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The old-time rainwater barrel is used here as a decorative note in the attractive little home of Dr. Bert Haberer. Whitemore Lake, Mich.


## Rooms for the Imagination

ONE of the greatest of all America's authors sat down one autumn day at a desk on the second story of a Berkshire farmhouse. He was Herman Melville and he was about to begin that breath-taking masterpiece of the sea, "Moby Dick." "The spirits caper in the autumn air," writes Lewis Mumford, Melville's biographer, "there are glowing Byzantine days when the Heavens reflect the hues of October apples, when the sky is so ripe and ruddy it seems that there must be harvest time for the angels. . . . The sunrises and sunsets glow side by side in the woods, and momentarily moult in the falling leaves. Neither the Rhine nor the Moselle produces anything as heady as the landscape of the Berkshires in autumn. When Melville writes his first words, 'Call me Ishmael' he is writing out of his health and ecstasy.

Yet the theme of "Moby Dick" was the far-flung pursuit of a white whale through all the Seven Seas, a salt-sprayed, wave-battered theme, surging worlds apart from that Berkshire farmhouse. It was Melville's voyaging imagination that set his spirit soaring beyond the mountain ranges on which he looked to follow the wild adventures of that strange crew of Nantucket whalers.
To-day a woman somewhere comes into an empty room in a new house. Four bare walls, a floor, and a ceiling. And at once that strange thing we call imagination has its creative way with her, even as it has with the greatest of geniuses, and she looks into a world of her own making and works out her theme of beauty in much the same manner as the artist at his desk or canvas.
Whether on the grand scale or the small, whether it is the production of a towering novel or an enduring home, the sight of imagination at work is the most exciting aspect of humanity.
So we want The American Home to be an exciting magazine in the finest sense of that much abused word. We want it to give edge and depth to the glorious adventure of home making. When through some hint on these pages the imagination of the reader is released, when the creative spirit which is at the heart of true home making is aroused by text or illustration then this magazine is performing its full, fine function.

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Residence of Mrs. Roger D. Sperry, Middlebury, Conn.; Cameron Clark, architect

# If I were decorating the living room in a small home 

## by

## LURELLE

 GUILD ture, fabrics, and accessories; others save pictures from magazines; and still others just dream pictures. Then that crucial moment arrives and we stand on the threshold of an exciting experience. We are really going to decorate a living room. What happens? Perhaps we go ahead and create into actuality our dreams. But perhaps we find that our dreams have not had enough anatomy to develop into something real; or maybe they have passed our control and become gold lined while our purses have retained their silver linings. Or again, faced with the Herculean task of pleasing all the members of the family and ourselves as well, we may grow faint hearted and put off what appears to be a labor instead of a joy.
It really doesn't matter if we have not a pile of gold, or a collection of pictures, or even dreams, for it is not difficult to create a room that through its sheer simplicity delights all who see it and draws forth their enthusiastic praise of your ability. It takes, to be certain, that same careful thought which the architect puts into the planning of your home in order to make it practical and at the same time

On page 92 of this issue we conclude the most popular series of articles we have ever published, Lurelle Guild's "Course in Furniture." Mr. Guild, who is a well-known decorator, artist, antiquarian, and author of New York, proved by this series that he had the confidence of our readers, and we have asked him to incorporate some of his practical decorating suggestions in a new series of which this article is the first.

This living room is illustrated in color on the cover of the magazine and every article which went into its decoration is shown on the next two pages.
beautiful. However, this article is not intended just for the reader who happens to be building a new home but for the many as well who have "that room" and are at a loss as to what to do with it.

We all are probably surfeited with ideas after a trip through the shops for there seems to be an unlimited number of new things with new purposes and at a price that will not strain even the thinnest pocket book. Never has there been such a flair for style and excellent design at such pleasing prices. It all opens a field of vast possibility for the person who has wished for a long time to "do over" certain rooms and the wise individual realizes that now is the time to act for the sake of pure economy.

Let us take the long suffering living room and illustrate it by practical application. No other room in the house aside from the kitchen perhaps is subjected to the wear and tear that falls to the lot of this room. Here, above all, we want style and character that will reflect the charm and hospitality of our abode together with that substantial craftsmanship and quality that will mean years of good service without apparent wear. There was nothing about this room before we started to make it at all distinctive. In fact, its irregularity seemed a handicap. Our first contribution was to the walls in the form of feather-edged vertical sheathing. Its mellow coloring is pleasing to every one and the restriction of it to the chimney breast gives no chance of the room becoming dark even though the windows be few. The plastered surfaces furnish the necessary light and accent and, if desired, may be papered to give color notes as well. Do not think that this paneling is expensive for it costs less than plastering, papering, and painting the same area in good quality materials. In this particular room the plaster was tinted a soft apple green that harmonizes with the honey coloring of paneling and



Plastered walls tinted a soft apple green harmonize beautifully with the honcy coloring of the vertical sheathing and form a perfect background for the authentic reproductions
of American furniture selected. In keeping with the character of the room a provincial plaid rug in green, red, yellow, and black and coarse linen window draperies are used

While, of course, this room is but a single example and everyone's problem is different, yet basically all living rooms of a type such as this Early American one have much in common.
We love to study illustrations of charming rooms. Many of them in their entirety are too costly, perhaps, for our modest purses, yet very often a careful perusal will yield an idea for a certain unusual curtain treatment or give us real help in solving a problem of furniture arrangement. While
the object in an illustration may be an antique or an heirloom that is way beyond the reach of our modest purse, yet with the illustration to go by we can probably find a reproduction of it-for the furniture manufacturers of to-day are adepts at reproducing what was best in the furniture of our forefathers.
A list of the firms who coöperated in lending us material for the illustrations and for the cover design follows on page 109 .



IN MY opinion it is an economy, in the long run, to have two sets of curtains and slip covers; one set for the late autumn and winter and one set for the spring and summer. Just as Nature changes her dress with the changing seasons so should we reconstruct and refurbish our decorative scheme. A change of scene is as good as a spring tonic-or as cheerful as the first fire that crackles on the hearth in the fall.

Besides the delightful possibilities suggested by the two sets of slip covers there is always the item of economy. Slip covers protect your furniture from excessive wear and if they are changed twice a year their length of life will be greatly extended.
In an article in the last issue of The American Home we told you about the new patterns and designs in curtains and also outlined the making of them. This month we're going to describe the latest decorating ideas about slip covers and show you how they can be made at home.
There are two uses for slip covers that we shall consider in this article: as attractive decorative covering in the informal home and the all-year-round house and as an alternate to the upholstered furniture; and the other use is as a protection to the winter furniture against the dust of summer in the city apartment-making them attractive if the apartment is to be occupied during any part of the summer or just plain dust covers should the apartment be closed all season. When we speak of slip covers we always think of covers for chairs, sofas, etc., but there is another and really important use for slip covers, that I shall just mention but which I shall not go into details about, and that is for protecting winter curtains from dust and grime so that they do not have to be taken down if they have been hung in a difficult and intricate manner.
In our suggested use of slip covers in the informal home and all-year-round house let us first plan the room; taking for granted that slip covers are to be used, let us consider the balance of the room. Just for example let us say that we have a striped wallpaper, gay chintz window curtains, a large sofa, four easy chairs, and some other incidental pieces. The large sofa we shall cover in gay chintz to match the curtains because they are at opposite ends of the room. This gives us a nice balance and, besides, this large expanse will look better and will very likely show less wear and fewer wrinkles if covered with a figured or striped material.

Summer

by JANE WHITE

Member of the

## "Slip covers are easy to make," directions. The chintzes illus-

 However, since our walls are striped we are restricted to a B figured material. Two of the chairs we shall cover in chintz and the other two in plain material, taking one color from the chintz and using binding, bands, or ruffles of one or more other colors found in the chintz, thus making harmony without monotony.
In choosing material for both curtains and slip covers when they are to be the only set do not get anything too pronounced for you will soon tire of it and you will be unable to change from time to time the little accessories such as vases, flowers, bindings of books, etc., that lend variety to the color notes of your room. If you can have two sets of slip covers have them very different so that you get the full benefit of a change. Variety lends interest.

For attractive slip covers for


Photos by M. E. Hewitt
To have a professional air your slip cover must be trim, smooth, and well fitted, and clear the floor by about two and a half inches. In a room with gayly patterned wallpaper a plain color for the slip cover is advisable

# Chintzes 

LONSDALE<br>Decorators' Club

says the author. Just follow her
trated are new-and inexpensive


Figure 2


Figure 3


The making of a slip cover for a love-seal may be just as readily attempted as one for an individual chair, for the same principles of measuring apply. Besides protecting the furniture the slip cover adds a decorative note

Rooms decorated by the author
the apartment in town for the summer the copy of Fortuny, shown in G at the end of the article, is an excellent choice as it is dignified and the men of the family will not find that it creates too feminine an atmosphere. If the apartment is to be closed for the summer just plain simple material or inexpensive chintz may be used, and for these covers the plaited ruffle can be omitted.

Chintzes A, C, F, and H (see letters at bottom of photographs) are suitable for slip covers for the living room, the dining room, or the library. G is a copy of a Fortuny, coming 36 inches wide, in several colorings and reasonably priced. C is a new 50 -inch chintz retailing for less than $\$ 1.50$ which is a great boon. In F we find the striped effect and in A the positive design which must have due consideration when the fabric is being planned and cut. For a bedroom, morning room, boudoir, dressing or powder room there are many suitable designs but I can only show you two, which are cuts E and H . E gives us the big striking design which is most effective and $\mathbf{H}$ the modest, small design which, too, has its important place in the slip-cover world. All these chintzes are guaranteed to be sunfast. The fabrics illustrated are all domestic and those of us who feel especially patriotic should have many slip covers this spring first to cheer up our houses and secondly to encourage the use of home productions and industries. Of all the materials illustrated none do I feel is outside the family budget as they range in price from 45 cents to $\$ 1.30$ a yard.

The drawings on these two pages show how slip covers can be made at home if one has even a slight knowledge of sewing. The simple word picture in the following paragraphs explains the principles of slip-cover making and the drawings illustrate the steps in the process as well as the completed job.

The first consideration in slip covers, as in curtains, is in the making of accurate measurements. To illustrate, we shall use an armchair but the same method is applicable to a chair without arms.
Starting in the center of the back on the floor at $a$, Figure 1 , bring your tape measure up to the back of chair to $b$. Measure from $b$ to $c$ (allow 3 inches for tucking in), measure then from $c$ to $d$ (again allowing 3 inches for tucking in) the depth of the seat, then measure the front from $d$ to $e$. For your cross measurements start with $f$ and measure over arm into the inside of chair to $g$ at seat bottom adding 3 inches here also for tucking in. You repeat or double this measurement for the other arm. To the total of these measurements add $1 \frac{1}{2}$ inches at each letter junction for seams. Although measurements are taken from floor (except for dust covers) for smart slip covers the bottom of your ruffle should clear floor by at least $2 \frac{1}{2}$ inches. To illustrate follow these measurements hypothefically and you will be able to cope with any chair problem: $a$ to $b$ measures 30 inches, back $b$ to $c$ measures 27 inches, allow 3 inches, seat $c$ to $d$ measures 21 inches, allow 3 inches, front $d$ to $e$ 13 inches, $f$ to $g 37$ inches, 3 inches for tucking in measurement for one arm, repeat for second arm. Reduce the (Continued on page 110)


See end of article for description


You may have to turn to the host of daisylike flowers to help solve your problem if the situation is exceptionally arid. And they are showy and will prove real friends in your garden

WHat problems the dry, scorching days of summer present! To keep the garden carrying on with bounteous bloom and good foliage during this trying period presents to the gardener a situation that is somewhat diffcult to handle. To many of us, it is the most troublesome phase of our gardening activities.

About many gardens there are sun-baked spots, where it is extremely difficult to get the usual garden plants to thrive. Frequently we find spaces lacking in fertility-spots that for one cause or another, we failed to prepare properly when the remainder of the garden was given attention. For such situations, plants adaptable to poor soil, and known to thrive under adverse conditions of heat should be selected.

During the dry periods would be an excellent time to do a little stock-taking. It would be well to observe, over a long period, the manner in which our plants have reacted to the dry weather and heat. If the planting is an extensive one, we may find a number that have given a creditable account of themselves, but we will likely find a greater number that have utterly failed us, or are producing, sparingly, flowers of an inferior quality. Let us not trust our memories in this matter, but make a list of the plants in the order in which they have withstood the summer heat. Such a list would aid us materially in correctly shifting the material already in our gardens, as well as in making up our selections for the following season. But if the plants

## WHEN YOUR GARDEN IS

# Dry and Sunny 

by BEN ARTHUR DAVIS

have been disappointing and did not respond to the care that we employed as we expected them to, we should be cheered by the fact that there is available ample material that will bear up successfully under the most trying conditions of summer weather. These plants will not only cover the unsightly bare spaces with their excellent foliage, but will give us as good bloom as many others do under wholly favorable conditions of soil and moisture.

This drought-resisting plant material covers a rather wide range, running from the ground-clinging Portulaca and Mimosa to the Sunflowers and Daisies, six to eight feet high; enabling us to find plants suitable for a variety of employments. Many are found in both annuals and perennials.
Due to the great variations of conditions of soil and humidity, it cannot be expected that all plants listed will prove uniformly successful in all sections of the country. From those listed, we will doubtless be able to find sufficient material to meet our particular needs. But even these dryweather plants, to get the best results, should have a little attention. We cannot hope to plant them, and forget them, and then get the same response that would be ours if a little cultivation, a little fertilization, and during the worst periods, a little water, are given the plants.

ASELection of border and edging plants for sunny situations follows: Ageratum (Dwarf), Alyssum, Aster (Dwarf), *Convolvulus minor, Dianthus, *Eschscholtzia, Gaillardia, Godetia whitneyi, Iris (Dwarf), Leontopodium, Lychnis haageana, Lychnis viscaria splendens, Nasturtium, Oenothera missuoriensis, Papaver nudicale, *Phlox drummondi, *Portulaca, *Sedum.

Medium height plants for sunny situations are: Achillea millefolium, Ageratum, Anthemis tinctoria, Aster, *Asclepias, Calliopsis, Calendula, Coreopsis, *Dimorphotheca, Euphorbia, *Four-o'clock, Gypsophila paniculata, Hemerocallis, Impatiens, Lychnis (Jerusalem Cross), *Perilla, Princesfeather, Rudbeckia purpurea, Sedum spectabile, Veronica.
Tall background plants for sunny situations are as follows: *Aster (Michaelmas Daisy), Cassia marilandica, Echinops, Helianthus, Klondyke Cosmos, Rudbeckia (common varieties), Spiderflower, *Yucca filamentosa.
Trailing plants for sunny walls and terraces: *Mimosa pudica, Callirhoe involucrata, *Mesembryanthemum.

If our plants are unable to withstand the devastating heat of the summer sun, let us not find fault with the plants. It is rather the fault of the planter for placing them in situations for which they were altogether unsuited.

Much can be done, it is true, by proper preparation of the soil, and the judicious use of an artificial watering system, but at the best, our efforts will meet with only a moderate degree of success unless we give thought to the type of plants selected, weighing well their natural requirements.
*Plants marked thus are suitable for unusually dry and hot situations.

## WHEN YOUR GARDEN IS

## Moist and Shady

by JESSE F. GOULD

NEARLY every garden has some spot more or less shaded by a tree, a hedge, a house, or a fence. To plant these portions successfully in varying denseness of shade is always a problem. Then too, the cause of the shade must be taken into consideration, as there is a difference between growing things under trees and shrubs, with the constant competition of the roots of these, and in the shadow cast by a building, wall, or fence. In the former case the root systems of large trees and shrubs will absorb most of the moisture and fertility of the soil, starving out the weaker plants under them unless an additional amount of water and plant food is given. In planting such a place the earth must be specially enriched and facilities for watering furnished.
Often heavy boards or bottomless metal tubs or pails are sunk in the earth in front of the trees and shrubs, through which the stronger roots cannot penetrate. A moderate root pruning of these trees and shrubs on the side on which the planting is to be made has never seemed to injure them.

For the deepest shade Mosses and Ferns should be chosen. We find plants growing in the shade and the deep shadows of the forest in rich, moist leafmold. They belong to that class of flowers that complete their life cycle in the springtime, budding, blooming, and receiving their needed light and sunshine before the leaves of the trees have become large enough to cut them off, and spending the rest of the season drowsily resting in the cool shade of the protecting trees above them. Among these are the Hepaticas, Anemones, Dutchman's-breeches, Bloodroots, and some Violets. So for early spring bloom, especially under trees and shrubs where rotted leaves can be mixed with the soil and water given, these are excellent subjects to use.
Many of the early spring bulbs will succeed here, groups of Scillas, Snowdrops, Grape Hyacinths, and Narcissus making the season interesting, though they will not bloom as early as they would if growing in a sunny place. Yet this is an advantage, for by having some of them planted in full sun, the blooming season will be prolonged. As the foliage of the bulbs dies down after the season of blooming is over, it is well to plant some shal-low-rooted shade-loving

When shade is the result of screening on the light side there is no lack of variety in habit of plant and color of flower to
be used. But shade under trees, be used. But shade under trees, etc., is another problem
plant about them to cover up the bare place, and also to act as a warning not to dig there and disturb the bulbs. For this purpose, as well as for edgings, Forget-me-nots, Phlox divaricata, Moneywort, Arabis alpina and albida, and Vinca minor are excellent to use.

The hardy Primroses (Polyanthus) are among our very best perennials for edging plants for early bloom in semishade. Their gaily colored clusters of flowers in yellows, golden browns, reds, and white are always a joy in May, when such an array of color is a delightful surprise to the person unacquainted with them. Other early bloomers among the perennials of low growth are the blue Polemonium reptans, Lilies-of-the-Valley, the pink Saxifraga cordifolia, dwarf Iris cristata, and native Wood Violets.

For early season bloom in the middle border in shade there are many plants from which to choose. The lovely Mertensia will lift its blue bells, fading to pink, surprisingly early. Jack-in-the-pulpits, Trilliums, and the rare American Cowslip (Dodecatheon), will thrive and increase and seem most happy planted among the ferns. The Giant Buttercup (Trollius) and the early varieties of Hemerocallis will add to this border wonderful shades of yellow. Planted with Hesperis in white, lavender, and purple, a most colorful spring picture can be created, the necessary touch of pink being added by the well loved Bleeding-heart.

NEARLY all of the summer blooming edgings in shade carry on till cut down by frost, so we group these with flowers of autumn. Among the best are Violas and Pansies, Campanula carpatica and rotundifolia, the dwarf Bleedinghearts, Heuchera, among the perennials; and in the annuals Lobelia, Ageratum, Torenia, and Sweet Alyssum. The Tuberous Begonias will add much to any part of this planting that needs rich color. For late August and September effect the various Hostas are invaluable, thriving, as they do, in dense shade.

Planting the shaded middle border is no problem, as there are so many summer bloomers that really prefer that situation. The late varieties of Hemerocallis, Columbines, Foxgloves, and Monarda will add beauty to it, and many of our Lilies prefer some shade. Among the Ferns and Thalictrums, our native Cypripediums spectabilis, acaule, and pubescens will find a congenial setting, if given acid soil, and Astilbes and Spireas will brighten the whole border with their plumes of pink and white. (Continued on page 105)



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Sheets are now de luxe products as modern housekeepers demand that they shall be long enough to tuck in well at the bottom and to turn over generously at the top as a protection to the blankets. For the styles shown above, all of exquisite quality, and procurable in either all white, in a wide range of delicate pastel colors, or with colored hems, we are indebted to: The Pequot Manufacturing Co., The W amsutta Mills, Utica 3 Mohawk Cotton Mills, The Pepperell Manufacturing Co. who also make the Lady Pepperell line, and The Cannon Mills

## Sheets-white and rainbow tinted

# Essential facts of <br> Well-Made Bed 

by DOROTHY STACEY BROWN

OFaLl the problems which daily face that expert purchasing agent, the American woman, one of the most difficult is shopping for sheets. Let us say that she is buying them for the room belonging to two young and turbulent sons of the house. She must select goods that will give the longest wear, keep smooth and firm through constant laundering, fit the beds after shrinkage and come out unscathed from tugs of war and pillow fights-all at a price within the range of her budget.
If from the smooth, attractively packaged piles of cotton that greet her on the department store shelves, the confusion of sizes, of makers' names, the surprising range of prices, she chooses the goods of a well-known, nationally advertised manufacturer with a reputation worth keeping up, some of her difficulties are solved. But, even so, she will want to know just how his sheets are superior to others at perhaps lower prices, and even within a chosen make there are questions of size, weight, and variety of purpose which she must be able to answer. A few facts, supplemented by experience, will soon show the housewife how to avoid inferior goods and obtain the greatest return in economy.

What makes quality in a sheet? First, the length of the cotton fibre. The longer the fibre, the longer the life of the sheet, for short fibres soon pull out and weaken in the laundry, showing the process by a fuzzy surface that holds stains and is unpleasant to the touch. This extra length and quality of cotton is one of the hidden excellences included in the higher price of a good sheet, but almost as important is the closeness with which the threads are woven. The number of threads to the square inch is easily counted under a moderately strong magnifying glass, or the density of the fabric may be judged by comparing three or four different grades. A sheet made by a reliable manufacturer will be closely enough woven for long wear, yet in the laundry soapy water will flow through easily and dislodge the dirt without injurious rubbing.

TTHE smooth, firm appearance natural to good sheets is imitated in poor ones by a false filling of china clay, which will come out in the wash, leaving a sleazy fabric with little or no wearing quality. If a sheet is low in price, but has one very shiny side while the other is dull and rough, if holding it up to the light shows threads far apart and a plaster-like filling in the spaces, you may know it is not worth buying. Also, good sheets have strong, unwrinkled selvages and well-sewn hems, sometimes closed at the corners for extra reinforcement.

Weights and weaves of good sheets vary from a sturdy fabric whose threads count $64 \times 64$ to the square inch to the luxurious percale with its fine, tight weave and smooth finish. Many housewives find the $64 \times 64$ sheet a good choice for the children's rooms, while (Continued on page 104)


Tuck the sheet securely under the head and foot


Miter the corner by first forming a triangle


# Impromptu meals from the cabinet shelf 

by BETTY THORNLEY STUART

Martin was born neither in the city nor in the country, but in one of those towns just the size of your heart where anybody, unless he was nobody, knew everybody else. Martin's father was the hospitable sort who was apt to bring two or three friends home to dinner any day. Martin's mother was the easy-going kind who never kept a budget, nor lost a servant except by death or marriage.
But Martin's wife's background was so different that her first year of married life left her bewildered. Her mother was a widow and a professional woman. She herself had been a teacher. Their friends never dropped in, nor were there spur-of-the-moment invitations. All of which meant nothing to Martin who set out blithely to carry on his own family tradition of asking Tom, Dick, and Harry to take potluck. That first year was polka-dotted with occasions on which Marion felt ashamed or enraged, or just frankly stumped.

It was bad enough when they lived in a city apartment, round the corner from a delicatessen. But when they moved to a suburb where the nearest shopping district was blocks away, something had to be done about it. You couldn't have the heart to do it to Martin, eternal boy as he was, so pleased with his impromptu dinner parties. Marion had to do it to herself, her viewpoint, her whole system of handling guests.
The firststep was mental. What did people come for? Primarily because they liked to be with Martin; only secondarily for food. Eat they must, but so long as she made a chore of getting formal meals, they'd never find a hostess who matched the host.

Simplification of menus was the first step toward successful last-minute entertaining.
The second step was mechanicalbecoming so letter-perfect in a few foundation recipes that whisking them together was almost automatic. Marion chose a pet devil's food cake of her own, a ginger cake that grew on Martin's family tree, a spice cake she got out of an advertisement, a nutbread that one of her friends told her about, and she practised these until she could have made them in a tornado without batting an eye. Finding herself running round the kitchen for ingredients, she worked out a shelf arrangement that kept the things for these cakes all together-including measuring cups, measuring and mixing spoons, bowls, and tins. She always baked some of the mixture in tiny gem pans, topping the varieties that called for it with a quick-setting icing. As to which cake was chosen for any given occasion, that, of course, depended on the rest of the menu. Often she didn't have to bake because she had cake enough on hand or planned a dinner that didn't call for it.


With her emergency cabinet well stocked with a variety of the delicious and easily prepared food products now available, it takes but a flash of imagination and very little time on the part of the authoress of this article to whisk up a full course dinner that will be certain to win praise for her
"On hand" suggests her life-saving roll of pie-crust-the quickest to make-always parked in the refrigerator protected with waxed paper against hardening. This might turn into lemon tarts, mock cherry pie made with cranberries, chocolate pie, or just an apple turnover for a midnight snack after the movies. Or it might figure as the top of a meat pie, or go round a string of little sausages for "Pigs in Blankets."

BUT the crux of the situation could not be met at the end of the meal. It began with the soup. Here Marion discovered that, when the pot had run dry, you could fall back on the can without anybody knowing it, if you were a bit extravagant about cream. She grew so used to compliments on her cream of pea soup that she felt cheated if they didn't come, yet it was only the most popular canned soup on the market, mixed almost half and half with cream. The same thing went for tomato, asparagus, and celery, with or without a blob of whipped cream on top. A discovery of her own was that the skins and stem-ends from mushrooms, boiled up, strained, thickened, and given a dash of cream made excellent mushroom soup from an otherwise waste product. This same mixture, combined with chicken soup left from the pot or dumped out of a can, could be trusted to win similar approval. Marion always orders her favorite canned goods by the dozen. As her kitchen is small, one can of each only goes on the Emergency Shelf, its mates being kept in the storage cupboard for use at a future time.
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# First <br> aids for brides 

## Kitchen

 time~saversOn the list of essential kitchen equipment should be a covered roaster, a double boiler, several saucepans, oven glass baking dishes, a heavy frying pan, a food chopper, a can opener, and a carving knife that can be kept sharp. (Stern Bros.)


by HELEN ANDERSON STOREY and CAROLINE DAVIDSON

WE WERE exchanging experiences, Peggy and myself. Both of us, married two years ago, had started in home making at about the same time, but in different cities. As we laughed over the foolish mistakes we had made, it occurred to us that many of them could have been avoided if we had had a little friendly advice. The young bride, we both discovered, tends to pattern her new home after her mother's, a practice which has its disadvantages, for the bride's is a smaller home and a newer one, and times are constantly changing.
"I remember when I bought my roasting pan I picked out one just like mother used to have for a family of six," said Peggy. "And when I got it home it was so big that it would not even fit in the oven. So I took a ruler, measured the inside and got a roasting pan to fit. At that it was the smallest made!"
"I bought a 'dripping pan' without any cover for roasting,"

I returned, "because that was what my mother had used. Then I discovered that the roast had to be basted every fifteen minutes. It was too hard work, so I decided not to have any more roasts until I found that everyone uses a covered roaster, which is self basting. The dripping pan then went to the cellar."

Kitchenettes are tiny and dining rooms in many houses are disappear-


It is of primary importance, of course, to select equipment that is well designed and durable, but with the lovely colors now obtainable in kitchenware there is little excuse for not having a beautifut as well as an efficient kitchen. (Budget Home, John Wanamaker, New York)
ing. To the brides of this year or any year, for that matter, our advice would be: start with the minimum of household equipment and buy the things you actually need as you need them. In that way you avoid crowding your rooms with things you almost never use. Peggy got a whole lot of cake tins and then found that her husband didn't like cake, and it was really cheaper to buy a small one already made, anyway. I bought three heavy cast-iron frying pans of different sizes and found that I seldom use but one of them. These days we broil more than we fry, and a broiler usually comes with the gas range.

When we came to compare notes as to the actual essentials for cooking, we found that we pretty nearly agreed. Several saucepans are necessary: one- and two-quart sizes, with a large one for spinach and pot-roasts. A double boiler, if it is the right shape, serves a variety of uses, for each part separately can
be used as a saucepan, and together they cook cereals, rice, white sauce, custards, to the utmost advantage. Choose one that is rather broad on the bottom, both inside and outside pieces. Enamel ware and aluminum ware, we discovered, both have their merits, and the best way to keep aluminum bright and shining is to polish it with steel wool. If one chooses enamel ware it should be of a good quality to make it durable and not easily chipped. Oven glass, we agreed, is perfect for casserole dishes and pie plates, because one can look through it and see just how the things are baking and it is so decorative that it is splendid for serving things at the table. Peggy told me she had the brilliant idea of broiling a steak on the oven-glass platter which she got for a wedding present. Right in the middle of the broiling it cracked and fell apart. Oven glass is not unbreakable and it will not stand direct heat.

But after all," said Peggy, one of the one most important pieces of kitchen equipment for the bride is a good can opener. Mine cost about seventy-five cents, but it has more than earned its cost in quick, clean incision of even sardine cans when the key has been lost or broken-and that's a real test! It has a wooden handle and a cutting wheel on the inside with a cog on the outside. The wheel runs right around the edge of the can, cutting it cleanly.
"And a carving knife," I added, "that is sharp. I remember the first leg of lamb we had was all cut up in ragged pieces." Peggy said the best knife sharpener she ever had was of the long tapering kind, made of a rough material with a composition rubber handle. "If one has a good sharp knife, a secondary cut of roast beef looks just as well as a first-rate one," said Peggy.
Convenient ice-box dishes in china or glass for stowing food away we found very useful. Everything in the ice-box should be kept covered, especially milk and cream and butter, which are very sensitive to outside
flavors. These ice-box dishes have flat covers and are made in graduated sizes so that they can be placed one on top of the other without falling off. One set I have is of china, decorated with charming little silhouette figures, and it is so good
will not hesitate to make it good. Peggy had a sofa made to order by a cabinetmaker chosen chiefly because he was cheap. It took only a year for it to assume the most disreputable of appearances-and he refused to do anything about it! I bought a chest of drawers from a very fine furniture manufacturer, paying a good price for it. When the drawers began to swell and stick they sent a man out to adjust them and we haven't had a bit of trouble since.

It seems unnecessary to remark that chairs should be comfortable, and yet we sometimes lose sight of that simple requirement and forget to give them a thorough test when we buy them. The more a piece is to be used, the more carefully it should
looking that I use the dishes on the table for informal meals.

Two things we both want and haven't yet bought are a food grinder and one of those combination appliances that offer to do about everything for the ambitious cook, from squeezing out orange juice to beating up mashed potatoes to an unheard-of frothiness. We want a food-grinder because it will help in making meat loaves, salads, and all kinds of attractive concoctions of left-overs.

Broken dishes are one of the small tragedies which inevitably occur, especially in a new household, where the home maker is just beginning to get used to a new kitchen and equipment. Therefore, it is a great advantage if one buys a set out of open stock, so that pieces can be replaced easily.

Choosing furniture for the house, we both decided, should be done very slowly. Get only the necessary pieces first, and then add to them according to the special needs of those who are using them. The thing to do is to decide just what is really wanted, apart from the ideas and opinions of other people.

If one wants to get chests in which the drawers will not stick, chairs which will not fall apart, tables which will not warp or crack, and sofas which will not sag, the thing to do is to go to a furniture dealer of good repute who will stand firmly back of his products and if anything goes wrong
be chosen. A living room sofa, for instance, should be as "costly as thy purse can buy," for here quality is important. A dining room table should be so made that one can sit at it comfortably. We eat at a folding butterfly table, and its "overhang"that is, the part of the top that projects over the base-is not wide enough, so that guests who sit at the side haven't sufficient knee room.

IF ONE has a fairly large allotment for furnishings, it pays to consult a good decorator. So many mistakes can be avoided by trained supervision, and so much unexpected beauty discovered. It doesn't cost you any more for your furnishings, because the decorator's fee comes from the discount allowed him or her by the dealer. But even without a decorator, the home maker can learn much through careful observation. Exhibit rooms in départment stores, books and magazines on the subject (there is a new government bulletin called "Furniture, Its Selection and Use" which may be obtained for twenty cents from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C.), and observation of friends' homes, evaluating their good and bad points-all these are immense aids to the young bride in building up a background of knowledge so that she can make correct decisions.


## Its use and abuse

The squatty little lamp on the dressing table was charming in itself but was frequently responsible for an alarming feverish-like complexion on Jeverish-like complexion on
only one side of one's face. To overcome this uneven lighting two fixtures were attached with felt-padded clamps to either side of the mirror frame about even with the face of a person seated before it The bulbs were provided with shields to prevent glare. The wire leading to these fixtures was hidden behind the dressing table


# Hear ye! Hear ye! Gentlemen and Ladies of the Jury 

# All readers of The American Home are summoned to judge our contest to pick the best $\$ 10,000$ house 

OUR architectural contest closed February lst in a tremendous rush of plans and perspectives. At 5 o'clock the time limit for entries expired and when the contributions had been counted it was found that they reached the extraordinary total of eight hundred and thirty-three. For a magazine contest which was not advertised outside of our own pages this was believed to be an entry list of record proportions.

Naturally the work of the judges was extremely difficult. The editors were glad to have the assistance of two well-known architectural authorities, Penrose V. Stout and Chester B. Price, in selecting the twelve designs which we believed best met the needs and desires of our subscribers. The judges were at all times unanimous in their selections, but regretted sincerely the necessity for rejecting a number of designs which were of outstanding merit. However, twelve was the limit set and consequently eight hundred and twenty-one designs were regretfully returned to their authors.

On the next four pages you will find the first group of four designs. These will be followed by two more groups of four and when all twelve have been published readers of The American Home will be asked to send in their ballots. The design receiving the most number of ballots will win the Award of Merit and $\$ 500$ in cash. The design receiving the next largest number of votes will be awarded the second prize of $\$ 250$ in cash, while the third prize of $\$ 150$ will be given the design receiving the third largest number of ballots.

We ask you now to study the designs as they appear, keep your magazines, and when all twelve have been published cut out one of the ballots printed in the right-hand corner of the page and send it in to us,

The designs of these twelve architects, selected from the 833 submitted, will be offered for judgment in groups of four in this issue and two succeeding issues of the magazine

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Robert E. Brown, Los Angeles, Cal.
Alfred Cookman Cass, New York, N. Y.
Otho McCrackin, Hutchinson, Kan.
Richard William Moore,
Beechhurst, L. I., N. Y.
Lingane Rowe, New York, N. Y.
Alex. C. Soper III, New York, N. Y.

## Steffens \& Gustafson,

 New York, N. Y.> Rees Weston, New York, N. Y.

John Floyd Yewell, New York, N. Y.
signed or unsigned as you wish. The twelve designs will be republished all together in the third issue of the magazine so that readers will have a chance to consider them as a group.

We are going to ask a jury of nationally known architects, residents of different sections of the country, to judge the twelve designs and select the one they think most deserving of merit. The names of this jury will be announced when their selection has been made. No extra award will be made, since this is a layman's contest and our readers' choice is final. However, it will be interesting to compare the selection of the architects with that of our readers.

We are pleased to announce that the working drawings and specifications of these houses may be obtained by writing The American Home, Garden City, N. Y. The price for these will be $\$ 6$ a room or $\$ 36$ for a 6 -room house, counting only the living room, dining room, kitchen, and bedrooms as rooms. Bathrooms, halls, garages, and rooms in the cellar do not count. There will be a flat charge of $\$ 10$ for these drawings and specifications even if they are returned after consideration by the owner. In the case of a $\$ 36$ payment, $\$ 26$ will be refunded if the plans are returned to us. If a reader wishes changes made in the plans, the amount to be charged for such changes will be determined by the architect.

The estimates of the cubical contents of these houses have all been checked and all are reported to be within the 30,000 cubic feet required by the terms of the contest. Most of them could probably be built for $\$ 8,000$ to $\$ 12,000$. An architect or contractor in your vicinity can tell you what is the current rate per cubic foot for the construction of any of the twelve designs in your locality.


Heater rooms are planned for each basement; game rooms, etc., only as noted

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SUBMITTED BY
W. M. ANDERSON

New York, N. Y.
This corner may be used as a ballot if sent in, unsigned,



## MAIN HOUSE

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THE AMERICAN HOME ARCHITECTURAL CONTEST One of the twelve selected designs

SUBMITTED BY
STEFFENS \& GUSTAFSON
New York, N. Y.



Plans and specifications of these houses cost only $\$ 6$ a room. Read page 84 for full details.

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One of the twelve selected designs

SUBMITTED BY
LESLIE ARTHUR and YANDELL NIBECKER Los Angeles, Cal.


THE AMERICAN HOME ARCHITECTURAL CONTEST

# The Perfect Dog 

by MOLLIE AMOS POLK

IN THE "gay Nineties" the problem of finding the right dog was pretty simple. If one liked antimacassars, and rich, heavy furnishings, arranged just so, he bought a pug, or one of those fancy French poodles, ensconced him on a cushion by the fireside, and lo, the parlor was complete!

But somehow with the changing of tastes the pug and the poodle slowly faded into the background and only recently have returned to popularity. Revived interest in Victorian furniture has created quite a brisk demand for our chubby little friend, the pug, and there are indications that the demand for his confreres will respond in sympathy.

To-day, a rough survey of kennels, dog shows, and pet shops reveals an order of canine popularity something like this: wire-haired terriers, Scottish terriers, police dogs, and Irish terriers-with revived interest in smooth fox terriers and the growing popularity of the Schnauzer to lend new zest to the terrier list. But there is an infinite variety to choose from. Altogether, the American Kennel Club now recognizes more than eighty breeds, showing as wide a variation


With the variety in styles of collars having leashes and harness to match it is easy to select the type most becoming to your pet. Dog's dishes, too, come in variety. (Stern Bros.)


To amuse the canine member of the household there are rubber balls either plain or in the form of a cat's head or dog's head, rubber bones, a dumb-bell, and a mouse with a squeak. The hard bone is helpful for the dog cutting new teeth. (Stern Bros.)


The dog may have his very own first aid cabinet containing a pair of scissors, cotton, gauze, and two bottles for antiseptics. It is ivory with a green cross and a handpainted dog on top. (Stern Bros.)
in their architecture and disposition as their prospective owners. Somewhere along the line there is a perfect dog for every household, but to make sure of getting that perfect personal pet, the prospective dog buyer should pause and ask himself the following questions: Is the dog to fit into a large or small home? Will his exercise be curtailed by city living conditions, or will he have the freedom of the country or semi-rural suburb? Is the dog to serve as companion to a child? If so, the child's temperament must be taken into account. A husky small boy will want a lively, rough and tumble playmate; a timid child, on the other hand, needs a
gentler dog. Or perhaps, the dog is to be the companion of an elderly person who would be bothered by uproarious barking-several breeds may be had which bark very seldom. Then again, a bark may be very desirable in a watch dog, and the fiercer it sounds, the better! Is the dog to be the exclusive possession of one master, or to spread his affections over the whole family? These are questions for each owner to decide.

$I^{\mathrm{N}}$N A city apartment where space is 1 at a premium, the question of size is very important and one of the toys may seem like a logical choice-perhaps a Pekingese. To people who are unfamiliar with the breed, a Pekingese seems only one step removed from a bowl of goldfish in the category of pets. But to those who know, he is a little chap of great courage, with engagingly doggish ways and a most dignified manner (due perhaps, to the consciousness that his family tree is one of the oldest, and firmly rooted amidst the Chinese aristocracy). He is, however, primarily a dog for grown-ups, since he is too delicately built to endure, without injury, the mauling which children are inclined to give their pets. He is a fine dog for the city as he requires a minimum of exercise.
The Italian greyhound is a miniature of the English greyhound, and deserves to be better known. Despite his apparent fragility and small size (the smaller show dogs weigh eight pounds or less) he is very active and hardy and seems to suffer less in the hot dry air of modern apartments than do some of the short


For the fastidious Scotty there is a real bristle brush and a steel comb that will make for his comfort and good grooming. The bristle brush in the center may be used for a Boston bull. The brush at the right with wire center, the steel comb, the flea soap and insect powder will no doubt be found useful. (Stern Bros.)


In rainy weather the well-dressed dog wears a waterproofed raincoat and little laced shoes of pigskin or morocco. A terrier guards the pottery feeding dish. (B. Altman 3 Co.)


Sandy here reposes on his bamboo bed padded with upholstery in gayly colored chintz. The wood is in the natural tone, trimmed with orange and black bands. (B. Altman ${ }^{3}$ Co.)


A comfortable wicker bed and downy mattress to give him comfort, a comb and brush to keep him well groomed, a new collar to add to his sartorial perfection, a sweater outfit to keep him warm, a leash to give his master the proper air of authority, a bowl for his food-these are but few of the accessories the dog of position and breeding demands nowadays. (Marshall Field ${ }^{3}$ Co.)
muzzled toys. With his delicately sculptured body and satiny coat in gray, cream, faun, or red his appearance is most elegant.

Or one may turn to the terriers and find one's perfect dog. In size they vary all the way from the Airedale, weighing about forty pounds, down to the cairn, who should weigh not more than fifteen. All are alert and vigorous, loyal and intelligent, and relish to the utmost life's more exciting moments. In choosing the sort of terrier to buy, think of the size, color, and traits you wish emphasized. Also give a thought to the dog's coat. Most of the terriers have a double coat and need to be plucked about every six months, with an occasional "going-over," in between, to keep their elegant lines. A good professional job costs about five dollars, but one can learn to do a very creditable home job with the aid of a plucking knife, comb, and the right brush (almost every breed has its own). If the pup is to spend most of his time in the house it is well to keep him pretty well plucked, even in winter. A cosy bed and blanket will take care of the chilly night hours and an overcoat, raincoat, and galoshes will provide ample protection during outdoor excursions.

THE wire-haired terrier's present popularity is well earned; no master could wish for a more entertaining companion. To a wire-haired terrier life consists of one crisis after another! The mail man, the milk man, and the grocer's boy must all be greeted and the dog's air is as one who protects his beloved family from countless perils. He is active and muscular, has a coarse coat in which white predominates, and his countenance, with its bristling whiskers and twinkling brown eyes, is most engaging.

The Scottish terrier, or Scotty, as he is familiarly known, is of a less expansive disposition than the wirehaired terrier. He reserves his full devotion for one person, usually treating the rest of the family with aloof courtesy, and turning a deaf ear to the blandishments of strangers. So many people now own Scotties that one may yearn for a dog of slightly different appearance, but similar temperament. If so, one would do well to choose a West Highland terrier whose figure and coat closely resemble the Scotty, except for the color, which is all white.

Or there is the Sealyham, of the blithe manner and sawed-off legs. Like his cousin, (Continued on page 104)

Because they have restricted root space plants in pots require new soil and feeding, perhaps shifting into larger sized pots, but always as growth begins

# Potting Plants Properly 

by T. H. EVERETT

STRICTLY speaking "potting" means lifting plants from the open ground, a frame, or seedflat and transferring them to flower pots. When established plants are moved from one size flower pot to another they are re-potted.

When does a plant require potting or re-potting? That depends upon the kind of plant and the available facilities. Under average modest circumstances most of the potting will be done in the spring and early summer; but in a well ordered range of greenhouses where a variety of material is grown something or other will be requiring this attention almost every day of the year.

From the seedling or cutting stage young plants in active growth require potting into successively larger sized pots until they reach their "final," i. e., one sufficiently large to admit of the growth of a well-developed plant without being at all ungainly. A Geranium or a Fuchsia may be given a five- or six-inch pot as a final; or if bigger specimens are desired they may be grown on into a seven- or even eight-inch size, while Boston Ferns or a Snake-plant (Sansevieria) can either be divided up when they become too big for small pots or they may be given more room in which to spread their roots. Overpotting, or planting in a pot too large for the root system and out of proportion to the above ground part leads to souring of the soil and consequent ill health and possibly death of the plant. Snake-plants, Palms, Ferns, and many others thrive better when the roots are somewhat confined and are permitted to mat around the sides of the receptacle, provided always they are given some plant food from time to time.

Old plants which are grown on from year to year need attention at the commencement of the growing season which will vary according to the plant-Begonias in the spring,



Callas in August. Except in the case of soil trouble, potting should not be done when plants are in a dormant or semi-dormant state.

However if a plant is obviously sickly because of unsuitable soil condition, or overwatering it should (regardless of season as soon as its distress is noticed) be re-potted into sweet soil using as small a pot as will comfortably accommodate the ball of roots. The signs will be foliage turning yellow and wilting especially during sunshine, and by the soil remaining wet for extended periods. It will be found either that the roots have rotted away and the soil smells sour, or that the roots have been unable to make healthy growth and penetrate freely through the soil.

Use clean, dry pots (if these are new and fresh from the kiln first steep in water for a few minutes and allow to dry before use). Have handy some drainage material (broken pot or coarse cinders), a quantity of rough leaves such as are (Continued on page 105)

## A Course in Furniture

## XIV. The modernistic style

Contemporary designers have evolved a distinctive modern type of furniture which reflects the temper of its time. It is dynamic in its expression of directness and vitality, devoid of ornamentation and over-complexity, and is truly characteristic of the generation whose needs it serves. Function and fitness to purpose are here expressed in the fewest possible lines

One of the best results of modern design in decorative objects has been the development of lighting problems. From schemes for whole rooms to the small individual lamp modern designers have produced effects of dramatic charm and simplicity which have never before been achieved. Accessories in the shape of mirrors, vases, and minor objects have also taken on forms of real distinction


Modern furniture designers employ not only beautiful woods, but enhance their creations with materials which are new in the decorative field. Among these are aluminum, chromium, duraluminum, silvered metal, formica, both black and cream, pewter, copper, and glass. Textiles, wallpapers, rugs, and carpets all reflect the modern tendencies of simplicity which make them fitting elements in a modern home. modern home. Even plants and cut flowers whose growth suggests abstract design are chosen to accent these modern interiors


New colors have been introduced with contemporary dec oration, and modern room. display tones which are fresh to our eyes. Among these stimulating new harmonies we find a wide range of blues, off whites, salmon, peach, and egg-shell, lovely pale greens, citron, grays, flame, wine, and persimmon reds, taupes, and black, with a pronounced use of metal tones. There is a tendency to use geometric arrangement. and horizontal lines in designs for wallpapers and fabrics, and zebra skins are featured for upholstery design


MODERN arts, music, painting, architecture, and decoration reveal the attempts of a contemporary generation to escape from old forms and to develop concrete expressions of the energy and speed typical of our modern life. Exponents of this modern development argue that we need have nothing to do with the dead past, that we live in the age of the aeroplane, the radio, and the motor car, and that all arts having to do with our modern life should express freedom and speed. "Form follows function" is the slogan of the modern school, and its disciples adhere closely to it. There is a field for argument in these theories of modern art as against the school of lovers of tradition and past ideals, in which each side will battle for its own views, but we must admit that modern architecture is much to the fore in Europe (where it originated) and is finding followers in America.

In modern art it is one of the tenets that there be a complete harmony between the architecture of a house or room, and its decoration and furnishings. The equipment and the accessories must blend agreeably with the main features and express perfect efficiency and cut-to-the-bone simplicity in a harmonious way.

These rooms are apt to have large windows hung with soft, unlined curtains in gay, clear colors which admit sunshine and air since these elements are symbolic of the freedom from convention and stuffiness which mark the new era. Venetian blinds are much used in the new schemes since they come in harmonious colors, and are effective in securing interesting effects of light and shade. The lines of modern design are vivid and vital. They are usually based on dynamic energy in nature, the flashes of the lightning, the growth of plants, the set-back piles of mountainous ledges all yielding suggestions. Many of the vertical pieces of furniture are rightly called "sky-scraper" as they are built on the same lines as a modern building with set-back floors.

The woods used in modern furniture making include striped walnut, sycamore, harewood, amboyna, Philippine or African mahogany, bleached maple, primavera, burr elm, and pollard oak. Many pieces use light and dark shades of the same wood, and also have handles or knobs of the same material. Chromium is much used; cadmium plated ware is also made into decorative accessories. Bakelite forms table tops and shelves which are impervious to stains and ordinary burns. Bent tubular steel is developed into furniture whose upkeep is reduced to a minimum.



Simplicity of design is accentuated in this very modern desk. The desk light, too, carries out a modernistic effect. (Modernage Furniture Co.)

The desk at the right is designed to be used singly or in a group of two or three pieces a group of two or three pieces -a radio cabinet and Rook-(Heyward-Wakefield Co.)

Contrasting woods and sharp straight lines mark this bureau as one of contemporary design. (Johnson-Handley-Johnson)

This sleeping sofa, designed by G. Rohde, is excellent as a space saver for a modern apartment. (Heyward-Wakefueld Co.)


A very practical piece for a modern home is this little coffee table, also designed by G. Rohde. (HeywardWakefield Co.)


Metropa fabric is a combination of hair cloth and cotton, very smart indeed on this modern metal chair. (Chair by Thornet; Metropa fabric by Robert Heller)


The little panity or poudreuse at the left is indeed a new note in furniture design. (Lord ${ }^{3}$ Taylor)

The "Rotorette", above, is a revolving table containing compartments for books and other things. (G. Rohde)



Cheer up! "For every evil under the sun there be a remedy or there be none. If there be one, go and find it. . . ." Materials and machinery abound for the gardener to make life miserable for the multitude of pests (fungus and insect) that may at one time or another attack the most favored flowers. Success in the battle depends largely on using the proper remedy.

Courtesy of Peter Henderson o Co. and Stumpp o Walter Co.
And here are some of the tested and true, not all old by any means. Compressed air pumps for liquids and bellows for dry dusts are offered in portable sizes. And as to which agent to choose -it all depends. But there is something here for your special need. A complete list of the insecticides and other remedial preparations that are illustrated here will be found on page 121



Our Selection, a showy rufted of mixed coloring combining orange, pink, rose, and slaty tints

Aflame (right), a red primulinus shines as a beacon in its class

THERE always were many odd and strangely colored seedlings but under the older stereotyped standards, demanding always bigger, stiffer, and fuller spikes, those odd ones were usually suppressed. Now, however, they are coming to the fore, as gardeners ask for them-new, different, or unusual.
Some of the earliest to be given recognition were among the oddly colored French hybrids from Lemoine, such as red and yellow Mephistopheles, mottled-throated pink Eugene Lefebvre, smoky old rose Emile Aubrun, and spotted Tragedie. Then in this country Kunderd made his reputation with new shapes in his Ruffled, Lacinated, and Snapdragon types. Such as these were introduced long before the recent vogue for the unusual, but, along with John Lewis Child's Prince of India, a wildly colored smoky introduced in the '90's, they have only recently attained real popularity.
While the number of varieties named later on may seem like a rather formidable list, it by no means exhausts the roll call of the new Gladiolus. There are acclaims raised in many quarters for other and different new ones. This is not


by FORMAN T. McLEAN

Janet, reminiscent of old mahogany, graceful as it is odd. A beautifully ruffled large primulinus worthy of note


Rosewood, a mixture of old rose and brown, is one of the oddest of the new smoky parieties

Plumed Knight (left), is conspicuous in the rose colors with long spikes
surprising, since choice is here made mainly from the twelve hundred varieties tested at the New York Botanical Garden during the past three years. Since the recently issued Descriptive Gladiolus Nomenclature published by the American Gladiolus Society actually lists more than seven thousand extant varieties, and some of our introducers think it expedient to introduce more than an hundred new seedlings in a year, no one person can hope to justly value them all, both old and new. Some of us are such heretics as even to express a preference for such old ones as Mrs. Frank Pendleton and Mrs. Francis King. The fact that some of these same old ones are hard to beat even in the show room makes the matter still more interesting.

Now let's see what is around us? The oriental, smoky shades are well represented in the newer varieties. Lewis Dingman has a curious mahogany color with shadings of buff and slate, giving it a glowing tint that reminds one of old mahogany. The plant is tall and straight, with long spikes of large well-rounded flowers. Janet, from Crow in Canada, is similar in color, but is a beautifully ruffled primulinus grandiflorus, as graceful (Continued on page 114)


Now is the time

by ROGER B.

ON THESE two pages are shown, step by step, photographs of remodeling operations in the home of one of our subscribers. The exterior "before and after" views of Mr. Whitman's house, and the floor plans, lists of materials, and remodeling costs, were published on page 30 of our April issue.

FIGURES ONE TO SEVEN show how a new bathroom was installed in the house. After the bathroom was framed, the waste and vent pipes installed, and connections arranged for the fixtures, copper tubing for the water supply (Fig. 1) was laid and a shut-off valve for each pipe (Fig. 2) was attached on the cellar ceiling. Fig. 3 shows how the tub was connected and the supply pipes extended for the shower. In Fig. 4 we see the flexible insulating material between the studs. Wood lath covered this (Fig.5) except where metal lath was used on the parts to be tiled. The lath was spaced $\frac{x^{\prime \prime}}{4}$ or more to allow a good bond for the first plaster coat and the rough edges at the doors and windows (Fig. 6) were concealed by the trim. In Fig. 7 we see the yellow tiling with black molding and the heather brown tile floor.
figures eight to thirteen. To bring the house up to date the old boiler and coal bin were removed (Fig. 8) and the old piping was more efficiently run in two loops connecting, at their far ends, with a pipe (Fig. 9 ) running under the floor to the new boiler


Figure 4


Figure 5


Figure 7

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to return the water condensed in the radiators. The radiator pipes were placed at angles on the upper sides of the distributing pipes and, as with all of the steam pipes, were jacketed (Fig. 10) to prevent heat loss.
The new boiler, designed especially for oil heat, came in several sections (Fig. 11) which were assembled in position and covered with an enamel jacket over heavy insulation. The oil burner is entirely within the boiler, but its controls are in a black metal box shown in Fig. 12 at the back of the boiler, below the chimney connection. The pipe for returning water was connected at the back and also the device for heating household hot water (Fig. 13) which derives heat from the boiler and is connected to the hot water supply tank. The boiler operates the year 'round but does not heat the radiators in summer.

FIGURES FOURTEEN AND FIFTEEN show how the electrical system was improved and made safer. The old-fashioned exposed wiring (shown in Fig. 8) was replaced by armored cable and the feed wires were connected to a safety junction box (Fig. 14) with the meter above and fuses for the four new circuits alongside. The lightning arrester and fuses of the telephone were replaced by new ones (Fig. 15) in a protecting steel box.


Figure 15


Figure 13


Figure 12


Figure 8


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Figure 10


Figure 11


# Growing $\mathbf{W}$ aterlilies is so easy! 

by FRANK K. BALTHIS

ONE reason for the present urge to have a water garden is an awakening to the fact that the most laborious part is the building of the pool itself and not in learning the cultural methods. It is the ideal garden for the busy person-always ready to be enjoyed and appreciated.
The making of the pool itself was discussed in the March issue of this magazine, and anyone may turn to that for information on construction. Our concern now is the plants themselves. Full sunlight, rich soil, and warm quiet water are the essentials for growing Tropical Waterilies.
The Tropical Waterlilies are the ones to depend upon for brilliant color, fragrance, large blooms, and continuous flowering, and because of their tropical heritage, they should not be planted out of doors in our North until warm and settled weather has arrived and this is generally not earlier than the first week in June. They then make such remarkable growth that in a few weeks' time flowers appear and blooms are enjoyed until late in fall.

One matter commonly overlooked is that newly built pools must be protected with straw or hay at least ten days to prevent the concrete from drying out. After this let the concrete cure for at least two weeks. The first time the pool is filled the water will absorb alkali from the new concrete. As this alkali may injure plants and fish, it is important to fill the pool and let the water stand for about two weeks, then drain this
water off and refill with fresh water. Some very delightful effects are obtained in the small home ground with the introduction of a "tub pool." This is easily done by sawing an old vinegar or sugar barrel in two, scrubbing or burning it clean, and sinking it slightly beneath the surface of the ground, giving a sloping effect which may be enhanced by judicious planting. A common metal washtub will also do for a miniature water garden. The attractiveness of this little garden may be increased by placing a few weathered rocks around the outside and planting moisture loving plants between them.
Nymphaea August Koch is one of tne most desirable Waterlilies for a miniature pool garden. Throughout the summer it produces a constant succession of gorgeous fragrant blossoms seven to eight inches in diameter, with striking wisteria-violet petals and sepals of purple-lilac. Each flower stands well above the water and is fine for cutting.

IF A small sized pool is constructed, good results are obtained by placing the Waterlily plants directly in the soil. In larger pools, with solid bottoms, the plants are usually grown in tubs or boxes made of cypress or pine, and set on the bottom of the pool. It is best to have a separate container for each Waterily as the leaf spread is often several feet in diameter. Shallow water plants may
also be set in the same box to wonderful advantage. These boxes for example, may be $30 \times 30 \times 10$ inches, for the larger pools, and $18 \times 18 \times 10$ inches for the smaller ones. The water in small pools should be not less than eight inches above the top of the boxes; in larger pools there should be not less than twelve to fifteen inches of water.

THe best stock is that which is growing in 4- or $4 \frac{1}{2}$-inch potsthe stronger the better. Buy good, healthy, strong plants even if they cost a trifle more. They will start into active growth at once and soon show good foliage and early bloom.
A mixture of three parts of rich clay loam-the kind that is found in a good garden-and one part wellrotted manure is the very best soil for growing Waterlilies. If manure is not available, use a prepared plant food, a pint to a bushel of garden soil. A fertilizer of some kind is absolutely necessary as Waterlilies are gross feeders and bloom poorly if not well nourished. It is wise to replace the soil in small pools each spring, but with larger pools (where it is almost impossible to change the soil) a good top dressing of manure may be given. Before this can be done, however, the water must be drained from the pool.
The method of planting is to place the boxes in position in the pool, fill them with the prepared soil, and turn in sufficient water (Continued on page 120)

A rustic wood fence is in keeping with the informal country house. It requires no upkeep and as it weathers it harmonizes with its surroundings. (Habitant fence. Residence of MIr. Harold $S$. Willis, Kings Point,

Long Island)

## Fences find new favor <br> 

by DAHY B. BARNETT

Fences are of real utility. They serve to define the boundaries of one's lawn and they give privacy, which becomes increasingly desirable in most localities as towns develop.

Though the fence may be made of wrought iron, of wire, or of pickets, it can serve as the basis of a screening enclosure as shrubs can be planted inside it.

The desire for seclu-sion-and for the beauty which privacy aids-is not the only need which the enclosure helps. Perhaps the greatest one, and almost certainly the greatest in homes where there are children, is the desire for safety. With automobiles speeding by homes, and with heedless children darting out into the road at play, accidents do occur. A fence will prevent many catastrophes. This is not to say that fences can't be climbed. They can, of course. Children and chickens are hard to restrain by fences. But by the time a child has stopped to struggle over a fence, he has realized that he is out of home

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After it has been determined that a fence is desirable, the bewildered house owner faces a wide array of types of fencing. There are many. The costs vary, and so does the length of service one may expect.

While utility is the prime consideration, nevertheless because of the great number of fencings, it is possible to select one which will be in harmony with the style of architecture. One can use the picket fence for Colonial houses; post and rail fences for country estates; wrought iron for stately homes; woven rustic wood palings for informal homes of any size; wire or lawn fences for smaller houses; and chain link for large estates which find protection imperative. With all these styles from which to choose, it is obvious that the type of fence can easily enhance the beauty of the home.

The type of enclosure called lawn fencing is made of galvanized wires, woven in meshes, square, or oblong, and usually finished with a scallop at the top which is called a scroll. These fences vary in quality according to the size of the wire, the closeness of the wires, and the method of erection. As in all fences, the posts must be sturdy, and they
may be either of metal or of wood. Because this structure is the least expensive of all those suitable for use around a town home, it is very popular. If it is purchased for the purpose of keeping the children in the yard, it is an economy to buy the type which has a double number of wires at the bottom portion, thus making the meshes so small that the children cannot stand on the wires.
The galvanizing on such fences will stand up for some time in clean air, but near industrial centers where the atmosphere is polluted, it will chip off. Therefore, painting is essential. Length of service which a lawn fence will give varies from eight to twenty years-and a great share of longevity is due to consistent painting.

Chain link fencing, with its diagonal mesh, is known to everyone and is often thought of only in connection with industrial plants. But in neighborhoods where protection is needed, it is invaluable. The galvanized type needs painting, just as does any other galvanized surface. Another variety is the ordinary steel link fencing with a coating of copper welded on it. This has the advantage that it need not be painted, for it oxidizes to a dull green, and bushes can be grown against it without having to be disturbed for fence painting. An aluminum alloy chain link fence has been put on the market recently; it has the advantage of not needing painting, of being a dull gray in color, light in weight, and yet strong. It is non-corrosive in sulphur or salt laden air.

Among the metal fences, wrought iron is unquestionably the aristocrat. For the simple house, the pickets may be plain and light in weight. The larger, more elaborate house will need larger pickets, more closely spaced and will undoubtedly require ornamental post tops and scrolls or other ornamentation between the double rails. Added elaboration in house architecture can be matched by wrought iron until the beautiful


The wire fence with the diagonal mesh has many uses. The galvanized type should be protected by paint, but the copper coated type needs no protection. (Cyclone Fence Co.)
lines of fancifully wrought gates with their great dignity are achieved.

Wrought iron is fibrous in texture. Due to the method of production,
tiny particles of iron silicate, which is non-corrodible, are incorporated in the iron. This grainy, fibrous texture of wrought iron makes it extremely resistent to moisture and contaminated air. Some of the most beautiful fences and gates in this country are made of wrought iron.

One coat of red lead paint is commonly applied to wrought iron fencing at the factory. It is possible to have it dipped in black paint before shipping, but invariably by the time the enclosure is erected, the paint has been chipped off in spots and patching must be done. Accordingly, it is better to have the second coat of painting done after erection.

Among the wood fences, a type which has been introduced within comparatively recent years is the woven rustic. This fence is composed of chestnut or cedar saplings about an inch in diameter. They are placed side by side and are held together by wire woven in and out at the tops of the saplings. Or they may be nailed onto rails, or attached to them by wire. This rustic fencing comes in panels and is nailed to the posts which are set in readiness.

The sapling pickets may be placed side by side with no space between or with as much as two inches intervening. The pickets may be whole or split lengthwise into two pieces, called half-rounds. It is important to see to it that the wire and nails used in


The woven rustic fence is made up of chestnut or cedar saplings placed side by side and held by wire woven in and out of the saplings. This type of fence insures privacy and adds a decorative note to a country home. (DuBois Fence and Garden Co.) these fences be noncorrosive, for one of the main advantages of this wooden fence is that no upkeep is necessary. Painting is obviated and the bark and the saplings turn a silvery brown which blends well with any surroundings except the most formal.

The chief value of the woven wood fence is its efficiency as a screen. From the standpoint of insuring privacy, it takes the place of the wall of brick or stone. It is much less expensive than a wall and there are air spaces which permit an easier circulation of air. Bushes (Continued on page 106)


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## Essential facts of a well-made bed

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a finer weave of perhaps $84 \times 92$ or percale, counting about $100 \times 100$, are used for the master's bedroom, and the guest room.
From the point of view of comfort it is even more important to know what size to buy than it is to recognize quality. A sheet for a single bed must be $108^{\prime \prime} \times 63^{\prime \prime}$, for a three quarter or twin size $108^{\prime \prime} \times 72^{\prime \prime}$, and for a double bed $108^{\prime \prime} \times 90^{\prime \prime}$. Some sheets are ninety-nine or even ninety inches long, but they are too short for a comfortable, well-made bed and it is difficult to see why they are made at all.

A few' sheets of good, durable quality are better buying than a quantity of poor, short ones. Six sheets to each bed is enough.

In your supply might be included a few of the delightful colored sheets. There is no difficulty now in matching them to any given bedroom, for they are made in delicate pastels or deeper tones of pink, blue, green, yellow, lavender, and peach-fast colors that will last if given reasonable care in laundering and dried in the shade.

For the room that needs a definite accent to emphasize its color scheme solid color sheets may be used with the upper turned back over the spread and the plumped-up pillows showing. If only an echo of the tone of the room is needed, white sheets and cases with colored hems four, six, or nine inches deep are good, or just a mere ghost of color may be introduced
by white sheets with a pastel piping insert at the hems.

Any trained nurse will tell us that to make a bed comfortable and tempting to the weary, we need two things: practice and sheets of sufficient size. The lower sheet should first be spread smoothly with the center fold in the middle of the mattress, the wide hem at the top and the extra length evenly divided between top and bottom. Tuck in the bottom smoothly, without bunching, then grasp the side of the sheet about two feet from the corner, turn it back over the side of the mattress and tuck under the corner and end of the sheet that hangs along the side of the mattress. Then let the side of the sheet fall into place and tuck under, making the diagonal fold called the "mitered corner." Repeat at the other three corners, and the whole sheet will stay smooth and unwrinkled. Then spread the upper sheet, right side down, so that the turn-back over the blanket will be attractive, and with extra length allowed at the foot. Place the blankets on top, and tuck them and the sheet smoothly under at the foot. Miter blanket and sheet together at the two lower corners, pull out all wrinkles and fold back the sheet to protect the top of the blanket, allowing the upper coverings to drop on the side so that the bed may be opened without disturbing the under sheet.

## The perfect dog

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the wire-haired terrier, the Sealyham is white, with lemon, tan, or dark brindle markings and handsome whiskers.

The Schnauzer is Germany's contribution to the terrier list. He makes a good watch dog.

The Irish terrier is an old breed of well-proven merit, if one prefers a darker dog whose coat requires little attention. Then there is the Welsh terrier, who looks exactly like the Airedale, but is only half as big.
One of the smallest, merriest, and cleverest of the terriers is the cairn. As his name suggests, he was originally a sporting dog whose particular job it was to chase the game out of its rocky lair, after the beagles had run it to cover.
If one wishes a short-haired dog with terrier traits there could be no better choice than the Boston terrier, an eager little chap of stanch loyalties and extreme intelligence.
The merry hearted little cocker spaniel is one of the great dogs of all time, and the perfect family pet or companion for a little girl.
The beagle has, in the past been used almost exclusively for hunting but his possibilities as a house dog should not be ignored. He is hardy, not fussy about his food, and small and patient enough to make a good playmate for a young child.

The dachshund everyone knows, for his blimp-like figure and black and $\tan$ coat make him a memorable figure. Twenty years ago he was the smart nursery dog. Then came the war, and the dachshund went. But now he is being rediscovered.
The English bulldog was first bred for bull baiting, then for dog fighting,
but in spite of his martial past he is absurdly amiable. A fight with him is, to be sure, a fight to the finish, but his wrath is seldom roused against a human being and never on his own behalf. His function in modern households is that of ornament and adored companion of children. He seldom barks.
The French bulldog is the little chap with bat ears and rumpled muzzle whom we see at the end of a smart leash, wearing a brass studded collar or harness, as he takes his morning stroll down the avenue. He is devoted to the whole family, courteous with guests, uncritical of strangers who do not touch his master's possessions-and practically silent!

If you feel that you must have a larger dog of long coat, your perfect dog may turn out to be a chow chow, a Samoyede, an elkhound, or Borzoi (Russian wolfhound). The chow chow is a handsome fellow, red or black, with black tongue. He is rather reserved, thrives on a minimum of exercise, and is not given to nervous and excited barking.
The Samoyede and elkhound are both northern dogs, bred originally, and still used extensively, as sled dogs, but making ideal family pets.
The collie, and the setters (English, Irish, and Gordon) are good family dogs for the country place, or rural suburb. Both breeds are gentlemen, get on well with children, are gravely attentive to the whole family, and not too uproarious.

The shepherd dog (commonly called German police) is another big dog who is out of place in the city, unless he is there for a purpose.

## Potting plants properly Continued from page 91

raked up in the fall from beneath deciduous trees and the necessary soil compost.

Ordinary garden soil, no matter how suitable for the growth of outdoor crops, cannot be used "as is" for potting purposes because its texture will not permit of repeated waterings without packing. It must be modified by mixing with leafmold or good humus and some clean coarse sand (unless by chance the soil itself be extremely sandy) in such proportions that the whole mass is of a pleasing friable character, and in such a condition that when just moist a quantity squeezed in the hand does not stick together but falls apart readily when the hand is opened. This friability of the soil is a first consideration for it is the mechanical texture rather than the chemical properties of the soil mixture which is of real importance. This mixture will be rich enough for very young plants and for rooted cuttings but for older plants it may be improved by the addition of some old cow manure well broken up, or if this is unobtainable the shredded cattle manure which may be purchased from seed houses will be found excellent, a fifth or sixth part of this by bulk being about the correct proportion. In addition to this it has long been the orthodox practice to add bonemeal at the rate of a five-inch potful to the bushel of soil and Scotch soot at the rate of a six-inch potful to the same quantity. To-day, however, it will be easier for the average amateur to use a ready prepared plant food.

To prepare the pots, first place a single piece of broken pot concave side down to cover the drainage hole in the bottom, and then about this place several other pieces of pot or some of the coarse cinders. Upon this drainage material place a few of the rough leaves so that the soil will not wash into the crevices and so prevent the free passage of water. With pots not more than three inches in diameter a single piece of drainage material will suffice.

Carefully lift the cuttings from the sand frame or young plants from flats with as little root disturbance as possible, and after a little soil has been thrown on top of the drainage center the young plant in the pot and place
more soil about the roots. Gently firm with the finger tips, but do not pack too hard, and leave the level reasonably below the rim to permit watering.
When re-potting plants into larger sizes first remove the plant from the old container (this is done by inverting and tapping the rim of the pot sharply on the edge of the potting bench or table), holding the plant in the right hand and taking away the pot with the left. Remove the drainage material and loosen the surface soil a little with a sharp-pointed stick not damaging the roots in the operation. Throw a little of the compost on top of the drainage in the new pot and make firm before the plant is placed in position. Have the old ball about a half inch below the soil surface when the potting is completed. To give sufficient space for watering allow one inch below the rim in a sixinch pot and rather less in smaller sizes or more in larger pots. When the plant is in position fill in around with the soil and ram this moderately firm with a wedge-shaped piece of wood or a piece of broom handle.

Sometimes it is desirable to re-pot old established woody plants without increasing the size of the pot, yet at the same time providing new and fertile compost. Such work must be done at the beginning of the growing season; never when growth is very active or far advanced. Take the plant from the pot and carefully remove as much as possible of the old soil by means of a pointed stick and by vigorous shaking. Have the new pot clean, dry, and properly drained, and the new compost (of a rich nature) must be carefully worked in amongst the mass of the roots and firmed as the work proceeds.
If possible give freshly potted plants a temperature rise of four or five degrees for two or three days, in order to nullify any check to growth. Shade from bright sunshine for a day or two, and prevent exposure to cold drafts. Plants which are merely potted on from one size pot to a larger should not be watered until the following day, but if the roots have been at all disturbed (as when young plants are lifted) water immediately after potting.

## When your garden is moist and shady Continued from page 77

The edging plants for shade are: Hepatica, Anemone, Dutchman'sbreeches, Bloodroot, Violets, Phlox divaricata, Polemonium reptans, Arabis, Saxifraga cordifolia, Polyanthus, Iris cristata, Lily-of-the-Valley, Grape Hyacinth, Crocus, Scilla, Forget-me-not, Snowdrop, Narcissus, *Campanula carpatica, *Campanula rotundifolia, *Viola in variety, *Pansies, *Lobelia, *Ageratum, *Dwarf Bleeding-heart, *Tuberous Begonia, *Heuchera, *Maidenhair Fern, *Torenia, *Sweet Alyssum, *Hosta in variety.

Middle border plants for shade: Ferns, Bleeding-heart, Trol ius, Hemerocallis in variety, Jack-in-thepulpit, Columbine, Trillium, Hesperis matronalis, Dodecatheon, Mertensia, *Foxglove, *Cypripedium, *Monarda, *Nicotiana, *Heliotrope,
*China Aster, *Didiscus, *Nigella, *Thalictrum, *Platycodon, *Hardy Phlox, *Astilbe, *Spirea, *Veronica amethystina, *Veronica longifolia subsessilis, *Campanula persicifolia, *Campanula trachaelium, *Hemerocallis (late), *Lilies, *Eupatorium, *Monkshood, *Physostegia, *Michaelmas Daisy (medium).

Background plants for shade: summer blooming-Thalictrum polyganum, Aconitum (Spark's), Chelone lyoni, Bocconia cordata; autumn bloom-ing-Artemisia lactiflora, Lobelia cardinalis, Aconitum napellus, Aconitum wilsoni,Michaelmas Daisies (tall).

Ground covers for shade: Vinca minor, Moneywort, Nepeta hedaracea, Pachysandra terminalis.
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## Impromptu meals from the cabinet shelf

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For the meat course, Marion has one canned stand-by that outshines all the rest-a ready-cooked ham. She sticks this noble animal with enough cloves to suggest a porcupine, gives it a thick blanket of brown sugar and cracker meal mixed with cider or sherry flavor and puts it in the oven for twenty short minutes. As a result, she's always acclaimed as the champion ham-baker of the century, whereas the bulk of the credit should certainly go elsewhere. Excellent companions for this ham are mashed potatoes, the lowly boiled onion in cream sauce, and, if apples aren't at hand, rhubarb or cranberry jelly for the tang.

A word about those mashed potatoes: cut the potatoes in small pieces, cook them in boiling well-salted water till a fork penetrates easily, put through the ricer, add a big lump of butter, a company amount of cream, and more salt than you think you could possibly need. Beat thoroughly. Pile lightly in a hot dish. Add paprika for color. The cranberry jelly is the old 4-2-1 recipe4 cupfuls of cranberries, 2 of sugar, 1 of water. Boil till the cranberries have all popped. Put through a sieve. Pour into little glasses previously wet with cold water. These set practically as soon as you can chill them in the refrigerator and will also keep throughout the year. If rhubarb is the choice, put as little water with it as possible, add a dash of salt, plenty of sugarand take off the minute it gets soft. Next to the ham on the Emergency

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Shelf stands an array of fish products that come from a concern which deals direct with its customers. Possibly Marion may be in error, but she believes that nowhere else can their flavor be matched. Here is canned shad roe that people take for the fresh article-lightly sautéd in butter, sprinkled with lemon juice during cooking, and given curls of bacon and (if on hand) little bunches of watercress for garnish. This is at its best with rice. Here, too, are steamed clams that have only to be heatedand the left-over liquid, with a dash of cream, makes a delicious clam bouillon next day. Then there are ready-mixed clam cakes; lobster that "Newburgs" to a charm; shrimps that can be served half a dozen ways, though curried in a rice border and accompanied with balls of stem ginger happens to be Marion's favorite; salmon that makes croquettes, or a most delectable loaf; clam chowder that can't be beaten in Gloucester where it came from; and lobster sandwich paste that goes to the beach on pienics in summer and teas before the fire in winter. Many of these delicacies, made into salad, can be the main dish at a summer lunch.
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 the cabinet shelforange-may be made into coffee jelly for dessert, by using left-over coffee instead of the prescribed water, or the same thing may be worked with cider. Topped with whipped cream and chopped nuts, or merely with a rich custard, it goes down successfully, accompanied by cake. Or the same jelly can win its way via the pineapple can. Every housekeeper presented with emergencies ought to keep on hand a supply of pineapple, both crushed and sliced. A slice with cream cheese balls in the center can play salad. A slice fried in butter cheers up a breaded and lemon-juiced veal chop. On a hot day, the contents of a can of crushed plus a can of grapefruit makes the coolest dessert in the world.
But to trot back to the gelatine contingent. The same company responsible for the quick-setting variety has recently turned out a chocolate pudding and a vanilla team-mate that set with rapidity and preserve a marvellous consistency due to being based on arrowroot. The vanilla can be turned into an exceedingly fancy dessert by the addition of a teaspoonful per portion from one of Marion's pet bottled favorites, where all sorts of delicious fruits nestle together with marrons in a rum-flavored sauce. This same miracle worker, inserted in plain refrigerator-made ice cream, turns it into frozen pudding.

But space draws perilously near to a close-long before we get to the end of Marion's Emergency Shelf. We find the best fig pudding in the world under a world-known brand name. An excellent sauce recipe comes wrapped around it, but Marion perfers hard sauce-equal parts butter and powdered sugar flavored with brandy-extract. Branded shelled walnuts also appear in the line upalways fresh, to chop for desserts or salads, to break up for that famous nut bread, to use in perfect halves to top little cakes, to sprinkle into chocolate fudge that scarcely takes fifteen minutes from the time it's thought of till the guests begin the process that cleans the pie plate. At the other end of the shelf, we mustn't forget the perfect spaghetti in tomato sauce. Marion fries chopped onions in butter, empties the can, adds a couple of tablespoonfuls of the best chutney ever bottled-and there's never a smidgen left. To get at the contents of all these cans, Marion has the best can opener on the market -a little wizard that turns with a screw and cuts the top off even.

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$1 \frac{1}{3}$ cupfuls brown sugar
2 eggs (save 1 white for icing)
$\frac{1}{2}$ cupful milk
$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoonful lemon extract
$1 \frac{3}{4}$ cupfuls all-purpose flour 3 level teaspoonfuls baking powder $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoonful salt
1 teaspoonful cinnamon
$\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoonful nutmeg
$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoonful cloves
$\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoonful ginger
1 cupful chopped raisins
Cut raisins with scissors or chopper. Put all ingredients together, beat thoroughly, bake in shallow pan in moderate oven for 25 to 30 minutes. Sprinkle with powdered sugar while warm or ice with Seven Minute Icing.

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Put $\frac{3}{4}$ cupful granulated sugar, $\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoonful cream of tartar or baking powder, I egg white, and 3 tablespoonfuls hot water in top of double boiler. Have water boiling in lower part. Beat till thick enough to spread. Add $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoonful vanilla.

## Decorating the living room in a small home

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We wish to acknowledge the courtesy of the following firms in lending us material for illustration in connection with the drawing on page 73 and on the cover of the magazine: pine paneling, Shevlin, Carpenter \& Clarke Co.; desk, Salisbury Furniture Co.; tilt-top table, Richter Furniture Co.; armchair, Erskine-Danforth; upholstery, Waverly Fabrics; andirons and bellows, Todhunter, Inc.; sofa, L. and J. G. Stickley; upholstery, Orinoka Mills; sconces, Cassidy Co.; rug, Firth Carpet Co.; silhouettes, Foster Bros.; butterfly table, W. F. Whitney Co. Inc.; trestle table, L. and J. G. Stickley; tuckaway table, Salisbury Furniture Co.; valance, R. H. Bemish; clock, Seth Thomas Clock Co.; curtains, Orinoka Mills; glass curtains, Lesher, Whitman \& Co., Inc.; table lamp, Lee Kogan, Inc.; desk lamp, Tuttman; flower holder, Grow \& Cuttle; desk chair, Conant-Ball Co.; stool, Old Colony Furniture Co.; footstool, E. E. Burroughs; Pilgrim chair, Baker Furniture Factories; wastebasket, R. H. Macy \& Co., Inc.; tea set, Towle Mfg . Co. Picture on page 71.: rug, Firth Carpet Co.; table, ErskineDanforth Corp.; mirror, Salisbury Furniture Co.; sconces, Cassidy Co.; glass bowl, Gilman-Collamore \& Co., Inc.

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## Summer chintzes

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total of these inches and you will have $5 \frac{1}{6}$ yards of material to procure, if you were just considering a dust cover and no pattern to match (your allowance for matching depends upon the repeat). For a box-plaited ruffle allow $1 \frac{1}{2}$ yards and


Figure 5, showing the welt on the arm of a chair
for a separate chair seat, add another $1 \frac{1}{2}$ yards which will make a total of $8 \frac{1}{6}$ yards.
After we have bought our material we shall turn tailor with scissors and pins. If you follow your measurement directions, cutting off the required amounts after pinning the material together, I see no reason for any mistakes in the execution of a trim cover. See Figure 2, showing chair cover when pinned and cut off. There are many finishes for the seams, either just plain French seams, bound seams, or seams finished with a cord or welt. As this welt may be bought (through any decorator's office or upholstery department of any department store) in 18 -yard pieces, my suggestion is to finish with the
welt, which gives a most professional aspect. Figure 5 shows the welt on the arm of a chair from the right side. All the stitching should be done on the wrong side, thus giving a professional appearance.

There is one very important point and that is the opening. This is best made like the old-fashioned placket, finished with snappers or zippers. Use plenty of snappers and make the opening amply large. I think the opening shows least if it is fastened at the side of the back leg as is clearly shown in Figure 3. The chair seat, of course, is cut separately and I like the seat "boxed." With a design this is important as you must have your design on both sides the same so the cushion may be reversible. Figure 4 shows the slip cover finished.

Another use for a slip cover which affects our small apartment house client more than any other is to use it to camouflage the day-bed, making


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## Summer chintzes

the bed take on an overstuffed sofa appearance and trying up the color scheme with a slip cover on an odd chair' n the room as shown on page 74 .
The chintzes illustrated in Miss Lonsdale's articles were selected from the new lines of the following wholesalers: F. A. Foster \& Co., Stroheim \& Romann, F. Schumacher \& Co. If they are not available in your locality they may be bought at retail from. Miss Lonsdale by addressing her in care of The American Home.

DESCRIPTION OF CHINTZES SHOWN IN this article
A-This chintz comes in four colorings, the colorings in the design being the same, with a rich yellowy cream, ashes of roses, buff, or green background. It comes glazed for $\$ 1.05 \mathrm{a}$ yard and unglazed for $\$ 1.00$ a yard, and is $36^{\prime \prime}$ wide.
B-This material comes unglazed only, with the same background of tan with the design varying in the color combinations of tawny yellow and rose with blue leaves, with green leaves, and with brown leaves. This is $36^{\prime \prime}$ wide and retails for $45 \dot{k}$ a yard.
C-This chintz is a new one, coming $50^{\prime \prime}$ wide with a scroll stripe design with backgrounds of old rose and gold, paille green and gold, pumpkin and gold, and henna and gold. The flowers are in reds, blues, and grays. This retails for $\$ 1.30$ a yard.
D-This cretonne comes with two tan backgrounds, the design varying with yellow, orange, and blue flowers; or red, rose, and blue flowers; with a tête de nègre background with red, rose, and blue flowers; and with a green background with red, rose, and blue flowers. It is $36^{\prime \prime}$ wide and retails for $\$ 1.00$ a yard.
E-This is a glazed chintz $36^{\prime \prime}$ wide and comes with green, gold, peach, and coral backgrounds. The large flowers are in red, gold, tan, and rust; the smaller flowers in the sprays in blue and green. This sells for 50 \& a yard.

F-This is a glazed chintz of a striped design, these stripes alternating in yellow and blue or yellow and green. It comes also with a white stripe with orchid, blue, rose, turquoise, or green. This is $36^{\prime \prime}$ wide and sells for 90 d a yard.

G-This is a copy of a Fortuny and comes in green, rust, mulberry, red, blue, or gold. It is $36^{\prime \prime}$ wide and retails for $\$ 1.20$ a yard.

H-This chintz has gay bunches of flowers with nile green, coral-pink, gray-blue or a warm tan background. It comes glazed for $\$ 1.05$ and unglazed for $\$ 1.00$. It is $36^{\prime \prime}$ wide.

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There still is time to sow seeds of hardy annuals.

Get summer bulbs into the ground by the end of the month. . . . Put bedding plants out by the 25th. . . . Disbud Peonies. . . . Give Peonies dose of liquid manure. ... Stake perennials. . . . Transplant some of the perennials and get them into their permanent places.

Let leaves of spring bulbs ripen before digging up. . . . Apply Bordeaux mixture to Rose bushes; give a little lead arsenate, too. . . Continue sowings of Sweet Alyssum. . . . Take protection off Roses completely by the 30th. Continue to watch the weeds. Extreme vigilance is the price of a good garden. . . . Keep light mulch available in the event of a late frost the early part of the month.

Prune spring flowering shrubs that have finished blossoming.
Put Azaleas, Genistas, etc., outside for the summer. . . . Plant Pondlilies. . . . Stake Sweet-peas.
The Vegetable Garden-Seeds to be sown include Artichoke, Beets, Carrots, Celery, Cress, Kohlrabi, Beans, Brussels-sprouts, Cauliflower, Corn, Cucumber, Lettuce, Onion, Parsnip, Potatoes, Salsify, Early Turnip, Spinach, Radish, Peas, Parsley, Melons, and all herbs.
Watch Cabbage, etc., for insect pests.
Thin out hardy vegetables.
Don't let rhubarb go to seed.
Make good use of the cultivator.
Set out early Tomatoes in the open, in addition to those started in the coldframe Harden Eggplant and Pepper. . . . Transplant Celery and Tomatoes. Give leaf crops some nitrate of soda. Stake Tomatoes the end of the month. Resolve to make several sowings of short crop vegetables.
Miscellaneous-All spading and ploughing to be finished by the middle of May. . . . Encourage the birds; they are good for the garden. Make up some porch boxes. . . . Spray Elms for beetle, with lead arsenate. Have labels ready for use when needed. . . Keep after insects and diseases. Keep the spray chart handy. Small fruits must be planted by the middle of the month. . . . Take cuttings of house plants and Chrysanthemums. Keep recently transplanted evergreens well watered.

Don't let Rhododendrons go to seed. Prune hedges and informal evergreens. . . . Prune Maples when buds are bursting. $\qquad$ Give shrubs an application of prepared plant food. Mulch Strawberries with clean straw. Protect seedlings during cool weather. $\qquad$ Sunshine, water and a combination of nature and good care will produce good, sturdy plants, but often nature must be helped along. Plant foods are often necessary, they may mean the difference between failure and success. Among
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Plant vines to cover fences and garages, including such annuals as Morning-glories, Moon-vine, Cypress-vine, Cardinal Climber, Thunbergia, Balloon-vine, Jack-bean, Sword-bean, and Maurandia.
the weather is dry, water thoroughly once or twice a week, and cultivate the surface to prevent caking.
Now is the time to start a water garden, dig a pool, or erect a birdbath.

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Plant native Iris about the edge of the pool, where the hydrant drips, or in low places in the garden.
The Flower Garden-Prune now the early-blooming shrubs, cutting out old canes to give new ones more room; but do not top such shrubs as Spirea, Deutzia, Philadelphus, etc., that bloom on the terminals. Prune climbing Rambler Roses in the same way, cutting back the canes that have bloomed. . . . Fertilize Roses now for midsummer bloom, using a teaspoonful of a prepared plant food to each bush, in a circular trench about a foot away, and work it in. . . . Cut back Buddleia as it blooms, removing each old spike, and keep well watered. . . Plant Gladiolus once more. Next month will be too late for the Far South.

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## What's the modern trend in Gladiolus?

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though its color is not so clear as many others in the list of new pinks.
Most of the good orange Gladiolus are in the primulinus class and inclined to be small. Del Oro, orange with yellow throat, is a conspicuous exception. Among the primulinus grandiflorus sorts, Orange Wonder is relatively new, while Marnia and Nancy Hanks are both still in the first rank. The new and muchheralded Winged Victory proves to be a brilliant flame-salmon-orange, worth while for its fine coloring, whether it ever lives up to its acclaim of the largest Gladiolus or not.

New forms in Gladiolus are commonest among the primulinus hybrids and since yellow is the prevailing color there, it is not surprising that there are many new and odd yellow prims and primulinus grandiflorus varieties. First, there are two pinkedged yellows, an interesting and attractive combination. Both Juliana and Canori are pale yellows, but Juliana has the deeper colored border, being nearly orange red. Then there are two very large primulinus grandiflorus; Primate, a tall late deep yellow and Draco Gloriosa, a good yellow and orange veined flower. Ruffled yellows have not been neglected. Golden Sunset and Laureate are both dainty ruffled varieties, and Magnet from Crow is a tall, wellruffled deep yellow. Oregon Queen is really a light cream, scarcely entering the yellow group, but is one of the showiest, having seven to nine large blooms open at the same time. It is
too pale to be a competitor with Golden Measure, which still holds the lead among yellows, with Canberra from Australia the only serious contestant. Canberra is a little lighter in color, equally tall and large, but its flowers are not as well placed, having a tendancy for them to spread apart into two rows with a gap between. This gives an untidy appearance frowned upon by the makers of score cards.
Good whites seem always in demand, whatever may be the changes in fashions in other colors. Ruffled whites are particularly attractive because their frilled form relieves the severity of the cold coloring. Mary F. Snow, a new one from Crane, is particularly well formed. White Orchid is more deeply frilled, having a crepelike texture to the very center. Olive Goodrich, white with a light pink feather edge is a happy color combination, though not otherwise remarkable in either size or form. In tinted whites, Lotus is another very handsome one, its large, wavyedged flowers being tinted very lightly with cream and the faintest suggestion of pink. Among the large ones, Imperator and Betty Darnell both verge strongly toward the cream, but Imperator, despite its lateness and creamy tint, has been put forward as a contender in the white class. The real show whites just now are Mrs. F. C. Hornberger, Vaughan's White, Albatross, Mammoth White, and possibly Jonkeer von Tets.

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