Walls are spruce green, rug is pale beige. Virginia Conner, decorator.

FIVE HALLS


- The green and white wall papered hall in Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Meyer's apartment acts as a music room too. An Empire piano with ormolu decoration has been converted into a Capehart. Nearby stand a table and two easy chairs for music lovers. Thedlow, decorators.

- A collection of fine Lowestoft china, picked up on her travels in Europe, and brilliantly displayed in a massive mirrored cabinet, is the focal point in Mrs. Oscar Burke's large hall. Walls are gray above a dark, greenish-gray marbleized wallpaper dado. Chairs are covered in Chinese red leather. The pictures are fine old Chinese paintings done on glass. Thedlow, decorators.
- Mirror walls in Mrs. J. M. Daubé's hall double the effectiveness of the black Victorian stove with its parure of potted plants. Small iron stools with green velvet seats and Louis XV candelabra, placed on low brackets, flank it. The chair is red. Kelly-Scoville decorators.


# a matter of TASTE 

CONTINUED

- A living room with two centers of interest is that of the Fredric Marches; right and below. The fireplace is centered on a long wall of bookshelves. Low bergères on either side and a sofa opposite complete this group. Walls, woodwork and carpet are in soft tones of peach. Chintz has dull green background.
- A picture window, below, overlooking the East River, forms one entire end wall of the Marches' living room. Here two small loveseats, covered in the same green chintz as the bergères, and a low coffee table form a group. Curtains are apricot. Florence Eldridge (Mrs. March) was the decorator.

- Curved corners, forming a niche for the sofa, provide bookcases in the study of Jean Tennyson, American soprano. Walls are grass cloth, sofa off-white, chair, pillows orange-red, repeating colors in Chinese picture. Dorothy Hammerstein, decorator.

FOUR LIVING ROOMS



- One long room becomes two when divided by pickled pine lattice in the Arthur Fischers' apartment. This lattice repeats that used in the hall on page 32. Above we see the music room with its twin pianos, coral sofa; below, the fireplace end of living room with mirrored mantel treatment. Walls in both rooms are spruce green, rug is beige, ceiling, curtains, corner sofas are lime. Hurricane globes form lamps. Virginia Conner, decorator.



## What to do in a

## decorating dilemma

- Baffled by a rug? Harried by a floor plan? Puzzled by a pattern in your fabric? Scrap your worries and read on through these six pages-iampacked with practical solutions to decorating posers. Watch how color can solve your problem, how light tones must balance dark. Here, see how rugs can make a room; following, how to arrange furniture; finally, how to make a fabric count.


Given abundant windows and too many doors, even a large room can seem busy and unrestful. If yours has-and does-restore its unity with all-over carpeting from wall to wall. Bushnell broadloom by Bigelow-Sanford.

If hard wear is your bugaboo, in a spot such as sunporch, playroom or nursery. search out a rug that can take it, that's stubborn to soil and jiffy-quick to clean. Like Delplaid, above, by Deltox.

MORE ON NEXT PAGE

Have a window with a view? Double its value by planning a conversation group that can face into or out of the room as you like. To hold it together, a looped shaggy rug, like Quaker Maid's Rippletwist.

To point' up a dressing room, to add the luxury touch that's out-of-the-commonplace, consider a deep looped weave in off-white or beige, such as below. Choose a smallish round one, or room-size. Aldon's Beauty Tred.


## the right piece

 turns the trickSmallish living rooms with badly placed windows and doors are difficult to arrange. What to do with the sofa if there's no unbroken wall? How place chairs and tables if a door's in the way? Try covering the entire window wall with draw curtains and centering your sofa on it. Balance the sofa with an important chair and let a shallow commode hold a lamp to light it. Wing chair by Heritage.

If your living room must serve as a dining room too, perhaps a card table group will solve the problem unobtrusively. The secret is an extensible table. Set up for four it is ready for bridge: partly extended four can dine in
 comfort; completely extended
it seats six or eight. Extensole
table from Michigan Artcraft.

Long narrow rooms appear wider if one long wall is covered with big squares of mirror-backed window glass. To fill that awkward space behind the love seat, a little Victorian game table and matching chairs make a livable group. A long, shallow commode holds an over-scaled lamp, doubled in effectiveness by the mirror behind it. Game table by Vander Ley.



A piano is often a puzzle. Being massive it needs an imposing piece, such as a large breakfront, at the opposite end of the room to balance it. Apart from this there's just one rule-the straight edge must go against a wall. It's nice, too, if the player can face the room. As a plus, in the room at left, a piano and screen help overcome an off-center fireplace. Breakfront by Drexel.


If you're bored with your fireplace group why not replace your sofa with a low. wide hikiei with movable bolster which goes on either side or in the middle, thus doubling seating space? In front of it a long, low coffee table; at either side, tub chairs. Coffee table by Zangerle \& Peterson.


In a room with no fireplace, you can create a center of interest by placing a large chest in the middle of one long wall, surmounting it with an important mirror, and flanking it with easy chairs. A handsome, over-scaled lamp provides light for the entire group. Chest by Kent-Coffey,


If you would like a new arrangement for your kneehole desk, you might set it at right angles to a wall or window and put a chair and ottoman beside it for a reading and writing twosome. One lamp lights both. Desk by Manor House.

## watchwords for fabrics

- Remember the value of contrast. Make splashy prints take on added importance (they can be the focal point of a room) by playing them against deep, plain walls, and solid-color fabrics. Here, cabbage rose chintz, Schumacher, against Wet Leaf Green walls, with deep Coral Bells woven cotton, from Johnson \& Faulkner, on lounge chair and ottoman.
- Watch the texture relation. Play rough weaves against smooth, make shiny surfaces contrast with matt. Here, in modern setting, a nubby tweed on the twin settees with tight-weave cotton stripe at the windows. Cotton in Dahlia Red and Ivory Stock from Kent-Bragaline; tweed in Deep Lime and Ivory Stock from Johnsơn \& Faulkner.
- Watch the color relation. Use color to bind varied, busy patterns into all-over harmony. Here, gray background of chintz is repeated in wall stripe. Plain quilted fabric in Deep Lime, accessories in Dawn Rose and Wet Leaf Green tie in with chintz flowers. Quilted Everglaze, Johnson \& Faulkner; flower chintz, from Kent-Bragaline.



- This was the problem: Mrs. Kelly wanted to be on the East Coast in order to be with Lt. Kelly on weekends. But she didn't want to live alone in an apartment. Still more, she didn't want to move in with her friends, the Randolphs, because she wanted Lt. Kelly to feel that he had a home of his own on his precious weekend passes. So the Kellys and the Randolphs decided to compromise on a house like the one shown here, designed at Marshall Field \& Company, Chicago-a house divided that would stand. It has two living rooms and two bedrooms, separated by a joint dining room. Section 2, opposite page, is traditional, dignified, elegant, furnished with beautiful antiques and fine reproductions. Section l, below, is traditional as well, but uses modern accessories, lighter colors, modern rugs. Thus the halves are in harmony, although each is decorated to suit the particular owner's tastes. It is the perfect answer for two young couples with a wartime budget problem; for the married daughter home for the duration; for a father and his grown daughter; for two I-live-my-own-life bachelors; for these, or any, friendly division-of-interest living problems.


## BEDROOM-I

The rug, velvet chair, walls in turquoise; dressing table skirt of white taffeta, curtains and bedspread of organdie with embroidered ruffles. Maple bed is white.

LIVING ROOM-
Turquoise carried out in love seat and chair; here combined with café au lait walls, rug and draperies. English hunt table as a desk; and a library wall.


## DESIGNED BY MARSHALL FIELD



ONE LOVELY-DINING ROOM serves both. Sheraton and Adam furniture against a carved Chinese rug in old rose. Walls are Wedg. wood green; floor, black rubber; antique bronze chandelier


## BEDROOM-2

Severe in line and in perfect taste. Bed is a fine Sheraton chairback reproduction. Walls are antique ivory; rug is dusty rose; chair is soft-toned chintz.

LIVING ROOM-2
One part of the fireplace group: a love seat with pomegranate design in moss-green Chinese damask. Draperies old gold; in the rear an antique commode.

LIVING ROOM-2
Stately, elegant-a setting for heirlooms. Aubusson rug, 18th Century English
 piano, drum table holds fine Borghese lamp. Walls, old gold; chair in red damask.


## keep

## your colors

## flying

## House or Gauden predicts a decorating

## future for these sixteen versatile colois

for the fourth year, House \& Garden picks a crop of winning decorating colors-chosen for their fresh look, their promise of long style life, their acceptance in the newest lines of fabrics, wallpapers, rugs, paints, accessories. Way last Winter, our editors pored over government dye restrictions, visited manufacturers as they were styling new lines, reviewed the most popular colors of last year, peeked at advance sketches by foremost decorators. With a weather eye to availability and long-range trends, we bring you the sixteen prettiest colors of the year, to help you plan a refresher course for your house.

The colors are clear, forthright, in line with the way people are thinking, looking, and wanting their houses to look these days. They are geared to keep pace with modern, or give a fresh look to traditional furnishings. They are inter-related, mixable and matchable in current merchandise, and so garden-fresh that we gave them such names as Larkspur Blue, Red Dahlia. They have a natural affinity for wood tones.

Restful pastels make up the first group of colors (see column at right). Generally, these clear, light colors are most at home in back-grounds-on walls, ceilings, floors, as the base colors of today's wallpapers and fabrics. Ranging from warm to cool, they can be used in any room in the house to enrich dark woods such as mahogany, walnut. Touch them off with brilliant color-from the second group.

Colors in the second group are deep and bright-salty accents to make a room remembered. They are the highlights in today's prints. Use sagaciously on walls to lend a modern look, dramatize blond woods. Underfoot, they make a room come alive. In accessories, in single bold pieces, they season a well-blended color scheme.

Remember, these are general rules. If your room calls for an extra punch, try the unexpected in mixing. Be original, be lavish, be daring in your use of color. Shade these House \& Garden hues up or down. Ask for them by name in your favorite store, and enlist the store's help in making up your color scheme. Turn to page 103 for stores carrying these 1944-wise House \& Garden colors.

MELON PINK . . . reminiscent of Pompeiian terra cotta... a sunny color at ease with browns . . . team it unexpectedly with Green Olive

FLAGSTONE GREY . . . cool background for hot color accents, for too sunny rooms . . . in a modern scheme, spike it with Coral Bells, Lime

MELON GREEN . . . the blued green of honeydew . . flattering to mahogany and pine . . . a favorite shade in chintzes, paired with Red Dahlia

GARDEN SKY BLUE . . . space-maker blue to lend air and lightness . . . restful in bedroom . . . benign to pine, walnut, sand-blasted oak

IVORY STOCK . . . pale café au lait . . . subtle modern neutral, good in shaggy textures ... for a masculine scene, add Green Olive, Red Clay

DAWN ROSE . . . glowing wall color for warmhearted bedroom, bathroom...current in many rose patterns . . . natural partner, Wet Leaf

LARKSPUR BLUE . . . versatile shade with a penchant for pinks . . . at home with any period, light or dark woods . . . whet with Red Dahlia

BRIGHT LEMON . . . captured sunshine for a dark bathroom or dining room ... add Wet Leaf for the freshness of a mint-sprigged lemonade

BLACK OLIVE . . . dramatic on wall or floor to set off bleached woods, the patina of old fruit woods, or a fabric in Garden Pool Blue

RED DAHLIA . . . warm with all the richness of old damask . . . singing rug color for modern or traditional setting . . . puts fire in crystal

WET LEAF GREEN . . . effective silent partner to bold flowered prints . . . receptive to bronzes . . . sophisticated with Deep Lime, white

RED CLAY . . . sultry coloring for modern room . . . echo it in pottery, in primitives . . . temper it with Melon Green, Ivory Stock, browns

GARDEN POOL BLUE . . vibrant hue for a dining room ... an ally of gleaming silver, white china, rich woods . . . exciting touch in Empire decor

GREEN OLIVE . . . easy to live with . . . companion to all wood tones ... link with Deep Lime, Coral Bells for a modern or traditional living room

DEEP LIME . . . a good mixer with almost all the other colors . . . warm friend, Melon Pink . . . frosty-fresh with white . . . lends modern look

CORAL BELLS . . . spicy accent color in league with brown tones, neutrals . . favorite in modern fabrics . . . striking with Green Olive

## color can makie it modein

TRADITIONAL, 1944 . . Tall, tall Vene tian secretary in soft white and an overscaled lamp reach up into a daring room . . . restraint in Green Olive walls, sparkle in Coral Bells rug . . . antiques in a setting as fresh as tomorrow.

DRAMA . . . Simple dignity of l'Empire with colors sophisticated, bright like a Noel Coward comedy...look through a doorway of Wet Leaf Green to Bright Lemon chairs, a tall mirror with obelisks in Black Olive, gold-flecked.

BRAVURA . . . Elegance in the play of light against dark: Ivory Stock, Garden Pool Blue, Red Dahlia against walls of rich Black Olive. Soft curtains caught high with gold. Gauguin might have chosen the colors. House \& Garden did.


## Keep your colors plying




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# four sides to a room 

## Deconating directives to give your nom a fresonality all your oun


#### Abstract

IS IT EFFICIENT? Has the room really been used the past year? What activities centered there? What corner held all the traffic, what areas went unattended, wasted? With a calculating eye, start fresh with the four wallsnever simply four walls, but always complicated by doors that open or don't, windows to look out of or better not, passageways, fireplaces, bookshelves. From your list of the room's.activities and its given architecture, map out traffic patterns. Plan to subordinate, disguise the unused elements to give spaciousness, importance to the others. Then place the largest pieces-piano, couch, breakfront-remembering to make focal points of use as well as of vision. See pages $38-39$ for specific arrangements. Smaller pieces fall naturally into position-tables to serve all of the loung. ing pieces, occasional chairs to round out conversation groups. Check it again to see that every piece serves a purpose. Work towards a simplified, uncluttered look.


IS IT CORDIAL? Does it invite you in, answer little needs? A cordial room is a restful room, with the balance of a well-composed picture. Accent and line make the eye

1Striking accents, a drawing room. Background: Green Olive bourette with Deep Lime Satin and Coral Bells stripe cotton as accent, Scalamandre; rug, Libertyville; urns, Elinor Merrell; Directoire clock, Fields and Ford.

3Crisp and fresh, a bathroom. Background: Garden Sky Blue; Imperial wallpaper, Coral Bells Stripe; shower curtain, Textron; apothecary jar from Fields and Ford; Garden Sky Blue bath mat, towels, face cloths, Callaway Mills.

5Dare to use drama, a dining room. Background: chintz in Black Olive, Dawn Rose, Deep Lime and quilted cotton, KentBragaline; Ivory Stock rug, Karastan; gilded holdbacks, Alice Glick; chest, Westport Antiques.

2 Blue is soothing for a bedroom. Background: Larkspur Blue with antique tureen. Chintz and Red Dahlia faille, Brunschwig \& Fils; blanket, Chatham; stationery, Crane; sheets, Wamsutta; Sachet by Harriet Hubbard Ayer.

4Gay as Spring, a sitting room. Background: Wet Leaf Green, Wedgwood dish to match; apple chintz in Bright Lemon by Cyrus Clark, from Bloomingdale's; greyed Lemon rug, Klearflax; bird cage, Westport Antiques.

6Lavish, lordly, a living room. Background: cretonne in Garden Pool Blue and shades of Red Dahlia, Johnson \& Faulkner; Garden Pool Blue faille; rug, Callaway; Blackamoor clock, Alice Glick; finger-bowls, I. O. Lane.
travel, and bring it back pleased with a sense that everything "belongs". After the furniture is placed, work with color and pattern-subtle shapers to refine balance, tie room together. High color, large pattern, shiny surfaces call attention. Solid, muted colors, thick textures deflect it. Stem a color scheme from a bright rug. Pattern tips on page 40 , rug rudiments, page 36 . Then be hospitable with accessories. Ash trays, cigarette boxes within easy reach of every chair are mute cordiality. Tall, generous lamps tacitly consider your eyes. A folded afghan, over the arm of even the most formal couch, gives a lived-in look.

IS IT INDIVIDUAL? Does it belong to you? After the room is custom-planned to your activities, and balanced with color, add the possessions you love to have around youcherished china, significant bibelots. Devise new jobs for them. Let a delicate demi-tasse cup hold cigarettes, the saucer play ash-tray. Or pile cigarettes and wood stick matches helter-skelter in a Victorian chicken dish. Arrange rare plates above the mantel in symmetric pattern to give height. Put tiny bouquets in silver goblets, candies in English biscuit boxes. Stand an antique doll chest at the side of a low lounge chair. Make a graceful pair of lamps from handsome old balusters. Have library lamp-shades of bookbinding paper, or homespun tweed laced with buckskin. Let these accessories pick up colors in fabrics, walls, rugs, match the room's mood. Use your imagination with an eye to needs, and the room will have your signature.

IS IT FRESH? Or have you seen your room too long? There's a real psychological "lift" to subtle changes in your everyday vista. Move furniture around to get a different view. Interchange pictures, accessories. Take advantage of decorating "fashions", suggesting new colors, arrangements, actual pieces of furniture to give a staid room a "new" look. Color is the easiest transformer-that is why House \& Garden selects color tonics each Spring for the Winterweary house. Use them lavishly, use one color to heighten another. On the facing page are prescriptions for livening particular rooms. Most of the merchandise is available in your favorite store (turn to page 103 for the listing). Put the ebullient energy and creativeness that Spring brings, into your own setting. Let your house stand behind you, in your resolve to "keep your colors flying".


## They thought it up long ago

The world of 1952, as foreseen by a French caricaturist of 1882
"We are such stuff as dreams are made on". Certainly if there were no dreams there would be no progress. When Jules Verne was writing his prophetic tales and Pasteur was revolutionizing science, Albert Robidalithographer and architect-entertained Paris sophisticates with preposterous caricatures of the World of Tomorrow. Preposterous as they were then labelled, we of today must admit Robida came pretty close to the truth.
travel is by alr. Favorite public convey-
ance is the aerial bus-with the conventional two decks and outside stairs to the upper level. The lady in the foreground is piloting a snappy single-seater plane


Parking place at the Tower of St. Jacques in Paris. Each airship has a license number. Let's hope our modern designers will solve the parking problem as neatly

community cooking. The Public Kitchen Service supplies hot meals to its subscribers through a system of faucets and trap doors. Here a flunkey is allowing sauce to pour over a fowl while a roast pops out of door at right


Aero-thieves constitute a new menace to long-suffering householders of 1952. Here one thief (in gondola) hauls up a bundle of loot from a second on the roof. A third keeps watch for the gendarmes from window



A revolving house enables its occupants to enjoy either sun or shade at will. (Direct ancestor f Buckminster Fuller's solar house.) Robida also predicted the telephone and the iron lung. We have not yet discovered his "bacillus of happiness"


RADIO AND TELEVISION found a place in the artist's dreams. The lady of the house listens to opera, the man to a novel. University lectures on history and philosophy are also available at the turn of a dial


The family watches the warring tribes of Morocco battle it out before their eyes. The artist evidently saw nothing inconsistent in the idea of his mythical audience in 1952 watching events happening in 1882

## WALls

- Move your furniture out of the room, if possible; or to centre of floor and protect with old sheets. To speed your work: assemble all materials; use a chemical paint cleaner and a cellulose sponge or plenty of clean soft cloths.


## painted surfaces and tile

DUSTING: Give large surfaces preliminary going-over with long-handled brush, cloth-shrouded broom, or the vacuum's dusting gadget, working from the top down. Wipe all woodwork, ledges, shelves; get into corners and recessed carvings with small pointed brush.

CLEANING: Soak a cloth with paint cleaner-it's quicker than soap and water. Wipe gently over soiled paint, let surface dry. Use another cloth if second application is necessary. If you prefer soap and water, use mild white soapflakes thoroughly dissolved in warm water. (Protect floor with newspapers and assemble suds pail, cloths, brushes on tray.) Apply suds, rinse with cloth wrung out of clear water. Wipe dry. Be sure to use each cloth only once before washing to avoid rubbing soil back in. Work from bottom up so water won't run down over soiled surface, make hard-to-remove streaks. Use a circular motion for washing or rinsing large surfaces.

WAXING: Window sills, cupboard doors, all surfaces exposed to much soil should be waxed. It preserves the paint, makes cleaning easier.

CAUTIONS: Don't use abrasive cleaners, they destroy the paint. Don't wash calcimined walls or ceilings.
REPAINTING: Avoid more extensive repairs later by repainting badly worn surfaces yourself. Broken paint exposes wood, unbroken paint finish preserves it.

## wallpaper

SPOTS: Remove all grease spots before attempting overall cleaning. Cover them with Fuller's Earth mixed with carbon tetrachloride or commercial grease solvent, the non-inflammable kind. Let dry and brush off. Repeat if necessary.
CLEANING: Use a commercial cleaner unless paper is guaranteed washable. To wash, use pure suds only, work from top down, small section at a time. Don't rub. Rinse with wrung-out cloth. Blot excess.

## FLOORS

- Besides daily and weekly care, most floors call for a thorough rewaxing at least twice a year.

Move furniture out of the room, roll up rugs and sweep thoroughly. Go over room again with a clean, dry dust mop to absorb fine dust. Don't use an oiled mop on a waxed floor; it softens wax, leaves dustcatching film. Remove surface soil by washing (see directions under type of floor). Where water is called for, be careful never to let it soak or remain long on a surface; use mild suds, cloths well wrung out. If soil is ingrained, remove old wax with chemical cleaner.

Floors must be both dry and clean before new wax is applied. Apply in thin coating with long even strokes. Allow to dry about thirty minutes. Paste and liquid waxes require polishing with a weighted polisher or electric polisher (in most cities these can be rented) ; fine wood floors deserve up to three coats. Self-polishing wax, easier to use but shorter-lived, dries to a gleam without rubbing.

## wood

The care of a wood floor depends upon the type of finish it wears under its coating of wax.

SHELLAC: A cloth dampened in turpentine will remove grime or white spots. Pat lightly, hard rubbing takes off the finish. Rewax.

LACQUER, VARNISH, SEALED: Work with thick suds, as little water as possible. Follow with clear water rinse, wipe dry at once. Wax when thoroughly dry.

PAINT: Go over with a damp mop, follow same procedure as for all painted surfaces. Wax lightly.

## linoleum

Use warm soapsuds sparingly, rinse with clear water, wipe dry immediately. Give light wax coating.

## tile

Use a chemical cleaner or wash with soapsuds and water. Rinse, wipe dry. Avoid using too much water; it would loosen tiles.

## marble

Dampen floor with clear water. Dip a wet sponge into good detergent with a volcanic ash base. Rub until dirt and grease disappear. Rinse, polish with dry cloth or chamois. Avoid harsh abrasives or soaps.

## FURNITURE

- Make this the time for a check-up on minor repairs as well as for special care to fine woods and upholstered furniture.


## wood pieces

Clean out shelves, drawers. Use a small paint brush to dust crevices, carvings. Wash glass panes, treat stains, scratches. Repair loose joinings or trim. Fill breaks with plastic wood. Use a good furniture cleaner to take off stains or white marks, cover slight scratches.
CLEANING: To remove sticky film of dirt, washing may seem necessary. Use a soft cloth or sponge wrung out of warm, mild soapsuds, follow with a cloth wrung out of clear warm water. Wipe each area dry before going on to the next, rub with soft, dry cloth before applying polish.

Painted furniture may be washed as above, or freshened with a chemical paint cleaner, easily wiped on and off. A light coat of wax makes an easy finish to care for next time.

POLISHING: You will need two soft wool cloths, one to apply the polish, the other to rub it into every space and carving. Start with a clean surface and apply polish or wax sparingly. Let it stand fifteen minutes, then rub off excess with first cloth. Using the second, rub with the grain till the wood gleams.

## upholstered pieces

Remove cushions, vacuum or brush all sides, underneath, giving especial attention to corners. Examine for spots and tears. Repair rips with adhesive tape inserted beneath tears.

SPOT-CLEANING: Wipe grease spots with carbon tetrachloride, or a commercial grease solvent. Do not soak with liquid. Dampen a clean swab with fluid, wipe lightly from outside of spot to center. With a clean swab repeat until spot entirely disappears.
overall cleaning: Pile fabrics require professional treatment; all upholstery deserves it. But if you wish to, you may use a commercial soapless shampoo on flat surfaced fabrics which do not spot with water; on others, a dry cleaning fluid. In either case, follow directions completely; don't permit any cleanser to soak the fabric. Test whatever cleanser you use on a small hidden area of the fabric first.

## FIXTURES

- Many of these are monthly chores, but count as Spring cleaning, toofor no room can have a new face without them.


## windows

Spray-on liquid cleaners are fast, easy to apply. Wipe off immediately with clean, soft lintless cloth, polish with dry cloth. Another quick way uses a squeegee dipped in warm water to which a little ammonia has been added. Use firm downward strokes, wipe squeegee edge after each stroke. If you prefer fine scouring powder, apply with damp sponge or cloth; wipe off when almost dry.

Mirrors, picture glass, panes of glass in furniture should be dusted first, then cleaned as above.

## lighting fixtures

Remove shades and bulbs. Use duster tool of your vacuum or soft, dry cloth to clean the fixture. Wash reflectors, glass or plastic, with warm, soapy water. Rinse, dry well inside and out. Wipe bulbs with damp, soapy cloth, dry well. Careful not to get metal base of bulb wet; be sure bulbs are completely dry before replacing.

LAMP BASES: Never immerse these in water. All metal other than chrome may be dusted, lightly waxed. Liquid furniture or metal polishes or harsh abrasives should never be used on metal bases; they remove the lacquer. Porcelain, pottery, stone may be washed with cloth wrung out of suds, rinsed, and wiped dry. Dust, don't wash, tôle.

SHADES: Painted fabrics and those which may shrink must be dry cleaned. Silk or rayon, if sewn, not pasted, can be washed. Dust surface. Scrub rims, then douse in mild suds until clean. To rinse, dip up and down three or four times in clear water. Dry rapidly to prevent rusting, staining. Use an electric fan. On parchment, glazed paper, use art gum to erase smudges.

## mantels

Clean according to the type of material: painted (see directions for painted walls) ; wood (see furniture) ; marble (see floors).

## radiators

Use the blower and suction attachments of your vacuum to clean. Blow downward to get out dust, use suction to gather dust into bag.

## RUG S

- Examine rugs front and back for spots, tears, worn places, frayed edges and moth traces (probably on the back or on a part of the rug covered by heavy pieces of furniture seldom moved). A quick appraisal will show you which rugs need professional renovating, which can be cared for at home.

Caution: Don't struggle with an all-over shampoe on a large rug-no matter what it's made of. Only an expert can prevent water soaking in where it cannot dry. The dampness attracts mildew, weakens the backing. Never beat or shake a rug, use the vacuum instead.
Mend the not-too-serious rips and frays with iron-on binding tape.
Spot-cleaning. Year 'round, spots should be treated as emergencies, attended to as soon as they occur. Old spots are best left to a professional; fresh stains from food, oil, grease respond to carbon tetrachloride. Apply sparingly over spot, work towards center. Dry with blotter. Beware soap solutions on wool-andrayon; water on twist broadloom may take out the curl.

## wools

LARGE PILE RUGS, such as velvets, Axminsters, Wiltons, Orientals; textured, sculptured, hooked, wool-andrayon rugs, broadlooms should be professionally renovated at least once a year. For occasional brightening up between times, absorbent rug powders are effective. Also occasionally, you'll want to give them a thorough "dusting"; roll up rug, clean floor underneath, vacuum underside of rug, reverse and vacuum again on the right side.

SMALL WOOL RUGS: After spotcleaning, vacuum thoroughly. Clean surface lightly with chemical bubble cleaner according to instructions or with mild thick soapsuds, careful to prevent water from soaking into the pile. Hang rug on line, dry thoroughly before using again.

## cotton

SCATTER-SIZE: Spot-clean, wash in mild suds, rinse, hang up to dry.

LARGE SIZES: Should be washed by all means, but not at home. Your laundry will do them reasonably.

## fibre, sisal

ALL SIZES: Vacuum, or brush with a stiff brush, on both sides. Wipe with damp cloth but don't wash. If very soiled, send to cleaners. Freshen faded colors with a canvas dye paint.

## CURTAINS

- First inspect all window hangings for wear-to repair, revamp or replace. Mend rips, holes; rehem worn edges. If short, lengthen from top. Sort for cleaner, or tub. Remove all weights from hems to prevent rust. Choose a mild, pure soap; wash out a small test area to make sure that the fabric will wash safely.


## glass curtains

COTTONS: Soak in clear cool water 10-15 minutes to remove loose dirt. Use heavy suds of mild soap. Squeeze, don't wring or twist; rinse well. Ruffled curtains stay clean onger if lightly starched. Iron while damp to retain crispness.

RAYONS: Most vulnerable when wet or when exposed to heat ; handle tenderly to avoid tears. Wash in mild tepid suds, rinse thoroughly. Don't hang or stretch. Dry in a heavy bath towel, press with not-too-warm iron. If streaked or faded, retint, rinse, iron quickly.

## draperies

All draperies should go to cleaner, your fine ones to an expert. Fabrics that contain wool should be mothproofed before storing.

WASH IF YOU MUST: Unlined draperies if sunfast, colorfast, pre-shrunk, may be washed by whatever method the fabric type calls for. In general, shake to remove dust, wash Idon't soak), rinse, roll in towels, Iron immediately to prevent colors from streaking or spotting.

NOT TO WASH: Don't attempt lined draperies. Even if fabric and lining are washable, shrinkage of the two materials is never exactly the same. Avoid tubbing glazed chintz unless secified as a permanent glaze. French pleats lose their stiffness when they are laundered.

## blinds and shades

VENETIAN BLINDS: Dust with lambswool or soft bristle brush that covers several slats at once. Wipe with a chemical solution that waxes as it cleanses-to save time and energy; or wash like painted woodwork (see under Walls). Serub tapes with brush, cleaning fluid.

SHADES: For freshening, most shades require dry cleaning technique as for wallpaper. If washable, dust, place on flat surface, scrub both sides with thick, mild suds. Use water sparingly. Rinse, wipe dry. Hang, but don't roll till dry.

# BEANS and the nest of the legume tile 

Many G. Ellsworth comes to bat with savory dishes

made with move binds of fleas and beans than you probably here existed



And what, pray, are legumes? The gardener says it's "a generic term for all the pea-bean-lentil clan, regardless of size, color or point of origin". The historian says, "One of the oldest known staples in the human diet". And the cook? Well, if she's also clipping the brown coupons, she's apt to answer, "low point value, high protein content".

But that answer, cogent though it is, doesn't begin to cover all their virtues. They suit our palates-which is more than lots of meat substitutes do. They don't belittle a meal in a man's eyes. They keep for ever, uncooked. They are remarkably easy to prepare-a matter of washing and soaking. They cook long, slowly and with little ot no attention, and best of all, they respond gratifyingly to whatever extra trouble you take with them.

Every nation and climate has its favorites, some of which appear on every grocer's shelves. More will turn up if you haunt the foreign markets in the nearest city. But to find out about them in all their ageless variety, send to some first-class food purveyor and order a pound of every variety he stocks. What arrives will astonish you-sleek, greeny-tan jumbo lentils and their smaller brothers, grey or chocolate brown; Roman beans marbled in pink and cream; winecolored kidneys; garbanzos round and wrinkled, with a texture like cashews; turtle beans, strikingly black and shining; green peas, yellow peas, marrowfats, navies, Mexican pinks, broad beans, black-eyed peas, Egyptian lentils-tiny and brilliantly orange, like paillettes-favas, limas, soyas and satiny, oval, almond-green flageolets.


While you are opening packages and gazing, fascinated, at their varicolored, enigmatic contents, here are the rudiments to remember: 1) they should all be washed and soaked overnight; 2) drained; 3) brought to a boil in fresh, cold water to cover and cooked long and slowly until tender. There is a rumor that salt during boiling makes the skins tough. I honestly don't know. You'd be safe to add it at the end, and you will find that they require rather a lot.

All this is basic. They are now the culinary equivalent of moist clay in the potter's hand. If you're inventing-it's
superb fun, you'll find-here are a few known principles: Any legume meets any form of pork like boy meets girl. As the farmer says, "Use everything but the squeal".

Any legume is better-oh, much better, for an intimate acquaintance with the onion family -and tomatoes.

All the peoples of Spanish extraction would at this point add peppers. They eat them and they should know. Remember Steinbeck's "Beans and tortillas".

All right then, suppose you have a dab of sausage meatnot enough for breakfast. Here's what you get with legumes and invention. Any legume will do. Break the sausage meat up into smallish crumbs and brown it in its own fat. Puree the prepared legume, or use it whole if you'd rather. Dump it on the sausage when you think it looks done-yes, fat and allmix well and take the pan off the fire. If you're using whole legumes, mash them enough so they will stick together. Then shape the whole mass into a long cutlet, like a folded omelet. Grease your skillet, brown the cutlet on both sides and serve it topped with the most exotic tomato sauce you can muster.


My best effort in this field, Jumbo Lentils with Sausage, has become a family classic-the thing my husband suggests when we are facing difficult guests. It's ridiculously simple but a fine dish.

Wash, soak and boil a pound of lentils till tender. Then brown three or four sliced onions in butter or drippings and put them in the bottom of a deep casserole. Drain your lentils if they haven't cooked almost dry and put them in the casserole, filling it to about an inch from the lip. Check salt at this point as it is difficult to add afterwards. In the lentils bury a bit of bay and a pinch of marjoram. Then on top arrange as many Jones or Deerfoot sausages as you can crowd in, and set to bake in a moderate oven $\left(350^{\circ}\right)$. Some lentils will absorb all the fat that tries out of the sausages, others will leave the dish simply swimming. In that case dip or pour off the excess. Forty-five minutes in the oven and ten under the broiler to brown the top should do the trick. Serve with a salad and red wine.

Anyone who has sojourned in the Southwest knows the surprising charm of Mexican food. Contrary to the average


LENTILS FOR LUNCHEON, DRESSED UP IN STYLE: A SHIP'S DECANTER PROUDLY FILLED WITH NATIVE RED WINE; A GARDEN CENTREPIECE OF ARTICHOKES AND PARSLEY; A COLOR SCHEME OF SHARP BROWN AND WHITE SET AGAINST BLOND MODERN WOOD. DETAILS ON PAGE 99.

American expectation, it is not all chilis and violence. One Mexican classic is so good it has jumped boundaries and become practically international. . . . I've even heard men say it is the one mixed meat dish that never palls. It is also full of hints for bean-cookers.

Chili con Carne begins with the pink Mexican bean if you can find it-two cups, cooked and drained. This time the companion meat is beef, also if you can find it, a pound from the lean end of the round, cut in small cubes and browned in a third of a pound of beef suet. Add to the meat two cups of tomatoes, peeled and chopped if fresh, just as is if canned, a crushed clove of garlic, a chopped onion, salt and pepper and a good chili powder to capacity. If this were authentic, you would be using at least four chili peppers (equivalent to a couple of teaspoons of the dried powder) which you had boiled, seeded and scraped from their skins. But season to your own taste. Let this savory mixture simmer till it has picked up all the brown from the pan, then add the drained beans and cook slowly another thirty minutes. At this point
the right thing to do is put it in the icebox for at least eight hours, then reheat and serve. It is then in its prime. I don't need to point out the advantages of this to anyone who copes with a life full of Red Cross or plane spotting. And you can ring changes on this base with any meat and any legume. For instance, the Mexican pork version is equally good and equally simple.

Side Meat and Beans is twin to the preceding except that you boil an onion and a clove of garlic with the beans, you use cubed side meat instead of beef and you cook an hour after the meat is in to cope with the pork. Which gives you an idea of how flexible the classics can be.

Italians are noted for the cooking of two favorite beans, the fava, or broad bean and the Roman. These we also know as cranberry or "horticultural" beans. The fava, a kind of outsize lima, shares the characteristic affinity for pork.

To make Ham and Fava Beans, first soak, boil and drain your beans, a cup of them. (Continued on page 78)

## Primer on home freezing

Strawberries in January, oysters in June - yours for the fixing, says Hume Dixon


## Hoyen fast and fiesh

- You have been hearing and seeing a lot about freezing as the ideal method of preserving seasonal foods for yearround use. For ideal results the two main factors are timeand very little of it, and cold-very cold indeed. Experts have discovered that while the water content of all produce will freeze if left at $32^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. for sufficient time, the tissues of the food itself go right on changing, and eventually spoilage occurs. But if the same food is given a shock treatment in a chamber at $-20^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. to $-10^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$., the texture, taste, and color are arrested as of that moment. A few hours later every tissue is frozen fast and the produce can then be removed to $0^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. to $10^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. and still retain its essential quality for months if a constant low temperature is maintained. This whole process is known as "quick freeze", "sharp freeze" or "deep freeze". They all mean the same thing.


## Tuaking the wiaf

- Preparation varies according to the nature of the food; meat, vegetables and fruit require slightly different approaches. But in time they will all go into the freeze chamber together, so to insure each food retaining its own moisture during the storage, it is wrapped individually in a vapor-moisture-proof container. Otherwise the extreme cold will contract the tissues and force the moisture to the surface where it will be evaporated by the play of air. To insure against this, look for specially-made containers that will not only resist liquids, such as heavily waxed paper cylinders with slip-in or slip-on lids, but that also resist vapor, lined with cellophane, or special paper for this purpose. Most of these containers can be sealed by passing a hot iron or curling iron over the openings. For those wrappings which cannot, seal with adhesive tape.


## So little lime

- No matter which set of preparation requirements you may be using, the entire time consumed from garden to freezer is less than in any other form of food preservation. And the result comes close to the bloom of natural freshness. But all this wonder is not necessarily postponed to "after the war". Today in the United States freezer-locker plants
serve more than $2,500,000$ families, or perhaps more than $10,000,000$ people. At the beginning of the war we had 4,700 plants in use and more being installed at the rate of 50 a week. Individual boxes, some with freezing compartments, some reclaimed commercial storage type boxes, appear from time to time. The people who have actually used their freezing facilities all claim they save the entire cost of their installment in the first year-and eat like kings.


The modern Master of this House wanted to eat venison all year round and since he was above shooting a buck out of season he shot one in season
and bought a freezer.
Soon his wife was blanching and chilling asparagus and sneaking it in.
And the children started weighing berries and sugar and clamoring for space.
And a neighbor called and said she had some extra beautiful peas and would they like them.
One day Father came home with as fine a mess of shrimp as ever sprawled on a market dock and into the freezer they went.
Well you can see that nobody was ever an unexpected guest in that house.
And nobody was a drudge either.
Some people thought the whole family must be scientific.
Some said they were . . . extravagant.
They were neither.
They were having a wonderful time with the first hobby they'd ever had that lasted all year and didn't cost a cent.


## Pointers and problems in fast-freezing

## Storing chichens, then and now

- Canny housewives have long known that a chicken is at its best 24 hours after it is killed; fast-frozen at that point, it will emerge months later exactly the same. Fastfreezing has revolutionized the business of storing poultry; don't apply your age-old prejudice against cold storage with what that term, reinterpreted, means today.


## So young, so fair

- Inactivating the enzymes is the scientific term for keeping the pretty color, delicate flavor and fine texture of vegetables. To insure the same glamor in fast-frozen vegetables you must blanch them. 1. Wash clean; 2. shred off any ignoble husks; 3 . now dip vegetables into kettle of rapidly boiling water until the first stiffness is out of them; 4 . and place hot vegetables under running stream of cold water to chill quickly. You will then find they package in smaller space, come out of the storage box ready for short order cooking and are altogether satisfactory. See table on page 110.



## To froeze and not lo fieoze

- You will find soon enough that your freezer space is limiied. So confine your selection to your favorites, the seasonal firsts that are so extravagant out of season, and skip the things that don't freeze so well-celery, radishes, lettuce and all the salad greens, kale and onions and all the root vegetables which can be stored successfully without freezing.


## What's in stock?

- An inventory in the kitchen will help your meat planning. An inventory in the box or alongside will keep you from upsetting the orderly packing, and will shorten time it is open.


## You'se lost without latels

- The contents of the containers will soon be indistinguishable if you don't label them immediately. Put down the variety of fruit or vegetable as well as the date. On meats, if you are not yet master of the technical jargon, write something you can understand like steak, chops, leg, ground, stew; but do get some kind of identification on the label.



## Age is becoming to meat

- Meat (with the definite exception of pork) should be aged before eating. Professional packers "hang" the meat in a cold chamber where ideal conditions control the breaking down of tissues for tenderness and taste. When meat is ready to eat, it is ready to freeze-and thus stay at its prime for months, like Snow White waiting for the Prince.


## For locher nenters

- Everything we've said here about how to do it at home may be done for you at the plant. But you will find in time that your own desires in the finished product can best be realized by handling your own produce your own way. In this event never leave your finished packages overnight. Speed from the garden to the freezer is of the essence.


Cauge future needs now in terms of the food preserving


- Big enough for farm use, yet surprisingly compact is this combination freezer and food storage cabinet. Deepfreeze.

ONE of the surest things about the postwar era is that frozen foods will have a profound effect upon almost every aspect of housekeeping. It will be a new major industry. It will afford opportunities for labor saving in the home and expansion of the family menu beyond the present dreams of a rationed and rather wistful public.

There is nothing basically new about food freezing and the storage of frozen food; nothing untried, unproven. Rather it is simply an extension of mechanical refrigeration, the machinery for which has existed for many years. Frozen foods have already attained wide-spread popularity and the rented locker for the storage of frozen foods was a natural outgrowth. Equally natural and quite as inevitable, is the extension of the service rendered by the rented locker to include the home locker with or without a home freezing unit.

Dr. Donald K. Tressler, formerly of Cornell University, who, as head of the General Electric Consumers' Institute, is now doing experimental work in the whole field of food freezing and storage, stresses the value of home freezing cabinets. He notes that although a million or more farmers now rent locker space, the number of lockers necessary to maintain all the perishable food raised on the farm would repre-
sent a rather high rental. A home unit large enough for even a modest farm would perhaps be too big and therefore uneconomical for many suburban or city dwellers. For them the smaller unit of the type shown on this page would be adequate.

With adequate storage facilities for frozen food you will, in all probability, be able to contract in advance for a certain regular supply of staples to be maintained by the distributor. The refrigerated truck will come around periodically and check the supply, filling in as needed. Marketing will become an occasional pleasure instead of a daily chore. Add to this the obvious advantages of being able to home-freeze your garden produce, fruits in season, all kinds of game and meat, and you begin to sense how far-reaching will be the influence of frozen foods in your future home.

Frozen Food cabinets and compressors are available in very limited quantities now, but we are sure that they will be quite generally available when the war is over. We suggest that you make a detailed analysis of your frozen food storage needs when you plan your postwar home.


- Think of the number and variety of meals that even this small model could keep fresh for instant use. Arctic Trunk.
- Subject now to priorities, these and other models will be offered after the war. This one has 3 cu . ft. capacity. Pak-a-way.

TEXTURE AND COLOR OF WOOD AND STONE FORM THE ONLY DECORATION


- Trim, colorful furniture was designed by the architect's wife, Noemi Raymond.
- Antonin Raymond, the architect of this Summer place on the South shore of Long Island near Montauk Point, is recognized as one of the leaders in the Modern movement. In his work, Mr. Raymond makes a valuable contribution in bringing to our attention the beauty and the worth of simple, natural things. He feels that materials such as stone and wood have characteristics which, if handled with understanding, create of themselves a pleasant and satisfactory environment. People respond naturally to the texture and color of familiar materials. So in this house, which avoids all elaboration, we find the structure of the building itself forming the only decoration; and because the structural materials are handled with due respect for their latent possibilities, the result has a simple elegance. The long, low design ties the house to its site.


8. The patterned masonry of the chimney blends with the flagstone flooring of the entry.

© Overlooking the Atlantic is this little loggia which serves as breakfast room, porch, and bar. Note the effective use of the peeled unpainted post. Architect Raymond gives much credit for the beautifully executed wood work to the contractor, Edward Pospisil.


- Crowning a rise of ground, the plan of the house places the service wing and the main living rooms on the upper level which is approached from the highway. The master bedrooms and loggia are placed at the lower level with a magnificent view over the ocean.
$\Rightarrow$ A Summer residence, the house is designed for warm weather comfort. This view of the living room shows the sliding panels of the guest room open to increase circulation.



# before you buy that house... 

MAKE THESE PRELIMINARY TESTS OF ITS PHYSICAL CONDITION

THERE are twelve essential areas where age or poor quality tells in a house, real measurements of its true value. Instruments and meters are unnecessary for checking these. By using his eyes and a bit of common sense, the prospective buyer of an old or semi-modern dwelling can make a very good preliminary diagnosis of its condition, both structural and mechanical. Buying a house is a serious matter with most people, and an hour spent in checking a dozen details of the structure is time well used. The present owner is only too aware of all the defects that exist, but can hardly be expected to point them out to you. The inadequate heating plant, the leaky roof, the damp cellar, the poor water supply, the rattling windows, and the other weak points are easy to spot if you know how to go about it.

1 Cellar or basement: Here will be unmistakable signs of excessive dampness, if any; a high-water mark on the walls means floor is flooded in rainy spells. Cracks in walls indicate inadequate foundations or footings. Hollow sound when floor is tapped indicates poor fill beneath. Look out for improper cross-bracing between joists, for sags in main girders. Examine columns or posts that support floor above. Ask the reason of all obvious patches and repairs. Examine cellar windows. Dust generally means a reasonably dry basement and therefore is a good sign.

2 Exterior walls: The general condition of these is apparent. Check state of paint. Faulty flashings over windows and doors will be indicated by spongy condition of frames and adjacent siding, and by streaks on paint. "Line up" walls from corner of building to spot bulges or distortions. Joints in masonry should be full and sound. Examine gutters and leaders. Check foundation walls.

3
Roof: Observed from a distance it should appear smooth and without humps or lifts. Many curled shingles and spots in strip or composition shingle are bad signs. Fresh repair sections indicate some possibly recurrent difficulty. Access to the attic essential. Examine underside of roof from there. Attic floor indicates condition of roof. Examine outside of chimney for leaks at flashings.

4 Windows: Open windows from bottom about $6^{\prime \prime}$, grasp lower sash and shake. Should be reasonably tight in the casing. Upper and lower sash should meet evenly when shut, and be easy to latch. Examine putty around panes. Look for weatherstripping. Inquire about stormsash and screens. Check sashcord.

5
Doors: Front door is generally good and substantial because it is selling talk. Examine interior doors; should be reasonably heavy. Hardware is good indication of their quality. Poor doors warp and do not close evenly at top and bottom.

Floors: Hardwood floors, oak, maple or parquet show their quality by not having worn down in heavy-duty areas. Poor quality floors squeak, and shrink where they are joined. Stand in center of any second floor room, jump and land on heels. If house shakes, floor construction is not good, and the house not too solid. Baseboard should meet floor tightly.

7 Ceilings: Cracked ceilings are not necessarily a sign of poor construction or bad plastering, but sagging ceilings are certain trouble sooner or later. Ceilings will show signs of any leaks in roof or walls. Inquire about any obvious patches or repairs. Always look at ceiling from doorway as you enter the various rooms.


8
Walls: About the same as ceilings. The plastering of a house is quite indicative of its weaknesses. Dampness shows readily through walls. Plaster cannot stay in shape in a badly built house for very long.

Woodwork \& trim: Even the layman can tell the difference between substantial, well-fitted trim around doors and window frames and cheap, light stock. Kitchen cabinets, cupboards, built-in drawers and closets tell their own story in a year or so.


THE BUSY GENTLEMEN in the illustration have undoubtedly been hired to make an appraisal, which accounts for the thoroughness of their inspection. Thanks to their number they will probably reach a decision in a very few minutes, each being an expert in his particular trade: carpenter, plumber, mason, tinsmith, painter, electrician, roofer and steam-fitter. Nevertheless, a merchant or doctor might arrive at the same findings if he cared to take the time and the trouble. He might even get a better over-all idea of the house than any single expert could-provided he kept his twelve points in mind. We have said nothing about considering the size and type of rooms in the house when making your decision, but naturally you will be sure they are adequate for your family needs.

# G.H.Q.FOR ALADY 

## Shictly hei oum, a practical

## soom with veny feminine overtones

Her schedule has tightened. No longer "of leisure", the lady now finds every hour of the day filled, some to overflowing. Afternoon bridge games have given way to Red Cross work, Day Nursery duty; once leisurely mornings are now filled with increased household problems. For this busy lady, we present a morning room in House \& Garden's colors: a sitting room, informal, gay; but at the same time a practical room where she can plan menus and budget accounts. A sanctum sanctorum for the mistress of a wartime household-available for family gatherings on invitation only. The room is planned around the wallpaper in white, Green Olive and shades of Red Dahlia. All walls are papered, all woodwork painted flat white. The desk is directly in the large bay window framed by a graceful sweep of white Celanese curtains. At one side of the fireplace is a Magnavox; on the other, a period reproduction chest of drawers. Tubshaped fireside chairs, with full gathered skirts to the floor, in delicate Green Olive Celanese taffeta, flank an oval coffee table. Sofa, wing chair and small occasional chair are in the same taffeta. The pinky beige rug is from Alexander Smith; all furniture, Tomlinson; wallpaper, Imperial.


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- The white double doors (far upper left of page) mean when closed, a "woman at work" in the morning room. From these doors you see the desk, left, in its rounded bay window which provides perfect morning light for list-making, bill checking. In the foreground is a small two-tiered table for plants; lamps on the sofa end tables have shades in the white taffeta of the curtains.




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They are, perhaps for the first time, in formal dress. It's the night of the Big Spring Dance and they feel terrifically sophisticated. So don't think for a moment that you are going to get by with a Kiddie's Table. stacked with wholesome food and colored paper hats. Set your table as carefully as you would for your own friends. House \& Garden here suggests a buffet table in three of its 1944 colors: Bright Lemon, Green Olive and Coral Bells. Castleton's "Tulip" china carries out the Green Olive of the tablecloth; the centerpiece and napkins add the tang of Coral Bells and Bright Lemon. Sterling flatware in Reed \& Barton's "Fragrance" pattern; antique silver, Henry Nord; modern crystal by Imperial Glass Co.; centerpiece arranged by Ann Hagan.

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The first dance, the first long dress, the first beau-slightly awe-inspiring when suddenly translated from an untidy urchin to a man of the world in a dinner jacket-are important milestones to a fourteen-year-old. No matter how poised she may appear, it helps if she has a rousing send-off-a pre-dance dinner with many more boys than girls and parents who will make the party go (unobtrusively). But don't let anyone tell you that this isn't hard work. When she makes her debut you'll get her wholehearted cooperation, but at fourteen she may balk at the whole idea. Even if she doesn't, the first male guest may throw her into a state of soulshattering shyness. And as the young men are apt to be in like case (symptoms are either loud talk or a tendency to crawl under the rug) you'll have your hands full trying to establish an entente cordial between the sexes. The best thing is a game which will mix them up without too much social effort on their own parts. An excellent one is a horse race, with two boys and two girls as horses, a boy and a girl to roll dice, and Father to conduct a pari-mutuel for the onlookers with beans as money and a prize for the one who wins the most. Race track may be drawn in chalk on the playroom floor or laid out with tapes pinned to the living room carpet. Each square means one step. Make track as long as possible. The horses (Continued on page 99)


# TO THE LAND-LADIES! 

A toast to members of the Nomer's Land Stimy


and a call to otheis to join their santio

A re you adaptable? Have you a sense of humor? Can you be trusted to do what you're told? Do you like to learn new skills and the new language that goes with them?

Have you some free time this yearanywhere from a couple of weeks to three or four months? Do you want to do a real, tangible bit of work on the home front? Then volunteer for work on the land. You're needed-badly.

This year any woman who works on a farm, full-time or part-time, is a bona fide member of the Women's Land Army. And the Women's Land Army is every bit as official and every bit as important a part of the war effort as are the other official women's service units.

So, if you are a business girl with only two weeks' vacation to offer to your country sign up for field work-planting, weeding, or, later, harvesting vegetables and fruits. It's a vitally important job and one to be proud of having done.

## FARM TRAINING COURSES

If, however, you can sign up for three months or more you are eligible for a short training course at an agricultural school. New Yorkers can get an excellent two-weeks' free course at the New York State Institute of Applied Agriculture, at Farmingdale, Long Island. One hundred women took it last year.

Naturally, you can't expect to become a proficient farmer in two weeks,
but you do learn the rudiments. You get accustomed (or at any rate reconciled) to a day that begins at $4: 30$ a.m. and ends correspondingly early. You learn the names and the feel of tools, from hand hoes to tractors. You learn how to harness and unharness a horse, to drive a farm wagon. You learn how to feed the different animals, how to milk-even if you don't get up much speed-, how to candle, grade and pack eggs. You may learn that, except for this emergency, the world would have lost a natural-born beekeeper. One girl did last Summer.

Evening lectures by School specialists help to fill the gaps in your newfound knowledge. Chats with kindly Farmer Simmons (who is vastly proud of the girls he trains) help you to know the problems you will be up against-and how you can best be of use to your farmer-employer. He will tell you, for instance, that although pitching hay may seem more fun than staying behind to do the chores, it's too hard work for most women, and that the farmer would much rather have a dependable person doing the chores so he can get in his hay with a care-free heart.

And when your two weeks are over, off you go to answer an S.O.S. from some understaffed farm. You live in the farmhouse and, usually, eat with the family.

Duties will vary according to the time of the year, (Cont'd on page 81)


## THE

# GARDENER'S CALENDAR 

APRIL, 1944



|  | - April is the month of unfolding blossoms and new-turned earth. <br> The morning star is Venus and the evening stars are Mercury, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. <br> Seed sowing opens the gardening season. <br> Bend the back to digging and planting - chores made pleasant by the song of the robin overhead, the scent of violets and moist earth at one's feet. <br> Plant evergreens. <br> Spray fruit trees. <br> Destroy cutworms, <br> forerunners of a multitude of insect pests. <br> 1 With lime and manure <br> - already dug into the <br> see final preparation of <br> the vegetable plot. Rake and smooth the surface <br> and apply fertilizer to <br> part to be seeded early. <br> 2 Clean up ground and burn debris to prevent spread of black rot. Lightly work up soil with manure, bonemeal or general fertilizer. | 3 $\qquad$ Hyacinths and ies are among the best They are hardy, and low enough to escape maul- ing by Spring winds. ing by Spring winds. |  |  | $24$ |
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|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 4 \text { Hardy vegetable seed } \\ & \text { can be sown now, } \\ & \text { "one for the cutworm, } \\ & \text { one for the crow, one for } \\ & \text { the rock, and one to } \\ & \text { grow". In other words, } \\ & \text { four times more seeds } \\ & \text { than plants. } \end{aligned}$ |  |  | $25$ |
|  |  | 5 David Burpee, seeds 893. Cold frames can opened on warm day to harden off seedlings continue frames on cold nights |  | 19 $\qquad$ ble this Summer. Have you grown sweet pota- toes or soybeans; Dwarf Pone tomatoes; Edible ternut squash? |  |
|  |  | 6 6 Spade and prepre receive seed of hardy annuals and perennials later in the month. For- maldehyde treatment can be given to the soil to prevent damping-off plants. | 13 $\qquad$ <br> into the soil to add or ganic matter. But leave it undisturbed over shallow An edging of pachysan dra will give neatness | $20$ |  |
|  |  | 7 David Grandison Firir evorere and wisterer plant this day, 1869. Turning last year's compost heap position. It's better to start a new one yearly. | 14 $\qquad$ spray aphis, and other serious pests on fruit trees. Excoverage are essential. Two re sprays should follow | $21^{\text {An carry weading }}$ same time as the thin ning. Pull weeds in the soil between rows lightly disturbed. |  |
|  |  | 8 An April day hat is ing can be devoted to a brisk garden clean-up. filling in washed spots in driveway and paths, and pruning. | $\begin{aligned} & 15 \text { Plant lilies in } \\ & \text { ground prepared } \\ & \text { with leaf mold and sand, } \\ & \text { if the soil is heavy. Treat } \\ & \text { established plants with a } \\ & \text { mulch of well rotted } \\ & \text { compost after } \\ & \text { shoots come up. } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { そ} \\ & 0 \\ & z \\ & \end{aligned}\right.$ |  |  | 16 | 23 | 30 ${ }^{\text {to }}$ to paper disces, slit placed at the base cabbages and other cru ciferi, will prevent flies of laying eggs within striking distance. © |

## evergreens for foundations




All-season beauty gained by a for well-chosen shutbis, many with flowal and furiting interest

In this article, the third of a series on foundation planting, Mary Evans describes broadleaf and narrowleaf evergreens, and some perennials for the foreground.

THE common practice of dumping an assorted lot of evergreens around the foundations of a house cannot be condemned too strongly. Especially should we stop the practice of planting evergreens of the sort that will cut off light and air from windows when they reach maturity. Low-growing kinds are available in considerable variety.

The following lists offer a selection of narrowleaf and broadleaf evergreens. Shape and density, as well as height, count most in making a choice for foundation use. Flowers and Fall color are secondary, but important, considerations.

## Navrouleaf Eivergieens

## chamaecyparis obtusa (Hinoki False

 Cypress), a handsome variety of rich dark green; useful for angles of house walls and blends well with yellow greens; grows $20^{\prime}$ high.C. o. compacta, of yellow-green foliage and useful for accent; grows less than $6^{\prime}$ high.
C. o. gracilis, a slender variety up to $6^{\prime}$; aurea variety yellow when young.
C. o. nana, $3^{\prime}$ or less and with deep green foliage; useful for the front edge.
C. o. squarrosa, up to $20^{\prime}$, with bluegray, moss-like foliage; used like C. obtusa for angles of house walls.
JUNIPERUS chinensis columnaris (Columnar Chinese Juniper), dark green and slender, up to $20^{\prime}$; useful as an accent plant.
J. c. sargenti is one of the handsomest of the low, spreading junipers, with deep green foliage changing to a pink tone in the Fall. Useful for front edges, as accent, or grouped. Grows up to $2^{\prime}$.
J. c. s. plumosa, up to $2^{\prime}$, has graygreen, feathery foliage.
J. communis, up to $3^{\prime}$, is of attractive vase-shaped growth. For front edges, as accent, or grouped. Sometimes Winter burns.
J. c. suecica (Swedish Juniper), to $8^{\prime}$ or $10^{\prime}$, slow-growing and columnar in shape. Of deep green foliage, it is a good foil to other planting, and excellent as an accent plant.
J. excelsa stricta (Spiny Greek Juniper), compact in growth and of a graygreen color, is very worthwhile where a vertical note is needed. Grows to $8^{\prime}$.
J. horizontalis (Creeping or Savin Juniper), of gray-green foliage and $\mathrm{l}^{\prime}$ to $2^{\prime}$ tall, is useful for edges or terrace banks.
J. h. douglasi (Waukegan Juniper) is very much like Sargent Juniper, with


BOSTON IVY AND JAPANESE YEWS
long, rather trailing branches and good green foliage that turns purple in Winter.
J. sabina, a very attractive vaseshaped shrub; grows to $7^{\prime}$ and has deep green foliage.
PINUS mugo mughus (Mugho Pine) is the only low pine. It is beautiful in color and growth, with a $4^{\prime}$ to $6^{\prime}$ spread and height. Though generally too large for the small house planting it can be used as an isolated accent on either side of the entrance or at corners. Likes full sun.
taxus. The yews are among the most useful evergreens for landscape planting. Of varying sizes, and either vertical or horizontal in habit, they are adapted to many positions. Their perfect hardiness and freedom from disease make them almost foolproof. They will stand hard shearing if it is necessary to keep them in scale, but this may sacrifice the red berries which add to their attractiveness in the Autumn. Foliage is deep green at all seasons.
T. baccata (English Yew) is beautiful but not always hardy in this climate, though it may be used with success if given some protection and sheltered from winds in Winter.
T. canadensis (Canada Yew), with feathery foliage, is wide-spreading and up to $2^{\prime}$ tall. Useful for the front of a border or for a terrace bank in the shade; it makes a lovely contrast to low plants such as the Christmas Rose or plumbago.
T. cuspidata (Japanese Yew), up to $10^{\prime}$; handsome in a large planting, but generally too spreading for the small house.
T. c. capitata (Upright Yew) takes the lead for hardiness, richness of color and freedom from disease. Up to $20^{\prime}$ or more, it is useful near the house in angles of walls or as (Cont'd on page 90)

## WHERE AND WHEN TO PLANT THEM

VEGETABLES-A THREE-PART PLAN WILL SIMPLIFY

Seeds for sowing now


Successions for later


WITH a couple dozen packets of vegetable seed on hand, the gardener's problem now is when to sow them. If a detailed plan has not been made, he will also have to decide where each row is to go. Varied are the plans and schedules that have been worked out for vegetable gardens-and none of them can be called a perfect solution.

One orderly way to plant the garden is to divide it into three sections. Early, quick crops are sown in the first section in March or early April, and as these are harvested succession crops are put in.

The middle section can be devoted to a collection of vegetables that go in later than the early crops and take the greater part of the season to mature. These slowgrowing crops can be companion cropped with quick growers.

The third section of the gardenusually on the North side-can be devoted
to tall crops. Since many of these are also tender and go in late, they can be preceded by early, quick crops that mature before the later crops are large enough to fill the space.

The plot sketched shows such a threepart garden at the height of its mid-Summer growth. On the left (labels a to e), succession crops of tomatoes, cabbages, leeks, snap beans and carrots fill the space earlier occupied by peas, spinach, kohlrabi, carrots, beets and lettuce.

Long-season crops of broccoli, Brussells sprouts, parsnips, New Zealand spinach, salsify and dandelion (labels $\mathrm{f}, \mathrm{h}, \mathrm{j}$, l, n) -still with a few companion crop plants of scallions, lettuce, beets and turnips (labels $\mathrm{g}, \mathrm{i}, \mathrm{k}, \mathrm{m}$ ) in the intervening spaces-grow in the middle section.

Tender crops of peppers, eggplants, tomatoes, squash, sweet corn and pole beans (labels o to $s$ ) have replaced a group
of carrots, lettuce and other early maturers planted in the intervals between the rows marked out for late crops.

The length of the garden is $35^{\prime}$. Given a $20^{\prime}$ width, it would total 700 square feet. For the gardener who can spare more time and space, the width can be increased to $30^{\prime}$, to make a garden of 1,050 square feet. If the larger garden is decided on, plantings of crops, such as carrots, beets and lettuce, that have a high yield per running foot should be kept to $20^{\prime}$ lengths and put in at ten-day intervals. In this way a succession of young vegetables can be picked through the season.

Things to do this month: Plant early crops in Section 1: Peas can go in immediately if the soil is workable; $2^{\prime}$ beyond, plant spinach; then kohlrabi, carrots, beets and lettuce, all $14^{\prime \prime}$ apart.

In Section 3, at the far side of the plot, mark out (Cont'd on page 93)


## your child <br> and <br> his

Give him a plot of his veng own, a guiding hand not too heavy on the reins and, above all, set him a good example


For five years Dorothy Jenkins had charge of the children's gardening program at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. Here she suggests what to do and what not to do in order to help your child enjoy growing flowers and vegetables.

Theoretically, gardening is a pastime to which children should take like the proverbial ducks to water. Isn't it a legitimate excuse for getting grubby, playing with the hose and smearing dirt on coveralls and knees? Any one of these childhood satisfactions removes gardening from the sentimental plane-"Joan just loves flow-ers!"-or the dutiful approach of weeding Dad's carrots.

Youngsters are realists who will not garden cheerfully either for sentiment or from a sense of duty. Like many an older gardener, their Spring visions frequently deteriorate into Summer weed patches. Both Spring visions and Summer slothfulness can be fostered by the adult practitioners of Adam's profession. In other words, it's largely up to you to keep up his interest.

Now, mind you, I am not pretending to be a psychiatrist, or to place the entire blame for Johnny's beetle-ridden beans on preoccupied Victory gardeners. Children, however, are copy-cats. They'll start a garden in Spring because someone at school is going to have one, or because the family has a garden. They'll also let it slide in Summer because the incentive has been lost or because you set a bad example by reading on the terrace instead of spraying. (And then, of course, there's always the old swimming hole!)

Children with an inclination towards gardening deserve to be started off right. In the family flurry of ordering seeds and, later in the Spring, of spading and planting, the child who really wants a garden merits better con-

# garden 

sideration than the tag end of seed packets and the rocky corner of the garden that nobody else will bother with. Such treatment is guaranteed to make any child lose interest. It simply isn't fair to him.

Three things will help immeasurably to establish the younger generation in a career of gardening: a piece of ground which he can adequately and comfortably care for all by himself; a set of sturdy tools which are all his own, fitted to his size and able to stand being banged around; and the privilege of choosing what he is going to grow in that garden and with those tools. For the child's garden should be his own creation and his own responsibility.

And we might as well stop being self-righteous about it too. It's no good giving a child a decent piece of ground and buying him the right kind of tools just in the hope that some moral lesson will result from his having a garden.

$\square$ommon sense demands that the plot should be well located where the soil is good and there isn't too much shade, and that the size of the plot should fit the energy of the child. If the five-year-old wants to have a round garden with a flag planted in the middle, why shouldn't he have it that way? And if by the time he is ten, he has proved that he can care for his garden, why shouldn't he have an $8^{\prime}$ by $10^{\prime}$ plot to plant as he chooses without being asked to include dill which cook just must have and there is no room to grow elsewhere?

A good set of tools is not a toy, presented in the hope that Barbara might become interested in gardening. It's equipment for recreation, fully as necessary as a bicycle or a bathing suit. And the cleaning and care of garden tools can be ingrained as thoroughly as that of the more orthodox items. (Here again, we elders can be insufferable examples.) Even small children can use a
hand weeder successfully. Other tools may still be found in small sizes, fully as well made as the spading fork, hoe and rake which adults use.

The novelty of a set of tools wears off as surely as that of roller skates. Crops, more than anything else, will keep children interested in gardening. And the moral here is to let the children grow things that will interest them. They'll need a guiding hand to steer them away from watermelons and Easter lilies, although the feeling that the choice is their own should never be squelched.

Encourage children to grow vegetables and flowers that can be gathered soon after planting. Basically, they should be kinds that are vigorous and can stand some neglect without withering miserably. The returns should be abundant and colorful.

Radishes are the ideal crop for all ages simply because three weeks after the seed is planted, the gardener is pulling food for the table. Swiss chard and New Zealand spinach are ideal vegetables for children to grow (I know the whole family will be sick of them by mid-August) because both grow well in spite of heat and drought and the crops can be cut week in and week out. Beans are fun to plant and easy to grow, and in July the first crop has been gathered and it's time to plant more. Stick to easy vegetables with sure-fire returns, or something that will be exciting to watch like one pumpkin vine or a squash in a bottle.

No matter how small a plot he has, or how many vegetables he grows, the young gardener always likes flowers. What if he does want red zinnias and orange marigolds? There'll be lots to pick. Shirley poppies are easy and gay, and again make room for a midSummer planting.

Of unfailing interest is the unusual flower that is also thrifty-straw-
flowers, speckled gaillardia, and love-in-the-mist, which a city youngster saw in my garden and never could call anything but "love-in-the-park". Pinks, calliopsis, cornflowers, four-o'clocks, scarlet runner beans, and alyssum are only a few of the flowers that will give a child the same sense of achievement that a towering spike of delphinium gives the more sophisticated adult.

Children continually want something to do. Thus the combination of crop to be gathered and a few light activities will do more than any amount of preaching to keep up interest during Summer. It still may not be the fever heat with which seeds were planted in Spring but it should be enough to keep the plot from being a disgrace to the family. Midsummer planting is more fun than weeding. So is picking tomato worms. And if the plot isn't sizable enough to yield a handful of vegetables every other day, suggest picking some flowers and see that they go on display somewhere at home or in the village.

Youngsters naturally like to keep up with the Jones just as their elders are inclined to do. Without making disparaging comparisons, perhaps it will be possible to promote a spirit of competition. One of the most flourishing horticultural organizations in my community is a group of girl scouts who hold monthly flower shows all Summer. We adults who are invited to judge do so eagerly, for these girls find plenty to display and do it well.

A children's show in your community would probably mean more work for adults than children. Unofficial neighborhood competition, however, with returns compared over the back fence shouldn't find your child empty-handed, if you helped him choose the right seeds in Spring.

Though it may seem silly, give reasons for the things that must be done to keep a garden (Cont'd on page 102)

# plan and plant your terrace 

## Ths sturctural material

 which suils your house, deconate with hardy crovice plankTAILORED TILE. A note of color in the California manner. Colored tiles are laid on a concrete base. Joints are cemented, leaving no space for crevice plants, but the stern geometrical pattern makes a good background for bright pots of cacti, flowering or foliage plants and shrubs.

## Dwaif flants to decorate the crevices

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| CARPET BUGLE | GOLDMOSS STONECROP |
| COMMON BURSTWORT | RUNNING STONECROP |
| TURFING DAISY | WHITE STONECROP |
| SAND HOUSELEEK | LEMON-SCENTED THYME |
| CREEPING MAZUS | MOTHER-OF-THYME |

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CARPET BUGLE
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TURFING DAISY
SAND HOUSELEEK
CREEPING MAZUS

CREEPING SPEEDWELL GOLDMOSS STONECROP RUNNING STONECROP WHITE STONECROP MOTHER-OF-THYME

- Your terrace is, in a sense, a connecting link between your house and its environment. It should be executed in materials which will be in harmony with those of which the house is built and still be on familiar terms with the garden and lawn. Your choice of structural material will vary with the architecture-a rustic terrace of cobblestone, flagstone or old brick for a casual house, the tailored briskness of concrete or tile for a more formal or clean-lined modern home. More unusual is a terrace of wood. We show these materials in characteristic patterns.

For planting in the crevices, low plants, such as the Turfing Daisy and stonecrops, will stand a moderate amount of stepping on. Taller types can be used out of the direct line of traffic. For each plant, replace earth in the crack with a mixture of two parts loam, one part sand and one part leaf mold. Plant after terrace is built.

INFORMAL FLAGSTONE. Laid random fashion on a sand and gravel base, flagstones are especially adaptable to crevice plants and often have turf in the interstices. When laid carefully, a subtle variety of tones is easily obtained. Leave a deep trough for the edging shrubs.

WOOLLY THYME
ALPINE TOADFLAX

## Taller Types

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COMMON AUBRIETA
CUSHION CHRYSANTHEMUMS DWARF FORGETMENOT
CARPATHIAN HAREBELL

DWARF IRIS MAIDEN PINK ALPINE ROCKCRESS ROCK SOAPWORT AUSTRIAN SPEEDWELL WOOLLY SPEEDWELL SNOW-IN-SUMMER
VIOLA (IN VARIETY)


MOSAIC WITH BRICKS. Lay them herringbone or basket style-or use a pattern of your own devising. If you can get them, old weathered bricks make the prettiest terrace. Use a cement or tamped cinder base covered with sand. Put soil into crevices where plants are to be set.

WOODEN CIRCLES. It looks as though the forest primeval has been cut down; actually it is merely butts of redwood, cedar or cypress set on a cement or tamped cinder base, with a layer of pebbles and sand. Especially effective with both carpeting and higher crevice plants.

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Cring cleaning starts with good $\mathrm{S}_{\text {wring cheng ching tools and a vacuum run- }}$ ning in top form is your greatest ally. If it sparks, makes unusual noises or otherwise shows signs of trouble that you can't handle by yourself, take it to a qualified service shop. Or ask the manufacturer to recommend his agent nearest you. Don't wait until your vacuum breaks down completely. If any replacements are needed, the repair man will try to get them for you.

Devote a few minutes now to this 12 -point refresher course on how to keep your vacuum working.
1: Use wisely the book of instructions which came with your vacuum. Look on it as your "bible" of cleaner care and keep it handy. It tells you how to get the best results from your particular model; how to give it the best care. If your copy is missing, write your dealer or manufacturer for another; give the serial number of your model or the date of purchase.
2: Examine your vacuum frequently. Make what adjustments you cantighten loose screws, clean parts where necessary, look for signs of wear.
3: Oil regularly, following manufacturer's instructions, if yours is the type that needs lubricating. Remember,
overdosing results in spot and stain on your rugs. Some models are grease lubricated and need no extra oiling. but should be examined once a year for replenishing and cleaning.
4: Set the nozzle for proper contact with your rugs. Unless your vacuum is self-adjusting, different height adjustments are necessary for different thicknesses of pile. The nozzle height is right when the suction lifts the carpet and holds it firmly. Guard against setting it too low; the nozzle digs the rug, makes cleaner hard to push and wears out the rug.

## Watch the three $\mathrm{B}^{\prime}$ s: bag, belt, brush

5: Empty the dirt bag after each using. If even partially filled, it slows down the filtering process; the cleaner chokes and your vacuum won't work efficiently. Empty by holding bag, top down, tight against slightly dampened paper so dust won't scatter. Shake vigorously to dislodge all dirt. Once a month, turn bag inside out, brush both sides with your dusting tool or whiskbroom. Inspect for rips, tears; mend with tape. Never wash; replace if worn thin.
6: Test the rubber belt in a motor(Continued on page 93)

# Pleasingly Practical 

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## QUAKER DINNER CLOTIIS

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## BEAN RECIPES

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Then cover the bottom of a heavy frying pan with olive oil-I know, but this really needs it, and two tablespoons should do. Split and brown a clove of garlic in the oil, then add a couple of sliced onions and a slice of ham cut in cubes. Cook till the onions are soft and the ham is beginning to brown a bit, then add the beans, any liquor left from their boiling, a glass of white wine, a pinch of marjoram and enough stock to cover. Let them simmer, covered, renewing the stock as needed till they are thoroughly tender-which can easily be four hours.

## Cranberry Beans and Bacon

Same theory as for favas, only in our family we like to keep the bacon dry, so it is first cooked and removed from the pan, its drippings used to fry the garlic and onions, and it is added only after the beans have finished cooking, broken small and sprinkled on top.

## Smoked Tenderloin and Limas

This and a green salad make the simplest and heartiest of meals. If your tenderloin is very salty, soak it overnight as you do the beans and discard the water. Allow two cups of beans, put them with the tenderloin, a couple of sliced onions, pepper (no salt) and a bit of bay into a big casserole, with
cold water to cover. Simmer covered for three hours or until the tenderloin is really tender, adding water as needed. Serve with the tenderloin sliced on top of the beans. Day after tomorrow you can purée the beans and pipe them around timbales made from the remaining tenderloin if any!

When the brown point situation is really strained, remember that this wonderful family does famously with barely a suspicion of meat. They do need fat and they do need seasoning to make up for the missing brown points, but look-here's the kidney bean version of the practically meatless meal.

## Dhal

Practically speaking, this is curried lentils. They say the Indians eat it for breakfast! Fry a couple of sliced onions and a diced apple in three tablespoons of fat till they are soft and yellow. Add a teaspoon of curry, two cups of cold water and a pound of lentils. Let them boil slowly for an hour and a half, adding water as needed, and serve with the best approach to chutney you can procure.

## Garbanzos

Another delight of the Spanish-speak (Continued on page 80)

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## A father

## looks at his son

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"I'll make up for them some day, Son. . . . They're my unfinished business. . .." (
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TIME: After the War

## CAST: Mary Barr • John Barr Judy Barr • Tony Barr



PLDT: Mary and the children
living with her parents. John is in the Navy. Letters fly the ocean full of plans for their own home again... a living room like this, game table, reading chair, play space for the children. Using Victorian pieces
they now own,
it will all look fresh, thanks to a new flowered rug. Bigelow, of course, says Mary, even if she waits for it.
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ing world. Soak a pound of the nubbly little things overnight. Try out bacon or salt pork and in the rendered fat fry the inevitable garlic and a liberal quantity of sliced onions-three or four. Cover the peas with cold water, bring to a boil and add the fried mixture with a little thyme and a little chili powder. Let it all simmer till tender and they take longer to cook than most.

## Egyptian Lentils

Boil two cups-alas, they lose their lovely color-with an onion, a carrot and a bit of bay. Season, drain, take out the vegetables and put the lentils in a saucepan with two tablespoons of butter and two teaspoons of chopped parsley. Moisten a beaten egg with a quarter of a cup of stock, pour over the lentils and cook very gently till it thickens. Take it off the fire, stir in the juice of half a lemon, some freshly ground pepper, mix and serve.

## Kidney Beans with Tomatoes

Soak a cup of red beans, boil for an hour and save the liquor. Fry three or four slices of thick bacon cut in squares with a chopped onion, half a green pepper and a little garlic, till they are golden. Add a cup of tomatoes, a little chili powder, salt as needed and the

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## BEAN RECIPES

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beans along with a cup of the liquor in which they boiled. Cook slowly till the beans are tender, adding more liquor if they need it. Spike with parsley and serve. Kidneys are also a fine thing in plain Sauce Espagnole.

## Flageolets

These are practically the prettiest of beans-count yourself lucky if you find them for they are as French as their name. . . . Soak, drain and simmer a cupful with an onion stuck with a clove. Drain, saving the liquor and reheat with two tablespoons of whatever you are using for butter, a glass of white wine, half a cup of the liquor in which they cooked and seasoning-a little savory, a bit of bay, pepper and salt and nutmeg if you like it. Let the liquid reduce gently till it is almost gone and serve.

## Limas and Rice

An Oriental version of the same idea and equally hearty, this starts with a pound of dry limas and a pound of sliced onions browned in fat. Combine with water to cover, simmer till the beans are nearly done, then add half a cup of rice and a minced green pepper. Watch till the rice is done-it steals the water so fast it may burn. Serve as dry as you can without scorching.


## TO THE LAND-LADIES

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the kind, location and size of the farm and, probably, with your own proficiency in learning.

But, having had your training, onscience demands that you stay for he three months you signed up for.

One magazine writer took the Farmingdale course last year in order o write it up properly. Mr. Simmons persuaded her to finish the job by vorking her three months on a farm. When last heard from-almost a year ater-she was still there!

Mind you, life on a farm may at irst seem pretty dreary to a city-bred irl. There isn't usually much diverion, especially if the farm is an solated one; the family diet may not e as varied as you would like, and you nay jib a bit at being treated merely s the hired help. And then of course ou may have the time of your life.

## Seasonal workers

armers also need seasonal workers help with the peak loads, especially ne weeding and harvesting of fruits nd vegetables. These live in groups nd go wherever they are needed.

They may work on one farm one ay and on another the next day. They nay pick strawberries for a week and nen switch to lettuce. It takes a day two's practice at each new job to
become proficient, for there are right and wrong ways of doing even the sim-plest-not to mention new sets of muscles that must be limbered up.

It's hard work but it has to be done if the food front is to be held.

## How to join up

New Yorkers who want to sign up fcr the Farmingdale course or for field work should register at the U. S. Employment Service at 44 East TwentyThird Street. Over 1200 New York City women worked on the land in 1943.

For training in other parts of the country the best way is to get in touch with the State Women's Land Army supervisor who can usually be reached at the State Agricultural College.

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In almost every issue you will find a list of cooperating stores which will display merchandise shown in the special feature for that month. If the cooperating store cannot give you exactly the same item you see photographed it will provide something similar.

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## LOOKING AROUND

A brief guide to current events that are taking place in the House \& Garden fields
 hopes for the future and new exhibits in the shops, museums and gardens. Here are some worth looking in on. dIVERTISSEMENTS AT MUSEUMS The Museum of Modern Art has published a book of Modern Drawings in connection with the current exhibition which is on until April 16. This international survey includes master drawings from Cézanne to Picasso. Among other artists represented are van Gogh, Renoir, Matisse, Bellows, Chagall and Tchelitchew.

A special exhibition of informal Snapshot Photography is also on view. Many of these pictures have been selected from the thousands of original amateur prints assembled by Eastman Kodak. Looking through the lens in retrospect this collection offers an amusing and fascinating view of candid shots through the years. On during April. Open daily 12-7, Sundays 1-7.

Now that the art treasures of the Metropolitan Museum of Art are coming back from their war hideout, it is interesting to see the changes that are gradually being made before they are restored to their proper places. The
newly painted galleries with their fresh, bright colors and the improved lighting are exciting portents of ne arrangements and things to come.

Among the small exhibits worthy of your attention is the recently ac quired Griggs collection of 14th and 15th century Italian paintings. Outstanding in the collection is The Journey of the Magi by a 15 th century Siennese painter. Like most of the paintings of the early Renaissance, it told a religious story to those who could not read.

The loan exhibition of contemporary Chinese paintings by Kao Chifeng and his daughter will be on view through April. Open daily 10-5, Sun days 1-6.

Entries for the 28th Annual Exhibit of the Brooklyn Society of Artists have been pouring into the Brooklyn Mu seum for weeks, as the show open: April 5 and will remain for a month Prizes are awarded for the best oils anc water colors and if it is anything lik last year's show, it's worth seeing.

The unspoiled charm of Mexican folk art may be seen in the contempo rary paintings of Ciferino Palencia. $\mathrm{O}_{1}$ (Conti:uued on page 86)


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view March 31 to May 21. Open daily 10-5, Sundays 1-6.

## GALLERIES

If you were a newcomer to the Frick Gallery, you would hardly realize that over sixty of its finest paintings and sculpture have been stored away for the duration. There are still many fine paintings and prints and the handsome 18 th century furnishings to see.

An announcement of their Spring schedule of talks on 18th century art and music includes a program on Mu sic in Austria to be given April 6 at $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Other lectures on the Romanticist schools of painting and talks on the Collection are held Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 3 p.m., and the gallery is open daily 10-5 except Mondays, 1-5 Sundays and holidays.

Making a beautiful frame for a picture is not just a matter of slapping a little whitewash over a carved pine moulding and calling it "pickled Baroque". It's a studied art which should be handled by a craftsman who has some knowledge of the history of art and the various schools of painting as well as period decoration. If you don't believe us, go to the F.A.R. Gallery at 702 Madison Avenue, where picture framing has been worked out to just such a fine degree.

They will take a print of an old
master, study the texture and colorin and build a frame around it which i modern yet literally complements th feeling the artist intended to create They also have their own process reproducing prints of the romantic schools of painting, both French and American. Go see for yourself!

## MODEL ROOMS

R. H. Macy \& Co. have recently re decorated their model rooms and re arranged their furniture department s that everywhere you turn you find decorative setting, new furniture group ing and exciting color combination Their two new cottages, "Windswept and "Cambridge", are typical informa American Colonial; Forward House i strikingly modern and Chipping Lane new this year, has a wealth of idea for making Victorian furnishings ga with color.

The walls of one sunny living roon are painted like a huge garden wal with rock plants growing out of th crevices. Balloon cloth draperies ar hand-painted to match, floor is yellow circular sofa citron yellow, and the fire place wall is paneled with smoky mi ror like small window panes frame with white muntins. Ideas worth re membering: leaf patterned wall pape cut like topiary and pasted on a so green wall; botanical prints matted i lime green and framed with white an


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green marbleized baroque frames; ante bellum grillework painted apple blossom pink to form a lacy railing and partition between an oyster white and pink living room and dropped dining room; four squat East Indian chairs surrounding a Chinese Modern coffee table in smoky jade, and a stunning mirror frame with ten little bracket shelves attached, on which to display choice figurines, jade, and porcelain.

Sloane House is a perennial favorite for inspiring new decorative ideas and while you're there be sure to see the new 13 States Shop which W. \& J. Sloane have opened on the second floor. Five rooms feature Early American antiques such as were found in the thirteen original states.

You'll see maple, pine and cherry, Welsh dressers, children's rockers, old quilts, prints, clocks and mirrors, fine examples of simple American design. This furniture was fashioned to the needs of a new land. It was usable then and it is still good. As a really good source for Early Americana, these rooms are among the best.

More good news in the line of recent openings are the five gracious rooms at James McCreery \& Co., Fifth Avenue and 34th St., which combine traditional furniture with modern fabrics and fresh Spring colors. In one living room floor-to-ceiling mirror panels form a sparkling background
for an old mahogany spinet which has been turned into a desk. Pink tulip chintz, gay as a perennial border, covers the walls on either side. Real tulips fill the cylindrical base of the glass coffee table placed in the adjoining Regency foyer.

You'll like the leisurely charm of the bedroom, too, with its camellia and butterfly wall paper, four-posted tester bed with green and pink plaid taffeta dust ruffle and perky white pop-corn quilt. Camellia pink is used on the fireside chairs and to line the white bookshelves which frame the paneled fireplace. There's lots to see and you'll be sure to come home with more than an idea or two.

## SHOPS

Usually about this time of year comes the annual urge to get out the old paint can and turps, and do something decorative to the kitchen chairs and table.

If you're handeraft-minded, you will be glad to know about the Delsemme's Artists' Materials Co. at 67 Fifth Ave., N. Y. C. They specialize in decorative stencils for furniture, walls and floors, lampshade papers and plastic paint for decorating china, glass or leather.

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Their model apartment at the back of the shop is full of ideas for running a household with the minimum amount of trouble, time and space.

## GARDENS

One of the most glorious Spring shows to see are the masses of daffodils naturalized in the meadow at the New

York Botanical Garden. Literall acres of them bloom in late April.

For the first time this year the Garden offers a course on "Botany for Beginners", which is being given o alternate Mondays from 8 to 10 p.m. April 10 through June 19. The popu lar three-day course on "Practica Cardening" will be held April 24, 2 and 26 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 an from 1:30 to $4: 45 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Be sure to reg ister for this by April 21. An afternoo course on "Plant Propagation" will b held April 15 through May 13 on al ternate Saturdays. Conservatories an buildings are open daily 10-4. Garden 8 to dusk.

April's first warm days bring thou sands of crocus blossoms which dot th green lawns of the Brooklyn Botani Garden with confetti colors-yellow purple and white. In mid-April th daffodils on Boulder Hill are gloriou to see and in the rock garden you find blue squills, glory-of-the-snow an dwarf iris. The Garden is open daily to dusk. Sundays and holidays 10 dusk.

Several new courses on trees, wil flowers and ferns start during April s make a note of them now, and don miss the broadcast on Children's Vi tory Gardens, March 31, and Sprin Flowers, April 28 at $3: 30$. Radio pr grams are over WNYC $(830 \mathrm{kc})$


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azalea amoena (Evergreen Azalea), a compact bush $3^{\prime}$ to $4^{\prime}$ high, with good foliage and magenta flowers in May. Rather stiff in appearance, it is useful for formal planting but should be isolated from other colors.
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B. sempervirens (Common Boxwood), in height is generally below the eye level, but very old bushes may reach $10^{\prime}$. Rounded in form, it may be trimmed into cone or sphere to give contrast to other shrubs in the border.
B. s.arborescens (Treebox) may reach $25^{\prime}$, but the slowness of its growth makes it safe for planting close to the house. Located in a prominent, sunny position, but protected from wind, the delicious fragrance of the glossy foliage may be enjoyed at all times. It is of loose growth and may be pruned sparingly.
B. s. pyramidata (Pyramid Boxwood), of narrow growth, is useful where space is limited.
B. s. suffruticosa (Truedwarf Box) may be used as a hedge or as an edging for a formal border, or atop a terrace wall or bank.
cotoneaster divaricata (Spreading Cotoneaster), with small, glossy, pointed leaves and bright red berries, is excellent for ground cover or terrace banks in full sun.
C. microphylla. The Rockspray species is useful in the same locations.
C. rotundifolia resembles boxwood and has uses similar to those of the other cotoneasters mentioned.
evonymus radicans vegetus (Bigleaf Wintercreeper) is a handsome, semi-climbing evergreen with lustrous leaves and scarlet berries. Excellent for massing in corners of walls or steps.


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mex. The hollies are beautiful but not always hardy in exposed areas in the North. Foliage is glossy, dark green and toothed.
I. cornuta (Chinese Holly) has large leaves and grows to $6^{\prime}$.
I. crenata resembles boxwood and has black berries; up to $8^{\prime}$ tall.
I. crenata microphylla is smallleaved and useful in corners as an accent or as a hedge.

LEUCOTHOE catesbaei is a low evergreen with arching branches, waxy white flowers, and foliage that turns a deep red in Winter. Requires rich woods soil for best growth.
MAHONIA aquifolium (Oregon Grape), a handsome evergreen with shiny, deep green leaves and flat heads of yellow flowers, followed by blue berries. Rather stiff in appearance, it is useful for a formal position in semishade.
PyRacantha coccinea (Firethorn), one of the most showy of the semievergreen shrubs of climbing habit, has lustrous pointed leaves which often hold until replaced by new growth in early Spring. The bright red or orange berries are a glorious sight in Fall and Winter. Firethorn may be trained against the house wall to good effect or kept low by pruning, but this destroys much of the fruit.
rhododendron and Mountain Laurel may be used for foundation planting, but are more suited to woods planting or to edge the lawn.

## Low and creeping plants

A few low evergreens and some long lasting perennials may be used to fill spaces between shrubs at the front of the border. By their habit of growth, character and color of foliage or flowers, they will add contrast and interest to the shrub planting.
AJUGA genevensis (Geneva Bugle) is a satisfactory little plant with a charming way of "marching along". The dark green leaves, bronze in the Autumn, are arranged in tufts close to the ground; tiny spikes of bright blue flowers stand above the foliage in Spring. An excellent carpeting or edging plant.
baptisia australis. Blue False Indigo is a handsome, shrub-like perennial $3^{\prime}$ to $4^{\prime}$ high and nearly as wide. The pea-like foliage is a lovely shade of green; the deep blue flower spikes stand up well above the leaves and are followed by seed pods which rattle when ripe. Makes a fine accent plant.
CERATOSTIGMA plumbaginoides (Plumbago larpentiae), a creeping plant with rich green, oval leaves and brilliant blue flowers in the Fall, makes a lovely front edging to yew.
DAPHNE cneorum (Rose Daphne) is a gay little evergreen shrub, 1' high with tiny, narrow, pointed leaves and fragrant pink flowers. Rather difficult (Continued on page 92)


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to establish, it needs full sun and protection from wind; attractive for front edges.
helleborus niger (Christmas Rose), a low broadleaf evergreen with deep green, pointed foliage and white flowers that resemble small single peonies. Hard to establish, but well worth the trouble. Grows best in rich, deep soil in half-shade away from winds. As a front edging, it makes a charming contrast to Canada Yew.
hemerocallis (Daylily) is available in many beautiful varieties. Their narrow leaves look well throughout the season, while their lily flowers are infinitely varied in form and shades of yellow, orange or fulvous, some of them sweet scented. Fine for full stops or in groups in the front of a border.
hedera helix. English Ivy is a well known ground cover; often needs protection against Winter-killing or burning. There are many attractive varieties from which to choose.
H. h. baltica, attractive at the front of the border and hardier than the English species.
H. h. conglomerata resembles a tiny bush with deep green foliage.
H. h. hastata has heart-shaped leaves.
H. h. peltata, a small-leaf ivy, beautiful for covering low terrace walls; hardy around steps or as a ground cover.
HELIANTHEMUM nummularium. Though shrub-like in habit of growth, because it is low (about $8^{\prime \prime}$ or $10^{\prime \prime}$ high), Sun Rose is useful as a ground cover at the front of the border. Almost evergreen in mild Winters or protected places, this dainty shrub has branches covered with single, yellow flowers in early Spring. Flowers of its varieties range in color from white to rose.
hosta caerulea (Blue Plantainlily) has broad, deep green leaves and lilylike violet flowers along tall stems. Makes a good edging accent.
H. plantaginea is a white species, with lighter green leaves, handsome for partial shade.
IBERIS sempervirens (Evergreen Candytuft) is an ideal edging plant. The handsome evergreen foliage looks well in all seasons, while the snow: white flowers in May are lovely with Spring shrubs and bulbs.
iris. Both the tall bearded and beardless are excellent for the front of a border, as are Siberian and Japanese Iris, with its many beautiful varieties.
PACHYSANDRA terminalis, one of the most satisfactory ground covers, is an evergreen with handsome, deep green, pointed leaves and tiny white flowers in Spring; may be clipped to keep it in check.
vinca minor (Periwinkle). This well known evergreen ground cover is one of the best for shady places. Bowles is one of the most popular varieties.


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driven and agitator cleaner occasionally to see the tension is firm. If the belt is stretched or loose, your cleaner won't pick up threads and lint as it should because the cylinder won't turn properly. Replace before it breaks.
7: Keep brush clean. Clip ravelings, hairs that wind themselves round it into short lengths, comb out. Adjust rotating brush so that bristles extend slightly below the nozzle. Replace when the tufts are worn too short to touch your rugs.

## Running tips

8: Pick up all metallic objects: hairpins, needles, clips, coins before running sweeper. They're troublemakers in your vacuum; they puncture the bag, cut the belt, damage the motor. A magnet tied to the end of a stick is an easy-does-it trick.
9: Run cleaner slowly for a thorough job. Allow 20 minutes on a $9 \times 12$ rug; work in a straight line, lengthwise of rug. A short cleaning period each day keeps rugs in better shape than a longer cleaning weekly.

## Care of cord

10: Wind worn spots with friction tape; replace badly frayed and worn cord-it is a fire hazard, injurious to you and the appliance. Turn off the switch before disconnecting. Never jerk or pull on the plug for it strains the copper strands in the cord. To avoid running over or stepping on cord, hold the slack in your left hand while operating the sweeper.

## Attachments

11: Attachments are not just frills. Make the most of them. Use them to dust walls, woodwork, upholstery, bedding, wall hangings, radiators, etc. This will cut dusting chores to a minimum. 12: Store your cleaner where it's cool and dry, away from the heat of radiators. Don't cram it into a tight space where the bag may become torn, the cord damaged. Wind the cord loosely, fasten by clips.

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locations for the tall, tender crops that go in late in May or in June. One foot from the back of the border, put in a marker labeled "pole beans"; 4' from this, one for sweet corn; after another $31 / 2^{\prime}$ comes the squash label; then the tomato label $31 / 2^{\prime}$ from squash; and a marker for the pepper-eggplant xow $2^{1 / 2}$ from the tomato one. Between these rows plant whatever quick crops are desired.

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To produce good crops of clean fruit, dwarfed trees require careful planting and regular care. On their arrival from the nursery, they should be put in a cool, shady place and the roots kept moist. Plant as soon as possible. It is a good idea to dig the holes ahead of time. If necessary they can be enlarged when the trees arrive.

Topsoil should be set to one side, and well rotted manure or some other compost material mixed with it. If the topsoil is shallow, excavate the subsoil to the depth necessary to give the roots full spread, and room to spare. Place the subsoil in a separate pile. The tree should be set not over $1^{\prime \prime}$ higher or lower than it was in the nursery, the depth gauged by the soil rim made on the trunk in its last position. The topsoil mix is filled in and tamped around the roots. The subsoil can be used if necessary to complete the fill, a slight depression being left to catch moisture.

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F $^{\text {IFTY }}$ per cent of all deaths due to $F_{\text {fire occur in the home. Most of }}$ them-authorities say up to 90 per cent-could be prevented by taking commonsense precautions. These fig. ures speak for themselves. Add the destruction of irreplaceable possessions, the inconvenience, worry and suffering that home fires entail and you get an irrefutable argument for making fire safety a conscious part of the Spring clean-up.

Note the phrase, "fire safety"-in dicating fire prevention and protection. Prevention means eliminating the causes of fire; protection refers to the means and methods of dealing with a fire that has already broken out. Both are essential parts of a rounded program of home defense.

Fire safety in connection with the Spring clean-up means getting rid of accumulations of combustibles in the attic and other out-of-the-way places, investigating the condition of equipment and making all needed repairs. Next, it means looking into the matter of home fire-fighting equipment. If you have extinguishers (approved kinds bear an Underwriters' label), inspect and, if necessary, recharge them. Before doing so, however, invite your
family to practice using them outdoors on a make-believe fire. This will give everyone the "feel" of these devices.

Then take steps this Spring to guard against the ten common fire hazards in the home:

Careless smoking and disposal of matches. This one cause accounts for more than one out of every four home fires. You've seen it happen. Someone falls asleep while smoking, and a lighted cigarette slips out of his hand and falls on an overstuffed cushion or bed. Or he allows a cigarette or cigar to remain perilously perched on the edge of an ash tray when he leaves the room, or empties his pipe in a halffilled waste-basket.

Members of the family should be cautioned against discarding cigarettes or matches before they are completely out; and a plentiful supply of foolproof ash trays should be distributed to encourage safe habits. Also, be sure to keep matches out of children's reach.

Electrical hazards. Pennies in fuse boxes have caused millions of dollars' worth of destruction. So, too, have oversized plugs. A fuse is a safety de(Continued on page 98)


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- If my wife's jewelry disappears and I can't prove it was either lost or stolen, can I collect the insurance?


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vice and should be respected as such. Furthermore, see that electrical appli ances-irons, hair curlers, toasters etc.-carry Underwriters' approval labels and are in good condition. Defective equipment should be repaired Whenever electrical devices are used they should be carefully supervised.

Boiling over of fat, grease, tar, wax etc. Observe the rules of good housekeeping in the kitchen, particularly around the stove. Keep the oven, broil er and top of the stove free from grease accumulations. Be careful not to let containers of grease or oil spill or overflow.

Open lights, flames, sparks. The pilot light on your stove can ignite flammable vapors, and candles on tables can set fire to combustible decorations. Be circumspect about using open flames. Use a flashlight instead of a match or candle when hunting in dark places.

Defective and overheated heating appliances. A faulty furnace or hot water heater may have gotten by so far, but this is no guarantee for the future. Or perhaps insulation on some pipes, particularly if steam is used, is inadequate. Don't postpone repairs until Fall. Now is the time to call in an ex--pert for a reconditioning job.

Defective chimneys and flues. After a Winter's use, chimneys and flues may need cleaning and possibly repair. Entrust this job to an expert.

Hot ashes and coals. New metal ash containers may be hard to obtain, but wooden boxes and barrels are dangerous substitutes. Remember not to mix rubbish with hot embers, or place ash receptacles near wooden partitions or other combustibles.

Flammable liquids. Gasoline, benzine and other flammable liquids should be ruled out of the home. If home dry cleaning liquids are needed, non-flammable kinds can be obtained. Furniture polish, window cleaning fluids and many other household mixtures may contain flammable liquids. When making purchases, insist upon nonflammable products so labeled. The vapors of flammable liquids can flow unseen along the floor for a considerable distance, and on coming in confact with a spark or open flame, can start a dangerous fire. And the mere friction in rubbing a fabric can cause a spark.

Sparks on roofs. If you have a fireresistive roof, skip this one. But if you haven't, watch out for sparks from your own or a neighbor's chimney. Until dried-out wooden shingles can be replaced with a fire-resistive covering, you can achieve partial protection by erecting a spark arrester over every chimney.

Outdoor rubbish. Leaves, rubbish, high grass and other combustibles near the house are potential dangers. They take fire easily and may spread it quickly (Continued on page 99)

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to the house. Cleaning up the Winter's debris is a good job for a warm Spring day.

To top off your Spring clean-up campaign, why not hold a family fire inspection followed by a fire drill? Someone is sure to find a frayed electric wire that needs repair, or a pile of "junk" that should be turned over to a salvage unit.

And teach every member of the family, including children and elderly people, how to turn in an alarm, leave the house quickly and safely, and-in the case of adults-how to muster "first aid" fire-fighting equipment to the scene of the fire.

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## LIFE BECINS

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are numbered, one to four, and they think up names for themselves-the funnier the better; onlookers place bets; girl rolls one die for number of horse; boy rolls other for number of steps horse may take-and they're off! Pick new horses for next race and continue until dinner is announced.

When it comes to food the good old standbys are better than innovations; but one word of caution. If most of the girls are making their first appearance in long dresses, don't have things that are easily spilled. Managing high heels, long skirts and trying to think of something to talk about is all they can be expected to cope with.

Another important thing to consider is timing. Everything should go off like clockwork with no awkward pauses to be filled with non-existent small talk. The horse race fills the pause before dinner while the guests are arriving. Afterward it's ideal if they can pop straight into their coats, and with hasty and incoherent adieux to their exhausted hostess, dash off to the dance.

## LUNCHEON TABLE

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$H^{\text {ERE are details of the luncheon table, }}$ $\mathbf{H}_{\text {shown on page }} 53$ at which a bean entrée is counted on to play the starring role. A modern table of blond honeycolored wood from Modernage serves as foil for Lord \& Taylor's place mats of deep brown linen. Fluted white pottery plates, brown glazed casseroles to hold the beans, wooden centrepiece, crystal wine glasses, all Alice H. Marks. Water goblets of rare Orrefors crystal. Steuben's wide-bottomed crystal decanter patterned after an old one from clipper ship days. Sterling flat ware, Frank W. Smith's "Fiddlethread".

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## DWARFED FRUIT TREES

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the tips of the branches each following Spring, plus a $4^{\prime \prime}$ mulch of well-rotted manure or compost added to the soil in very late Fall, should provide the necessary plant nutrients for an established tree. In the event a tree begins growing too vigorously, stop all fertilizing, or fruit production will drop.

Pruning at planting time will largely decide the future structure of the tree. First, decide how high on the trunk you want the tree to branch. Then cut above the bud nearest to the desired level of the top branch. If the tree is old enough to have side branches, cut these back 50 to 75 per cent of their length. In older, established trees, Winter pruning consists of removing close-set or chafing branches and trimming each leader back slightly.

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## YOUR CHILD'S

## CARDEN

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looking well. Maybe you'll explain fifty times and for a half-dozen years why carrots must be thinned and why a weeder or hoe is used but sooner or later the logic sinks in and light dawns that it's easier to cultivate than to weed. Reasons are far more forceful than nagging.

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There is even a chapter on gardening and another on home-made bread and home-ground whole wheat flour. In the latter interesting recipes are included and many of these are for the use of the uncracked grain just as it comes from the flail.

An appendix lists Agricultural Experiment Stations, Government and State publications, etc., available to the amateur who wishes to go more deeply into any of the subjects discussed in this book.

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When you buy your own freezer you will receive explicit instructions from its manufacturer on all the practices most likely to succeed with it. The procedures below are based on the safest and quickest of the various proven methods. For instance boiling-waterblanch is easier to handle than steamblanch. Glass containers can be used for pre-freeze packaging of the foods but require special care in leaving head-room for expansion; if they break, the contents make a mess of the whole freezer. Frozen food can be thawed before cooking but it's better to cook it straight from the frozen pack. Personal
experiment with variations of the best scientific advice will build up your own confidence in your ability to achieve a finished product that will suit your own taste.

## Pre-Freeze Procedure Vegetables

(1) Start pot of water to boil, using vast quantities of water for small amount of vegetables.
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## HOME FREEZINC

(3) Blanch by placing vegetables a wire basket, or colander, or by tying hem in cheesecloth, and immersing in apidly boiling water. Agitate to allow 11 surfaces to get uniform amount of vater and to prevent mushiness. Count he time from when the water re-boils see table on page 110).
(4) Chill by removing from boilng water and placing under rapidly unning cold water.
(5) Drain for a few seconds.
(6) Pack when cool enough to andle casually. Use containers best wited to the nature of what you're dogg : snap beans and asparagus in flat quares; peas, sliced or diced vegebles in cellophane envelopes which $t$ into containers.
(7) Place packages in refrigerator hile waiting for others. Freeze as soon s possible.

## Note

Reclaimed commercial storage boxes are fine for meats, butter, eggs, seafood. But they are not $100 \%$ sure for vegetables, which require actual shock freeze

Post-Freeze Procedure Vegetables
ake from storage compartment as ose to time you expect to use them s possible. They may be stored in your wn refrigerator but, like the commer-
cial packs, cannot take a variety of temperatures. When ready for use, open package and place frozen pack in small amount of rapidly boiling water. This preserves vitamins which are lost by thawing before cooking. Delicacy of texture and flavor are best retained by allowing slightly less time than for garden fresh vegetables. Never thaw and try to keep without cooking.

## Fruits and Berries

No other method of preservation equals fast freeze when it comes to the delicacy and luxury of seasonal fruits and berries. Properly packed with either sugar or simple syrup they require no blanching before freezing and no cooking afterward, but can be eaten raw as soon as they are thawed. They may also be pre-cooked and frozen ready for compotes, pies, cakes, sauces, etc. Since only local produce is at the optimum required for freezing purposes we are referring you to your local state college which will have all the available information on the best practices for your crop. Send for these free pamphlets. It is always safe, however, to combine by weight: one part sugar to four or five parts berries, depending on the maturity of the fruit and the taste you desire. Apples may be sliced and steam-blanched one and one-half minutes and packed without sugar, ready for pie making. But in general the most satisfactory results are the luxury (Continued on page 110)


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## SAND PILE?

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The sand pile is a magnet for young folks in the neighborhood, the wonderland on the other side of the looking glass. Little David, age three, can spend an afternoon, unattended, in the safety of its foothills. Higher up and above his reach are the engineering works of the older men of eight and ten. This is a place of intricate fortification. There are revetments, and gun emplacements, airplane fields and underground hangars, with military equipment proportionable. It is necessary to exercise great caution in extracting a spadeful for more peaceful pursuits.

How many times have I been asked by a timid voice, "Can I play in your sand pile today?" and I have answered with careful unconcern, "Sure, go ahead." One could have a sand pile for this alone.

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When cold weather comes and the car wheels spin and I will be late in picking up my fellow pool members, a spadeful or two on the icy surface of the driveway and I am out. A pail or box kept handy is easily replenished from the pile, unfrozen beneath its covering of leaves. The black grease beneath the cars in the garage becomes innocuous and removable with the addition of a little sand. A half-inch layer in the Fall proves an effective insulation for the floors of the chicken coop, and when it is removed in the Spring, along with the litter, the boards beneath are found to be dry and clean. There is competition, too, for that sandy litter, which is highly desirable to gardeners in the household, male and female.

But it is in the vegetable garden that one really puts sand to work. Once you learn to use it, it becomes as indispensable as compost. Thumb through the nearest seed catalogue and note how often you run across such expressions as these: "a well-drained, sandy loam is best suited to beans," or "a rich, sandy soil, mellow and deep, produces the best root crops," or "the most suitable soil for melons is a rich, warm, sandy loam." Unless you are one of the few who are fortunate enough to have a garden of sandy loam you may shrug your shoulders and say "Oh yeah?" But you need not. The answer is a sand pile.
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Make a drill, for instance, as deep as you can go with the point of a hoe. Fill it with sand and draw and mix in the displaced dirt. It might take you ten minutes, but it will be deeply appreciated by vegetables such as beets, lettuce, beans, early peas and radishes. Or dig in a spadeful with each hill when sowing cucumber and melon seed, or a trowelful when transplanting lettuce and eggplant and pepper.

For years I suffered with a clay soil, sour and heavy. The Italian who is my friend and adviser suggested a dressing of sand over the whole garden. We put on a truck load and plowed it in the Fall. The improvement in soil condition was noticeable immediately: better texture, better drainage, more ease in cultivation. I am no longer the last to plant my Spring peas. The earth has ceased to display a greenish tinge in late Summer after a wet spell. And after five years my Italian friend still reminds me of his successful experiment with pride and is watching conditions closely to see when it should be repeated.

There are, of course, some gardens which are naturally too sandy, and which retain moisture not at all. The answer for them is the addition of more humus, stable manure, green manure crops, and compost. But the owner will have other uses for the sand pile.

## Sand as mulch

Try sand in mid-Summer as a light mulch when resort has been had to the sprinkler or soil soaker. A handful or two scattered along the row will penetrate close to the stems of the young plants where cultivation is impossible. Moisture will be conserved and a sunbaked crust, enemy of Fall gardens, will be avoided.

Do you have as much trouble as I in "planting thinly" the tiny seeds of lettuce and carrot? Then measure your seed, mix it thoroughly with a coffee can full of dry sand and sow this in the drill. You will get an even distribution, with plenty of room for each plant.

Soil in cold frames which is on the sandy side stimulates strong root growth and makes transplanting easy. And of course for starting seedlings in the house in Winter, sand is ideal, as it is clean and easily sterilized. Speaking of Winter, which I suppose will come again as usual, carrots stored in boxes of sand in the cellar will stay sweet and fresh until Spring if you do not forget to water them a little every Sunday.

I could go on but I might risk spoiling the fun you will have in discovering for yourself the many uses you can make of a sand pile. But do not look upon sand as a substitute for humus. It is a mineral, being in fact minute rock fragments, and it has little plant food value. It is a necessary component of garden soil, a leavener of good earth, the friendly influence which helps young things to grow up properly.


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## Ellen

 goes shopping with shears!1. Ellen is a wartime newlywed. Her husband's in the Army, Ellen's in a war job. They can't set up their home till after the war, of course. But smart little Ellen is making plans just the same. She's shopping for lovely home things-with shears! Clipping pictures of things she wants to get-but can't get now. Look, for example, at some Seth Thomas* clocks she's set her heart on!

## (Remember, Seth Thomas clocks are not available now)


2. Ellen loves Early American things. So what could be more fitting for her living room than this Seth Thomas, a reproduction of an original design by Seth Thomas, Esq., master clockmaker?

4. And for their bedside table she has her eye and her ear on this handsome, soft-spoken Seth Thomas alarm. Come rain or shine, it'll always suggest that oh-what-a-beautiful-morning feeling!
3. But Ellen likes modern beauty too. So, to dress up her dressing table, she's chosen this Seth Thomas. (She'll never have oceasion to say, "Darling, I never realized it was so late!")

5. Even if Ellen could start furnishing their home this minute, of course she couldn't find her favorite Seth Thomas clocks in the stores. So she's buying War Bonds now to buy clocks later!
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PLanting shrubs against a wall is an old English custom. Unlike many English garden ideas, this one is not impractical throughout the United States. They've done it at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden where it was started more than ten years ago; they've proven it successful on Princeton University campus. Southern gardeners have experimented more than northerners with this effective, space-saving type of planting. To be convinced, one has only to see Cydonia glowing against a wall in a Carolina garden or Jasmine on Long Island in January, or in Autumn the purposeful outlines of Pyracantha studded with scarlet berries. Their beauty will be proof enough.

Does it sound rather silly to suggest planting shrubs against a wallor an extra lot of work in a garden that demands just so many hours of maintenance already? Given a wall, there are several good excuses-no, sound reasons-for planting shrubs in this special way.

The wall may be a free-standing one of stucco or brick, or it may be a solid surface such as is provided by the stockade or rustic fence of closely woven poles. As a last resort for this unusual planting, one could experiment

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daptable ones are all aristocrats whose fan of branches will be jeweled vith blossoms or gleaming berries. Beause of the extra protection, these lossoms open much earlier than those f shrubs planted in the ordinary way. This lengthens the pleasure we get rom standbys such as Forsythia, puince and Honeysuckle. The extra protection also gives some degree of ssurance to tender shrubs; for intance, to having Crapemyrtle bloom or more than one year in gardens farher North than Virginia or the every o often winterkilled Buddleia and belia living long and decorative lives.

The wall planting can be as varied s a shrub border, planning for color ach season of the year. Out of the mulitude of Spring shrubs, golden Forythia, vivid Quince, Hawthorn, Weiela and Almond take best to the prun$n_{g}$ and training for good behaviour gainst the wall. Choiysa ternata, the eautiful Mexican orange flower, can e grown as far North as Washington nd Virginia instead of only in the leep South. Normally, it grows to five eet and likes to bloom early anyway March to May). The fragrant, gleamng white flowers would double for range blossoms at any wedding.

Presented with a wall, I should be empted to grow Crapemyrtle outdoors he year round at least as far North as Philadelphia. There it would flower in ummer, its panicles of bloom recalling
the long past lilacs. Against a wall, any of the new Buddleias should be a safe investment. To delicate lavender pink Charming and the rich Dubonnet now are added brilliant Flaming Violet, White Bouquet and the orchid Fascinating. Summer bloom would also be enriched by Abelia which flowers so generously for so many weeks. Its often uneven outlines when planted in the open garden are easily checked by the pruning necessary for wall training. Since wall shrubs must be pruned every year, this is a good place also to use our shrub Honeysuckles which have a tendency to grow unkempt or too dominant in an average shrub planting. Aralia with its dust-tolerant foliage is a sturdy candidate for city gardens.

Plan for berries in Autumn from May flowering Hawthorn, from Matrimony Vine (Lycium chinense) which will grow like mad and look raggedy anywhere save against a wall. Cotoneaster is ideal and fairly trains itself against a low stucco wall. Pyracantha is one of the most striking.

The Winter Jasmine (Jasminum nudiflorum) or Winter Sweet (Chimonanthus fragrans), interspersed among the more luxuriant other season shrubs, will flower every mild sunny Winter day. Safe as far North as New York.

That about completes the list of shrubs to make Cinderellas out of man-
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## WALL SHRUBS

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made barriers, whether they are in Massachusetts or Georgia, Iowa or Oregon. Certain of the Viburnums might be possibilities, as well as the misty pink flowered Tamarix, tall Deutzia, even Winter Daphne ( $D$. odora) elsewhere than California and D. mezereum more widely than is commonly grown. The Bladder Senna (Colutea arborescens) with yellow Summer flowers followed by bronze pods has been satisfactory in Princeton, N. J. Anyone could make a start with the easy ones, the safe ones, or those that will add early bloom, or flowers of a kind that never bloomed before in Virginia or New York.

## Planting and care

Probably none of these shrubs is extra fussy about soil. With a wall or woven fence at their backs, exposure isn't a cause for worry. Admittedly a southern or western exposure is ideal, especially for early bloom. Planting? Why, just the same way lilacs are set out on either side of the doorway or dogwood on the lawn, and about a foot away from the wall.

Soil drainage should be checked before the shrubs are set out at the base of a building wall. If the bed slopes toward the wall, it can be built up or the subsoil can be lightened with cinders or sand.

Soil should be a good garden loam, prepared at least $11 / 2$ feet deep and well broken up as far out laterally as the roots are likely to extend. A generous shovelful of rotted manure or compost, plus a handful of bone meal or complete fertilizer, should be well mixed with the topsoil before planting. When the hole is dug and the shrub held in place, fill in with soil and tramp it down around the roots to eliminate air pockets. A generous watering should be given before the last shovelfuls of soil are put on.

Shrubs transplant best during their dormant period starting in October. The early Spring end of this period seems a more likely time to start wall shrubs, especially the known tender ones. Probably there is no reason why the hardiest ones couldn't be started in Autumn, if that time is more convenient.

The maintenance of wall shrubs involves one real chore-an annual pruning every Summer, sure as Fourth of July, for those that have flowered. True to schedule, Summer flowering shrubs get their annual pruning in late Winter. There should be no postponing this annual pruning and it starts the first year the shrubs are in place.

They must be pruned in the way they should grow-a fan-like spray of branches that will silhouette every branch and every blossom against its solid background. Wall shrubs can have no depth. Forsythia branches can't arch over on all sides to make a natural urn of flowers; Quince mustn't grow so twiggy that blossoms are hidden in a thicket.

It's easier to start by planting small shrubs, snipping and training them as they grow. Both planting and
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## REVIEW

HOME CANNING MADE EASY, by Miriam Williams. Illus. 122 pages. The Macmillan Co., N. Y. C. $\$ 1.50$
The author of this book on canning is the food editor of the Farm Journal and Farmer's Wife. She is an authority on nutrition and home economics, with experience as a teacher and in extension work. Her experience covers the training of Demonstration agents and housewives in canning and dehydration. With such a background it is not surprising that this book covers the field exhaustively and that the information given is arranged in such form as to be most readily available to the home canner.

This reviewer is an enthusiastic advocate of charts and tables for the busy canner who may have a bushel of beans or fruit in the kitchen at the time she refers to her literature on the subject. Under such circumstances she skims hurriedly through solid text but looks hopefully for the table or chart which will give her the information she needs quickly and efficiently.

The endpapers of Mrs. Williams' book offer a Victory Food Budget for one person. The reader need only multiply the figures by the number in her family; a diet wheel showing what foods should be eaten each day; a chart listing the various ways in which vegetables and fruits may be preserved for winter; and a table giving the approximate yield of canned products from raw. Much necessary information is thus concentrated on these four pages.

The text itself covers practically all phases of food preservation. Separate chapters, each with its table of detailed instructions for the processing of each product, cover Fruits and Juices; Vegetables; Meat, Poultry and Fish. Other chapters on Brining and Salting Vegetables and Home Drying will come as a godsend to the many amateurs who are looking for authoritative information on these subjects. Pickles, Relishes, Jellies and Preserves have not been neglected and in these sections the author has been generous with her pet recipes.

## KEEP YOUR COLORS FLYING

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House \& Garden's colors for 1944 can be mixed with "Brilliant Colors" and "White Spred", made by the Glidden Co., Cleveland, Ohio. For formulas on mixing colors write our Reader Service.
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Group (4) Wedgwood dish, Flea Market. Tea caddy, Decorantiques
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So wrote Thomas Hyll of London, in the earliest English gardening book, 1563 , expressing a belief which was as ancient as the remote age when nomadic man first settled down and began to till a piece of soil. To him the life-giving sun was the divine king, the moon was queen and goddess of fertility. To follow her pattern must have seemed to be a wise course.

## Moon phases

Once established, the practice persisted, and to this day there are literally millions of farmers and gardeners in America who regulate their planting and harvesting by the appearance of the moon. "Appearance" is the correct word, because the whole of the moon is continually revolving around our earth. Its light is merely reflected from the sun, and as the sun gradually gets between the two, the moon receives less and less light to reflect until it is wholly invisible to us.

Primitive man was not aware of this; to him the first faintly illuminated edge was a reborn or new moon, and in due course, as the earth-shadow began to creep up again, that moon was old and waning into death. But most Americans have been to school and therefore have heard or read the real meaning of the phases of the moon and the pageantry of the firmament.

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pruning are simplified if the back half of the shrub is pruned out before planting, leaving only the main leader and strongest side stems. Thus the plant can be fitted into place without difficulty. The one or two or four, possibly six, strong stems that are left, depending on the plant's habit of growth, may lie flat against the wall or cedar fence. During the remainder of the first year, pruning will consist only of enough snipping to maintain symmetry and check unwanted growth.

## Training tells

Each year when the pruning time comes round, stick to the main branches, cutting out laterals that would push the shrub out from the wall or give a rounded appearance to the head-on view. As the shrub grows, more branches from the base may broaden the fan. Some shrubs like Winter Jasmine and Almond, which make slender whip-like growth in the open, will be no trouble to train; others like Weigela will need faithful thinning of new twiggy growth to reduce bunchiness. But the long sprays of pink bells never show off to better advantage. Incidentally, remember that it takes at least two years for a woody plant to show what it can really do.

The mature beauty of Hawthorn and Pyracantha as wall shrubs are easier to visualize because they have a thicker main stem or trunk. Their pruning is a less strict adaptation of the espalier fruit which have side branches like outstretched arms. No branches left to grow front and back into a rounded plant, just the main side branches left standing clear at right angles to the thicker main stem. Prune cleanly, making sharp cuts and leaving no stubs.

Some more tips
It's amazing how many of these shrubs shape up without any additional or permanent support. With unwanted growth removed, side branches lie flat. Some, such as Quince and Pyracantha, become entirely self-supporting in a halfdozen years. It may be simpler the first year or two and give a better idea of the desired effect if staples, wall nails or one of the gadgets for fastening vines to walls are used to anchor unwary branches. Shrubs that make slender growth rapidly, such as Forsythia and Matrimony Vine, can be held down by wires strung six to twelve inches apart horizontally across the wall.

Still, it's the annual thinning and pruning, the training and choice of stems left growing to fill in the picture that really make a wall shrub. This annual pruning may stimulate a greater height than normal in common shrubs (flowers and berries will be plentiful) However, the average height of shrubs fitting them for low walls or true "blind" enclosures is an important consideration in making a selection from the varied list. Cotoneaster can hardly be expected to make the garage wall a picturesque background for the garden nor Flowering Plum restrain itself to a four foot stucco wall.
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Other warnings about pruning concern the time and the method. Spring flowering ones are pruned every Summer without fail, Summer and Winter flowering ones in late Winter or early Spring. The pruning shears are guided also by whether or not the shrub flowers on new growing shoots or growth of previous seasons. Finally, the amount of pruning depends on the amount of space available.

What about regular climbers or vines which you've probably been thinking will do the job without the special training needed by a wall shrub? Well, don't many of our favorite perennial vines grow up to smother a wall or fence, and some of the others have a tendency to leave a bare stretch at the base and overgrow at the top? The right shrub makes a graceful, balanced picture within the wall frame. They do, however, combine well with clematis and climbing roses by way of variety.

## Maximum of beauty

The difficult problem of planting against a wall yet avoiding clumsy growth is ideally solved by appropriate wall shrubs. The space saved either in background or for companion planting of lower plants guarantees the maximum of plant beauty within this garden area. The eminent English authority on trees and shrubs, W. J. Bean says, "The supreme value of walls is not in providing accommodation for climbers but in affording conditions that enable many beautiful shrubs to be successfully grown that are hopelessly tender in the open ground". Not all suitable American shrubs are hopelessly tender but they certainly can embellish the hopelessly plain garage wall, if there's no other to practice on, and take precious little growing space from the garden proper.

Dorothy H. Jenkins
(For shrub listing, see page 124)

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ments were made, readings recorded and tabulated, graphs drawn. Finally the trained observers reported that: "The conclusion is inescapable: the moon has no consistent effect."

It was not by any means the first time the matter had been tested, but probably this was the most extensively planned and carefully conducted demonstration of its kind ever made. There should no longer be room for any lingering doubt, but it is proverbial that superstition dies hard. Probably this one lingers on because of a behavior pattern, an understandable tendency to do everything that was done on a similar previous occasion when the results were either successful or at least unattended by calamity.

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Botanical Name
Average Height
Spring:
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FLOWERING ALMOND
flowering plum
FORSYTHIA
HAWTHORN
MEXICAN ORANGE FLOWER
QUINCE
TAMARIX
Summer: (prune in early spring)

| ABELIA | A. floribunda | $3-5^{\prime}$ |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
|  | A. grandiflora | $3-6^{\prime}$ |
| ARALIA | Acanthopanax pentaphyllum | $4-10^{\prime}$ |
|  | (foliage dust tolerant, especially for cities) |  |
| BLADDER SENNA | Colutea arborescens | $10-12^{\prime}$ |
| BUDDLEIA | any of several varieties | $4-8^{\prime}$ |
| CRAPE MYRTLE | Lagerstroemia indica | $8-15^{\prime}$ |
| HONEYSUCKLE | (early Lonicera fragrantissima | $6-10^{\prime}$ |
|  | L. tatarica, L. morrowi |  |

Autumn:
(COLORED FRUIT)
bladder senna
cotoneaster
HAWTHORN
MATRIMONY VINE
PYRACANTHA
Colutea arborescens
$10-12^{\prime}$
any of several varieties other than prostrate ones
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Rampant Rose. Because of the acute coal shortage we didn't heat the greenhouse until February, when vegetable seeds must be sown for early crops. Meantime, an overwhelming desire to grow a Maréchal Niel rose, which ordinarily would be planted in the greenhouse, threatens to disturb our domestic economy. It came to us in late Fall, a mere stick with roots. We gave it a large pot filled with our best soil and set it in a sunny living room window. By December it had outgrown a $3^{\prime}$ trellis built into the pot and its tendrils were clutching at the curtains. Mid-January we debated which of us would move out. February the Marshal did, but before that he produced two magnificent blooms.

This most vigorous of tender climbing roses dates back to 1864. Its foliage is rich green, its flowers golden yellow and very fragrant, borne in great profusion. In the South and on the Pacific Coast it is hardy, but in the more frigid states it must be grown under glass. We wonder, once this rose starts spreading over our little $9^{\prime} \times 12^{\prime}$ greenhonse, how much room it will give to other plants. We'll probably have to do a lot of trick training on lateral wires and pinch back its more ambitious trailers.

Good Primulas. As the years pass and we try more varieties of them, the malacoides primulas rise higher and higher in our estimation. Single and double, pink and white with shades between, it is a pot plant par excellence for the small, cool greenhouse. When cut, the flowers last a week, if the water is changed and the room is not too hot. For early Spring bloom we sow the seed in August, growing along the seedlings in a succession of smallest to larger pots, filled with a finely sifted mixture of 1 part loam, 1 leafmold and $1 / 2$ sand, with more leafmold at the final potting. A few pots of them lend airy grace to any room. With care these primulas can be raised indoors if the temperature is not too high. Treat them as annuals, raising a new batch each year from seed.
Delphiniums. Among the more valiant of our special plant groups is the American Delphinium Society. Its yearbook appears regularly .crammed to the covers with information on the growing of this superb flower. For it can be a superb flower if well grown; if given only casual treatment it is apt either to be mediocre or to succumb to disease. Failure with delphiniums
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has caused many an amateur gardener to give them up. Here at Sun House we grew them fairly well for years, but, being distracted by other floral interests, failed to give them the full measure of attention that their idiosyncrasies and enemies demand. This year we are starting over again and following a regime suggested by the latest number of the Delphinium Society's yearbook, a course of care from seed to year-old plants guaranteed to bring success and not exacting too much time or horticultural skill.

Erosion at home. A walk around the place reveals that even in the small, protected garden Winter erosion can make inroads and this despite ground covers and ridging of the soil. Land conservation, like charity, begins at home. It consists in putting back into the soil the same measure of food that plants have drawn from it and in preserving this food-charged soil against the wasting of rains. The vital heart of a garden is its compost heap wherein is compounded that richness which, in the form of leafmold, we restore to the earth.
Mr. Rand's Book. I do not have the slightest notion who Edward Sprague Rand Jr. was, but in the midst of the Civil War he produced "Flowers for the Parlor and Garden," one of those
all-inclusive gardening books that goes blithely on for 400 pages without the slightest mention of the carnage and horrors of war raging in 1863. Strip the viscid sentiment and embroidery from the writing and Mr. Rand's book is as useful for garden and house plant work today as any equivalent work being produced now. Evidently he believed that growing flowers helped to sustain the morale of the home front and his method of handling this problem is to disregard morale and the war altogether. He was satisfied to wallow in pretty sentiment and dish out good, sound advice.

Lilies Coming. From rumors that drift our way out of the Northwest, this country will soon be free of all foreign lily entanglements. Bulbs in great quantities and in many varieties are being raised there and soon the prices will drop. This will mean that many gardeners, hitherto prevented by high lily costs, will try their hand at these delightful and perplexing subjects. Some day their idiosyncrasies will be better understood and their devastating diseases conquered. Although I have raised scores of kinds from seed and read every bit of literature about them I could lay my hands on, I still am puzzled by the way they act up. And, so far as I can find, so are the lily experts themselves.

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## COMPLETE PLANT FOODS

To keep the vegetables growing and the flowers blooming, see that they get a well-rounded diet
wo Vietory garden plots lie side by 1 side in a community garden. One has plants that are stunted, yellow and unproductive. In the other, crops are thrifty and a rich green. The explanation of the difference in appearance and yield of plants in the two plots lies, more than likely, in their nutrition. The owner of the poor plot neglected to apply sufficient fertilizer. The gardener with the flourishing plot, we can be sure, gave his soil a well balanced diet, plus careful mechanical preparation.

But what is a well balanced diet, and how can we be sure our plants are getting one? Essential for all plants are the three elements nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash. In smaller amounts, agronomists tell us, our plants need calcium, sulphur and magnesium. And there should be traces of rarer elements like copper, zinc and boron. Some of these elements are already in the soil, but most of them must be replenished each season to replace what is taken up by plants and lost by leaching.

Each element performs important functions in plant growth and helps palance the action of the others. Nitroten, a constituent of every living cell,
most strongly influences the vegetative portions of plants. It is the element that gives tenderness to lettuce, radishes and celery. An excess is detrimental to the quality of fruits. A plant with a deficiency of this element loses its rich green, turns yellow and may dry up.

Phosphoric acid influences the production of seed and stimulates the development of roots. Among vegetables, root crops and corn are particularly benefited by liberal amounts of this element. Small, very dark green leaves characterize plants with phosphorus deficiency.

Potash is essential to the formation of starches and sugars, and aids plants in resisting certain diseases. For fruiting erops such as tomatoes, squash and eggplants an optimum supply is necessary. It slows down the effects of an excess of nitrogen and therefore improves the keeping quality of vegetables and fruits. Most prominent symptom of potash deficiency in plants is a mottling of the older leaves.

The essential plant foods can be found in animal manures, but these are unavailable in many localities. They can be obtained individually in such (Continued on page 128)


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materials as nitrate of soda, basic slag and muriate of potash, and combined in the proper proportions to form a well balanced mixture. But hand mixing of fertilizers is impractical except in large amounts. A prepared chemical, or commercial, fertilizer is the answer to the nutritional needs of the home garden.

This year all commercial fertilizers for home production are of a 5-10.5 composition. This is a well balanced mixture containing considerably more nitrogen and phosphoric acid than were allowed in last season's 3-8-7 mixture. The first 5 in the formula refers to the percentage of nitrogen it carries; the 10 to the phosphoric acid; and the second 5 to potash. State laws require that formulas be declared on the packages. A large proportion of the remaining 80 per cent of the mixture consists of the other elements that go to make up the chemical compounds in which the food elements exist. And many manufacturers add other important plant food elements. Filler material, its amount depending on the quality of the fertilizer, completes the percentage.

Besides the assurance that the plants will get a square meal, there are many advantages in using a chemical fertilizer. It is easy to handle, being dry and finely ground. The average complete fertilizer is physiologically neutral and won't change the soil reaction. Above all, it presents an economy if properly used.

For the average vegetable garden, in which no supplementary plant foods are used, 30 to 50 pounds of a 5-10-5 mixture should be used each season for 1,000 square feet of garden area. Half of this can be raked into the top two or three inches of soil in the Spring after the organic matter, and lime if necessary, have been dug in, and a few days before seed sowing is to begin. The other half can be reserved for side dressing during the growing season, usually when plants are half grown.

The fact that the $5-10-5$ formula is sold this season only for vegetable and fruit crops in the home garden, does not mean that lawns, flowers, trees and shrubs must go unfed. Special complete mixtures, containing a little less warshort nitrogen and potash, are available for ornamentals. Three to four pounds per 100 square feet is the average application; Spring is the time to put it on.

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