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JAMES REYNOLDS
robert allan Jacobs of Kahn and Jacobs, architects, who designed the Rose house, page 30, enjoyed fishing while supervising it. After an American education, he worked for and interpreted LeCorbusier (no mean task), designed the much debated N. Y. Asphalt Plant. lucy long joined with Donald K. Tressler some years ago to experiment in quick-freezing foods, a subject on which they have written a book and many articles. The most recent, on harvesting your vegetable garden and turning it into gourmet frozen dishes, is on p. 48. herbert matter, from Switzerland, studied painting with Léger, created extraordinary posters for Swiss railroads and ski resorts. As a photographer, since his 1936 arrival in America, he has had shows in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, immortalized "Bloody Mary," p. 49. James reynolds has many enthusiasms: Irish houses (page 64), the architect Andrea Palladio (about whom he wrote a book), horses (another book), painting murals, designing materials, wallpapers and ghosts. His Gallery of Ghosts (Creative Age Press) appears in October. on the cover: The deck of the Alfred Rose house in the Adirondacks (page 30), photographed by Robert Damora. Facing the camera is Mrs. Edward Marcus, talking to her, Mrs. Jean Lambert.
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## Happy talk about summer

In summer, water (salt or fresh) comes into its own. The sun on the beach, the breeze which ruffles the lake, lazy days beside the pool are summer symptoms. These are the perfect months for Water Living which has its own patterns. The houses you see on the next 16 pages have been designed and decorated to take full advantage of lake, ocean and pool. They would not look the way they do if they were landlocked. Because the pine woods of the Adirondacks are shady and enveloping, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Rose' house at Lake Placid opens wide to the lake, is gay with color. Because the Riviera blazes with sun and flowers, the French houses are cool, white and shuttered. As always, where you live is how you live, so if you intend to build beside the water, make use of the facts which our pages reveal. Look, too, at the four houses (pages 72-82) which won House \& Garden Architectural Awards. Built last year, each one of them cost $\$ 20,000$ or less for basic construction. Look carefully at the plastics (pages 66-71) which are getting better and better; our photographs record graphically that they now look as well as they work the year round. Summer wouldn't be summer without a spate of baskets and South Pacific's "Bloody Mary" (Juanita Hall) is the hub of a basket roundup (page 49) which, like everything else in this issue, is calculated to make everybody happy.

Opposite:

## Aquatic idyl

The French artist, Georges-Pierre Seurat, painted The Fishing Fleet at Port-en-Bessin some sixty years ago, but the shimmering serenity conveyed in his pointilliste technique is as symptomatic of life by the water today as it was then. The painting, a detail of which is reproduced here, belongs to the Lillie $P$. Bliss Collection in the Museum of Modern Art.

beyond lake placid, the adirondacks are green on the horizon

## Water living

at Lake Placid

Thrust out over the water,
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Rose?
island house basks in color and sunlight through the northern summer


BRILLIANT COLOR SUSTAINS THE SUNNY EFFECT EVEN ON GLOOMY DAYS

Mr. AND MRS. ALFRED ROSE like to meet each season on its own terms. In winter they live in the city- 19 stories above the very center of New York. In summer they go to Lake Placid-to an island accessible only by boat. Here architect Robert Allan Jacobs has designed for them a small house airy as a ship's bridge, reaching 14 feet over the water. It takes the place of their original house which burned down three years ago. Since it was impossible to get materials for rebuilding at that time, Mr. Jacobs suggested they remodel the
boat house instead. As it turned out, the Roses like the house so well that they have dropped all plans for a larger place and say they never want a big house again. Within the original area of the boat house ( 32 by 70 feet) they have everything they want. Boat slips are directly below, the bathing beach close by. Mrs. Rose' favorite colors, yellow and scarlet with black accents, give a holiday air against the green mountains (opposite and on the cover). As there is nothing elaborate in the place, they can close it up and forget it at summer's end.

Nearly a hundred feet of glass open the house to sun and view


More than a scenic backdrop, the beautiful setting is a part of every room. You can see the lake and sense its motion, you can open half the house to mountain air and the sounds of water

Like a ship's stateroom, the bedroom, above, is a step from the deck, looks out to water.

$o_{\text {pposite: }}$ Boating is a necessity




Black Venetian figures in the white dining room

In this hospitable house, rare bibelots, collected around the world, interject notes of elegance into white rooms such as this dining room.

## Water living on the Riviera

In the engaging villas on these pages (designed by Eric Sawyer and Barry Dierks), life divides between rooms coolly devoid of color and terraces set against the flamboyant hues of the Mediterranean. Indoors, the exuberance of the sun is tempered by blinds, countered by the leisurely pace of life. Emphasis is on French Provincial furniture, frequently bleached. Living rooms are often designed to be used as dining rooms.

## Opposite:

At Mrs. Aubrey Cartwright's Antibes house
steps, cut into the living rock,
descend from the cliff-top house down to the sea.
Right: Living room walls are white
Blanc de chine, set in mirrored niches,




Opposite:
Library-sitting room in Mrs. Grant-Milne's Cannes villa

Although the villa has a separate dining room, meals are frequently served at one end of this room shaded by bamboo blinds.

These Riviera villas vary with the personalities of their owners, but to all of them architects Sawyer and Dierks have given forthright simplicity with formal overtones. The clean, cool lines and restrained coloring are ideal for the climate. Mrs. Grant-Milne's house at Cannes makes a pleasant transition from a formal façade to an informal terrace where guests dine on canvascovered chairs whose backs can be folded down to form benches. The Berdeaus use modern American furniture throughout their handsome, modern house.

Above:
The Villa Aujourd'hui at Cap d'Antibes

Mr. and Mrs. Leray Berdeau's calm terrace opens from a house filled with modern paintings and American furniture.




BROWN THRASHER


1UGUST is full of familiar sounds and pleasant smells..
of half-waking at dawn to the chirrup of birds . . . of the faint, insistent blue jay
whir of the lawn mower as
the sun rides high ... of ice,
like little silver bells,
in cold glasses under the
trees at sunset.

Right: Stangl Pottery


FEMALE WOOD THRUSH
"Olive" pattern plates; Blenko pitcher and glasses;

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A pool to live by
Californians practically
invented poolside life. This pool, designed by Kenneth Malcolm Dieter for Dorothy Farrier of Hollywood,
was landscaped by her with the help of
Gerard Colcord, architect.

## There is nothing like a pool

LIKE the automobile, the phonograph and the vacuum cleaner, the swimming pool is rapidly becoming a commonplace all over the U.S.A. As noted in House \& Garden repeatedly and shown on these five pages, it adds a new dimension to summer living. There are pools from Maine to Texas . . . some are elaborate, while others, blessed with a brook on the property, are built for a few hundred dollars. Certainly, with luck and foresight, you can figure the cost of a pool as no more than the cost of a playroom and it will give you even more pleasure, since the poolside is several rooms in one. Lunch by a pool, long drinks late in the afternoon, supper and even breakfast are charming at its brink. Furnish it as appropriately as you would any room inside your house. We suggest that you stick to waterproof

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helena rubinstein beachcomber basket, equipped, $\$ 12.50$ PLUS TAX. HAND-CARVED WOOD GLASSES WITH CARRYING CASE COST $\$ 35$; FROM PAGE \& SMITH.

upholstery for chairs and chaises.
Arndt Metalcraft makes folding aluminum director's chairs with bright canvas at f.a.O. SCHWARZ. and two attached trays. They are light as a
feather. There are parasols (detachable so they can be used on other furniture) from R. E. Hellinger. Also from this company is a new roll for sun-bathing which opens to form a full-length mat with its own pillow and rubber-lined, zippered


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 compartments for cigarettes, etc. Stock up on Aqua Pruf matches, a boon to smokers with wet fingers, and cigarette boxes made to resist dampness. Have extra suits and plan the drying yard out of sight but in full sun. Have a large basket filled with on windy days. In the dressing rooms, line the shelves of open cabinets with sun oil, bath dusting powder, sun glasses, cleansing tissues, huge towels. At Abercrombie \& Fitch, there are rubber rope mats with suction backs that won't slip. Small

replicas serve as coasters. Niceties: a water cooler, small refrigerator, a telephone extension. Keep a bell at the pool for signaling the house, a bell at the house for signaling the pool. Plan storage for games like backgammon, Kem cards and furniture. For picnics, provide Boontonware (doesn't break easily) individual trays, bright-handled cutlery and all the adjuncts to serving drinks. As a dip-in-the-dark is wonderful in the dog days, string tele-tone portable television set, $\$ 150$. lamps for candles. A radio or a portable television set will while away summer hours. To sum up: when you furnish your poolside room, think of it in terms of an informal room which will have to withstand hard wear. Choose things which can stand exposure and water, but are

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## opposite: John Astin Perkins' free-form pool

Curved to the contour of the land and bright with tulips, the pool effectively designed by John Astin Perkins, arehitect, for his house in Dallas, is a calm haven for hot days. The planting, which makes much of the setting, is the work of gifted Dallas landscape architect, J. O. Lambert, Jr.




The Straus pool is an extension of the playroom
Library window wall overlooks. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Straus' Houston pool and one-room playhouse by architects Staub \& Rather. This opens wide on the shaded terrace which connects the main house to the one-story playhouse.


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problems this summer or any summer beside your pool. Warning note: your popularity is, indeed, likely to be so unbounded, that you may need to make it quite clear when you'd like to have guests and when you'd rather not. In that way, an owner's life can be a happy one.

raffia and string shoes, $\$ 5$ at "things unlimited."

## Opposite: California pool house of Harold Ware Hunter

Designed by Paul Laszlo, this pavilion shelters Mr. Harold Ware Hunter's pool at Bel Air, is set off by landscaping by Paul J. Howard. Here outdoor living reaches the acme of comfort.


all ears and eagerness, small fry get basic training in small boat handling. Instructors and boats for teaching and racing are provided by many yacht clubs for juniors from 11 to 18. These sea-going youngsters are at the Manhasset Bay Yacht Club, N. Y.

# There is nothing like a boat 

For fun, resourcefulness and a lifelong interest, let your youngster learn to sail

by WILLIAM H. TAYLOR

Adults have no lien on water living today. The harbors hum with small boys and girls in small boats, since junior sailing is now a major activity of most first-class yacht clubs. The club is a family affair too, not limited to salt-encrusted commodores encased in white flannels. True sailors (both windjammer and monkey wrench) among senior members realize the future of sailing depends on present 'teen agers. Senior clubs usually provide instructors and club-house space for the youngsters now. They also provide small boats for teaching and racing. Generally these are a one-design class, either a local type or a national class such as dinghies, Wood Pussies, Beetle Cats, Comets, Lightnings, Blue Jays and others.

Minimum age for junior status is about 11 and it ends at 18. In some localities those under 15 are termed "midgets." There
are usually three groups for instruction"seamen," "mates" and "skippers." The groups represent attainment, not age. After a qualifying swimming test, beginners concentrate on rowing, elementary sailing principles, knot tying, proper setting of sails, basic rules of the road, the meaning of buoys and navigation aids. They progress to care of sails, tuning of rigs and hulls, reefing, bringing boats up to moorings and floats, piloting, racing rules and tactics, setting and trimming of spinnakers, observation of weather and tides, splicing and minor repairs to sails and gear. By the time he's a "skipper" a youngster has absorbed the finer points of racing tactics, strategy, seamanship and piloting. He may even be racing with adults by then and making them look silly.

Instruction is usually given five days
a week. In decent weather as many children as club boats will hold are afloat. For those left ashore, and in bad weather, there is skull practice-blackboard talks, rope work practice, chart reading, talks by adult yachtsmen. Races are held regularly and midget and junior crews compete for club championships with the winners representing the club in district title competition. Regional Yacht Racing Associations sponsor district junior racing championships. District champions may go on to annual national championships held by the North American Yacht Racing Association.

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SLOOPS (a single mast and two sails) serve for a day's sail, for racing, or for both. Some of the many classes are shown opposite. The larg est, an auxiliary cruiser, is fitted for overnight.


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 at its primeIn summer, even more than the rest of the year, your freezer is a pearl beyond price. When your vegetable garden begins to yield, you just can't keep up with the rush of beans and peas and okra and zucchini. But your freezer is able to cope with them, in a third of the time it would take you to can all this bounty. A freezer saves you money by harvesting your own produce and the food you buy when it is plentiful and, consequently, cheap. It saves you time by diminishing the number of trips you make to market each day. But better than this to people who love good food, it adds sophistication and flavor to meals. We are just beginning to realize the infinite potentialities: how you can freeze such delicacies as herb biscuits, combinations of vegetables, desserts, game, even whole meals. Here are some ways to make the most of your freezer. These recipes have been tested by us and found excellent. To start with, you can very easily freeze fruit. Be sure that you choose fruit which is fully ripe but not soft and mushy. Don't let it stand around once it is ready for the freezer. Put ice in the washing water for delicate fruit or when tap water does not run cold enough to keep fruit firm. Pack cleaned berries directly into freezing containers, but cut larger fruits into slices or pieces no thicker than $3 / 4$-inch. Add enough prepared freezing syrup ( 1 cup sugar, 2 cups boiling water, stir until dissolved, cool before using) to cover fruit. In order to get the correct proportion of fruit to syrup and the right amount of both in a freezing container, we recommend measuring at this point. One and one half cups of fruit will fill a pint freezing container with (Continued on page 96)

## Some summer records

WHen Façade, Edith Sitwell's poems set to music by William Walton, was first performed in London more than 25 years ago, the audience like Miss Sitwell's Black Mrs. Behemoth, "gave way to wroth and the wildest malice." Sir Osbert Sitwell, recalling the première in Aeolian Hall, writes: "Seldom has there been such an outburst of critical rage and hysteria in an audience." Listening to the new recording of Façade brought out by Columbia in co-operation with the Museum of Modern Art, it seems incredible that it could have upset anybody. Diverting is the adjective that comes most quickly to mind-diverting in a refined, highly intellectual sense. Miss Sitwell's delivery has matured since she recorded the poems for Decca some years ago, but her voice retains its curiously dry and somewhat pedagogic quality. The music, as gay and witty as ever, is expertly played by a chamber orchestra led by Frederick Prausnitz. (Columbia Album MM-829; \$5.20. LP Record ML-2047; $\$ 3.85$ ) ... Like Toscanini's broadcast of Aida, Sir Thomas Beecham's recorded version of Gounod's Faust provides a first rate orchestral accompaniment to second rate singing. Sir Thomas, who has long been at home among the courtly graces of eighteenth-century music, knows exactly how to treat Gounod's well-mannered melodies, which even in their most climactic moments never exceed the bounds of good taste. The conductor's appreciation of that fact, his refusal to overemphasize, enhances the musical credibility of the score, which when the reverse is true sounds as though Gounod's intention were bigger than his invention. The singers also perform with discretion, but they do so, one feels, out of necessity rather than judgment, for they never exceed the bounds of adequacy (RCA Victor Albums DM-1300-1301; \$12) ... Ljuba Welitsch gives everything she has in her singing of Strauss' Salome, but she has considerable to give. Her voice, while not the most beautiful one around these days, is clear and supple and for the most part capable of dealing with the music's varied demands. She sings the final scene with the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, conducted by Fritz Reiner in a new Columbia release (Set MX-316; \$2.95) ... Jennie Tourel's Debussy album, Cinq Poèmes de Charles Baudelaire (Columbia Album MM-823; \$4.15) has been issued on an LP record (ML 4158; \$4.85) along with a selection of other French songs. Though good, Miss Tourel and the technicians have done better in the past.

## opposice: There is nothing like a basket

"Bloody Mary is the girl I love," sing the sailors and the marines in the Rodgers and Hammerstein
hit, South Pacific, and here is Juanita Hall, barefoot and brazen as Bloody Mary, surrounded
by wonderful baskets which she loves. But you don't need to live on a Pacific island to get
them for yourself. There is a stack of bright wastebaskets, straw purses, a string hammock
from The Pan American Shop; woven mats, lacy plates, shopping baskets with folding handles,
sandwich boxes from Langbein; raffia gardening dolls, a great wood basket, miniature flower
baskets from The Lighthouse; raffia animals, striped shopping carryalls displayed at The
House of Italian Handicrafts; a double vase holder, a round tea tray from Bonniers; pandanus
matting, Knoll Associates; a bird cage, a water jug, chevroned matting, Fred Leighton; flower
pot holders, New Design, Inc. All in New York. They will add a summery note to your life.


"petit point" everglaze chintz in living room $\$ 1.50$ yd.


"carole" everglaze chintz in bedroom $\$ 1.50$ yd.


YOUNG MR. AND MRS. H\&G

The decorator's list with prices

## LIVING ROOM:

52 yds. Everfast chintz in Everglaze finish for sofa, chairs and curtains $\propto \$ 1.50 \quad \$ 78$

Sofa 329
Two tufted chairs @ $\$ 109218$
Wing chair 153
Table with leaves 165
Serving cart 150
Four chairs (a) $\$ 32128$
Two end tables $\circledR \$ 59.95 \quad 119.90$
Tray and stand $\quad 30$
21 sq. yds. carpet © $\$ 7.95 \quad 166.95$
Two lamps © $\$ 24.95 \quad 49.90$
1 green and white lamp $\quad 24.95$
TOTAL $\quad \$ 1,612.70$
BEDROOM:
Everfast Everglaze chintz for bedspread \$ 18

Bed 149
Mattress and box spring 100
Canopy $\quad 13.50$
Two night stands @ $\$ 55110$
Two chests © $\$ 159 \quad 318$
Chair 44
2 milk glass lamps © $\$ 17.50 \quad 35$
1 student lamp 24.95
TOTAL
$\$ 812.45$
OVER-ALL TOTAL
$\$ 2,425.15$

Twelfth in House \& Garden's series of articles on young marrieds.

# It's not what you spend it's the way that you spend it 


#### Abstract

How a young couple, buying to a plan, furnished two average rooms with more than average charm, bought furniture-with-a-future and stayed within the total of their wedding checks plus their savings


This is the story of a young couple who knew what they wanted and, what is a great deal more important, learned how to get it. They were bent on spending not one dollar on anything that wouldn't suit their tastes for many years. They wanted furniture that would stand up under everyday living and look well when they moved into a bigger place. The key to the solution of their problem was expert advice: they availed themselves of the help of store decorators who set up a plan for buying. In New York, they shopped at B. Altman \& Co. (in Chicago, they might have gone to Marshall Field \& Co.). Both these stores have staff decorators as well as the furniture and fixings from which this apartment was created.

Everybody has his quota of idiosyncrasies and our young couple is no exception. Young Mr. H\&G has never outgrown a passion for stamp collecting. Mrs. H\&G is violently attached to an out-size birdcage (a wedding present). He feels that the heart of a party ought to be a serving bar and declines to settle for a tray from the kitchen. Since she likes to give dinner parties for eight with written-out invitations, she needs room to make lists, address notes, etc. These and other requirements were taken care of by the decorators. A system of planned buying allows for flexibility in the way you want to live, then gears it to your budget.

The budget, at the left, represents groundwork. Since the labor costs of making slip covers vary widely (depending on where you live), the budget does not include labor. The couch comes covered (your choice of several materials) so it is always presentable. Mahogany furniture was made by Landstrom; upholstered furniture by Loeblein of Kent; bedroom chair by Selig; mattress and box spring, Stearn \& Foster. Butler Moresque carpeting in "Arcadia Blue" by James Lees \& Sons; Everglaze chintzes by Everfast. Where prices in the two stores differ, the higher one is given. Mrs. H\&G's dress by David Goodstein. More, next two pages and pages 89 and 103.

Everything they buy will be at home in the house they plan
to build when he gets his raise

## Left:

LITTLE LUXURIES, BUDGET PRICED
To the night tables ( $\$ 55$ each) and milk glass lamps ( $\$ 35$ the pair), they plan to add a portable Zenith radio (\$35) and a flower pot (\$1.50) and other new accessories from time to time.

Opposite:
talented table
He uses it for his stamp collection (album and stamps, Edson J. Fifield; rack, Engel \& Sharkey). She keeps her birdcage (W. Jay Saylor) on it, uses it as a desk (box for notepaper, House of Wedding Presents). Table will seat eight people when Mr. and Mrs. H\&G entertain.


SET FOR SUMMER
"Cherry Document" Cabin Crafts Needletuft coverlet (\$13.95) and dust ruffle ( $\$ 16.50$ ) is a cool alternate to set in the sketch shown on page 50. house \& Garden, august, 1949


## Left:

EVEN SMARTER THAN IT LOOKS
Two of the drawers in each bedroom chest ( $\$ 159$ apiece) are really one deep drawer, grand for shirts, and there is a shelf which pulls out for sorting and folding clothes.

## Oppos

he wanted a bar, got one on whe
Wings folded down, it is a neat ex table ( $\$ 150$ ). Front closed, no bottles paraphernalia are visible. Someday will be used as table for television



WINGS FOLDED DOWN
OPENED UP, READY FOR ACTION

MIEHLMANN


## A steel house with a suave finish




FIRST IMPRESSION of the house from outside the entrance gate is the surprising quality of aluminum-covered steel walls, satin-hued against dark green trees, immaculately cropped lawns, blue skies. Second surprise: geometric forms dramatically reflected in the curving moat, broken by water reeds, hedgerows, the ever-changing shadows of white clouds overhead.

In this Neutra-designed house,

> of steel and aluminum,

Ayn Rand wrote "The Fountainhead"

0n these pages House \& Garden gives you a be-hind-the-scenes picture of an extraordinary house, an extraordinary woman and an extraordinary novel about architecture. When she first arrived in America, Russian-born Ayn Rand stood

at this desk Ayn Rand wrote "The Fountainhead" film play, released by Warner Bros. spellbound before Manhattan's steel-sprung skyscrapers. Later, in California she chose to live and write in an all-steel house, elemental in form, dynamic in color. Surrounded by flowering shrubs and exotic trees, the house inside is peacock blue (outside, at a distance, a dozen live peacocks co-operate in the color scheme). Ayn Rand believes that a man, like a building, should embody a central idea, a single truth, a unity of purpose. In her San Fernando Valley house, designed for sun, steel and sky, Ayn Rand's pattern for living is crystal-clear.

## Opposite:

INSIDE the 8 -foot curved wall is this sunny patio. Planned as an "open to the sky" part of the living room, it is terrazzo-paved in black Belgian marble. Here Ayn Rand and her husband, Frank O'Connor, relax and entertain their San Fernando Valley friends.

"purpose, site and material determine the shape of a building," wrote Ayn Rand in "The Fountainhead." In her own house, windows the length and width of the master bedroom frame the Sierras, but polaroid glass eliminates glare. The garage roof, designed to mirror skies and trees, is a copper-lined pool where tropical fish float and splash among water lilies.


JANET GAYNOR ADRIAN, who lives in the neighborhood, stops by for a brief chat with Ayn Rand and her husband. The driveway is salmoncolored cement with alternating strips of green turf. Right, the porte-cochere from the house looks out toward the highway. Here the moat ends, flowing under the little bridge to the corner of the bright steel fence. Massed evergreens border the water areas, giving depth and shade. An ingenious feature: the sprinkler system, which, at a touch, cools the circular walls of the outdoor patio during hot, dry spells of weather.



LOOKING across the dining table above, to the fireplace corner of the living room. Giant philodendron make an arresting pattern against the balcony wall. Gladiolus enrich a polished table, echo the colors of the interior. Galleries extend around three sides of this room. Ayn Rand's secretary uses the north gallery as an "office." Miss Rand's private study, on the first floor, opens onto a glass-partitioned patio, a superb view of flowers, foothills, mountains. In cold months the south gallery is a winter garden housing delicate plants, in summer it is an airy sun deck. Right, the west gallery, looking toward the south. A large circular plant holder separates the dining area from the living room. On the stair well, built-in bookcases form a functional corner. Windows open on the park where a striking lane of white birch leads from the moated house to fertile acres, gardens and orchards of the "working" ranch.


# A child's garden grows up 

> Designed first as an outdoor nursery, this garden

> can be made equally beguiling for adults later on

IVT Hen children have a garden all their own, planned like a nursery, you can count on it that they will love to work and play in it. A child-sized garden is infinitely more alluring to them than a spot too big to enjoy, where they don't feel at home. This playroom is $20^{\prime} \times 20^{\prime}$ and can readily be changed to suit expanding years and ideas of fun. While the children are little, it is good to be able to keep an eye on them, so choose a place near the house. In its second state, this proximity will mean that outdoor dining and games are within easy reach. The child's garden, below left, provides a shady arbor with paved flooring and a very shallow paddling pool. Close by is a flowering cherry, shading a small table and chairs for outdoor meals.

The paving continues down one side, passes under an arch, and spreads out at the bottom (beside the house) to hold individual children's gardens, backed by a trellis for climbing vines. A sandbox is on one side, in full sun. The whole plot is enclosed with flowering shrubs and evergreens. The lawn area to be cut (by you) is lessened by paving. In its later incarnation, below right, the garden has become an outdoor living room for grownups. The wading pool, deepened, makes a pond for water lilies. The sandbox gives way to an outdoor grill. What once were the children's garden plots are now planted with roses and between them is a seat. The cherry tree, like the children, has grown with the years and spreads its shade somewhat wider.


## $\leftarrow$ <br> For children

Planned for two or three youngsters, this $20^{\circ} \times 20^{\prime}$ garden off a kitchen or living room window, includes a wading pool, sandbox, individual garden plots. It is walled by hamamelis (witch hazel), forsythia, lilacs, with clusters of junipers. A flowering cherry gives shade to one corner and a vine-clad trellis to another. A bird bath will enchant the children.

For grownups
The wading pool is given over to water lilies; the sandbox supplanted by an outdoor grill. What were once children's gardens are planted to roses, which need mature care. The bird bath (or better, a dovecot) remains entertaining. So small is this garden that a few minutes of care will keep it up. Designed by Arthur M. Prince, landscape architect.
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A child's first garden, above,
should be in proper scale for him,
and able to grow with him, right.


## ${ }^{60}$ Friend or foe of the gardener?





Since many gardeners are uncertain, we offer a little test on these and the following two pages. Turn the pages upside down for the correct answers.



Friend or foe?



"THE DRAMATIC PLACING OF RUSSB@ROUGH, REFLECTED IN A QUIET STREAM, BACKED BY MOUNTAINS"

## RUSSBOROUGH

# The most romantic house I have ever seen 

by James Reynolds


 have seen countless houses that for one reason or another captured and held my imagination to the point where I am able to bring the image of the house and its surroundings instantly into focus from the cells of memory. All over the world I have favorite houses, but far above all others, remote, serene, breasting the years with grace, is Russborough House, situated on water in a fold of the Wicklow Mountains, near the charming village of Blessington in the County Wicklow. Ireland is vastly rich in country houses, beautifully placed in rolling meadows and tree-shaded demesnes. For the Irish are a country loving people. The immense interest in out-of-door sports of all kinds almost compels the sportsman to build himself a large comfortable house in which to entertain his friends. On every hand, when one motors
about the Irish countryside the "great house" looms, and nine times out of ten is delightfully lived in. "The wide flung door, the welcoming voice, the leaping fire, good food and drink, and the wide, soft bed when the time comes" is carved in stone over the entrance door of Clonally Court in County Galway. Theoretically the same words shine forth above the welcoming front door of every country house, whether large or small, in the hospitable land of the Gael. To my mind Russborough House has architectural sweep, beautifully considered proportions, stimulating and original details, inside and out, and "the fine, romantic air" hovering over all. Verily, Russborough House is the most romantic house I have ever seen. Built in the great days of Ireland's prosperity (roughly 1690-1798) by Joseph Leeson, son of an extremely rich Dublin brewer who, according to a paragraph in a widely-circulated Dublin pamphlet, The Gentle-
man's Magazine (1741), left his son an estate of seventy-five thousand pounds. Immediately Leeson inherited what was in those days a very considerable fortune, he bought ten thousand acres of land in the foothills of the Wicklow Mountains, containing over thirty farms comprising the "townlands of Russellsborough" (by contraction known as Russborough). Richard Castle, a Saxon architect and an ardent admirer and disciple of Andrea Palladio, was commissioned by Leeson to build him a country house to "rival in all ways Leinster's Carton and Conolly's Castletown." Russborough was finished in the spring of 1748 , having been in the process of building and furnishing for seven years. A distinguished Dublin prelate, Bishop Pocock, wrote in his Journal of Architecture after a dinner in the great dining room at Russborough, "A new and noble house. The grandeur of massed and far flung stone encompasses perfection." Workers in metal, in gesso

"SWEEPING SCALE OF ENTRANCE STEPS"
racks." From the time you leave Dublin until you reach the handsome arched and pedimented entrance gates of Russborough demesne, your eyes are regaled by some of the loveliest countryside imaginable. For this is County Wicklow of the vales, the verdant valleys, shallow, twisting, sky-reflecting rivers spreading like a pattern of delicate silver lace on every hand, acres of beech and oak, all backed by the richly emerald Wicklow Mountains. Twenty miles out of Dublin you encounter the enchanting village of Blessington, situated on the River Liffey which farther on flows through the demesne and reflects the ivory-gray façade of Russborough House. Many visitors to Ireland complain bitterly that they are unable to see some of the famed "great houses" from the motor roads because of the 12 -feet-high "famine walls" surrounding the demesnes. The walls are so-called because in the great potato famine (Continued on page 101)
and stucco were brought from Italy to enrich both exterior and interior of Russborough. Apparently regardless of expense, marbles and statues were brought from Herculaneum and Sicily as well as two entire shiploads of mahog. any from Santo Domingo. The initial spadework of removing an abrupt, unsightly escarpment in the middle of the undulating meadows where Baron Russborough (creation of 1744) wished his house to stand, is down in the builders' books as thirty thousand pounds. Then a softly graded rise was relaid so that the house with its farsweeping colonnades would be seen to advantage. As Mrs. Delany described it later, "Such repose and elegance of placing is but seldom seen in the monster houses that are springing up in the Irish counties. Milltown's Pride, 'this was after Leeson had been created Earl of Mill-
town in $1760^{\circ}$ proves that a large stone-built country residence need not have the cold, raw look of His Majesty's Bar-

in the drawing room "a miraculous effect of baroque scrolls and cornucopias"

## Plastics:

a bonus in leisure

## made by man

to make

## woman's lot lighter

We live in a new era. Within a generation, we have seen the phenomenal rise of man-made materials-a rise so rapid that today's children are bewildered if you tell them there weren't always plastics. We accept these laboratory products as staples of contemporary living, asking not what they are, but what they can do for us. To understand them, remember that, wonderful though they are, no single plastic can do everything, any more than a natural material can. Once you grasp this, you will get full value for each dollar you spend on plastics. The record is remarkable. In general they save labor and give you a bonus in leisure because they demand little upkeep. They are easy to clean, difficult to damage and grow better looking every day.

Opposite: Regardless of its texture, color and handling, all plastic upholstery may be considered weatherproof, stain-proof and flame-resistant.


1. DURAN,
a smooth-textured covering for indoor-outdoor furniture. 2. PLASTICIZED PANDANUS CLOTH with rough texture covers the sliding cabinet doors,

wood. 3. BOLTAFLEX, a semismooth upholstery
for terrace furniture. 4. FABRILITE. a smooth, sturdy, leath-er-like upholstery for an armehair. 5. NYLON webbing, by Martin, makes a relaxing,
 cool chair. 6. FABRILITE has been
 used for some time on dinette chairs and has done much to prove the value of plastic upholstery for casual furniture. 7. LUMITE fabric woven
from Saran yarn makes a fabric
 of pleasing texture with
a "breathing" characteristic, for cool upholstery. 8. THE PANDANUS-upholstered back and fabric-covered seat of the daybed
shows again an excellent utilization of contrasting textures. On the daybed, opposite, are a roll of pan-
 ural-colored grass cloth, which is plasticized, and has outstanding deco-
rative qualities; rolls of Cohyde tortoise shell and python plastic-coated fabrics and finally quilted Sealtuft. These can be used either as upholstery or as wall coverings. There is an excellent range of colors.



## Floor coverings have to take the hardest wear

## Opposite:

Mr. and Mrs. Robert MacNeille's kitchen (sketched in our February issue) is now completed. It shows how handsome plastics can be. In the new plastic floor coverings, look for wood-grained and carpet motifs, impregnated into surfaces by photographic process.

1. Koroseal is used for cove bases and moldings whose colors match Koroseal floor and wall tiles, making monochromatic schemes possible. 2. DANBURY tiles are variously shaped and variously colored, so that you can create fascinating, mosaic-like floors. They are also made traditionally square, richly marbleized in a wide range of colors. 3. flor-ever Vinylite flooring is six feet wide so you can cut your
own borders and feature strips, using any of 15 marbleized finishes. 4. formica realwood is a laminated plastic which makes a serviceable, handsome surface for fine table tops and wall paneling. 5. FORMICA printed wood patterns look very much like actual wood. They are splendid for use on sinks and counter tops in kitchens. 6. VINYL flooring by Goodyear designed so that it can be used with equal success as floor covering or counter tops. There are 11 colors. 7. sanitile is a welded vinyl flooring in tile form and decorator colors and designs. It consists of three inseparable vinyl layers: top layer is nonporous, design layer is pigmented, bottom layer gives resilience.

## Scrubbing won't hurt these handsome new wall coverings

No fading or marring can ruin plasticized wall coverings or coated fabrics, even if they are used out-of-doors. In the sketch, right, Authority Line's "Woodland Swag" adds charm to a dining terrace. The Authority Line fabric wall covering resists water and cracking of the plaster wall under it.


Chinese water gate, style development by Joseph B. Platt, from Authority Line.

gloxinia thermo-plastic Varlar wall covering is stain-proof, safe to wash.


JUNGLE RHYTHM, from group styled by Joseph B. Platt for Authority Line.

glendura weave stripe, a textured design by Marion V. Dorn for Imperial.

## Recent development in plastics is

## molding them into forms

 of great strength

## Opposite:

1. this bakelite cabinet has a fascinating story: it is the largest single piece of plastic ever molded commercially.
Yankee ingenuity and a 2.000 -ton press, originally planned to draw huge shell casings, produced the 35 -pound Admiral television set. It has a surface character which will harmonize decoratively with other textures in a room. 2. A CON-
 tour chatr molded all in one, designed by Egmont Arens. Made of phenolic plastic reinforced by natural fiber, tested to give over 60 years of hard wear. 3. THE LAMP BASE and 4. DRAWER HANDLES of translucent plastic inlaid with gold and silver leaf in modern motifs were designed by Zahara Schatz. The lampshade is Polyplastex, one of the most versatile of the plastic compounds, being a fusion of Fiberglas and a plastic. It is

semirigid, diffuses light with unique beauty. 5. A MOLDED PLASTIC SEAT is bolted to molded plywood to give this stool a long life of comfort and rightness. 6. the eames chair, from Herman Miller, covered in mottled calfskin on a layer of Restfoam latex foam rubber by Hewitt. 7. molded counter tops for kitchen cabinets by Frigidaire furnish the most arresting molded plastic news. In addition to their durability, they may be joined together without sharp cracks or corners. Opposite: THE KITCHEN ACcessories on the counter tops are representative of the various types of molded plastics and utensils with plastic handles and knobs.

This has been the most popular field for the use of plastics. Their thermal characteristics make them particularly serviceable for ice cube containers, refrigerator boxes and ice buckets. Their sturdy nature suits them for hard service and long wear.

## Laboratory fibers and finishes that are practical and pretty



NYLON PRESSCLOTH (first used in pressing machines) is strong and easy to care for.


PLASTIC-COATED CHINTZ, designed by James Amster, gains durability from the addition of the plastic surfacing.


NYLON LACE is a new and decorative curtain material, sheer, easy to keep fresh, long-lasting and translucent.

koroseal printed in a three-dimensional design for curtains. Developed during the war, it has proved its worth.



EDITOR'S NOTE: On the next ten pages are four houses which won Prizes in House \& Garden's Regional Awards in Architecture. Each ably reflects its own locale: West, South, East, Midwest. In a period of high prices and increased labor costs, they make news both for their designs and their modest basic construction budgets.

# Four 1948 houses 

## each built-to-order for $\$ 20,000$ or less


#### Abstract

Since House \& Garden believes that where you live is how you live, our 1948 architectural competition was angled to discover the new houses which best express the character of the four principal regions of the U. S. A.: West, South, East and Midwest. Said one of the architects who made the awards, "Differences in climate and, to some extent, differences in building materials are recognized in the design of houses; but beyond these lie habits of living, habits of taste and judgment and traditions which differ throughout the country." For the names of the jury, a complete list of award winners in each of the four geographical regions and further details about the House \& Garden competition, turn to page 85.


## Cost \$14,592 <br> This house

## won first prize in the West

## IDEAS:

A TRELLISED WALK LEADS TO THE FRONT DOOR

A small house cannot include everything, but if you choose wisely it can hold everything you really want. With this conviction as their guide, architect Carl Louis Maston and his wife appraised their requirements carefully before building this house in Los Angeles. They felt that expensive materials and details requiring delicate craftsmanship were not essential, so both were eliminated. Omitted, too, was a formal dining room. But with a climate that is mild more than eight months out of the year, outdoor living space was important. With a bulldozer they had three terraces shaped out of their hill. The house was placed to make use of a eucalyptus clump.


## Opposite:

tall eucalyptus casts lacy shadows on the dining terrace and the bedroom windows above.
ChD HE DLDHUOM WINDOWS ABOVE.
hillside to enjoy the sun, the ocean breeze, and view below.
Its three-in-one room accommodates a piano gracefully.
It has space for two workrooms.

In this Western house
terraces are the
focus of the plan

Athe front door, a sheltering trellis, brick paving underfoot, extends into the foyer and leads you hospitably indoors. Because the Mastons both enjoy music, they gave over a corner of their living room to the piano. A special light is built in above it; sound-absorbing material on the ceiling balances the acoustics. Along one wall they built a desk and bookshelves in lieu of a study. As Mrs. Maston likes to sew and hates to have to pick up all the time, she now has a workroom near the kitchen with ample storage space, a cutting table, sewing machine and ironer. (In an emergency, this room can be used by a nurse or maid.) Mr. Maston's workshop is at the end of the hall. If more rooms are needed later, they can be added easily next to the master bedroom on the upper story.



## Cost $\$ 18,400$

## This house <br> won first prize

## in the South

## IDEAS:

Built of reinforced concrete it is proof against mildew, fire, termites, hurricanes.

Upkeep is almost non-existent.

UNDER the sponsorship of the Revere Quality House Institute, architect Ralph S. Twitchell and his associate Paul M. Rudolph designed this year-round Florida house based on a fast, economical system of reinforced concrete construction. Upon completion of the house (now owned by Mrs. Roberta Finney), a group of smaller houses modeled on this one was built nearby at Sarasota, each sold for $\$ 10,500$, including land. With special power machinery, the concrete roof and walls of Mrs. Finney's house were poured in less than three hours. Because the roof is supported by metal columns independent of the walls, the terrazzo floor was finished virtually as one large surface, the prefabricated storage walls and window frames slipped in place later on. Other savings: low insurance rates for a hurricane and fireproof structure, minimum upkeep for concrete walls and roof, terrazzo floors, aluminum sash, plastic screening. Interior temperature comparable to an air cooled house is created by the evaporation of water on the roof. It collects in a 3 -inch layer of Vermiculite cement insulation: sprinklers keep it wet. Shutters of marine plywood which are put up to protect the Gulfside windows during hurricanes. Cross-ventilation, water on roof, keep house cool.


GLASS LOUVER PANELS in every room afford cross ventilation even when it rains. They can be adjusted to wind strength.


## Cost $\$ 20,000$

# This house <br> <br> won first prize 

 <br> <br> won first prize}

## in the East

## IDEAS:

On humid summer days, a screened room at the core of the house brings in the ocean breeze. Sprinklers on the roof draw off heat.

Sliding walls make the living space large or small.

When they were first married, Mr. and Mrs. Max M. Maiman built a large Georgian house. But when it began to seem too large and formal and too much trouble to maintain, they decided it was time to build again. To architects William N. Breger and Stanley R. Salzman, they outlined a program for "the largest small house in the world": one they could easily care for by themselves, but in which they could entertain 25 people without a qualm. The quandary was solved with living room, porch and study all in a row, plus two sets of sliding doors between. In summer, the porch funnels in the ocean breeze; in winter, the one screened wall is replaced by glass to form an extra room. Throughout the year, the Maimans find it ideal for informal dining surrounded by gardenias growing lustily in the flood of sunshine. For a pleasing winter view, the garden is banked with laurel and evergreens. (Construction cost does not include fees, land, landscaping, "extras.")


generous areas of glass more than pay their way. The
69 -foot wall of plate glass was cheaper than the other walls;
it makes each room seem larger; by admitting solar heat,
it reduces fuel bills. On sunny winter days, the furnace
is idle until dusk. The trellis deflects high summer sun.



A DUAL Nature doubles the usefulness of each room. The living room has space for dining; the porch serves as breakfast room and conservatory; the study is also a guest room. For buffet meals, Mrs. Maiman turns the table so it parallels the wall.


THE EXPANSIBLE LIVING AREA, with sliding partitions dividing the porch (shown above in blue) from the living room and study, offers six different choices of room sizes. On summer evenings the living room is opened to the
porch for coolness; for an evening of television the porch enlarges the seat ing space of the study; when the Maimans have a large party, the three rooms are used as one. And if that is not enough, there is also a terrace.

## Cost $\$ 14,000$

## This house <br> won first prize <br> in the Midwest

## IDEAS:

This house faces the breeze, tucks under a giant oak for shade, views rolling fields in a frame of leaves. Though a small house, it has a large studio.

A "butterfly" roof funnels in light

TTo Mr. and Mrs. Clark Battle Fitz-Gerald, their house near Kirkwood, Missouri, is not just a satisfactory place to live. They feel that architects Kenneth E. Wischmeyer and Charles W. Lorenz have combined wood, brick and glass in a way that is "almost alive in its ability to work for us." From the weather and surrounding land it selects the beneficent, excludes the uncomfortable. Its charm never palls though their eyes are unusually discerning (Mr. Fitz-Gerald is a sculptor, his wife designs fabrics). The bedroom receives morning sun filtered through the branches of a neighboring oak. The living room and kitchen are cooled by the breeze in summer, warmed by the sun in winter. The studio roof wings up for extra light. A view of the woodlands, fields and surrounding hills is in every room (the studio enjoys it vicariously through the kitchen windows). To save space, their dining table, made of an unpaneled door, folds flat against the wall when not in use; it seats nine. They made the curtain tracks by splitting aluminum tubing along its length; the curtain hooks are attached to beads inserted in the tube. Other economies: interior walls of waxed Masonite board, floors of concrete with a special hardener to prevent dusting off.
neighboring meadows

CAPACIOUS LOCKERS in the carport are for "where-to-put-it" items like trunks, tools, sculpture.

CURTAINS have many uses. They confine stone dust, wood chips to studio; screen entrance during meals; hide kitchen if needed.



A SCULPTURE STUDIO was a prime requirement as Mr. Fitz-Gerald often works at home. (His work is represented in the collections of the Springfield and St. Louis art museums.)

THE KITCHEN and studio are companionably side-by-side so Mr. and Mrs. Fitz-Gerald can talk as they work. A curtain behind the counters at left forms a screen when necessary. In autumn, herbs are brought indoors and planted in the copper trough recessed in the counter at right.


LARGE OAK shades the south terrace, frames the view. Since his studio is crowded with current work, sculpture is set on two terraces.


LIVING ROOM is just 13 feet wide so you can sit by the windows and enjoy the fire. Pushed part-way under the shelves, the daybed is used also as a couch.

# HE BUILDING MATERIALS 

 used in these housescan give you a better house

TTHE building materials in the foregoing houses-brick, wood boarding, wallboard, plywood, plaster, plastic wall covering, ceramic tile-are as newsworthy as the fresh ideas shown in the floor plans and architectural designs. In fact, in the Southern house, the materials and construction methods created the design, which is the way good architecture is often arrived at. Although they are in four widely separated parts of the country, built to fit different climates, all four houses reflect a similar trend. The materials used inside and outside of these simple rectangular structures were chosen first and foremost for practicality and economy. They are intended to last longer, to make maintenance easier and comfort greater. They show little ornament for ornament's sake but have the integral beauty of clean, crisp, quietly colorful surfaces and textures. All four houses are built on concrete slabs with no basements. All roofs are shed or flat roofs covered by alternate layers of roofing material and compound. All houses have large glass areas. Three houses have wood siding exterior walls, one is of poured concrete. Inside walls and ceilings make use of a variety of finishes. Turn the page for detailed information.


Living-dining room of the Carl Maston house on Page 74.

acoustical ceiling


PLYWOOD WALLS


BRICK FLOORING

## PRIZE HOUSE IN WEST

acoustical ceiling by Sono-Therm in living-dining room has attractive texture and its fissured surface hushes noise. Shed type of roof is covered by two layers of Pioneer-Flintkote roofing material with aluminum foil between roof joists for insulation. Exterior walls are of vertical redwood siding over wood framing. A preservative is the only finish they need. Aluminum foil is used for heat-reflecting insulation between studs of west wall. U. S. Plywood slab doors.

PLYWOOD walls are U. S. Plywood $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ white cedar in liv-ing-dining room and master bedroom, gum plywood in guest room and work room. Hall has redwood boarding; kitchen and baths are plastered. Wood surfaces are a permanent finish, need only occasional waxing.
BRICK FLOORING is used over $4^{\prime \prime}$ concrete slab in hall; carpet covers concrete slab in living-dining area. Armstrong asphalt tile is in kitchen, work room and ground-floor bath. Wood floor upstairs. Libbey-Owens-Ford glass panels, sliding and casement windows.


Porch and study of the Max M. Maiman house on Page 78.

redwood ceiling


TRANSLUCENT GLASS


STONE FLOORING

## PRIZE HOUSE IN EAST

REDWOOD BOARD CEILING of porch and entrance hall is an easy upkeep material. U. S. Gypsum Sheetrock panels (gypsum encased in heavy paper-fireproof, crack-and-warp-resistant) cover other ceilings and walls. Lifewall, a plastic covering, in kitchen. Flat roof, with Barrett 5 -ply roofing, has sprinklers for cooling. Exterior walls of redwood siding enclose the house. Two coats of Breinig's "Durable Wood" maintain them in shipshape order. Corrugated aluminum foil in outside walls, roof, between garage and utility room insulate house.
translucent glass walls by Pittsburgh Plate Glass slide open or shut between porch and adjoining rooms. Birch plywood walls in guest room, gum plywood in closets are U. S. Plywood. Fireplace wall is brick. U. S. Quarry ceramic tile in baths. Mengel flush wood doors.
Stone flooring is laid on concrete slab in porch and hall. Kentile in kitchen, ceramic floors in baths.


Living room of the Roberta Finney house on Page 76.


CONCRETE ROOF


TEXTURED PLYWOOD

terrazzo flooring

## PRIZE HOUSE IN SOUTH

CONCRETE ROOF is a single flat slab, forms interior ceiling too. It is held up by metal posts, not by walls. The roof is covered by layers of Barrett roofing material and by $3^{\prime \prime}$ of Zonolite Co.'s Vermiculite insulation. This holds a pool of water to cool the house. A built-in sprinkler system provides the water. Exterior walls are fixed glass and sliding glass panels (Pittsburgh Plate Glass) in aluminum frames; a few walls of poured concrete for hurricane resistance. Glass jalousies admit ventilation, are controlled like Venetian blinds with Casement Hardware. Lumite plastic screening on all openings. Walls (roof and floor, too) are termite, mildew, fire and hurricane proof. Concrete structure and aluminum frames need little maintenance.
TEXTURED PLYWOOD (Weldtex) storage walls have umber stain and varnish. Interior concrete 'walls are oyster gray. terrazzo flooring is finish for $4^{\prime \prime}$-thick insect-proof concrete slab, which is the foundation for the whole house.
(Continued on page 97)


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ON A SUMMER DAY, serve cold drinks like the wine coolers on page 40 in this new chartreuse pitcher and tumbler, right, by Blenko Glass Co., Inc. Pitcher and six tumblers, $\$ 15$ at NeimanMarcus, Dallas, Texas. The matching finger bowls (p. 40), $\$ 1.50$ each at America House, New York.

TAKE the theme for your lunch table from nature by selecting "Olive" plates at the right. They are made by the Stangl Pottery Company. Wide and narrow bands of green set off the black olive design. The plates, $8^{\prime \prime}$ in diameter, cost $\$ 1.20$ apiece. From Bloomingdale's, New York.

on the table ( $\$ 16$ at Altman's, New York) are Pandanus Leaf place mats designed by Russel Wright, from Frank \& Sadev, $\$ 1.35$ each at The Halle Bros. Co., Cleveland, Ohio. Mottehedeh imported the green leaf plate, $\$ 2.20$, the leaf ash tray, 90 c and the three-leaf relish dish, $\$ 7.50$ at Soupçon, 203 East 61 St., New York.

## HOUSE \& GARDEN

## Announces

## 18 Houses Which Won Our 1948 AWARDS

## in Architecture

In view of regional differences in America, awards were offered in four geographic divisions.

FTor the 11th year, House \& Garden presents prize-winning houses (pages 72 82) selected by a jury of eminent architects, below. But for the first time the competition added the words "regional awards" to its name. The purpose of the awards was summed up as follows: "Our country's wide range of climate, topog. raphy and local building materials gives a regional flavor to the design of our houses. In recognition of this fact, House \& Garden will award prizes to architects in four geographical divisions of the United States for houses which are the best expression of each region." The jury expressed the opinion that this point of view would encourage architects to develop designs which reflected the nature and the customs of the four principal sections of the U.S.A.: East, West, Midwest and South. In judging the designs, the jury looked first for good architecture irrespective of place and time; for houses which showed clearly a competence in planning, in structure and design. After this, they looked for the more local characteristics.

EAST first prize: William N. Breger and Stanley R. Salzman, New York, N. Y.
second prize and two honorable mentions: Carl Koch \& Associates, Belmont, Mass.
honorable mention: David Fried, Boston, Mass.

SOUTH
first and second prizes and one honorable mention: Ralph S. Twitchell, Paul M. Rudolph, associate, Sarasota, Fla. honorable mentions: W. Danforth Compton, Cambridge, Mass.; Arthur Fehr and Charles Granger, Austin, Texas.

MIDWEST
first Prize: Wischmeyer \& Lorenz, St. Louis, Mo. SECOND PRIZE: Max G. Mercer, Yellow Springs, Ohio. honorable mention: Hamilton and Graham, Muncie, Ind.

WEST
first PRIZE: Carl Louis Maston, Beverly Hills, Calif. second prize: William F. Hempel, Palo Alto, Calif. honorable mentions: Chiarelli \& Kirk, Seattle, Wash.; J. R. Davidson, Los Angeles, Calif.; Richard J. Neutra, Los Angees, Calif.

the jury of architects and the editor. Left to right: Fred MacKie of MacKie and Kamrath, Houston, Texas; Eero Saarinen of Saarinen and Associates, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan; Marcel Breuer (leaning forward) of New York; Harwell Hamilton Harris of Los Angeles, California; Katherine Morrow Ford, Architectural Editor of House \& Garden magazine; Joseph D. Hudnut, Dean of the Graduate School of Design at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

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Left: clock radio turns on and off automatically when you wish. It lets you go to sleep to music, will wake you up in the morning. Superheterodyne type radio with built-in antenna, electric clock. $\$ 36.95$, higher in west. General Electric.

Right: Dowflake absorbs moisture from basement, closets, etc., prevents mold, rust and mildew. Calcium chloride, it collects more than its weight in water. 25 -pound bag. 81. Dow Chemical Co., Midland, Mich. Container-
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Left: blectrac rance avd refrig. ERATOR in one counter-height unit. 4 cubic foot refrigerator. Range has two 950 -watt burners in 115 . volt model, three cooking speeds. Range and refrigerator plug into standard outlet. $\$ 239.50$. General
Air Conditioning Air Conditioning Co., 4542 E. Dunham St, Los Angeles, Cal.

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DECORATING SHOP


Right:
end table has tooled leather top, \$59.95. French lamp ( $\$ 24.95$ ), silver cup for cigarettes (\$6) and porringer (\$7) are from Altman's. Dresden plate by Marcolini (\$18), House of Wedding Presents.


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Mr. H\&G tests comfort of the couch under the decorator's attentive eye. It seats four, costs $\$ 371$ in material shown, goes well with decoration. (Continued on page 103)


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Editor's Note: The number of plastics being made today is close to infinite. We have selected the relatively small number shown in this issue as an indication, a sampling of what you may expect to find when you shop. In them you will find much news and consistently good design, but do not forget there are many others which will give firstclass performance, too.

## All prices are approximate.

Pages 66 and 67.

1. Lee L. Woodard \& Sons, wrought iron love seat with Duran upholstery, $\$ 155$ at Marshall Field, Chicago.
2, 7, \& 8. Hans Knoll Associates, (2) wood cabinet with pandanus cloth front, $\$ 210$; (7) stacking chair upholstered in Saran striped fabric, $\$ 48$ in muslin; (8) daybed, back covered in pandanus cloth, $\$ 255$ in muslin; all at New Design, New York, and Carroll Sagar \& Associates, Los Angeles. Pandanus cloth, shown in a roll on the daybed, is $\$ 3$ yard at New Design.
2. Lee L. Woodard \& Sons, wrought iron armchair with Boltaflex seat cover, $\$ 15.50$ at Wanamaker's, Philadelphia. 4. Phoenix Chair Co., armchair upholstered in Dupont Fabrilite, \$60 at Barker Bros., Los Angeles.
3. Pascoe New York, Inc., armchair with nylon webbing, $\$ 59$.
4. The Howell Company, dinette chair with Dupont Fabrilite covering, $\$ 10$ at Rich's, Atlanta.
5. Modglin Company, "Perma-Broom," plastic, $\$ 1.70$ at Jordan Marsh, Boston. Folded over the back of the daybed are Cotan Corporation's Cohyde, "Python," $\$ 4.50$ yard, and the custom hand-finished tortoise shell, \$9 yard. Both available through decorators. On daybed seat, stitchless quilted plastic Sealtuft in the "Channel" pattern, and 9" diamond quilted Sealtuft, $\$ 9$ yd. Latter at W \& J Sloane, by special order.

## Page 68.

1. Sloane-Blabon Corp., "Crystaltone," Koroseal flooring, $\$ 1.25 \mathrm{sq}$. ft. installed, "Cove" base molding, 40c linear yd. installed, at Sidney Shane, Inc., Hartford. 2. Danbury Rubber Co., rubber tile flooring in $6^{\prime \prime}$ or $9^{\prime \prime}$ squares, $1 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ thick, 55 c sq. ft . at Sibley, Lindsay \& Curr Co., Rochester.
2. Delaware Floor Products, "Florever," acid, grease, water and fire resistant flooring, $\$ 2.70$ sq. yd. at Joseph Horne, Pittsburgh.
4 and 5. Formica is available on some standard furniture or through your architect or building contractor.
3. Goodyear, vinyl floor covering in four thicknesses: $1 / s^{\prime \prime}, 3 / 32^{\prime \prime}, 1 / 16^{\prime \prime}, 1 / 32^{\prime \prime}$. Can also be used for counter tops, available through building contractors. 7. Interchemical Corp., "Sanitile," welded vinyl floor covering in 9 " squares, $\$ 1$ sq. ft. Available through decorators, contractors.

## Page 69.

In sketch: Standard Coated Products, "Woodland Swag," Authority Line fabric wall covering, $48^{\prime \prime}$ wide roll, $\$ 6.25$. Available through decorators.
Wall coverings at bottom of page from left to right:
Standard Coated Products, "Chinese Water Gate," Authority Line wall covering, $48^{\prime \prime}$ wide roll, $\$ 6.25$. Available through decorators.
United Wallpaper Inc., Varlar "Gloxi-
nia," wall covering, $12 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$ sq. ft. at Richard E. Thibaut, Inc.
Standard Coated Products, "Jungle Rhythm," Authority Line wall covering, $48^{\prime \prime}$ wide roll, $\$ 7$. Available through decorators.
Imperial Paper \& Color Corp., Glendura "Weave Stripe," wall covering, $\$ 4.80$ roll, Warner Paint Co., Chicago.
Pages 70 and 71.

1. Admiral Corp., "Wonder Set" Bakelite (phenolic) console television set, $\$ 250$ at Carson Pirie Scott, Chicago.
2. Egmont Arens, contour-molded chair, $\$ 30$ at The May Company, Los Angeles.
3. Raymor Mfg. Div., lamp, designed by Zahara Schatz, is $\$ 100$ at Modernage. 4. Zahara Schatz-designed drawer pulls may be ordered from her, $\$ 5$ to $\$ 10$.
4. Thonet Industries, Inc., molded plastic stool, $\$ 15$ at Bloomingdale's.
5. Herman Miller, Eames chair with calfskin on seat and back, $\$ 84$, Boyd Britton, Chicago.
6. Frigidaire Division, General Motors Corp. Counter tops of Vitalast are available on a complete line of kitchen cabinets.
Kitchen accessories from left to right: Dr. JoWit Laboratories, plastic measuring pitcher with stainless steel bottom holds 1 qt., \$2 at Lewis \& Conger. BRRR, Inc., ice bucket, $\$ 6.95$ at Woodward \& Lothrop, Washington, D. C.
National Silver Co., "Royal Moderne" flatware with plastic handles, 6 place settings, $\$ 9.50$ at Bamberger's, Newark. Columbus Molded Plastic Co., "Walker," ice cube tray, cubes are in shapes of hearts, diamonds, spades and clubs, 80c at Macy's, New York.
Plastray Corp., "Jiffy Cubes," aluminum ice cube tray (not shown) with 12 individual plastic cubes, $\$ 1.95$ complete at Wanamaker's. Ruzak Industries, transparent refresher refrigerator containers, round "Hostešs Pre-Server," \$3; oblong "Food Preserver," $\$ 3.95$; square "Jr. Crisper," $\$ 2.40$; small "Refresher Box," 30c at Macy's, New York.
New Plastic Corp., "Covorbol," three sizes of clear food covers, can also be used as bowls. $\$ 1.50$ the set, Bloomingdale's.
Thomas J. White Plastic Co., "Whip-rwell," egg beater, \$2, Lewis \& Conger. Materials at foot of page 70, 1. to r.: F. Schumacher \& Co., "Framed Fruit," nylon press cloth, $48^{\prime \prime}$ wide, $\$ 9$ yard, available through decorators.
F. Schumacher \& Co., "Swirl Stripe," $36^{\prime \prime}$ Koroseal, $\$ 3.60$ yard, Altman's. Fieldcrest Mills, "Nyfield," nylon lace curtains, $90^{\prime \prime}$ length, $\$ 7.50$ per panel at Frederick \& Nelson, Seattle.
Utilitex Corp., 36" "Eyelet," printed Koroseal, 70c yd., Bloomingdale's.
Page 86.
Upper photograph:
Hans Knoll chair, upholstered in Fiberglas, $\$ 78$; in muslin, $\$ 60$, at Knoll Associates. Fiberglas is available through decorators at $\$ 9$ yard.
Center photograph:
Background is the $9^{\prime \prime}$ diamond quilted Sealtuft, $\$ 9$ yard at W \& J Sloane, special order.
Chair by Siegel-Land, $\$ 188$, at Bamberger's, Newark.
Cordoglas roll on chair, $\$ 4$ yard, to order from Cordo Chemical, Norwalk, Conn.
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E-Z-DO's "Corona" hat box, \$6, and "Continental" chest, $\$ 10$, in Taffetone are at Macy's, San Francisco.
Lower photograph:
Iron armchair by Lee L. Woodard \& Sons has seat cover of Boltaflex, $\$ 15.50$ at Wanamaker's, Philadelphia.
Page 87.
Emile Norman, Lumarith paneled screen, $\$ 400$ at Bullock's, Pasadena. Chicopee Mfg. Corp., Lumite screening, 12 c sq. ft., is available in following
widths: $24^{\prime \prime}, 26^{\prime \prime}, 28^{\prime \prime}, 30^{\prime \prime}, 32^{\prime \prime}, 36^{\prime \prime}$, $42^{\prime \prime}$ and $48^{\prime \prime}$, at Bamberger's, Newark. Over top of screen is Beutafilm of Firestone Velon "Fruitful," by Hartford Textile, 70c yard.
Chicopee Mfg. Corp., Lumite plaids (rolls) are $54^{\prime \prime}$ wide, $\$ 5 \mathrm{yd}$. ea., Galloway's, Tampa. Benjamin Foster paint, $\$ 1.95$ qt., $\$ 7$ gal. Emil Janovic \& Son, 1292 First Ave., N. Y.
Bridgeport Brass Co., "Plastic Coat," $\$ 2.95$ the can at Gimbel's.

## BUILDING DATA

Following is a list of building materials and equipment used in the houses shown on pages 72 through 82 .

MASTON HOUSE
FOUNDATION: Poured concrete exterior walls: Redwood siding roof: Built-up-Flintkote Co. insulation: Aluminum foil between roof joists-Infra Insulation Co. doors: Flush-U.S. Plywood Corp. windows: Fixed and sliding panels. Glass-Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass
Co.; casements-Michel \& Pfeffer fireplace: Roman ruffle brickGladding, McBean \& Co.
interior walles: U.S. Plywood Corp. ceilings: Plaster; living area, acouste tie-Sono:Therm Co., Inc.
FLOORS: Gallery, brick; kitchen, workrooms, bathrooms, asphalt tile-

Armstrong Cork Co.; carpeting else-where-Oregon Flax Textile Inc. hardware: Barrows Lock Works wall finishes: "Lionol" on exterior redwood-Berry Bros. Inc.; Ka-$\mathrm{Na}-\mathrm{Ba}$ wax on paneling-Clean Surface Products Co.; paintsPremier Oil \& Lead Works lighting: General Lighting Co. heating: Forced air system, gas fired "Janitrol" furnace-Surface Combustion Co.; controls-Minneapo-lis-Honeywell Regulator Corp.; water heater-General Electric Co. bathroom fixtures: American Radiator \& Standard Sanitary Corp. KItchen equipment: Dishwasher, washing machine, sink unit-Thor Corp.; rangeand refrigerator-General Electric Co.; fan-Pryne \& Co. (Continued on page 99)


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FROM THE deck you can enjoy the view, the sun, the breeze off the wa

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Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Rose used to have a big house on Lake Placid which through the years had gathered many happy associations. Although they loved it dearly, when a disastrous fire forced them to rebuild, they made no sentimental attempt to recreate the past. Instead, with their architect Robert Allan Jacobs, they summed up in a new house all the ideal quaiities they had idly speculated about during innumerable summer evenings. First of all they wanted plenty of sunshine. Like most of the older houses, theirs had rambled aimlessly in the woods above the shore, and as a result it was usually dark, damp and shrouded by insect screens. The small windows made an exasperating patch-work of the mural-like view. What the Roses wanted was to build the lake and mountains into every room.


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## LAKE PLACID



MR. ROSE AT THE TILLER OF HIS SLOOP

Because Mrs. Rose has a passion for neatness and smooth utility, the plan was to be very simple, the storage space capacious and well-organized. To eliminate a tenuous supply line up the steep hillside, they preferred to be near the boat house. Mr. Jacobs made a rough sketch showing how they might convert the boat house itself. With minor changes, this became the plan. Two bedrooms, a dressing room, living room and kitchen were fitted right on top of the boat slips. Hardly anything had to be done to the lower level and the deck was already there. (Mr. Jacobs refers to it as his "second-story job.") Included are such thoughtful details as a file closet for card tables, a 13 -foot passage lined with storage. Separate quarters for the help are further up on the island.

In the morning, when she raises the blinds, Mrs. Rose finds it hard to believe she is not on board ship; her bedroom windows overlook the water, the deck is just outside. The deck runs the length of the living room on the east and is a pleasant place to sit in the sunshine wrapped in a steamer robe against the morning chill. (Continued on page 94)


A terrace for bathers is under the south end of the deck


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LaKE PLacid has chilly days when the warmth of a fire is welcome


FIREWOOD IS LOADED FROM THE HALL, DOESN'T SOIL THE RUG
In the afternoon this portion of the deck is pleasantly cool; the south deck, overlooking the beach, is flooded with sunshine. In response to a plea for glass "wherever we can get it," Mr. Jacobs has used nearly a hundred feet. One 12 -foot section slides aside to link the living room with the deck; in chilly weather it forms a giant picture window. Transporting this single sheet of glass proved to be a major problem in logistics. From Syracuse to Lake Placid it had a private flat car, a truck from the freight yard to the landing and finally a precarious trip to the island by special barge. The hollow metal frame was shipped in pieces and welded together on the job. Mrs. Rose finds that she rarely needs to use screens and the generous areas of glass keep the house dry as a bone. In contrast to the drab brown and green of other houses on the lake, it uses brilliant scarlet, yellow and black to outline the airy tension of its wood structure. Mrs. Rose' contention that summer is the season for color is amply justified in her living room. A coral carpet and couch give it gaiety; chairs and tables of black or chocolate brown add richness; and a ceiling washed with yellow keeps it sunny on the cloudiest day. The master bedroom is white with touches of yellow, the guest room is white and red. This related scheme creates a pleasant transition from room to room and allows Mrs. Rose to move a chair without introducing a discordant note.

As this one demonstrates, a good house needs not only a good architect, but a good client. From the first visit to the smoldering embers of the old house until furniture was installed in the new, Mr. and Mrs. Rose worked closely with architect Jacobs to achieve unity inside and out.


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## BUILDING DATA

FOUNDATION: Concrete. EXTERIOR WALLS: Beveled siding. ROOF: Built-up 5-ply and slag-Johns-Manville Corp. insulation: Mineral wool -Johns-Manville Corp. DOors: Wood "Kaylo"-U.S. Plywood Corp. windows: Double hung aluminum-General Bronze Corp.; aluminum casements-A.B.C. Steel Equipment Co., Inc.; glass-Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Co. interior walls: Living room, knotty pine; bedrooms, striated plywood-U.S. Plywood Corp. CEILINGS: Nu-wood-Wood Conversion Co. FLOORS: Fir strip flooring; "Traffic Top" on deck-The Celotex Corp. hardware: Heller Hardware Co. Paints: Black stain-Creo-Dipt Co., Inc.; red stain-Colonial Stain Co.; deck paint-Breinig Bros. Inc.; other paints-Sherwin-Williams Co. LIGHTING FIXTURES: Century Lighting Inc. heating: Fireplace unit-Heatilator, Inc.; Electromode wall heaters-Electric Air Heater Co.; water heater-Patterson Kelley Co. Bathroom fixTURES: American Radiator \& Standard Sanitary Corp. KITCHEN EQUIPMENT: Steel cabinets-Jamestown Metal Products, Inc.; refrigerator-Na-than-Straus Duparquet Inc.; dishwasher and range-General Electric Co. furniture: Herman Miller Co.; Hans Knoll Associates, Inc.; Fabrics: Dan Cooper; F. Schumacher \& Co. contractor: Francis B. Thew.



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plenty of allowance for freezing expansion. Berries and sliced fruit require only $1 / 3-1 / 2$ cup of syrup, whereas halved apricots or peaches will require $\pi / 4-1$ cup. Since fruit has a tendency to float in syrup, we always put a sizeable piece of crumpled waterproof paper over the mixture before closing the package so fruit will be submerged in syrup.

When freezing peaches, apricots, plums and any other fruit which oxidizes, or browns when cut surfaces are exposed to the air, don't forget to use pure ascorbic acid powder (from your druggist). Add $1 / 4$ teaspoon to each cup of freezing syrup.

Molded salads can be frozen ahead to eliminate last-minute bother. The perfect accompaniment for these is herb-flavored biscuits from your freezer. These may be made up and frozen. Or herbs may be frozen separately.

## HERB BISCUITS

Chervil, chives, basil, savory, marjoram or parsley may all be used very successfully in making herb biscuits, individually or in combination. Just chop fine about 2 tablespoons of herb per single biscuit recipe and add them to the flour-fat mixture before baking.

Since biscuit dough has a rather limited storage life in the freezer, it is best either to bake your biscuits, cool them and then package them for the freezer or make up the prepared biscuit mix which consists of flour-fat ingredients all ready to stir in the milk. Biscuit mix may be kept in a glass jar or quart freezing container in the freezer for a much longer period than in the refrigerator. Then add frozen chopped herbs when you make the biscuits.

## FROZEN HERBS

Freezing herbs is very much like freezing vegetable greens in miniature. Because the herb leaves are so small, water-blanch them right on the stem, then strip off leaves or sprigs after the herb has been blanched, cooled and is ready for packaging. With herbs, like chives, tie shoots together in small bunches or put them in a square of cheesecloth for blanching. Blanch small bunches of young, tender herbs in steam for no more than 60 seconds. Next, spread them out to allow to cool without immersing in water. Package small portions in small moisture-proof

Cellophane or Pliofilm envelopes and heat-seal envelopes. (Herbs are not chopped fine until they are thawed.) Pack envelopes in freezing carton, labeling each carton.
vEGETABLE COMBINATIONS
If you grow green shell beans in your garden, try freezing some in place of limas in succotash. Soy beans combine exceptionally well with kernel corn, too. But be certain to harvest these vegetables while the pods are fully mature but still green. Do not let them dry on the vines.

When combining uncooked vegetables for the freezer, blanch each one separately. Then mix after vegetables are chilled in the proportion desired.

When freezing vegetables, remember these pointers to help preserve garden flavor: 1) Watch maturity closely and do not let vegetables get too old before harvesting them. Remember that for freezing, vegetables will have better flavor when slightly under- than over-mature. 2) If your vegetables make the shortest possible trip between garden and freezer, you will save the greatest amount of flavor, texture and nutrients for the frozen product. 3) Use plenty of water when blanching by the boiling water method so that the boiling water does not cool down too much when vegetables (about a pound at a time) are immersed for blanching. When blanching with steam, use a vessel with a tight-fitting lid, otherwise steam-blanching is impossible. 4) In order to save flavor as well as nutrients, steam-blanch the following vegetables: corn (blanch on cob before cutting off kernels), green shell beans, kohlrabi, okra, parsnips, rutabagas and turnips. Allow from 30 to 45 seconds longer for steam-blanching than for water-blanching. 5) Be sure to keep blanching vessel over high heat at all times. 6) To help insure adequate blanching stir the leaves of greens with a long-handled spoon to prevent matting.

Vegetable casserole combinations, replete with crusty bread-crumb or cheese topping, can be made up in quart-size aluminum foil tray packages (enough for six generous servings), baked in the oven, then put in the freezer for storage until they are ready to be warmed up for serving-all right in the same package.

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CLARK FItZ-GERALD house has floor-to-ceiling north studio window. Room gains south exposure, too, through kitchen. Roof pitch permits $9^{\prime}$ window.


FIR SIDING


WINDOW WALL


CONCRETE FLOOR

PRIZE HOUSE IN MIDWEST
exterior walls are fir siding, fitted together by tongue and groove. Cabot's Creosote Bleaching Oil is used as a finish. Kimsul $2^{\prime \prime}$-thick blanket insulation is used in outside walls, ceilings and between living room and bedroom. window wall covers the entire south side of the house, a series of 4 -footwide Libbey-Owens-Ford glass panels which admit solar heat. In the living room, bedroom and kitchen, hinged sash opens for ventilation. Studio on north side has floor-to-ceiling window wall, 9 feet high. It is made póssible by inverted V shape of roof-highest at walls, lowest in middle of house. Interior walls have $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ Masonite Presdwood finish, left in natural color, given two coats of Minwax. Flush doors were used throughout house.
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Agust ushers in the hammock stage f gardening. The gardener contemplates his handiwork and doesn't care whether it is good or not. For there comes a saturation point in gardening and August marks that point. No use trying to raise a rallying cry to be up and doing. That's what he's been doing all along, ever since the first crack of spring. It is well, then, to retire into somnolence and inactivity. The alternative is the reformed gardener, who vows never again to lift spade or trowel, and sinks to that lower range of human outdoor activity-golf.

If a hammock or a deep chair in a shady spot is your coign of vantage, there are still tasks to bedevil your in-dolence-iris to be lifted and divided, ditto daffie bulbs. Disease on the hollyhocks? It must be combatted. Mildew on the phlox? There's something to squirt at that. Drought? You must stir your stumps to move the sprinkler.

Meantime, the hard crust of this well-earned inactivity is penetrated by the fall catalogs. They grow more alluring every year, more tempting. Grand visions bother the sleep of gardeners. There's always tomorrow and tomorrow and the day after that. We always, we think, have an available future, however irreparable our horticulture past may be. That's what lures us on. That's what makes gardening so persistently fascinating.

Lately I have been looking at photographs of gardens apparently still owned and maintained by a fast dying race-people who don't have to look facts in the face. One visualizes the little army of men who kept them in such precise order. Relics from the past, such gardens command distant respect, like the Liberty Bell or Old South Church.

## ENGLISH GARDEN

A fascinating study would be the effect of Statism and heavy taxation on gardens. We can watch it in England, where famous gardens are either taken over by the National Trust or left to ruin. Though many were greatly beloved by the men and women who made them and worked in them, many others were merely display gardens, gardens to indicate the vast wealth that lay behind their making and which served to establish the owner's appreciation of a garden as mark of the family's rank. Once out the great gates of such estates and down the road, you encounter the
cottage gardens. We have no counter part of them in this country. The cot tages close to the road, the little patches in front kept brilliant with flowers for the joy and refreshment of passers-by Common, recognizable, well beloved flowers grow there. As you pass, you meet old friends

From the comfortable distance of the hammock, one wonders too, what has become of all the minute garden treasures that once were cherished in English gardens. They may have gone the same way they go in ours. Think of those precious alpine primroses that Farrer brought back from the high mountain passes and lauded with such an abundance of adjectives. What has become of them? So much aspiration and vigor and fastidious discernment went into their discovery

PLANT REDISCOVERIES
From this musing we rouse ourselves to see what became of that noble bush of intensely fragrant Buddleia alternifolia which a grass boy hacked to pieces last year. Our world isn't quite going to pieces when we find it battling back to life in the shrub border. And it is reassuring to find that the Rosa moyesi, which we so neglected, still lives. Some day it may flower for us. And now that we have gone this far from our ham mock, we might as well pinch the leaves of an eglantine. Yes, it still gives off its apple-scented fragrance, as it has faith fully given to generations of men and women before us

Every garden should have its quota of plants to which you do just that. The scented geraniums offer a wide range of such odors.

One of the consolations of a gar-dener-which can be recalled on these inactive hot days-is remembering plants whose tags were lost and are now identified. For many years each June a bush rose has flowered extravagantly close by one of our compost heaps. We were inclined to attribute it to the late George C. Thomas, who hybridized many like it, and made them flower with such abundance in his California garden. An expert rosarian contemplated it this June-and was baffled. He took a branch home to identify. His reply has finally come in. It is Rosa abysinnia-from the high hills of Haile Selassie's country.

Now that our curiosity is satisfied, and our pride heightened, we can relax in our hammock. The world looks much brighter. Richardson Wright

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## FINNEY HOUSE

structure: Foundation, roof, three walls, one partition of poured, reinforced concrete. Reinforcing-Republic Steel Corp.; concreteFlorida Portland Cement Div., General Portland Cement Co.; other walls-Weldtex plywood by U.S. Plywood Corp.; roofingBarrett Div., Allied Chemical \& Dye Corp.
insulation: "Vermiculite" on roofZonolite Co.; Red Top rockwool in wood walls-U.S. Gypsum Co. DOors: Weldtex plywood on honeycomb core-U.S. Plywood Corp. windows: Jalousie hardware-The Casement Hardware Co.; aluminum frames-A.B.C. Steel Equipment Co.; glass-Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.; plastic porch screenChicopee Mfg. Corp.
fireplace: Copper hood-Revere Copper \& Brass Inc.
hardware: Schlage Lock Co.; Yale \& Towne Mfg. Co.; Har-vey sliding doors-Metal Products Corp.
paints: Cement paint-20th Century Paint \& Varnish Co.; gray stain and varnish-The O'Brien Corp.
electrical installation: WireGeneral Electric Co.; conduitNational Electric Products Co.; switches-Hart \& Hageman Electric Co.; spotlights-Century Lighting, Inc.; wall fixturesGeneral Lighting Co.; floor and desk lamps-Kurt Versen, Inc.
heating: Electric panel heaters-

Thermador Electrical Mfg. Co. Bathroom equipment: BathtubCrane Co.; lavatory-W.A. Case \& Sons Mfg. Co.; shower Saftymix -Simmons Engineering Corp.; copper tubing water lines-Revere Copper \& Brass Inc.
kitchen equipment: CabinetsKitchen Maid Corp.; counter tops -Formica Insulation Co.; range, refrigerator, electric sink and water heater-General Electric Co. furniture: Hans Knoll Associates Inc.; Herman Miller Co.; Bar-tolucci-Waldheim
Contractor: Lamolithic Industries, Associated Builders Inc.

MAIMAN HOUSE
foundation: Concrete block exterior walls: V-joint, tongue-and-groove redwood siding ROoF: 5-ply built-up-Barrett Div., Allied Chemical \& Dye Corp. insulation: Aluminum foil in roof, walls-Infra Insulation, Inc. doors: Flush wood-The Mengel Co. windows: Fixed and sliding panels of $1 / 4$ inch plate, translucent glassPittsburgh Plate Glass Co.; case-ments-Hope's Windows, Inc. FIREPLACE: Brick, marble frame; ac-cessories-W. H. Jackson Co.
interior walls: Plywood in guest room and closets-U.S. Plywood Corp.; Lifewall in kitchen-Pantasote Co. Inc.; bathroom tile(Continued on page 100)

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U.S. Quarry Tile Co.; Sheetrock elsewhere-U.S. Gypsum Co. ceilings: Redwood in porch and entrance; Lifewall in kitchenPantasote Co., Inc.; Sheetrock elsewhere-U.S. Gypsum Co. floors: Asphalt kitchen tile-David E. Kennedy Inc.; ceramic tile in bathrooms-U.S. Quarry Tile Co. flagging in porch and halls; car pets-MaGee Carpet Co.
Hardware: Locks-Schlage Lock Co. hinges-Soss Mfg. Co.; sliding doors-Grant Pulley \& Hardware Co.; garage door-Stanley Works paints: "Durable wood" on exterior siding-Breinig Bros. Co.; trimPittsburgh Plate Glass Co.; interior paints-Martin-Senour Co. lighting fixtures: General Lighting Co.; Kurt Versen Inc.
heating: Radiant copper coils in floor slab-Revere Copper \& Brass Inc.; oil burner-Hayward Mfg Co.; boiler-Pacific Steel Boiler Div., U.S. Radiator Corp.; water heater-Spencer Heater Div., Avco Mfg. Corp.; controls-Sarcotherm Control Co.
bathroom fixtures: Crane Co. KITCHEN EQUIPMENT: Automatic electric sink-Hotpoint Inc.; counter tops-Formica Insulation Co.; range-Estate Stove Co.; re-frigerator-General Electric Co.; washing machine-Bendix Home Appliances, Inc.
furniture: Waldron Associates; Jens Risom Design, Inc.; Herman Miller Co. Grosfeld House curtains: Celanese Corp.

## FITZ-GERALD HOUSE

foundation: Concrete block exterior walls: Fir siding roof: Roll roofing-Ruberoid Co. insulation: Kimsul-Kimberly. Clark Corp.
DOors: Interior, flush mahogany-Mengel Co.; exterior, white pine
windows: Fixed and sliding panels, projected and double-hung. Glass -Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Co. fireplace: Damper-H. W. Covert
interior walls and ceilings: Presdwood-Masonite Corp.
hardware: Window sash-American Cabinet Hardware Corp.; doorRussell \& Erwin. Har-vey sliding door-Metal Products Corp.
floors: Concrete
paints: Bleaching oil on siding, paint on trim-Samuel Cabot Inc.; wax finish on Masonite-Minwax Co., Inc.; lacquer on copper bath re-cess-Phelan Faust Paint Mfg. Co. lighting fixtures: Pin-up projector lights-Kurt Versen Inc.
heating: Radiant copper coils in floor slab. Boiler and oil burnerAldrich Co.; controls-Minneapo-lis-Honeywell Regulator Corp.; water heater-Rheem Mfg. Co. kitchen equipment: Double sinkAmerican Radiator \& Standard Sanitary Corp.; range-Westinghouse Electric Corp.; refrigerator -Frigidaire
Contractor: Ray M. Dilschneider, Inc.

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## RUSSBOROUGH

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of 1846 the landowners caused high walls to be built around their acres. A half-starved man or woman could earn a penny a yard for building the walls and a bowl of soup and a loaf of bread at the end of the day. The present owner of Russborough House, Major Denis Daly, had over 100 yards of demesne wall removed so that as you drive along the Blessington-Dublin road, you have an unobstructed view of the entire sweep of the long, curving frontage of what is certainly one of the most pleasing architectural gestures in the world today. In my sketch at the top of page 64 , the dramatic placing of the house, reflected in a quiet stream, backed by dreaming mountains, is shown. If a visitor in Dublin or Galway Old City (two extremities of the island) asks an inhabitant "What house should I see that will give me the best idea of Irish Palladian architecture?" the answer will invariably be "If ye want a feast, see Russborough." So-there spread out before you, long, lovely in mood, muted gray-to-ivory-white in color, lies the first course of what will prove a sumptuous "feast."

The material employed (stone from Golden Hill Quarry) was a building medium much used by Richard Castle when he was assisted by David Bindon, a young Dublin architect. Until the advent of "Castle's Palladania" (as Lord Leinster always referred to the houses built in quick succession by the prolific and immensely talented Saxon) brick from the Dunbarney Kilns was used to build most of the sixteenth-, seven-teenth- and early eighteenth-century Irish houses, both in town and country. But the elegance of stone texture, with the moody changes of climatic light and shadow playing across soaring porticoes, rapidly became the fashion.

No other house in Ireland has so varied and interesting a façade. Originality of detail is remarkable. At Russborough "admirers take admired by the hand," surely; here we have the best features of an inspired trinity, Vitruvius-Palladio-Castle.

The pair of demilune colonnades (eight, widely-spaced columns long) which swing in a long, slow curve from the cube which is the central block of the house, seem not to touch the two oblong wings extending parallel to the entrance front, but to hold them in line by suggestion, so lightly do they lean
against them. At the cornice line each column is topped by a beautifully sculptured urn finial. These are all alike, but across the cornice molding of the central block are placed eight large urns, all completely different in design, though exactly the same height. This is a novel and refreshing treatment of an old theme. But at Russborough, everywhere you look, originality of viewpoint is evident.

The most arresting and unique feature of the exterior of this magic house is the broad, sweeping scale of the entrance steps. Acting as a keynote to the principal block and four pavilions strung out to a frontage of 700 feet, the importance of this great flight of steps is enormous. Irish houses of the eighteenth century followed the bold plan of German and Italian Baroque where much was made of the "imperial" flights of steps mounting to the principal entrance of a house. Never, anywhere, have I seen this feature bettered. Two heraldic beasts, as much griffin as lion, flaunt superb strength in holding a richly modeled cartouche flanking the bottom of the staircase.

The interior of Russborough has, to me at least, the quality of music. Every room seems literally to sing. Some are songs lightly cadenced. The "pink" drawing room has a richly lyrical song, while the famous Francini stucco panels, foaming up the staircase wall, lift a Bacchic paean to the heavens.

It has been said that not only are the magnificently vital floriations, volutes, trefoils and waving reeds of the stair-wall design the finest stucco work in Ireland, but also the essence of fashionable Irish life as lived at the time of Grattan's brilliant Parliament (17821800). Then the nobility was induced to build and inhabit great town and country houses in order to attend the debates so vital to the nation's survival. Incidentally they enjoyed each other's society, and were vastly entertained by the continual social whirl into which they plunged with the usual Irish exuberance and "all out" abandon. This way of life, lavish no end, was reflected in their houses, proper backgrounds for the routs, balls and drums, as the century called their divertissements.

One of the most opulently glowing rooms I have ever seen is the salon. (Continued on page 102)

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Russborough is the first house in Ire land in which West India mahogany was used. And it was used with the greatest possible skill and taste. Doors, dadoes, architraves and cornices are of solid slabs of bronze-red Domingo mabogany. The floor, of wide mahogany planks, has a large honey-colored satinwood star inlaid in the center. The walls are hung in the original (1748) cut Genoese velvet of a deep grape-red. The effect of warm, glowing color when this room is candlelit is one of mellow magnificence. A splendid room for winter use.

To the right of the entrance hall is the high, cube-shaped dining room, soft pearl-gray and white, high-lighted by crimson in damasks. In this lofty room, the most choice of all the superb marble mantelpieces, for which Russborough is rightly famous, sets the style: gray marble with a boldly carved head of Silenus in white marble. This high relief head is surrounded by exquisitely carved swags of grapevine in fruit, also of the gleaming white marble. The dark, vibrant green landscape paintings of County Wicklow, which enrich the walls, are by George Barret. These pleasantly decorative pictures are romantic in the manner of Claude Lorrain and are set in wide white stucco frames fluidly carved in a design of preening falcons and the arrogant phoenix bird. The rhythm of the stucco ceiling, attributed to the brothers Francini, carved in flaming urns, phoenix birds and conch shells, is noteworthy. Furniture in this room is the best expression of the style known as Irish Chippendale. A spacious dining table, roomy side and armchairs and a vast but marvelously proportioned sideboard to hold the immense, aromatic Tipperary hams, the beef puddings, the black currant tarts and great cheeses found in all generously run Irish country houses.

On page 65 is my painting of the drawing room as I saw it on a late afternoon in early June. I opened the door and looked in; no one was about. Instantly I caught the whole picture. A miraculous effect of baroque scrolls and cornucopias, white against Venetian pink and gray; latticed by the sepia branches and crisp white plumes of flowering plum. Pale primrose yellow of incredible freshness heightened the romantic mood of that lovely room, in curtains reflected in a pair of oval gilt mirrors flanking the fireplace. Dark
wine-red carnations in a Waterford glass urn glowed like velvet against the wall. Shimmering light from two tall windows set the crystal fruit in the chandelier to winking. For a space of minutes I stood silently looking at this room through the cross-hatching of white petals. Never again, I was convinced, would I see a room with such a quality of magic. Nor have I, though I have seen the drawing room many times since that day, and in gala mood. Perhaps it was the freshness of luminous color, the lift of spring branches, the lyrical movement of stucco scrolls achieved with that bravura which only Italians know.

It is exceedingly hard to define just what quality above another places a given house at the front of the procession of houses one loves to visit, actually or in memory. Perhaps it is the placing near the sea, or on a rising knoll commanding the panorama of a magnificent mountain range. Again, the fabric of the house may stand for the joy of living with its walls.

I feel the greatest charm of Russborough House is the abiding sense of decades of pleasant living. The mirrors of its spacious rooms have reflected the changing social life of two hundred years, brilliantly. Bountiful hospitality garlands the house and the romance of light and shade of the changing seasons. Russborough is a house for flowers, for laughter. One never descends the great steps from its front door without a backward glance of friendliness and the wish that one may soon return.

## CORRECTIONS

In our June issue we showed a remodeled tennis-swimming house belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Williams. Unfortunately the name of the architect, Mr. William Adams Delano, was omitted.

The rates at the Casa de Mañana, La Jolla, California, which were erroneously quoted as beginning at $\$ 7$ a day for two, on page 166 of our May issue, begin at $\$ 19$.

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## MISCELLANEOUS

What Calendar are You Heating By? is a little booklet about automatic oil heat. Advantages are listed and the Oil-O-Matic warm-air heating and boil-er-heating methods are described. Williams Oil-0-Matic Div., Eureka Williams Corp., HG 8, Bloomington, Ill.

A Rusticraft Booklet contains 48 pages in all. Described within is a complete line of wooden fences; woven picket, tight screen, imported French, English hurdle, post-and-rail and prefabricated. Farm and field gates, horseback gates and children's outdoor portable play yards are included. Photographs enable you to visualize the kind of fence you want. Erection instructions included. Rusticraft Fence Company, HG 8, 6 King Road, Malvern, Pennsylvania.
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