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These long winter evenings
Games that add new pleasures to our firesides

ELIZABETH H. RUSSELL

ONLY a few years ago we could hardly pick up a newspaper without reading that our bulwark of civilization—the American home—was in process of disintegration and tottering to utter ruin. This sad state of affairs was laid directly to the door of jazz, motors, and supper clubs, with the movies thrown in for good measure. The tide has now turned and is rushing the other way. The press informs us to-day that with the return to soft femininity in styles has come a revival of interest in everything to do with the home, and, most encouraging of all, a tendency of the owners to stay in it. And behold, again modern inventions—the radio, the moving picture camera, and the great new wave of interest in home games—are said to be the cause for this right-about face. When we consider the fact that business men and women sometimes admit that they are tired, and that amusements at home have the charm of novelty aside from their timely economy, we begin to understand the present vogue for games.

Contract and auction bridge are part of our daily lives, but if by any chance we belong to the minority who does not care for them there is still a wide range of indoor sports which do not require “card sense” but have their own fascinations and many ardent advocates.

FIRST there is the radio, and since we should require a separate article to even touch on its salient points we shall just make a low bow and express a nation’s gratitude for an entertainment which appeals to every member of the family from grandma, listening behind her open door upstairs, to the baby dancing with joy in his mother’s lap. The kitchen has its own radio set, and, of course, after the oldest and the youngest members of the family have retired the “in-betweens” may dance till morning to its witching strains. Seated in our armchairs we may listen in perfect comfort to the best concerts and the world’s greatest orchestras, and the news of the hour reaches us while it is still news. Every day the radio adds new pleasures to our enjoyment of our homes and firesides, and science holds out promises for more startling developments in the future of sight and sound.

If we prefer pictures to music or wish to alternate them, we have all the possibilities of the moving picture camera, and many families have certain evenings when they entertain their friends with reels of their European vacation pictures or, perhaps, of gypsy days in the great playground of the far West or wherever perfect holidays have been spent. In the intimacy of the home circle we may see the dear familiar details of the going away of the bride, the baby’s first step, or precious groups of the different generations together. What a treasure for days to come when the records of these days may be unrolled at will, and scenes never to be repeated are enacted before us, perfect in every detail. The enchantment of color and sound are being added to this moving picture development.

The older members of a family spend quiet evenings with their own favorite games, as a rule forms of entertainment to which they have clung for years. These include chess, checkers, dominoes, cross-word and picture-puzzles, anagrams, cribbage, and the familiar solitaires. Most of these games are for two people like the one which is having a tremendous revival at present—the ancient favorite of kings and courts—backgammon. This game came down to us from medieval Europe, and there is a glimmering of tradition that it was played in Oriental courts long before that. Certain it is that it was a favorite of grandfather and grandmother and that they will delight in showing you how they played it on those nice decorative old boards smelling faintly of Russia leather which are now being proudly drawn from their long storage. If there are none in the family hasten to buy one of the stunning new red and black ones, since every up-to-date household must have its set. Folding tables may be purchased with the proper board laid out on top, or folding boards bought in a wide range of sizes and prices from a modest set around five dollars complete to a magnificent inlaid board with ivory counters at five hundred. A popular Newport hostess charmed her guests last summer with a large backgammon board painted on her piazza. Clubs have been formed to perfect the technique of play, classes are opening in all our large cities—in fact the gentle shaking of dice is heard all over the land.

If you have a game room in your basement of course the opportunities for indoor games are endless. The youngsters may play golf, table tennis, ping-pong—another old-time favorite which has had a tremendous revival—and quotes undisturbed, and what is more to the point, undisturbing. You may buy them a rug on which they may play clock golf, or they may have a miniature game with small-sized
Alibi Golf with miniature hazards, is shown in the upper left corner, priced $3.50. The soft wool balls are 15 cents each. Below is a Handy Andy horseshoe game, with rubber shoes, $2.00 per set. The fine cork dart board is $6.95 complete, and the anagrams on wooden blocks $1.00 per set. In the middle panel Winner Golf, a fascinating version of our most popular sport, is shown at the top, priced $7.50 complete, while below it is Carou, a thrilling roulette game played with cards and counters, $5.00 a set. Camelot, at the bottom of the panel, combines adventure with deep strategy in play, and is priced at $1.00. In the upper part of the right-hand panel is an inexpensive Backgammon set $3.50 complete, and a book of directions for the game $1.75. The large black doubling dice are $2.00 each. The magnetized traveling chess set is $5.50, and the handsome ivory dominoes in felt-lined wooden box $3.50. A decorative bridge set of two packs of boxed cards and score pad to match in brilliant colors is $4.50, and the out-of-door bridge board, without the cards $2.50. Everything in the left-hand panel, and all but the bridge set in the right-hand panel is from Hammacher, Schlemmer & Company. The bridge set is from Jane White Lonsdale, Carou from Mayfair Playthings Store, and the two other games in the middle from all department stores. Prices do not include postage which is free within a hundred-mile radius of New York, but additional outside the radius
obstacles which will provide an immense amount of fun and, incidentally, teach them a great deal about the real game. "Pitch and Putt" rugs come in green and taupe and are really good looking besides having infinite capacities for hours and hours of fun. Since soft wool practise golf balls are now in the market for fifteen cents each children may enjoy these games, even in the ordinary rooms of the house, if mother is fairly lenient, without danger to window panes or bric-a-brac. If one has a barn, or a fairly large basement room, deck tennis provides excellent exercise and fun at low cost and that other shipboard favorite, shuffle board, makes a fine indoor game.

Quoits played with rubber horseshoes are harmless, and while the basement is the safest background for them a long, bare hall will do almost as well, and a sunroom or an upper piazza is ideal.

"Winner Golf" is a splendid new table golf where a wheel is spun to indicate your moves, and a complete miniature course on a folding cardboard sheet forms the intricate field for play. Grown-ups enjoy this and its possibilities for winter entertainment are most alluring. There is also a new game entitled "Cameleot" which combines some of the elements of chess and of checkers, and permits brilliant strategies as the Knights and Men defend the Fortresses. Another fascinating novelty, which bears the euphonious title of "Carou" takes the form of a card roulette game which provides thrills and exciting moments to be rivalled only by a trip to Monte Carlo itself.

Charades is endlessly amusing because endlessly different and always full of surprises in the hands of clever players. It is probably the most up-to-date of all home games if everyone enters into the spirit of the thing and is not self-conscious about making a fool of himself when his turn comes. Quiet business men have been known to rise to great heights in this silent drama and to display histrionic ability which would make a Hollywood star green with envy, while modest domestic ladies have represented Cleopatra, and Helen of Troy, or their modern prototypes with startling ease and ability. Props are always forthcoming in households where charades are popular, since there is always on hand an old trunk into which discarded evening clothes, and all the oddments which may be needed in the game are kept. Splendid words to act out are: Nauti-cal, Pur-i-tan, In-car-cer-ate, Mat-ern-i-ty, Metaphysician (in one word), In-di-gent, and In-gra-ti-ate.

Anagrams provide fun for the whole family, although there is usually an aggravating champion speller in the circle who gets his ten words before the rest have fairly started, but there is the eternal hope of beating him for an incentive to the slower players. There are many variations of the anagram game, letters, letter dominoes, anagram-antics, and many others. One of the most amusing forms is where an entire sentence is picked out in the letters and handed to the next in line who must try to reassemble it correctly. If a sentence can be evolved which reads the same way from both ends all the more skill is required to untangle it. These double sentences are known as "palindromes" and composing them was a popular sport of the 17th Century. Some of the most famous of these sentences are, "Madam, I'm Adam." "Name no one Man," and "Able was I ere I saw Elba." Anagrams may also be made from your own names, or those of some celebrities. Marie Antoinette's name may be made to read, "Tear it, Men, I alone." You may possibly be able to evolve an amusing one from your own name.

Paper and pencil games are played in almost every home, and provide endless amusement. Each family has its own favorites, but here are a few which have long been popular in the family I know best, which are worth trying. "Macaroni Poetry" is jolly if the crowd is good at jingles. Each player should have paper and pencil and all should sit in a circle. The person who has been chosen to start writes two lines of poetry and passes the paper along to the next who does the same and so on around the circle till the paper gets back to the one who wrote the first two lines who reads it all aloud. The top of the paper is not turned down as in "Consequences."

"Telegrams" is played by having each member of the company supplied with paper and a pencil. Someone then gives ten letters of the alphabet, saying them slowly while the players take them down. A ten-word telegram is then written using the letters in the sequence in which they were given. An example is: A-Z-W-S-I-L-T-M-D-B, from which a wire was evolved reading, "A Zuni was seen in London this morning. Danger. Beware." The telegrams may be addressed to famous people, and made to express appropriate sentiments. The chosen name and address should be given out before the letters.

An old game is called "Reporter." The hostess has to prepare beforehand for this, but she will surely be rewarded by shrieks and gales of merriment which will assure her that her party is a success if she takes the trouble to get it ready. It needs three separate rooms really. A leader, or showman, should be chosen who will see each victim through his paces. In the first room into which he is taken the lights are on and a table is spread with a variety of articles which should be odd and in assorted sizes. Each player is given two minutes to form a mental picture of the contents of the table, then he goes out and writes down from memory what he has seen. His next test is to be taken into a room blindfolded where he is given a dozen articles to touch or handle, and decide what they are before he retires to write them down. The hostess has a good chance here to display her ingenuity and to devise some objects which are hard to recognize. A wet kid glove filled with sand and well iced makes a good deal of commotion, and a peeled, iced grape causes some unpleasant conjectures, while all sorts of trick toys and devices add to the fun. The third and last test consists of trying each person with sniffs of various odors with which he should be familiar. A dozen is enough since he has to carry them in his mind until he writes them down after he has tried them all. It is very amusing to discover how closely sight is connected with smell, and how tantalizing it is to try to recognize odors disassociated from a glimpse of the objects which produce them. Ordinary kitchen flavors, antiseptics, lotions, and common scents are very hard to name when we cannot see them. If it makes it easier a second person may accompany the one who is taking the test and write down the objects as he feels them, or is given a whiff of their distinctive odors. Prizes are given of course.

The old game of "Consequences" after many years is still a favorite and requires only a pencil and a piece of paper for each one present.

Treasure Hunts, Hide in the Dark, and Cobweb parties all provide much room for ingenuity on the part of the hostesses and are great fun to play if everyone is in the mood for a hilarious evening. There are sure to be collisions, bumped heads, and bruises, to say nothing of the possibility of some damage to the furniture, but there will also be bubbling laughter, and those crescendos of mirth which mark the party a success.
ANY American who happens to be in church in England on the last Sunday in November will be surprised to hear a decided rustle pass through the pews when the collect for the day is read. "Stir up, we beseech Thee, the wills of Thy faithful people" is the challenge passed out by the church on that Sunday, and if it is taken by the women to be a reminder of the imminence of Christmas and their culinary duties connected therewith that is no concern of the Church of England.

"Stir Up Sunday" is zero hour for the making of the famous Christmas pudding, that super-pudding which contains within itself practically every food which is dear to the Englishman. The recipes for this masterpiece are handed down from generation to generation on the distaff side and no two are exactly alike. The housewife jealously guards the secret additions which make the difference between her own and other people's puddings, and the beer, cider, molasses, brandy, suet, and other extraneous matter with which she betters her recipe are a secret between her and her conscience. There is scarcely anything that has not been put into a pudding at some time or other by a seeker after originality. Even meat is not exempt, as some housewives are seemingly unable to believe that the Christmas pudding can be perfect without it.

The Monday after "Stir Up Sunday," then, sees the beginning of the extensive operations that go toward the making of the British masterpiece. If a family has no inherited rule for ingredients the lady of the house is likely to take the patriotic attitude that what is good enough for the Royal Family is good enough for hers, so she takes over boldly the recipe for the Royal Pudding, the secret for which has leaked out through some underground channel. As is to be expected, the Royal Pudding is strictly British, its ingredients being entirely British products gathered from the most varied parts of the far-flung Empire. But it may not be unpatriotic to suggest to any enterprising American housewife that the same ingredients may be secured here, and will doubtless produce a pudding just as good.

Let us take a peep at the famous recipe. We find that Great Britain furnishes the two and a half pounds of bread crumbs, the one and a quarter pounds of flour, and the quart of old beer. Canada provides the pound of minced apples, Australia the two and a half pounds of sultana raisins and the two and a half pounds of currants. (Continued on page 242)
Making your own bookplate

Every home owner should be a book lover

MABEL REAGH HUTCHINS
Illustrations courtesy of L. J. Arata Company

In Olden times, the primary and only purpose of a bookplate was to show ownership, and the designs were heraldic. Every person of any importance had his coat of arms which adorned everything belonging to him and was the only kind of an ownership tag that was of much use, for the peasants could not read. We still find many heraldic plates used in the bookplate designs of those who have family trees of which they are proud.

More often, however, modern plates are designed to show the owner's individuality. They may do it by using in the design something to illustrate his profession or his hobby, or they may combine a number of things. The plate of Arnold Daly, the actor, was drawn in the form of a monogram with a player's mask above it. Henry van Dyke's plate shows his favorite amusements, reading and fishing.

Sometimes the names of people lend themselves to bookplate designs, making the design a play on their name. For instance, a wood scene for a man named Wood; a fishing scene for Mr. Fisher; the bagpipes being played for Miss Piper; and so on.

"Ex Libris," with your name printed below it is the simplest form of design, yet one which is always in good taste. For a little extra expense the printer will print the plates on gummed paper, so there is very little trouble about sticking them into the volumes. Commercial plates come in designs which are attractive and which, as a rule, leave open spaces where individual names may be written in. Plates for children are especially charming, and add very much to a child's interest in accumulating and caring for his own books. Most of these designs cater to children's hobbies or depict favorite characters in juvenile books, verses from Robert Louis Stevenson's "Child's Garden of Verse" being specially appropriate for this purpose when combined with decorative drawings. A child, as well as a grown-up, feels a much keener sense of pride and possession in his books if they have his name in them, and it also safeguards their return in case they are loaned to other children.

As to the artistic mediums used for plates they are varied. There have been and are some designers famous for their bookplates. Some of them have made etchings, others woodcuts. Other famous artists, such as Rockwell Kent and Aubrey Beardsley, have occasionally designed bookplates. Pen and ink, paints, woodcuts—all are used. Just at present, linoleum blocks are quite popular, especially for amateurs.

Eugene Field once said, "Whenever I see a book which bears its owner's plate I feel myself obliged to treat that book with special consideration. It carries with it a certificate of its master's love; the bookplate
which is rarely found in such a medium.

Paint a block of battleship linoleum (cut the size desired for your plate) white with tempera or showcard color or, if you haven’t these, a light colored water color might do. The object of the painting is just to make the surface show the drawing better. When it is dry, place a piece of carbon paper face down on the linoleum, lay the tracing paper drawing face down over this and go over the design carefully with a pencil. This done, your block is ready to cut.

Cut out all the parts you wish to be white and leave in the parts you wish black. The cutting can be done with a knife but two or three wood-carving tools, procurable for very little at a hardware store are better. A small V, a small U, and a large U are sufficient for any simple design. Cut around the design with the V tool and cut the U-shaped corners with the U-shaped tool. Use the large U for large spaces.

In designing your letters keep them as simple as possible. Divide the space to fit the different sized letters first, then draw them in such a way that very little cutting is needed. This precaution about simplicity must be kept in drawing your design as well, for your cutting implements are not especially pliable. Be sure to cut away deeply enough so the surface supposed to be white will not be blurred.

Cut made, you can take it to a printer to have prints made or you can experiment yourself.

Get a small can of printer’s ink and a printer's small roller. Spread a bit of the ink on a piece of glass or tin or even on an old magazine and roll it out with the roller until it is spread smoothly. Then run the roller over the cut, up, down, and across, so that you are sure each part of the design is covered. Of course you have spread out papers to work on for it is a messy job.

Lay a sheet of the paper you wish to print on over the block, place a thin board or several thicknesses of paper over this, and pound gently with your fist or hammer.

All this work may require a bit of experimenting before you get the most successful results but I am sure you can work it out. There is really no hard and fast rule about it. If you have a small press of your own the printing, of course, is a simple matter. But, even with makeshift methods—and you may hit upon one a bit different that works well—the results are charming.
Placing the tree

A suitable site for this Christmas visitor

GERTRUDE WOODCOCK

NOWADAYS so much attention is paid to the proper placing of furniture, pictures, and other household objects, that to select a place for the Christmas tree with equal care is quite in keeping. Since the tree is the focal point of the Christmas celebration it should be placed so that it dominates the room and fits into it at the same time. It should not be jammed into any space which happens to be unoccupied by furniture. A large tree usually looks well in a corner of the room or at one side of the fireplace. Another good position is within opened French doors leading to the sunporch or to another room. Here the tree may be viewed from several angles and from two rooms. In addition, it is framed by the door trim, making a powerful decorative unit. As background is important, the position of the tree should be determined with that in mind. A favorite place is at the window or in front of a group of windows. If the tree hides the single window this is not so successful an arrangement, but if the tree is small enough to be framed by the window or if two or more windows are grouped and curtained so that the tree sets against them as before a frame, the window position is a happy choice. Or, the tree may be used to balance the fireplace or some piece of furniture by placing it diagonally or directly opposite.

THE small tree is not only easier than the large tree to place, but it offers greater decorative possibilities as well. The small tree may stand upon a table, upon disguised boxes, or upon a low chest set against the wall. The latter arrangement is usually the most interesting for the horizontal lines of the chest compose well with the conical shape of the tree. A carved chest or one of fine polished wood makes an ideal base, although one of more utilitarian intent may be furnished up attractively, too. It is the shape and height which count, for a chest raises a small tree to a convenient level without isolating it from other objects in the room.

If the chest is handsome there is no need to cover the top of it, for colored lights reflected on a fine polished wood surface are sufficiently striking. If the chest is of ordinary caliber, a small Oriental rug, a colorful piece of silk or cotton, or a sheet of gold, silver, or brocaded paper may be pinned to the wall to cover the area behind the tree and to extend a foot or more beyond it on all sides. A very striking background for a small tree can be made from gold Chinese paper cut and pieced together in the shape of a large five-pointed star. This should be pinned into place behind the tree so that the points extend beyond, leaving the tree silhouetted against the center. Wonderful shadow effects may be worked out, too, with colorful paper cut to approximate the shape of the tree and pinned upon the wall behind it. Still another appropriate and decorative background can be made with blue cloth covered with silver stars (painted on with radiator paint, or cut from silver paper and pasted to the cloth) and hung from a curtain pole behind the tree.

If the tree is placed beside the fireplace, for example, a screen may be adjusted at an angle at one side to form a kind of ingle nook. A tree standing in a corner may be backed with one or two screens to soften the angle of its position and to prevent a "stuck off in the corner" look. The screen is an invaluable piece of furniture for working out groupings and units with a Christmas tree as well as with chairs and tables. Of course, the color and pattern of the screen are important. Boudoir patterns and small wallpaper designs, unless rich in tonality, are not suitable. Nearly any screen can be made suitable, however, by means of metallic paper. It is not a difficult matter to tack gold or silver paper over the back of a (Continued on page 240)
AQUATIC EFFECTS IN THE HOME

The tall standard holds a wide-mouthed bowl of yellow glass moulded in a swirling effect. (Courtesy of R. H. Macy & Co.)

The unusual and charming aquarium below stands on a base of finely wrought iron. The oval bowl is of heavy crystal glass. The aquarium is forty-four inches high. (Courtesy of Ovington's)

Glass bowl shown at the Stockholm Exposition of Decorative Arts. Designed by the skilled Swedish designer Edward Hald and purchased by the Crown Prince of Sweden. (Courtesy, Gimbel Bros.)

The rectangular glass tank above is rather unusual in its decoration. A clear circular area on either side makes the contents easily visible. The wrought iron base is in keeping with the decorations on the glass. The Chinese ornament is a separate piece. (Courtesy of John Wanamaker, New York)

This bowl of clear crystal glass rests on a separate base supported by frosted dolphins. It is twelve inches high and twelve inches in diameter. (Courtesy of Ovington's)

A roomy glass fish bowl with metal stand. This aquarium is well balanced and simple and attractive in design, and is suitable for any type of room or home. (Courtesy of John Wanamaker, New York)
Fashions in fish

The aquarium as a decorative feature

P. MELIN

In their glass houses make a most effective addition to the decoration of living room or sun room of a home and, when right quarters are provided and a few simple rules followed, they will prosper with less attention than any other type of pet.

What variety of fish shall I have? This is the first problem for the beginner. The range of choice at present lies not only between common and more exotic varieties of goldfish, but between goldfish and those new stars in the fashion parades of most fish shops, the tropicals, whose size leads one to believe that they must have been fashioned expressly by a beneficent providence to fill the needs of dwellers in small apartments.

Compared to our old friends the goldfish, tropicals are minnows, mere pocket editions of fish, but they make up for their diminutiveness by the interest of their brilliant and varied color. Some of these curious fish build nests in which their eggs are hatched, others are life bearing, and it is quite simple to add to one's stock of fish by rearing a few of the young—if they are removed in time out of reach of the cannibalistic ways of their parents.

One of the most attractive among tropicals is the Guppy, or rainbow fish, so called because of his coloring, which seems to change from moment to moment. He and his wife may be bought for about sixty cents. The long-tailed Helery with black and gold banding is a favorite, and so is the Crescent Moon, a very colorful fish which shines in gold, black, blue, and other shades. The Siamese Fighting Fish, a warrior who exhibits his prowess in the cafés of his native land, wears a coat of yellow and scarlet which makes him one of the best ornaments an aquarium can have. In all, about three hundred varieties of these beautiful fish have been domesticated, and about one hundred of them are found in well-stocked shops at prices beginning at thirty-five cents a pair for the black and gold fish called the Black Mollie, and mounting to twenty-five dollars or more for rare specimens.

However, we must not let our enthusiasm for the newcomers give the impression that the goldfish of the carp family is entirely passé. He is shown as much as ever, and will remain a favorite with fortunate people who have space for a larger aquarium. Even in his commonest form, priced at ten or fifteen cents, he is one of the most decorative fish to be found, and experienced aquarists advise beginners to start with this hardy and attractive fellow before trying the more costly and delicate varieties.

One of the most easily kept carp goldfish is the Comet, distinguished by long tail and ventral fin, who is hardy enough to winter out of doors, provided the pool is sufficiently deep not to freeze to the bottom. The Fantails are exceedingly popular and come in a great variety of size, beginning at two inches long, priced from twenty-five cents up.

Among the strangest of the Japanese goldfish are the Telescopes, named for their protruding eyes, and also distinguished by beautiful coloring, variegated in the Calico, and pure black in the Moor. The Shubunkin or Autumn Brocade fish, inexpensively priced at fifteen cents and up, is one of the most colorful of all, showing mottled red, white, lavender, brown, yellow, black, blue, and purple. The Chinese Celestial Telescope, whose eyes have been turned heavenward by selective breeding, and the Lion-head with a mane-like growth surrounding the gills, are both very highly prized, but their lack of a dorsal fin tends to make them swim head downward and they sometimes suffocate for no apparent reason. (Continued on page 252)
The architect of this charming bungalow in the Colonial style, Stratton O. Hamman, suggests that the exterior woodwork be white and the shutters apple green. The roof may be of weathered brown or green shingles and the chimney should be painted white. The architect estimates the cubic contents at 52,000 cubic feet, which, at 55 cents a cubic foot, would make the total cost approximately $17,600.

The floor plans of Mr. Hamman's house are of the rambling type, always a delightful feature of bungalow design. The living room and one bedroom each occupy a wing and thus are assured of three exposures. The other bedroom is a corner room and the dining room opens on the porch. Skilful planning has made the entrance hall readily accessible to the living room, dining room, and sleeping quarters of the house. The bathroom, close to the bedrooms, may also be used as a downstairs laundry. There is enough room on the second floor for two more bedrooms and a bath if one wishes to add them when building, or at a later date.

**SPACIOUSNESS IN A BUNGALOW**

An interesting floor plan capable of being further developed.
This house was designed for us by Theodore Whitehead Davis and is estimated to contain 30,000 cubic feet. At 60 cents a cubic foot, the house would cost $18,000 to build, but outside of the New York area it could probably be built for $15,000 or less. Mr. Davis specifies whitewashed brick for the walls, a slate roof in tones of gray and green, laid in graduated sizes, and casement windows of wood or metal, throughout. The planting should be rather formal.

THE MANOIR STYLE OF FRANCE

A moderate-sized house in the somewhat formal French manner

The floor plans are particularly well worked out and will bear careful study. The service wing contains the kitchen, which has excellent cross-ventilation, and the maid's room and bath. The service entrance is screened from the terrace by means of a trellis. A combined dining nook and pantry separate the kitchen from the dining room. The two outside corners of this room are designed for built-in cupboards. The good-sized entrance hall has a coat closet and lavatory attached. The three bedrooms have cross-ventilation and the master's room has an attached dressing room and bathroom. At the window overlooking the terrace and at the window in the bedroom over the service wing convenient built-in dressing tables have been planned.
The pressing question

The iron and ironer, essentials in the laundry

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The electric hand iron is not a luxury. It is a necessity—not only the very foundation of the home laundry, but of the general well grooming of the average individual. From baby’s ruffles to daddy’s trousers, it has its pressing service, and from the roughest towel to the finest linen it fills a household need.

But the market offers a wide variety and a dazzling array of shining surfaces and attractive colors. How can the homemaker make a wise choice? What standards may govern her purchase? There are a few guideposts to buying which the thoughtful woman should follow. First, there is the matter of trial. Reliable firms often grant this privilege, and it is a valuable one. By trial, and by trial alone, can the buyer judge the most important feature of any iron—its heating surface. The heat should be supplied quickly and efficiently. It should remain constant throughout the ironing process and should be distributed evenly over the heating surface or sole plate of the iron.

Perhaps the weight of an iron is second in importance. Ironing, after all, is largely a matter of lifting and pushing across a flat surface. The wise purchaser will weigh one iron against another, not merely in her mind but literally picking up one after another. Too light an iron will not remove wrinkles, too heavy a one will be needlessly tiresome. Much depends on the homemaker’s need.

While this weighing process goes on, she may easily take note of the handle. Does it fit her hand comfortably, or is it bulging and awkward? There is no standard iron cord or plug, but other things being equal, the iron that necessitates a special type of cord will be less desirable than an iron more nearly standard. There are few things more annoying than to have the day’s ironing delayed because the special cord is mislaid. If a special order is necessary for replacement, it is aggravating beyond words.

It is the little things that count, even on the iron. The back rest saves the ironing board cover from many unnecessary scars. The thumb rest near the handle may save some women needless aches. A thermostat heat control may prove indispensable. The iron is being improved daily, but each improvement is a matter of individual value.

The appearance may appeal to the esthetic sense, but does it appeal to the judgment as well? A graceful sloping front, narrowing to a fine point, looks well and is a real help in the matter of corners and narrow ruffles. A thin base may be easier to heat as well as to look at. The most attractive iron may not be the best one, but an iron of good design and construction may well be attractive.

The hand iron plus energy, or the ironing machine without it—whether to move the shining iron, even though light and attractive, or merely guide the article and allow it to iron itself or, perhaps, do both—these are other important questions to be decided.

It is a wise housekeeper who will choose both pieces of equipment, for she will find the ironing machine excellent for all flat work and, as she acquires skill in its operation, she will find that it is capable of handling about seventy-five per cent of the entire ironing. She will need the hand iron, too, because it is invaluable for some of the more complicated pieces and for the finishing touches on some of the garments ironed for the most part by machine.

In selecting an ironing machine there is a conflict not only of types and kinds, but also of fuels. To the purchaser torn between the gas or electrically heated ironers, there is but one bit of advice. Efficient and rapid heat evenly distributed, and economy (Continued on page 242)
Don't move—modernize

Adding an extra room or two

TYLER STEWART ROGERS

Growing families, growing pocketbooks or changing social obligations often upset the most careful calculations in the purchasing or building of a home. The house that once upon a time supplied adequate accommodations may no longer provide for the family's needs. Children or dependent adults may require bedrooms for which the head of the house and her husband did not plan. Maturing children may demand recreation space or places for their own entertainments. Or perhaps when an old home is remodelled, the modernization problem is best solved by combining two existing rooms in one and adding a new room or two beyond the walls of the original house. Whatever the cause, there are many homes standing today which would be better adapted to the needs of their owners if a little extra space were available. Is it better to sacrifice the old house and find another, perhaps less well-located, that offers the requisite accommodations? Or would it be practical to build on an addition so that the family would not need to break its social ties and move to a new and strange environment?

This is one of the common problems of home owners that is being discussed in the present series of articles. In the
last two months, the practical rearrangement of interior floor plans and of redecorating out-of-date rooms have been treated in some detail. This article will take up the matters to be considered when minor additions become necessary, leaving for next month the all-important problem of introducing extra bathrooms in existing houses.

Of course, very commonly the purpose of making an addition to a home is to provide for another bathroom or toilet, because present standards of domestic life demand this added convenience more frequently than any other. In fact, one might almost say that the major difference between a house built a decade or two ago and one newly constructed of similar size lies in the number of bathrooms or toilets in proportion to the number of people accommodated. Nevertheless, there are certain matters to consider in building an addition to an existing house which are independent of the purpose to which that addition is to be put, and again there are problems relating to the introduction of new bathrooms in existing homes which remain the same whether these facilities are built into the addition or are fitted within the original walls.

There are a number of preliminary matters to be considered before one can say with reasonable assurance that the construction of an addition is a more practical solution to the family's problem than the sale of the old house and the purchase or erection of another. The size of the lot and the disposition of the house on the lot is, of course, vital. Building codes may limit the proximity of the house to the property lines to such an extent that an addition of the required size would not be permitted by the building authorities. The lot may be so proportioned that the only place where an addition could be made would involve a too extensive rearrangement of the interior for proper access to the new rooms to justify the effort. A place must be found where the addition will not cut off too much light and air from existing rooms and where access can be had from stairways and halls to the new area without impairing the original layout. The heating plant should be examined to determine its adequacy to care for the extra load. If the added space is wanted on the second floor, can corresponding space be utilized on the ground floor and possibly in the basement below, or should the addition be merely at the upper floor level with nothing but a porch or terrace beneath it?

A general study of the problem with some of these broader questions in mind will indicate whether the house can be enlarged to provide the accommodations desired. It will determine where the addition will be placed and its general size and proportions. Then some thought should be given to the exterior appearance of this addition. Can it be designed to improve the proportions of the house—emphasizing horizontal lines if the original structure is of ungainly height, or to balance an isometric detail to create a better proportioned façade? How can the roof lines be joined to make the new addition appear as a part of the original house rather than as an excrescence or an after-thought appended at a later date?

As a matter of fact, sometimes a home that is hopelessly unfortunate in its architectural character can be vastly improved by an addition (Continued on page 252)
GIFTS FOR A CHILD UNDER $10.00

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1. Alsatian pottery set in soft, gay colors, 7” plate $1.00; 3” bowl 60¢; pitcher 3½” tall $1.00; 3” mug 80¢. Set must be sent by express collect; each piece may be sent by parcel post 20 cents extra.

2. These little pillows are made with black cross-stitch on natural linen color, basket-weave material. The silhouetted cats 15” x 15”, $3.00; The puffing De Witt Clinton steam engine and coaches 13½” x 18”, $6.50.

3. Animal families may be had in models of Boston bull, Police, Hound, Wire-haired terriers, Scotties, Kittens, Cat Orchestra, etc. Also in models of dogs, cats, cows, goats, elephants, and deer. Set $1.25 including families of four, except Cat Orchestra of six. Postpaid.

4. You may choose an amusing doll laundry bag 36” tall with your choice of having her hat, cape and hanging strap in rose, blue, green, or yellow. The price of this bag is $3.50.

5. The bubble set above consists of a colorful little figured rubber apron, a bubble pipe, and a cake of sudsy soap—all nicely boxed. A jolly present for stormy days. Price 86 cents complete, plus 10 cents parcel post.

6. The towel ensemble with Soldier Boy design consists of play yard rug, 46” square; two bath towels 20” x 36”; one bib 14½” x 15”; two wash cloths 12” square. The colors are charming: peach, turquoise, or jade and the price is $4.95.

7. An indoor Midget Golf Game provides hours of fun. The course is 24” x 30” and may be spread on table or floor. $9.00. Postpaid within 100 miles of New York City.

8. Composition playing field background and spring-operated player who kicks rubber football. Complete set with rules giving recommended plays, $6.50. Postpaid within 100 miles of New York City.

Sketches by Frank Fleming
GIFTS FOR A MAN—UNDER $10.00

1. Pipe holder of solid pewter $2.00 postpaid. Bottle cap lifters (below). Sea hare and airdale, chromium plated. 50¢ each postpaid.

2. Airplane lighter and paper weight, 6” long, of cast metal in silver or gold plate, chromium or gun metal finish. Lighter cover and cylinders of black bakelite. Cylinders revolve when the light is on. $5.00 postpaid.

3. Cactus lamp, 12” over all, 10” diameter parchment shade, hand decorated to match the base. Solid bronze base in verdigris finish. Cactus motifs are favorites in modern decorations. This shade has a vivid sketch of a desert. Lamp and shade designed by Garret Thew. $7.50.

4. Monte Carlo bridge set. Press button and four compartments automatically open, giving space for two packs of cards and two packages of cigarettes. Case of copper, in silvered finish, hammered copper, or brass $7.50. In any color enamel $5.00. Contents not included.

5. In this miniature metal fireplace the logs are filled cigarettes, the kettle on the swinging crane the ashtray, while a convenient holder on the side guards the kindling in the form of safety matches. The price is $2.25 postpaid east of Mississippi.

6. Folding coat hangers with brushes, in black or natural wood. A practical gift which fits in any bag $1.00 each.

7. Combination lighter and ash tray of polished marble, 3½” high. Lighter lifts out leaving base for ash tray. Well known make of lighter unit, nickel plated. Price $5.00 postpaid within 100 miles of New York City.

8. Solid bronze desk set. March hare paper weight, 3½” high, $1.00. Elephant penholder, 2½” high, $1.50 without pen; duck stamp holder, 3” in diameter, $1.50. Express collect.

9. Miniature radio box holding 50 cigarettes. Any color enamel, gold-tooled leather top, $5.50; in all-leather cover, gold-tooled, $10.00.

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GIFTS FOR A WOMAN—UNDER $10.00

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1. A good looking modern pewter picture frame, 9'' tall x 7'' wide. Frame 1'' wide, opening 6'' x 8''. Finished with velvet back and easel stand. $3.95

2. Half the thrill of a Christmas gift is its presentation. Here are colorful wrappings, tie-tapes, and enclosure cards enough for your twelve most choice gifts. A set of twelve enclosure cards of assorted colors. Price $2.50 postpaid

3. This unique little watering pot is a copy of an old French model. It has a glowing copper body and a well balanced handle and spout of brass. It is 10'' high and holds one pint. $4.00

4. Three toilet bottles and the powder jar are all in very pale iridescent amber. The figures inside are hand blown, and include a Scottie, and a decorative flower at $4.00 each, while the Hunter is $4.50

5. This ornamental box is 12'' x 9'' x 1''. Cover is a charming colored print of street in Montmartre. This slides off and has a ring on the back so it may be used as a picture. Price $5.00 express collect

6. The brown silk umbrella is 20'' long and has 16 ribs and a 32'' spread. There are pearl tips on each rib, a large round pearl for a handle, and smaller one for the tip. A woven silk strap for carrying. Price $8.75

7. A gay imported sewing basket is of strong woven Willow with a scarlet leather top and matching moire lining. It also comes in dark blue. There is full sewing equipment of nine pieces. Size 12'' x 10'' x 3''. $5.95

8. Berets and matching scarfs of wool jersey may be bought plain for $2.74 or with monograms of cut out felt appliqued for $3.94 the set. The scarf is 13'' x 5''. Please allow ten days if ordering set with monograms
1. Novel and very lovely Colonial lamp reproduction with special 3-degree dimming switch. Choice of brass or pewter finish, with 10° parchment shade antiqued and having gold flower leaf decoration. Especially good for nursery or an invalid's room. Height 13 ¾"; price $6.00

2. A charming present either for the holidays or for a new household is this sterling silver bridge tea set of flatware in the new "Wentworth" pattern. It consists of four knives, four forks, and four teaspoons, all for $25.00

3. Time-O-Lamp, a reproduction of an Early American table lamp, 22 ½" tall, three candle holders, 16° Time-O-Shade graduated into hours, antiqued parchment shade. Pewter or bronze finish, $17.50. Synchronous AC electric unit regulated hourly from your light station; no winding

4. These curtain tie-backs in the shape of six-pointed stars are of solid brass. Stars are very popular in all forms of decoration, and would add a quaint touch to most any room. Price $2.25 a pair postpaid

5. An unusual and decorative wall bracket for ivy takes the form of this wrought iron circle which hangs from a bracket of the same and holds a colored glass witch-ball for the trailing vines. Circle 12 ½" in diameter, 17 ½" over all. Complete $3.00 express collect

6. These lovely rustproof flower baskets have removable perforated trays so they may be used alone or filled with cut flowers as table decorations. You may have your choice of color, and the decoration may be an Ackermann print or a formal design of gold grapes and leaves. Antiqued finish $10.00 express collect

7. Magazine rack or "Canterbury" takes largest magazines; choice of maple, mahogany, walnut or of any color antiqued. Your choice reproduction of Currier & Ives prints of the Old Homestead in spring, summer, autumn, winter. $15.00 express collect

8. Incidental tables are needed in all modern schemes of house furnishing, and the oval top mahogany table shown is a beautiful reproduction of an old model. It stands 29" high, and is 24" across the top. It has a tripod pedestal, with claw and ball feet, and a fine bit of inlay in the center. The price is $25.00 express collect

GIFTS FOR THE HOUSE
UNDER $25.00

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New uses for old maps

Maps fill a multitude of useful purposes

DOROTHY STACEY BROWN

SOMEONE has said that a map is the middle stage between a picture and a book. The truth of this definition is proved if we realize that a map hanging on the wall attracts us first of all by its shapes and colors; if we look more closely we discover that most of the actual information it gives is conveyed by printed names, measurements, and descriptions. In reality, a good map is a picture representing a body of facts which might with but little more profit be expanded into a whole printed volume.

Some of us may like maps for their pictorial qualities and others for more practical reasons but, in any case, recent times have seen a great increase in their use on the walls of the home and for other decorative purposes.

Maps have a decorative value possessed by very few of the other single items that we may choose. Their varied colors, softly graduated tones of greens, browns, blues, and rose, have the same property of harmonizing and pulling together the color scheme of a room as have shelves of books with their casual arrangement of small spots of contrasting and blending shades. Take for example the map which hangs over the fireplace in our illustration in the lower left-hand corner of the following page. This is a modern
reproduction of a famous old map whose original, the "Novissima et Accuratissima Totius Americae Descriptio par N. Visscher," was dated 1623. This reproduction, which, by the way, has all the beauty of a genuine antique and yet costs only two dollars unmounted, has for its predominating colors blue, yellow, green, and orange with touches of brown. If N. Visscher had been an interior decorator creating maps for that purpose alone he could scarcely have struck a combination of shades better calculated to blend with the chintz of modern window draperies, the coverings of chairs, or the tones of a rug.

A sign of the increasing attention being paid to maps which are decorative and interesting and yet within reach of the modest purse, has been the appearance of modern decorative maps to whose creation a number of well-known artists have bent their skill. These are, of course, founded on the decorative maps of the Middle Ages which may be found in antique shops but are really collector's pieces and priced as such. They were made in a time when much interest was taken in the tales of the venturesome few who made voyages to unknown countries. By that time maps were made according to fairly workable projections and coast lines were approximately correct but the interiors of most countries were almost blank so far as geographical details were concerned. So the old cartographers, instead of using gradations of altitude, rivers, and the names of towns, filled in the wide open spaces with information contained in traveler's stories. If they were told of cannibals in a certain place they indicated the savages by

Maps have a noteworthy decorative value, their varied colors having the same property of harmonizing and pulling together the color scheme of a room as have shelves of books. (Courtesy of Arden Studios)

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An interesting map seems particularly appropriate when hung above a desk. It is surprising how cheaply one can pick up old maps or reproductions of the more rare ones. (Courtesy of Gimbel Brothers)

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Modern decorative versions are in the same tradition. They have the characteristic illuminated legends and coats of arms in the corners, their borders are decorated with vignettes, their colors gay and varied, but they are superior to the old maps in that their geography is comparatively accurate. If anyone who plans a trip to Paris will spend one dollar and sixty-five cents on the modern plan of the city by Ilonka Karasz he will have not only a delightful wall decoration but also an actual street guide which lists and locates principal shops, theaters, museums, and restaurants.

A modern reprint of a seventeenth century map of North and South America hung above the fireplace in a living room or study contributes a note of unusual interest to the room. The predominating colors are blue, yellow, green, orange, and brown. (Courtesy of Gimbel Bros.)
Protect against friendly mishaps

Liability insurance a household necessity

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When you buy a home, you undertake to keep it and the land which surrounds it in a reasonably safe condition so that persons entering your property or traveling upon adjacent highways will not be injured. If you fail to do so and if an accident results from your failure, it may cost you dearly.

You may never have seen your milkman. He makes his rounds while it is still dark, leaves his wares and departs, more or less noiselessly. Yet, if he were to trip over a broken board in your back stairs, and break his leg, he would probably sue you and, if the jury so decided, recover substantial damages from you.

The rules which determine your liability for accidents occurring on your property are numerous and technical. Your obligation to visitors is different than your obligation to persons who come to see you on business. You owe a certain duty to adults and another to children. One set of rules applies to trespassers, and another to persons who enter your property with your permission.

Ordinarily, the owner of property is under no obligation to a trespasser. But in some states, home owners are required by law to safeguard children who trespass upon their property. Presume, for instance, that you live in such a state, and that you know the children in your neighborhood like to climb trees. If you carelessly leave an unsafe ladder leaning against a tree on your front lawn and a child should climb the ladder and injure himself, you would be held liable even though the child was a trespasser. However, such a situation, or similar ones, containing all of the elements present in the above incident, occur but rarely.

Of greater importance to the owner of a home is his duty to persons whom he has permitted, or invited, to enter his property. Such people are divided, by the law, into two classes: gratuitous licensees and business visitors. The first class includes members of the owner’s family, social guests, and all others except those who come on business. The title of the latter class is self-explanatory.

The owner of real property is liable to his guests only if they are injured by a dangerous condition on the land of which he had knowledge. Thus, if the owner has been away from home for some time and during his absence a stone in the pathway leading to the front door has become dislodged, he is not liable if one of his guests trips over the stone and injures himself.

If the owner did know of the dangerous condition and warned his friend of it when he invited him to visit, he likewise could not be held responsible for any injuries sustained, for an owner’s liability to a guest or a person who calls on business ends after he has given warning of the dangerous condition on his property. Neither can the owner be held liable if he has given no warning, providing he could reasonably have believed that his visitors would discover the dangerous condition for themselves.

Here is a typical case which illustrates that principle. A invites B to lunch at her home. A knows that the driveway leading to her house has been so badly guttered by recent rains that it is dangerous, but she does not warn B, believing that B will see the bad condition of the road and will drive carefully to avoid an accident. However, as B approaches the house, her attention is diverted from the road by her child who has become frightened, and her car hits one of the gutters, skids into a tree and causes her serious injury. A is not liable to B because, although knowing of the dangerous condition of the driveway, she reasonably believed that B would discover it for herself.

The duty which a property owner owes to a business visitor is the same as that which he owes to a person who is making a social call, except that in the case of a business visitor, he is liable not only for injuries caused by dangerous conditions of which he knows, but also those caused by dangerous conditions which he could have discovered with the exercise of reasonable care.

For example, if the steps leading to the back door have been broken for over a week, but the owner does not know of this condition because he always uses the front door, he would not be liable to a guest who fell upon them and injured himself. But if the gas man should come to read the meter and injure himself, the owner would be liable.

A domestic servant is a business visitor and the owner or the lessee of a home who employs a servant is liable for injuries sustained by the servant if the injuries are caused either by the negligence of the home owner or a member of his family or by a defective condition on the property which the home owner could have discovered if he had made periodic and careful inspections of his property.

Workmen’s compensation (Cont’d on page 244)
THE current Dahlia season did not bring out as many novelties as either of the two preceding years; but they are better as a whole. It was wet in 1928, dry in 1929, and the current year was no season at all as regards ideal Dahlia weather. The general good quality of blooms seen in both showroom and garden would seem to indicate that sturdier plants are being developed.

This past season has shown us, as never before, the value of common sense methods of spraying, in giving the Dahlia plant an opportunity to do its best. A garden held back by weather may end the season in a riot of bloom, but one where insects get beyond control may not ever produce satisfactory blooms.

The new American Dahlia Society's classification was used generally in the Eastern shows, and experience with it in judging confirms our belief that it is a vast improvement over the old system. The new type definitions solved a number of problems that used to crop up regularly. There was confusion, naturally, and particularly between the Semi-Cactus and Informal Decoratives; next between the Formal and Informal Decoratives; and sometimes between the Incurred and Straight Cactus. The national society must now strive to simplify and solidify these classes and give us a working practical classification that will avoid the possibility of any one variety straddling the fence as to type. If the new classification did nothing else, it prevented a lot of misfits from being shown in the Peony classes.

This Honor Roll is compiled from visiting Dahlia gardens in several sections, and the special shows at Asbury Park, Atlantic City, New York, Rockville Center, Baltimore, Trenton, Flushing, Kearney, Paterson, Camden, and Red Bank. Other quality shows, such as Greenwich, Burholme, Trevose, and those of the Pennsylvania and Massachusetts Horticultural Societies overlapped other dates—and a certain law of physics holds good!

Ratings the shows as we saw them in order of quality of Dahlia bloom, Kearney, New York, Red Bank, Atlantic City, and Trenton come first. It is only fair to say that Monmouth County exhibitors made the Kearney Show a quality show. From the standpoint of a general fall flower show where the Dahlia was an important part, but where other garden displays were featured, the First National Atlantic City Garden Pageant was an achievement. Trenton staged a great show, not far behind Atlantic City for general effectiveness and ahead of Atlantic City in garden flower and artistic arrangement classes. We are told that Trevose, Pa., had the best garden flowers and garden flower arrangements of any show in the East. As the best general displays of Dahlias that of Dahladel Nurseries at Atlantic City ranks first, with the Fisher & Masson display at New York next. The best Dahlia display arrangement was that of Fischer the Florist at Atlantic City.

Combining performance in showroom and garden, the outstanding Dahlias of the year were Kathleen Norris, Jane Cowl, Fort Monmouth, Jersey's Beauty, Monmouth Champion, Treasure Island, Minnie Eastman, The World, Derrill W. Hart, Eliza London Shepard and Mrs. Alfred B. Seal.

1930 NOVELTIES OF MERIT

Margaret E. Broomall (Broomall-Success), Formal Dec. Usually there is one sensational Dahlia to each season, and this big white gets that honor for 1930, by a wide margin. It was quite as much of a sensation as Jane Cowl and Kathleen Norris were in 1927 and 1928. At Atlantic City it won the $100 cash award and The American Home Achievement Medal as Best Undisseminated Seedling, after traveling all the way from Massachusetts. It received a Certificate of Merit at the American Dahlia Society Trial Grounds, and after seeing it growing there as well as in its own home garden, we do not hesitate to say that this Dahlia ranks with those at the top. It is a magnificent flower of great depth and nearly perfect form. The white is clear and pure while the depth of the bloom gives it its great beauty. A thrifty, sturdy grower, it will be a formidable contender in that select group, which—because of color, size, beauty, and form—wins the Largest and Most Perfect Bloom prizes.

Tang (Downs). Informal Dec. Last year we wanted to include this magnificent Dahlia in the Honor Roll, but withheld it on learning that it would not be introduced until 1931. We have now seen it growing for two years alongside its garden mate Jane Cowl, and there is a question in our mind as to which one we like better. Perhaps Jane Cowl has just a shade on this variety.
in length of stem, but the color of Tang is far more beautiful and spectacular. It is a bright, tawny, orange flame, shading to a copper orange on the outside, with gold tints at the center of the flower. The outside petals have a clear buff reverse, and inasmuch as they curl and twist, the color effect is about as attractive as any Dahlia we have ever seen. The shape of the flower is very much like Jane Cowl, which builds up to a higher center. This remarkable Dahlia is another top liner.

Dwight W. Morrow (Dahliadel Nurseries). Informal Dec. Winner at Atlantic City as Best Informal Decorative Seedling, and a standout Dahlia at both Trenton and Camden. For two years we have watched this and can say that it has about as rich color as any Dahlia in existence. It is a rich crimson red of royal appearance with plenty of life, and the flower has great depth and good form. It shows no tendency to fade and in view of its rich, royal color, that quality is to be commended. We had this Dahlia on trial under number and it is one of the favorites with all who saw it.

Frau O. Bracht (Bergere). Stemp. Bright Cactus. This German introduction was the sensation of the New York Show. Its distinctive form and clean-cut beauty gave it its place of honor. It is about as perfect in form as any of the new comers. We have seen it growing several times, and it has fine habits and clean foliage. In 1929 it received a Certificate of Merit at Storrs, where it was entered by Danker of Albany, N. Y. The color is clear, pale primrose, very clean and graceful in effect. It attracted a great deal of attention at New York, Camden, and Red Bank. It has also received a high rating in Holland and Germany.

Andrea Erickson (Fisher & Masson). Informal Dec. By some strange trick of nature the 1930 crop of Undisseminated Seedlings brought out some remarkable white Dahlias. It is quite a problem to pick the best of these, and we have chosen Margaret E. Broomall, Andrea Erickson, and Graf Zeppelin as a most worthy trio. Andrea Erickson is a clean-cut, beautiful flower and very white in color. It was good at Asbury Park, New York, Atlantic City, and Trenton. We saw it growing in the originators’ garden, and had it on trial next to Kathleen Norris in our own garden. Under normal culture it will make a ten inch flower easily. The stems are very graceful, and the big, white blooms are held well above the sturdy plants. At the Kearney show it was a winner in one of the Specimen Bloom classes. No more need we lack something like real competition in the “color” classes when “white” is called for.

Imperial Pink (Lyndora Gardens). Informal Dec. Winner at Camden of Gold Medal as Best Undisseminated Seedling, also a Gold Medal as Best Undisseminated Seedling at the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society’s Show at Bryn Mawr. A magnificently colored Dahlia of real beauty; large bloom with long twisted petals around the edge. It is a rich, bright, true pink, with no lavendar or mauve tints, but with shades of primrose at the center of the flower and then a dark, rose-pink center. It was shown in Trenton in 1929 and won one of the Specimen Bloom Classes in the Open-to-All Section. Princess E (Grossman). Semi-Cactus. If we had to say what Dahlia in this 1930 list possessed the greatest degree of charm, we would be tempted to give the honor here. It was a winner on the third day at New York as a Semi-Cactus. It is right on the border line between Semi-Cactus and Informal Decorative. The color is a bright, true, rose-pink, very definite and very pleasing. In 1929 this Ohio novelty received a Certificate of Merit at Storrs, and just why some of the visitors to the Trial Garden last year did not stock up on this beautiful Dahlia, we cannot understand.

Captain Coote (Corran-Waite). Informal Dec. A daring, big flower on extra long stems, with as bright a color as any of the yellows shown to date—a clear waxlike gold. At Red Bank it won as Best Undisseminated Seedling in both the Open-to-All and Commercial sections, and what is more important it won as Best Yellow in the entire show. It was good at Asbury Park and Trenton. A large, wide flower and an impressive Dahlia, worthy of the name of the French hero aviator.

Eagle Rock Fantasy (Broomall-Success). Informal Dec. This Dahlia will achieve universal acceptance. It is another wonder origination of a dahlia wizard, who must be working along very definite lines in breeding. Clear, mallow pink, of great size and depth. It is more like Mrs. Frances Bullard than any variety we can name, but an improvement on that wonderful variety in both color and form. All pink and with larger flowers. Received a Certificate of Merit at Storrs, and we saw it growing both there and in its home garden. Among the finest of the 1930 Dahlias.

Prince Regent (Lyndora Gardens). Informal Dec. Although defeated at Camden by its own garden mate, Imperial Pink, there were many who thought this the best new Dahlia in the show. Its chief charm lies in its distinctive color combination. The name fits the flower. Starting at the outside of the flower the petals are a pleasing, clear, salmon-buff. About half way to the center it changes to a definite true gold, which continues to the center of the flower. It is a definite, two-toned flower. Asbury Park (Wood-Waite). Formal Dec. A Dahlia that was good not only at Asbury Park, where it received its name by an enthusiastic vote of the Board of Governors of the City during the Asbury Park Show, but also at Atlantic City, Trenton, New York, and Red Bank. At Trenton it won as Best Decorative in the Six-bloom Open-to-All Classes and at Atlantic City it was the runner up to Margaret E. Broomall in the best class of seedlings shown during the year. Incidentally, several of the other Dahlias in this Honor Roll were shown in that class. It is a long, regu-
larly petalled flower, built up to a good center. The color is copper-salmon and a true autumn shade.

Summertime (Lyndora Gardens). Informal Dec. There are some who will not agree with us in classifying this aptly named variety, but will no doubt call it a Semi-Cactus. It was one of the outstanding Dahlias at Camden and won as Best Yellow, Lemon or Buff in the Open-to-All Section. It is a deep flower of a one-toned, clear, golden yellow with extra graceful stems. Of course one never knows just how well a Dahlia will keep, but from the standpoint of substance of petal, we would rate this Dahlia ahead of anything we saw this year. It ought to make a very fine flower for use as a commercial yellow.

Eagle Rock Wonder (Broomall-Success). Semi-Cactus. This monster flower won as Largest and Most Perfect Bloom at Trenton and also as Best Dahlia Originated Outside of New Jersey. Again, at Red Bank it won as Largest and Most Perfect Bloom in the Open-to-All Section. The color is a tawny orange flushed with gold and salmon, shading to pure gold at the center. It is a very symmetrical flower and will be a consistent winner in the Specimen Bloom and Largest Bloom Classes.

Mrs. Louis F. Hyde (Fisher & Masson). Formal Dec. An outstanding Dahlia in the Fisher & Masson displays at Asbury Park, Atlantic City, New York, and Trenton. It is one of the finest garden Dahlias that we have ever seen and is already a proved success as a commercial cut flower. The color is a deep, rich, watermelon pink with long, pointed petals. The blooms are very uniform in size, and the bright, pleasing color makes this a good Dahlia whether for exhibition or commercial use.

Rising Sun (De Wilde). Formal Dec. One of the most interesting Dahlias at Red Bank. Not a large flower, but what a color!—a real burnt orange, tipped with gold at the center and on the outside petals. Its attractive coloring is decidedly different from anything we know. An ideal flower for artistic arrangements or for house decorating purposes. We shall be surprised if this Dahlia does not succeed as well as that other favorite from this originator—Golden Souvenir.

Tarrytown (MacDonald-Waite). Informal Dec. Somehow we missed this wonderful Dahlia last year, but are glad to give it credit as one of the best Dahlias of the 1920 New York Show. It is a large flower, sturdy and strong, with wide petals of a clear, deep golden color. There are slight flushes of mauve and tints of bronze on the face of the flower.


It is a seedling from Mrs. I. de ver Warner and not unlike its illustrious parent in appearance, although the blooms shown in Baltimore were larger than Mrs. I. de ver Warner, and more nearly a pink than a lavender in color. It is a nice, clean-cut flower on extra good stems.

Harriet Hecor (Alling). Informal Dec. Winner of the American Home Achievement Medal as Best Undissemi-nated Seedling at Hartford at the Connecticut Horticultural Society's Show; also outstanding at New York, where it was named for the popular actress. The color is a bright shade halfway between purple and red, with plenty of life, and is very attractive whether under artificial light or in the garden. We believe this Dahlia will achieve general popularity.

Mrs. John H. Packard (Farnum). Semi-Cactus. Here is a real gem of beauty. We first saw this Dahlia as a seedling in Camden in 1929, when it won as Best Bloom of One-Year Old Seedling in the Open-to-All Section. A graceful flower of pink and white with white at the center of the flower and at the end of the petals, separated by a wide band of rich pink running all the way around the flower. Certificate of Merit this year at Storrs.

Karl Bonawitz (Dahliadel Nurseries) Semi-Cactus. A feature of the Dahliadel displays at Atlantic City, New York, Camden, and Trenton, and a Dahlia that stood up about as well in the showroom as any shown this year. The color is velvety carmine; the blooms are on extra long stems. This, we believe, is about the only Dahlia that has had a special song composed and dedicated to it. It all happened at Atlantic City where the famous organist of that name was performing on the world's largest organ during the flower show.

Autumn Beauty (Wood-Waite). Formal Dec. Here indeed is one of the gems of the year. And the nearest we can describe it is to say it is Sagamore intensified with orange and salmon and a hint of bronze. A uniform bloomer and won the 25 Bloom Class in the Open-to-All Section at Red Bank. It ought to achieve a great success as a commercial cut flower.

Graf Zeppelin (Nolet). Formal Dec. We first met this Dahlia at the 1929 Boston Show, and after seeing it growing this year in several New England gardens as well as at the American Dahlia Society's Trial Grounds at Storrs (where it received a Certificate of Merit), we feel that it is entitled to a high place among the novelties. Crystalline white without a trace of any shade or tint. A very tall grower, and most impressive in the garden.

J. D. Torbert (Eastman). Informal Dec. Received a Certificate of Merit at Storrs this year. Indeed, a beautiful garden flower and a good grower. Blooms not large but decidedly pleasing in color—an artistic combination of salmon, apricot, flame, and gold. It is a tall grower and a free bloomer.

Maryland Orange (Quick & Quick). Semi-Cactus. Winner as Best Undissemiinated Two-Year Old Seedling at Balti-more this year and a fine type for its classification. It is a brilliant combination of red and orange with the orange predominating. It is a full centered, deep flower and a mighty pleasing one.

Jenny Lind (Redfern). Informal Decorative. What a Dahlia! A magnificent, big pink flower on tall, clean foliaged plants. It takes a good pink to achieve popularity but we consider this among the best. The color is a silvery pastel mallow shade but very clear and pleasing. Under trial in our own garden, the bush grew to eight feet with five large blooms in perfect condition at one time.

Pansy White (White's Dahlia Gardens). Semi-Cactus. This Kentucky novelty is certainly not given an apt name for it is as clear a yellow color as we (Continued on page 269)

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Then there are right and wrong ways to cut the blooms. Never break them off as you may damage the stems and possibly loosen the plant in the soil. Most flowers are best cut with a knife, using a slanting upward cut. Be sure the knife is sharp; cutting with a dull knife is fraught with almost as much danger as attempting to break them off. A sharp knife makes a clean cut without crushing or injuring the stem. Most flowers are best cut with a knife, using a slanting upward cut. Be sure the knife is sharp; cutting with a dull knife is fraught with almost as much danger as attempting to break them off. A sharp knife makes a clean cut without crushing or injuring the stem. The stem is not only the support of the flower but it is a sort of tube through which water is supplied to the blossoms and leaves. If this tube is crushed the needed supply will be unable to ascend and the flower will soon wither. The cutting of soft stems with shears cannot do other than crush and injure them. Hard woody stems may be cut with shears, which should likewise be sharp. Those made like pruning shears are best and may be had in large and small sizes. Ordinary scissors are most unsuitable and should never be used.

These same rules also apply to cutting stems of flowers from the florist at this season of the year. They will be all the more able to absorb water, if you cut them properly. A cut flower lasts only as long as it can overcome transpiration which is constantly taking place from all leaf surfaces as well as from the blossom itself. Another suggestion that will frequently add to the life of a cut flower is to cut off the tip of the stem while under water. Flower stems that have been exposed to the air for any length of time are invariably somewhat dried out and making a fresh cut will expose fresh tissue to the water. The instant this tissue is cut and exposed to the air a certain amount of air is absorbed which later impedes the fullest influx of water. If the cutting is done with the stem under water the new tissue will promptly absorb water rather than air and may then be transferred to its vase. Careful experiments have not only demonstrated this with fresh flowers but with those that have been out of water for several hours. Many flower experts in staging blooms for exhibition always cut their stems under water and find the blooms hold up much better.

Flowers that are quite badly wilted, may frequently be revived by immersing the entire length of their stems in cold water. Place them in a tub or the bath tub filled with cold water, cutting their stems freshly, preferably under the water, and you will be agreeably surprised at the way they freshen up in an hour or so. Most flowers will float without submerging their blossoms and in this way they absorb water very readily. With thin-petaled flowers, care should be used to avoid wetting the blossoms as they become discolored easily.

Another suggestion: Carry with you to the garden a bucket well filled with cold water and in it immediately plunge the flowers to the full length of their stems. Thus they are not given the slightest chance to start wilting. Then it is very important to leave the freshly cut flowers standing in the pail placed in a cool dark place for some time, two or three hours at least. (Continued on page 250)
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In BYGONE days, the Geranium was the favorite winter window garden plant, but now we are turning to the Begonia, that as yet little known family which will give us plants as lacy as a Maidenhair fern, as large as a Lotus leaf, or as tall as a shrub. We choose the species to fit our spaces, unless we are collectors; and in that case the choice embraces every possible species and variety and yearns for the unknown.

A large bay window gives space for the tree forms. Familiar and a general favorite is B. corallina lucerna because it blooms so constantly—great clusters of pendant rose-red flowers, contrasting well with the dark green, silver-spotted leaves. President Carnot is somewhat similar in bloom, the flowers a little longer, perhaps, but the leaves are a lighter green and unspotted. Argenteo-guttata belongs in this group, an old friend that our mothers called the Trout Begonia, because of its silver-spotted leaves. The flowers are greenish white, sometimes faintly pink. These are all constant bloomers, and are carried by the average florist.

The rubra types have lovely pendant clusters of flowers, quite like the tree forms, only more delicate. They are sometimes called Bamboo or Angel Wing Begonia because their tall vigorous growth resembles that of a bamboo, and their long, narrow, light green leaves resemble the wings of the angels in the medieval paintings. The drawback of this type is the tall, leggy growth, but if it can be placed among plants of lower growth, the effect is good.

There are two miniature rubra varieties that do not have this drawback—picta rosea, sometimes called the Baby Rubra—some farmer’s wife named it the Guinea’s Wing because its little spotted leaves reminded her of her favorite guinea hen; and picta alba, from Brazil, still smaller, the dark silver-spotted leaves not over two inches long. The stems are almost black and insignificant flowers are white, but it makes a bushy, well-branched growth.

When we turn to the intermediate growth, there are a dozen or more from which to choose. Sachsen is one of the best, because it blooms so freely. Every branch is tipped with pink blooms from February until fall.

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New uses for old maps
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Smart hostesses are no longer satisfied with one set of table silver. They realize that a luncheon demands different silver from an elaborate dinner; that a town house requires one type of design, a country cottage another. Fortunately, with this new fastidiousness about using only silver appropriate to the setting and the occasion, has come a drop in the price of silver. One can now have the finest quality of sterling table silver to suit each individual occasion, at very low cost.

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Stirring days

New Zealand sends the two and a half pounds of suet, South Africa the two and a half pounds of minced raisins and the pound of candied peel, while the pound and a half of Demerara sugar is from British Guiana, and the ten eggs are the contribution of the Irish Free State. The ounce of ground cinnamon is from Ceylon, the three quarters of an ounce of ground cloves from Zanzibar, a half ounce of "pudding spice" from India, three quarters of an ounce of ground nutmegs from the Straits Settlements, the half gill of brandy from Cyprus, and the gill of rum from Jamaica so the pudding is a real stirring up of the British Empire.

The materials having been gathered together, the housewife is ready for the great annual preparation of the masterpiece. She finds something for each member of the family to do so that all may share in the benefits, physical and spiritual, which accrue to all who participate.

Christmas day, after the turkey has been put into the oven, the pudding is taken from its hiding place and put back again into a saucepan of boiling water for the last warming up.

Dinner is served, the turkey and its proper accompaniments eaten, and the dishes removed. Now comes the glorious moment, the pinnacle of the cook's year. Reverent hands take the pudding from the water, untie and remove its linen wrappings, and, turning it upside down, lower it gently onto an enormous platter.

The housewife pours the brandy over it, a match is touched, the lights are lowered in the dining room, and in a few moments the lady of the house is seen advancing slowly and with much dignity, carrying in her outstretched hands the platter on which a sea of light is blazing. The weird illumination from the brandy throws everything into blue relief and gives an eerie cast to each familiar object.

Now the pudding must be cut as fast as possible, and portions of it with a bit of burning brandy on it passed around.

There is no substitute known for the brandy, but that difficulty may be left to the ingenuity of the American cook. Here are the recipes for English Plum Pudding Modified and sauce to serve with it.

*ENGLISH PLUM PUDDING MODIFIED

6 ounces flour
6 ounces stale bread crumbs

1 pound raisins, seeded and cut in pieces
1 pound currants
1 pound suet, finely chopped
10 ounces sugar
1 cupful molasses
3 ounces candied orange peel, finely cut
1 teaspoonful grated nutmeg
1 teaspoonful mace
6 eggs, well beaten
2 teaspoons salt

Mix ingredients in order given. Turn into a thickly floured square of unbleached cotton cloth (which has been first boiled and dried). Tie securely, leaving some space to allow the pudding to swell, and plunge into a kettle of boiling water. Cook five hours, allowing the pudding to be immersed in water during the entire cooking. Serve with Hard Sauce.

*HARD SAUCE

Cream one third cupful butter; add gradually one cupful brown sugar and two tablespoonfuls brandy, drop by drop. Force through a pastry bag with a rose tube, and garnish with green leaves and candied cherries.

The last two recipes in this article are used by courtesy of The Boston Cooking-School Cook Book, by Fannie Merritt Farmer. Little, Brown & Co.

The pressing question

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must be contact between the ironing shoe or heating surface and the roll which carries the material. This contact must give sufficient and even pressure the entire length of the roll. The buyer should observe the construction of the machine, whether it is sturdy and built to withstand wear, or whether it has weaknesses that will give with time and use.

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1. Atrium pottery set—Mitteldorf Strauss, Importer, 245 5th Ave., N. Y. C.
2. Doll cradle—Mary Ryan, 225 5th Ave., N. Y. C.
3. Animal family—The Three New Yorkers, Inc., 8 West 47th St., N. Y. C.
4. Doll laundry bag—Brothers, 41 West 42nd St., N. Y. C.
6. Cannon tulip ensemble set—All department stores.
7. Midget golf game—Mayfair Playthings Store, 9 East 57th St., N. Y. C.

FOR A MAN

2. Airplane lighter—William Dreher, Room 718, 225 5th Ave., N. Y. C.
3. Cactus lamp—Artistic Bronze Co., Bridgeport, Conn. Mr. Wright.
4. Monte Carlo bridge set—James McGee and Co., 34th St. and 5th Ave., N. Y. C.
5. Miniature metal fireplace—The Three New Yorkers, Inc., 8 West 47th St., N. Y. C.
6. Folding coat hangers with brushes—Hamilton O. Cornwall, 225 5th Ave., N. Y. C.
7. Combination lighter and ash tray—Ovington Bros., 39th St. and 5th Ave., N. Y. C.
9. Miniature radio box—The Three New Yorkers, Inc., 8 West 47th St., N. Y. C.

FOR A WOMAN

1. Picture frame—Stern Brothers, 41 West 42nd St., N. Y. C.
2. Christmas wrapping—Amy Drevestad, 31 East 18th St., N. Y. C.
4. Toilet bowl and pump—The Three New Yorkers, Inc., 8 West 47th St., N. Y. C.
5. Ornamental box—Mitteldorf Strauss, Importer, 245 5th Ave., N. Y. C.
6. Umbrella—Stern Brothers, 41 West 42nd St., N. Y. C.
7. Sewing basket—Brothers, 41 West 42nd St., N. Y. C.
8. Baret and corset—R. H. Macy & Co., 34th St. and Broadway, N. Y. C.

FOR THE HOUSE

1. Colonial lamp reproduction—The Three New Yorkers, Inc., 8 West 47th St., N. Y. C.
3. Time-O-Lamp—Time-O-Lamp Co., 126 West 22nd St., N. Y. C.
4. Star curtain tie-backs—Mitteldorf Strauss, Importer, 245 5th Ave., N. Y. C.
5. Wrought iron bracket and glass hall—Mitteldorf Strauss, Importer, 245 5th Ave., N. Y. C.
8. Tip-top table—Charak Furniture Co., 1 Park Ave., N. Y. C.

Protect against friendly mishaps

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laws which provide for the support of an injured laborer do not, in most states, including New York, apply to domestic servants. But if a house owner secures workmen’s compensation insurance for the protection of his cook, the cook can secure compensation under the policy, if she is injured.

In addition to the duty which a home owner owes to persons who enter his property, he is also liable for accidents occurring on the public highways which are the result of his negligence. The majority of suits brought against property owners fall into this class.

Thus, if your land abuts upon a public highway and while building a garage, you excavate to within a few inches of the street line, but neglect to erect a fence or railing between the excavation and the street, you would be liable to a person who, while walking on the street, stumbled and fell into the excavation.

Frequently, city ordinances or state statutes require a property owner to take care of the sidewalk which adjoining his property. Any failure to comply with these provisions which results in injury to passers-by will subject the owner of the land to a liability. Many cities require that property owners remove snow and ice from sidewalks abutting on their property. If such snow or ice is not promptly removed, and a person slips and injures himself on the sidewalk, he will have a good cause of action against the owner of the property.

All these examples indicate how careful a property owner must be in order to avoid paying large sums as damages for injuries sustained as a result of violations of duties which the law impose upon him. But even with ordinary care, a person may be injured on your property. Perhaps the fault is yours, perhaps theirs. A jury which may be influenced by the poverty or the beauty of the injuries of the plaintiff may award him large damages. The only adequate protection against a just, or unjust, claim is liability insurance which you may obtain for a comparatively small sum. Under most liability policies the company not only agrees to pay any judgment which is obtained against you as a result of injuries sustained by persons on your property or on land adjoining it, but also will pay the cost of defending such suits. In states not requiring domestic servants to be covered by workmen’s compensation insurance a rider may be added to your liability policy covering claim for injuries sustained by employees. Such a policy may, at least, save you many sleepless nights.
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After these matters have been pondered for a while and a tentative plan developed which will show the changes to be effected, the study can turn to details of the work involved in the improvement. Summarily, parts of the existing wall will have to be removed, either to open up a passage to the new rooms or to join the new floor area with some existing rooms. A builder or a plumber should be consulted to see whether or not heating or plumbing pipes extend through the walls that are to be abandoned; and if they do, some plan should be devised for relocating them where they will not be in the way. If a large part of the wall is to be taken out entirely, some plan must be devised to support the load of the floors or walls above— an easy matter to arrange.

On the exterior of the house, the matching of the old work to the new is not very difficult. The trim, such as window frames, cornices, water-table (the band of wood just above the foundation), and similar units should be accurately repeated in the addition. If necessary, the old moldings should be made up to order at a woodworking mill. If the original walls are shingled, the walls in the addition may be similarly treated, placing reliance on stains or paints to match the color when the work is finished. Possibly, it would be worth while to give the entire house a new exterior treatment. Other shingles or clapboards may be overcoated with stucco. Remarkably interesting results are often achieved in this way, because the entire appearance of the house is completely changed. A fac- ing of brick can also be applied over a wood exterior, although this facing involves widening out the foundation from four to six inches to support the new masonry work. It is also possible to shingle over clapboards, the old siding adding insulating value.

If the roof of the existing house is of metal shingles, the roof can readily be stained or painted to match the old color. Many forms of asphalt and asbestos shingle roofs can also be matched, provided the old material has not weathered to such an extent that its color has faded. Slate and clay tile roofs can be matched so far as the material is concerned, but there may be a slight difference in color noticeable for three or four years until the new work weathered to the shade of the old. Here again, however, some thought should be given to re-roofing the entire structure, especially if the old roof is nearly ready for replacement.

The usual procedure in developing an addition of this sort may be briefly summarized. First discuss the matter with an architect or builder and have plans drawn which will show the important details of the addition. These plans can then be submitted to obtain figures from a general contractor and from a plumber, heating contractor, and electrician. If the cost appears to be satisfactory in view of the values that will be created, agreements are signed and the work commenced.

The new cellar is excavated and founta- tion laid. Then the framework of the addition is built up and roofed over before the original walls are disturbed. After the addition has been enclosed, the old walls are cut through or removed without exposing the entire house to wind and weather, and the interior and exterior finishing completed.

Fashions in fish

Among other live creatures which may be placed in an aquarium, the most useful are those busy scavengers the snails. The little pond snail, or Physa, is preferred by some experts, but red snails and large Japanese snails are equally popular. These creatures are invaluable in cleaning the aquarium and keep the glass walls free from the green coating.

Tadpoles make excellent scavengers, costing about twenty-five cents each, but they grow up into frogs they must be gently removed to the nearest pool.

In what is known as a properly "balanced" aquarium, it should never be necessary to change the water except in case of emergency, such as a small long dead and hidden in a corner. The secret of this is to have a sufficient number of the beautiful aquatic plants whose oxygenizing powers keep the water pure enough for the fish to breathe.

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Duluth Garden Flower Society, Duluth, Minn., August 21, to Dr. L. L. Merriman, for most meritorious seedling Dahlia in show.

Federated Garden Clubs of New York, Grand Central Palace, New York, March 17, to Douglaston Garden Club, for small rock garden.

Illinois Gladiolus Society, Galesburg, Ill., August 13, to Mr. Earl A. Holl, for best floor basket of Gladiolus.

Nassau County Junior Extension Board, Mineola, N.Y., year 1930, to Henry Jens, for home beautification work in the 4-H Club.

Park Garden Club, Flushing, N.Y., Summer Flower Show, June, to Mrs. James L. White, with Peony Walker Faxon as finest bloom in the show.

Piscataqua Garden Club, York Harbor, Me., July 24, to Professor Roland Thaxter, for specimen flowers from exhibitor's own garden—rare Poppies from seed.

Rutledge Horticultural Society, Rutledge, Pa., September 13, to Mrs. Mildred Hill, for most meritorious exhibit in the amateur classes—basket of Gladiolus.

South Side Garden Club of Long Island, East Islip, N.Y., September 17, to Mr. Frederick Sparks, for Edna Ferber as best Dahlia bloom in the show.

For various reasons, such as even division of the judges (as at the Detroit show of the American Peony Society); non-compliance with the schedule definitions (at New York Dahlia Show); or, in some cases lack of contestants, the medals offered through the organizations listed below were not awarded:

American Dahlia Society, New York (Silver Medal).

American Peony Society, Duluth, Minn. Atlantic City Garden and Flower Pageant, New Jersey (for Gladiolus).


\[ Miss Tooker is congratulated by the judges at Rockville Centre, N.Y. She holds the prize bloom of American Triumph. Left to right the judges are: Geo. W. Fraser, D. W. Hart, Leonard Barron, J. C. Van Bourgondien, Geo. T. Quint \]

As this page of The American Home for December is closing for press, word comes of the tragic death in an automobile accident of Ernest H. Wilson, Keeper of the Arnold Arboretum, an outstanding figure in horticultural and botanical circles. He combined, as no one ever has before, the qualities of a real gardener, a horticulturist, and botanist. He saw plants primarily from their possible use.

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Hyacinth, Tulips, Narcissus, etc., planted late, should be shallow. Plant Calla, Easter Lilies, Amaryllis, Rausnulcula, Anemone, Oxalis.

Not too late for late-blooming Sweet-peas, Poppies, Larkspur, Stocks, Alyssum, etc. Most other spring-blooming annuals should be sown in boxes or seed-beds. When cutting Poinsettias seal the base of the stems by plunging them into boiling water.

The Vegetable Garden. Peas, Spinach, Radishes, Lettuce, Endive, and Early Cabbage may be sown. Artichokes, Onions, Shal-lots, Chives, may be set out. Start Cauliflower in the frame. Start Tomatoes, Peppers, and Egg-plants in the old hotbeds, where there is not too much heat.

Miscellaneous. Plant winter grass, or sow Burr Clover over the lawn. Move trees, shrubs, and Roses if dormant. Plant Clover, Alfalfa, or Vetch under fruit and nut trees.

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Kennedy), The World (Dahliadel), Mrs. Alfred B. Seal (Newsom), Treasure Island (Dahliadel), Chemar’s Eureka (W. E. Marshall), Regal (Benjie Boston) Violet Wonder (Kemp), Sashenok’s Nympal (Fisher & Masson), Dr. John Carsman (Derring-Do), Alice Whitier (Douglas), The Trebonum (Fisher & Masson), Queen of the Garden Beautiful (Burns), March Grass (Diggle), Valentine (Benjie Boston), La Romana (Mastick). A new dahlia from Tonette (Premiere), Fordhook (Dahliadel), Miss Irwin (Dahliadel), Elfinor Vaunsekill (Seal), Edna Ferber (Fisher & Massons), Earnell (Dahliadel), Ambassador (Broomall), Shadow’s Lavender (Benjie Boston), Margaret Woodworth Wilson (Fisher & Massons), Watchung Sunrise (Seal), Alice Stellick (Readinhill), Mrs. L. de ver Warner (Macon). We ask for your 1931 catalogue containing full descriptions of both Dahlias; soiltexture test, and a list of worthy and unusual Dahlias.

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