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Announcing a new

Home Building Contest

In which we ask the readers of The American Home to serve as judges

Description of the Contest

Supplementing The American Home Employment Plan, which was inaugurated and fully described in our November issue, the Editors announce a new type of home building contest. It is new and unusual in that we are asking the readers of The American Home to act as the judges in making the awards.

The Award of Merit and $500 in cash will be given the architect whose design is voted best by readers of The American Home. Second prize of $250 and third prize of $150 will be similarly awarded.

All entries must be in the office of The American Home, Garden City, N. Y., on or before February 1, 1932.

1. The Editors will select from the numerous designs submitted twelve which seem to them to typify most nearly the ideals of The American Home.

2. These twelve designs will be published, in groups of four, one design to a page, in three issues of the magazine. In a fourth issue the twelve houses will be published, together, and The American Home readers will be asked to vote on the one of the twelve they like best.

3. The house receiving the most number of votes will win the Award of Merit, the next most popular one will win the second prize, and the one receiving the third largest number of votes will win the third prize.

4. The rights of reproduction to those of the twelve not receiving prizes will be purchased by The American Home at our regular rates when the final awards are announced.

5. To increase the interest in the public choice and to add another degree of novelty to the contest, the Editors will invite five noted architects to form a jury and select one house from the twelve which they believe best upholds the great traditions of American domestic architecture. Their choice will be compared with our readers' choice, but no additional award will be made.

Conditions of the Contest

1. A rendered perspective at 1/8 scale, complete floor plans at 1/16 scale, and an estimate of cubage are required. The method of computing the cubage of the house shall be in accordance with document Number 239 of the American Institute of Architects which defines the cubage of a building as the actual cubic space enclosed within the outer surfaces of the outside or enclosing walls and contained between the outer surfaces of the roof and six inches below the finished surfaces of the lowest floors (basement floor in this case). This definition requires the cube of dormers, enclosed porches, and other enclosed appendages to be included as a part of the cube of the building. The cubage tabulation must be indicated in a small box. This is an absolute requirement and failure to indicate the true cubage will be considered sound cause for voiding the entry.

2. The drawing must be black and white, in ink or pencil; the plans must be in ink. They must both appear on the same sheet of drawing board, and the designs published on pages 159 to 162 of this issue illustrate the way they will be reproduced. As the reproductions of the twelve selected designs will be voted on by the readers, it would be well to look at a file of The American Home to choose the type of drawing that is best for reproduction purposes.

3. To insure anonymity the entry must be marked with a symbol. This symbol must be put on a sealed envelope within which is the architect's name and address. These will be opened by the Editors, in the presence of witnesses, when the twelve winners are selected.

4. A contestant may submit more than one entry.

5. Each entry is sent at the designer's risk. The American Home will not be liable for any damage or loss in transit.

6. No entry which has been published previously, either in The American Home or elsewhere, will be considered.

Specifications for the American Home

1. The house, including garage, must contain not more than 30,000 cubic feet.

2. Any building material may be used.

3. No limit will be put on the number of rooms, but the most popular American homes are those which contain a living room, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, two baths, and an attached garage. An additional sunporch, an extra room and bath, a garage for two cars instead of one are desirable features if they can be incorporated without injuring the design.

4. A central heating plant must be included.

5. The lot is perfectly level, of average suburban size.

6. The house must not be limited to use on a corner lot.

7. The suggested points of the compass must be indicated, and a plot plan is desirable.

The Closing Date

The contest will close at 5 p. m., February 1, 1932. Address all entries to The American Home Architectural Contest, Garden City, N. Y. The Editors cannot enter into any correspondence regarding rejected designs, which will be returned in due course.
Life is complex in the active teens and twenties... so much to see and do and dream about! Your daughter will be grateful for a telephone in her room. It makes the room so completely and intimately hers... enables her to make dates and exchange confidences with full privacy. And don't forget son!

“DAD HAD MY ROOM DONE OVER... AND GAVE ME A TELEPHONE FOR CHRISTMAS!”

Telephones make pleasing presents to active sons and daughters

You can make this Christmas memorable for the younger generation in your home by providing them with personal telephones. Sons and daughters these days are modern, capable, businesslike. They have interests and obligations of their own. They'll welcome the courtesy and convenience of telephones in their rooms—and enjoy life more.

No need to neglect the rest of the household, though! Mother could use a telephone in her boudoir, or on her writing desk, a dozen times a day. Dad deserves one in his den beside the easy chair. Cook can stay close to her busy oven, with a telephone in the kitchen. Fact is, all the family will find living so much easier—if they have enough telephones!

Why not arrange to have this time-saving, step-saving convenience in your home by Christmas? The local telephone company will advise you on the best type of equipment for your individual requirement. Just call the Business Office—now.
Beams

Clever people who buy old houses preserve the beams therein in their rough-hewn integrity. They know that these time-stained pieces of wood have in them a long tradition of home-loving folks and spacious living, that will be carried on by the newcomers, who have made their unconscious salutation to the past.

Clever people who build new houses also bring with them a pioneering tradition. Whether they know it or not, they are carrying out the folkways of their fathers. For primarily America is a building nation. Whether it was along the banks of the Charles River and an architect brought over from England, with his elaborate drawings, or Thomas Lincoln, Abraham's father, carving out a rude hut for Nancy Hanks in Hardin County, Kentucky—from the beginnings our people have builded and builded well.

And to-day, beneath the loud wailings of the pessimists, one with an ear to hear can detect busy sounds of hammer, saw, and chisel—America building.

The new builders oftentimes hide their beams, but the tradition is there. They are creating out of wood, stone, and mortar to-day the revered associations of to-morrow.

It is in the spirit of reverence for the past, and a quick appreciation of what is good and lasting in the present, that The American Home is edited. As we hew our beams sturdily and with the skill of a good draftsman, so will we succeed in creating month by month a dwelling place fit for American builders.
A Christmas Jam
When Company Comes

Gracious hospitality assures a successful party

The host may receive the guests at the front door, whether the party be formal or informal, as this hospitable gesture will assist in putting everyone at ease.

by ELIZABETH H. RUSSELL

Brides usually flutter around their new homes like distracted birds around their nests. This is understood, and onlookers have a tender sympathy for them for, after all, a bride is a bride and her solicitude about her home is rather touching. She is so anxious to have it a perfect little establishment and to manage every detail so that it shall be above reproach.

Of course she has to learn many bitter lessons—things do not always go right even in this most perfect of all abodes—and, in spite of careful planning, roasts burn, soufflés fall, servants leave at the most inopportune moments, waitresses make unexpected gestures at the luncheon of supreme importance, and every day in every way the little bride finds that "life is real! life is earnest!" beyond her wildest maiden dreams.

The day comes at last in all new households when it is time to bring forth upon the social calendar dinners, not only for the amiable in-laws who come first, but later for the friends on both sides who have contributed the beautiful china, crystal, and shining silver which make these parties possible. To older housekeepers who have weathered the storms of not only the usual entertaining, but also the inopportune, the unexpected, and sometimes the uninvited company, this prospect has no terrors and seems nothing to worry about, but to the novice it is a period of anguish and even a cause of loss of sleep. Now, if ever, a bride proves her training, and blesses the days she spent in her mother's kitchen, or in helping to plan and carry through the family entertainments. If she has been really well brought up she has been in the habit of running the household at home for a few days at a time, and in seeing that meals were cooked and served according to schedule. All this training is invaluable now in the new home, since the same rules apply in a modified form to the new conditions.

The bride knows there are certain rules which govern entertaining, and that this is the time when she will reveal the kind of home from which she came, or, if she is a boarding school product without home ties, of the cleverness
with which she has absorbed the modes and manners of the pleasant households where she has visited and has helped her schoolmates entertain.

She will be governed by local conditions in sending out her invitations, the smart young set of the modern world is most informal in everything it does so it is quite customary to issue the invitations to any affair by telephone, but if the bride wishes to impress her guests with the fact that this is a formal dinner she will write personal notes on her best engraved stationery. These notes may be mailed, or left by hand in the charming Southern manner at the houses of the prospective guests, who will answer promptly. If her house is small the bride will give her first dinners for six since this is a number easily handled, but eight is better since it provides two tables for cards or an even number for backgammon afterward, and is altogether the most accepted number for home entertainment.

That the whole house will be in shining order goes without saying. It is best to have the maid, or a woman from outside if the maid is too busy, go over the entire house on the day of the party. Bedrooms will be on exhibition so they must be in spotless order, with all the new hangings and covers in place. The bedrooms and bathroom will be softly lighted on the evening of the dinner, but over each dressing table there should be a brilliant light that the guests may correct any defects before they appear before the world.

In large houses it is customary to have dressing rooms for both men and women on the ground floor, but in simpler households it is well to send them upstairs to leave their outer garments, although sometimes it is possible to arrange a place for the men in the lower hall.

The master bedroom or a guest room is usually used as a dressing room by the women, and should be carefully prepared for the purpose. The dressing table will be set out with the bride's best silver toilet service, besides all the needful beautifiers in their decorative modern containers. A bowl will hold small pads of soft cotton with which to apply or remove powder, there will be pins of all sorts on hand, as well as black and white sewing silk, needles, scissors, and a thimble ready for the emergency which often arises. In fact getting the toilet table ready is an art in itself, and every housekeeper knows she will be judged by her attention to these nice details almost as much as by her food and service.

In the bathroom there will be fresh soap and plenty of guest towels, and whatever spot the men use for a dressing room should have coat hangers, a soft brush or cloth for shoes, a good mirror, a whisk broom, and combs and hair brushes available.

The man of the house should feel that part of the responsibility for the party rests upon his shoulders, and by seeing that each thing in his province is well looked after he will help very much in the ultimate success of the party. It is he who will arrange with the furnace man for the peace of the evening below stairs and the absence of the crash-hanging which too often startles the upstairs guests, or, if this is an apartment with no furnace worries but with a wood-burning fireplace, he will see that plentiful supplies are in readiness for that. The addition of pine cones, or a box of driftwood powder provides a topic for conversation as well as an interesting adjunct to the glowing logs.

The host may take it upon himself to see that the card tables are in order, with fresh decks of cards, good plain scores, and well-sharpened pencils at hand. Playing cards with the monogram of the hostess are smart and distinctive. The cigars, cigarettes, and matches should all pass the eye of the host, and if you are not having service à la Russe with everything served off the table, it may be well for him...
to run a critical eye over the carving set lest it embarrass him later. Most dinners nowadays are served from the kitchen or pantry, however, with the carving done out of sight, which is much the better way if you can trust your cook to do it well. The host may receive the guests at the front door if the entertainment is being put through with one maid as this hospitable gesture will at once put everyone at ease. The lower floor of the house should be quite cool, and the dining room particularly well aired, in fact a window may be left open there until it is time to light the candles, so the air will not be stuffy and over heated when dinner is served. Wax candles, by the way, which have been well chilled in the ice box all day will provide drippless illumination for hours during the evening, and even inexpensive candles which have been given this treatment show less inclination than usual to become pools of wax on the tablecloth. Tall candles in silver candlesticks or candelabra will be found on the properly set dinner table always as overhead lighting has entirely gone out. The flame of the candles should come above the level of the eyes of the guests that they may not be annoyed by the glare or prevented from seeing the guest across the table.

The table must be a picture, as fine and beautiful as the bride can devise with the resources she has at hand. The best linens, china, glass, and silver will be in evidence, and the best food the household can produce, well cooked and seasoned, and quietly and attractively served.

For a little dinner of eight a certain informality prevails, the guests will walk into the dining room without ceremony after dinner has been announced and the hostess will indicate to them where they are to sit. For so small a number as eight, place cards are hardly necessary but, if the hostess wishes to have them, plain cards with the names written by herself are the only correct thing. Possibly at holiday time gay cards may be used but not for formal entertaining. The hostess will feel at ease and the service will progress smoothly and quietly if the maid has been put through a preliminary rehearsal. It is most essential that the maid be well groomed and her costume be immaculate.

Since every cookbook, household magazine, and daily paper makes suggestions for seasonable menus we shall not give space to them here, but we shall dwell strongly on the necessity of having everything hot that should be hot, and the equal importance of being sure everything is really cold that should be cold. This one little detail shall not give space to them here, but we shall dwell strongly on the necessity of having everything hot that should be hot, and the equal importance of being sure everything is really cold that should be cold. This one little detail will not be stuffy and over heated when dinner is served. Wax candles, by the way, which have been well chilled in the ice box all day will provide drippless illumination for hours during the evening, and even inexpensive candles which have been given this treatment show less inclination than usual to become pools of wax on the tablecloth. Tall candles in silver candlesticks or candelabra will be found on the properly set dinner table always as overhead lighting has entirely gone out. The flame of the candles should come above the level of the eyes of the guests that they may not be annoyed by the glare or prevented from seeing the guest across the table.

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Several colors. By choosing the dominant note in the place plates and playing up to that charming effects are assured, and the clever hostess has a wide field in which to display her taste (and her restraint!) in decorating the table. Hostesses no longer worry about setting the table correctly for everyone knows by now that the modern table is simply set with a place plate for each guest, that the napkin is folded very simply and laid on the place plate or to the left of the forks, that we place silver only for those pieces which will be used before dessert is served, that all the forks go to the left with the exception of the oyster fork, and all the knives and spoons to the right, and that each piece is placed as it is used from the outside in, and that is all there is to it. The dessert fork and spoon are brought in on the dessert plate, the fork to the left the spoon to the right; the fruit knife and fork with the fruit plate after the dessert (if fruit is served at all); and the small spoons are in the saucers of the café noir cups when they are passed in the living room after dinner, so there is nothing more to worry about. There may be individual silver salts and peppers for each place, or a pair may stand between each two guests. There may also be small glass or silver individual containers for salted nuts. Bread and butter is not served at a formal dinner; in many houses bread or rolls are passed during the meal, but never butter; and the roll in or on the napkin has gone out.

Since every cookbook, household magazine, and daily paper makes suggestions for seasonable menus we shall not give space to them here, but we shall dwell strongly on the necessity of having everything hot that should be hot, and the equal importance of being sure everything is really cold that should be cold. This one little detail adds immeasurably to the perfection of any dinner party. If one maid is to cook and serve the dinner the service will have to be fairly informal, and the dinner simple. The maid will only be able to pass the food and change the plates between the courses, and the guests will have to help themselves to accessories of gravy, jelly, olives, etc. It is to be hoped that you have a maid who takes pride in her work, and is anxious to have your party successful. Sometimes employing a friend of the maid to help out provides a great incentive to good service and together they will put through the (Continued on page 181)
The quaint naïveté of our immediate ancestors seems as far removed from our present modern life as the more remote customs of a much earlier time. But the trends of the times repeat and repeal, and so we have come again to a renaissance of the "Age of Innocence" when bustles and Victorian furniture are again with us. The modified Empire is popular in both women's clothing and furnishings this year, and the manufacturers are ready to supply the demand. Here are sideboards, rocking chairs, tables, and bureaus, all in the period which were in use during the time of Napoleon III and Queen Victoria, and which provide exactly the right setting for the feminine fashions of the day. Fabrics, wallpapers, and accessories also may be found to carry out the proper effects, and the resulting interiors are unusual and interesting. Those who seek an interesting adventure in decoration will find here a new thought, and will delight in reproducing a Victorian room, complete even to its woolwork footstools, and displaying to advantage the graceful furniture of that sentimental era to whose charm we are just waking to-day.
VICTORIAN fashions in clothes and decoration are becoming popular again, and their refreshing naiveté offers an interesting contrast to the streamline modernity in furniture and femininity with which we have become familiar. With the sweeping draperies, flounces, feathered hats, little muffs, and coquettish fans of 1932 many interiors will reflect their contemporary period, and already shops are offering quite a choice of Empire and Victorian pieces.

In *Old English Furniture*, by J. P. Blake and A. E. Revers-Hopkins, we find a good description of this furniture as it was known in England, and the same facts apply to the contemporary American development which followed closely after the English model in most particulars, except that our pieces were not as a rule so heavy structurally. "Early Victorian furniture," say these authors, "bears the imprint of many influences. These include English Empire with its brass inlays, Trafalgar with its frankly nautical decorations of dolphins, capstans, anchors and tridents, Regency with its solid importance, as well as the later styles which we may call true Victorianism. Many distinguished writers on furnishings have remarked that furniture is a part of history, and all the styles mentioned above were fashions when Victoria was born and continued into her reign. Certainly they provided the household furnishings for those of our ancestors who lived beneath the tall hats or under the poke bonnets of early Victorianism."

VICTORIAN furniture was heavy and well made, suggestive of commercial prosperity. The dining tables and chairs were made with a view to sustaining solid hospitality without danger of collapse. The chosen woods were of the best grade and the workmanship first class, qualities which happily outlive their generation. English furniture passed through many phases after the beginning of the nineteenth century. The strong influence of Chippendale and Sheraton remained, and there was a revival of the Empire furniture copied from the classic forms of the Napoleonic era. This was the period when curiously enough both Napoleon and Nelson influenced design in furniture and decoration. There are also strong traces of the French fluency of line in some of the Victorian pieces, although they never succeeded in securing the graceful curves of the originals.

In addition to the solid and beautifully made pieces of rosewood, walnut, and mahogany which were produced during the Victorian era, there are occasionally to be found in the shops light decorative chairs, tea tables, bookshelves and trays of papier mâché which was made of paper pulp and size, prepared under pressure and proving to be astonishingly strong. This furniture is usually black or dark green, and is decorated with painted birds, flowers, and foliage in bright colors. Needlework provided occupation for the gentlewomen of the day, and they produced many coverings for chairs, cushions, ottomans, etc.

Little has been written about Victorian furniture since it did not flourish at a time when writing about household decoration was popular, but a study of contemporary paintings and engravings reveal most of its characteristics.

A reproduction of a rocker of the Victorian period. (Century Furniture Co.)

The little footstools of the "Gay Nineties" have again gained popularity. (Virginia Craftsmen, Inc.)

The mirror above reproduces the solid, well-made frame of the original. (Charak Furniture Co.)

This clock with its quaint lines and ornamentation is equipped with a synchronous electric time movement. (Seth Thomas Clock Co.)

This side chair displays the solid importance of the original. (Richter Furniture Co.)
EW persons stop to realize that Christmas trees, as well as holly and other similar holiday decorations, become highly inflammable when dried out. Just a spark from a short circuit or decorations placed too close to an open flame is enough to result in the destruction of a home.

In a mid-Western city, with a population of more than two hundred thousand, three years have passed without a Christmas tree fire in a home being reported. This is an excellent record but no doubt there are other communities which have as good or even better records.

In this mid-Western city, the safety council, affiliated with the National Safety Council and the National Fire Protection Association, and with the cooperation of the Boy Scouts, sees that every Christmas tree sold on the streets, in stores, and elsewhere carries a fire-red tag on which are printed the following instructions to the new tree owner:

Avoid lighted candles in the decoration of the tree.
Use carefully wired electric lights.
Place a tree a safe distance from stove or fireplace.
Use metal tinsel for trim, and mica or flake asbestos for imitation snow.
Cotton trimming and cotton-whiskered Santa Clauses are very dangerous. Santa suits and whiskers can be made fire resistant. Consult your insurance man about this.
Never leave lighted Christmas trees unguarded.
Do not place the tree where it will obstruct any room exit.
Keep candles and open lights away from window curtains, paper wreaths, and Christmas bells.
Remove the tree from the house before it becomes dry.'

As we prepare for the holiday season this year let each of us give thought to making Christmas safe for good old St. Nicholas as well as for all the members of our household. Let us give special thought to the selection and use of non-inflammable decorations and thus prevent the tragedy of a fire.

Making Christmas Safe for Santa
by E. CLARKE KING, JR.

These are the printed instructions which were attached to more than 20,000 Christmas trees last year. During the previous holiday, forty thousand school children received a similar message which they carried into their homes. These educational programs have aided materially in maintaining the excellent record of no Christmas tree fires in homes in this city for three years.

Let us stop and give consideration to your home at Christmas this year. The question of where the tree will be placed is usually the first decision to be made. Above all things, do not place it where it will block an exit of any kind. But rather place it in a corner of the room and out of the line of passage from one room to another. Before the tree has been adjusted securely to prevent it from falling, it should be placed in a tin of water. This should be replenished daily inasmuch as the tree will absorb much of it inside a warm house. Putting the tree in a tin of water will keep it fresh and attractive for a longer period. Incidentally, in the event of a fire, the branches will not burn as rapidly as those which have become dried.

As we decorate the tree, we usually think of placing cotton on the limbs to create a natural effect of snow. Cotton is easily ignited and burns rapidly. Not only should the use of cotton on the tree be abandoned, but do not place it under the branches on the floor in an effort to give the appearance of snow-covered ground. A spark may reach this "snow" and in a second, a hot and fast-burning blaze will have enveloped the tree. Retail stores (Continued on page 176)
Appropriate Gifts for the MAN

The frigate in a bottle is decorative for a mantelpiece; 13½" x 4⅜" over all. $14.50 postpaid within 100 miles; elsewhere exp. coll. Three New Yorkers division of Hammacher, Schlemmer & Co., 145 E. 57th St., N. Y. C.

A globe is almost a necessity in a library, and this one is handsomely mounted on a solid walnut base. Made by Kittinger Co., Price $9.00 from your local dealer or interior decorator.

A fitted traveling kit made of puma grained leather with a waterproofed rubber lining. Price $6.65 postpaid from Daniel Low, Salem, Mass.

Emblem for radiator cap in any college color combinations, with or without initial. Glass with wing base and ends of chromium plate. $7.50 postpaid. Nil Melior, 100 West 56th Street, N. Y. C.

Back comes off brush above and reveals a mirror. In black, green, or red enamel $7.50; in engine-turned chromium $3.00. Abercrombie & Fitch, 458 Madison Ave., N. Y. C.

This studio-made shirt bag of brown linen bound in tan can be had with three embroidered initials for $4.00 postpaid. Each additional initial costs 15c extra. From Jeanne P. Hodgman, 689 Madison Ave., N. Y. C.

An original cigarette lighter and paperweight is an exact replica of a French 75mm. artillery gun. In greenish steel or mottled finish 3½" long and 4⅜" high. Price $3.00, A. G. Spalding, 318 Fifth Avenue, N. Y. C.
A Yardley gift set containing a large bottle of English bath salts and a box of bath dusting powder in either red rose or lavender odor. Price $4.00 postpaid. B. Altman & Company, Fifth Avenue and 34th Street, N. Y. C.

A musical alarm clock that plays a little German tune to awoke and cheer up the weary. Gothic type clock 34 inches high over all, three inches wide in green, orchid, blue, or red. $12.00. Abercrombie & Fitch, 4th Street & Madison Avenue, N. Y. C.

This little Norwegian bell is a copy of an old church bell and is made of solid pewter. $3.50. Bottle openers, sea horse, mermaid, or two dolphins, solid pewter, $1.75 postpaid. Danish & Swedish Silversmiths, 159 West 57th Street, N. Y. C.

These five packets of seeds tied gaily with a chiffon ribbon contain the makings of an old-fashioned garden of bachelor buttons, asters and so forth. $1.00 postpaid from Robert W. Kellogg, Inc., Springfield, Mass.

New games for holiday time. Crossword Lotto (upper left) is a combination of lotto, crossword puzzles, and anagrams, and can be played either alone or in competition, $1.00. Solo Bridge contains twelve problems by Milton C. Work and three blank form cards that can be used and reused, $1.50. Made by Sterza Novelty Company, 13 E. 55 St., N. Y. C.; for sale at all shops.

This new Cannon towel has vermilion and black or jade and black stripes on white. Bath towel, 24" x 44", has design in vermilion, jade, and maize on black. Towels, 24" x 44", 7c each; rug, $4.95 postpaid. From James McCrery, 34th St. and 5th Ave., N. Y. C.
for the Household

This sturdy little brass syrup jug and tray will make an attractive gift for the breakfast table. Jug is 5 inches high, tray 9 inches in diameter. Complete $2.50 express collect from B. Palechuck, 77 Allen Street, N. Y. C.

A ship's bell lamp with a real solid brass regulation ship's bell. The parchment shade is decorated with a color print of a full rigged clipper ship. Lamp measures 18 inches over all; shade 14 inches in diameter. $13.50 express collect. Lily J. Kroboth's Petite Shoppe, 3750 82nd St., Jackson Heights, N. Y.

This chromium tray has black ebonized handles, price $12.00. A dozen of either of these glasses, in cocktail, old-fashioned, or highball size, of white glass with platinum bands across rims, $12.00. All express collect Madolin Mapesden, 825 Lexington Avenue, N. Y. C.

A three-tiered sandwich tray is made of chromium and folds up compactly together when not needed. Price $6.00 express collect. Madolin Mapesden, 825 Lexington Avenue, N. Y. C.

Alpine taper for lighting cigarettes. Holder is 6½ inches high, while the flexible taper is more than 96 inches long, in Persian orange, apple green, Christmas red, or white. $1.00 each; extra coils three for $1.00. Robert W. Kellogg, Inc., Springfield, Mass.

The delicious looking plum pudding above comes from Dean's. Size for four to six people $2.00; for eight $3.00; for ten $4.00: postpaid east of the Mississippi. Dean, 22 E. 57th St., N. Y. C.

This magazine rack is made of maple finished in walnut. It measures 12½ x 16½ x 20½ high. $10.50 express collect. Three New Yorkers division of Hamburger, Schlemmer & Co., 145 E. 57th St., N. Y. C.
Novel Gifts
for the
CHILD

"Alphabath" blocks contain the alphabet stamped in colors on white castile soap, $1.00 a box. "Pig in a Blanket" combines washcloth and soap, 50c. Animals 25¢ each. Lord & Taylor, 36th St. and Fifth Ave., N. Y. C.

The wooden soldier holds aloft a light for the nursery or child's room. In gay colors with another military officer on shade. Price $2.95 postpaid from Stern Brothers, 41 West 42nd Street, N. Y. C.

This tiny stool has a hand-hooked mat with animal design. Finished in maple, walnut, or mahogany, 14" high over all. $5.00 postpaid within 100 miles; elsewhere, express collect. Three New Yorkers division of Hammacher, Schlemmer, 145 E. 57th St., N. Y. C.

For the child's playmate a rack which has three hooks for three leashes and collars, with Airedale or Scottie emblem. $1.25 postpaid, Daniel Lowe, Salem, Mass.

For the baby a knife, fork, and spoon in sterling with cut-out design on each piece of any nursery rhyme. $3.75, Bailey's, Inc., 379 Fifth Ave., N. Y. C.

Peggy Sue 14" (left) with washable hair, and Patsy, 20" cost $2.54 and $4.74 respectively; clothes rack 79¢; dresses from 59¢ to $1.69 each, shoes 34c, trays 25¢. Nancy comes in Palm Beach or golfer's suit and with trunk, packed with seven changes, two hats, two pairs of shoes, all for $2.97. R. H. Macy & Co., B'way and 34th St., N. Y. C.
The American Home Employment Plan

In our last issue we introduced The American Home Employment Plan. We are pleased to announce that it met with an excellent reception, even better than we, who were convinced of its value, expected. This is the second of five articles explaining in detail the employment suggestions contained in our list of 100 ideas.

What could be more in keeping with the Christmas spirit than a present to your whole family or to some of its members that will not only bring years of pleasure to them but that will make Christmas day a happier one or for men who have suffered from protracted unemployment? Perhaps no other occasion than Christmas day and the thoughts that are associated with it so clearly reveal the two-way merits of The American Home Employment Plan. In fact, it works three ways, for the giver and the receiver of a Christmas present selected from the accompanying list are but two of many people who get joy and happiness from the gift; the others are the men who contribute to the making of that gift in all of its stages from the forests and mines through the factories and transportation channels and finally to ultimate installation or incorporation in your home.

This plan, as we pointed out more fully in the November issue, is essentially constructive, for its adoption leads to the improvement of your own home to make it more convenient or healthful, more comfortable, and more valuable. It suggests that you undertake now, during these winter months, those improvement or maintenance projects you might otherwise defer until more normal times. It asks you to do these things almost selfishly if for no other reason, for to-day improvements can be made in the home at lower cost than at any time for many years past and probably at substantially lower costs than will be experienced in the near future when economic conditions recover their balance. It does not ask for sacrifice nor charity; it merely asks for timely action when the need for work is the great factor in our national welfare.

This month we present twenty suggestions from the check list of one hundred items printed at the end of this article. Among these twenty are some that will please the entire family and that you will enjoy for many years to come. The others may be appropriate gifts for one or more people. Read this list through and, as you so constantly do, apply the suggestions to your own house and to the members of your household. Certainly some of them will make appropriate Christmas presents. But also run through the entire check list again. There may be other ideas that you would like to carry out before the Christmas holidays. In November we discussed twenty items that were timely for the late fall and early winter period. Many of these can still be done in milder climates or during mild spells in the Northern states.

The cost of these items is a matter for local determination. Before you come to the hasty conclusion that they may be too expensive, consult your local building material dealers, building, plumbing, heating or decorating contractors, and wherever possible take the list to your local unemployment committee to see if they have unemployed men qualified to estimate and perform the work you require. Remember that some of the more costly improvements can be financed through your local building and loan association or bank. Sometimes the manufacturers of the products used will accept a
series of payments that will relieve you of the burden of a heavy expense at one time. And always bear in mind that you undertake the improvements yourself, the materials you purchase will give employment to men who need it in factories and in the distribution channels that bring these materials to your home.

1. Develop recreation room in basement.* A gift for the entire family or for the children. It may be a playroom, a billiard room, a workshop, or a study. The work generally involves the erection of one or more partitions, refinishing or painting the floor, covering the ceiling and preferably the foundation walls with plaster-board or plaster, and painting and decorating. Possibly a ceiling radiator may be required and new electrical outlets; also a ventilating fan or an improved type of basement window. Consult a general contractor or a carpenter, plasterer, painter, electrician, and possibly your heating contractor as the work involves. The cost need not be high and the value added to your home is considerable. Unveil the room with appropriate ceremonies Christmas day.

2. Install cedar lining in one or more existing closets. Here is a present every good housekeeper will appreciate. Any closet whether plastered or unfinished at present, can be converted into a cedar closet. Especially prepared cedar strips are made for this purpose. They can be nailed over the old finish by any carpenter. The work will take only one to three days according to the size of the closet and will cost surprisingly little. Note Item 22.

21. Install full-length mirrors on bedroom doors. It is unnecessary to suggest what members of the family would appreciate this present. Plate glass full-length mirrors that are made to fit on wood doors can be obtained through your material supply house or your carpenter. Special wood mouldings are supplied to attach them over the face of the existing door. The installation is a matter of a few hours’ work and the cost is exceedingly low in proportion to the value received. Install several instead of one and see what pleasure they give.

22. Install modern closet fittings, such as shoe racks, clothes hangers, linen shelves, storage drawers, etc. Every member of the family would appreciate an up-to-date fitted closet for his or her belongings. There are many standardized items to consider. Cedar or walnut cabinets and cases of drawers, shoe boxes, and linen trays can be purchased from your local mill or lumber dealer, or even from some department stores. The larger hardware companies sell a variety of hat, shoe, and clothes racks or holders. The inside of the closet door may itself carry a new type of cabinet similar to the combination doors you see in modern hotels with a place for toilet articles or a variety of other personal accessories. Be sure to install an electric light, preferably operated automatically when the door opens. Consult your local material supply houses, hardware dealer, or if necessary have a carpenter make up fittings to your own order. Also secure estimate for light from electrician and have closet interior refinished by a painter.

27. Convert large closet into an extra toilet or shower room. Have you a spare closet adjacent to an outside wall so that it can be ventilated by a new small window or one on the upper floor that will permit ventilation through the attic above? It may be adjacent to a bedroom that does not have its private bath or closet, or it may be an upstairs closet that can be converted into an extra toilet. Only 22” to 24” of depth are required to install a compact toilet with a low down tank. The wash basin or lavatory can be of a small compact corner or wall bracket type. The minimum practical size of closet is about 22” x 54”. A larger closet might be converted into a shower stall in a similar manner. First consult your plumber regarding installation of drainage and supply lines and vents. (Remember the new flexible copper pipes minimize the need for tearing out walls and floors). Then consult your carpenter or general contractor about installing window or ventilator and patching walls where opened to admit pipes. A painter can refinish the walls with enamel or modern waterproof decorative wall materials at low cost.

29. Install wash basin in bedroom. If no spare closet is available as above suggested, you can improve the convenience of the guest room, children’s room, or maid’s room by installing a small wash basin on one wall of the room itself—preferably where it may be concealed by a portable screen. Here again flexible metal pipes may be used. Consult a plumber for estimates.

34. Modernize existing bathroom—new wall treatments, flooring, fixtures, medicine cabinet, etc. An obsolete bathroom is a drudgery to keep clean and a detriment to real estate values. Any old style bathroom can be brought up to date by simple and relatively inexpensive changes. Consider new floor of tile, linoleum, rubber tile, or other desired material. Old walls can be modernized with ceramic tiles or the very new linoleum-like decorative wall covering, with waterproof decorative wall paper or fabrics, or with a wallboard finished to resemble ceramic tile or marble. Many other materials are similarly suited to remodeling and modernization. New fixtures may be required and they can be rearranged for maximum convenience. Consult a plumber and general contractor for major work; otherwise deal with the individual trades required. Building and loan associations or plumbing manufacturers will often finance these improvements.

39. Conceal all radio wiring, including aerial and ground connections. The radio has come to stay. It need no longer be a nuisance with ground wires, aerial and power connections tacked along walls and marring the appearance of the room. An electrician can quickly install concealed aerial and ground connections. The former must not be covered with a metal covering; the latter should be so protected. New convenience outlets will bring power to the radio without the use of extension cords. Consult your electrician.

40. Install new concealed radio wiring to permit use of extension speakers in bedrooms, dining room, or attic or basement recreation room. An average standard commercial receiver will operate from two to ten reproducers, permitting the use of your radio by an invalid or for social affairs in any part of the house without moving the receiver. To take advantage of this convenience, have your electrician run wires from a new outlet near your present receiver through the walls or beneath the floors to each room where a separate speaker (Continued on page 180).
The cubical contents of this house is estimated at 24,000 cubic feet, and at 45 cents a cubic foot it would cost $10,800 to build. It is in the Late Georgian, or Regency, style and was designed for us by F. Nelson Breed, an architect of New York who has specialized in this type of architecture. It is in the antique manner, with no falsity of construction, and yet it has a very modern feeling. Mr. Breed suggests that the brick veneer walls be painted light gray. The decorative band course of brick which runs just under the second story window might be white, as might the wooden pilasters and porch columns. The roof should be black slate and the shutters dark green. At the right is shown the garden elevation of the house with an interesting enclosed porch at the right. The two floor plans above show how economically this type of house can utilize all available floor space.
The type of building shown on these two pages, commonly known as the garage-apartment, is becoming increasingly popular in this motorized age. These cottages are more common in the South and Southwest than elsewhere although they are sometimes used as week-end homes near big cities. Their advantages are that they provide for the all-important motor car and, at the same time, are extremely cheap to build. They are too confined for permanent dwellings but if a lot has been purchased they will do for temporary shelter until the real house is built.

The two garage-apartments shown on these pages contain between 9,500 and 10,000 cubic feet and, because the first floor in each case is so plain, they could probably be built for $3,000 apiece. The one shown above was designed to become, in the future, an attached garage and the space occupied by the outside stairway can be used for a back staircase when the main house is built. The imaginary plot plan at the left shows how the garage-apartment could be used as a wing at the rear of the house. A third dormer window in the garage ell would be used to light the back staircase. A feature of the floor plan of this apartment is that the central hall connects with each room and gives the privacy of a real home. A fold-away bed, to be hidden in the closet, is an added convenience in the living room. The architect suggests silver-gray shingles, a dark blue or weathered-brown roof, and pale gray or oyster-white trim.

**Two Little Homes**

See details of a new type of home
As described on the opposite page, these little garage-apartments may be built to occupy a lot until the main house is erected, then they can be used for guests' quarters, for servants' quarters, for the children or, in resort sections of the country, they, or the main house, may be rented during the tourist season. The two apartments shown on these pages are merely suggestions of the forms they may take. The architecture of the main house will determine their style and they may be planned as attached, semi-detached, or detached garages.

These two garage-apartments were designed for us by Jefferson M. Hamilton and, since they cost only about $3,000 to build, represent an ingenious solution for the home builder who wishes to occupy a lot he has purchased but cannot now afford to build the house he desires. The one shown on this page was planned to be a detached garage, as is indicated in the plot plan at the right. It is set at the rear of the lot and the balcony, reminiscent of Charleston or New Orleans, is turned away from the house and set on a minor axis of the proposed garden. This insures privacy for the occupants of the apartment when the main house is built.

A central hall, as in the apartment on the opposite page, a fold-away bed that can be used in either the living room or on the porch, and a fireplace in the living room are attractive points in the floor plan. The walls could be common brick, painted white, or stucco.

FOR TWO, OR THREE

building contest on page 143
This attractive dwelling which was designed for us by Burton A. Bugbee contains 35,000 cubic feet and at current prices for this type of construction could probably be built for 40 cents a cubic foot, or $14,000. It is in the style of the Early American houses one sees near New York, notably on Long Island. Mr. Bugbee suggests that the exterior be of heavy shingles, white-washed, and that the roof be of natural weathered shingles. The shutters and doors should be painted a light gray-green.

A cellar has been planned to run fully excavated, under the main block of the house. An interesting feature of the first floor plan is the bedroom and bath at the left of the entrance hall. This may be used for a guest or for the maid. At the same time the bathroom can serve for a domestic laundry. The front hall is easily reached from the kitchen and the garage is also conveniently located. The large living room in an ell by itself is well planned. The second floor scheme is as compactly arranged as the first.
Undoubtedly grandmother was a good cook but no husband is going to have any reason for referring longingly to her cookies this Christmas—not if the efficient housewife of 1931 has anything to say about it. If she is very, very modern she is going to be extremely old fashioned, paradoxical as that may seem, when it comes to her recipes. She will bake plenty of delicious, newly discovered cookies, to be sure, but the great majority of goodies that find a way into her cookie crock will be made after the time-honored formulas and patterns that have been jealously guarded for ages and handed down from mothers to daughters in far away countries.

The cookie experimenter of to-day will follow the recipes meticulously when it comes to ingredients, but who can blame her if she uses her imagination when deciding the shape or ornamentation the cookie is to take? Having dipped into psychology she appreciates that even a cookie to be successful must appeal to the eye as well as the palate. Years ago when Christmas cookies originated and tools for handling them were extremely limited, cooks were forced to abide by the simplest forms and often had to cut their own designs with knives. How different are things this Christmas—with the new multiple cutters which have just once when pressed down on a sheet of rolled-out dough, offers a most decorative Christmas tree, two pack-laden Santas, two angels, two hearts, two praying children, two lambs, and a star. Could anything be more in keeping with Christmas? Then there is another multiple cutter which cuts a singing canary, two love birds on a bough, four beautiful flowers, a chicken, a duck, and a rabbit.

Not content with the lovely patterns in which she cuts her cookies, Mrs. Modern Housewife proceeds to dress them up in a manner that will certainly make grandmother envious. Some pungent cookies like the German honey variety she simply frosts with an icing made of powdered sugar and water, because these intriguing bits of spiciness seem best that way. With the gingerbread cookies it is a different story. The Christmas tree design becomes almost glorified under her hand: having frosted it smoothly she sprinkles it with green or red sugar or both. If time allows she forms chain decorations out of the minute silver balls sold in most confectionery stores. On some trees, intended for special little friends, she may even form with a handy pastry tube, little rosettes of sugar or top each branch to represent snow.

With her Sprits dough the modern cook also contrives a...
handsome assortment of cookies. Having made with the help of the Sprits press a supply of the wreaths and esses which tradition demands, she adds a bit more flour to the remaining dough, rolls it out, and treats it as follows: a few cookies, cut in good-size diamond shapes, are embellished with a bit of candied rose petal or a candied violet for the blossom, angelica (candied rhubarb) is used to form stems and leaves; another group of cookies are cut in small spade shapes, brushed with beaten egg yolk and a green pistachio nut placed in the center of each; still other cookies are cut in clover shapes and sprinkled with chopped pistachio nuts or cut in tiny rounds and spread with candied celery seed. If candied rose petals or violets are not available candied cherries or pineapple may be used instead.

Much of the real work in cookie making, such as the hours of beating which old-time recipes have a habit of demanding, has been practically eliminated. Now it is only necessary to turn on an electric mixer and eggs are beaten, batters stirred, or fruit juice for flavors extracted in a jiffy. Cookie sheets too are more efficient. Indeed it is not uncommon for them to serve as mold and baking sheet in one.

And now to the recipes. Patriotism demands that we present an American recipe for a delightfully crunchy cooky first. Here it is:

**Christmas Crisps**

Cream $\frac{3}{4}$ of a pound of brown sugar with $\frac{1}{2}$ pound butter. To this mixture add 2 whole eggs, 2$\frac{1}{2}$ cupfuls sifted cake flour, $\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoonful soda and $\frac{1}{2}$ pound pecans which have been ground quite fine in a meat chopper. Drop from a teaspoon, two and one half inches apart, on an ungreased tin. Place a half pecan in the center of each and bake in a 350° F. oven about 10 minutes. Allow to cool slightly before removing from tins.

Christmas cookies reach their greatest perfection in Germany, so it seems only fair that the Rhineland be represented with recipes for two toothsome confections:

**Springerle (German)**

Stir 2 eggs and $\frac{3}{4}$ pound sugar until very light, stirring in one direction only. Add gradually 2 cupfuls of sifted flour, stirring all the time, until the dough is stiff. Roll out about $\frac{1}{8}$ inch thick, (Continued on page 176)
For the housekeeper’s private desk these decorative files and pewter desk fittings make a very attractive ensemble. (Stern Brothers)

If we do as we would be done by, we shall distribute desk gifts here and there through our Christmas list this year. For, even in the hurried hop-skip-and-jump existence of to-day, our desks remain a retreat for more tranquil moods which grow far from tranquil when pens scratch, ink dries out, and blotters get out of hand.

If we are selecting a pen for a busy practical soul, by all means let us choose a fountain pen, one of those forever-and-ever pens that stand by for instant and constant use—no dipping, no shaking, no unscrewing required. It may be set in an onyx base or it may have a bizarre modern base of enamel. And if we are determined to be very practical about it, we may choose a pen that combines itself efficiently with an ash tray, a clock, a lamp, or a blotting pad.

In place of the sober hard-working pens of not so long ago, we now have a selection of gay young ones in almost any colors we might want and in smart lithe shapes and sophisticated sizes, large or small. Then there are those pens in blotter bases with fish, horse, and bird handles.

For a more leisurely friend a dainty little ink pot of French faience is charming, and it may have a place to hold a pen and sealing wax. One that I fancied the other day was a graceful small bowl on four china legs, white with rose and gilt decoration, and a rose quill pen, a frankly frivolous bit, but it does have its time and place.

Another china pot, this one from Copenhagen, is blue on white, and the ink pot sets on a pointed oblong saucer and looks for all the world like a funny little Danish sailing ship.

I have seen some lovely modern Swedish copper and pewter inkwells lately too. And of course those of onyx are now in handsome and refreshing designs, some in rich white and smoky tones, others in soft greens, pinks, and grays.

Silver inkwells, graceful, softly gleaming, are available in both Georgian and modern designs, the former often combined interestingly with rock crystal and suggest a fine old Sheraton desk. White and jade green ink pots and desk fittings, likewise adapt themselves to 18th century English settings, particularly with the Oriental-spirited Chippendale furniture.

But these are all for grown-ups, even if they are not all entirely sedate. When we are selecting a desk gift for some one who is very young, we shall want to look at the delightful painted wooden inkwells supported by little Scotch Highlanders, by gayly clad Russian peasants, by bright

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Essentials for the

Well-Appointed Desk

by ELIZABETH MACRAE BOYKIN

A fountain pen in a skillful blotter base of modern inspiration. (Le Bouef Fountain Pen Co.)
Continental note paper with perforated edges folds over in the center and sticks together, forming its own envelopes. A nice little pad to keep in a desk cubby-hole for very short letters. (Whiting Paper Co.)

Formal writing paper is generally while, cream, or pale gray; informal paper may be nearly anything we wish. (Crane & Co.)

Onyx and metal-enamel bases make very useful and handsome stands for these pens, which are always ready for instant use. (W. A. Sheaffer Pen Co.)

Painted animals that never grew on land or sea. One shop that devotes its ingenuity to designing amusing things for children has some inkwells made of modernistic wooden chickens in various colors and ducks with pens in their tails. There are also gay little pencils here for desks; one is a giraffe with a pencil for a neck, the other an ostrich with pencils for plumes.

One of the most satisfactory places I have found for keeping pencils from rolling around in drawers or sliding out of trays is a jug or a jar as the Japanese keep their brushes. It is useful for both pens and pencils and, though it should be a small size, the neck must be wide enough to accommodate a generous handful. A bright pottery jar, a beautiful little china vase, or a Japanese brush jar will do nicely for this purpose and will add a pleasantly decorative note to the desk ensemble. As a gift it would be well to tag its purpose, but I think most people would be happy for the jug as well as for the idea.

There is one old European custom that we are taking to our practical American hearts. It is the desk portfolio, that blessed affair that closes blotting paper, stationery, and odd scraps up like a book and presents a very neat face to the world. Before settling on this as a gift, however, it is a good idea to find out whether our friend has one already appropriated as a souvenir from some little Paris hotel on the left bank. If not, then the tooled leather portfolios are handsome to consider, and they may be had in either modern or traditional designs, some of which are elaborately fitted with pockets for all manner of literary conveniences. More novel portfolios are those with covers decorated with lacquered maps, Godey prints, or modernistic papers.

If we are skilful with our fingers, we may enjoy making a desk portfolio out of some of those lovely washable fabric wall coverings. The gold and silver brocades make particularly pretty ones, and they are very easy to make if bound with bias tape or finished off with metallic braid and stitched on the machine.

A little desk gadget that has been introduced recently is an innocent looking hand blotter, the top of which opens up to reveal a compartment for cigarettes.

Complete desk sets are offered in a galaxy of handsome designs. One of the most interesting I have seen is of copper in a smartly fluted design in the spirit of the Swedish artists. Another of tôle with an oval-shaped blotting pad and a round hand blotter is a (Continued on page 190)
The wallpaper suggesting an old French toile with aquamarine background and orange-rose figures, the blue-gray woodwork, and the broadloom carpet rug in cedar color make a lovely setting for the furniture, which is an American Sheraton adaptation. A console table is used in place of a serving table.

A Budget Dining Room

by Sally Saltonstall

In our October issue we furnished the living room of our budget house at a total cost of $1,241.47. We come now to the dining room. The figures of the Department of Commerce which we are using as a guide in this series of articles tells us that the cost of furnishing a dining room in a house where the total budget, exclusive of the kitchen, is $3,000, averages $600. We have therefore set aside this sum for the furnishing of our dining room. We wish to acknowledge the kindness of the decorating staff of Lord & Taylor, of New York City, in helping us pick out the beautiful pieces and materials which are included in this room.

The room we have chosen in which to display these fur-

This is the second in a series of articles in which The American Home decorating staff furnishes a house on a budget of $3,600.
The sideboard has two drawers and two commodious closets. The drawer pulls are of brass typically Sheraton in design.

The china cabinet, like its prototype, has thirteen-paned glass doors, emblematical of the thirteen Early American colonies.

Instead of the usual serving table this set has the unique feature of using a console table in its place. This is quite ingenious, for if your dining room does not have space for the console table it will prove a useful addition to your living room or hall. It is 36" long, 29" high, and 18" across in the widest part. The folding leaf is made in the usual console table manner, and the top may be revolved to reveal a compartment inside in which cards, games, etc., may be kept. There is an effect of a long drawer in the front, with two handles, but this is a dummy, as the inside space is given up to the compartment just mentioned. The table is a really beautiful model with gracefully curved leaves, molded edges, and fluted, tapering legs.

The china cabinet is very good looking, too, being a simple model free from gimcracks or cheap ornament. It has the thirteen-paned glass doors which, as you know, in the original antique model were emblematical of the thirteen Early American colonies. It is 36" wide, the base being 32" tall, and the upper cabinet 39½" above that. The shelves inside are deeply grooved for plates or dishes if you wish to stand them up on their edges, a nice little detail which far too many more expensive cabinets omit. There is one long drawer, 5" deep, and large closet space with two doors. Between the two French windows at the front of the room stands a piece of furniture (Continued on page 180)
FOR THE FAMILY ALBUM

Christmas Cameras

by NORMAN TANNER

Half of the fun of owning your own home is watching it grow from a simple framework to a finished house and from a bare, unplanted dwelling to a beautifully gardened estate. The pleasure we find in baby pictures can be extended to "baby pictures" of our home progress.

If we wish to add interest to the black and white snapshots and do not have color lenses and color films, we can tint the pictures ourselves with the transparent water color outfit which is shown in the lower right-hand corner of the picture above. This will appeal particularly to gardeners, since the chief beauty of flowers is in their colors.

Directly above the paint box is a Kodak which has a special focussing back so that more careful pictures can be taken than with the customary finder mounted above the lens. To the right of the Kodak is an Auto Focus Enlarger made by the Eastman Company which is easy to operate and will give good enlargements of all your snapshots.

To demonstrate how interesting progress pictures of home building can be we inserted three in the picture above which illustrate three stages in home development. Between the two snapshots at the top of the page is shown a Memo Camera (Agfa Ansco Corp.) which will take fifty pictures on one roll of film. This is often used by architects in keeping records of building construction.

Below the Memo Camera, at the left, is one of the familiar Graflex cameras which have long been popular with both amateur and professional photographers. This is particularly easy to focus and is useful in taking speed pictures. Children who will not stay still for an informal portrait are easily caught in their most attractive poses with a Graflex.

At the left of the Graflex are two new kinds of film which are useful in taking pictures in bad light or inclement weather. On top is the Agfa Ansco Plenachrome film, below is the Eastman Verichrome. Projecting from behind the snapshot at the bottom of the page are, at the left, a Bell & Howell Exposuremeter and, at the right, a Cine Kodak Safety Film for use in the Cine Kodak which is illustrated just above it.

Above the Cine Kodak, directly in the center of the picture, is a Bell & Howell moving picture camera with a turret head for extra lenses. Both the Cine Kodak and the Bell & Howell camera are popular with amateur moving picture makers.
Dahlias in 1931

The annual Roll of Honor

by DERRILL W. HART

The basis of this Roll of Honor is a survey of the blooms exhibited particularly at the following shows: American Dahlia Society at New York; Atlantic City, Asbury Park, Trenton, Red Bank, Camden, Irvington, N. J.; Rockville Centre, N. Y.; Lawrence, Mass.; Baltimore, Md.; and Easton, Pa. In addition we visited several smaller shows in which the Dahlia played its part, and several of the outstanding Dahlia gardens in the East during the season.

In this report we again pay tribute to the part the Dahlia has played in starting fall shows, many of which, such as the epocal show at Atlantic City and the shows at Asbury Park, Trenton, N. J., and Lawrence, Mass., have developed into general fall shows with magnificent garden and nursery displays.

Insofar as rating the season’s shows according to the Dahlias they displayed, Atlantic City and New York take the lead. The Atlantic City show had the best competitive classes and New York was the leader in trade displays, with one exception, namely: the Dahlia display at Atlantic City, which was the best general display of Dahlias for the season.

The leaders at the New York show were Fisher & Masson, Dahliaadel Nurseries, and the W. Atlee Burpee Co. As for quality of bloom the Atlantic City, New York, Red Bank, Camden, and Rockville Centre shows stood out.

The outstanding varieties of the year, insofar as performance in show room and garden goes, were as follows: Monmouth Champion, Kathleen Norris, Fort Monmouth, Jane Cowl, Frau O. Bracht, Mary Ellen, Jersey’s Beauty, Buckeye Bride, Bagdad, Omar Khayyam, Jean Trimbee, Asbury Park, Dwight W. Morrow, Tang, Treasure Island, Josephine G., The World, and Edna Ferber. It is with pleasure too that we record the growing interest in the several Miniature types, and also a certain revival of interest in the old-fashioned Show and Fancy, modernly called together the Ball types.

1931 NOVELTIES OF MERIT

Myra Howard (Glutzbeck-Dahlia). Inf. Dec. Winner of The American Home Achievement Medal at the American Dahlia Society show in New York. Also winner as Best Buff or Orange and for Best Ten Blooms, any variety, at Rockville Centre. A grand Dahlia in every respect and deserves to be rated near the top with such
varieties as Kathleen Norris, Jane Cowl, Fort Monmouth, Watchung Wonder, Margaret E. Broomall and the other big fellows of spectacular coloring and large size. This is just naturally a big flower and one of the most attractive plants we have seen, with uniform, thriftly growth and plenty of bloom with long stems. The color is a glowing combination of saffron and gold with tints of salmon, coinciding with Ridgeway’s ochraceous orange. Throughout the deep flower are conspicuous petalodes that give the flower distinction in both form and color. This is a seedling from Jane Cowl and, like its illustrious parent in 1927, we think it has earned the honor of heading the novelties in its year. We have watched it for two years.

*American Legion* (American Dahlia Farms). Informal Dec. This big, bright yellow was the sensation of the Atlantic City show, where it won about everything in sight in the way of seedling prizes. First of all it won the Pageant Gold Medal as Best Undisseminated Seedling, and Mrs. Charles H. Stout’s Gold Medal as Best New Dahlia of New Jersey Origin. These awards were won against the best class of seedlings shown during the year. It also won The American Horticultural Society Medal which was offered for the Dahlia Exhibit or Dahlia Showing Greatest Progress in the show. At Camden only one bloom of it was shown, but that won as Largest Bloom in the Open to All Classes. It is like Aztec Glory in general appearance, but more attractively formed and a shade brighter in color. Another fine addition to the large-flowered varieties.

*Jean Kratt* (Keefer-Kemp). Informal Dec. Winner as Best Informal Decorative in the Three Bloom Undisseminated Seedling class at Atlantic City and we liked it next to American Legion in the Gold Medal Undisseminated Seedling class. At Baltimore it won as Best Single Bloom of an Undisseminated Seedling. Also was the runner-up in the Best Six Bloom Undisseminated Seedling class. Informal Decorative. A huge dark red shading towards garnet, and a flower that grows large without much encouragement. The name is an apt one as it was named in honor of an originator who sent out some popular Dahlias during his lifetime. When first shown in Boston before the originator’s death, this big Dahlia won the cup offered by the President of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society as a most worthy novelty—and particularly when they compare favorably in size and depth with the big informal decoratives as this one does. The stems are strong and graceful and there is as much individuality in this variety as in any of the novelties.

*Murphy’s Masterpiece* (Murphy-Success). Informal Dec. A huge dark red shading towards garnet, and a flower that grows large without much encouragement. The name is an apt one as it was named in honor of an originator who sent out some popular Dahlias during his lifetime. When first shown in Boston before the originator’s death, this big Dahlia won the cup offered by the President of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society as a most worthy novelty—and novelties other than Dahlias were also in competition. Awarded also the American Home Achievement Medal which was offered for the Undisseminated Seedlings of the various types. The color is a bright burgundy red, very close to one of fashion’s most popular colors for the current season.

*Jessica Hillard* (Mastick). Informal Dec. Every year we look for good lavenders and we are glad to say that in this flower we have found one. It is a fine grower with long-petalled, graceful flowers of a clear pastel lavender with a slight tint of silver through the center of the petal to sharpen the color. For those who love genuine beauty in the Dahlia, this flower will be welcome. It is a real lavender.

*Halloween* (Chappaqua Dahlia Gardens). Informal Dec. Here is one of the most unusual color effects we have ever seen in a Dahlia. The flower gives a definite two-toned effect, with the face a clear buff and the reverse a bright salmon. As the petals open the reverse side shows in a definite roll, and as they unroll they open into buff. In line with its name it is like a glorious October sunset in a sky of brilliant golden buff.

*Aiko* (Dahliaed Nurseries). Semi-Cactus. Here is a spectacular new Cactus of brilliant true carmine red with silver reverse, showing at tips of the petals and at the center of the flower. New Cactus varieties are mighty welcome, especially when they compare favorably in size and depth with the big informal decoratives as this one does. The stems are strong and graceful and there is as much individuality in this variety as in any of the novelties.

*Carolyn Thill* (Fisher & Masson). Informal Decorative. Here is one of the most unusual color effects we have ever seen in a Dahlia. The flower gives a definite two-toned effect, with the face a clear buff and the reverse a bright salmon. As the petals open the reverse side shows in a definite roll, and as they unroll they open into buff. In line with its name it is like a glorious October sunset in a sky of brilliant golden buff.
Dahlia behavior on the Pacific Coast

by WARWICK S. CARPENTER

The following survey gives the outstanding Coast Dahlias of this year. This selection, like that of two years ago, is based (with a few modifications) on an informal list prepared by judges at many of the shows and called by them "The Sunkist Roll of Honor." It represents the expert opinion of the West's best judges.

Moonsbeam (Meussorff). Formal Decorative. The pale yellow beams of an August moon are in the translucent petals of this very interesting and meritorious flower, which won the American Home Achievement Medal at the annual show of the Dahlia Society of California this year. Massive, easily attaining 10 inches diameter. The ground is canary yellow becoming lighter toward the edges. Erect carriage on a good stem. Bushes four feet high with rich lace-like foliage. The blooms last for a long time on the bush. This three-year-old holds much promise.

Dr. J. M. Stowell (McAuliffe). Semi-Cactus. Rose-amber, shading to gold in the center. Raised by Mrs. Roger D. McAuliffe, and was awarded The American Home Achievement Medal at the Dahlia Society of San Francisco show.

Satan (Ballay). Semi-Cactus. Horn-like petals of canary red, giving the flower a fine warmth of color. A large Dahlia growing from 10 to 12 inches in diameter on a clean bush with a fine carriage. Those who like to see personality in their flowers should be intrigued with Satan.

Jenny Lind (Redfern). Informal Decorative. This has magnificent character. It grows unusually tall with great strength and with a pastel shade of pink, which combined with its form is particularly pleasing.

Achievement (Ballay). Semi-Cactus. Gold with bronze shadings. When this appeared at the Dahlia Society of San Francisco show in 1930 it took The American Home Achievement Medal; and therefore its name. It is truly an achievement as thorough trials both East and West amply demonstrate.

Caprice (Mawson). Informal Decorative. For two years this fine cream yellow Dahlia has been adjudged the best in three shows. It is golden yellow shading to salmon pink, and the blooms are carried on long strong stems in clean bushing.

Isabel McElroy (Bennie Boston). Informal Decorative. A long-petalled flower of bright rose-pink and an outstanding Dahlia on the West Coast.

Santa Maria (Walker). Informal Decorative. One of the most interesting of the year on the Pacific Coast because of the character in its informal shape and massive size, and because its color is true Ridgeway scarlet, the same on the back and on the front. At the Dahlia Society of San Francisco it was judged the best Dahlia in the Show, and has taken four first prizes in two years. Stem and bush are excellent, and keeping qualities are remarkable. It is a real addition to the list of good Dahlias from the West.

Mabel Burnan (Logan). English Single. This three-year-old Dahlia of the very popular single form is...
I want to champion those much neglected tiny-flowered kinds of Narcissus, the baby (species) Tulips, the Fritillarias, and others, those shy small flowers which are the very soul of spring itself.

For many years, in studying the midsummer catalogues, with their long conventional bulb lists, I laid out my available money on the first few tempting pages, never able to reach the back of the book, where the modest unillustrated descriptions of the little flowers were hidden!

Then one spring day I came upon these delightful Lilliputians, actually blossoming in the garden of a friend and, I would willingly, at that moment, have given my entire spring display of larger flowers for just one corner of this perfect miniature. Now, after actually growing them myself, I have reached the conclusion that these small bulb flowers should be in the very first page of every catalogue.

I can't now picture a spring garden without the Guinea-hen flowers (Fritillaria meleagris) for instance, their checkered pendant bells braving the raw March wind. And they multiply very quickly. There are white ones, too, but to me not half so fascinating nor half so unusual as the lavender checkered ones. They will grow and thrive almost anywhere in the sun, and they are one of the few bulbs which offer no objections to the heaviness of clayey soil.

But I really should have mentioned, to begin with, the Winter Aconites (Eranthis hyemalis) for they are usually the very first flowers of the year. They grow quite close to the ground; and, if there is snow and very cold weather, it doesn't at all dim their sturdy spirit. The bulbs are very tiny, like shrivelled black peas, and must be handled with care, for they are so easily lost at planting time. And I find it almost easier to start them from seeds, for they will grow and bloom with amazing speed. They prefer a shaded location and make an excellent ground cover for other little spring flowers, especially the brave lavender Crocus imperati, which appears at the same time.

Every garden should have a corner for Snowdrops. To me there is nothing so thrilling as to come upon them in enchanting silvery white blossom, early on a February morning. They are very easy to grow, requiring no care at all once they are in the ground, but it is wise to plant them as soon as received. All my Snowdrops are growing in a wild woody spot, but I do (Continued on page 193)
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Making Christmas safe for Santa

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press floured Springerle roller down on dough to obtain diamonds, cut out the little squares and let them dry in a cool room. Bake on buttered tin sprinkled with anise seed, in a slow oven 325° F., until light yellow.

Sprits Cookies (Swedish)

Cream ½ pound sugar with ½ pound flour. Add 1 egg, 1 teaspoonful almond extract and if desired ¼ pound grated, blanched almonds. Mix well and press dough through a Sprits press and form into wreaths and esses. This dough may also be put through a sani-press cookie stamp (pictured with two dies on page 164).

Fattigman’s Bakelse (Norwegian)

Beat 6 egg yolks with 4 tablespoonfuls of sugar. Add 2 tablespoonfuls cream, ½ of a lemon rind grated and enough flour to make a dough that can be rolled out thin. In Norway a tablespoonful of whiskey is also added to improve the flavor. Cut into diamond shapes 2 inches long and make a one-inch slit diagonally through the center. Pull one point of the diamond through this slit and stretch cookie slightly. Fry in deep fat until golden in color.

Christmas Gingerbread (English)

Mix 1 pound of flour, 1 cupful sugar, 1 tablespoonful ginger and 1 teaspoonful salt. Press out the pastry dough and put butter into the mixture with tips of fingers, and add just enough molasses to hold ingredients together. Let stand in refrigerator over night. Roll very thin, cut in fancy shapes, and bake in a moderate oven.

Chocolate Drops (Alsace-Lorraine)

With a perforated spoon beat 3 eggs and 1 pound powdered sugar. Then add 2 ounces of grated sweet chocolate and 6 ounces of sifted pastry flour. Heat eggs and slow sugar in a double boiler and add the sifted flour, stirring constantly, and add chocolate mixture and mix until the chocolate is melted. Place spoonfuls of the batter two inches apart on the tin. Dip spoon in cold water every time and see that rounds are dropped uniformly each time. Set in cool place over night and bake in medium oven. These cookies should be made a week before they are to be eaten.

A CORRECTION

We regret that due to some last minute changes there were some errors in the captions of the article entitled “Symphonies in Silver,” in the November issue. The credits for the tablecloths should have read as follows:

R. H. Macy & Co.; page 88, top, picture cloth from R. H. Macy & Co.; page 89, bottom, cloth from Old Beach; page 89, top, cloth dogwood pattern, from R. H. Macy & Co.
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A budget dining room

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The American Home Employment Plan

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Read this list through for improvements that fit your home; then consult your local unemployment committee for men competent to submit estimates and perform the work. Be sure to carry out the improvements you want this winter while men are on direct relief work. Twenty items are discussed in detail in each issue. After each item discussed in November will be found an N. Chapter 1. Develop basement playroom. 2. Install cedar lining in one or more existing closets. 3. Repair or replace gutters, lead, or flashings. N. 4. Install dormer window or sky-light to make attic space useful. N. 5. Repair existing roof; restain or apply preservative to wood shingles; replace canvas roofs; step ladders. N. 6. Reroof with wood, asphalt, asbestos or metal shingles, slate, clay tile, or metal. N. 7. Remove dead wood from trees and shrubs and have tree surgeon repair decayed parts of important trees. N. 8. Reconstruct dry-wells; carry drainage from leaders further from basement walls before ground freezes (to forestall flooded cellars in spring where conditions indicate need). N. 9. Replace common glass with ultra-violet ray (health) glass in nursery, sunporch, or all windows. N. 10. Replace runners on stairway for space economy. N. 11. Install modern closet fittings, such as shoe racks, clothes hangers, linen shelves, storage drawers, etc. N. 12. Install booster fan on warm air pipe leading to underheated room. N. 13. Correct the heating of a cold room. N. 14. Repair existing roof; restain or apply preservative to wood shingles; install modern closet fittings, such as shoe racks, clothes hangers, linen shelves, storage drawers, etc. N. 15. Install booster fan on warm air pipe leading to underheated room. N. 16. Correct the heating of a cold room. N. 17. Add new porch or enclose existing sunroom. N. 18. Construct new removable winter garden. N. 19. Build portable screen enclosure for open porch for summer use. N. 20. Prepare window and door screens for next season's use, including rewiring where necessary and replacing defective parts. N. 21. Install full-length mirrors on bedroom doors. N. 22. Install new modern closet fittings, such as shoe racks, clothes hangers, linen shelves, storage drawers, etc. N. 23. Install booster fan on warm air pipe leading to underheated room. N. 24. Correct the heating of a cold room. N. 25. Repair existing roof in fall while weather permits. N. 26. Modernize floor plan of house by combining two rooms in one, changing or removing partitions, etc. N. 27. Convert large closet into an extra toilet or shower room. N. 28. Provide extra bedroom by subdividing large room, by using waste space in attic, or by addition. N. 29. Install wash basin in bedroom. N. 30. Install door bed in sewing room, library, or other extra room (bathroom first) to make it a convertible bedroom for occasional guests. N. 31. Enlarge existing garage or new garage. N. 32. Remove dead wood from trees and shrubs and have tree surgeon repair decayed parts of important trees. N. 33. Reconstruct dry-wells; carry drainage from leaders further from basement walls before ground freezes (to forestall flooded cellars in spring where conditions indicate need). N. 34. Modernize existing bathroom —new wall treatments, flooring, fixtures, medicine cabinet, etc. N. 35. Build new closets. N. 36. Provide outside accessories such as window boxes, trellises, bird houses, etc., ready for use in spring. N. 37. Add new porch or enclose existing sunroom with glass to make new sunroom. N. 38. Modernize existing bathroom —new wall treatments, flooring, fixtures, medicine cabinet, etc. N. 39. Build new closets. N. 40. Install new concealed radio receiver, built-in speakers, etc. N. 41. Install new concealed radio wiring to permit use of extension speakers in bedrooms, dining room, or attic or basement recreation room. (Note: The average standard commercial receiver will operate from two to ten reproducers, permitting use of radio in any part of the house without moving the receiver.) N. 42. Install remote control for radio receiver, built-in speakers, etc. N. 43. Modernize the kitchen arrangement for more efficient work. N. 44. Build breakfast nook in unused part of kitchen or pantry, or build new breakfast porch. N. 45. Install wash basin in bedroom. N. 46. Relocate or replace radiators. N. 47. Install moveable disappearing air pipe leading to underheated room. N. 48. Convert warm air heating plant to modern forced circulation system with humidification. N. 49. Convert one-pipe steam heating system to vapor-vacuum system for more uniform heating and fuel economy. N. 50. Improve operation and efficiency of two-pipe steam, vapor, or hot-water systems. N. 51. Install high-efficiency boiler, furnace, or air conditioning heater. N. 52. Replace common glass with ultra-violet ray (health) glass in nursery, sunporch, or all windows. N. 53. Install modern thermostat. N. 54. Install air-moistening (humidi- fying) equipment to create more healthful conditions (now possible with any type of heating system). N. 55. Weatherstrip doors and windows. N. 56. New storm sash or double windows for exposed rooms. N. 57. Install fuel lift from basement wood pile to near fireplace in living or dining room. N. 58. Install an invalid's elevator to give greater (Continued on page 190)
We have hunted high and low this year to find you exceptional articles suitable as Xmas gifts, and we think that all of the items shown in these columns are smart, new, and of excellent value. Xmas shopping will hold no terrors for you if you order through us. Simply send your money order or check to the firms listed below. For any other help in solving your Xmas problems write us direct.

NEW marine chimney lamp, has a pewter base and parchment shade, with hand-painted design of a full rigged clipper ship. Both a quaint and useful decoration, while its size 14" high would warrant its use as either a desk, reading, or bedside lamp. The parchment shade is 4" in height, 10" in diameter. $7.95 complete.

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The sailboats on the bridge set above are of white linen appliqué and can be ordered with any embroidered initial. In maize, gold, blue, or green linen, complete with four napkins, Price $5.00 postpaid. THE LINEN SHOP, 428 Bloomfield Avenue, Montclair, N. J.

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Tie-backs are being used more and more in decorations these days, as they add a note of style and elegance to your window draperies. The ones shown below are hand painted in ivory with a gay floral dec-

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Vermont Natives Industries
Shop A-5, Bridgewater, Vermont
oration. The long model (2994) tie-backs are very gracefully curved and cost $5.00 a pair, while the round ones (2992) would be better in a more informal room, price $3.00 a pair. Both postage collect from PERIOD ART SHOPPE, 19 West 24th Street, N. Y. C.

For a very handsome Christmas gift we suggest this Chippendale mirror. It is made of sturdy pine and finished in antique maple. The glass measures 20" x 12" and it is priced at $15.00 express collect from LILY J. KRISCH, PETITE SHOPPE, 1570 82nd Street, Jackson Heights, Long Island, N. Y.

It is oftentimes impossible to get the exact shade of color that you want when buying a lamp, in order to fit it into your own color scheme. For this reason I consider these two lamps a real discovery as they will be especially painted for you in any color you wish, if you but send this firm a sample. They are both exact copies of old French lamps. The candlestick lamp costs $6.00, and the urn lamp $7.00; both express collect. Shades not included. ART CRAFT FURNITURE CO., 215 East 58th St., N. Y. C. Though this shop does not sell lamp shades we can find you any type shade you wish if you will submit samples of color to us and approximate price you wish to pay.

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Almost everyone receives numerous books each Christmas, and so I think that a pair of handsome book-ends would be a utilitarian as well as decorative present. A sea-horse and a scallop shell combine to make these book-ends both original and amusing. Of solid bronze they can be had in either verdi or antique finish. They come all packed in a gift box for $5.25 postpaid from Mary F. Kenna, 9 Maiden Lane, N. Y. C.

On our latest visit to Brasstown we spied these Russian Peasant candlesticks made of solid brass. They measure 9" in height and cost $2.25 each postpaid. The compote dish has filigree removable top and could be used for nuts, candy, fruit, or flowers. Price $1.55 postpaid. This shop is making a special price for The American Home readers for the three pieces at $5.50. All postpaid from Apollo Silverstone, 22 Allen St., N. Y. C.
The Sunshine calendar shown above is a brand new idea and an especially attractive present for a child. If the weather is pleasant, you stick on a yellow gummed disc, a cloudy gray disc, rain or snow a black disc. It is hand tinted and measures 9½ x 7¼ and comes complete with gummed discs and directions. Price 85¢ postpaid from DANIEL LOW, Salem, Mass.

For removed from the ordinary banal type of Christmas cards are the ones illustrated on this page. Reproductions of Currier and Ives prints as well as the new geographical cards are both the smartest and newest ones this year. You can have either of these cards in the 5 x 6½ size for 15¢ each or the 5 x 4½ size for 10¢ each. There is a Christmas sentiment printed on the inside of each card and, besides this, you can have your name printed on twenty-five cards for $1.75 or 50 cards for $2.00. If you order 100 cards, there is no extra charge for your name. All postpaid, BEAUX ARTS, 35 West 43th Street, N. Y. C.

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The American Home Achievement Medal placed at the disposal of certain selected organizations by this magazine continues to be a center of real competition and considerable interest, most particularly in the Dahlia shows. The awards for the current year are appended:

**American Dahlia Society, New York, N. Y., September 22.**—To Mr. Howard R. Glutzback, silver medal for Dahlia Myra Howard, Inf. Dec., as best new seedling. (See page 170.)

**American Peony Society, Fort Wayne, Ind., June 12.**—To Mr. Edward Auten, Jr., for Nippon Princess, as the best new Peony exhibited at show. (See page 382, Sept.)

**Atlantic City Garden and Flower Pageant, N. J., September 4.**—To American Dahlia Farms, for American Legion, as the Dahlia showing the greatest progress. Also to Champlain View Gardens for the Gladiolus exhibit which contributed most to the progress of the Gladiolus.

**Baltimore Dahlia Society, Md., September 14.**—To Major J. B. Eastman, for Commander, as the best six blooms of undissemintated seedling.

**Burholme Horticultural Society, Pa., September 25.**—To Mr. Charles Franke, sweepstakes prize.

**California Spring Blossom and Wild Flower Association, San Francisco, Cal., April 16.**—To Swiss Floral Co., for Ornithogalum aureum.

**Dahlia Society of California, San Francisco, Cal.**—To Miss Alice Meusdorfer, for Moonbeam, as the best new seedling Dahlia. (See page 170.)

**Dahlia Society of Michigan, Battle Creek, September 15.**—To Mr. Jacob Groll, for Kathleen Norris, as the best Dahlia regardless of size.

**Dahlia Society of New England, Boston, Mass., September 12.**—To Success Dahlia Gardens, for Murphy's Masterpiece, as the best Dahlia of New England origin.

**Dahlia Society of San Francisco, Cal.**—To Mrs. Roger D. McAlulife, for Dr. J. M. Stowell.

**Duluth Garden Flower Society, Minn., August 27.**—To Mrs. D. Otto for the most meritorious seedling Dahlia in show.

**Rutledge Horticultural Society, Pa., September 12.**—To Mr. Edward C. Leidig, for a vase of Gladiolus as the most meritorious exhibit in the show.

**South Side Garden Club, St. Joseph, Mo.**—To Mrs. Carl Schirmer, sweepstakes.

**Tri-State Dahlia & Fall Flower Society, Ceredo, W. Va., September 19.**—To Mr. Leo C. Weinfurtner, for Kemp's Violet Wonder, as the best Dahlia in the show.

**Valley Stream Flower and Garden Society, N. Y., September 15.**—To Mr. E. E. Tooker, for Craig Bissell, as the best individual bloom in the show.

**Virginia Dahlia Society, Richmond, September 25.**—To Mrs. R. P. Liphart, for Kathleen Norris, as the best bloom in the show irrespective of display.

**Washington Gladiolus Society, Tacoma, August 8.**—To Mrs. Hazel H. Carter, sweepstakes with Mammoth White.

**West Virginia Dahlia Society, Fairmont, September 17.**—To Mr. C. J. Jay Straight, for an undissemintated Dahlia variety not yet named.

The Atlantic City Garden and Flower Pageant Show had one particularly notable feature this year. There for the first time a great European seedhouse startled the public by a display of its vegetable specialties brought over and staged with such consummiate skill as to set a new standard in that type of exhibit. The accompanying photograph of the magnificent exhibit of Sutton & Sons indeed speaks for itself.
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Not only did this dahlia win the American Home Achievement Medal as a seedling at the American Dahlia Society Show in New York, but also won as best buff or orange and best ten blooms, open to all, in the Rockville Centre, N. Y., Dahlia Show. Here is a new and spectacular introduction well proven before being disseminated; one which we unhesitatingly recommend as being worthy of the most particular dahlia lover. If you desire a sensation in your garden and a winner for the show room secure Myra Howard. Plants only $7.50.

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Each year, there is a substantial increase in the demand for Dreer's Garden Book, the one completely authoritative work of its kind. This year, as before, we have done our best to anticipate the increased demand for the 1932 edition, which will be ready for distribution in January.

If you have been a Dreer customer during the past two years, you will get the new volume automatically. If you have not, you can help us to avoid disappointments by asking us to reserve your copy now.

The Garden Book will be sent free on request to those interested in vegetable and flower seeds, roses, perennial plants, etc.

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No. 3 20-inch wreath with five large cones and five sprays of berries. $2.50 each
No. 4 24-inch wreath with continuous decoration of cones and berries. More elaborate than No. 3. $3.50 each
No. 5 A large 24-inch wreath built on framework for store or cemetery use, decorated with many cones and berries. $7.50 each
No. 6 Our largest wreath, 30 inches in diameter and lavishly decorated. $10.00 each.

Prices are f.o.b., Putney, Vermont, but we can arrange to send your gifts prepaid and charge shipping costs to you.

If you will send our complete holiday price list, you will find a nice assortment of Wreaths, Cus Evergreens, Living Christmas Trees, Special Assorted Boxwood, Handmade Baskets, and other gifts and decorations offered.

Essentials for the well-appointed desk

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There is an interesting line of lamps on the market made with a patented shade lining that is translucent and restful. A gift of stationary with address, decorations, etc., will help to introduce your friend's hobby and put this on the paper. If one has a home in the country, note-paper, with the post office and telephone number and telegraph address not to mention the name of the nearest railway station embossed in the corner, is very smart.

The cost of these various processes is small, though the effect is impressive, for few gifts would be more individual.

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Garden reminders

North

The Flower Garden—Leaf mulch should be protected with branches.

Mulch bulbs planted in October.

Protect Roses and Peonies, scattering leaves among the plants.

Hollyhock, Foxglove, and Canterbury-bells require air. Therefore do not pack mulch tightly. Keep branches of Coleus and Geraniums when they become too long. Start new plants from the cuttings.

Cut branches of Lorraine type Begonias. Stick into soil in fissures. They will root quickly and become large

Mulch about the base of unoccupied beds. Cover with Winter-grass, sow Rye, Italian or Winter wheat.

If a frost does come, much frost. Mulch about the base of unoccupied beds. Cover with Winter-grass, sow Rye, Italian or Winter wheat.

Bring indoors any pot plants of shrubs and trees dormant, prune and set out the root plants into soil in frames. If bulbs of Tulips, Hyacinths, and other Dutch bulbs remain unplanted, set them in the ground now, very shallowly, with the top half of the bulbs showing. Set out zinnias, geraniums, petunias and pelargoniums. Sow early kinds of Cauliflower in a frame.

The Vegetable Garden—Keep branches filled with leaves to protect plants.

Sow seed of Beans, Ladies-Finger, Cauliflower, and Spinach in boxes, to be put into frames later.

Miscellaneous—Look after house plants. Keep leaves well washed, and move plants every few weeks so that all sides will get sun.

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