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The expert opinions below are taken from Cannon's recent "fan mail"

"They're low enough in cost that we can buy a different color for each person—"

"They're not too heavy to wash and dry out quickly—"

"They're so easy to launder that the colors come out looking new—"

"They're big enough for the family but not too big to use as hand towels—"

"They're so soft and absorbent. The lovely colors are fast and they wear for years—"

"They combine comfort and economy—"

"They never get hard after washing, don't wear thin in spots—"

"They're heavy enough to give a good brisk rub-down—"

"Their moderate prices give you the chance to have a lavish supply—"

"They are soft, easy to launder and yet the most durable towels we have ever found—"

"They make wonderful gifts. We always keep extra ones on hand for forgotten birthdays—"

"Thanks a million for making towels so easy to buy!"

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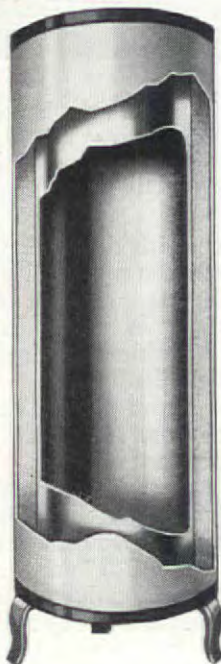
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ON THE HEARTH OF THE AMERICAN HOME

Climb on the bandwagon! Today is the golden age for debt-free home ownership

RUTH LAWRENCE

THIS is the home owner's hey-day. He has the greatest opportunity in years, perhaps in all time, to secure for himself and his children a home where the landlord is an unheard of menace, and where the moving van is not an inseparable part of every spring memory.

The real estate boom is one of the very evident factors in the general business recovery. Newspapers, bill boards, trade and class publications, radio, Chamber of Commerce and Rotary lectures acknowledge it, herald it, and predict for it a fabulous future. But perhaps fabulous is not the word for the current real estate boom, for it suggests little of the glitter and bubble qualities of its predecessors. It is with a more sane, steady, and less greedy attitude that business is regarding the activity. The bump real estate had on its head in the last few years has rearranged a few brain cells and permitted the formation of a new attitude.

Home ownership is held out to the head of the American household on a sturdy platter. Financial aid, the greatest help and encouragement, architectural service, and all kinds of free advice are within his reach. Debt-free home ownership has been made simple and easy. The lender is selling to a public which is demanding, fortunately, at this very time, such facilities, the idea that every man with an income can have a home. To account for the present providential situation would be to delve into the history of the depression, the psychology of the home owner, the economics of real estate. Space permits the discussion of only the very obvious reasons.

Foremost perhaps is the rediscovery on the lenders' part that loaning money on property in which the borrower has more than a financial interest, in which he has pride of ownership, care and upkeep, and sentimental ties, is the safest kind of a loan. The man who is willing to take on a large responsibility to provide for his family its own home, planned for its happiest living, its greatest convenience and efficiency and future security, is a good risk.

Since 1932, the home owner has moved out of a position of relative disadvantage, in the borrowing class, into a most favored and desirable position. Before the depression, he was at the mercy of

a market in which the demand for money was greater than the supply, or in which new and paying uses had the first claim on credit. There have been fundamental changes in our economic order, those very close to financial and economic pulse-takers. There is no longer a financial panic. A high degree of industrial development has for the time at least curbed the opposition for new investment in capital those fields. Improved technological processes, and reorganization of the financial structure of our corporations have at the same time reduced our demand for more and more credit. Devaluation of the dollar with the importation has created a virtual supply of credit two and a half times the amount potentially available in 1929.

Banks, trust companies, mortgage companies, insurance companies, private lenders, and building and loan associations are offering these mortgages. They are business and safe investments. They represent as dependable a future as the lender can find, with the borrowers on all odds, in financial crisis and general, to preserve their interest therein. The lender sees him as a steady hard-working, conscientious borrower, making effort to secure a debt-free home which will be permanently worthy of his efforts.

With an active competition, the financing of these loans is using every known device to secure them. Recently, internal reorganization of many home financing banks has put the house in order, in position to offer the public the best product at the lowest price. The result has been the reduction of interest rates, reduction of omission of loan service, and the direct reduction of term, amortized home loans.

It is a plan which the home paying public can understand—a definite schedule every month takes care of interest, reduces the principal in some cases pays taxes, and a peculiar kind of insurance which will take care of the remainder of the principal for his estate after the mortgagee is dead. At the end of a definite time, anywhere from eight to twenty years, the mortgage is completely paid.

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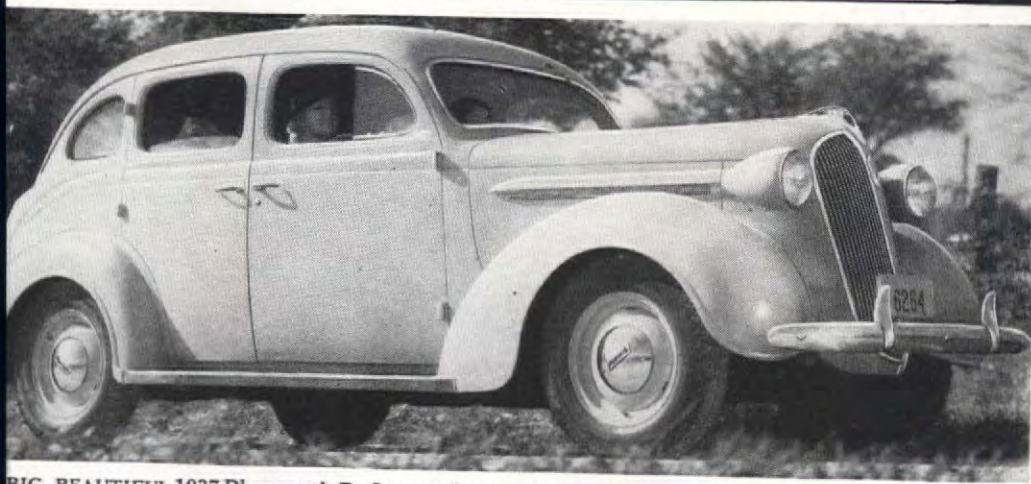
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Above: Summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Hemond of Holyoke, Mass.



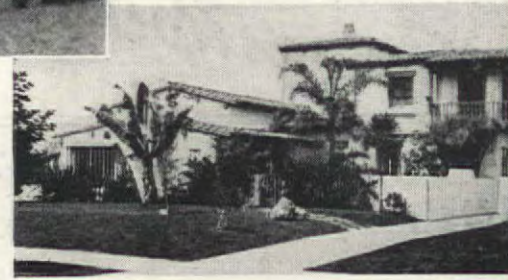
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Home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Huntington, Upper Arlington, Columbus, Ohio



Home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer A. La Foille, Manistique, Ohio, before remodeling and, top center, after remodeling



Home of Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Jones, Los Angeles, California

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She Thought Her Children Were *growing away from her*

Her married son, Jim, and her daughter, Irma, also married, no longer greeted her as they once did when she came to visit—with a hearty kiss on arrival and departure. True, they were cordial enough, but she missed that final evidence of affection to which she had been accustomed since they were babies. Its absence left her with a forsaken feeling and with the bitter conviction that her children were growing away from her—no longer wanted her around. Of course she was wrong; but she never once suspected the true reason for their indifference.

Elderly People

You never know when you have halitosis (unpleasant breath). The subject is so delicate that your best friends—even your near and dear ones—hesitate to tell you about it.

Most unpleasant breath conditions are caused by fermentation of tiny food particles skipped by the tooth brush. Consequently, even the young may be guilty. But middle-aged and elderly people are the worst offenders because so many of them are forced to wear partial or full plates—notorious for the way they retain fermenting foods.

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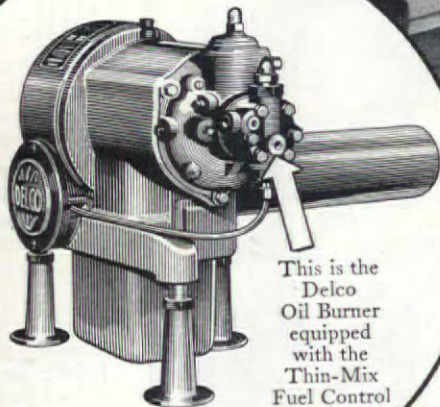
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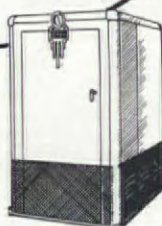
This is the Delco Oil Burner equipped with the Thin-Mix Fuel Control

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The new and simplified Thin-Mix Fuel Control invention that brings real economy to automatic heating. You use less oil. You use *cheaper* oil—the least domestic grade. And you don't waste a single drop of oil. In *addition*, this revolutionary invention cutting down your fuel bills creates no soot and dirt. It burns a true *thin mixture* of oil and air.

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with the exclusive new
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On the hearth of The American Home

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the home is debt free, title clear, taxes paid to date, and the owner's sole property.

The home owner is definitely interested in the long term, amortized, direct reduction loan plan. He is interested in the exact amount of the payments, the exact number, and how long it will take him to secure a debt-free home. The old once popular straight mortgage, on which the interest was paid with effort and the principal dragged on for years and years, with periodic renewals, is no longer in vogue. The mortgagee wants to pay on his home as he pays in lesser amounts for his car and his furniture and his refrigerator. He likes the thought that by paying so much a month, after a reasonable down payment, he will eventually be a property owner, a man with a home, not a tenant house.

Advertising and merchandising the home mortgage has become a business. And the public is buying! The internal reorganization has produced a valuable and desirable product and it is being sold by a dozen methods. Lenders are offering free advice, architectural service, which includes inspection of site, materials, color and finish, selection of contractors, inspection and progress reports of actual construction.

The June issue of the Federal Home Loan Bank Review reports the adoption of a plan in Boston, where a distinguished group of architects, the Small Home Architectural Associates of Massachusetts, is collaborating with the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston to give the prospective small home builders the advantage of architectural supervision, not only as a safeguard for himself, but as an assurance that the home comes up to neighborhood standards, and is otherwise good security for his construction loan.

The Federal Home Loan Bank System with twelve banks located in large cities throughout the nation was created in the Hoover administration on a plan similar to the Federal Reserve System, in which the banks serve as credit reservoirs for member savings and loan associations as the Reserve System serves the banks. Savings and loan associations, as well as a number of other home financing institutions, have adopted the use of variable interest rates and, using such a plan as the architectural service, permits the best risk and the best security to have the most favorable rate of interest, and at the same time permits the borrower who has less to offer

in the way of security a chance to borrow on a little different, less advantageous basis.

Savings and loan associations, banks, insurance companies, all other lenders are apt to look on their staffs or on a part of salary, reputable architects to assist the future home builder. A plan that pays the borrower the lender, experience has shown. It means in some instances the lenders are stiffening requirements on new construction so that the useful life of a structure will bear a definite relation to the length of the loan. This is not always popular with the speculative builder, but for the one who expects to live in the property which he builds, the requirements are to his advantage.

Hundreds of bulletins are in the mails, on reading tables in libraries, in waiting rooms, sent out by builder's supply houses, lending institutions and real estate development offices telling the home owner what he can do, where he can buy it, what he can build, how he can repair an old model, and, of course, how this can be financed. Every one is out to help him, and the man with the least insight into the future of the real estate market, which is to come will know just what to do.

The mortgage loan business is climbing into a new era of normal loans, emergency loans being in rapid decline, according to legal newspapers in the cities, bankers' magazines, government reports, and the first pages of the daily news all over the country.

The home owner is told of times a day in as many ways every time he picks up his paper, turns on his radio, his car along the highways, his favorite magazine, that he can buy, now he can buy, renovate his property. For example, one New York firm publishes a Home Owners' Catalog endorsed by the country's architects, and builders. Most of the products are made by leading manufacturers, of building materials. It describes everything from the bathtub to the boiler in simple, understandable terms for the layman. A percentage of the illustrations are in full color, and the index enables the reader to find the products he is seeking. The nature of the information is clear and the character of the products whose products are described will enable many home builders and many owners who want to change their house into a more efficient unit, to provide a better, better equipped. Approximately 20,000 copies have been distributed free during the

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can pack this finer tomato juice

That's the reward of 50 years spent in developing the world's most delicious tomato—the Heinz tomato

YOU'D naturally expect Heinz to pack the finest tomato juice, for Heinz tomatoes are the pick of the world's best crop! No other tomato juice has the same, rich, fresh-off-the-vine flavor, because Heinz *exclusively* uses the "aristocrat" tomato—developed through years of crossbreeding. From seed to vine-ripened fruit, cultivation of the "aristocrat" tomato is under Heinz supervision. The seedlings, before being transplanted in the fields, are actually *raised in Heinz greenhouses!*

As each firm-cheeked, ruddy beauty reaches its flavor peak, it's plucked and rushed to near-by Heinz kitchens. Scarcely has the dew dried on its sides before it's pressed and the juice sealed in stout tins with only a pinch of salt added.

Keep a generous supply of Heinz *finer* tomato juice on hand at all times. Serve it—chilled—at breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Deft hands of a Heinz man select from hot-beds the husky tomato plants ready to be transplanted. Every step in the preparation of Heinz Tomato Juice is as carefully supervised!



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An Invitation to Happier Living



Thrilling beauty and "kitchen-proved" performance offer you better cooking and greater freedom

IMAGINE your pride and joy in having a kitchen like this to work in every day. Just think how simple and easy it will be — with clean, silent electricity cooking perfect meals automatically, preparing beautiful frozen desserts and salads, even washing the dishes for you!

Let the Westinghouse Kitchen Planning

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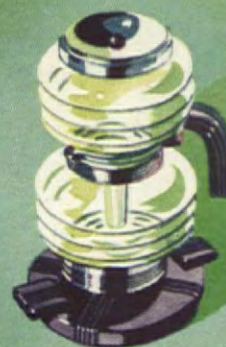


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Color,
fragrance,
and lush clusters overhead—why not?

THE GARDENERS are essentially conventional souls. Because fruit trees have always been planted in orchards, the suggestion that they be grown in the garden in place of shade trees may at first seem odd. Yet there are many advantages in such an innovation. Instead of trees which produce only leaves and shade, you have those which bear blossoms and fruit as well. And certainly no so-called ornamental shade tree is lovelier than a blossoming apple in the spring or laden with golden fruit in the fall.

Our own experience in substituting fruit trees for the ordinarily ornamental maples and oaks has been most satisfactory. When we first moved from the crowded city to the country I decided to plant enough trees to supply our own modest needs. I also looked forward to the real pleasure and, I suspect, the sense of superiority which an amateur gardener feels in presenting his less fortunate neighbor with a basket of homegrown fruit.

Our lot has a frontage of 153 feet, with a depth of 170 feet. The house, occupying an area thirty by forty feet, is placed at one side, with a twenty by twenty foot garage behind it, thus leaving a large portion of the lot available for gardening and small scale orcharding. Before the house had been built in the woods and little or no attempt had been made to develop any part of the lot except that immediately bordering the house at the front. This area had been cleared of brush, graded, and planted with shrubs and evergreens and the lawn had been laid before the house had been terraced. At the side, all kinds of unthrifty plants flourished—huckleberry bushes, mountain ash, and

so on. Also innumerable rocks—which eventually formed a stone wall around the garden! At the rear, the lot had been badly cleared, roughly graded and sown to grass and here a feeble attempt had been made to raise fruit trees, six of which were still standing when we took over the place and began to make our plans.

Once the grounds were put in good condition, I gave my attention to these six trees, consisting of two Elberta peaches, one York Imperial apple, one Baldwin apple, one Napoleon cherry, and one Duchess pear. All had been improperly planted and were in bad condition. The peach trees had been attacked by the major peach borer and the peach twig borer. When the smaller of the two also developed the yellows, that dread disease which destroys whole orchards, I promptly dug it out and burnt it. The other Elberta was soon brought back to a thriving condition and has produced a large crop of luscious fruit every summer for the past five years.

The two apple trees were suffering from repeated attacks of green, black, and the woolly aphids, the canker worm, and tent caterpillars. Spraying finally exterminated all of these pests except the woolly aphid which had the unpleasant habit of returning. The difficult task of eradicating them was ultimately accomplished more through cultivation of the soil around the base of the tree and an abundant use of fertilizer than by spraying. By getting the young apple tree in a fine healthy condition we enabled it to outgrow its worst enemy. Much to our great joy, both apple trees have borne fruit for the past three years.

The Napoleon cherry had also been badly injured by the major peach borer.

Why not, indeed, the scent of fragile blossoms in spring and ripe, rich fruit in the fall—instead of mere green foliage above us in the garden?

MARIE WEISBERGER



A. T. De La Mare

Don't try to grow your peach tree from pits; seedlings are unknown quantities. Study a good nursery catalogue and select for flavor and quality, not mere yield and size.

Pale pink blossoms in spring: amber fruit in fall



These I immediately cut out, using a small penknife for the purpose, and the tree promptly recovered. It now bears a good crop of fruit every summer—but a crop which must either be picked before it is ripe or protected from the birds if we are to get any of it for ourselves. In addition, the tree is an especially beautiful one, well rounded, and gorgeous with blossoms every spring.

The Duchess pear required only one spraying to free it of insects. Since then it has been strong and healthy and it always bears well. It and the Elberta peach stand within what is now my vegetable garden. Undoubtedly both have benefited greatly by regular cultivation and fertilization of this ground.

As all of these trees were located on the rear portion of our lot, I had abundant space at the side of the house for further planting and therefore ordered: two pears, one Bartlett and one Seckel; two plums, one Burbank and one Bovary green gage; two apples, one Delicious and one Golden Delicious; two quinces, one Orange and one Champion; and one Montmorency cherry.

In addition, a Champion peach which came up as a volunteer in my vegetable garden was transplanted to the side garden, thus giving me fifteen fruit trees in all—more than enough to supply the average American family with fresh fruit all the year round, not to mention jellies and preserves for the winter months.

In deciding where to plant the new trees, the general appearance of the house and grounds had, of course, to be considered. Fruit trees have their place in landscape gardening and can be used just as effectively as evergreens, flowers, or shrubs. But when planting a tree one must be able to visualize its appearance when full-grown and in blossom or bearing fruit. Because of the slant of our lot, I planted the small, low-growing trees, like the quince and the peach, nearer the front, and those that grow to a greater size and height on the higher ground at the rear. We were careful not to plant any of the trees very close to the road. Our suburban homes with their gardens protected only by low hedges are an eloquent comment on the progress we have made toward universal honesty, but it is wise to tempt providence too far by planting fruit trees so close to the street that they invite invasion.

When it came to the actual planting I ran into unexpected difficulties. The top soil in our section is rich but shallow, seldom more than twelve inches deep, and in most places only six or eight inches



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any wonder that the Japanese
venerate the cherry tree?
much it brings to this garden!

Immediately below it and
extending down to bed rock
is a hard, dense, yellow clay,
interspersed with pieces of
trap rock of varying size.
Young tender roots simply
cannot penetrate this hard,
cement-like clay.

Because of this condition
and lest they become weak-
ened and diseased through
lack of nourishment, I had
to dig larger holes than are
usually provided for trees of
that size; holes two and one-
half to three feet in diameter
and also in depth I found to
be the most satisfactory.

The matter of planting is,
I have found, the most im-
portant factor in the success-
ful growing of fruit trees. It
lays the foundation for the

This plum tree, in the gar-
den of Mrs. Craig Heberton,
Santa Barbara, California,
has been trained and is kept
pruned to cover the wall
of house (Marjorie D. Kern)

health of the tree and must be done correctly. First decide where each tree is to be planted. Select a spot suitable to the growth of the tree, not too much in the shade of the house and not too greatly exposed to wind and rain. Then dig the hole, carefully piling the good top soil alongside and for really the best results never make it less than two and one half feet in diameter and depth.

When the hole is dug and ready it is time to buy your tree. Purchase it from the best of the nationally known nurserymen in your locality. He knows the varieties of fruit best suited to your part of the country and can supply you with them. Cultivate his friendship, for the suggestions he can give you, born of years of experience, are of inestimable value and will enable you to avoid mistakes that might ruin your trees.

When the tree is delivered plant it just as soon as possible—hence the wisdom of having the hole dug in advance. Place some dried leaves, old

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Blooming plum in Santa Barbara

J. Walter Collinge



You're living downhill?—You're in luck!

M. E. BOTTOMLEY

DON'T tell me you're looking "that way" because Aunt Emma left you a downhill lot and you think it a poor building site. . . . actually, you're in luck! Far luckier than the nieces and nephews to whom were bequeathed ordinary sections of Mother Earth.

The property that drops somewhat rapidly from the street is endowed with many advantages that fit in well with modern-day practices in living. Now that the living room, dining room, and basement recreation room are actually being built in the rear of the house with the porch or terrace here rather than at the side, the outlook becomes really important. Certainly, the downhill lot allows a definite opportunity for unobstructed view into the distance, and combines equal opportunity for detailed development within the limits of the property. In order to keep this valley view unobstructed, the planting along the side boundaries should be kept low. In order to provide the privacy for the rear living areas, the boundaries can become "higher" as they approach the house, with trees included to give shade.

The first impulse will be to grade the sloping house-site into levels; but, when the drop is great, this is expensive in both grading and wall building. If the grade is as much as twelve to fifteen per cent, and surely if it is greater, the development of the rear yard might be effected with the minimum grading by planning these three features:

1. A level area adjoining the rear of the house, either a few feet below the first floor level or at the basement grade. In the latter case, the recreation room in the basement will have easy access to the yard.

2. Beyond this, a downhill grassy slope (see Fig. 2) slightly concave in profile, may extend from the upper level area to a lower garden level at the back of the lot. This slope is mainly a connective between the two levels. It can be bordered with shrubbery, could have a ramped walk on one or both sides, and, if the lot is sufficiently wide, might include flower beds along the walks. I think it better not to terrace this slope into several levels, because, however low the terraces, they tend to break the open effect of this area.

3. The lower garden is the arrival point and it must be made sufficiently interesting to justify the trip. Seats will be needed in a shaded spot; a pool is desirable; a low rock garden can form the boundary on the upper side of this area, and flowers in pattern beds will appear to good advantage from above. I believe that the rear boundary planting should be tall—even including a few trees to stop the view into the lot beyond. Obviously, this depends upon conditions. If the view of the property directly in the rear justifies, then eliminate most of the high shrubs and trees, but keep a rear line planting of shrubs and evergreens high enough to complete the picture of the lower garden and the whole yard.

Should a rear yard of this type be graded into level areas, the principles governing this particular design might very probably be:

—and if you have never realized the possibilities and thrills of gardening on different grades—down, up, and sideways—Professor Bottomley's very helpful suggestions on these three pairs of pages will open your eyes

1. To create a first impression of spaciousness by an open lawn similar to the open area of the level lot that adjoins the house in the rear. This unit may include two thirds of the length of the rear yard, and is treated mainly as lawn with side boundaries of plants. An architectural overlook point at the end usually looks down upon a garden area where most of the flowers are grown. This may also be the principal rest point, or that may be provided at one end of the lower garden if that location seems preferable.

2. To create this same feeling of size and yet do away with excessive filling where the slope is considerable, a narrow terrace at the house can be intimately related to a larger lawn area below a median level (Fig. 1). Like all backyards this lawn area should remain open but it partakes a little more of the character of a garden and may include flowers along the sides and across the back. The wall that retains this second level might well become a rock garden to be seen from below. The break in grade between the upper two levels could be controlled by a low wall or a terrace but should scarcely be as picturesque and ragged as a rock garden. This upper terrace may be the only rest point and therefore needs shade from well placed trees.

The placement of the garage on the downhill lot is satisfactorily arranged in several places. If the lot is sufficiently wide, the garage can be attached to the house at the street level or placed in the basement and entered from the side. Either of these placements requires a minimum of twenty-two feet of space for a two-car garage. Either treatment is economical in space requirement. And yet the garage usually is found at the rear of the basement, necessitating driveway construction where the living terrace should be. Both drawings are of this character because it is more difficult to do well.

If the garage must be there, at least the drive can be made as formful as possible with a straight line across the back (Fig. 2) or rectangle (Fig. 1), and as neutral as possible with "black top" or brick instead of concrete. In fact, hard brick with grass joints over a cinder base forms a practical and aesthetic drive court. The driveway grade into these hillside lots must be considered for winter use. A grade above fifteen per cent is too great unless the distance is short. Even grades above twelve per cent will give trouble in winter.

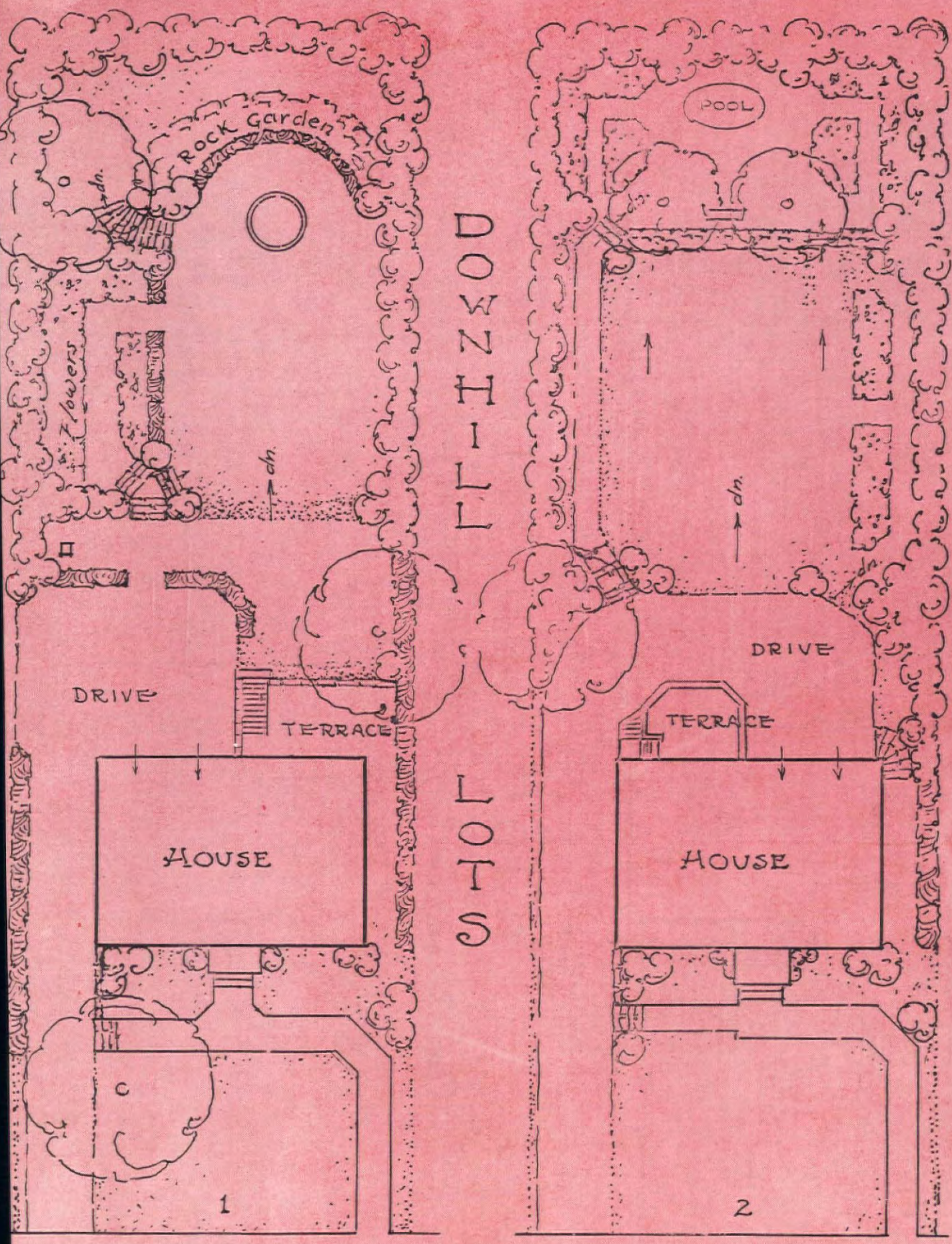
All in all, the downhill lot is desirable if the house is designed to fit the lot and the lot is properly developed. Too often, awkward and even ugly scars in architecture, driveway, and landscape result from improper design and poor adaptation. The objection has been voiced by the rock garden enthusiast that the walls or rock slopes are not seen from the house. This is quite true, but to me it is fully desirable as having the rock gardens in full view. The downhill property is suited particularly to the display of horizontal rather than vertical design. Added to this is the value of the distant view. properly developed, this particular type of land can have everything

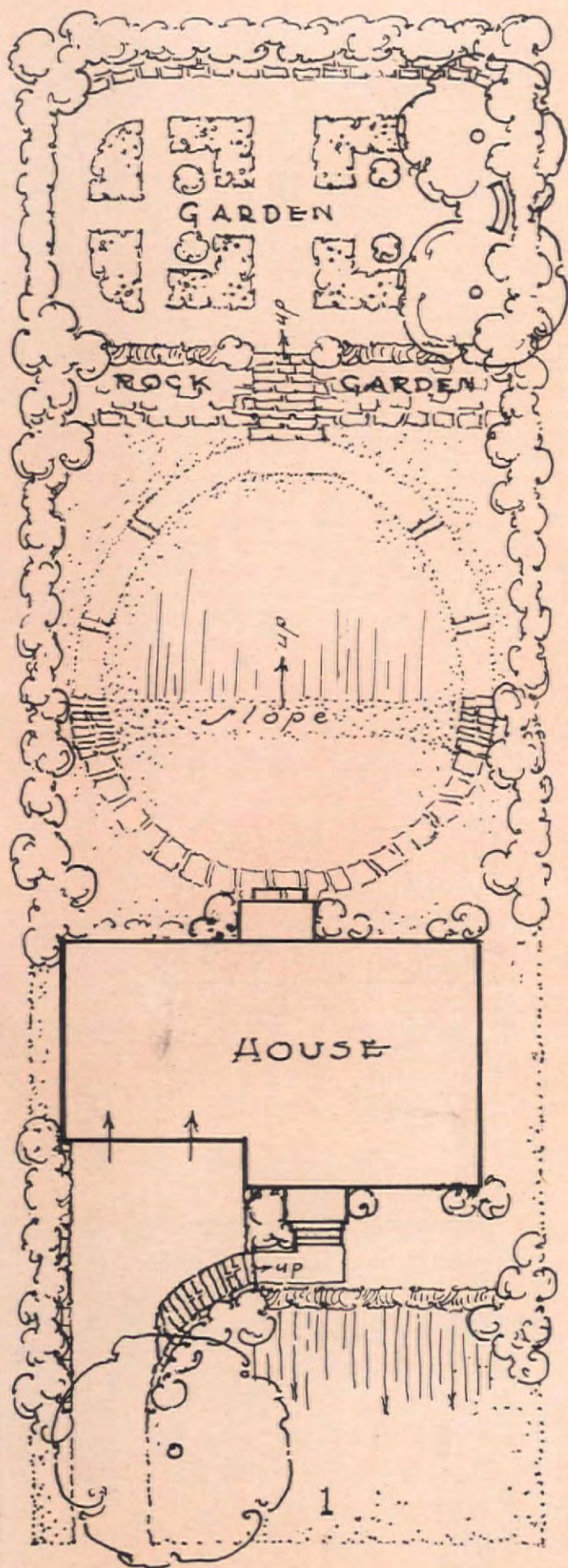
The development of downhill planting principles at the left inclines toward the naturalistic. Below, a cluster of the radiant yellow flowers, and a single

bloom enlarged, of Doubloons, a lovely, hard climbing rose—one of 1937's gifts to good garden



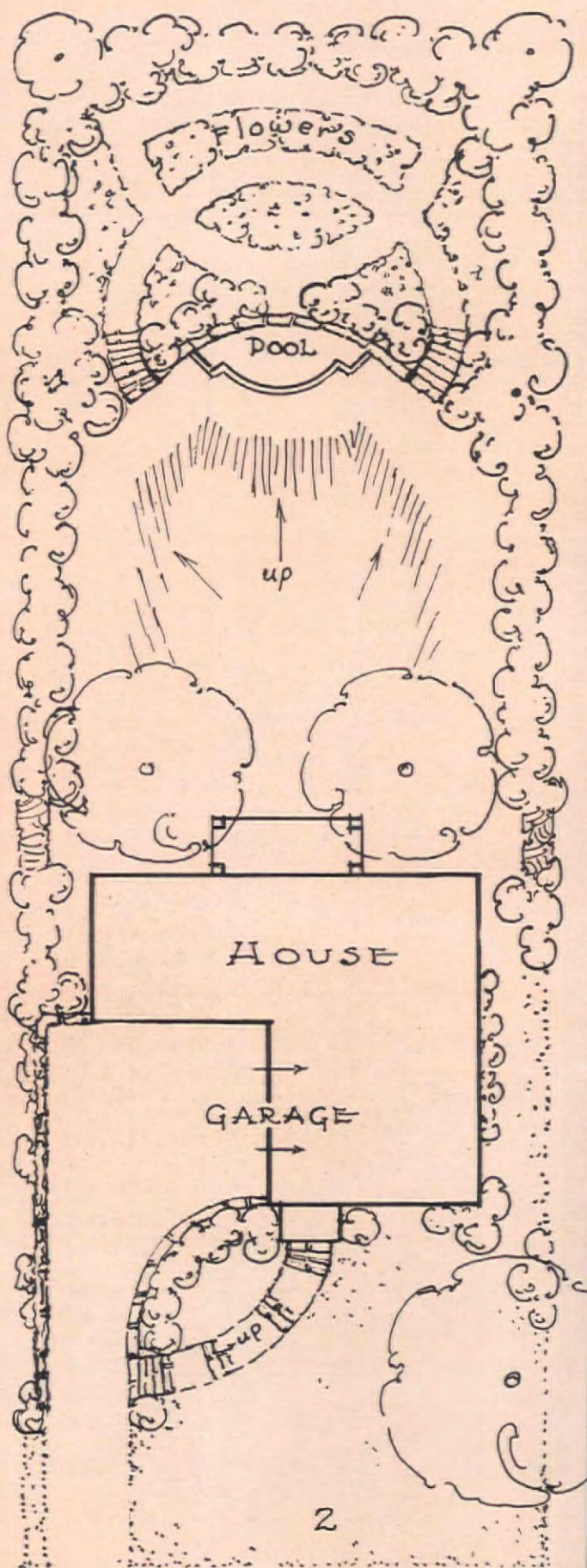
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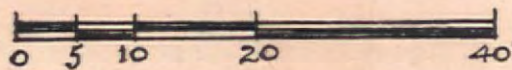


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Uphill is more difficult—but interesting

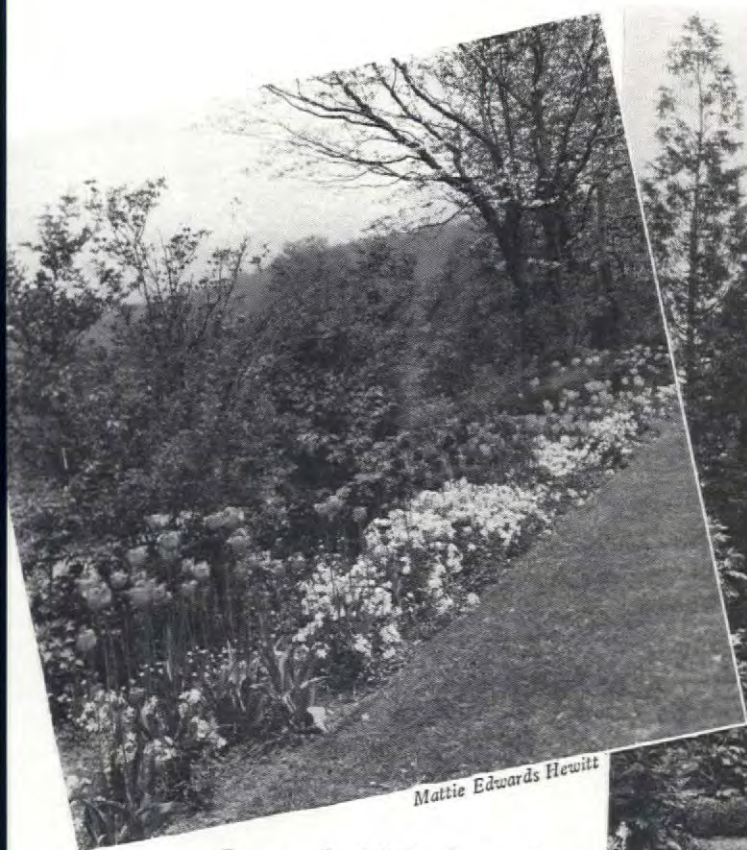
WHEN your house is situated above the street you are presenting the building advantageously, but the ideal background development is difficult to achieve. It is true this backyard can be developed to vertical pictures. You may ask what constitutes an ideal development of a small lot. I should say: An outlook that is spacious, beautiful, and usable, including ample lawn, interesting boundaries, and space for flowers; a comfortable rest point, and a logical architectural feature—all are requisites.

If a property is sharply upgrade, the usable open lawn is almost impossible to arrange. But, you will probably say, no more so than in the down grade, is it? Well, the land below the house may not be more usable from a physical standpoint, but it is possible to see and the outlook is more spacious. However, if the grade is not too great, the lawn rising from the house can be made just as charming as the level or downward type. The uphill lawn should be graded in a concave manner, as in Fig. 2, (page 20) to permit a good view of its surface. At the end of this lawn may be a feature that counts artistically, but more desirable than a stopping point is an opening with an alluring indication of what is beyond. Undoubtedly, color carries the maximum of invitation. The flower garden in this location at the end of the lot serves best its function in the general improvement of the property. It should be important enough to go to.

The rising, open lawn, extending back as far as possible from the rear of the house need have nothing upon its surface. Its beauty will be in boundary planting and, possibly, in terraced grading at the upper end. The art of rock gardening becomes both logical and effective on the uphill property which offers the rock garden enthusiast the perfect setting. Rock walls belong here, and as they face toward the house they can be seen to advantage from the rear porch or windows. Uphill lots, then, become vertical gardens. Pattern design will not show to good advantage, as it will on the downhill property. This means that the open center becomes, as it were, axiomatic, even more so than on level land, because a complex and interesting boundary demands a simple foreground for the most successful effect possible.

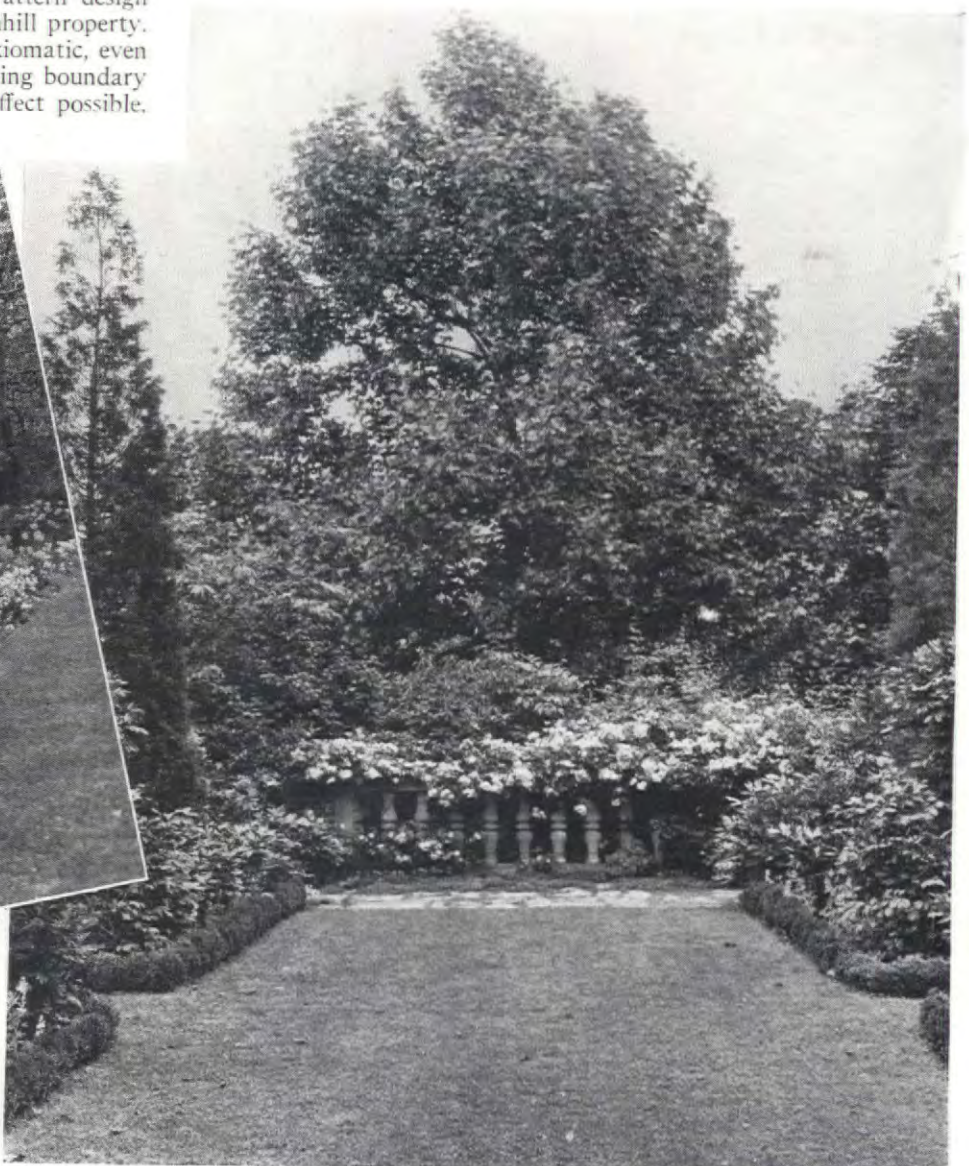
Now, let us consider the lot that is sharply up-grade (Fig. 1). That which is most difficult to achieve in the design of this backyard is spaciousness. In the rear of the house a level lawn, at least twenty-five to thirty feet deep, is most desirable. Then, with a wall or terrace only three feet high—low enough to permit an easy view into the second area, which may slope upward—the first impression of openness may be achieved. Above these closely associated units may be a terraced slope or garden wall sufficient to stop the view, with only an opening to indicate the presence of the upper garden. In this upper garden should be located the ever-needed rest point from which a broad view can probably be presented.

One thinks first of placing the garage on the uphill lot in the basement. This garage can be entered from the front, (Fig. 1) or better, from the side (Fig. 2); but never from the rear. In both permissible arrangements, retaining walls at the driveway will be needed and may easily become scars in the front yard picture unless kept low or subordinated by overhanging plants. In either case, the drive should be crowded to the side of the lot, even if it must be curved in to the garage, in order to leave a wide sloping lawn in front of the house. This front lawn usually should be graded in a convex or ogee profile to reduce the height effect. Immediately adjacent to the house a front terrace may be bounded by a low hedge (Fig. 1) to create a pleasant door-yard unit that connects to the rear yard. The fact that the uphill lot is, by nature, far more ideal, makes its design even more important in order that as many scars as possible shall be eliminated; that there shall be achieved as much outlook and beauty as the conditions will permit. It presents an excellent test of one's planning ingenuity.



Mattie Edwards Hewitt

Let a colorful border enclose the upward slope . . . then, at the summit of the rise, create a vantage point from which to look back upon the garden



—but sidehill is easiest of all!

IF you have a chance to buy a sidehill lot, especially if it has a view, take it. The sidehill lot is a type of property that lends itself easily to the development of an ideal plot plan. It approaches the level lot more nearly than the uphill or downhill variety. In fact, it combines the usable, level areas of the flat land with the picturesque slopes of the hillside. As we know, the width of the city lot is commonly much less than its depth; hence the difference in elevation between the upper and lower sides will be only four to six feet or possibly eight feet. Consequently, the major part of the lot can be graded to approach the level of the house so that the interrelation of the two can be easily effected. A minimum of expense in wall building is needed to produce level areas, and yet a sufficient difference of elevation exists to permit the building of interesting slopes and slightly lower gardens. By buying a sidehill property you are acquiring not only a picturesque house site, but also a property that can be so interestingly developed that it will seem much larger than its actual size. In my opinion, the sidehill lot holds the possibilities for a compact and ideal home development.

For example, the typical sidehill lot might be graded down two or three feet at the upper lot line. This can involve a planted slope or, in a gardened rock wall, form a logical (and hence more beautiful) rock garden. About two thirds of the width of the lot can be leveled into a lawn area adjoining the living or dining room of the house, which we hope will be placed on this upper side. This area, probably, will extend to the rear of the property in order to give the desired feeling of spaciousness and usefulness. Some sort of inviting rest point is needed at the end of this lawn area, to be used for leisure hours, to

look at, and from which to view the rear of the house. The upper corner of this lawn level is an appropriate place for more elaboration in rock gardening with a pool in connection (Fig. 1). In this case the shaded rest point would be at the lower side of the lawn area where visitors could see the pool and overlook the garden treatment of the lower side of the lot. Below this open lawn that constitutes the major part of the backyard will remain a strip of land, perhaps fifteen to twenty feet wide and the length of the rear yard. This can be utilized as a service yard or a vegetable garden, but usually made into a flower garden. The drop into this area, which may be four or five feet, generally appears best as a vertical wall with very little rock planting but with a low hedge at the top and a few vines hanging over; the reason is that the interest is to be reserved for the long flower beds that are shown here.

Equally satisfactory on the side-slope lot is the efficient manner in which the garage can be installed in the basement without having the driveway cut into either the back or the front. At least, this will be the result if the house is placed and designed with the garage and landscape plan in mind. Quite naturally, the drive will be on the lower side of the lot where it can be sunken and subordinated without great excavation. The basement garage now becomes logical. How shall it be entered from the front, the rear, or the side? The first suggestion has been justly criticized by the architect for the reason that it usually degrades the appearance of the house front. The rear entrance has been objected to by the landscape architect because the drive turn takes up so much of the backyard space. An entrance to the basement garage from the side does not materially affect the foreground to the house and does not cut into the backyard sufficiently to limit its usefulness or detract from its beauty. However, there is one limiting factor—the width of the lot.

Normally, the house occupies the greater part of the property width, leaving only about twelve feet for the driveway. At least twenty-two feet is needed for a turn court at the side of the house and twenty-five feet is better. On the seventy-five foot lot this maximum space is available if the house is located close to the outer property line. But on the fifty foot lot, it can be provided only by designing the house to accommodate this need. The result will be an L-shaped building with the garage underneath the rear wing (Fig. 1). An offset of only ten feet in the house will provide sufficient space for the side-drive turn.

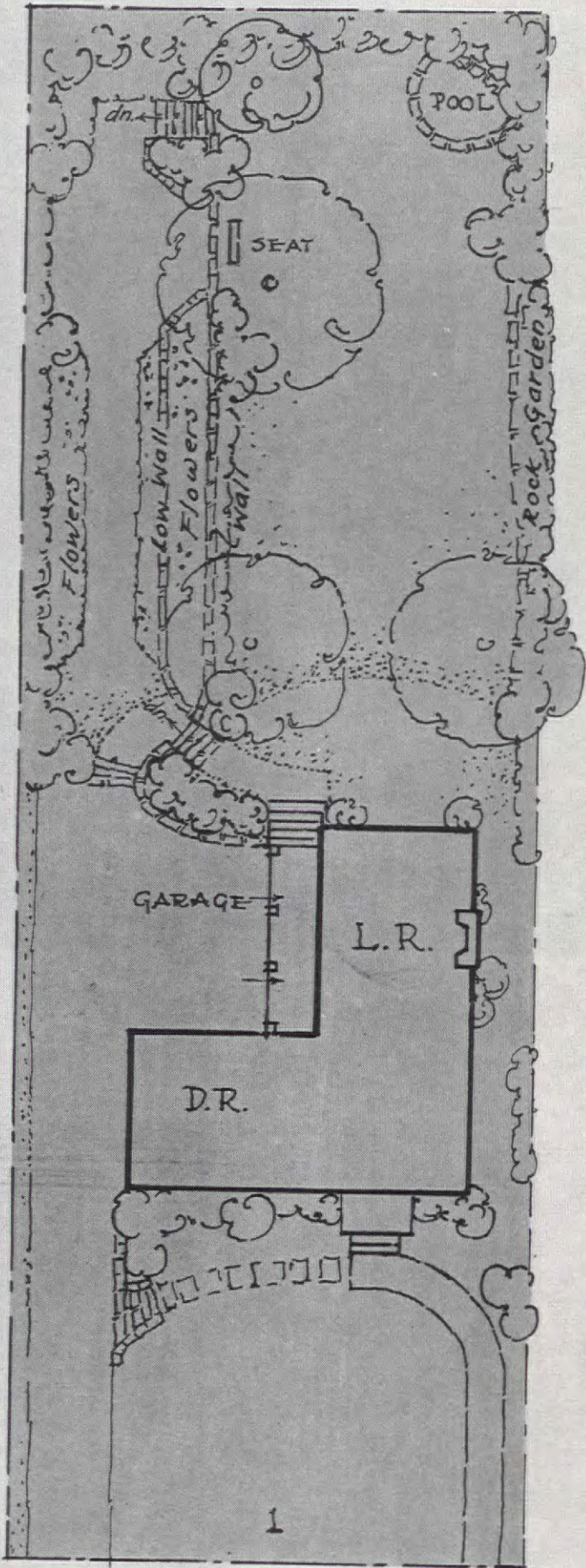
A one-car garage may be entered from the front of the sidehill lot without dominating the scene and with less objection than on the level lot because only one wall is needed. But in general, garage doors in the rear of the basement are to be preferred. That the drive can be placed so as not to interfere with the backyard is illustrated in Figure 2 on opposite page.

What can you do with a rocky outcrop beside the house? . . . or with a gentle grassy slope in a like location



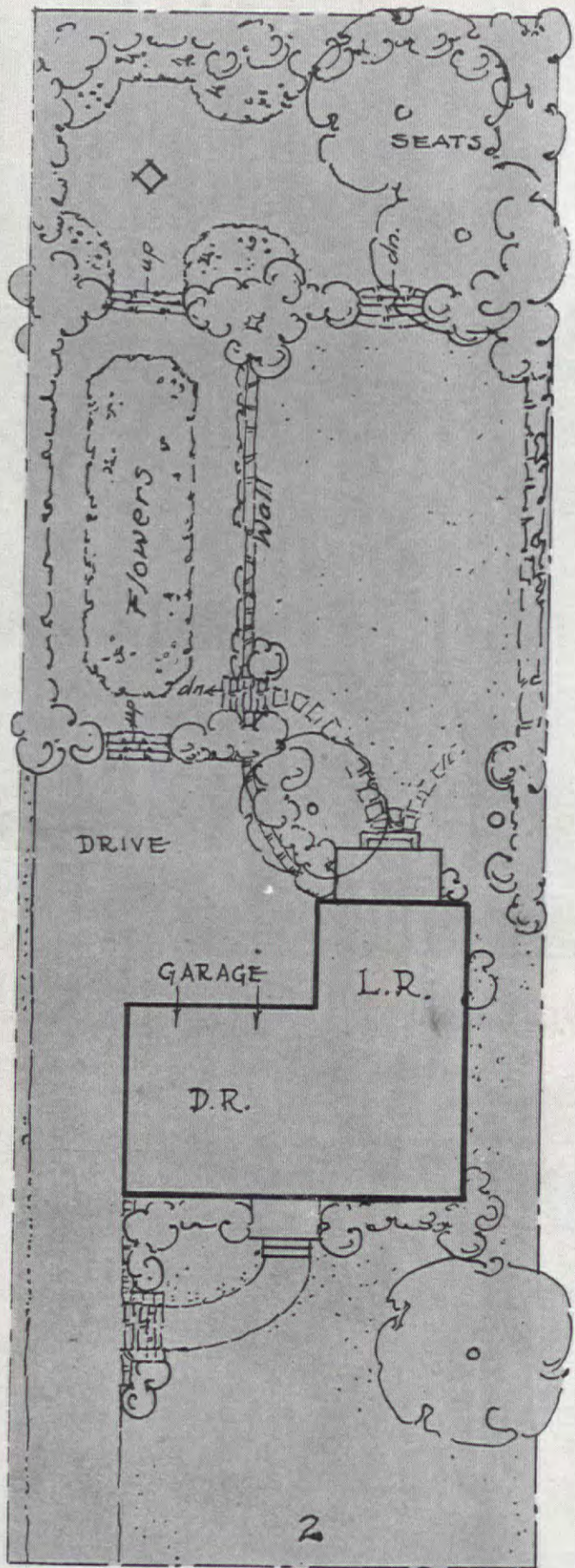
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All on a "useless" piece of land



P. J. VAN MELLE

SHADED by the house and by roadside trees, and air-cooled by a wooded grove near by, a twenty-foot strip of ground lying between the writer's home and the Albany Post Road south of Poughkeepsie, New York, was transformed into the woodland garden shown directly above.

A screen of bush honeysuckle along the road, a little pool, and a few hemlocks, rhododendrons, and azaleas furnish the main accessories. A thorough soil-making job, resulting in deeply prepared, moisture-retaining, woodsy earth, was a fundamental preliminary step. Literally a thousand and one odds and ends of native and exotic woodland and shade-

loving plants completed this lovely syl-
The border extending along the house
the left was raised and backed with a retaining wall
which stands at some distance from the house
leaving a working passageway between the house
and garden. In this way the surface of the garden
is raised well up to the window-sill level so that
one may look out through the window into the
close range hepaticas, ladyslippers, tulips, and
whatever happens to be poking up or showing
and also enjoy the picture of the pool and garden
tint beyond. At the far end of the pool where the
water trickles into it, is a Sargent weeping



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way along the walk grows *Viola priceana*, the Confederate violet. At the end of the walk is a mound of the tiny-leaved evergreen *Euonymus radicans*—very dainty and thoroughly charming. The smaller pictures represent a few of the many other plants accommodated in this garden—most of them photographed right in their happy surroundings there; and here are some notes about their likes and dislikes:

Plants and their requirements

- 1) *Cornus canadensis*, the bunch-berry, if given an acid soil, will make it at home. If the soil is acid and the place cool, it will not insist on any shade for proper growth.
- 2) The common yellow ladyslipper in this garden has a way of flowering in the company of *Brunnera macrophylla* (also called *Anchusa myosotidiflora*) giving a cheerful combination of butter yellow and cobalt blue that becomes the more charming as the blue florets begin to drop and strew the ground. In this garden are also the smaller yellow ladyslipper, which often has brown spots, and many forms intermediate between the two.
- 3) *Saxafraga umbrosa* variety London Pride likes a rich loam and a shady place. If it takes to the location at all, it will grow into broad mats and the effect of the pinkish flowers, carried on graceful racemes, will be most charming.
- 4) *Viola rugulosa*, from the western United States, of which this garden possesses a charming, pale pink flowering form, thrives almost too well for the effort of the gardener. It spreads rapidly below ground and self-sows in bargain. It should be a fine thing for naturalizing over large areas.
- 5) *Pachysandra procumbens* is an American relative, from the southern United States, of the Japanese spurge. It is a good cover plant for deep shade, but it is not evergreen. The effect of the whitish flowers and chocolate-tinted scales in earliest spring is most interesting and unusual.
- 6) The double-flowering form of bloodroot is rare and has been found in only one or two stations. It is not more difficult to grow than the common form, nor is it more beautiful. It spreads somewhat more slowly and, of course, does not self-sow.
- 7) *Viola pedatifida*, another western United States species, maintains itself with much less difficulty than does our eastern birdsfoot violet. Not as difficult, perhaps, as that species, it is at least worth its place in this garden.

All photographs
by the author



*Viola
rugulosa*



Pachysandra procumbens



Viola pedatifida



Double-flowering
bloodroot



DISCIPLINE IS NOT REPRESSION

YOU stop and start by traffic lights . . . keep to the right . . . stop for police whistles . . . and move through university halls in obedience to bells

LIFE in large families disciplined us normally . . . no hospitals to spare sickness and no country clubs for entertaining guests . . . life in large families pulled young and old into a coöperative service for the group

CLARA B. DEAN

LY everyone who has a child to cherish and rear says, now and then, "That youngster needs discipline."

The thought cools when the modest parent continues the conversation with him—"Remember your psychology," he warns. "You must not break Tommy's spirit. Let him express himself and find his own way. At this and that if you like, tell him on, but don't make good desirable, but never force your will. After all, your philosophy is no more than a crystallized hangover from Tommy's grown. The boy must not be frightened and cowed. Hands off."

Modern Parent eases his conscience by telling himself a story to point the moral. Discipline often replaces one bad habit with another, often substitutes an abnormal for a normal one. I've always favored the story that Joe McElhaney tells about his son. Not that our neighbor Joe points a finger in the telling of the story; he thinks it is only a pretty good joke on himself. The story is his, the soothing moral mine. So you, too, have heard the story and for soothing syrup to your conscience.

Joe says his mule ran away every time the train came bumbling down the tracks near the cornfield where Joe was plowing. "Now what can I do," he thought, "to break that cranky mule? I can't have her running away every time she sees a train." Looking about, our neighbor decided that a hickory tree growing near the tracks was stout enough to hold the mule. Day after day Joe tied his mule to the hickory tree. Each day the mule kicked when the train rattled past. After a time our friend decided that the mule had lost her fear, that the discipline had worked, and that it was time to stop the foolishness of leaving the corn field every time the whistle blew. It took a lot of common sense to teach a mule, Joe thought.

The mule walked between the rows of corn. Joe heard the train whistle, leaned on his plow and gloated. The train came nearer and the whistle was louder. The mule stopped to listen. Her ears twitched to the urgent moan. Then she was off down the field, across the

rows of corn, and down to the hickory tree near the tracks where the earth trembled—but a mule was safe when a train passed by.

So with men, as with mules, discipline often fails. It has been true so often that the very word "discipline" is seldom used by parents or educators who wish to be healthfully progressive. Discipline is like arsenic, good only in small doses and only when the child needs it badly. Because we know discipline can be destructive, we distrust it, and fear to use it when it is badly needed.

But if Modern Parent could stand off and look at himself in amusing caricature so that he could interpret himself, and look at his child, also

in caricature, he would wonder, as did his Victorian grandparents, "What is the world coming to!" He would see a man who stops and starts by traffic lights, who obeys and believes in all manner of signs, who punches time clocks, who listens for factory whistles and police whistles, (Please turn to page 78)



A reader brings Cape Cod to N. J.



*The Tenafly, N. J., home of
Mrs. W. Newell Smith*

BUILT within the last year, this very house was planned to accommodate wing off the living room to the south, as conditions allow. It is built of white board, with dark blue-green solid shutters, gabled roof to match, and brick chimney.

INTERIOR FEATURES: Wallpaper throughout the house, to provide as much ration at as little cost as possible; cushioned ruffled curtains uniformly throughout the house; rich brown broadloom carpets, room.

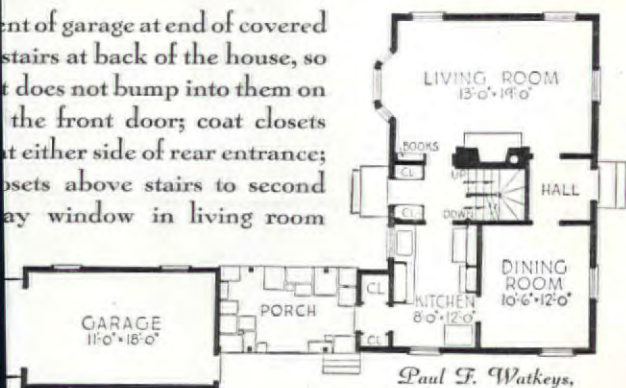
LIVING ROOM: White wallpaper with brown motifs; brown carpet; green sofa; chairs in brown, green, and white chintz, and curtains; white wire accessories.

DINING ROOM: Red and white paper, red center fixture, corner cupboard lined with blue, maple furniture, red and pale blue cushions with pale blue cording.

MASTER BEDROOM: Pale blue paper, dots; French provincial furniture; red and linen bedspreads, and matching bed upholstery; cornices, old wallpaper on wooden cornice.



ent of garage at end of covered
stairs at back of the house, so
it does not bump into them on
the front door; coat closets
at either side of rear entrance;
closets above stairs to second
day window in living room





The Swallows build a nest

A practical house for the small-home owner

CHRISTINE FERRY

PLANNED on traditional lines of early New England architecture and accommodated to the requirements of present-day living, this simple Cape Cod cottage, built for Mr. and Mrs. Guy W. Swallow in Nashua, New Hampshire, is a nice example of sane house planning for the small-home owner. Although compact, it has ample floor space and the rooms connect with one another in such a way as to afford the privacy all too often lacking in small houses. At the same time the arrangement simplifies the business of housekeeping to the nth degree, which is essential in this day and age.

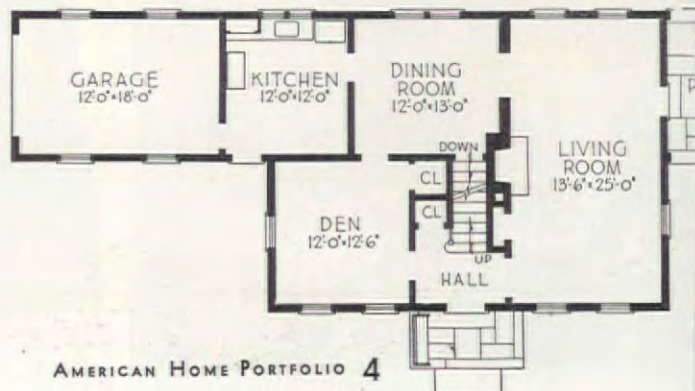
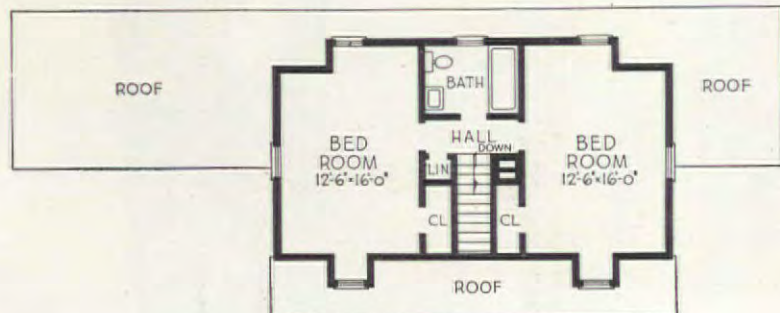
Economical house planning should, and in this instance does, look after the matter of upkeep as well as the original structural cost. Being low studded, it is easy to heat; the area of the exterior surface to be re-painted is relatively small, and there are no projecting dormers to suggest future roofing difficulties. Both the garage wing at one end and the open porch at the other join the main structure in such a way as to permit an unbroken stretch of roof across the rear—a desirable feature of both construction and design.

Aside from being practical, it is also a hospitable little house. A flagged path leads from

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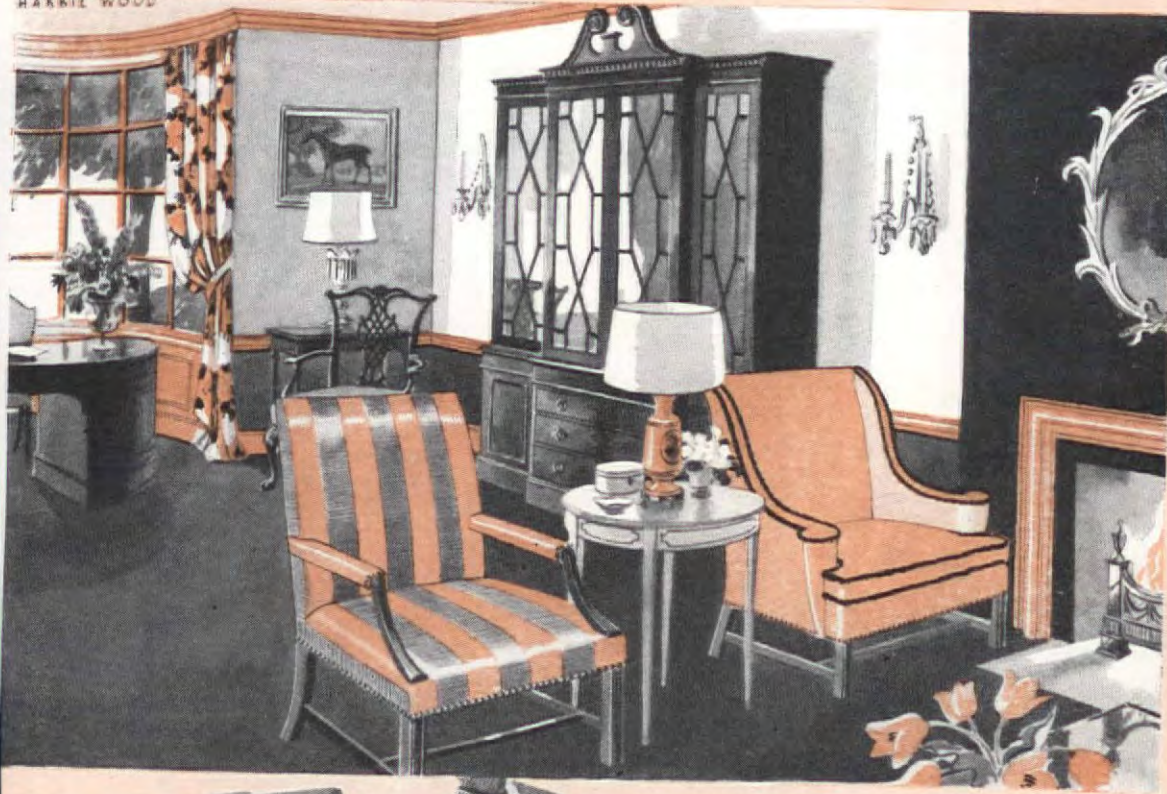


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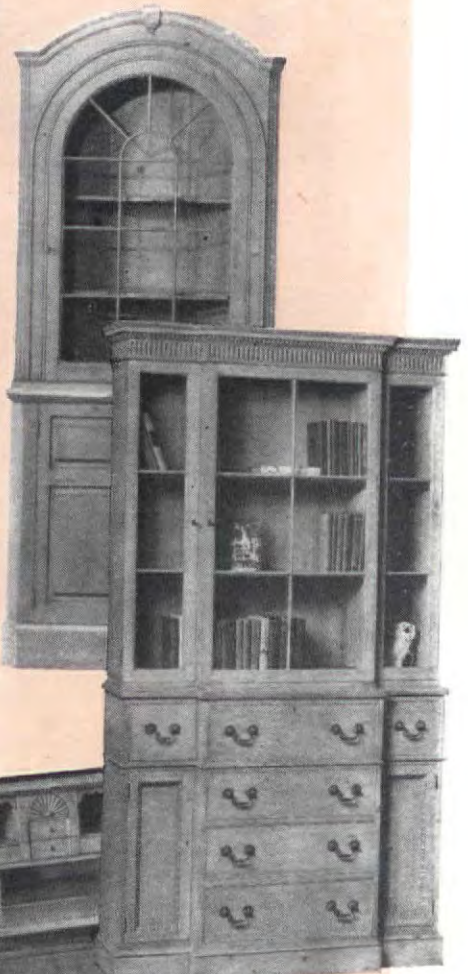


REPLACE and REPLENISH

HARRIE WOOD



CHARLOTTE L. EATON



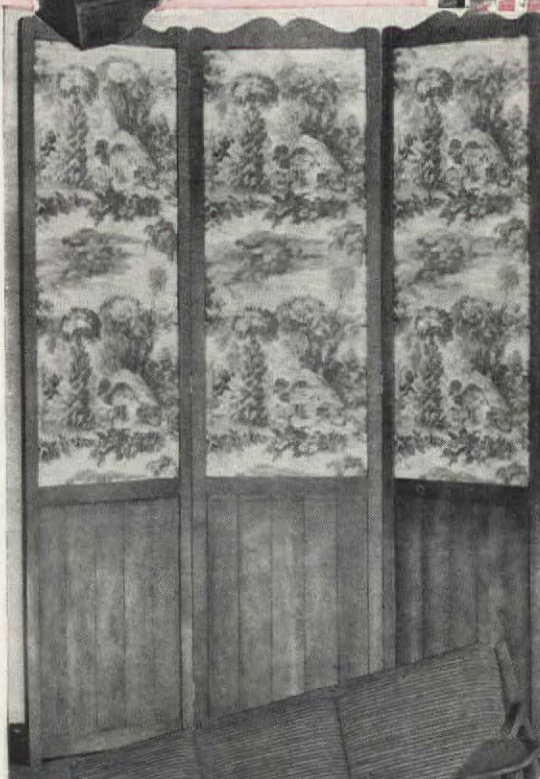
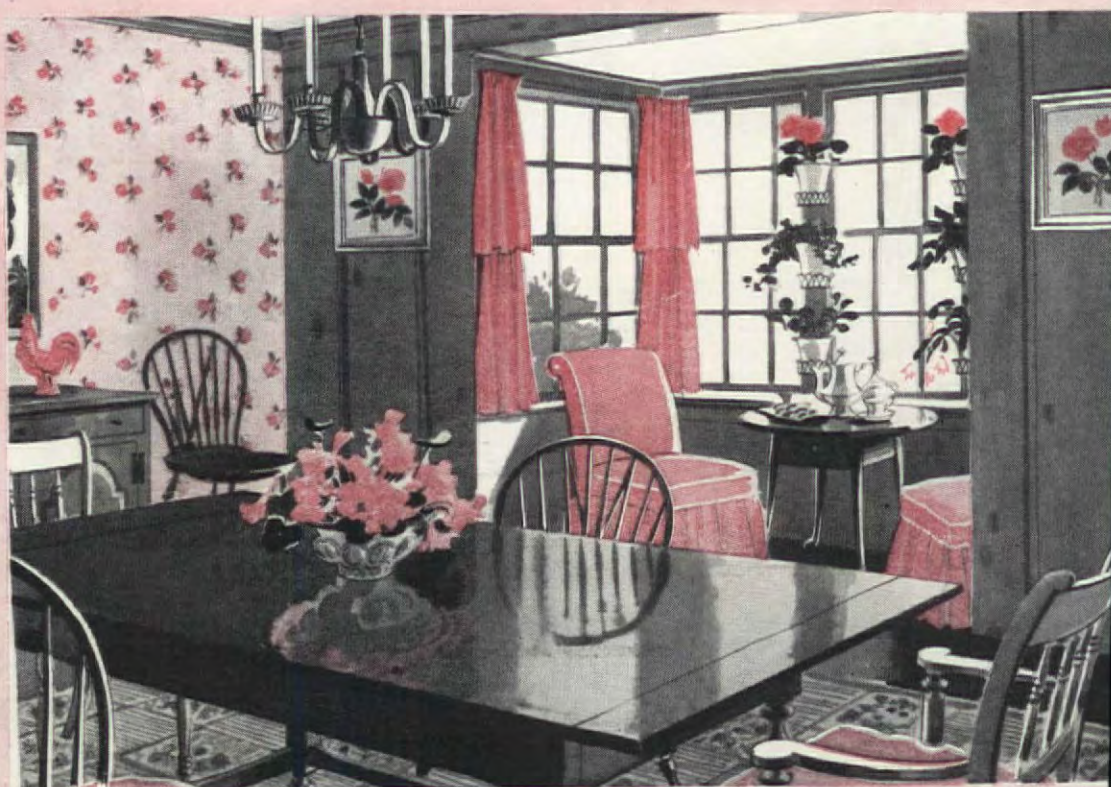
18th CENTURY—

THE AMERICAN HOME has never stood for model rooms, as such, since in our editorial heart of hearts we know perfectly well that practically no one throws out the entire contents of his house, or even of one room, and starts from scratch to redecorate and refurnish. What we do know is this: there is not one of us who does not have certain pieces of furniture that we would like to replace because they are worn, an inappropriate size for the space they must occupy, the wrong finish to go with the rest of the things in the room, or the wrong thing altogether if the room is to have that certain amount of style we all want just as much as we want style in our clothes. Also, there are few of us who do not feel the need of an extra table, a desk that we can really write at, one more comfortable chair, things we have wanted a long time but have



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EARLY AMERICAN—*New designs for our present-day mode of living*

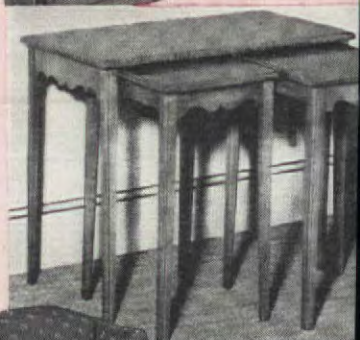
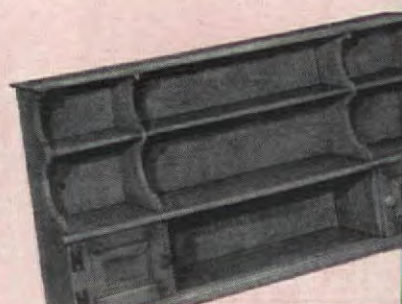


just put off getting. So in these pages we urge you to "Replace and Replenish"—replace worn out or unsuitable furniture; replenish with new pieces which will exactly fill your need.

As we look over our notebook, we are considerably put to it to know just what furniture to select to show you. There is so much that is intensely interesting that we could fill an entire issue of the magazine with it! But since that is out of the question, we have had to select a limited number of outstanding things to illustrate, and remind you, at the same time, that there are dozens, in fact hundreds more in the shops of just as much interest.

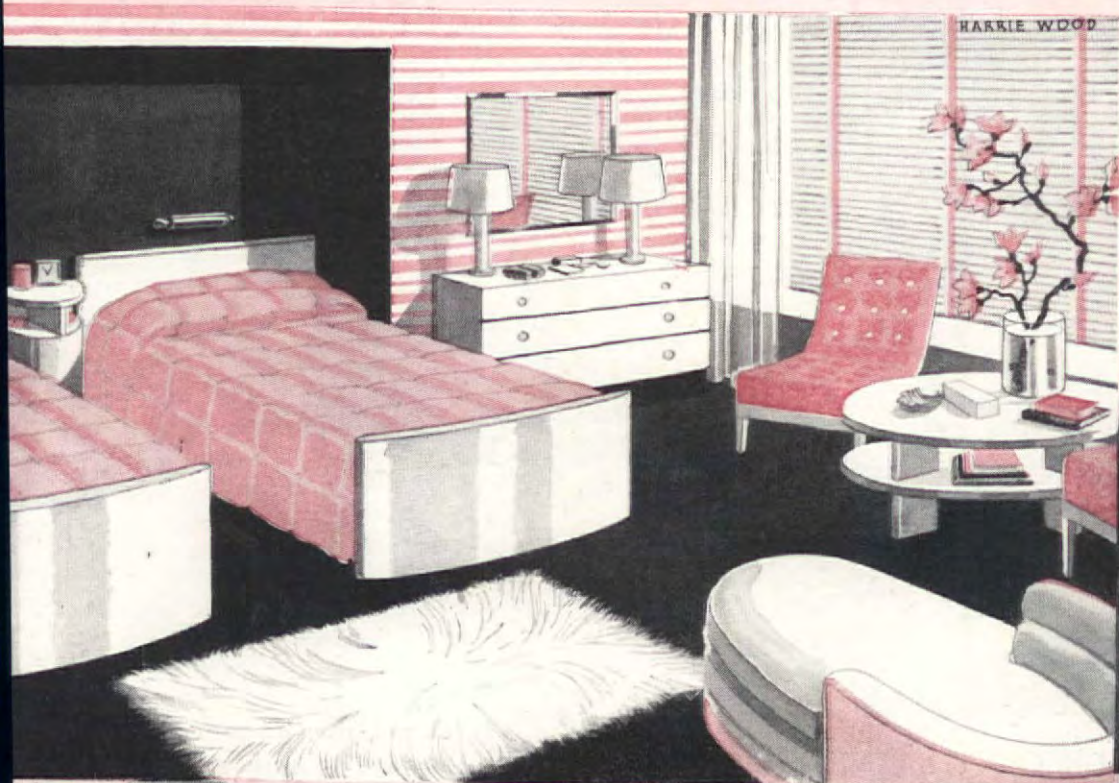
The new furniture this spring seems definitely to have been planned as replacements and additions to the things we already have. Most of us have furnished our houses in one of three styles, not that we have wanted to be academic about it, or surround ourselves with museum-like backgrounds, but just because that is the particular kind of furnishing style we prefer.

A great many of us are fond of 18th century English furniture, in mahogany, with a comingling of Chippendale, Sheraton, and Hepplewhite. No longer do we want completely matched furnishings—it seems far more inter-



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MODERN — *Blonde finishes effective against dark backgrounds*



DRAWINGS
BY
HARRIE WOOD



esting to combine slightly different pieces that harmonize, one with the other. The sketch on our first page shows an 18th century living room, the kind of room in which all the furniture illustrated would be very much at home. Living rooms, dining rooms, bedrooms of this general type will welcome the addition of any of the furniture shown.

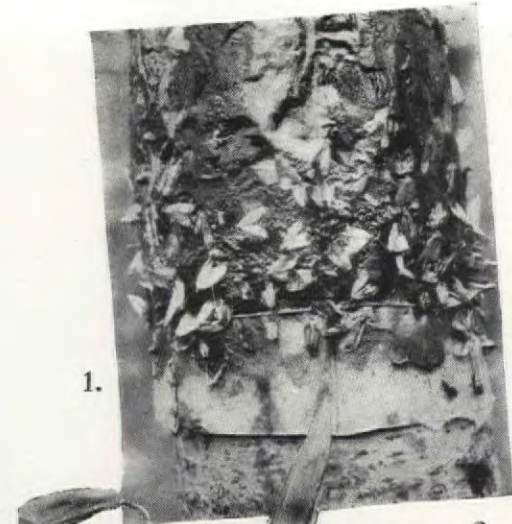
There are still more Colonial houses in the country than any other kind, and so it is natural enough that many of us turn to the maple and pine furniture of a sort favored long ago when the original Colonies were young. Most of us are thoroughly familiar with this Early American furniture for rooms something like the dining room which is our second sketch, but perhaps all of us do not realize how many new pieces are now available to serve us in our present-day modes of living: bookcases designed just to fit under the windows in our new houses, coffee tables which our ancestors never heard of, comfortable chairs and sofas adapted from original models. In addition to this, it is important to realize that one can now find in the stores newly made maple furniture with lovely, soft, old-looking finishes very much like old pieces themselves. This is particularly important to note if you have some old things and plan augmenting them with new, for now it is possible for them to harmonize

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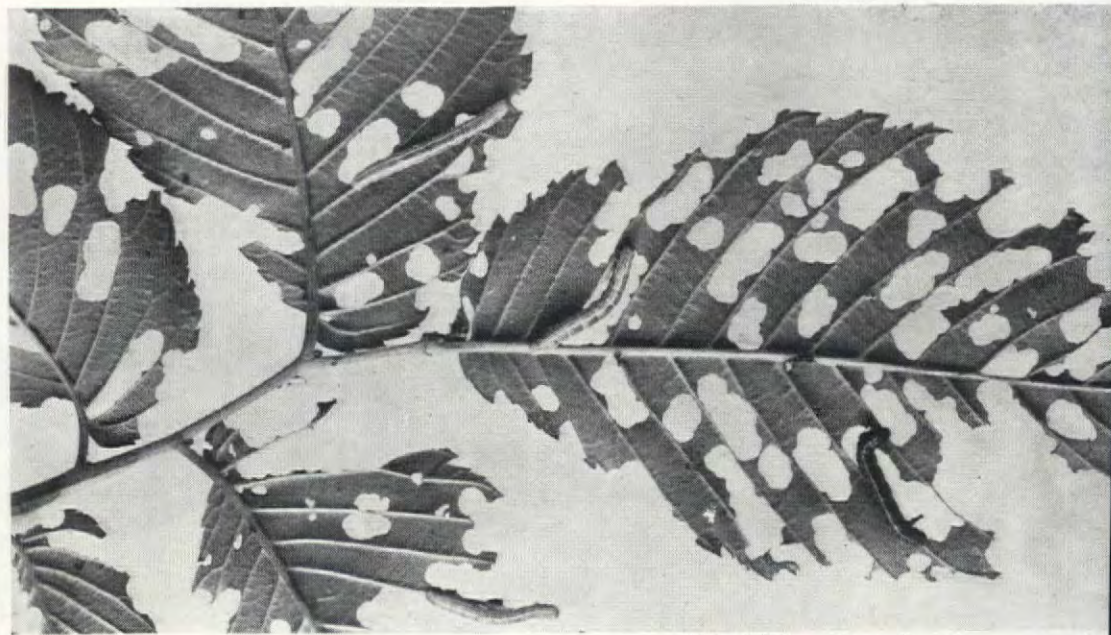
One hour a week enough



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5. Deformed, dwarf-tulip which is caused by botrytis blight



2. Canker worm control. Tree-banding (1) catches adults. Otherwise from eggs come inchworms (2) requiring spring spraying

DR. CYNTHIA WESTCOTT

A real "plant doctor" outlines a simple plan for keeping your garden healthy and

ENOUGH for what? Enough to keep your gardens healthy—that is, in a reasonable state of health. And what is a "reasonable state of health?" Well, it does *not* mean that you will absolutely exclude every one of several hundred species of insects and fungi which *might* be attracted to your roses. It *does* mean that a control program (given at end of article) will, with a minimum of effort, keep at bay the most common and destructive insects, and prevent the most serious of the diseases to be found in almost every garden; that a sanitation campaign, zealously carried out, spring and fall, will keep chance visitors from settling down on you for good. It means that when you show off your garden you will have no need to apologize for rose leaves crisped by the rose slug or lost entirely owing to the ravages of the black spot fungus; nor for ugly dead branches on the evergreens; nor a soft and smelly rot of iris that follows after the dreaded borer. In short, you will have a garden to be proud of; and if, by the end of the summer season, some unimportant, harmless spots show up on a few annuals or perennials, don't let them worry you.

This "hour a week" I am talking about—extending from the middle of March to the middle of November—is, naturally, an average allowance. You will have to spend more time in the winter and fall than in scorching midsummer. It is also an average allowance between the demands of a small backyard garden and estate, although, surprisingly enough, the time and effort do *not* increase in direct proportion to the size of the garden. Unless the backyard garden has not had time to accumulate troubles of age, the crowding of plants in an endeavor to get as much as possible in a small area often means a concentration of pests not found on the large estate where the broad spaces of the estate retard the spread of disease germs.

Don't be offended if I picture your garden as "average." You like to work in it yourself and are able to get along with the help of a gardener working by the day as you need it. You turned all worries about your shade trees over to your nearest reputable tree expert, who sprays at the proper time for canker worms (1 and 2) and the elm leaf beetle, for borers and wilt diseases, and prunes out dead o

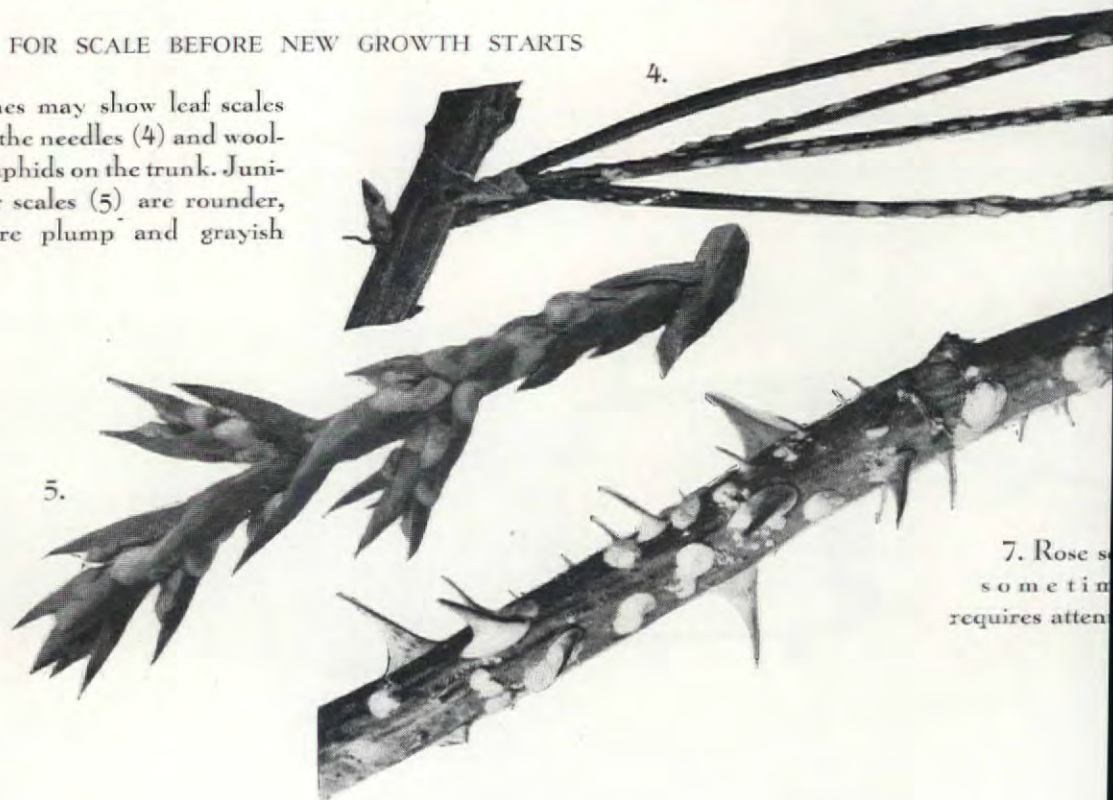
SPRAY FOR SCALE BEFORE NEW GROWTH STARTS

Pines may show leaf scales on the needles (4) and woolly aphids on the trunk. Juniper scales (5) are rounder, more plump and grayish

6. A lilac twig infested with the familiar oyster-shell scale

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7. Rose scales sometimes requires attention



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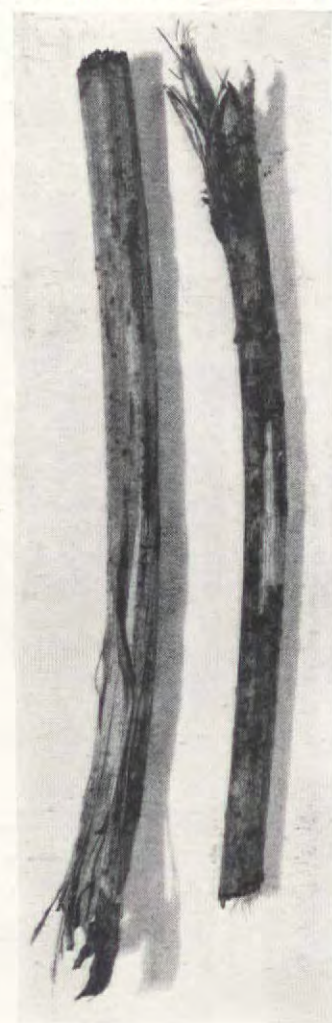
APHIDS INJURE CONIFERS

On Norway spruce they cause small, innocent-looking galls (8) which later grow large (9). If neglected, branches (10) and even whole trees may succumb

Cut stems to the ground in fall in order to destroy the botrytis blight

11.

NEGLECTED PEONY STEMS



when necessary. And that shows that you have realized that your large trees form a very definite part of the value of your property and that their maintenance is as important an item in the home budget as taxes or insurance or house-painting. But you are upset about your small evergreens—they look peaked. And your roses have been so unsatisfactory for the last season or two that you are about decided to dig them up. The perennial left much to be desired last summer; some of the plants were yellow, some were covered with white mold, and others just toppled over and died. You called in the Plant Doctor for a consultation, where I am on a late March day, ready to make an hour of inspection, and to do some diagnosing and prescribing . . .

First, let's look at the lilacs. They practically always have scale—see those gray oyster-shaped excrustations covering the old stems (4)? We'll cut twigs and branches that are badly infected, right? That little bit of pruning won't hurt even if it is done before flowering time; in fact, wood as nearly dead as that wouldn't bear any blossoms, anyway. Tomorrow, have your gardener give all these stems a dormant spray. Get it done very soon, though, for the buds are swelling and the term "dormant (sleeping) spray" means that it can be used only before tender new growth appears. Get your seed store for a reliable miscible oil spray;

dilute it according to the manufacturer's directions—probably one part oil to fifteen of water—and apply only on a bright sunny day, when the temperature is above 45 degrees F.

This sawdust piling up at the entrance of holes in the old lilac trunks means that borers are at work within. They will be suffocated by this nicotine paste that I am squeezing up into the holes; but you should buy a tube to keep on hand. When you go to purchase it, ask for Bor-tox or Borerkil.

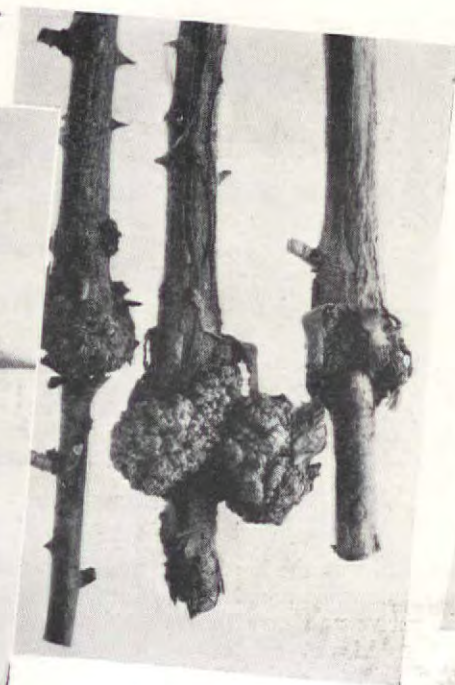
It's well to inspect your rhododendrons, too, for borers, every so often; prompt action may prevent a lot of trouble. Those yellow leaves indicate injury by lacebugs, although sometimes they are a sign of the alkaline soil that rhododendrons dislike. The lacebug babies will not be hatching until the end of May, so I can wait until later to discuss them.

Some of the laurel leaves show brown spots, especially those under the tree drip, but I wouldn't call the infection bad enough to warrant plastering all that lovely green foliage with a blue coat of bordeaux mixture in May and June. Instead, we'll just remove these few spotted leaves—and accomplish the same end . . . Queer advice from a doctor? Well, I do hate to prescribe medicine when other means will work. Of course, were the infection so serious that you could not remove all the spotted

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Cankers take various forms, as simple discolored areas (13) or galls (14). From them sometimes spring spore-bearing horns (15)

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12. Rust evidence on a hollyhock leaf (under side)



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“Flower shelves” for a very small lot



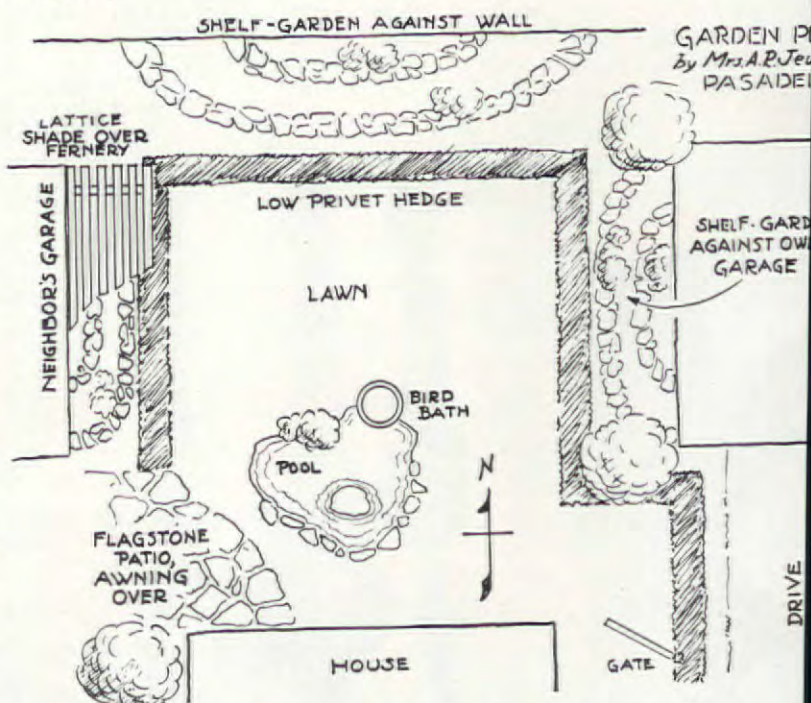
How elevated beds in one little garden conserve space and help hide rather unsightly walls. . . HI SIBLEY

WHERE space is at a premium on a small city lot—or in a limited garden area anywhere, for that matter—a fine display of flowers can be achieved by building the beds in walled terraces around the borders of the plot, much after the manner in which goods are displayed in a well-arranged show window of a modern shop.

The photographs and plans on these two pages are of a garden laid out along those lines by Mrs. A. R. Jewell of Pasadena, California, with unusually attractive results, in addition to the leaving of a relatively large expanse of lawn in the center. The general arrangement of the garden with its three enclosing elevated beds is shown in the plan at the right; the construction of the walls is brought out in the sectional drawing at the top of the facing page. In this case stone was used, but brick could be used in the same way. The planting spaces should be filled with a soil rich in humus and reinforced with a fair amount of fertilizer. If it inclines to heaviness, a layer of rubble or other coarse material, overlain with some kind of litter to prevent the soil sifting through, will provide adequate drainage.

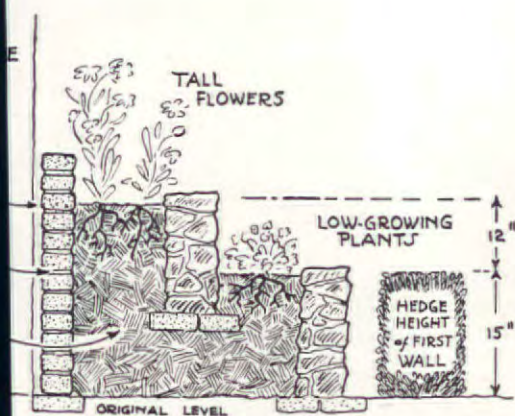
If desired, a privet hedge can be planted in front of the bed and kept trimmed just to the height of the front wall in order to conceal it; the flowers growing in the bed will hide the second wall where two elevations are employed. Whenever such terraces are built against a solid wall, such as that of a house or garage, it is well to erect an additional wall at the back of bed leaving an inch or so of air space between.

The shady side of the garden can be reserved for a fernery, as was done in Mrs. Jewell's case, and a lattice erected above



it as shown in the lowest illustration on the opposite page. In such a situation mosses and a variety of shade-loving subjects will thrive and give to the garden a much greater variety that could not be realized in a space open to full sun.

This drawing shows the simple construction of two elevated beds at different levels designed to break the monotony of a blank garage wall



SECTION Through SHELF-GARDEN

A PLANTING-FOR-PROFIT PROBLEM

NEW JERSEY reader appeals to us for advice how to use some spare ground to advance. She has a 50 by 50 foot plot with no shade, 50 by 200 foot field in which are sixteen trees. She asks, "Would young spruce and plants be suitable in both places, and there be a reasonable profit from them? can plant them for me, but I must care plants after they are set out. The initial must be as low as possible. If you advise conifers, kindly specify varieties free of spider."

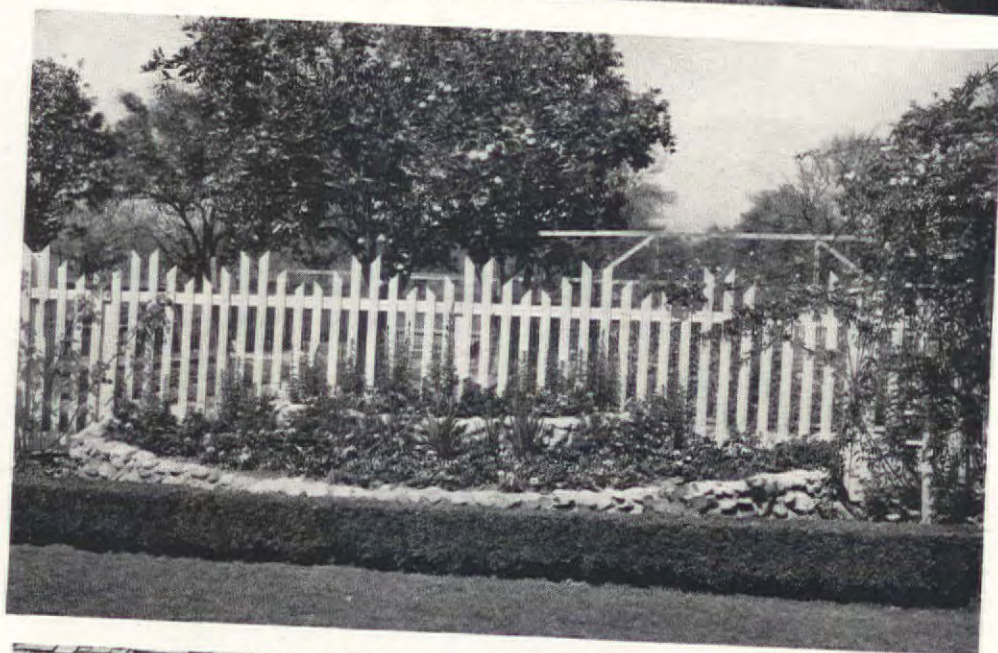
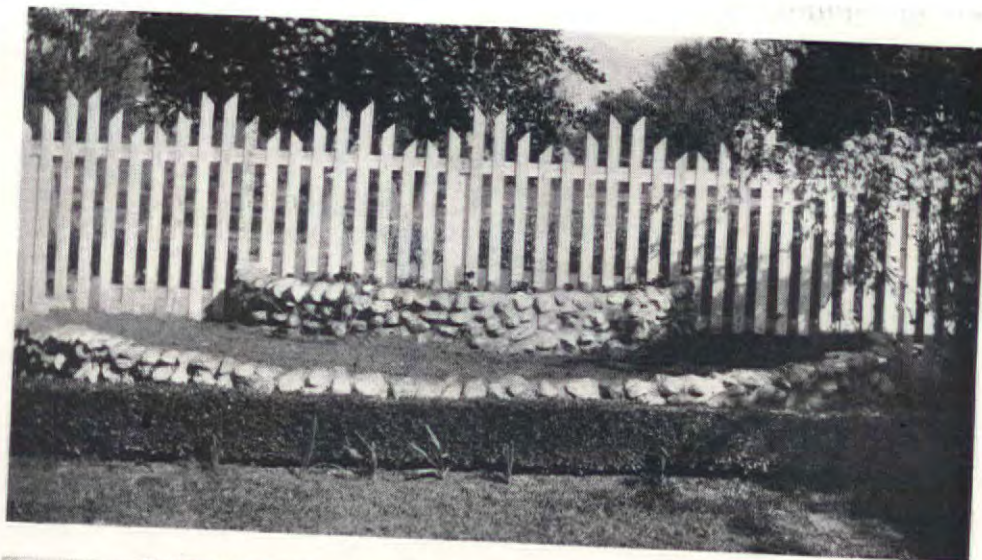
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be cruelly frank—only to be kind—our to give up at once the idea of growing hemlocks, or any kind of plant that is abundantly available from commercial such as expert nurserymen and growers can be expected to turn out better stock than a beginner, and at lower cost. In other there is usually, if not always, such a of ordinary, easy to produce plant that the resulting competition makes practically impossible for anyone but an expert grower and salesman.

sole hope for the small scale grower— for commercial—lies rather in (1) promoting something unusual, exceptionally rare or new; (2) creating or discovering (and advantage of) an unsatisfied demand for a product; and (3) to that end, developing a novel and especially effective method of growing and selling it to the public.

In the correspondent's case, this would mean, growing out of inexpensive conifer seedlings. Incidentally, there are no "free from red varieties, although most kinds can, with care, be protected against the pest) or among stocks, but rather these important first, a study of the soil, climate and natural conditions that determine the yield of the location for one crop or another. Second, a study of the probable or possible market—preferably a local, high class, distinguished clientele to be reached directly, not through a wholesale market or middleman; the selection of something "different" that will appeal to that clientele and over which

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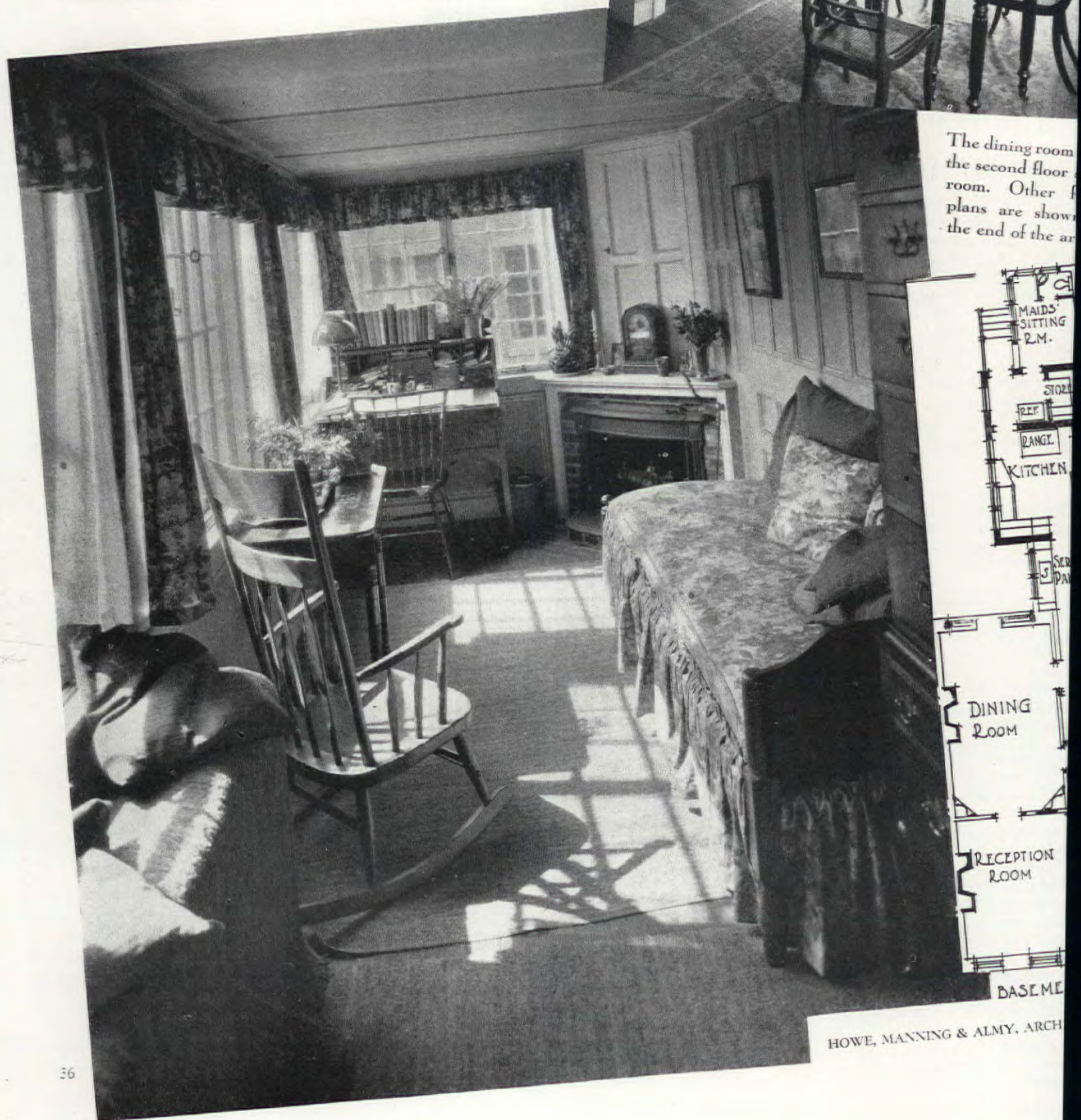
A simple paling fence can be given variety and originality if a hedge-enclosed series of elevated beds is built against it as shown in the upper two pictures, the first taken when it was completed, the second when growth was under way. At the bottom, a similar "flower shelf" against the north wall of a shed has been given added attraction and protection by a trellis

Interior remodeling on Beacon Hill

GWENDOLINE KEENE

IF YOU asked people who live in city houses what a city house needs most they would probably answer in chorus, "Sunlight." Many of them wish for it and let it go with wishing, but Mrs. Bernard J. Rothwell of Boston wished for sunlight and got it. The Rothwells' house is a hundred and twenty-five years or so old, on Boston's famous Beacon Hill and though, like all "The Hill," it retains the charm of the Bullfinch era, it also had that era's square rooms and dark interiors. Ceilings had not yet attained the height of later periods, and the windows had become inadequate. Even Boston, with its many restrictions against tall buildings, has a way of growing up around small houses.

Perhaps one secret of the successful transformation of this house is that it was done by an architectural firm which specializes in remodeling



The dining room on the second floor. Other plans are shown at the end of the article.



BASMENT

HOWE, MANNING & ALMY, ARCH



Charles Darling

ew England houses of this period—Howe,anning and Almy; all of whom, incidentally,e women. They have produced a house withhe large room, and many which seem large;d, more important still, they have achievedtotal of sixty-three windows, all of whichve sunlight at some time during the day. The house brimmed with possibilities, ande feature which was most fully exploited washe fact that it faces due east and has a long,rror rear ell facing south. Winter sun there-e enters by both front and rear windowshe house proper and the ell, always floodedh light, reflects it back into the inner rooms. e Rothwells do not use the house in summer,if they did, they would find it correspond-ly cool, because, with the sun higher then,ere would be enough light for cheerfulnessnot enough for glare.

uilt at the end of the Bullfinch period, asColonial character was developing into theek revival, the house is made of small, rosybricks. Like most of the rest of The Hill,has a semi-basement floor and three fullrs above that, with a small attic storyed to the roof. There were two rooms onfloor, and long narrow halls, and a grace-stairway on the north side of the house.ell was originally two stories but anotherhas since been added.

he basement floor contained the kitchen;first floor had the parlor and dining room;above that were bedrooms. The house is



On the first floor, two rooms were thrown together to make one long living room, having twin fireplaces on one wall. Screens of real ivy are used effectively at the windows. Above is a view of the fireplace end of the spacious library in the ell



A sunny spot with its ivy-screened windows is the writing alcove in the library, above. The kitchen and pantry are provided with ample storage space. Top, right: View of basement reception room

only nineteen feet wide and seventy-two feet long, including the ell, rather awkward in size.

The furnace, for a hot water heating system, was moved from the front basement into a sub-basement, and then, as the first major architectural change, the living quarters of the house took possession of the basement. To make this change, the entrance hall was lowered. Everywhere on The Hill front doors stand five or six steps up from the sidewalk, set back in arched recesses graphically known as "caves," but this house you enter directly from the sidewalk. You step into a tiny hall; on the right, four-steps-up invite you to the first floor, but on the left a few-steps-down lure you with equal attraction to the basement part of this unusual house.

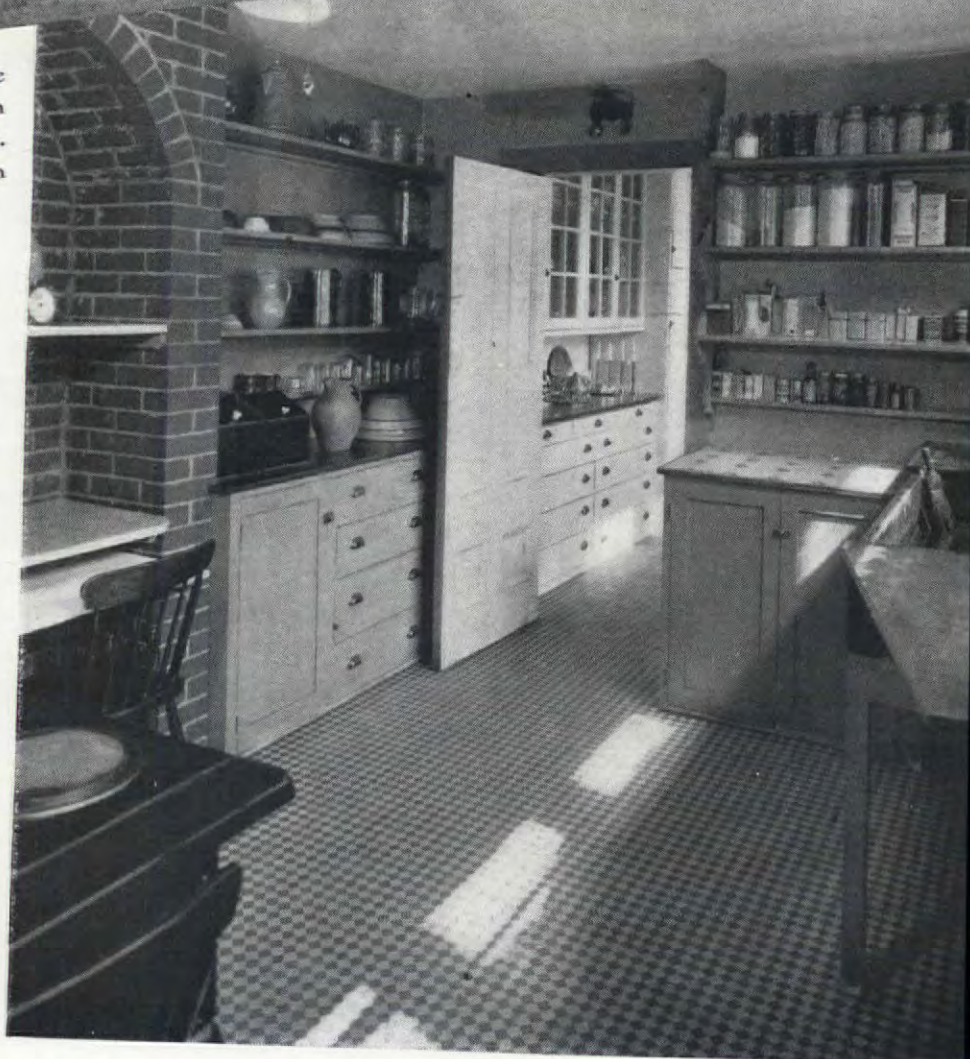
Light and spaciousness begin at once. The front room in the basement is a small-scale reception room, its silver tea-chest paper walls reflecting sun or artificial light and its doors to hall and dining room paneled not with glass but with mirrors. Windows in the front room, to remain high and small, but the dining room, formerly the kitchen, has practically its whole back wall made of glass, for a glass door as well as windows open on the brick-paved courtyard, filled from December till spring with tall green



spruces. The yard lies a few steps down from the dining room door, for the lot slopes away sharply at rear. Ivory paneled walls—much of the paneling from old doors—add to the effect of light, and corner cupboards, one old and one a copy, hold br china. The ell, once part of the storage space, now cludes butler's pantry, kitchen—which boasts chimney and blue trim, and a small sitting room the maids. The south wall of the ell was built as a long bay window, adding four feet to the width of kitchen and back entry.

On the first floor, demolition of a wall has thrust the two main rooms into one long living room. Again the south wall stand twin fireplaces made of yellow veined black marble and probably dating from around

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e it so RESOLVED —



—that in 1937 gardens, there shall be set aside real outdoor living room areas . . . like that in the Goodloe garden, pictured here when first completed before the permanent furniture had been installed

M. GOODLOE

LE the "face lifting" of the rear yard continues to be a popular pastime, there are many people who, in their zeal to win the winning posies in the garden, have overlooked the fact that it should be not only a flower bower, but also a room in which to live. For to enjoy one's garden thoroughly one should live in it, simply work in it, look at it, and pass through it.

Authorities are accustomed to speak of the transformed back yard entirely as an "outdoor living room," but, personally, I prefer to think of an outdoor living room not so much as the full development of the whole rear yard, but rather as a secluded spot created in the yard where one may stop to rest and reflect on his labors—a place where friends may gather with us and enjoy the peace and serenity of such surroundings.

It was such a spot as this that was our desire when we moved into our little house. We began the landscaping of the rear yard. As we were the successors of many large, colored flagstones which had been seen in the home of a pre-war Negro mammy, we had a definite type we wished our room to be—namely, a flagstone court.

A live oak growing on the boundary of the lot made the site a site easy, for I can never think of an outdoor room without the restful shade, and the spreading branches of this tree made a perfect shelter. Then, by observing this spot at certain hours of the day, we found that for an hour or more in the afternoon the western sun shined on it. Good! Flowers loving indirect sunlight would thrive here. Another advantage of this location is that it is

accessible; a straight vista from the front garden invites guests to enter. With the location chosen, the general scheme in mind, and a large pile of flagstones on hand, two determined individuals with the aid of a young darkey with a strong back and a weak mind began the actual construction of the court. Many hours were spent placing the stones but after moving them here and there, they were finally arranged to our liking. Not only do the flagstones lend color and beauty but they also provide a firmer footing for the tables and chairs that were later placed here. So much for the flooring of our room.

An essential factor in any room are the walls, and none made by man could vie with those supplied us by nature—walls of soft hued foliage of plants and shrubs. An informal hedge of waxy leaved ligustrums made an ideal south boundary for our room and at the same time served as an excellent screen to shut out the passer-by, giving us an air of privacy. To complete this wall we planted native ferns in the foreground, where their soft green coloring in striking contrast to the deep green of the shrubs is most pleasing and restful to the eye.

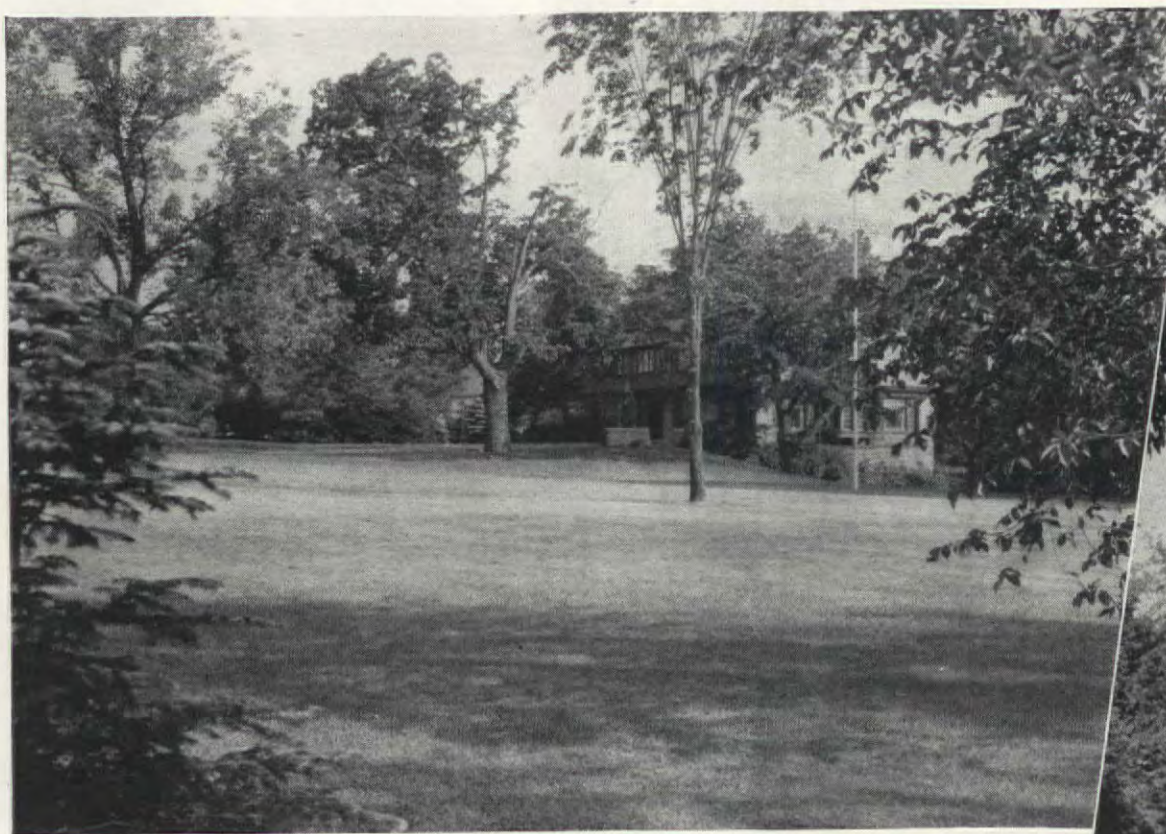
We preferred the north wall of our room to be more in the nature of a low barrier than a screen, for we had no desire to shut off the view in that direction—a view of our rear flower garden. One of the joys of living out of doors is that you are able to live among the flowers. A rounding bed of azaleas adds charm along this side—at one season of the year staging a riot of color and at other seasons offering a soft green background for a hedge of rosy red begonias which borders the court—a beautiful picture throughout the year.

The rear or east wall of the room is a rock garden made of native brown sandstone. On a hot midsummer day this rock garden, with its variety of lovely growing plants—sedums, maidenhair fern, ivy,

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Don't make these mistakes in planting

EUGENIA WALLACE



Here the mistake of too many trees and too much shade on the lawn was avoided. Excellent advice is—use long-lived species and trim them high

OF the many changes the automobile has brought into American life, the most welcome, perhaps, is the fact that thousands of people are now getting into the suburbs or the real country and creating homes of their own. They make mistakes, of course, but thanks to the excellent house plans now available, and the fact that they are studied well in advance, mistakes in building are cut to a minimum.

The poplar and the girl (right) are about the same age—but she will probably outlive it



But the planting! City-bred folk rarely know the first thing about that; yet when they move into their new homes and look about the weedy grounds, cut up by builders' trucks and bare of beauty, an impulse to plant something—and to plant at once—is too strong to be resisted. Occasionally such planting turns out remarkably well, but more often it does not and mistakes result that must be corrected. Corrected, that is, if there is still money—and time—enough. They must be endured as patiently as possible.

I have in mind one peaceful countryside that was suddenly invaded by a literary and professional group who had everything to learn about planting. If I group their mistakes together and attribute them to a single hypothetical owner named Jones, it will be easier to see the trouble lay. They are all agreed that if they could start over they would hold off on planting until these three questions had been answered after being given serious thought:

1—What do you want, sunshine or flickering shade, and where? How large a lawn and garden; and what hedges and borders?

2—How much money can you spend for laying out and planting your grounds; and how much time can you give to upkeep?

3—What do you know about the natural conditions of your place—the soil and its fertility, its moisture and dryness, etc?

One more thing unanimously agreed upon was that a blueprint should be secured, the very day the land was bought, and on the page an outline map of the grounds drawn to scale, with a careful description and measurements written below. Later on, as information came in, it was added.

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The hydrangea in the upper picture, formerly crowded amid other shrubs, now measures 39 feet around! Below, poor selection: The vines on the trellis and the tender shrub look well now—but think of how bare this corner will look after frost finally sets in

SUMING that a frame house remains serviceable for fifty years before obsolescence leads to its replacement, a good program of paint maintenance for the exterior consists of one initial paint job when the house is erected and ten or twelve subsequent paint jobs at suitable intervals. If the program is successful, the coating of paint remains substantially intact and of good appearance throughout the life of the house. Between paint jobs the coating wears appreciably thinner by chalking and erosion but does not break up and fall off in patches. A new repaint job is applied over what is left of the previous jobs without at any time



the immediate advantage of a sound basis for budgeting the approximate costs among the expenses of upkeep and, of more importance, it makes it possible to guide the maintenance along lines established by past experience. Above all, a wisely planned program should keep the owner from unwilling experimentation with untried paints and dubious painting procedures with the unexpected expenses to which they may subject him if the job turns out to be a disappointing one.

Planned programs of maintenance may be classified according to the frequency at which repainting will be done: (1) programs in which more than four or five years may elapse

Have you a PAINT MAINTENANCE program?

FREDERICK L. BROWNE

A successful maintenance program based on applying one coat of paint of fairly hard type every four years. This house was erected in 1923, repainted in 1927, 1931, and 1935. Photographs taken in 1935, just before the last repainting

ing the expense and trouble of removing the old coating down to the bare wood. With a program of maintenance is thorough-asonable and has been achieved successfully by many property owners. With enough luck it may be realized without any planning on the owner's part but like the weather, is notoriously fickle likely to prove adverse at embarrassing moments. The property owner who feels that in dispense with a well-planned program by hiring a painter whenever he happens to notice that the dear old place could another coat runs a grave risk of an excessive disappointment. Those careless owners against whom lady luck has turned testify that a badly maintained paint job soon turns into a heartless gold digger who makes you pay and pay!

Paint maintenance involves separate intervals over a long period of years, and small property owner is rarely able to have anyone to take care of it for him. He can have single paint jobs but not a maintenance program. Unacquainted with paint though he may be, the maintenance program is a responsibility that he cannot escape. As a rule, the owner determines when each painting is done; he selects the painter; he often selects the paint; and he may set limitations that profoundly affect the technique of painting. The owner should also be able to furnish each painter an accurate history of pre-paint jobs. Under these circumstances property owners need considerable technical knowledge about paint.

The property owner's responsibility for his program of maintenance is not properly emphasized in the literature on painting that is usually brought to his attention. Painting is such a fascinatingly complex subject, and there has been so much bitter controversy about the rival merits of different ingredients and different paint formulas that the importance of the owner's program of maintenance has usually been forgotten. In consequence, the layman commonly believes that the secret of successful paint maintenance lies almost wholly in choosing good paint. Good paints are presumed to give good results if properly applied, regardless of the age of the paints used previously. Conversely unsatisfactory paint service is taken as proof that the paint last used was poor. As a matter of fact, a paint cannot properly be judged good or bad apart from the maintenance program in which it is used. It should never be forgotten that in repainting, the composition and

between painting, (2) programs in which repainting can be assured at four- or five-year intervals, and (3) programs in which repainting may be done at intervals shorter than four years. The size of the owner's income and the painting habits of his neighbors, of course, may have much to do with his decision about this part of his program. In making the decision, it is wise to remember that the lifetime of a frame house usually spans one or two serious periods of financial depression during which paint continues to deteriorate with complete indifference to the state of the owner's bank account. Paint is no respecter of persons.

The interval of four or five years is taken as the line of division between maintenance programs because it marks approximately the maximum period during which good coatings of white or light-colored paints can be expected to remain substantially intact on the fully exposed parts of a house, assuming that a consistent program is followed and that no moisture collects behind the painted wood-

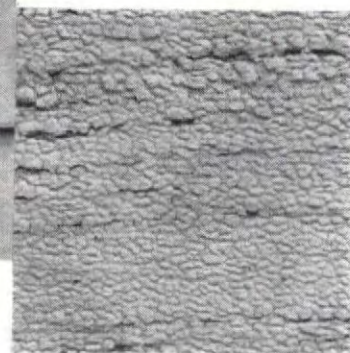
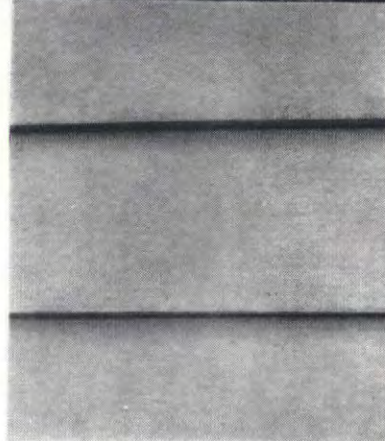
properties of the renewed coating are not determined solely by the composition of the new paint because the new paint is merely added to what remains of the paints used previously.

In such a planned program the frequency of repainting, the type of paint to be used, and the number of coats to be put on at a time are determined in advance, before the house is erected if practicable. Such planning offers

A successful maintenance program in which paint of soft type is used with long intervals between paintings. This house, which is next door to the one shown above, was erected in 1923, repainted in 1931, and has not been painted since. The photograph was taken in 1936 and shows excellent condition of house



*Photographs
by the author*



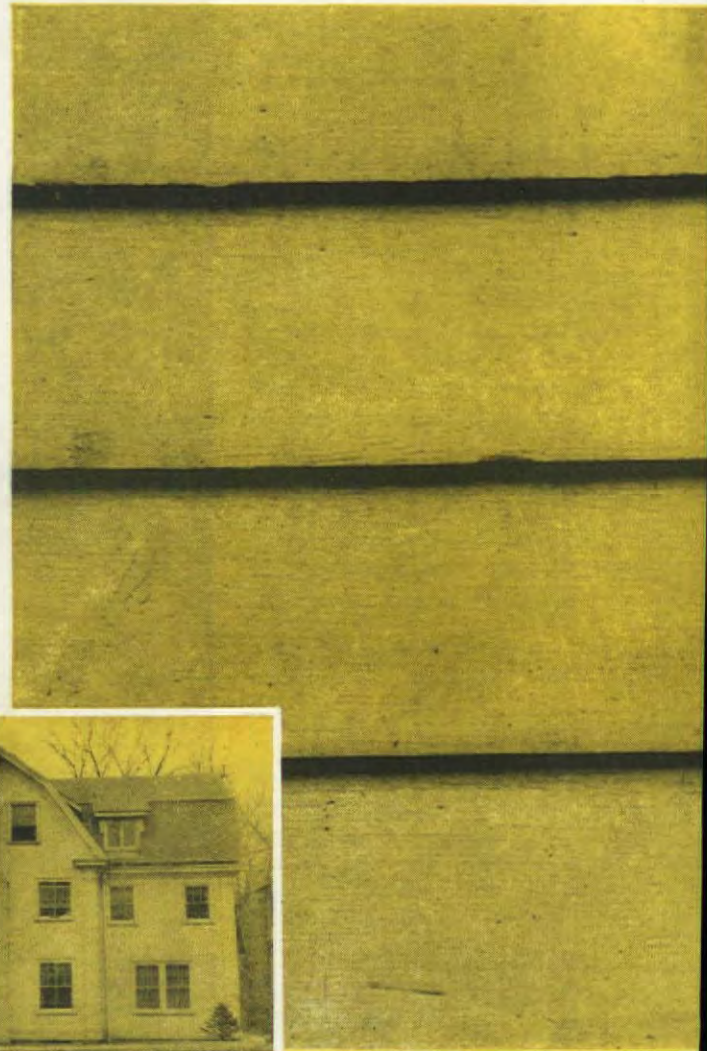
work. Within this period, which may be called the period of durability, inconspicuous fissures, known technically as checking, may appear in the coating; chalking and erosion should wear away a substantial portion of the coating, but the coating should not crack conspicuously or break up and become detached at places, revealing bare wood beneath. In such case, something is wrong.

Strong sunshine is usually a major factor in deterioration of paint, hence those parts of the house, frequently the south side, that re-

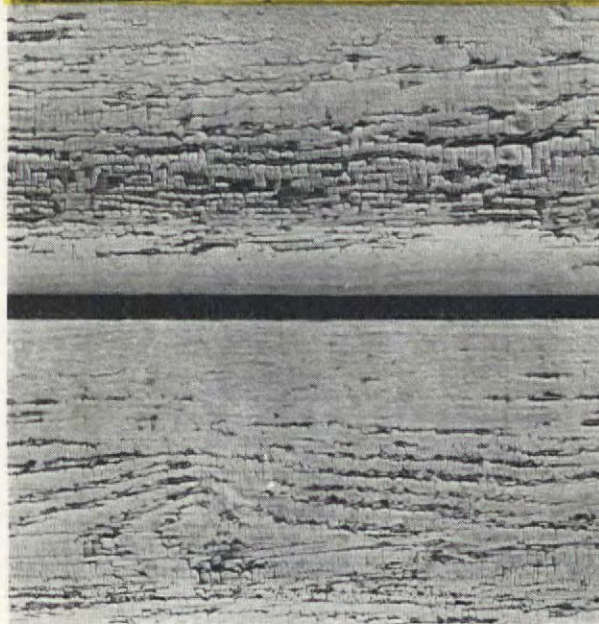
or of high density lead to earlier break-up of paint coatings. The strong, heavy softwoods such as Douglas fir and southern yellow pine ordinarily cannot be relied upon to hold

white paints intact beyond three or four years, but by priming them with extra aluminum priming paint before the first coat of white paint is applied, the durability

An unsuccessful maintenance program in which repainting was done often enough but radical changes were made in the type of paint used. During the first 15 years after erection, this house was kept painted with iron oxide paints containing neither lead nor zinc pigments. Then a small fire made it necessary to rebuild the east side with new siding, after which the whole house was painted with white paint of fairly hard type. The house was subsequently repainted twice with white paint. A few years after the last job, the coating on the north, south, and west sides was in the condition shown in the photograph at the left and should be removed before any further painting is done. On the east side, shown at right, the white paint jobs have served well



ceive most direct sunshine determine the durability of paint jobs. The durability of white paint may be somewhat longer than four to five years on heavily shaded houses and somewhat shorter in climates that combine much strong sunshine with prolonged periods of either extremely high or extremely low humidity. The nature of the wood painted likewise has a bearing on durability. The cedars, redwood, cypress, and true white pines in the select grades practically free from knots can be expected to hold good paint coatings intact for four to five years under normal conditions. Edge-grain boards of slowly grown and fairly light weight in ponderosa pine, the spruces, and the hemlocks hold paint intact nearly as long, but the flat-grain boards of rapid growth



the coating can be raised more nearly to that on the woods of lighter weight.

For programs in which more than four or five years may elapse between repainting, colored paints of great durability are particularly suitable. Of the durable paints the reds, browns, and blacks made with iron oxide pigments are probably the most commonly used. A good iron oxide paint the major pigment should be iron oxide. Fortunately many red barn paints have degenerated into cheap paints containing very little iron oxide. Other very durable paints are those in which a major pigment is chrome yellow, cadmium green, chromium oxide, lampblack, carbon black. Aluminum paint, applied in two or three coats, is very durable. The very durable paints are limited to the deep colors or are metallic in appearance and are therefore unsuitable for the major surfaces of many residences.

When white or light colored paint is used in programs with long intervals between paintings, each paint job

The two strips at the bottom represent an unsuccessful maintenance program in which paints of hard types were allowed to go too long between repaintings. This farm building of a Middle Western university is repainted with paint of fairly hard type whenever the state legislature provides fairly generous appropriations for maintenance. Repeated periods of long neglect have left a surface that cannot be repainted acceptably without complete removal of the old coating

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Two vaudeville "troupers" make their dreams come true in this little Hollywood home

LYWOOD we have street artists just as New York has street singers. These
ny eyed waifs roam the streets painting charming old garden gates, hillside
or cross-sections of the motley throng on Hollywood's main thoroughfare,
s the Boulevard of Broken Dreams. It was such a wanderer, sauntering up
anyon, who stopped in front of a little house, ironically tucked in among
re pretentious homes, and set up his easel to sketch a mite of a blue shuttered
nestling beneath an old eucalyptus tree. The little house, set back into the
side, had yellow flower pots at the windows, rose trees growing along the
k, and a white picket fence. The artist called his picture "Home." Curiously
it was a Jack Moss house—one barely laid aside as finished a month before.
s had tried very hard with this little house for he was to make a dream come
its owners. They were a story in themselves.

ood has its avenue of broken dreams but also it is a city which has afforded
ation of fondest hopes for many others. They are the people of the theatre
e lived out of a trunk, in one city or another, in one room of either a first
el or a shoddy boarding house—the people to whom the thought of a per-
ome was impossible.

lwin Curtises, Mr. Moss' clients, had belonged to that floating army whose
t is to bring warmth and friendly affection, or a hearty laugh to the crowds
ng the theatres for a brief respite from daily tribulations. For years on end
played "four a day." When the curtain went down at night they went quietly
mly lighted stage door and up the street to the corner drug store for a cup
before turning in at their hotel.

hey had talked of owning a home, but never seriously. Then once, while
n Philadelphia, they had gone for a drive through the suburbs. They passed
ouse with a white picket fence and flowers outside the windows. They each
ngingly at it. "Sometime I am going to buy you a house just like that,"

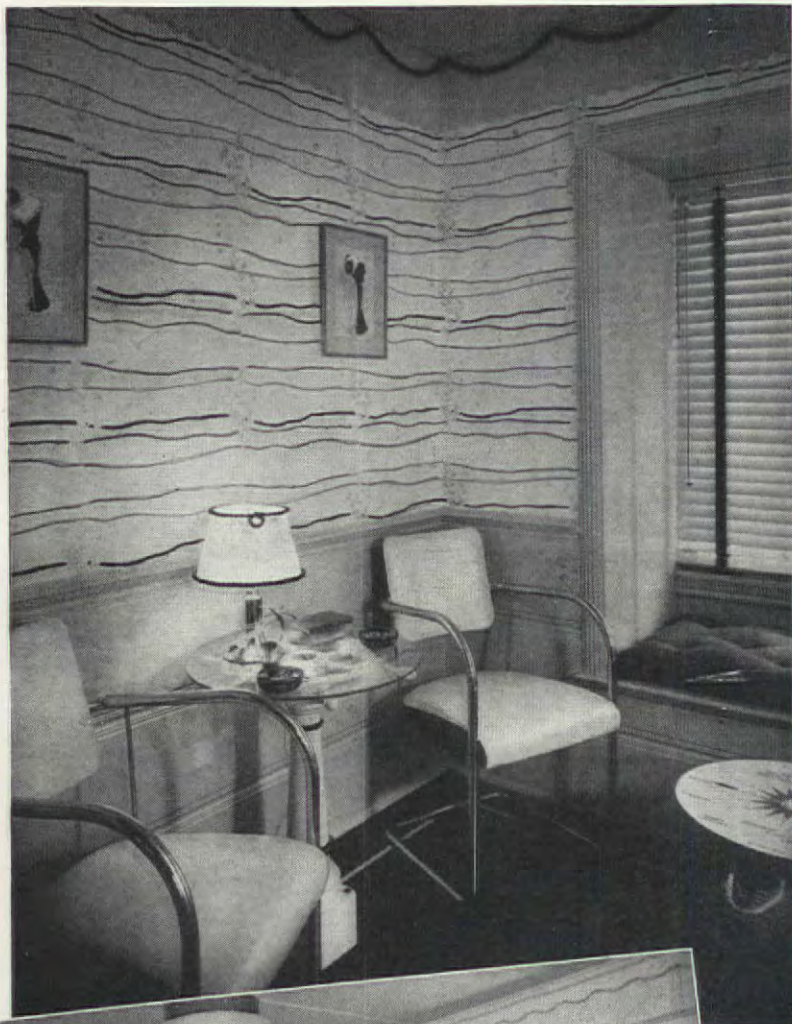


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F. R. Dapprich



The theme of the game room is nautical—two views above, decorated dining room, and before and after views of the living room show the results of the truly remarkable transformation after

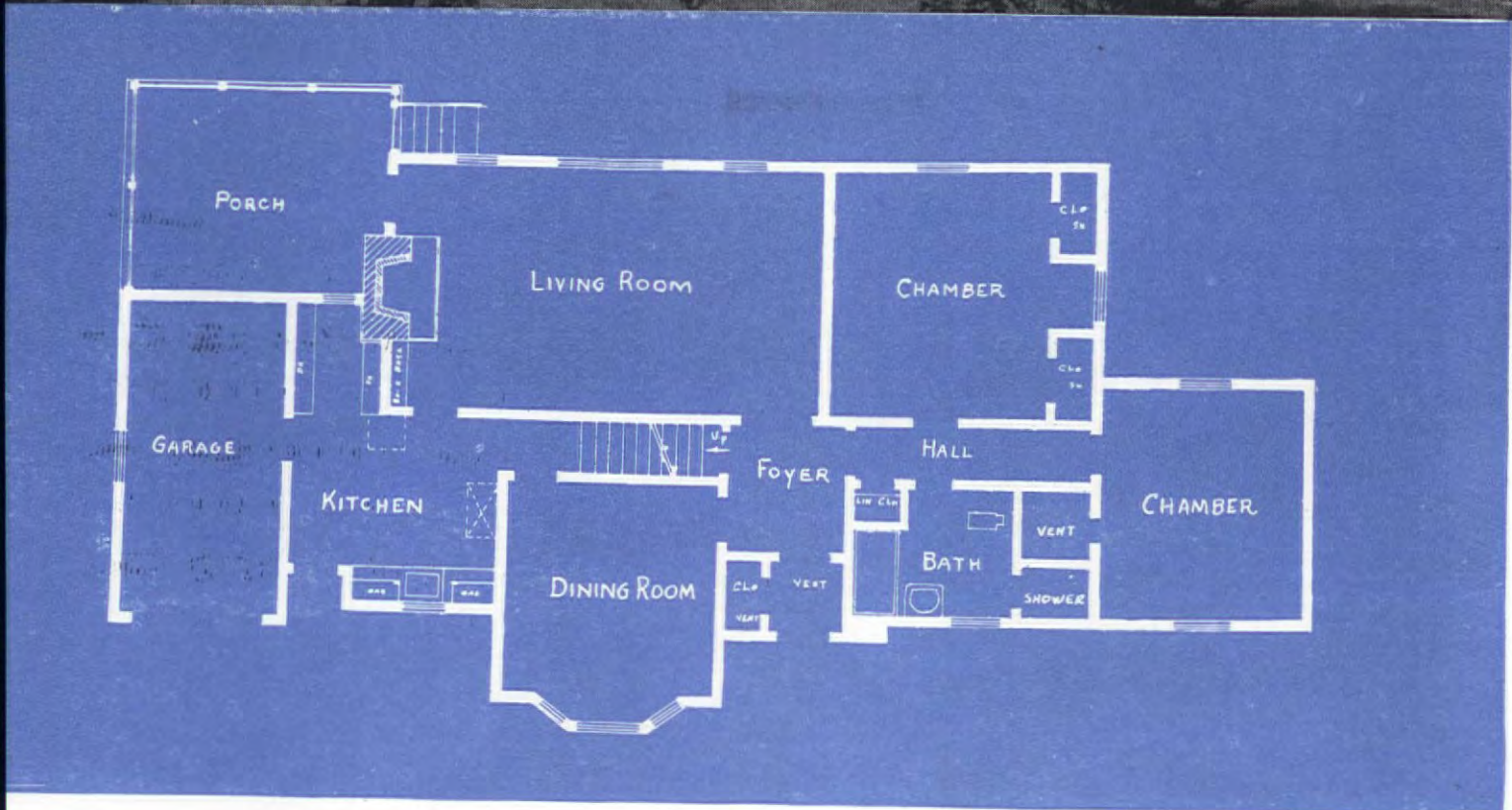
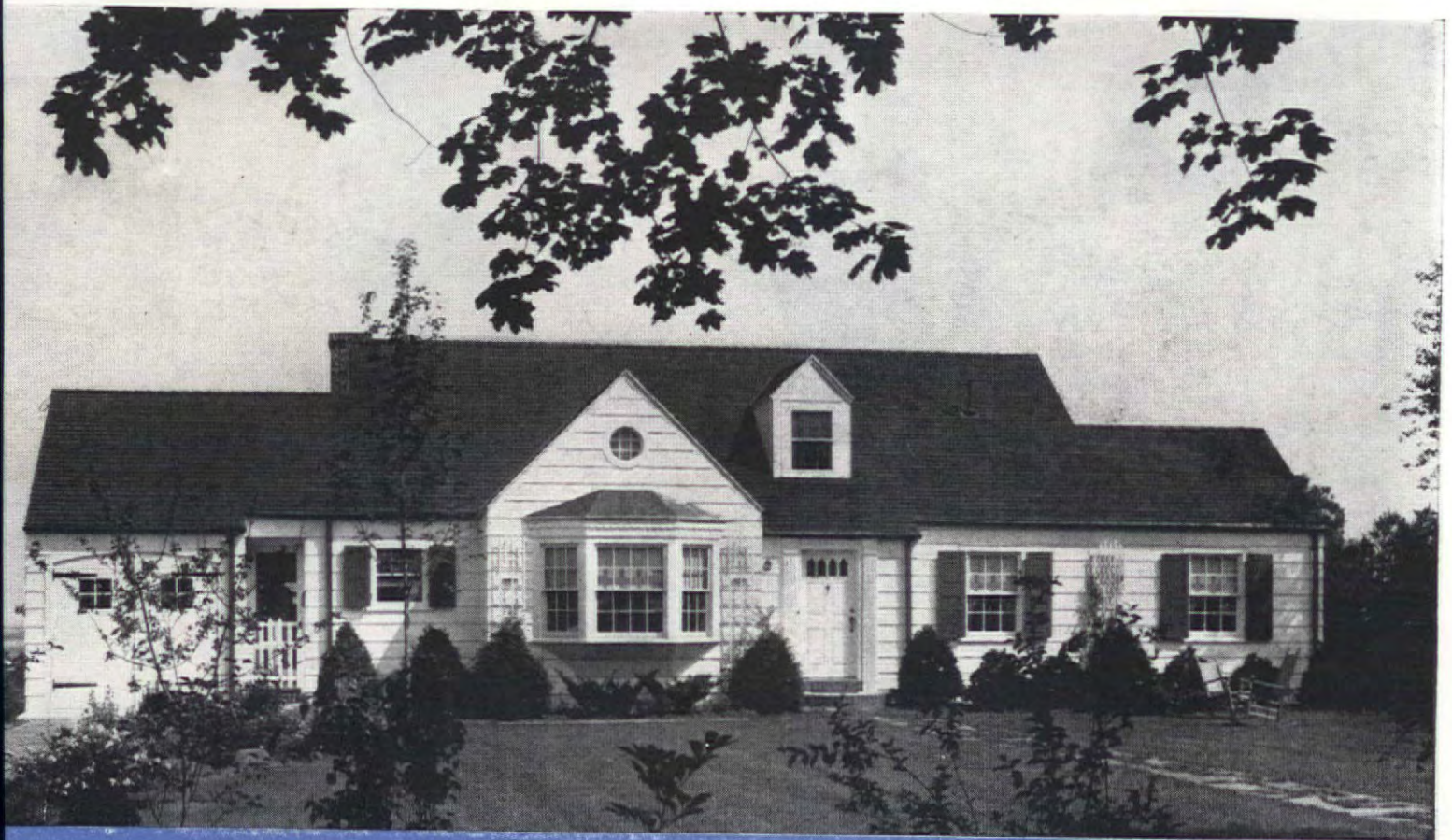


Mr. Curtis remarked while his wife smiled her very enthusiastic. That was ten years ago. Then came the chance to come to Hollywood. It offered just what they wanted—an opportunity to carry on their only business they knew and at the same time, to be located permanently. They had friends who had been on the road most of their lives, made good in Hollywood and had homes of their own, dogs, swimming pools to add to their pleasure.

From the train in Los Angeles the Curtises went to a hotel but they could find a house. They would rent at first. A real estate agent took them late one afternoon to see a cottage not far up in Laurel Canyon. When they stopped in front of the house Mr. Curtis remarked, "I like it." Somewhere back in the dim reaches of his mind there was an image of a house only it had a picket fence. The cottage (Please turn to



Also of Cape Cod Inspiration



*The summer home of
Reverend J. E. Reilly
at Atlantic Highlands, N. J.*

This home, at present used during the summer months, will eventually be used for all-year living. It is located on a shore plot 100 x 238 ft., the rear overlooking the bay—a picturesque sight at night with the twinkle of lights from lower New York, Staten Island, the Statue of Liberty, and passing ships. The walls of the dining room are finished with knotty pine paneling; the other rooms with Colonial pattern wallpaper. Hardwood floors, tiled bathroom, electric lights, and oil burner are features that make for comfort. Cubage: 3200 cu. ft. Cost: about \$6,000

Our HODGEPODGE department

WAGON WHEELS in MAINE



About a year ago we bought a century old Cape Cod house which was built by a retired sea captain from Nantucket. The house is located on what years ago was the old stage coach road from Augusta to Bangor.

We have had a wonderful time restoring the house, and while a lot remains to be done, we are taking the liberty of sending you a picture of our barn and 100-foot picket fence and wagon wheel gate which quite a few people have admired. The strap hinges on the barn door are originals.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Brown,
China Lake, Me.



Falmouth Foreside

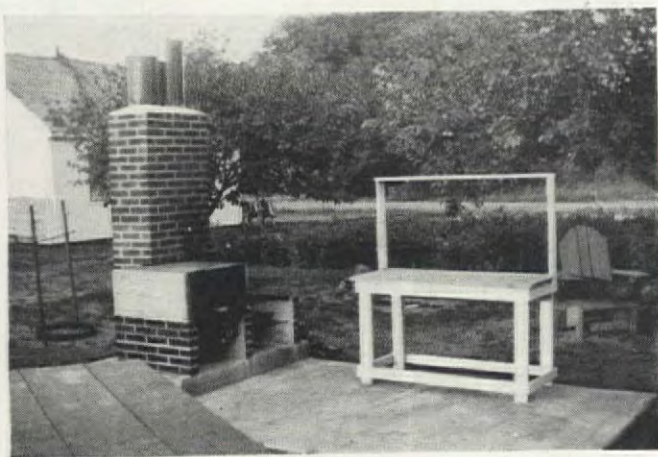
THANKS!

Mrs. John C. Stark of Riverhead, L. I.; Mrs. Mildred Moerlius of Flushing, L. I.; Ralph Bancroft of Brown Mills, N. J.; Paul C. Hillestad, St. Paul, Minn.; Mrs. E. J. Hanson, Pierce, Nebr.; Mr. Paul T. Smith, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Sara B. Eichenberg, Chicago, Ill.—(sorry we can't give her perforated pages 10¢)—for telling us how we come we are every month.

Dear Sir,

I am enclosing a snapshot of our garden door which I copied from a picture appearing in the April 1936, American Home. I had this picture printed on greeting cards at Christmas and they were very pretty.

Henry, A. Dyer,
Portland, Me.



Gentlemen:

I am enclosing pictures of a fireplace I built last summer, following very closely the details given in your issue of American Home, June, 1935, with the exception of making a double chimney, so that I can use my griddle over the grill without using the oven side.

I have roasted a whole 25-lb. pig, also my Thanksgiving turkey, in this oven and with very good success. I enjoy the outdoor features of your magazine very much and hope you will publish more ideas of this kind.

E. A. Borden, Sioux Falls, S. D.



I am enclosing a snapshot of my outdoor fireplace made from your plans. I used soapstone instead of a grill to cook on and made part of the hearth on a level with firebox so as to use a Dutch oven or trivet. Miss Isabella N. Burnet, Charlottesville, Virginia

From kitchen stove to fire



If you can get an old kitchen stove and there are plenty to be had at a second hand dealer, then you can easily build this unusual fireplace. I had always wanted an outdoor fireplace at my country home, I mean a Dutch oven or trivet. Most every country place has some sort of a makeshift outdoor fireplace of stones piled up with some sort of a chimney.

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Letters—sweet and sour :: trade gossip

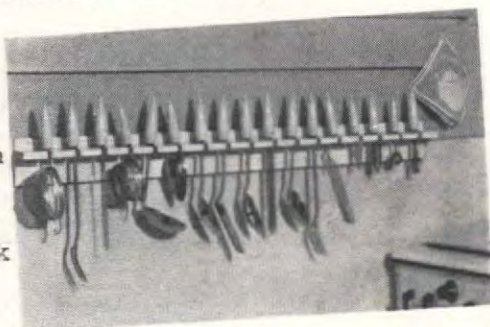
PUMP AT HOME



The pump house on the Litchfield, Connecticut, estate of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Graham Miles is a feature of the lovely grounds that surround their home. Seen from the driveway, through the dense foliage of trees and laurel, one receives the impression of an attractive small home. And so it is, the home of the electric pump. The main part houses the pump and also serves as tool house; the arched porch is a fine place to store the firelogs. This little house is 500 feet from the residence and thus the rhythmic vibration of the pump when in action disturbs no one. The cost of this protective home for the pump was less than \$400.

Dear Editor:

I am sending you a snapshot of a corner of my kitchen in my apartment. This shows a splendid convenience rack for utensils. My husband made this rack and the shelf over the stove.



Mrs. Paul Wallace, Fairmont, W. Va.

Minutes of the LAST MEETING OF THE CLAW AND FANG

At the last meeting of the club the following resolution was proposed and carried:

RESOLVED that a medal, duly inscribed, be added to the department store which ran a paper advertisement for "Toughie" towels. An enthusiastic discussion of the ad by the members revealed that these towels are rough sur- and quick drying and have a particular ap- to the masculine members of the family. The medal was full of originality, but, more than that, it was straightforward and honest in its appeal. A check was handed to the lovely, soft, silky, Towel Towels that have glorified the common bathroom and have transformed it into a place of beauty, but all members agreed with the resolution that it was high time men got a break—so three rousing hurrahs were given for "Toughie"—and the meeting was adjourned.

**MICHIGAN MAN
BUILDS CABINET
FOR ELECTRIC MIXER**



THE HAPPY MEATLOAF

MY WIFE is a good cook but there's one dish she does admit I can make, and that is my Meatloaf. Best of all, she likes it, too! This is how I make it:

- 1 lb. ground round steak
- 12 pieces of cold toast (left from breakfast)
- 1 egg (the size of a hen's)
- 1 onion (twice the size of a golf ball)
- 1 cup of milk
- Salt and pepper

I take my mother's bap. She's Scotch, and her bap is simply a large wooden trencher, or bowl. Into it I put the toast, and pour over it the milk. Then I put in the meat. The onion could be an unhappy phase, but I have found a way to combat its tearful inducements: I open the kitchen door and stand in the draft. If the weather is very cold, I put on my overcoat and hat. Then with a clothes-peg on my nose (to the joy of our young son), I scrape the onion, with a scraper, on to the meat—all in the interest of flavor.

Now the unbeaten egg is added, also half a teaspoonful of salt, and as much pepper as can be shaken from the castor, which is never too much in our house, as the holes are generally stopped up!

After thoroughly purging my hands (seeing I have had a little weeding to do in the garden), into the bap I plunge, and squeeze and squeeze the mixture until every lump of cold toast has disappeared. Then into the square bread-tin, which my kind wife has

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After looking at several of the commercial stands and tables for an electric mixer, I decided that I could make one that would be more suitable to our needs.

After working out a general idea of what I wanted, I worked out a plan of getting the mixer out of the way when not in use and yet be able to have it instantly when wanted.

This I accomplished by making a removable top with handles on each end. (These also serve to move it about the room). The base of the mixer is fastened to one side and can be turned up or down easily. When the motor is removed it fits into the compart-

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BREAKFAST time in most homes is such a variable hour that we think everybody will be glad to hear you can now make coffee for all members of the household at once, and serve each cup as fresh as though it were brewed a few minutes before you serve it. It's done in a new kind of electric drip coffee-pot that is absolutely automatic.

You put in the water and coffee and all by itself the water vacuums up to a glass bowl, stirs itself, brews, and vacuums back to the lower bowl, where it is kept at drinking heat *indefinitely*. You can forget the pot all day and a thermostat will keep it just hot enough, but not so hot it will boil away. The bitter taste of long-standing coffee is entirely absent. The robot pot costs about \$10; is made of chromium with neat walnut handles and knob.

IF YOU are making over the basement of your house, turning it into that most popular spot for summer entertainment—the recreation room—take a good look at the walls before you call in the plasterers. The April rains should not cause a sympathetic dampness in the cool depths of your house. Better apply the damp-proofing method we have found, before any real damage is done. It not only acts to prevent the penetration of dampness to the painted or papered surface of your wall, but it provides a bond between the walls and the plaster which goes over them. You can paint, spray, or trowel it on your walls, for it comes in three consistencies: liquid, semi-mastic, and plastic. Use it before trouble starts.



HARNESSING the sun to heat the water in your seashore bungalow is the latest trick of modern housekeeping. Utopian as it sounds, you can have hot water without paying any fuel bills, if your house has a roof which is exposed to the rays of a truly hot sun. For there is a hot-water heating system which operates on top of a house instead of down in the bottom. The water is piped to the roof, where

yards and yards of pipe make undulating lines beneath a sheet of heavy plate glass. The sun's rays, intensified by the glass, warm the pipes, and the water inside them, by nature's own methods. You would be surprised how the water steams from the pipes! The system had its beginnings in the warmer climes, where its devotees usually install 100 gallon storage tanks to assure an extra reserve of hot water for use on cloudy days. In a properly insulated tank it stays hot enough for ordinary bathing and washing purposes for a long time.

A MOP will do a variety of things besides clean a floor—if it is the *right kind* of mop. This observation is the result of our introduction to a handy household helper called the broom-mop. Made of spongy rubber fastened into a metal holder and attached to a long pole, it can be used wet or dry to absorb dust, lint, ashes, hair, and many unnamed particles that defy most cleaning devices. As a wet mop, it goes into corners easily. Dry, it is used as a brush for upholstered furniture. When it is in its mop phase, it can be wrung out, clean, by merely pulling down two handles of the metal which squeeze the water out of the rubber. If you wish to have it as a brush again, there are regular refills that give you a new cleaning surface in a jiffy. The price is \$1.60—a mere pittance for a servant capable of wiping down a painted wall surface or cleaning underneath a radiator—neither of which is a particularly easy job.



SHOPPING for a closet-pole is one of life's most tantalizing tasks. No matter how carefully you measure your space beforehand, when you attempt to fit it in you either scrape the sides of the closet with a pole that's a wee bit too long or it falls short of reaching both sides at once. Minor tragedies, both. But we have found the cure-all for poles that won't fit. It is an adjustable pole made of metal, that pulls out or pushes in, like a telescope, to whatever size you need. It comes complete with end fixtures that can be fastened right into the sides

of the closet, and the bar is solid enough to support the weight of your dresses, negligees, coats and suits, without bending or sagging even the slightest bit.

TO HELP YOU HOUSEKEEP

LISSA NORCROSS AND EMILY HERZOG

The shining aluminum fry pans, at the right, are most adaptable. Use them singly as individual skillets, or use them together (the smaller one inverted on top of the larger one) and you have a tightly fitting Dutch oven, or a top of range roaster. Aluminum Goods Manufacturing Co.

There's a new wallpaper remover that's very easy to apply, and does its work well. Simply dissolve in hot water, brush on the wall, and then peel it off. Will not harm hands, or painted surfaces. Savogran Co.

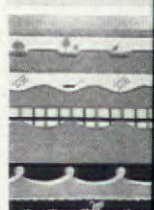
The modern looking shelf edgings opposite, have been designed for special places—the first three for the kitchen and the last two for the linen closet. Dritz-Traum Co.

To keep your hat, shoes, and other accessories fresh and clean on closet shelves, there are now transparent boxes made of light-weight plastic. You can tell contents at a glance. E. I. DuPont de Nemours & Co.

Remove the carving set, which comes packaged in a handsome box with a rich red top and a jet black base, and you have an ideal container for gloves, handkerchiefs, and miscellany. Remington Arms Co.

This closet, with its sturdy frame of tough California redwood, has an ingenious door which slides like a roll-top desk. The ideal answer to "what shall I do for extra storage space." Decorative Cabinet Corp.

WHEN you turn your heating system off for the season, why not get it in shape for the first breath of cold next fall? You may find leaks you never suspected were there. But cheer up! We have found a synthetic solder to seal the gaps in steam and hot water heating plants. It melts in hot water, hardens instantly when cooled by air, and if you circulate the water in your boiler it will carry the solder directly to the leak and build up a permanent metallic repair. You can't use it for tanks containing drinking water, of course.



My Mother's Cakes

"You don't have to be clever to bake a good cake . . . just careful." This was the lesson I learned years ago when my eyes were on a level with mother's old brown mixing bowl. To my hungry eyes those cakes were a revelation of all that is implied by "absolute deliciousness." . . . CECILE S. BALLEIN

Recipe printed on back of each photograph

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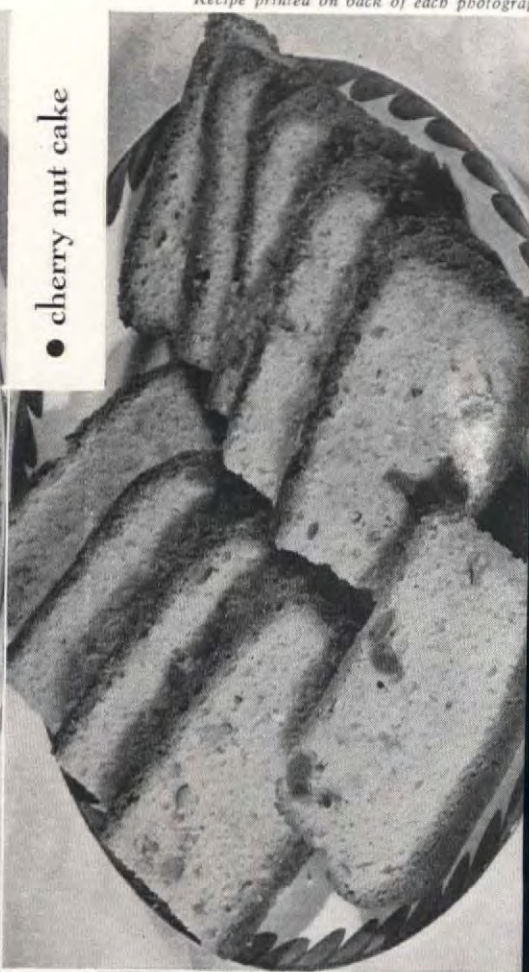
● chocolate-shavings cake



● coconut angel food



● cherry nut cake



● meringue cake



● Satan's birthday cake



● grandmother's nut torte



My Mother's Cakes

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● cherry nut cake

1/2 cupful shortening
1 1/2 cupfuls sugar
1/2 cupful nut meats, chopped
16 maraschino cherries, chopped
2 1/8 cupfuls cake flour
3 teaspoonfuls baking powder
1/4 teaspoonful salt
1/2 cupful evaporated milk diluted with
1 teaspoonful vanilla and
1/4 cupful cherry juice
4 egg whites

CREAM shortening. Add sugar and cream both together thoroughly. Mix nuts and cherries together and dredge with 1/8 cupful flour. Sift the remainder of flour with baking powder and salt and add to creamed mixture alternately with the diluted milk. Blend in nuts and cherries. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Pour into a greased 8 x 8 inch square loaf pan. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees F.) about 45 minutes.

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● coconut angel food

1 cupful egg whites (8 to 10 eggs)
1 teaspoonful cream of tartar
1 1/2 cupfuls sugar
1 cupful cake flour
1/4 teaspoonful salt
1 teaspoonful vanilla
1/4 teaspoonful almond flavor
1 can coconut

BEAT the egg whites until frothy, add cream of tartar and beat until stiff, but not dry. Sift sugar, flour, and salt together 5 times. Fold gradually into the egg whites. Add flavoring. Add coconut, browned in shallow pan in oven. Rinse a tube pan with cold water and pour batter in. Place in a slow oven (300° F.) and bake for 30 minutes. Then increase to 325° F. and bake about 30 minutes more. Invert pan; allow to stand until cold.

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● chocolate-shavings cake

1 cupful sugar
1 teaspoonful vanilla
1/2 teaspoonful almond
7 egg whites
1/4 teaspoonful salt

SIFT the flour 3 times, then mix with chocolate, which has been shaved into flakes with sharp paring knife, and divide into 2 parts. Beat the egg yolks until thick and lemon colored, add the sugar and beat until thick and fluffy. Add the flavorings and 1/2 the flour mixture and beat thoroughly. Add the salt to the egg whites and beat until stiff. Fold into this the remaining 1/2 of the flour mixture. Fold the egg white mixture into the egg yolk mixture. Place in a water-rinsed angel food pan or spring form tube pan (8 inches in diameter). Bake 45 minutes in a moderate oven (325 degrees F.). When done, invert the pan until cool. Remove the cake from the pan and slice in half crosswise, using a wet, sharp knife. Fill with:

Cream filling
10 drained and chopped maraschino cherries
1/2 cupful chopped pecans
1 cupful heavy cream

Whip the cream and fold in the pecans and cherries and spread one half on the lower half of the cake. Replace the top half of the cake, pile on roughly the remaining half of the filling. If desired, sprinkle with powdered sugar.

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BEAT the egg yolks until thick and lemon colored. Beat in 1/2 the sugar. Beat the remaining sugar into the stiffly beaten egg whites. Sift the flour, with the baking powder and salt, into the egg yolk mixture and mix until smooth. Stir in the syrup and fold into the egg whites with the nut meats. Bake in a moderate oven (350° F.) about 30 minutes. Cool and place chilled whipped cream filling between the layers. Cover the top and sides with whipped cream filling, and with the back of a teaspoon swirl on a few dips and waves.

Whipped cream filling

1 tablespoonful unflavored gelatine
2 tablespoonfuls cold milk
1/4 cupful powdered sugar
2 cupfuls heavy cream
2 tablespoonfuls light corn syrup

Soak the gelatine in the milk 5 minutes and dissolve over hot water. Whip the cream and fold in the sugar. Fold the dissolved gelatine into the whipped cream. Add syrup. Spread between layers and on top.

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● Satan's birthday cake

3/4 cupful shortening
1 1/2 cupfuls sugar
1 cupful milk
4 egg whites
4 squares chocolate
3 cupfuls cake flour
4 1/2 teaspoonfuls baking powder
1/2 teaspoonful salt
1 teaspoonful vanilla

SIFT flour, baking powder, and salt together three times. Cream shortening and sugar. Add the dry ingredients alternately with the milk, beating batter smooth after each addition. Melt chocolate and add to batter. Fold in beaten egg whites. Turn into 2 greased 9-inch layer cake pans and bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees F.) about 35 minutes. Fill with fruit filling and cover top with your favorite powdered sugar icing.

Fruit filling

3/4 cupful evaporated milk
1/4 cupful water
3/4 cupful sugar
1/4 cupful dates, chopped
1/4 cupful figs, chopped
1/4 cupful raisins, chopped
1/2 cupful nuts, chopped
1 teaspoonful vanilla

Mix the evaporated milk and water in a double boiler and add the sugar. Stir until the sugar is dissolved, then add the fruit and cook until thick. Cool, add the vanilla and nut meats, and spread between layers.

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● meringue cake

1/2 cupful cake flour
1/4 cupful milk
2 tablespoonfuls cake flour
1 teaspoonful baking powder
1/4 teaspoonful salt
1/2 cupful shortening
1/2 cupful sugar
4 egg yolks

Cream the shortening and sugar together, add the yolks, well-beaten. Add the cake flour alternately with the milk. Sift the remaining 2 tablespoonfuls of flour with the baking powder and salt and add last, mixing thoroughly. Pour into two greased 8-inch round layer-cake pans and add:

Meringue:
4 egg whites
3/4 cupfuls sugar
1 teaspoonful vanilla
3/4 cupful chopped nutmeats

Beat the egg whites to a froth, and then add a light sifting of the sugar, continuing to add some while beating until all of it has been added gradually. The meringue should hold a point when the beater is drawn out of it. Then add the vanilla and spread the meringue on top of each unbaked layer. Sprinkle the chopped nutmeats on top of the meringue. Bake 20 to 25 minutes in a moderate oven (325-350 degrees F.). Allow to cool, then remove from pans. Place one layer, meringue side down, on serving plate. Spread the desired filling on first layer. Then place the other on top, meringue side up. Suggest on for filling: crushed, drained pineapple, sweetened with powdered cream.

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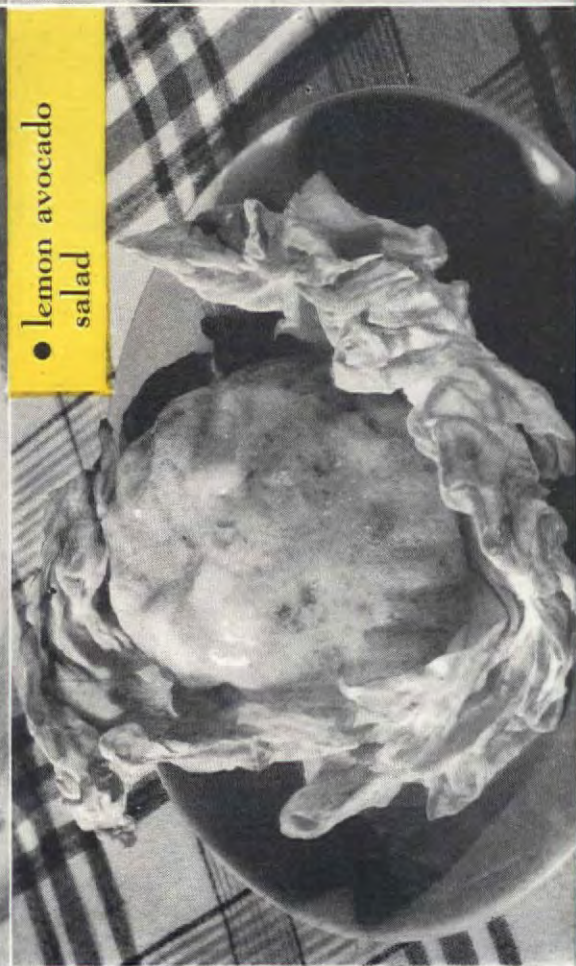
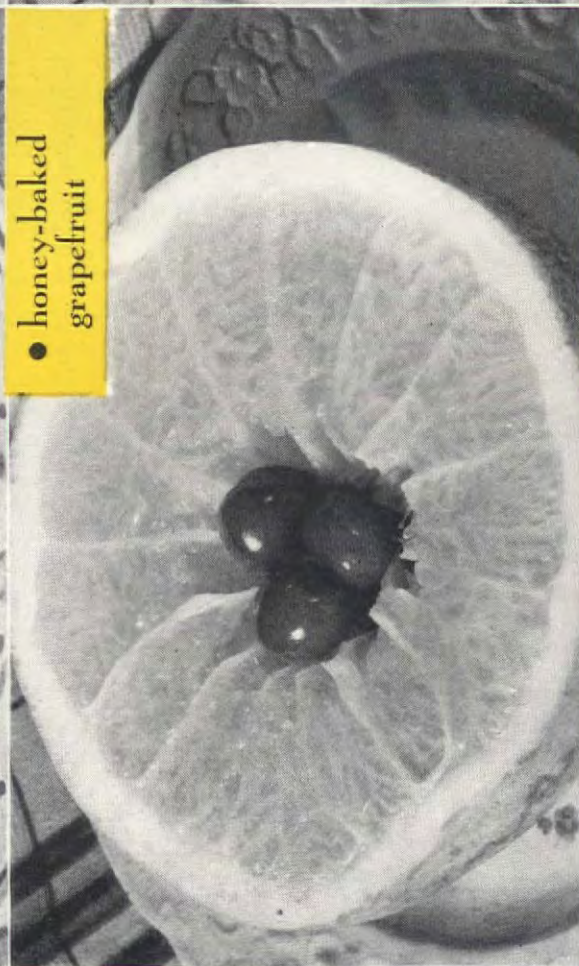
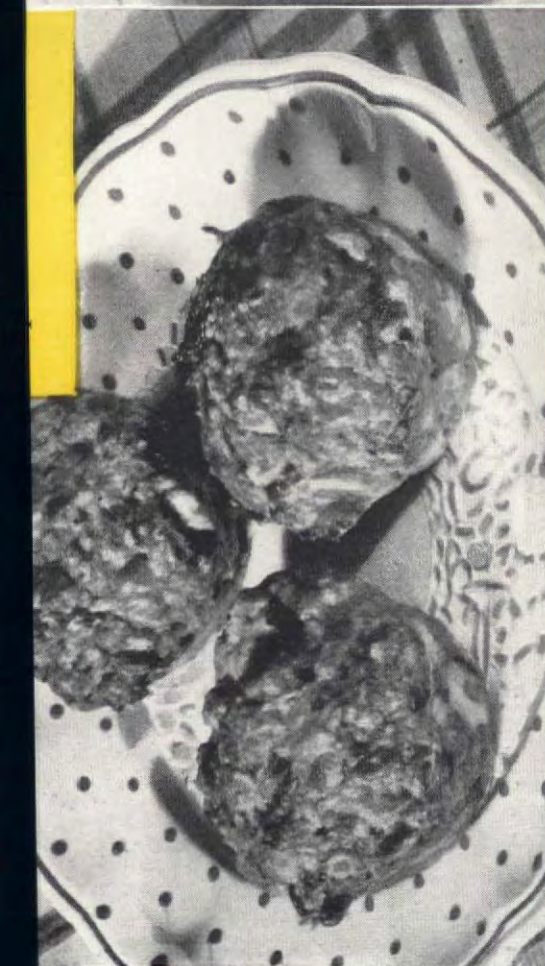
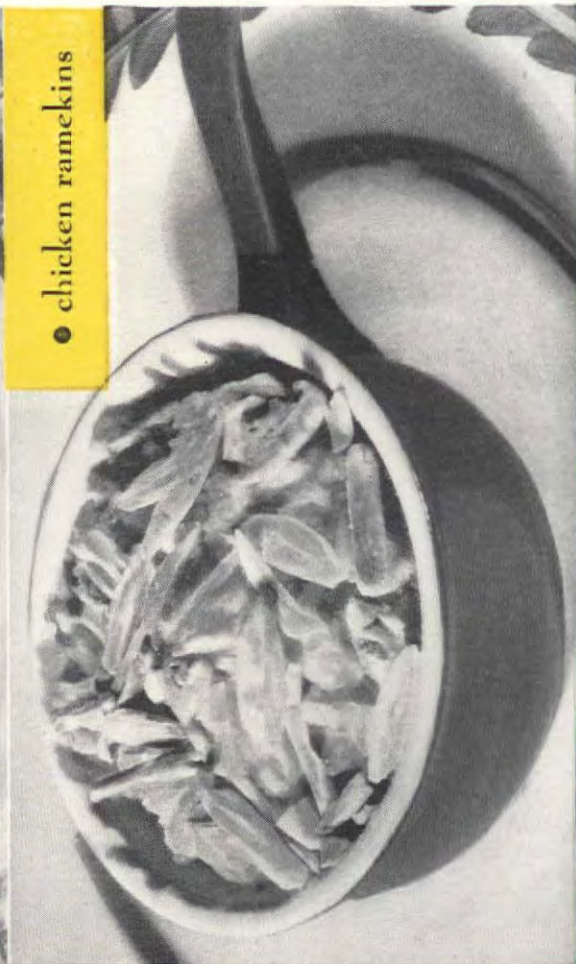
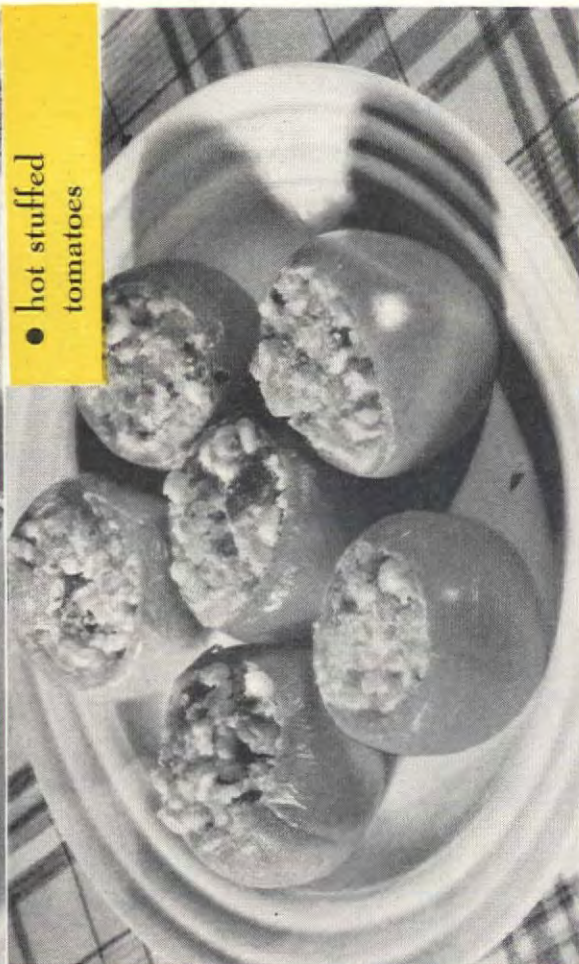
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● chicken ramekins

- 1 —4-lb. stewing chicken
- 1 tablespoonful salt
- 3 cupfuls boiling water
- 6 tablespoonfuls butter
- 6 tablespoonfuls flour
- 3 cupfuls cooked rice
- 1 cupful cubed pineapple
- 1 cupful grated coconut
- ¾ cupful almonds, slithered and toasted

Cut the chicken for stewing and place on a rack in a roaster. Sprinkle with 1 tablespoonful salt. Pour in 3 cupfuls boiling water and cover. Cook on top of the range until tender or place in a slow oven (275° F.) for three hours, or until tender. Remove chicken from the pan, and cut into small pieces. Now make a sauce as follows. Melt butter, add flour and stir until smooth. Add 3 cupfuls chicken broth in which chicken was stewed and cook until thickened. Add the stewed chicken (cut in small pieces), pineapple cubes, cooked rice, and grated coconut. Fill individual ramekins with chicken mixture and top with slithered and toasted almonds. Keep hot in oven until ready to serve. Place a ramekin on each plate for serving.

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● hot stuffed tomatoes

- 6 medium sized tomatoes
- 1 green pepper
- 1½ cupfuls canned corn
- Bread crumbs
- 1 small clove of garlic, minced
- Butter

Cut a slice off the top of each tomato and scoop out inside. Sauté corn, pepper, and garlic in butter and fill tomatoes. Top with crumbs, dot with butter, and bake until tender and top is brown, in a moderate oven (350° F.).

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● date torte

- 4 eggs
- 1 cupful sugar
- ¼ cupful cracker crumbs
- 1 teaspoonful baking powder
- ½ cupful walnuts, cut in pieces
- 1 cupful pitted dates, chopped

SEPARATE eggs, beat egg yolks; add sugar gradually, then cracker crumbs, baking powder, nuts and dates. Fold in stiffly beaten whites. Bake one hour or longer in a slow oven (300° F.). Cut in squares and serve with sweetened and flavored whipped cream. If one prefers, a half cupful of cream cheese may be blended with one cup of heavy cream, whipped.

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● lemon avocado salad

- 1 package prepared lemon gelatine
- 1 scant pint boiling water
- 2 tablespoonfuls lemon juice
- 2 avocados

ADD boiling water to gelatine. Stir until dissolved; add lemon juice. Chill until slightly thickened. Beat well with an egg beater and fold in the avocados which have been peeled and cut into cubes. Mold in fancy individual molds.

Serve with plain cream-thinned mayonnaise or with strawberry dressing made by blending ½ cupful of mayonnaise with 1 cupful of whipped cream and sufficient fresh sweetened strawberry juice to color and flavor.

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● honey-baked grapefruit

- 3 grapefruit
- Honey (about ½ cupful)

SELECT large thin skinned grapefruit. Cut in halves and cut each section free from skin with a sharp knife. Pour 1 tablespoonful honey over each half and bake 15 minutes in a slow oven (300° F.), or until thoroughly heated through. If you wish, add 2 teaspoonfuls of sherry wine to each grapefruit half before serving. (This is a delicious first course especially when the weather is cool.)

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● prune muffins

- 3 cupfuls flour
- 6 teaspoonfuls baking powder
- 1 tablespoonful sugar
- 1 teaspoonful salt
- ½ cupful of milk
- ½ cupful of prune juice
- 4 tablespoonfuls melted fat
- 1 teaspoonful cinnamon
- 1 cup cooked stoned prunes
- 2 eggs

SIFT dry ingredients; add milk and prune juice gradually. Add melted shortening and chopped prunes; lastly, well beaten eggs. Fill well greased muffin tins two thirds full and bake 25 minutes in a moderate oven (350° F.).

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The art of meringuing

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WHO has not seen the sad meringue with the weepy face! Its sad appearance could easily have been averted and with no more effort or expense a delightful perky topping could have graced the pie or pudding. To achieve this result requires some practice and attention to details, but the perfected meringue is worth the trouble.

There are various types of meringues, such as Italian for sherbets, meringue frostings, soft or dessert toppings, and kisses or hard dessert meringues. In this article we shall consider the last two to demonstrate more readily the principles of egg white manipulation and the efforts of different temperatures on the product when it is finished.

First of all, to insure a good meringue the egg whites must be beaten to just the right degree of stiffness. For soft meringue toppings, beat the whites until they flow easily in the bowl. Then gradually beat in the sugar and then continue beating hard and fast until the mixture is glossy and stiff—the "psychological point." If you pass this point and beat until the eggs are dull and little specks of white fly as you beat—then you have overdone the act and your meringue will be dry and tough. If you beat too slowly, the whites will never come stiff and the meringue will be flat.

For hard meringues or kisses, beat the egg whites until they flow slowly in the bowl; then gradually beat in the sugar and proceed as with the soft meringues.

In the case of the soft meringues, a beginner in cookery is often queered by conflicting statements, such as, always use one tablespoonful of sugar to every egg white. While another article may insist that perfect meringues are made only when two tablespoonfuls of sugar are used. The truth of the matter is that personal preference enters in. If one knows the characteristics of each type of meringue and how these may be achieved, one can then choose one's preference and proceed accordingly.

The usual amounts given in soft meringues are one tablespoonful,

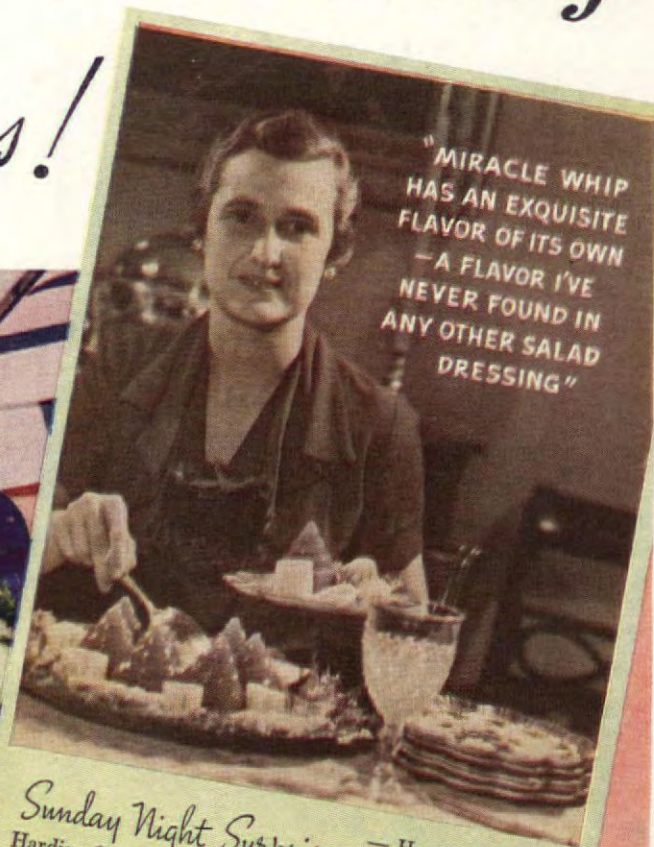
two tablespoonfuls, or three tablespoonfuls of sugar for each egg white. The amount of sugar affects the texture and browning of the meringue. We usually think larger amounts of sugar as yielding browner products. In meringues the opposite effect is true. With one tablespoonful of sugar the product is loose textured but quite brown. With this amount of sugar the meringue will shrink about one half its original size, toughen, and develop weepy spots upon standing. When two tablespoonfuls of sugar are used the product is browner than the three tablespoonfuls meringue, but not so brown as the one tablespoon meringue. It does not shrink, fall upon standing, provided proper temperature has been used. It was found that with the two tablespoonfuls of sugar the high baking temperature of 350° F. (moderate oven) for 10 to 12 minutes, gave a more desirable product. The meringue made from three tablespoonfuls of sugar every egg white is generally a favorite. When put to a vote, before large classes it is invariably chosen as the most desirable of the three types. When properly baked it is high, perky, finely grained yet tender, glossy, and delicately browned. It is very satisfactory when baked at 350° F. (a moderate oven) for 10 to 12 minutes but usually more attractive when baked at 300° F. (slow oven) for 20 to 25 minutes. The larger proportion of sugar is especially nice for all of the desserts, such as lemon pie, baked apples, etc.

The beads which used to be a familiar sight on grandmother's soft meringues have a tendency to form with insufficient beating of the combined sugar and egg white. They are also more apt to occur with the smaller amounts of sugar and high temperatures. So if your husband likes beads on his meringues, may his mother used to make them, just fold the sugar, instead of beating it, into the egg white and use the smaller amount of sugar. However, this type of meringue does not remain perky, is not considered ideal.

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In the hard meringues, such as cakes or dessert meringues, a larger proportion of sugar is used than for soft meringues. The resulting product is crisper.

Dessert meringues to use with cream are baked at the lower temperature so they will be crisp on the outside and soft inside. If used the day before using, they should be left in the oven after turning, with the heat turned off. This procedure will dry them and make them crisp throughout. Otherwise, the following day they become chewy and hard to cut.

A dessert meringue may be baked in a small circle on ungreased paper—using above five level teaspoonfuls—perkily dropped with little points. Each teaspoonful of material should touch the next leaving a space in the center of the circle. Bake at 300° (a slow oven) for about 25 minutes. Remove from paper while still warm. Fill with ice cream or bright colored ice cream. Shaded berries may be poured over the ice cream. If perfectly formed meringues are desired use level tablespoonfuls of sugar to level egg white instead of four level teaspoonfuls and add a small amount of cream of tartar. The mixture whitens the mixture and has a firmer texture.

Kisses for afternoon tea are made by dropping the mixture perkily on a teaspoon on a baking sheet lined with absorbent paper. The ideal meringue kiss is crisp on the outside but creamy inside. Remove from the oven too early and they shrink and toughen. For baking temperature, 300° for 25 to 30 minutes, or 350° for 15 to 20 minutes gives satisfactory results. The higher tem-

are then easily removed from it.

A good deal is being said at present about eggs at room temperature being more desirable for beating than eggs which are chilled. However, we have compared them in a number of trials and find that the chilled egg whites, measure for measure, nearly always give as large a volume and always give a much finer texture. Besides the mixture does not separate so readily upon standing for a while.

When beating egg white that has been chilled (to which salt and flavoring have been added), and using an electric mixer, run the mixer on high speed for one half to one minute (for large amounts one might have to beat slightly longer). A stiff, loose foam is the test. Then add the sugar gradually, leave the mixer on high and run one minute or more until firm, shiny peaks are formed.

And now for the proportions of sugar and egg whites for different kinds of meringues:

For soft meringue toppings

2 or 3 egg whites
1/8 teaspoonful salt
3 tablespoonfuls granulated sugar
for each egg white used
1/2 teaspoonful flavoring

Add salt and flavoring to cold egg whites and beat rapidly with a rotary egg beater until they flow easily in the bowl (stiff foam stage). Gradually beat in the sugar and continue beating hard until the mixture is glossy and stiff, and the sugar is dissolved. Pile lightly on dessert and bake at 300° F. (a slow oven) for 20-25 minutes, or until delicately brown and firm to the touch. (Meringues are more attractive when glossy and just golden brown on the tips). Spoonfuls may be baked in small paper cups and then removed to be used for topping desserts in sherbet glasses.

Meringues for desserts or kisses

4 egg whites
1/4 teaspoonful of salt
1 cupful granulated sugar
1/2 teaspoonful vanilla
For kisses: Fold in 1 cupful coarsely chopped nuts, dates or coconut

Add salt and flavoring to cold egg whites and beat hard until they flow slowly in the bowl. Gradually add sugar and beat rapidly until the mixture is glossy and makes peaks when the beater is removed. If nuts or dates are added, fold in carefully and drop with a teaspoon on an unbuttered paper, singly for kisses and in circles for desserts. Bake at 300° F. (a slow oven) about 25 minutes. It will yield 40-50 individual meringues.

When firm and delicately browned, remove and gaze in delight at one of the most delectable of the cook's repertoire.



ure gives a drier product which lacks the airy, fairy appearance of the other.

There is no apparent advantage in the old idea of wetting the meringues before dropping the kisses. Roughly baked kisses, made by the usual method rarely stick to the paper while warm. If there is a tendency to stick, the paper containing the meringues may be placed for a few minutes on a damp towel. They

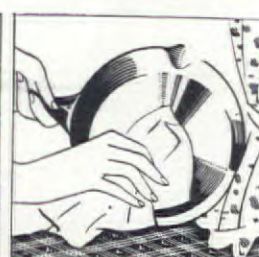
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to the best advantage. Our third sketch shows the type of room eminently suited to modern furniture, whether it be living room, dining room, or bedroom.

There are two points worthy of special note, no matter to which period style we are referring. The first is that blonde finishes are the newest thing and are creating a great deal of interest. A few pieces of pickled pine or pickled mahogany in a room otherwise filled with the familiar dark mahogany give a certain fillip that is much liked. The new finishes in maple mentioned in the description of Early American pieces, approach quite closely to the blonde category. We have already commented on the numerous blonde finishes in modern furniture.

The other point we wish to make is that much of the new furniture is definitely scaled down

Left below: Post bed from Grand Rapids Chair Co.; right, Chippendale type from Kindel; center below, another post type from Estey; and at the bottom, "Coronation" bed from Berkey & Gay. Sheraton type dressing table, mirror, and curved bench, at right below, from Statton. Simply designed chest of drawers with inlay, also illustrated below, center, is from Drexel



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Top: Studio couch with Chippendale type ends and chintz upholstery, from Sleeper. Victorian upholstered chair from Karpen. Virginia sofa, of charm and dignity, from Mueller. Three-tier incidental table from Imperial. Useful table to go against the wall or in back of a sofa, from Kittinger. Victorian side chair from Herman Miller. Maple coffee table, adapted from a cobbler's bench, from Conant Ball. Boudoir chair covered with moire from Selig. Early American maple chair and ottoman, from O'Hearn

to the smaller sizes of the rooms in most houses today. This is particularly true of dining room furniture, with tables and sideboards just as dignified and important as ever, but scaled down to suit new dimensions. In living room furniture, secretaries and breakfront bookcases show the same tendency as do sofas or "love seats," which are eminently comfortable and just as perfect as lounging pieces, but take up a smaller amount of space than the mammoth pieces of some few years ago.

Key to diagrams

1. Unusually long coffee table by Kittinger, with drop leaves to make it even longer, and convenient shelves and small drawer.
2. Cabinet from Imperial, with "bachelor's chest" base and shelves for books or bibelots.
3. Dining room table from Berkeley & Gay, in the "Coronation" design, which can be matched in



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other dining room pieces, and bedroom furniture.

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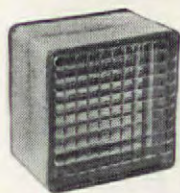


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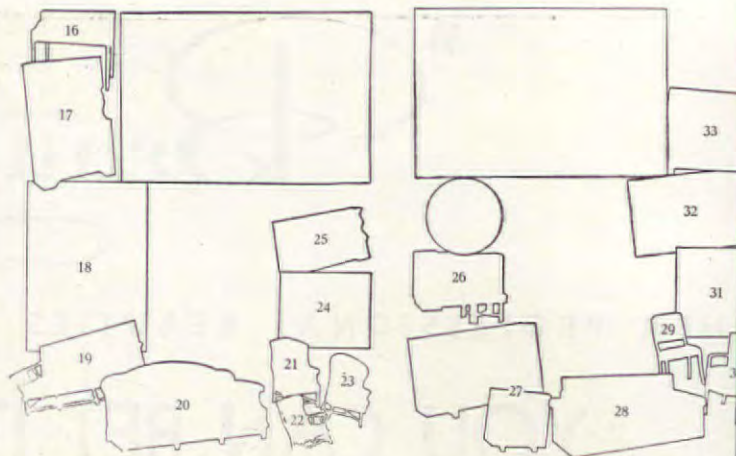
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6. Boudoir chair, satin covered and fringe trimmed, from Indian Splint, Inc.

7. Leather covered wing chair, with brass nail heads, from Tomlinson.

8. Gracefully curved sofa, for hall or living room, from Tomlinson.

9. Studio couch covered in a smart stripe, which can be opened into single or double bed, from Simmons.

10. Dressing table and mirror in the Charleston pattern, available in other bedroom pieces from Grand Rapids Chair Co.

11. Especially well done highboy from Kindel.

12. Small buffet or server from Drexel.

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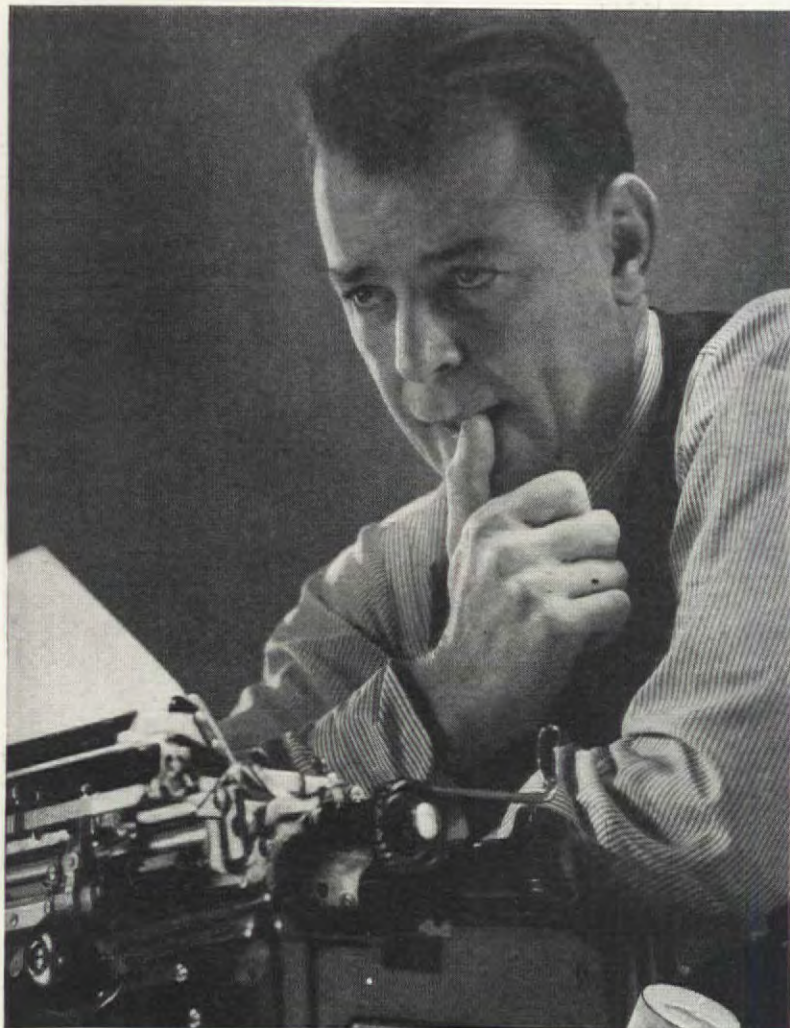
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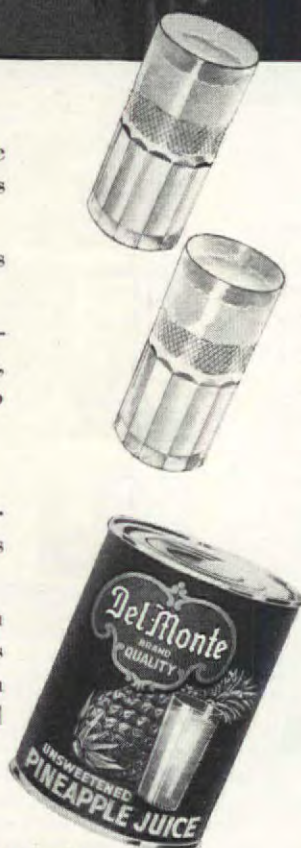
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20. Upholstered sofa with maple legs and stretchers from Whitney.

21. Upholstered wing chair from Whitney, a nice companion piece to the sofa.

22. Maple wing chair with cushioned seat and back, from Cushman Manufacturing Co.

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30. Modified modern bow chair, from Indian Splint, Inc.

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33. Chest of drawers, which other bedroom pieces to match, from the Widdicomb Furniture Company.

Two vaudeville "trouper" make their dreams come true in this little Hollywood home

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was small and rather poorly constructed—what was called a few years ago when the house was built, a California bungalow—weatherboard, rafters, and plasterboard. But it was a little house that had lines and promise. So the Curtises moved in. It was wise to get established in their work before they spent more. Anyway, as it stood, it was a palace—a home that they really owned! They walked through the rooms, upstairs and down, each time more thrilled with their investment. Next came a dog, a wire haired fellow, to greet them at night, and a colored cook to have meals ready. No more restaurants.

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itself into the elegance. Flowers in gay pots were arranged on the open veranda. Instinctively Curtis memorized the building name and telephone number, a sign in the yard. Perhaps he knew all along that he would later be calling his neighbor signer, Jack Moss. Or maybe only became an assurance when he saw a white fence added. However, it was only six months before Jack Moss was summoned to the Curtises.

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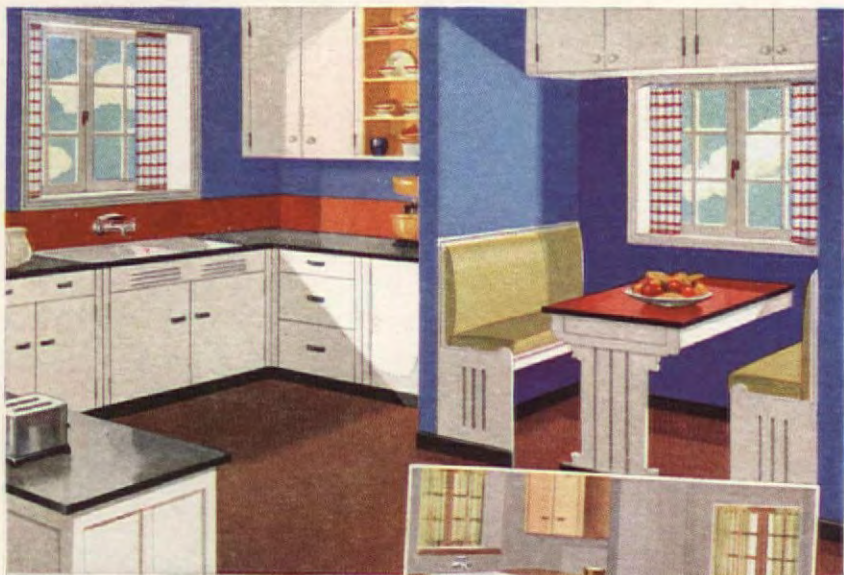
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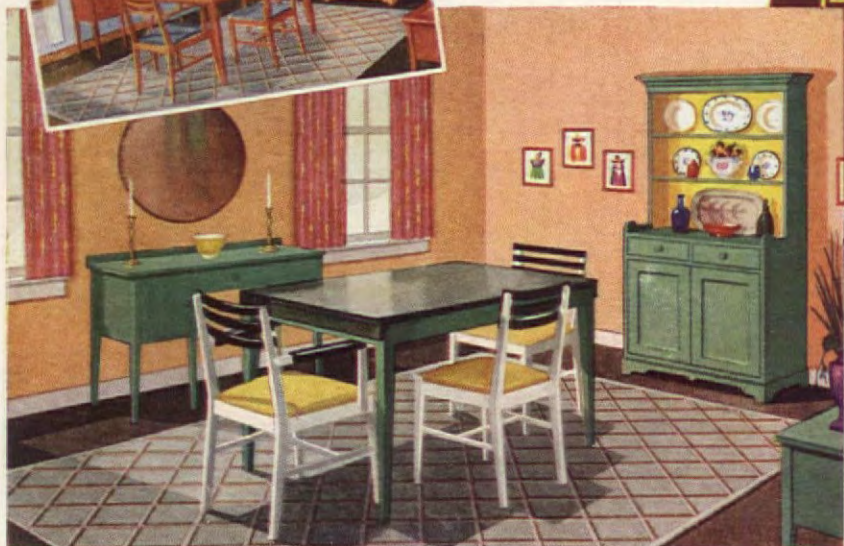
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the living room and dining room of the little house needed architectural changes but there was one big problem, that of replacing the plasterboard. Mr. Moss' first idea was a wall of wood, with plaster above, but the Curtises talked of a wood wall room painted white. With a scheme of decoration they agreed, an entire wood paneled room with beam ceiling was much heavier a background. A compromise of wood paneling, two thirds of the way up, with plaster above was decided upon.

There was any other criticism of the room it was that it seemed dark and narrow. That was principally the fault of the dark beam ceiling, dark woodwork, placement of furniture, and French windows which opened into it. Rooms with floor length windows were entirely too open to the gaze of passers-by, but by pulling out all the French windows, Venetian blinds could be easily used.

Next the dark woodwork, walls, and fireplace were painted an off-white. The one little change of painting the red brick fireplace had an effect of added width to the room. Instead of the eyes being drawn to the dark fireplace between the windows, the fireplace and windows joined hands to give a continuous light effect to the entire end of the room. There was one other minor change in the fireplace. As you will see in the "before" photograph of the living room, there was a wide mantel running along the back of the mantel shelf which interfered with any wall decoration above the fireplace. By removing it, a picture or picture now fits nicely the wall space.

Against this light background of the living room Mr. Moss chose a color scheme of blue and white with an accent note of red (wine red). The rug had been apple green, and the walls had faded in spots because of their position in front of the unglazed windows, was bleached to a natural shade and dyed a French blue. Curtains of blue repp with white silk fringe were used with a valance covered with the same silk and trimmed with white fringe.

In the new background color scheme, the next consideration was furniture. Much of it had been acquired hastily when they moved into the house, but it was too old to discard. Yet, the motley array of dark lounge chair and davenport covers did not fit the new color scheme.

The lounge chair, seen by the Curtises in the "before" illustration, was exchanged for a wing chair not shown. The lounge chair was upholstered in a gray and white blood brocade and placed

at the end of the room opposite the fireplace. The winged chair moved into its rightful place by the fireside and was recovered in a white and silver cotton brocade. The nondescript table, seen in the window in the "before" picture was discarded in favor of a nice old mahogany one, which was in the library. The coffee table was also replaced, as was the pull-up chair seen in the "before" illustration at the left of the table in the window. The new pull-up chair was covered in blue, red, and gray glazed chintz.

Both lamps seen in the "before" photograph were used after quite radical changes. The funny high table lamp, with a stunning pigeon blood porcelain base, sat high on an iron standard. The standard was removed and replaced by a low square wooden base covered with chamois skin. The old lamp shade, perched high in the air was discarded in favor of a white roboid one which was given a wash of pale, light blue and finished with two narrow bands of chamois skin and pigeon blood braid. The brass base of the floor lamp was painted antique white and the old shade replaced with one of stretched eggshell velvet, finished with eggshell and tea rose silk fringe.

To widen the appearance of the room, the bookcase seen in the "before" illustration near the fireplace was taken out and the davenport pushed up in its place to avoid having the chairs in the window placed exactly opposite the davenport. Recessed bookcases had been built in the end of the room opposite the fireplace. With the exception of the two Chinese Chippendale end tables which were used at either end of the davenport, all of the furniture as you see it in the "after" photograph of the living room was revamped from furniture formerly in the room, or in some other part of the house.

The davenport end table lamps have white alabaster bases, set on square wooden blocks covered with French blue velvet with white roboid shades bound in blue velvet. Other new accessories in the room are the crystal candleabras on the fireplace, the mirror above, brass fireplace hardware, and ash trays and flower bases which are made of white pottery—a striking contrast.

The dining room rug and drapes are the same as those in the living room, which is a wise choice as the rooms adjoin. However, the walls in the dining room are different. They have a wood dado below with paneling above finished with a scalloped wood valance at the ceiling. The curtain valance is wood, painted white, to match the wall paneling. But it is probably the revamped dining

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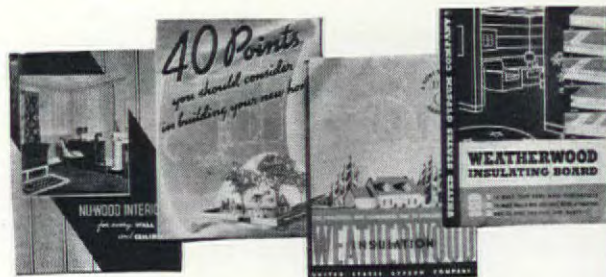
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The Celotex Corporation has issued a booklet on insulation called, "What the Celotex 10 Point Life of Building Guarantee Means to You." This tells how Celotex is made, gives pictures of various types of buildings in which Celotex is used, explains its insulation value in comparison to other types of materials and outlines savings possible which in

Board, Insulite PanelTile, Insulite DualBoard, etc., and contains many illustrations showing structural use and decorative possibilities. Accompanied by a film visualizing the savings in fuel when Insulite is used in various parts of the house.

Fir-Tex for insulation, in finish, and sound proofing described in the booklet, "Nature's Gift from the Northwest Woods." Illustrations in color show its use as a plaster base or interior finish in plaster wall insulation, and picture decorative possibilities of the material in various rooms. Contains illustrations of buildings in which it was used.

A blanket type of insulation called "Balsam-Wool," made by the Wood Conversion Company, described in the booklet "Balsam-Wool 'Sealed' House Insulation." It explains the 1/2 inch, one inch, and wall-thick types of Balsam-Wool, tells how to judge insulation material, and gives reasons why Balsam-Wool is wind-proof, fire-resistant, and vermin-proof, permeable and easily and securely fastened. Illustrated by pictures of interiors and exteriors, and by detailed



course of time will pay for the insulation, describes the Celotex guarantee against destruction by termites or dry rot, etc., and explains why this insulation is guaranteed absolutely for the entire life of the building.

An insulation handbook has been prepared by The Insulite Company; it is called "Building for the Future," and explains when and how to insulate, where to apply Insulite for best results, and describes its use for sheathing, as an insulation, as a plaster base and for interior decoration. Also tells about Insulite Hard-

struction pictures and details. "Nu-Wood Interiors for Wall and Ceiling" is the title of a booklet illustrated in color which also is published by the Wood Conversion Company. It pictures the decorative possibilities of this wall board in plank and tile form. Various color reproductions in which the board is illustrated, most of them being pictures of interiors laid on a full reproduction of the type of wood used so that the grain and pattern of the board

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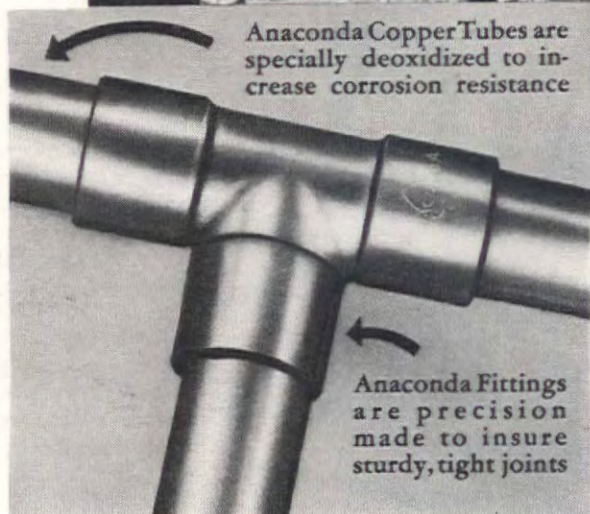
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visualized in connection with the particular illustrations shown.

"Sheetrock in Wood Grained Finishes" contains reproductions in actual colors of various kinds of wood on a backing of Sheetrock Wallboard, such as knotty pine, douglas fir, walnut, and matched walnut panels. The way in which this material is given its attractive and natural appearance is explained together with the reasons why it is fire-proof. It explains how Sheetrock can be used in either new or modernizing work, describes manner of application and finishing, and contains a number of illustrations showing its use and decorative possibilities.

"40 Points You Should Consider in Building Your Own Home" is a most helpful booklet issued by Johns-Manville. In addition to showing how the use of Johns-Manville building materials provide a triple insulated house, it covers the basic points about building that are essential and gives suggestions on financing, explains what you can expect from an architect, shows how a house should be properly framed, etc. It also gives helpful hints for room arrangement, and pictures the various styles of architecture so that it becomes easier to explain to an architect exactly what is wanted. The advantages and use of Johns-Manville insulation board for sheathing is explained, as is Steeltex plaster base which has a fibrous backing, and J-M Rock Wool to provide a wall filling insulation which eliminates hollow spaces in the wall and is a protection against fire hazards. The use of J-M insulation board in various patterns and textures for decorative purposes is pictured and explained, a number of the illustrations being in full color. There are many fine suggestions for the use of J-M insulation boards in attic and basement recreation rooms, also for J-M asbestos wainscoting and J-M Asbestos Flexboard in various colors for walls of kitchens and bathrooms.

"Weatherwood Insulation," made by the United States Gypsum Company, is described in a booklet which tells about the practical and economical way to insulate the home. In simple, non-technical language it explains the places where insulation is needed and why. The five kinds of Weatherwood insulation are de-

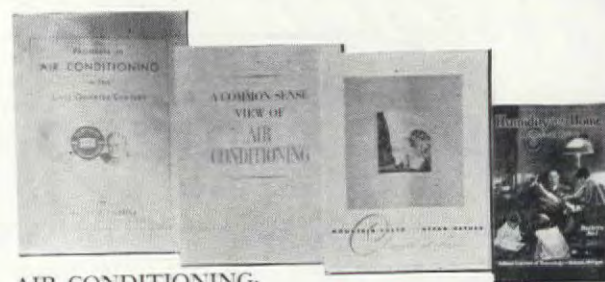
scribed—board, sheathing, tile, and plank, together with colors and textures in Weatherboard may be had. print illustrations show Weatherboard is applied, there are a number of pictures showing possible effects. A companion piece, "Weatherwood Insulating Board," particularly concerns itself with insulation as an insulation and as a decorative finish, and gives the temperatures in various rooms during the heating season.

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WHAT is air conditioning? The term is one much used, and may not at all what one thinks it means. Air conditioning means first and important, heating the air and, adding moisture; cleaning the air. Complete conditioning includes the use of equipment to cool the summer and to de-humidify—that is, to take moisture out so that there is less humidity in the house. Properly conditioned air is more comfortable, winter temperatures are pleasant and the house will be much more comfortable than if the temperature is quite a bit higher, means a real saving in fuel.

In the past few years during the past months have been many developments. "Progress in Air Conditioning the Last Quarter Century" Willis H. Carrier, president of Carrier Corporation, is presented before the American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers. It discusses complete air conditioning, in cooling, and gives pictures of types of equipment used. Carrier Corporation also publishes booklets on winter air conditioning, Carrier home either gas or oil; and the oil burner.

"A Common Sense View of Conditioning," is the title of a booklet issued by Standard Conditioning, Inc., division of American Radiator & Sanitary Corp. It describes types of room units for homes, one of which cools and removes excess moisture, circulates the air. A second brings in fresh outside air and silences outside noises which ordinarily come in an open window, supplies fresh air and works with the



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"Mountain Fresh . . . Ocean Bathed Climate at Home," issued by the Fox Furnace Company, also discusses air conditioning. It explains exactly what air conditioning consists of, the advantages of properly conditioned air, and illustrates and describes various Sunbeam air conditioning units using oil or gas as fuel.

"Humidity in the Home" is a bulletin issued by the Holland Institute of Thermology which explains how important it is to have sufficient humidity in the home, and how lack of moisture in the air encourages colds and various types of respiratory diseases. It tells how to measure the amount of moisture in your home and how to determine the deficient amount which must be added.

and simulating various materials. "Ideas for Building and Home Improvement," issued by the Ruberoid Company, contains a number of suggestions on remodeling with various kinds of shingles made by the Ruberoid Company, such as Eternite Shingle, asbestos-cement, Timbertex, which simulate wood, also various styles and designs of Ruberoid Asphalt Shingles. The use of similar products for flooring is also illustrated and described, for new houses as well as for modernizing old ones. The use of mineral wool for insulation purposes is described, also tile asbestos-cement wall panels for kitchens and bathrooms. The Ru-ber-oid financing plan is explained, no down payment required, various improvements being taken care of in this plan in addition to the which Ruberoid materials



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A number of such possibilities are explained in "101 Practical Suggestions for Home Improvements," issued by Johns-Manville Corp. It tells how to re-roof for the last time with J-M asbestos shingles, explains the possibilities of the more moderate in cost asphalt shingles, describes the new Cedargrain Asbestos Siding Shingles and Clapboards which can be applied over old shingles or siding. It explains the use and easy installation of J-M Rock Wool Insulation in old houses, etc. Suggestions on fixing up the basement are given, showing the possibilities of J-M insulating board in various textures and patterns; similar information is also given on turning the attic into a real room or two. The use of various decorative boards for dining rooms, living rooms, bedrooms, etc., is described, many of the illustrations being in full color. The booklet also tells how to modernize kitchen walls with J-M Asbestos Flexboard, and how bathroom walls may be modernized with J-M Asbestos Wainscoting in various colors

products in particular are discussed. "Modernizing Suggestions" a booklet for the homeowner issued by the Crane Company, particularly discusses the possibilities of modernizing rooms, providing new ones some of the latest type fixtures, illustrates kitchen remodeling, etc. There also is information about the use of heating systems, providing plenty of hot water, a feature is a check list of the rooms which are to be modernized.

PLUMBING:

NOTHING seems to so modernize a house as the bathroom and kitchen, yet these are the rooms which can readily be modernized in old homes, and which are really beautiful in new ones. A number of suggestions are given in "Planned Plumbing Heating for Better Living," issued by the Kohler Company. There are plans and illustrations in color of several bathrooms at several price brackets, a plan for a sunny kitchen with an interesting lavette. The number of illustrations includes stories, bath tubs, etc. It discusses color and design for rooms. Various kitchen fixtures reproduced, together with illustrations of the newer kitchen fixtures. Kohler oil burning boilers are illustrated and described, as are

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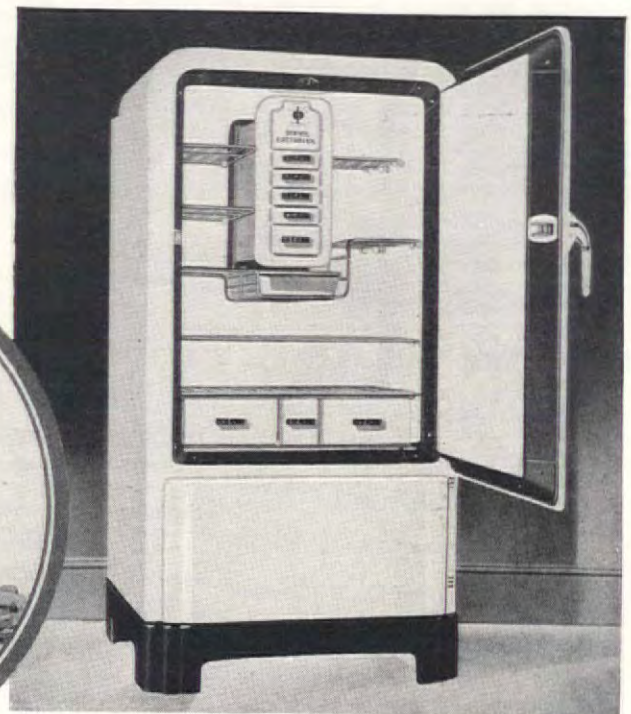
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pany's convectors and radiators. "The Kitchen of Your Dreams" discusses the planning of an efficient kitchen, particularly with the use of kitchen cabinet units made by the Curtis Companies, etc. Drawings show of exactly what each unit consists.

"For the Home of Today" illustrates Crane plumbing and heating, water systems, water heaters, and water softeners. The illustrations, many of which are in color, show various bathrooms and types of fixtures used therein. Crane shower heads, pictures of kitchens and kitchen equipment, laundry fixtures, etc. Two pages are devoted to water supply equipment for country homes.

"Your Two Most Important Rooms"—the bathroom and kitchen—are the subjects of a booklet issued by W. A. Case & Sons Mfg. Co. Various types of bathroom and kitchen plumbing equipment are illustrated and are fully described.

"Planning the Small Bathroom" is a most interesting little booklet of the Crane Company which gives plans of small bathrooms and shows how one can be fitted even into a very tiny space. Suggestions are given which indicate that closets, unused halls, and other spaces which might ordinarily be overlooked can be turned into a bathroom or lavatory, particularly with modern compact equipment available.

in full color with many pictures showing possible exterior and interior color combinations. issued by the National Lead Company, and all, except one devoted to the advantage Dutch Boy paint, is concerned with helping an owner to paint to better advantage. There are a number of fine suggestions which an owner should consider whether he be building a home or re-painting an old one and which will help him get his full money's worth, particularly from the standpoint of protection of the material cost by the paint.

"Brighten Walls At Low Cost with Texolite" discusses Texolite Casein paint made by the United States Gypsum Company, which has great hiding power and covers average surface with one coat, is highly reflective, brilliant in color, and dries in one hour. Chips show the color which Texolite is made.

"For Greater Color, Brighter Economy" describes a new paint made from Turpentine and an ancient Chinese preservative by the O'Brien Varnish Company, and called Thermatung Oil. The booklet gives results of tests, and shows possibilities of this paint for exterior and interior use.

"Cabot's Interior Flat Colors," issued by Samuel Cabot Inc., describes the advantages



PAINT:

EVEN a comparatively new house looks shabby and down at the heels unless the paint is clean and in good condition, and many an old one needs but a freshening to be able to hold its head up with the best of them. Besides, painted surfaces should be kept well painted, as otherwise damage may result since paint is not only a decorative material but also is an essential protective material.

"The House We Live In. Its Protection and Decoration," is a beautifully illustrated booklet

this paint, tells how to prepare the surface for painting, and shows chips showing the color which this interior paint is.

Illustrations in full color of various rooms are contained in "Designs for Living," issued by the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, which will interest anyone intending to build or remodel. The decorative possibilities of mirrors and plate glass are illustrated and described for living rooms, etc. The Carrara glass for kitchen and bathrooms is also explained.

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let discusses the possibilities of paint, and contains many illustrations in full color of houses showing color combinations possible with Wallhide paint. The use of Waterspar, a new one-coat drying enamel, is also described and suggestions given on painting old furniture so that it looks fresh and rejuvenated.

Morse & Co., describes shallow and deep well pumps, diagrams and describes various types of installations, etc. It also shows how to get hot water under pressure. "Rice In a Child's Diet" was prepared by the Home Economics Department, Southern Rice Industry, and gives worthwhile information not only on the use of



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Do you know that the use of softened water will make your complexion better, give your hair a lovelier sheen, make it possible to wash clothes so that they are cleaner and whiter, and make food cooked in it softer and more digestible? It is explained in "The Magic of Wondersoft Water" is explained in a booklet published by the Fairbanks-Morse Company, which also describes the equipment made by the company to clean and soften water. It tells why your clothes last longer and look better after being washed in softened water, why it will make your heating system more effective by removing mineral deposits that form in pipes and radiators, and how an average family of four will save \$117.20 a year if it softens its water. There is a complete analysis comparing soft and hard water. Hard water toughens vegetables, impairs the flavor of tea and coffee, makes it harder to clean looking dishes, etc. A companion piece, "She Sent Slaves to Gather the Dew," tells how an Emperor's daughter married the Doge of Venice found her complexion fading from the waters of Venice, and had slaves gather the dew so that she might have soft water to refresh her fading beauty. Much romantic and interesting information is given.

How to Find the Shade of Powder That Will Make You Look Younger—Not Older" booklet issued by Lady Fairbanks-Morse, which gives exactly the information valued by women who always want to appear at their best—and what if you don't?

If you live out in the country, how to buy where there is municipal water supply? The Fairbanks-Morse Home Water Service booklet issued by Fairbanks-

rice and its proper preparation, but also contains menus for children of various ages, prepared by P. Mabel Nelson, Head of Foods and Nutrition Department of Iowa State College. There is a page of rules for buying foods for children, another on general rules on cooking for children, and a number of recipes in which rice is used.

"Wings" is the title of a monthly publication issued by the Literary Guild of America. It tells all about the new books of importance, contains reproductions of etchings and various pictures.

Are you planning to buy a new home? "Colonial Charm and American Horse Sense" is a booklet issued by Harmon National Real Estate Corporation. It contains pictures and descriptions of a number of houses built by this company in its various developments in metropolitan New York, where plots are large and architecture of exceptional high quality. A companion piece is a picture map in full color, which shows the location of the various Harmon developments in Westchester, New Jersey, and on Long Island.

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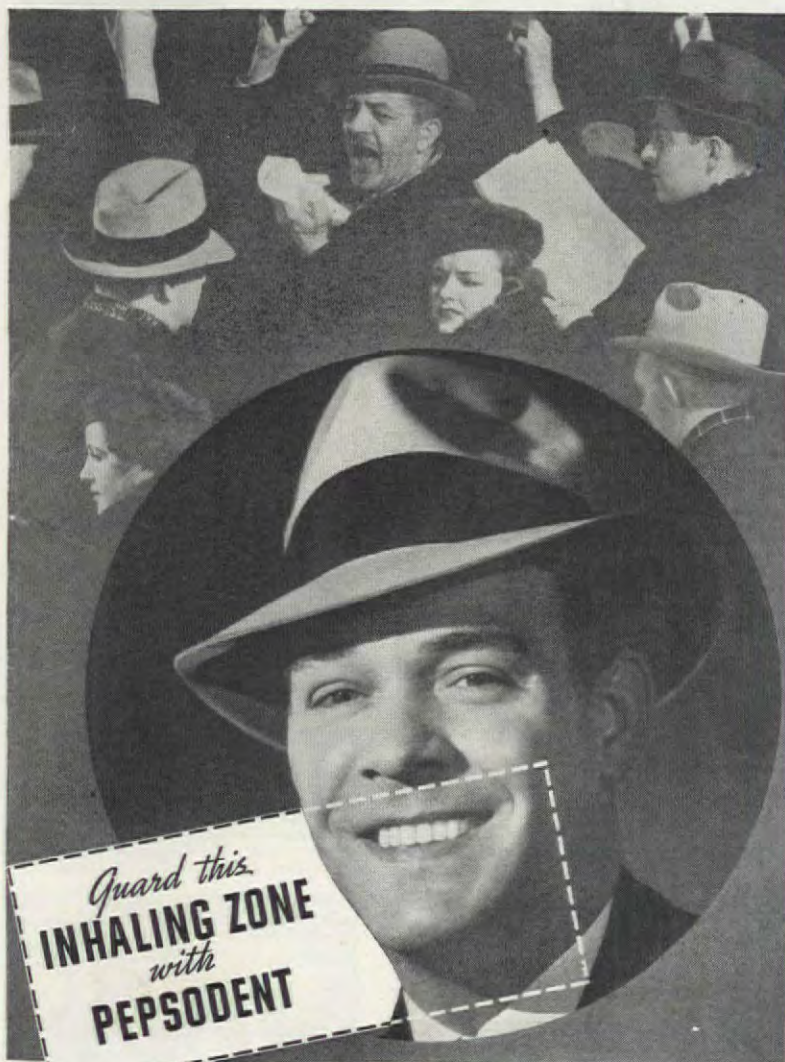


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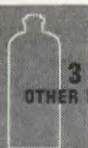
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Discipline is not repression

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who moves through university halls in obedience to bells, who must elbow thousands and keep to the right, who studies the laws to live within them; he would see a man who is so conditioned to obedience that he obeys even symbols of authority. He would see a child who has been persuaded and tolled and pampered, a child who has been encouraged in "self expression," a child who has formed the habit of doing as he wills, regardless of his crowding neighbors. Modern Parent, who has experience and should have judgment, is meekly obedient to a thousand customs and laws, and his son, who has little experience on which to base judgment, has not been disciplined.

Do we really believe that Tommy will not have to be disciplined in this super-organized, super-disciplined world? We are crowded as never before. The telephone, the telegraph, the radio, the trains, the busses, the airplanes, make us neighbors whether we want to be or not. And customs and laws grow stronger and reach farther. Yes, the child will have his discipline. The only decision Modern Parent has to make is whether or not he is willing to teach obedience that must be taught at home or in the less friendly world outside. A man must give his son kindly social conditioning or expose the boy to unsympathetic outside disciplining.

It is a gritty truth that the child who has never learned obedience at home must break and remake his habits after he leaves home. That is a painful business, as anyone who has tried it knows. With a thousand habits of "self expression" to be broken and many new habits of self control to be formed, the child is bewildered and rebellious.

Try to break an unsocial habit you formed when you were a child, try it and find your sympathy for the child whose parents believe that "so long as Tommy's spirit is not broken, he will find a way for himself, a better way than we have known." Try to break any habit and automatize a new way of thinking or feeling or acting. It is painful and almost impossible, isn't it? No man who has had to discipline himself mightily to cure faults he should not have been allowed to develop will ever so burden his child.

"But," we say, "How can we be sure that discipline is wise. We have so little wisdom." We can never be sure, and our doubts will always gallop along beside us—if we have the wisdom to be fearful that we are not wise enough

to demand obedience of the youngest child. It is only the husband who should be trusted to administer discipline.

One thing, though, we can believe, because it is true without exception: discipline thoughtfully and sparingly will be, in this law-ridden world, more helpful than hurtful. The child does not need to feel that your commands are just; he only to believe that your experience has given you more wisdom than he has, and that you are trying to use that wisdom for good. All law is not just, and a citizen who is too rebellious destroys himself. To the individual, law is often unjust. We all find aggravating to stop at a red light when there is no cross traffic, small conventions often wreck large plans; and there are times when punching the time clock only sets a need to punch the clock who first thought of a time clock. That will be Tommy's lot as ours. If he can believe in the wisdom of law, if he can form a habit of obedience to authority that would be just, he will spare rebellion that is destructive. He must learn to do without aggravation and discipline that is not pleasing.

It is cheering to know that there is a healthful discipline that will not break Tommy's spirit. It is not a stiffening of the spirit, not a stubbornness that comes of inexperience, but with self reliance comes of knowing the rules of the game, having confidence in you who are playing the game. Responsibility himself will grow in Tommy, he knows the security of a personal, consistent discipline, the discipline of the rules of the game that all men are playing. Rules for new generation made by the young who have played the game fairly under old rules. Thus, in time, self control takes the place of law.

By remembering that discipline should be impersonal and consistent we can be constructive in disciplining. No child will be obedient who is required to follow one rule today, another tomorrow. No child can have confidence in authority that is vacillated by moodiness.

The rules, we tell Tommy thus and so. As umpire, Modern Parent tells the boy, "I want you to win, want you to play the game. If you throw a ball out of bounds, I must call a foul. If you win, you win by your own if you lose, it is your own. You reward and you punish yourself; I merely umpire. For you can better the rules so when you have mastered the game. Now, you must play the laws of the game and other people are playing with you and nothing belongs without you." . . . Have you ever known?

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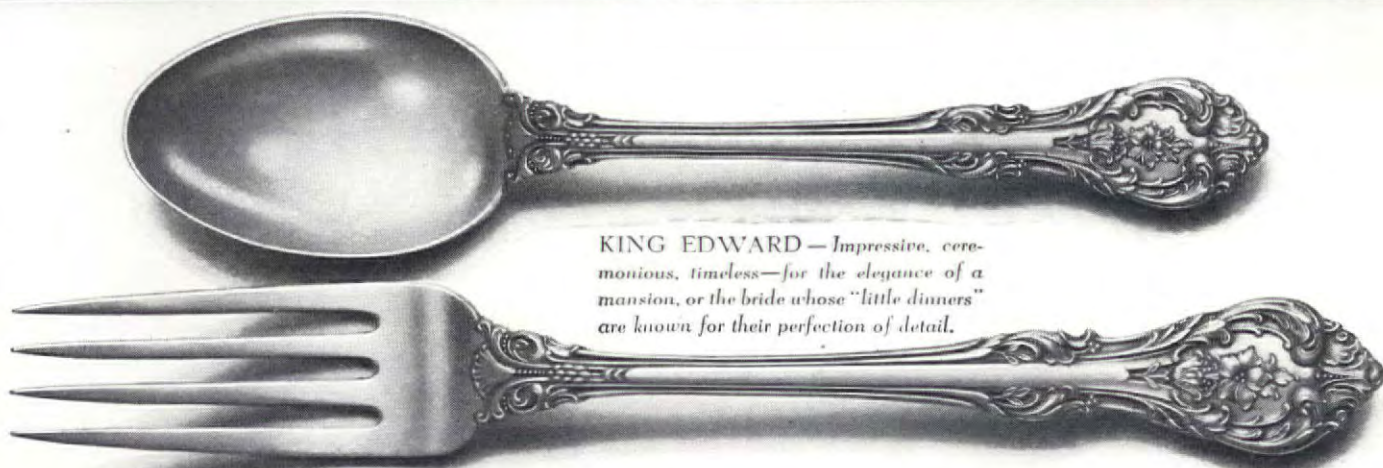
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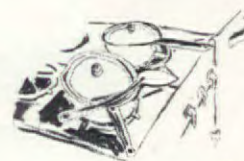


Right from our own kitchen

THERE'S a new food product on the market which comes in a can all ready to serve—meat gravy. We tried some in our kitchen, heating, and combining with some left-over vegetables and meat to make a delicious Shepherd's Pie. However, it will probably be most popular as an accompaniment for a roast's second-meal appearance. Libby, McNeil & Libby.



Have you ever been confused by the term "aspic?" Properly used it means a "savory meat jelly containing bits of fowl, game, fish, hardboiled eggs, etc." (And a most pleasing dish to be sure.) But, unfortunately, a lot of people have been buying the packaged prepared aspics on the market, then adding fruits, marshmallows, and so on, trying to use the aspic as a dessert base. Naturally they've been disappointed since the meat flavor of the aspic doesn't lend itself well to desserts. So one company has rechristened its prepared aspics so you can tell at a glance, looking at the package cover, that its foremost use is a base for salads. Standard Brands.



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—JULIA BO

Discipline is not repression

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child who, once he understood the rules of the game, would not pride in playing well?

Life in large families usually disciplines us normally. There are elders and children serving each other. There was birth and death, and living and death in our home and there were no country to spare us the pleasure of life in our homes, and no host to spare us the labor of caring for our sick and the hurt of suffering with them. Life in large families pulled all the children into service.

When we think it through, we know that, where there are two children in a modern home, we must substitute a conventional discipline for the close-to-earth and close-to-living. With the symbols of authority blinking and ringing at us, with signs posted here when we want to go with laws entangling our step, it seems foolish to think that Tommy will not have learned to keep to the right march in step with many who are going his way. If Tommy could have a more distressing fate—and will have if he has no discipline at

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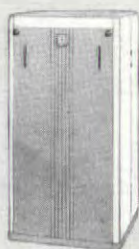
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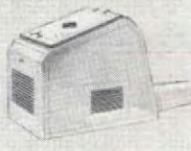
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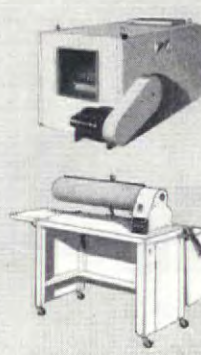
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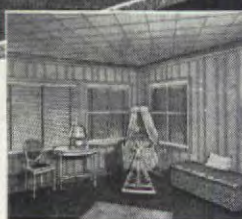
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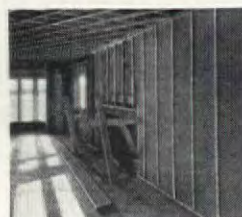
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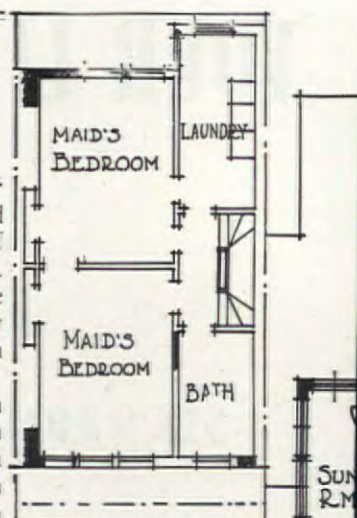
Interior remodeling on Beacon Hill

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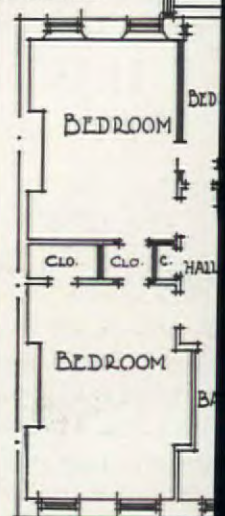
1830. In this room are encountered the enchanting window-screens of ivy, used throughout this floor. The vines, climbing on delicate lattices, checked the sunlight with flickering shadow.

On this first floor the ell room has become a library, high enough so that its windows look into a small forest of ailanthus trees in neighboring back yards and on the big one in the Rothwell's own domain. The new bay window of the ell faces the fireplace here and gives the room comfortable size. This floor, too, has glimmering walls of tea-chest paper—gold, instead of silver—and glass lamps, gleaming brass, and copper add warmth and sheen. Sunlight comes in the east windows of the living room at the same time that it enters the south windows of the library. Mrs. Rothwell says it's a scientific impossibility, but a fact. At the extreme end of the library a writing alcove holds desk, books and plants. (Shown on page 38.)

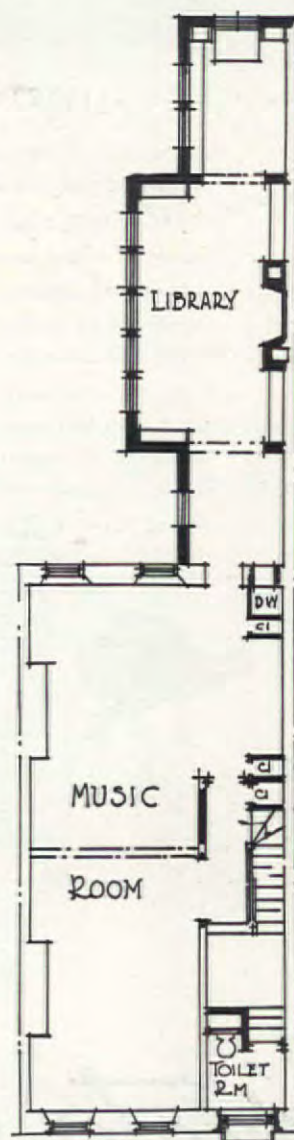
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floor, with two above the room and a smaller one opening into the ell, which, on this is a small private sitting room for this bedroom. Third and fourth floors have maids' rooms and laundry, and each of the bedroom floors has a bath. Surmounting everything, a cypress yard on the roof overlooks chimney pots and the waters of the Charles River with Cambridge on the other side.

The Rothwells are fond of entertaining with music, and the living room, with an organ and a piano, serves ideally for Christmas Eve, too, brings good for that is the night when Beacon Hill holds open house for its friends. It is one time the Rothwells' windows, instead of receiving light, send it out for on Christmas Eve window on The Hill flaunts candles. Perhaps the most interesting window in the house is the one over the front door. It is most screened, Mrs. Rothwell says, with a flat little Christmas tree, tied securely to the window balcony railing. The tree is with pine cones and glistening glass icicles. This picture window, delightfully enough, looks to the first of the three bathrooms which were added

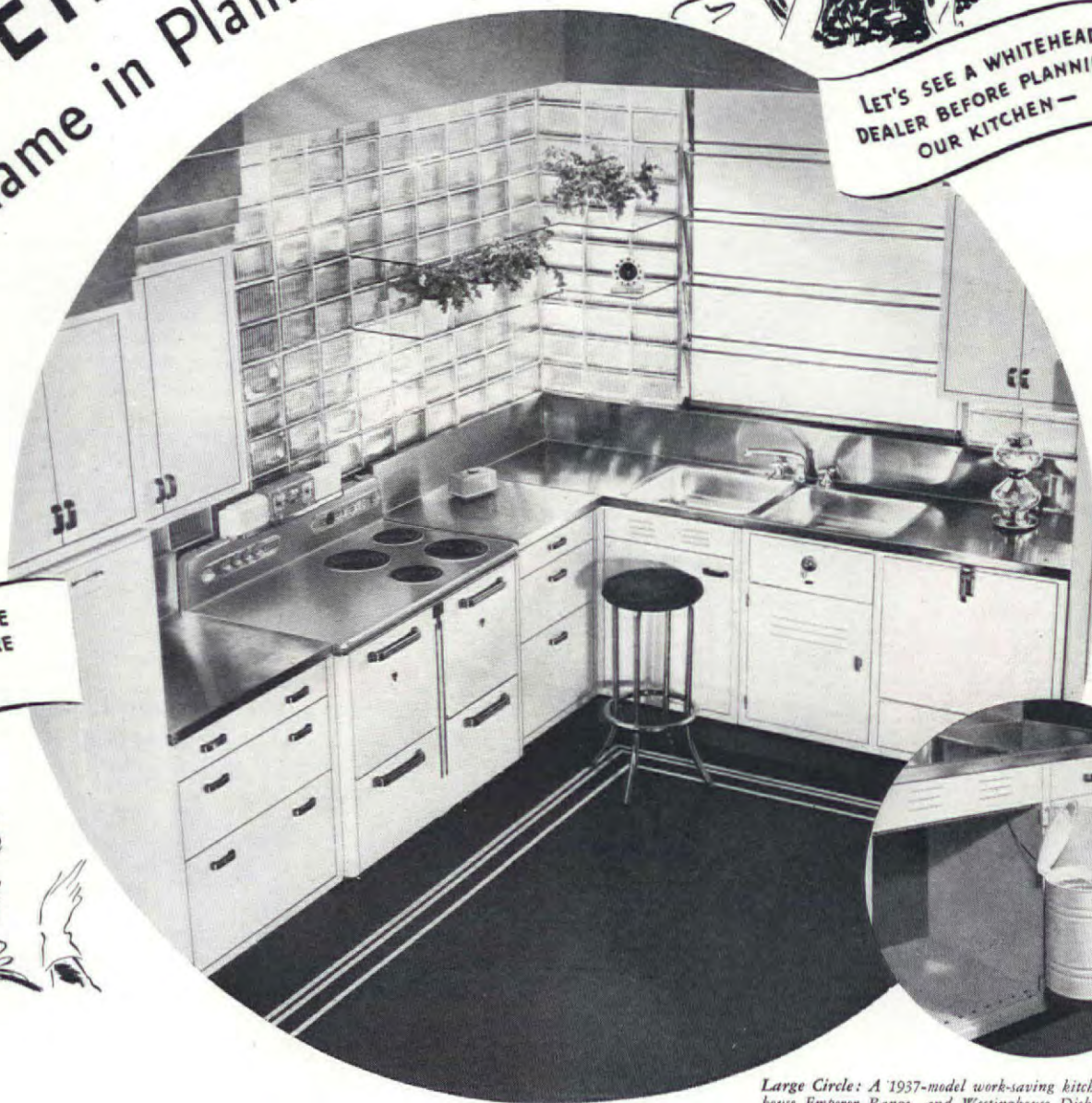
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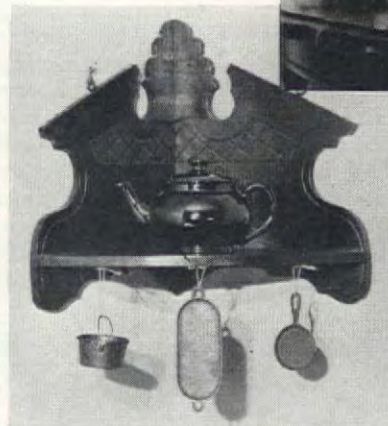
You will have many delightful moments hunting up these several bits of what not, cleaning and polishing, and finding just the place for them on bookcase, desk, or window sill, for the modern home today is attractive for the artistic arrangement of its small objects as well as the heavier pieces. Along with the modern bits of glass and china from the shops there may be numerous little family keepsakes which are of special interest to the home owner and which will attract much attention from guests. Just

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The floor above is "Marcotta" A-7243. On the walls is waterproof, permanent Sealex Linoleum Wall-Covering... a rich marbled black with coral dado.

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Women are flocking to stores today to see patented* Adhesive Sealex Linoleum. Visit your dealer! Let him show you the array of beautiful new patterns. Every one has a perfectly smooth sanitary surface that makes cleaning easy. Notice especially the new clear, pastel shades they offer wonderful chances for lovely effects in rooms. Don't miss them. Go to

*Patent 1,970,503

Send 10c for our 20-page, illustrated decorating book, "Building Color Schemes from the Floor," to Congoleum-Nairn Inc., Dept. 22, Kearny, New Jersey.

ADHESIVE SEALEX LINOLEUM

at hand at bedside or end
Put away with the little
iron was another child's
of a later style, pointed at
ends. This had an iron stand
en design which was just
I had been wanting to
der small pots of flowers or
in my window garden. If
the type of front door on
I could use a knocker, I
have considered having a
put on the end and using
this purpose. These small
ands of any kind are much
after by antique dealers.
e reminiscing on the old
re, a cunning little set of
spider, and griddle, be-
g, to a tiny cook stove, was
t out and hung from a
kitchen shelf to give an
l, homey atmosphere. Very
prized is a little iron kettle
s, a small pattern of the
old iron kettles that are
being hung from fireplace
or used in various places
ages, homes, and porches.
ne stands about two and
arter inches high and once
for first lessons in taffy
g. It now stands on the
room table with a much
kettle inside and is per-
an incense burner.
her diminutive keepsake,
as an ornament only on
okcase, is the subject of the
"Little Brown Jug, how I
hee." This stands three
high, an exact replica of
s which cluttered the base-
doors in times gone by.
ge Cape Cod marble had
arefully wrapped in tissue
and kept in the bottom of
u drawer for many years.
these depths I took it one
etermined to find some way
laying this colorful bit of
glass. From the china
took a very old individual
glass salt dish. I set the
in this to keep it from
The salt dish makes an
sive base and the whole
very attractive effect on
ed surface. A small glass
was another object too
to be hidden away. This
n bought for me when on
s a child. While this is not
e as an antique, it is clear
rklings and is just the right
r an individual cream
on a breakfast tray.
r bouquet brought into the
ems to need an individual
r. Although there are
hapes and sizes to be had
modern vases, some of the
ioned glassware and pot-
ed a great deal of interest
especially suitable as cen-
s on old tables. For tall
an old celery stand in
ves great dignity. I have
caster which is a metal
r with a high handle
a pressed glass pickle jar.

On account of its handle this gives a charming basket effect, filled with flowers, for the luncheon table. In the living room, the old type of fruit jar serves as a distinctive flower holder, and somehow I feel a pride in owning one of these very outmoded containers of our forefathers' time. How very different from our present ones, but how these colorful old jars surpass in beauty the ones that now fill our shelves. They had their advantage, perhaps, too, in keeping the light from the contents of the jar. At any rate, I have one in a glazed terra cotta finish which harmonizes well with anything. It is very suitable for pussy willows, sprays from flowering shrubs, daisies, and many similar plants. Another lovely thing for a low bouquet on the dining table is a finger bowl. The one I have is inverted thumb print in amberina.

Now let us bring out something of grandmother's. When looking over the contents of an old trunk, I came across a brocaded silk scarf, or handkerchief, as it was called in grandmother's day. Judging from the condition it was in, it had never been worn and, as black and white accessories for the home have been stressed much, I decided on a pillow top. The center of the kerchief was white with a border of black and white. The back I made of black satin. It made a large and rich looking pillow.

If you have some shelves in your bathroom and you want a decorative note without any hardship on your pocketbook, let me suggest some of the small pieces from the old toilet sets that were in use when bedroom suites had washstands. If you have three shelves in a corner or elsewhere, you might use the covered soap dish, shaving mug, and either the toothbrush holder or the small pitcher. Some of these sets are very beautiful in design. One I like very much is a heavy glazed china in a dark red shade with a Persian border on a dull maize, and a distinctive design on both sides of each piece.

This is just a series of suggestions to set you to thinking. Let your own imagination run riot with what you have in your possession. Be original. Do not confine yourself, necessarily, to the objects mentioned, but keep your eyes open. Look again at those things you are keeping in the dark, thinking they have no value or purpose. You will revel in renewing your acquaintance with these old friends. See that you choose the proper environment for the object you desire to display; this is most important for the amount of interest you wish to create. So be off on that trip now in quest of the unusual, and I bid you bon voyage.



HOW A MAN OF 40 CAN RETIRE IN 15 YEARS

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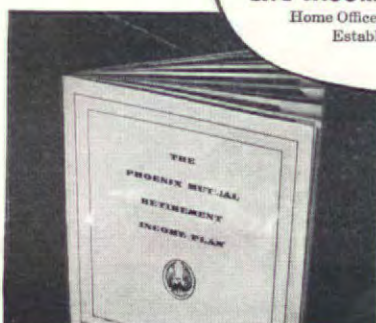
What does it cost? When we know your exact age, we shall be glad to tell you. In the long run, the Plan will probably cost nothing, because, in most cases, every cent and more comes back to you at retirement age.

Write your date of birth in the coupon below and mail it today. You will receive, without cost or obligation, a copy of the interesting illustrated booklet shown at the left. It

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A view from the living room overlooking the Rio de la Plata toward Uruguay.

Letter from a "Colonial" reader in Buenos Aires

ALTHOUGH our subscription is
sent to Parlin, N. J., we
have been living in the Argentine
for over four years. We look for-
ward to our copies of *THE AMER-
ICAN HOME* which are forwarded
faithfully to us every month. We
are among your earliest subscrib-
ers and have always been enthusi-
astic readers. Living 7,000 miles
away from the States, we appre-
ciate more than ever the contact
that is made possible through

your pages with what is going
on at home in that always in-
teresting, most important field of
activity—the American home.

It occurred to me that you
might be interested to see pic-
tures of the home and garden of
your "Colonial" admirer-sub-
scribers, and to have just a word
about the flowers and the garden.

The house is built on a lot
100 x 300 feet. The architect was
a North American who has brought
not only beauty but every modern
convenience and comfort into
this house. Automatic oil
burners, automatic hot water
supply, pump for the water which
comes from a well on the property,
gas in tanks for cooking, etc., all
seem far removed from the
Argentine house with no
heating and no hot water.



Views of front and
house, flagstone wall
to the pergola, and

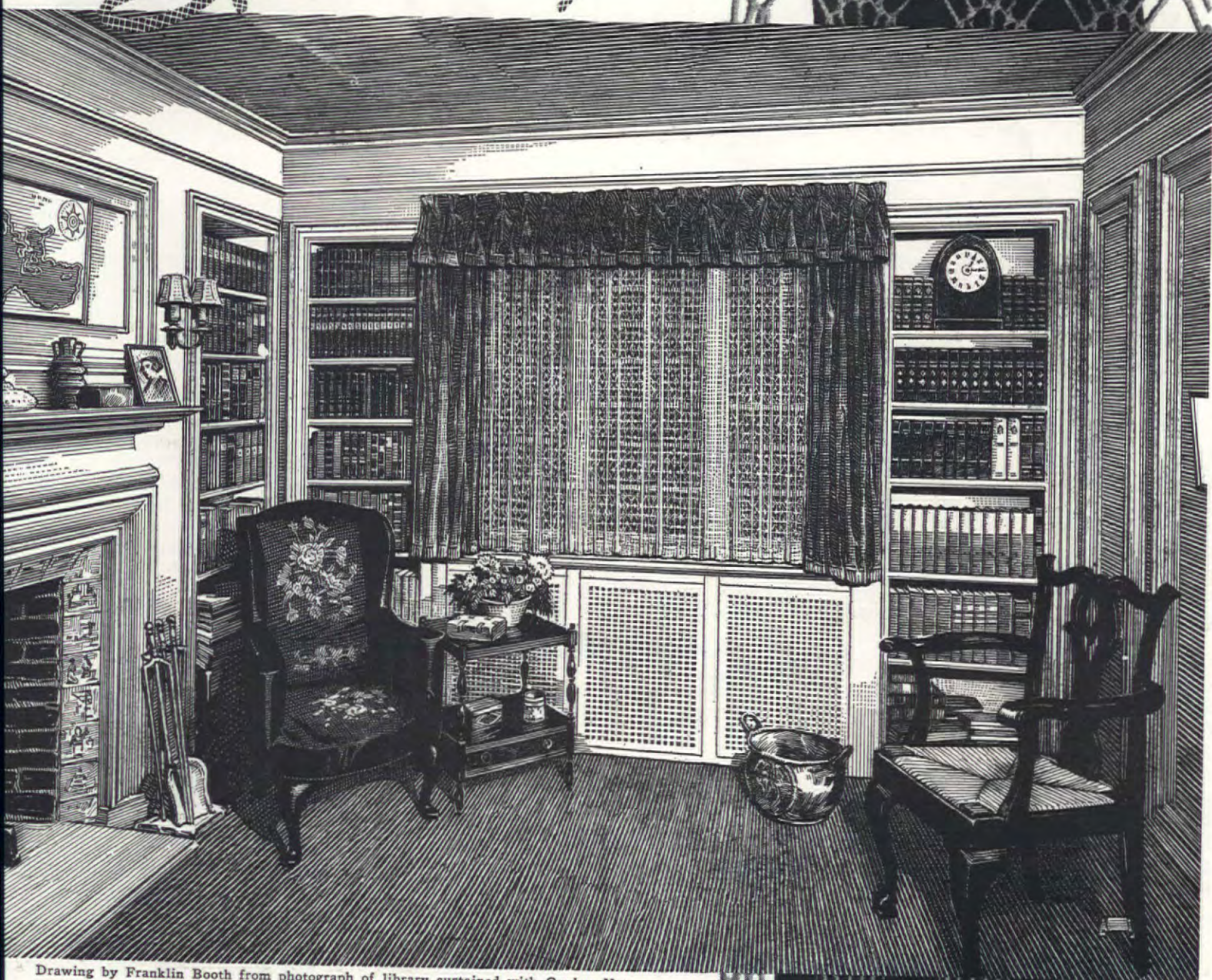


And here you see the
entrance from garden to
the lower living room



THE AMERICAN HOME, APRIL

It's a net year



Drawing by Franklin Booth from photograph of library curtained with Quaker Net

A QUAKER NET YEAR

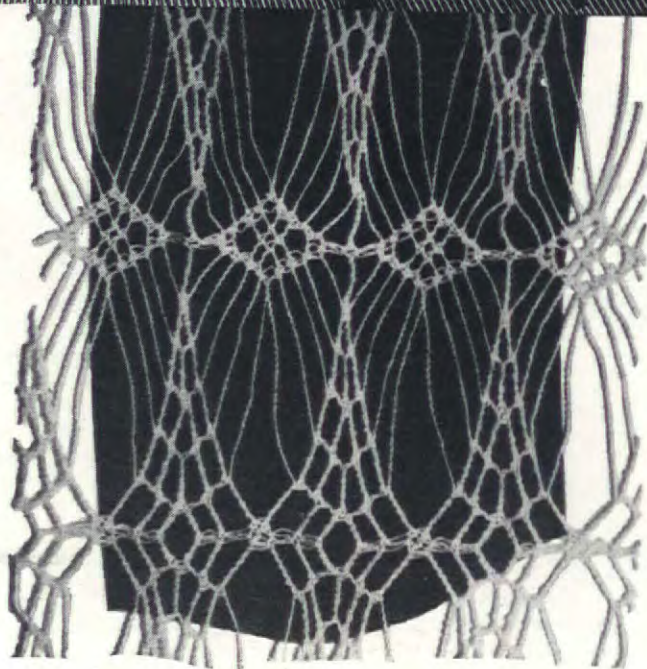
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"In spite of all the work it takes to get a lot of different vegetables together, clean them, strain them, (and have a lot of them left over), you can't improve on the wonderful soup that comes out of those pretty blue and white Gerber cans.

"You see, mother, those Gerber vegetables are *Home Grown*, an hour or less by truck from the Gerber kitchens. No chance for them to lose their food values from travelling or storage. And when they are strained and cooked, no air touches them to destroy any of their vitamins, and there is no pouring off mineral salts in cooking water, either.

**And this is important,
too, Mother**

"As vegetable soup is one of the first of my more solid foods, the Gerber people have made a careful study to find out just what should be put into it. They

say it's a 'well-balanced nutritive combination of strained carrots, peas, spinach, rice, barley, beef, tomatoes and celery'. What I say is that it is a grand meal.

"Will you please ask doctor when we may start on Gerber's?"

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A storm rises over the river, as seen from roof of house

ment, save what the coal stove will heat during the cold months. We even have closets, cupboards, and stoves furnished for us—unknown luxuries in all but the newest houses and apartments.

The house is built on two levels and the property runs down to a third level in back, making a garden-playground where we have room for croquet, a badminton court, sandbox, swing, and a flagstone terrace for picnics, cut off from the rest of the garden by spruce trees. The lower garden is enclosed by a hedge about six feet tall and there are twenty-four trees set at intervals in the hedge which encircles the whole garden at that level.

There is a flagstone path that leads to the next level at the back of the house. Rock gardens climb the twenty-foot rise and we emphasize various kinds of cactus plants and climbing plants in this section. Semi-lunar windows with iron grilles and a door give entrance to the thirty-five foot downstairs living room that opens onto this part of the garden. The room has a beamed ceiling, and a floor of Spanish tiles, terra cotta color interspersed with frequent tiles of crests and decorative designs. A provincial fireplace is duplicated in the upstairs living room which is on the third level and which has a plate glass window nine feet across that looks out across the garden and commands an unobstructed view of the Rio de la Plata which stretches away for sixty miles in front of us to the Uruguayan shore. The front garden is on a level with this floor and has the same flagstones and grilled windows, and a pergola outside the dining room. The roof is a garden of grass and Fernanisms and it affords an impressive view of the city of Buenos Aires snugly set in the curve of the river some six miles northeast of us.

Because we never have zero weather in Buenos Aires, there is a profusion of flowers all year round. Now we are in the month of May, which corresponds to your November, and a list of the flowers blooming in our garden right now is indicative of the fertility of the soil and the tem-

perature of the climate. There are iris, cosmos, chrysanthemum, calendulas, carnations, marigolds, hibiscus, geraniums, a poinsettia bush with nine huge blossoms, and lemon trees which have blossoms, also green fruit and ripe fruit, all in bloom at the same time.

The garden has seven different kinds of evergreen trees and two dozen flowering varieties of shrubs. Grass such as you have in the States, does not thrive here. Each separate sprout of a sort of crabgrass is set out by hand about eight inches from its neighbors and in an amazingly short time a tough, resistant, smooth carpet has completely covered the earth. Lawnmowers are unknown for this kind of grass is cut with a scythe. It is said by Mrs. Bu-Aires that the soil is so fertile that a clothespin planted at night will be sprouting green leaves in the morning.—Mrs. H. H. L. Buenos Aires, Argentina.

On the hearth of The American Home

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months. Magazines, trade, and general publications are offering the greatest inducements to home owners, by answering questions, furnishing plans, supplying the names of reputable firms, suggesting remodeling ideas, to the man interested in making his residence or building a home to meet his needs.

Adequate funds are available for this increased lending, sources mentioned earlier. Savings in banks all over the country are now on the market for borrowers. Savings and loan associations, backed by a credit network in the Home Loan Bank System, have money to spare. Insurance companies have their finger in the pot. The government is investing funds in home financing institutions which are not prone to be emergency creations. They are caring for the normal mortgage business. Private lenders are able to advertise an abundance of funds. The time is ripe for

Susan reads the riot act...



SUSAN: "Listen—I'm serving notice on this family... I'm not going to have another guest home to dinner until we get some newsilver—and I mean *sterling* silver."



FATHER: "Sterling silver, eh? It seems to me this family is beginning to have some pretty big ideas."



MOTHER: "Now, Henry, sterling is not a luxury—it's really not expensive. All the nice people we know have it. And once you have sterling, you have it for good."



SUSAN: "Listen, Dad... We've bought lots of other things that weren't nearly so important. *Please* let us have sterling! You *will*?... Mother, he consents! Don't you think International Sterling's *Courtship* is the perfect pattern for our dining room?"

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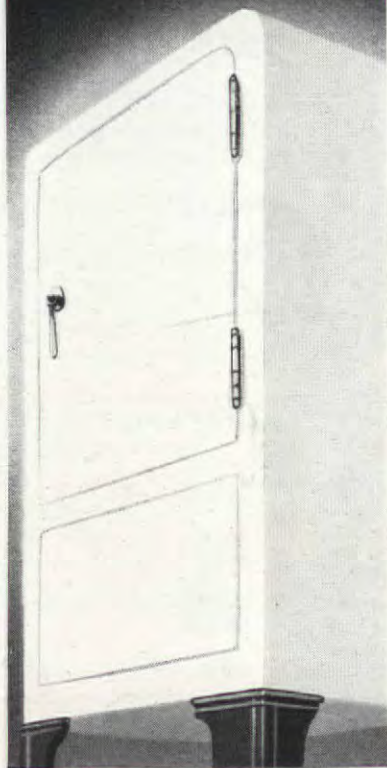
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home owner to borrow for a future for himself and family.

The home owner is borrowing. Mortgage loans are increasing every day. Money is moving into the home financing field with rapidity, and residential construction and modernization is in an active phase. Building permits have begun to climb, and construction materials companies are pouring out new volumes of equipment which is finding its way into 1936 models of homes. Car loads of bricks, plumbing fixtures, lumber, steel, and glass are in demand.

A housing shortage

Statistics show that there is a noticeable housing shortage in the United States. That means that there is an insufficient number of suitable residential properties for the average American family. In the current situation the family cannot find a house in which it will be content to live at a rental figure it is willing to pay. The housing shortage has several explanations.

Forced to crowd together in inadequate quarters with other families during the depression, families are moving into better residences and separate establishments as soon as improved employment conditions in their particular situations permit. Employment conditions are improving and they are demanding more and better homes. Marriages are increasing. Trips to the city hall and down the church aisle, long delayed by financial uncertainty are now taking place, and almost every marriage naturally requires another home.

There are not in existence enough desirable houses to meet the requirements and the post-depression standards of American families. Consequently, people with sufficient income to meet regular monthly payments on homes are assuming debts which will provide adequate, livable, convenient modern living quarters, permanent, and worthy of the time and effort and investment.

In summary, to his present advantage, the prospective home owner has the following:

An abundance of money in the home mortgage lending field.

The direct, reduction amortized long term loan plan.

Low interest rates, and variable interest rates in some cases.

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The current situation in the real estate market, with good prices, and shortage of houses, is in his economic favor.

Home owners are looking at their own situations, at the real estate market, at their desire to be housed adequately and comfortably, at their pride in possession and at the investment in future security which they can



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now make to advantage. The reading what the lender and the press are and they are beginning that today is the golden their initial step in the debt-free home ownership.

Be it so resolved—

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philodendrons—has a cooling effect on the visitor; other hand, the gay color enias, saintpaulias, coleus, ageratums and begonias shade-loving plants—have a hilarating effect on any te to low spirits. A winding soft blue flagstone leads through the rock garden to iron fence that separates driveway from the garden. Blue iris show their head this fence and the result pleasing eastern boundary.

The ceiling of our outdoor was no problem at all. could be more pleasing than of azure blue peeping through spreading leafy branches. gnarled old oak? Trail hanging from the branches pletes the overhead decoration. Since no room is completely out furniture, a few wooden painted white and a small boo table are found in the court. If more were needed is, of course, no end to attractive garden furniture be bought today; the abound in gay and comfortable pieces and antique dealers interesting and beautiful mens of old iron furniture house hanging from the tree the birds into the living room a bird bath at the side court urges them to stay. ing bird with his sweet r pays us many fold for the tion shown him.

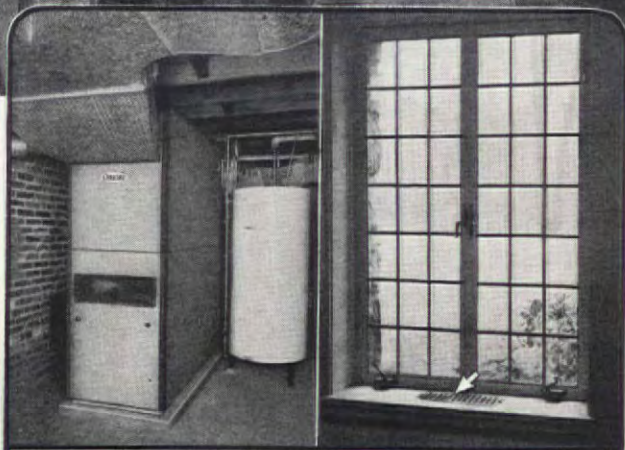
One of the most interesting of this room out of that nature's scenery changing. It is quite peaceful breakfast amid dainty pi and brilliant hued port tea amid the fragrance of fashioned four-o'clocks and hemerocallis, and the spell of the moon-vine. In ly, a man made moonlight of blue installed in branches of the oak—quite independent of luna deity. Garden light thus made it possible for door living room to be night as well as by day.

In a climate where one to live six months of the out of doors I have, n say, found this room a constant joy, and when it for a moment's relief spirit of peace and comes over me. All is v

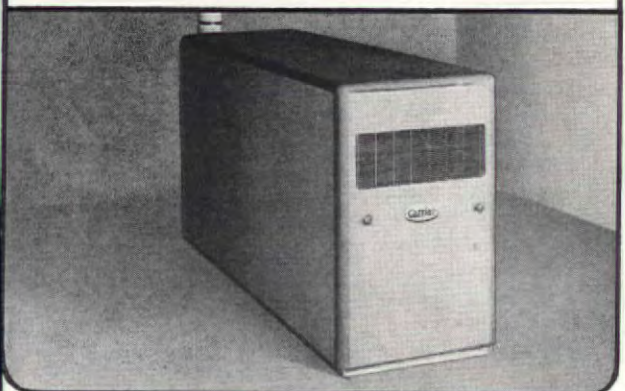
A CHARMING INTERIOR... but more than that...

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The re-designing of the exterior of the house was primarily a matter of simplification. The bargeboards and the wide roof projection were removed, their supporting brackets were

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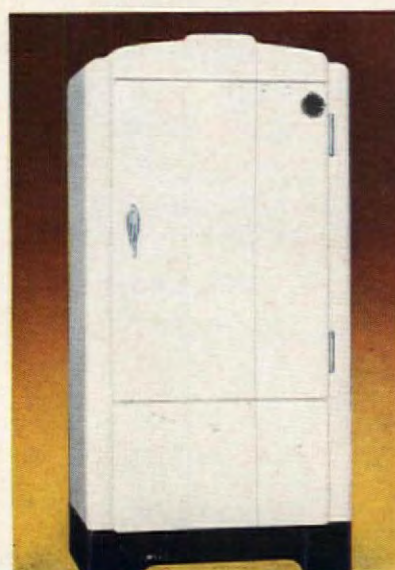
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ved. A small balcony was substituted for the large one off the bedroom upstairs, to provide place for airing bedding. The central dormer in front was removed and three small dormer windows substituted. By adding windows at each end, cross-ventilation was obtained for the rooms, which before had no opening on the front. The new dormers are centered over the front and the two large lower windows, but the fact that they could be spaced with exact symmetry in relation to the length of the building is unnoticeable, as the photograph shows. A new front porch and enframing was put in, the bay window of the dining room had a new copper hood added. In the east wall of the living room, at the right of the picture window, one window was removed and the door in the center moved toward the front to balance the picture window, this being done to needed wall space in the interior opposite the fireplace. Additional space was also given in the rear wall of the living room by moving an old-fashioned high picture window in the center and substituting two separate windows at each end.

The old siding of the exterior, stained brown, was left in place and given three coats of white paint. The roof was shingled with number one red shingles, stained slate gray. The interior walls were originally over sand finished and in some cases covered with burlap. Some difficulty was experienced in getting them smooth, but

by boning them down and using a soft gray paper beneath the regular wall paper, a smooth effect was obtained. Wallpaper was used throughout the house and the original sand finished ceilings were retinted. The interior woodwork of Douglas fir, stained brown and varnished in the old style, was painted bone white throughout. The white woodwork and wallpaper of gray and white makes the new interior light and airy in the modern manner, and cool and restful in tone. The kitchen and bathroom were tiled in white with yellow trim, with washable wallpaper on the walls and ceilings.

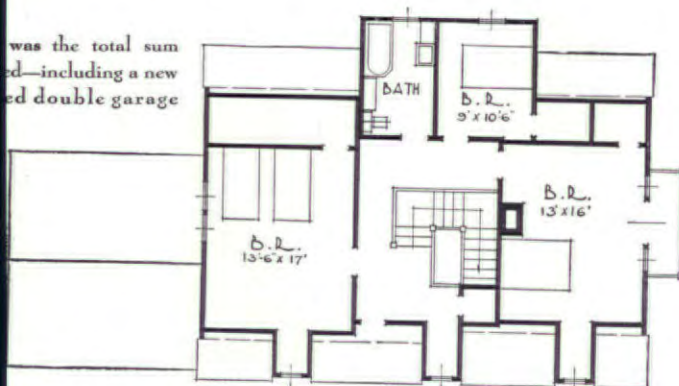
Improvements in the interior were brought about by several minor changes. An old-fashioned built-in buffet in the dining room was removed, painted, and used in the pantry as extra cupboards. On the back porch a shower and toilet were installed for the convenience of sea-bathers, as the house is not far from the ocean. The fireplace and mantel in the living room were re-designed and the small opening changed to a larger opening. A new hardwood oak floor was laid in the second story, and the original floor downstairs was retained and covered with a carpet of warm gray. New plumbing fixtures were put in throughout, and the house was wired for electric cooking and an electric water heater.

The work of re-landscaping the grounds has not yet been done. Supplementary base planting around the house is planned, a picket fence along the street front, and flower borders lining the walk.



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Don't make these mistakes in planting

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about trees, shrubs, etc. was secured, new pages could be used for notes and new drawings made to show detailed or alternate plans for borders, garden, lawn, pool etc.

Of course none of the group had started that way, certainly not Jones. His place panted for shade, so he bought a lot of soft wood trees, neglecting to plant any of the durable hard woods in between. That is, he neglected it until lusty young branches began to cast so much shade, and surface-spreading roots started to take so much nourishment from the soil, that grass and shrubs both suffered. Finally Jones (to whom a tree was almost a sentient being) forced himself to chop down several. Then he planted oak, chestnut, and tulip trees to take their place. "Something to leave to posterity," as he liked to put it.

Jones made other mistakes. For instance, he set trees at equal distances on both sides of the house, presumably "far enough away not to overshadow it." Yet the house was shadowed, for a longer and longer time each day. The chief trouble was with the maple to the east, which stood in the path of the morning sun and had at last to come down. The locust on the west gave no trouble because its shadows fell parallel with the house, not on it. A tiny poplar sapling, planted too near the L, grew like Jack's beanstalk, but for a long time it was saved by its beauty and its aspiration to reach the clouds; its glistening leaves danced in the sunlight and at night it was hung with stars. But in time, when falling leaves began to rot the shingles and clog the gutters and there was serious danger that overhanging branches might crash down in a storm, Jones decided to operate. It cost him wages and compensation insurance for several men to get the branches cut and lowered without injury to the house—or the men.

Jones now has an advice code for tree-loving home ground-planters. It begins with that question of shade density:

An advice code

1. Never plant a tree without making a thorough study of shadows; first, as to the direction in which they will fall, and second as to their length and width.
2. Never plant without considering vistas. A tree well placed can frame or enhance a view; badly placed it can shut it off entirely.
3. Consider length of season. The ash, for instance, is one of the first trees to let the autumn

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sun shine through. For shade count on the Norway maple.

4. Autumn color is still other matter. The leaves of beautiful elm shrivel and while those of maple, ceras, oaks, pears, etc., continue in color. Red maples early; the golden yellow weeks later.

5. For quick results buy a nursery, which always has supply of young trees with good "ball" of vigorous ready for transplanting at proper season; or if you use one from the woods, wait one year before it is wanted and see that the roots are properly pruned so they will suffer less of a shock at the time they are moved.

6. Never neglect to plant a few evergreens. Even one two in the corner of a lawn will reward with shade, winter verdure and shelter and food for birds.

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The home maker soon began to think of his lawn and—if enthusiasm still holds—to think in terms. So he sets his garden borders as far from the house as possible and sees, in imagination, a fine sweep of green with a rounding glory of color beyond. A fair dream indeed if weeds be kept down and the grass ways cut; but for that "if" a leisure hour must be sacrificed. Jones, when he discovered that last, had the middle of his ploughed and harrowed garden moved into it, some nearer the house.

Another thing he learned in time—was the mistake of buying grass seed—just any grass seed—without considering what was to be planted in shade or in damp spots or in high places. When he found that seed growers and dealers had developed grass mixtures to these various conditions he read another warning to his code as follows:

7. Study your ground and select your seed with care if you ask a dealer (or known reliability) to do it for you, send him the dimensions of each type of ground to be planted.

To this he might add a warning about grass cuttings, beginners usually rake up and throw away, to the horror of experienced gardeners. A grass is—or should be—the compost heap. The rule is simple enough: A thick layer of grass clippings; a little manure or other fertilizer; a few handfuls of lime or ashes, and vegetable waste such as pea pods, corn cobs, cabbage leaves, and other greens, etc. After the rain has descended upon a pile of such material alternate layers of such material with strata of soil and a pile has been turned once

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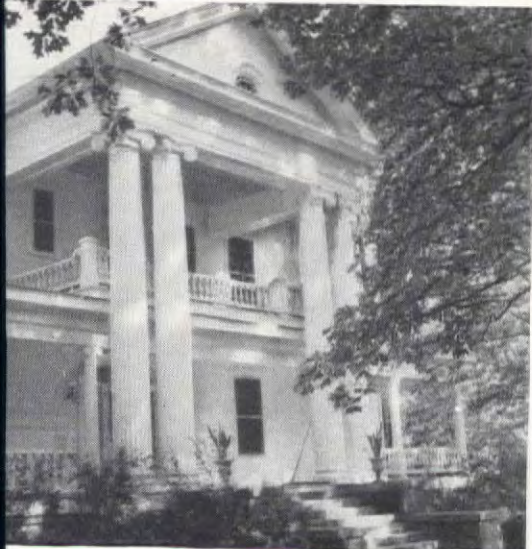
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Almost every home maker has two things to begin with—a bit of money put aside for the grounds, and enthusiasm enough to undertake anything. This too often means ambitious projects that cannot be lived up to when the money is gone and one's time is absorbed by other affairs. Take orchards, for instance. The serpent still lingers there, at least as far as Adam is concerned. The most careful men will yield to temptation, plan for more fruit than a family could possibly use, overlook the lack of profitable markets, and blind themselves to the constant need for soil food, trimming, and spraying.

Jones did all these things, though it must be said for him that he planted his trees well, with plenty of room for apple boughs to spread and sunlight to reach peaches, pears, and smaller fruits. It was the spraying that downed him at last. As the trees grew (some too high, since he neglected to prune them), the matter of large-scale spraying, three times every busy spring, became a serious consideration, for he had children to support and civic duties to be performed. That is why he now so feelingly offers this particular warning:

8. A few good trees, not too far from the house, for those who want the fun of caring for them and of harvesting a small crop of really good fruit.

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Most people have favorite vines and shrubs that they know and order at once. Jones went along with the rest. He wanted to flank the entire length of a stone wall that bordered the road, so he bought a pleasing assortment of ramblers, honeysuckles, spireas, etc., with the idea of planting six every twelve feet or so. When the puny things arrived he was dismayed and just on the point of ordering more when his neighbor advised him to plant only half of them or less and give the rest away. But Jones stood firm against that and, for a year or two, felt justified in his decision. Then two hydrangeas began to overshadow a silver-lace vine and finally to elbow each other for room. Jones took one up and sent it to his neighbor who gave it plenty of space. By the time the baby had grown to high school age, that shrub had attained to a girth of thirty-nine feet and was still growing!

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9. Ascertain how much room the "grown up" vine or shrub will require and allow for it in planting; then fill the spaces between with annuals or with fine bushy perennials such as peonies. They will be easy to move when the permanent things begin to crowd them. And don't forget vistas. Shrubs as well as trees, can shut out the view.

Many beginners select vine shrubs for the sake of their blossoms, but there are other considerations that should be taken into account—autumn beauty, for instance, of the kind that snowy Clematis paniculata and the gorgeous and long-enduring red fruits of the barberry firethorn bushes. Elderberry, other shrubs that attract the eye are growing in popularity, and are those that give out fragrance, notably the honeysuckle, the fashioned creamy mockers (Philadelphus), and of course dooryard lilac.

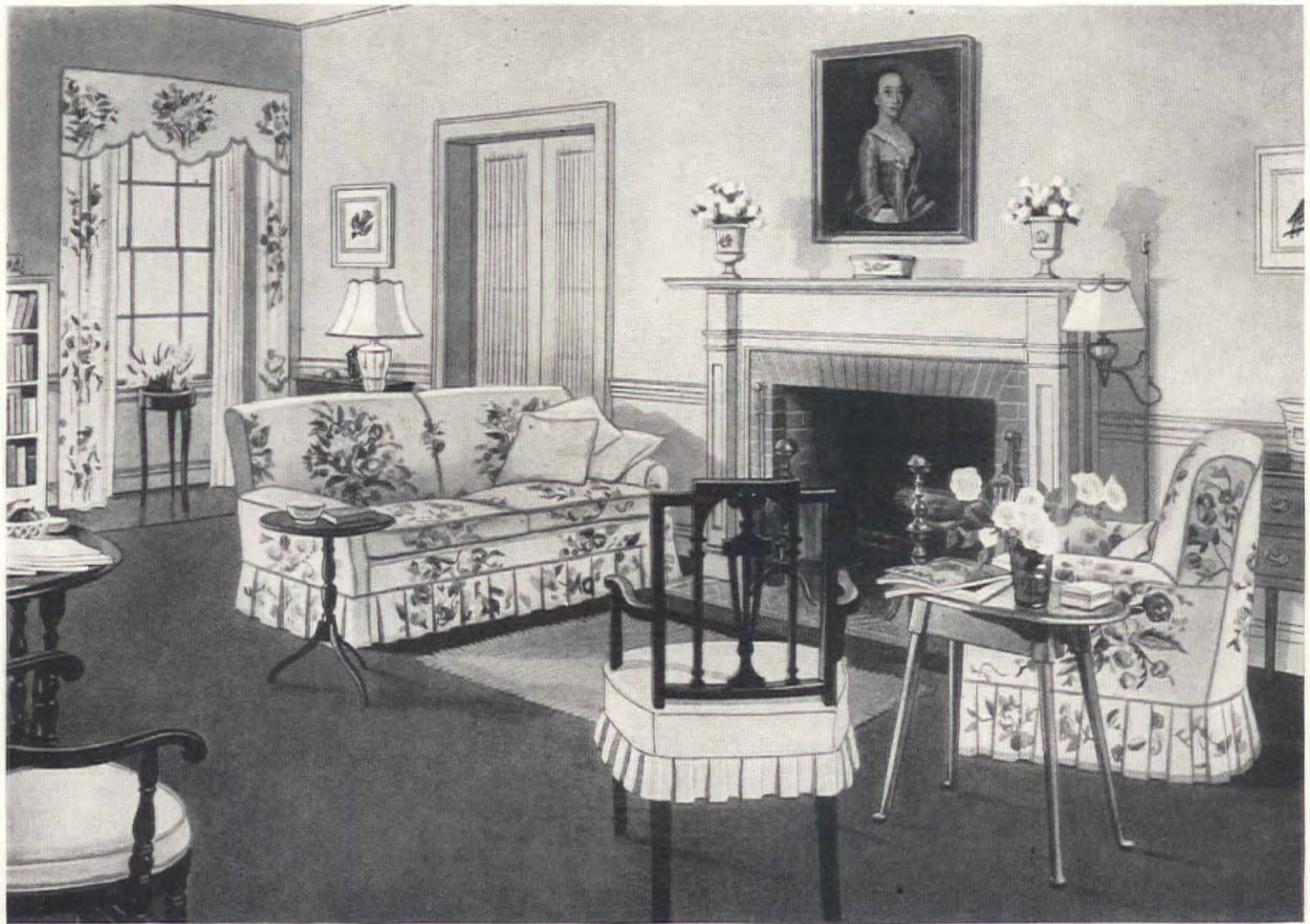
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Have you a paint maintenance program?

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beyond its period of durability and passes through a period of neglect during which the coating breaks up in a manner characteristic of the type of paint. Some paints, even after long neglect, can be repainted with reasonable assurance that the new job will be just as durable as the last one. Other paints leave an uncertain surface on which a new paint job may break up much too soon. Of course, the old paint in the latter case can be removed but paint removal is too expensive to have any place in a program of extreme economy. For such programs white or light colored paint must be chosen rather for their ability to stand neglect well than for their qualities during their normal period of durability.

Pure white lead paint, in which white lead is the only pigment other than necessary tinting colors and linseed oil is the only liquid except thinners and driers, has long been used successfully in programs involving periods of neglect. Since white lead paint was the only high grade white paint available until comparatively modern times, painting traditions in this country are largely based upon its characteristics. Pure white lead paint develops chalking and checking fairly early in its life and it wears down with moderate rapidity. It is therefore called a soft paint in contrast to hard paints with opposite qualities. Soft paints stand neglect well because they disintegrate eventually by fine crumbling rather than by cracking, curling, and coarse flaking or scaling. When repainted after a period of neglect, soft paints are little more than a porous mass of pigment "chalks;" oil from the new paint thoroughly permeates the old coating and incorporates it with the new. The new job therefore behaves much as the previous one did and has about the same durability or wearing quality.

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well maintained at all times without extravagance. For such programs any one of the many types of good house paints may be chosen at the outset but thereafter it is wise to repaint always with the same type of paint. Changing types of paint at successive repainting opens the program to unnecessary possibility of failure because paints of different types are not always compatible with one another. Too much variation in composition between successive layers of paint apparently increases internal stresses within the coating as it ages and causes it to break up abnormally early or in an objectionable unsightly manner.

In conservative programs this kind the surface should be repainted before the coating begins to break up seriously. It is dangerous to wait until conspicuous cracking, curling, and flaking prove that the durability of paint has been stretched to its limit. The temporary saving effected by postponing repainting for a few months may shorten the life of all subsequent paint jobs and eventually require expensive removal of the entire coating. When paints that do not stand neglect are used, repainting should anticipate rather than follow the breaking up of the coating.

Repainting should restore to surface approximately the amount of paint worn away since the previous painting. If too much paint is put on at a time the coating eventually becomes too thick and may break up so badly that it must be removed. Hard paints wear away less between paintings than soft paints; the harder the paint the less of it should be applied at each repainting. The painter gauges the amount applied partly by the number of coats and partly by the extent to which he brushes each coat. With soft paints two coats at repainting may be necessary while with hard paints it may be safer to apply only one coat. For much the same reason different parts of a house may require varying amounts of paint because less paint wears away from parts which are more sheltered from sunshine.

Programs in which repainting may be done at intervals of more than four years are some necessary for commercial buildings but as a rule are inadvisable for residences. On the parts of the house particular paint does not get time to wear sufficiently to be in best condition for repainting and it wears so little that the coating scarcely becomes thicker at repainting. Under these conditions it is especially important that new paint be as nearly as possible like the previous paint in position and that paints with

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hiding power be chosen so that they may be applied as thinly as possible. If exceptionally good appearance is desired it is often safer to use paint of a hard type that can be washed easily once a year rather than to repaint at short intervals.

To follow a consistent program of maintenance the owner must learn how to identify the type of paint he has decided to use. House paints other than white lead paint are sold by manufacturer's brand, not by type, and the manufacturer reserves the right to change the formula at will. In recent years such changes in formula have been of frequent occurrence. In many brands the white paint and the tinted paints differ markedly in type; in any brand the deeply colored paints necessarily differ greatly from the white and tinted paints. For these reasons the manufacturer's brand does not identify paints by type. Many manufacturers, however, print the formula of the paint on the label. Although adequate interpretation of the formula requires much technical knowledge of paint composition, it is a comparatively simple matter to use the formula for selecting paint as similar as possible to that used the last time. Each paint used successively should contain the same principal ingredients in approximately the same proportions.

Attempts to improve upon old-fashioned white lead paint for the most part have aimed at retarding chalking, checking, and erosion, and improving opacity and whiteness. All of these objectives have been achieved, but the newer paints are necessarily harder in type and cannot be relied upon to stand neglect. Repeated neglect of hard paints ultimately leads to a condition demanding complete removal before new paint can be relied upon to give satisfactory durability. Such paints are not intended for use in accordance with the old painting traditions based on white lead paint because their manufacturers designed them for more exacting programs of maintenance. Their superior appearance during their period of durability can be utilized safely only if reasonable care is exercised to see that they are always repainted before they begin to break up.

White paints other than white lead paint always contain a mixture of pigments one of which nearly always is zinc oxide. Mixtures of white lead and zinc oxide have long been popular. Zinc oxide is the hardening agent in linseed oil paints; the greater the proportion of zinc oxide in the pigment the harder the paint. Zinc sulfide pigments, such as lithopone, and titanium pigments are more opaque than white lead or zinc oxide and make whiter



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paints with greater hiding power. The present trend in the industry is to use zinc sulfide pigments in cheaper paints and titanium pigments in high grade exterior paints. Such pigments as silicic acid, magnesium silicate, barium sulfate, calcium carbonate, and calcium sulfate are transparent linseed oil and are used primarily to reduce cost or to increase total amount of pigment with increasing the cost. Until recently nearly all high grade house paints were made with linseed oil. Attempts are now being made to introduce various resins in form of oil varnishes or synthetic drying oils. Resins harden much like zinc oxide so that often necessary to reduce or eliminate the zinc oxide as resin added. The resins likewise strongly to make the product enamel rather than a paint, which makes it less amenable to common technique of house painting. Enamel characteristics also be imparted without resort to heat treatment of the linseed oil or a major part of it. Synthetic oil must be heat treated use in paint, substitution of a major part of the linseed results in an enamelled paint. Enamelled paints free from the content of zinc oxide the pigment is often very. Substitution of soy bean oil part of the linseed oil in paint tends to make a product whose use is favored primarily to gain a market relatively new domestic crop becoming more abundant.

The best way for a property owner to select a type of paint for a new house is to observe houses in his neighborhood were painted with it one, three, and four years previous. Such observations are infinitely more revealing than any source of information. It should be remembered that the appearance of a paint changes at intervals during its life so that coatings of various ages may be seen to learn the whole story. On the other hand the shaded parts show paint at different stages of deterioration at the same time. If some of the houses have coatings that are wearing up badly, do not attribute hastily to the quality of the last used. First make sure the past program of maintenance has been consistent and that the paint is giving its normal service. A survey of this kind will very clearly that after all the particular type of paint chosen is usually much less important than insistence upon a program of paint maintenance to which the paint is properly adapted.

The maintenance programs discussed in this article are based on the assumption that the



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As the heart of home, a living room must show signs of use, a certain informality and a definite beauty that invites conversation and relaxation. Its arrangement must provide for sunshine and contrast, for reading and entertainment. Music and games are apt to be affairs of a moment; yet the piano must be carefully placed for good lighting and the radio for ease of manipulation. Bridge tables and chairs can, of course, be kept folded in a convenient closet when not in use. Draperies and glass curtains for the living room should be as beautiful as your purse will allow—providing always that they harmonize with your other furnishings. Do not overload a simple Colonial home with elaborate velvet hangings or use frilly ruffles with ultra-modern furniture. Plain draperies and figured glass curtains should be used to set off flowered wall papers. But where the walls are plain and the glass curtains simple, the draperies should be figured and colorful to provide the proper contrast.

In formal period rooms, the classic treatment is always appropriate and beautiful—with full-sash Scranton Net Curtains framed in heavy, floor-length draperies. For example, the Victorian living room illustrated at the top of the page requires a floral net across the windows to harmonize with the overstuffed furniture and give due prominence to Norman Rockwell's fine portrait of Ichabod Crane. Design plays an important rôle in such a decorative scheme and no part of a room offers greater opportunity for emphasis than do the windows. But the American Colonial room directly below demands more restraint. Here ecru Scranton Net Curtains have been used to blend with plum colored draperies and apple green walls and add sunny cheerfulness.

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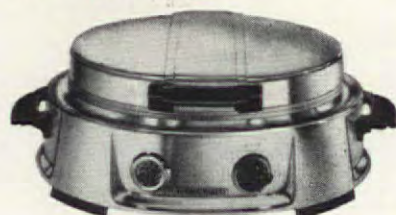


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walls of the house remain dry at all times and that water never gains access to the backs of the painted boards. Unfortunately there are some houses for which the assumption is unsound. In some of them rain gets behind the painted woodwork through leaks resulting from faulty construction such as omission of necessary flashing around windows, doors, dormers, roof angles, and back of gutters. The more common cause of such difficulty, however, is condensation during times when the interior of the house is heated while it is cold outside. Humidification of the interior at such times aggravates the difficulty. Water behind painted woodwork causes blistering and subsequent scaling of the paint. Such developments may destroy the integrity of the coating within a few months after it is applied. Soft paints resist abnormal moisture conditions more effectively than hard paints, while heterogeneous coatings consisting of paints of different types are often exceedingly sensitive to them. The only reliable way of assuring satisfactory paint service on houses subject to abnormal moisture conditions is to find means of keeping the backs of painted woodwork absolutely dry at all times.

The secret of successful paint maintenance over a long period of years lies in strict adherence to a program that has been proved satisfactory by actual experience in the past. The scientific principles that govern paint behavior still await discovery and until they are revealed our knowledge of the subject must remain essentially empirical. There is no magic paint formula that can be relied upon to behave satisfactorily over all other paints on the market. The property owner himself should see to it that his program, both with respect to the paints used and the intervals between painting, is so planned that there is past experience to give him reasonable assurance of success, unless he is willing to trust to luck and pay the penalty if it turns out badly.

The Swallows build

a nest

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a picket gate to broad, low steps, which invite one to enter through the simple doorway into the traditional tiny "entry" from which, as in all New England houses of this type, doors open to either side and a staircase leads straight upward to the bedrooms on the second floor.

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The fireplace is nicely centered on one of the long walls and directly opposite is space for a sofa, or perhaps a convertible daybed lounge to provide additional sleeping accommodation in an emergency. With comfortable chairs grouped on either side of the fireplace, lamps and tables for books and smoking pointments, and a low coffee table set for the rallying group which is the heart of the home. A baby grand piano might be placed at one end of the long room for the music lovers, and a light arrangement with bookshelves and desk at the other.

At the rear, almost in line with the door leading into the dining room, is one opening up to a room-size open porch, which because of its accessibility to the kitchen can be conveniently utilized for an outdoor dining area yet is not so closely related to the kitchen as to prevent its use also as a summer sitting room.

Another praiseworthy feature of this house is the little room off the front hall, which opens as well into the dining room, from which it is a step to the adjoining kitchen and so to the garage and entrance.

In the old days such a room would have served as a downy bedroom and might now be utilized for that purpose should a member of the family be temporarily invalidated or find climbing difficult. But it serves also a nursery, where the child can be looked after while the mother is occupied with kitchen work and also makes a grand playroom where toys and things can be stowed about without disturbing the serenity of the rest of the house. A closet in which to store the toys when "pick-up" comes around is an especially helpful feature.

Because of its location, it is a grand study room for older children going to school, for he can be shut off from the rest of the family and be undisturbed.

If there are no children, it is considered in the household arrangements, this room would provide an ideal retreat for a person engaged in literary pursuits. It is well lighted and has a lot of wall space for bookshelves and cabinets. It might also be converted into a game room, a reading room, or a corner where a man of the house can call. All in all, it is a very usable

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The living room above all others should be comfortable. This one is large enough to accommodate rather large pieces of furniture and the floor space calls for a sizeable rug in the center in connection with the fireplace grouping with others of lesser size at either end.

Hand-hooked rugs of carpet size are very suitable for a house of this character, and if one is not over-particular as to their origin and the material used in their construction, those now being made in the Far East are very usable and not prohibitive in price for the small-home-owner. Also to be had are machine-made rugs in the character of the old ones, which are quite suitable if one is furnishing with modern maple.

For the stairs nothing could be better than a hooked runner, such as made by Mrs. Swallow for her New Hampshire home. It features, on the portions which come against the risers, scenes and objects indicative of family interests. In this instance the treads are covered with a hit-or-miss patterning and on the risers are portrayed the little house, the picket fence which encloses the dooryard in true New England fashion, bird and animal life identified with the hunting and outdoor proclivities of the man of the house, and the wild rose so often found on old hooked rugs of this locality.

Built some five years ago at a cost of approximately \$6,000, this house is very suggestive for the small-home-owner, newly-weds planning for the future, retired business women, or those who, because of narrowing circles or restricted incomes, are looking for small compact houses which can be operated at a minimum of labor and expense.

The happy meatloaf

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thoughtfully greased for me, I pat in the mixture and cover with a greased paper. The oven is hot and waiting, and there the meatloaf abides until delightful odors fill the kitchen, and steal through the door cracks around to my



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study, to tell me lunch will be ready. The meatloaf should cook fairly slowly, so that inside is well baked, and the outside not too crusty.

Then there are variations. Sometimes I substitute, or a half a pound of ground veal ground pork. When we are having company, to puzzle our guests, I add a quarter teaspoon of powdered ginger. Add to the dish! Other times I tomato hot sauce, giving a quancy to the dish which is tively alluring.

If there isn't sufficient stale bread is equally as good. The meatloaf is just as tasty as well as hot. Also, slices with little butter or bacon fat are appetizing. Try my happy Meatloaf, and see if you like it. ANDRE CHAPPELLE.

Dear Editor:

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ment with ample room for all other attachments and bowls. Both sides of the top as well as the doors that open down are covered with linoleum. The compartments are divided for all different sizes of pans and covers.—Do Porter, Ypsilanti, Mich.

From kitchen stove fireplace

[Continued from page 46]

on top that always falls off gives you a lot of trouble when you are cooking one of your favorite steaks. But I was a good one that could really be too much trouble to get together the various and numerous parts that it takes to build outdoor fireplaces. My problem became solved one day neighbors had a new gas range stalled at their country place. I saw the service men put the old coal range out of the door. The moment I saw the new range came to my mind of a range in a nice field stone. I asked my neighbor what he tended to do with it and he hadn't thought about it if I could make use of it. I was glad to get rid of it. The hardest part of the

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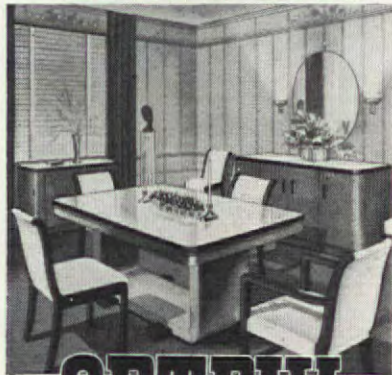
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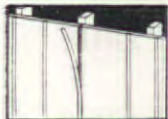
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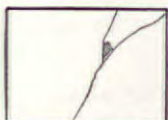
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building this fireplace is the form to hold the arch over the stove lids. The photograph will give you an idea of how you can make this form. It doesn't have to be arched at the top, it could be flat or pointed. I believe the arched top gives the job more strength.

When you have finished the form you can start work. Gather such stones as you may find around your place, get a bag of cement and four bags of sand, get your coat off and go to work. Mixing cement is hard work but you can take it slow and easy so as not to overtax yourself. A metal wheelbarrow makes a good place to mix cement. You can measure the cement and sand with a pail or shovel. Four parts sand to one part cement is right for this work. Now you will need a hoe to mix this with. It is very important to mix the dry sand and cement well before adding water. Add the water a little at a time so that you get the cement. I should say concrete at this point, just thick enough so it won't flow when you use it.

Measure the size of the stove and build a base to fit it. When the base is finished and set (concrete takes twenty-four hours to set) you can place the stove on the base and level it. Now build the stones up around the sides until you reach the lid. Now you place the form on top of the lid and build up around it. Before you start to build on top of the form you must figure to leave a good size hole for the stove pipe. It can be larger than the stove pipe; the extra space will take off heat and fumes from the top of the stove.

If you are handy this fireplace will not be hard to build; at any rate it is far more simple to build than any I have ever seen and you can cook anything that can be cooked on this one. You have full use of the oven and the lids can be removed to broil steak, then there is a warming oven at the bottom that is very handy in outdoor cooking. Wood, coal, or charcoal can be used for fuel.

I intend to improve on the fireplace shown here by building benches on the sides and a table a few feet out front. You will notice a few flag stones have been put down to form a terrace.

If you have never cooked outdoors you will not understand why a man will go to all the trouble to build an outdoor fireplace, but if you have cooked outdoors and have tasted juicy steaks, baked potatoes, burgoo, stew, roasted corn, and a score of other tempting dishes too numerous to mention here, then you will get busy and find an old cook stove and build the simplest and best outdoor cooking arrangement in the world, at least that's what I think of it.—A. E. MASON.

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A letter to the editor

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Through correspondence such as this I hope to establish an honorary list of names of those who have the proper qualifications.

If you will send me an informal formal statement to the effect that you still want it, I'll try and make up some sort of a diploma or certificate to send you and other members.

Sincerely yours,
Wendell Smith
Keeper of the Fire
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Theodore Dreiser
Jean Austin
Clare Dwigings
George Donley
Streeter Blair
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Henry Poor

Can you suggest other names? Anyone can belong, provide he or she can show real interest in the subject of Fireplaces. Honorary members are limited to those who have done or shown distinctive work in the fireplace field.

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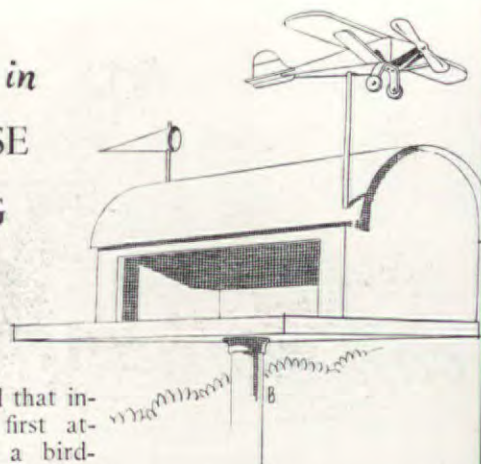
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Adventures in BIRDHOUSE BUILDING

C. F. BAKER



HAVE you ever noticed that invariably a boy's first attempt at carpentry is a birdhouse? When the urge strikes him really to get down to serious work with the tools he got for Christmas, or when the opportunity presents itself to use Dad's wood working implements—unbeknown to father, of course—he laboriously constructs a shelter for his "feathered friends." Not because he feels particularly noble toward the birds, but mostly because it is a fairly simple task to nail six or seven more or less square pieces of lumber together in a crude resemblance of a house.

Providing an entrance that will lead to the questionable shelter of this abode presents greater difficulties due to the limitations of the available tools; therefore, the opening often acquires the appearance of having been made with a shot gun fired at close range.

The entire structure, when completed, hardly gives the impression that any self-respecting bird could be expected to trust her household goods to its protection. Birds seldom do the expected, however.

poles or their suspension under sheltering eaves when his ability as a leasing agent is put to the test. Then there is that pleasant feeling of proprietary interest that he obtains from watching the feathered parents dart in and out bent on important family duties but the greatest of all is the pride experienced when he is first privileged to see the "babies."

A brief period of short flight on unsteady wings and they are gone, but never again will he see a flash of lifting wings without wondering if it could by any chance be one of his family. No, there is nothing left but the house so dreary since its busy tenants have gone he is almost tempted to take it down and put it away.



Sketches
by
the author

That's what makes birdhouse building an adventure; and what a thrill the youthful carpenter experiences when he discovers that Mrs. Wren has moved in and set up housekeeping.

Doubtless, in coming years he will build many birdhouses, for there is a compelling fascination in the construction of these miniature homes. He will experience that period of anxious anticipation that follows their erection on tall



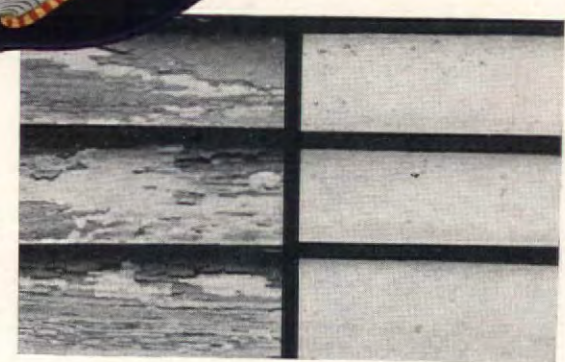
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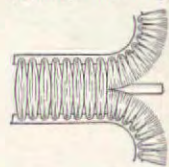
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the next mating
comes along.

I admit that I experi-
enced this impulse many
times before I evolved a
happy solution
several years ago. In one
instance, the idea was not
particularly new as it
was suggested largely of making the
structure sufficiently unusual so that
when unoccupied it would
attract interest to the yard.

Instead of constructing a single
structure, however, I found that I
needed the greatest interest by
building a group of related build-
ings all on the same base. For
example, there was the farm
house, consisting of a quaint little
house, a barn, a windmill, and
a closing fence.

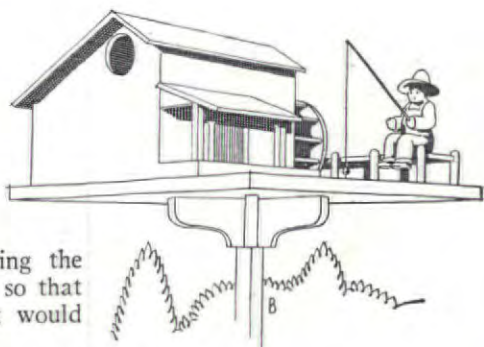
I had serious doubt as to
whether the birds would take
interest in the windmill, which
I made as a weathervane and spun
by in the slightest breeze—
they seemed not the least con-
cerned over its busy clatter. Each
one, sometimes two, fam-
ily came into being either in
the house or in the barn, but
that I can recall, in both
instances at the same time.
Thus, it would seem, are not
all to community dwelling.

My buildings became sadly
unloved—the windmill lost
its charm—so I ceased being an
amateur and became an en-
thusiastic industrialist.

My industrial group included a
mill, a water tower, and
a power-house, complete with
stack and whistle. This
has been in position such
a long while that it is too early
to say whether any of the wrens
will be numbered among the
nesting classes. Just now the
wrens seem to be picketing the
house but it takes more than a
few to keep a courageous litten
away from a suitable
nesting place.

Next time you feel the urge
to build a birdhouse, why not
one of these groups? Perched
on a high pole, they add so
much to your yard, and the chil-
dren love them.

If you are perplexed over what
to build, let your hobby suggest
the theme. If golfing is your
favorite pastime, why not build
an attractive club house facing a
green with a bright little flag
poled over the cup, flanked by
a golfing tee complete with sand-
trap and bench. The ardent fish-
erman could build an old mill
with a spill-way and water wheel
and a rustic dock jutting
over the base. A search
through the local toy depart-
ment is sure to bring to light
a suitable seated toy figure which
can be fastened to the end of
the dock; put a slender pole in
the back secured with a thin wire
from its tip to a point just



beyond the end of the dock—and
lo and behold you have a fisher-
man! Just before fastening the
wire, slip on a bright colored
bead, letting it fall to the end of
the line to give the effect of a
gay little bobber.

For the boy or man who thrills
to the sight of an airplane, there
is the hanger to be built with its
accompanying executive building.
There should be a "sock" swing-
ing over the hanger—and as a
finishing touch a toy airplane
grounded on the runway.

The more mechanically inclined
can get the effect of a plane in
flight by fastening a thin metal
rod upright to a corner of the
hanger, on which a light wooden
model plane is mounted in a man-
ner that will permit it to swing
freely. The tail assembly will
keep it headed into the wind to
insure the props spinning in a
most realistic fashion.

I am using this last idea as a
feeding shelter only, of course—
with one side of the hanger being
left wide open. By painting the
supporting rod a light color and
the "ship" quite brilliantly, the
illusion of a plane in flight is real-
ly very striking.

There are almost no limits to
the possibilities of these mini-
ature buildings if one has some in-
genuity and a fair amount of skill
with tools. Truly, the final results
are well worth any painstaking
effort. Do not, I beg of you, erect
more than one—or at the very
most two, groups in your yard at
a time. Their novelty makes them
a decided focal point and, like
any choice piece of workmanship,
they are much more charming
when displayed alone. If your am-
bition should impel you to cre-
ate more than one, mount each at
a wide distance from the other
—and better still, on supports of
markedly different heights.

Build solidly, remembering that
these houses, perched on high sup-
ports, are at the severe mercy of
the elements and therefore receive
a lot of punishment. Whenever
you use metal, choose copper or
brass to avoid rusting, and care-
fully sink, putty, and even shellac
all nails. Use good paint and ap-
ply several coats; also, give the
exposed metal parts a coat of
transparent varnish for a finish.

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Two vaudeville "trouper" make their dreams come true

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room furniture which is of most interest. Originally the dining room set was merely brown mahogany, much like hundreds we have all seen. As light fruitwoods are now much more in vogue, the furniture was stripped down and refinished in the popular honey color, with chair seats recovered in gold, gray, and eggshell striped cotton damask.

Because many readers will wonder exactly how a refinishing job is done, Mr. Moss has given the directions, step by step, for refinishing brown mahogany. Red mahogany is a bit different. Varnish remover is applied and the paint scraped off with a putty knife followed by sandpapering. Oxalic acid next is brushed on and allowed to stand over night. Another sandpapering is followed by a light thin solution of permanganate of potash. The filler which is now added is made of white lead and oil, mixed with a little raw sienna, a little yellow oil paint, and a dab of umber. When mixed the filler is cream color. This is wiped off thoroughly after it has been on the wood a few minutes. As invisible particles will remain, sandpaper again. When dry, apply a coat of clear shellac. When this is thoroughly dried, sandpaper lightly and apply wax which after twenty minutes will be ready for polishing. To avoid watermarks, the table top may be finished with marine spar varnish which is then rubbed down with steel wool. If



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Off of the dining room was a small alcove, measuring a half by nine feet, too to be of any practical purpose the right of the alcove the also a small side porch, finally long, seen in the "before" illustration. Waste space was always a challenge to Jack especially when every home in California today includes a room with bar space. When the owners ever drink are stronger than Coca Cola, guests may wish a quiet Besides, bridge is the art of evening entertainment which variably calls for refreshment some time during the evening. With the living room dressed in new garb, a game room is merely the common sense of keeping the new big tucker fresh. Although the space in the Curtis house is little enough, still by careful planning there was room at once for a small bar, with space to put in two card tables.

You entered the alcove going down two steps which tended one foot into the room. By raising the floor level of the dining room, a gain in width is gained. This made the dimensions of the game room when finished, six and a half by fourteen feet. Further to the appearance of the room, the alcove windows were lowered, a recessed window seat was set outside the room was seen in the "after" photograph the dining room there are no doors between the two rooms which may be closed or back against the dining room.

The theme of the game room decoration is nautical. The color scheme is blue, white, and green, which ties in with the scheme of the dining room. In the living room, important small house for with the rooms opening one into the other and all decorated with a color scheme there is a restful vista throughout.

The game room floor is in blue linoleum and the walls have ocean wave wallpaper with white background and blue waves, finished ceiling with a scalloped valance. The end of the alcove opposite the bar has a window seat which calls to mind nautical surroundings, the rail. The window seat has a pad with the blue repeated tapes on the Venetian blinds.

The modern chairs at the end of the room are of brass seats covered in white

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The small bar with blue counter is painted white as is the woodwork and ornamented with wood rope design painted blue. The white bar chairs have miniature ship's wheel backs and white leather seats outlined with blue leather. The walls of the bar end of the room are of paneled pine painted white, with the wall cupboard doors framed in real life preservers bearing the name S. S. *Costa Plenti*. Blue, red and crystal glassware decorate the cupboards and glass shelves in the bar window. Precious things come wrapped in small packages, we are told, and so it would seem in this small quiet bar and game room.

The kitchen to be next

This is as far as the Curtises have gone with interior remodeling and redecorating. There remains the three bedrooms, two baths, and kitchen. The latter is to be the next step, and although, there is an impatience in delaying the inside work, the old urge of the Curtises to reproduce the little white house with flowers and picket fence has lead them first to the exterior.

Here by a few surface changes Mr. Moss has worked a most pleasant transformation. The only structural change is the roof line to the right above the game room. Raising the floor level inside necessitated a similar heightening of the roof, the slope of which is now the same as that of the rest of the roof. Surface transformation included a coat of white paint and the addition of shutters, a new front door, porch latticework, and a window shelf under the dining room windows which holds yellow flower pots.

The privet hedge was properly barbered to outline the open veranda and foundation planting was augmented with a riotous growth of old-fashioned begonias and petunias. With one final stroke the picket fence, probably the most important addition to the Curtises, and presto! their dream had come true—a little white house with flowers and a picket fence and more too. Italian turquoise blue shutters and front door—a friendly house that somehow sounds a cheery greeting to passers-by, whether they be strolling artists, sight-seeing tourists, or busy canyon dwellers.

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The renter makes a garden

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THE first year I made a garden I encountered considerable trouble. You see I looked up the seed catalogues not wisely, too long, and became imbued with a wild desire simultaneous to build a lily pool, and separate the lawn from the cabbages, a hedge of lilacs, mockorange, weigelas, barberry, crapemyrtle and so on. Last but not least, intended financing a flagstone race. As we were renters and term of residence was slightly uncertain, it will be readily understood why this top-heavy venture was bound to crumble and wipe away, when subjected to the logic of husbandly reasoning.

Needless to say, my garden, too, was somewhat crushed though not completely ground. But, since I had decided to have a garden, come landlord change of residence, I now drew a sharp line between the kind of garden I'd like to have, and the kind of garden I could have. Thus, I discovered the fundamental principle which governs the renter's garden: The law of rejection and Selection. In rejecting the adored lily pool and hedge, what could I select in fitting compensation? In making the selection, salient facts taken into consideration included, first, a modest garden allowable, and, second, insecurity of limit in present residence, which effectively ruled out long planning and planting.

Hence I resolved to plant such flowers as begin to bloom early and continue until late. Then, in the event of enforced evacuation within the year, would not have sunk any considerable sum in non-movable. Therefore, said I, "Get the hind me, tulips, gladiolus, lilies—all the bulb family; have none of you!" But, as already ruled out forsythia, orange, lilac, spirea, and a few early flowering shrubs as impractical for the renter-gardener, I left me nothing to use for during the spring. So I received the list of bulbs and I the joyful discovery that they were not entirely taboo for renter, since they can be planted not only in the fall but in mid-winter. Moreover, they may be taken up as soon as leaves turn brown after blooming season is over.

Having thus gained a but spring effect, I continued my selection business, and again found compensations for the renunciation of the shrubs. For the money I had intended spending on them, I bought a collection of gladiolus, and a



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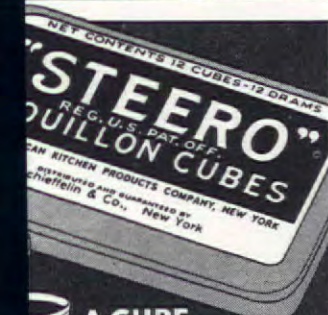
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of blue iris to front the background of six-foot hollyhocks my predecessor left me. The gladiolus proves compensation, indeed. For, after all, it isn't the upkeep with these favorites, but the initial cost, and for love of them this renter will always run the risk of another year's residence. Not only will a dozen or so lovely gladiolus, standing serene in a pure white container, add dignity, poise, and charm to any household, but also (let me whisper it) they will gloss over any number of helter-skelter housekeeping sins.

Consulting my gladiolus-growing neighbor, I was advised to "Plant gladiolus early in the spring, pray for rain, and you can't go wrong. Take the corms up in the fall. You risk neither time, money, nor stock."

Having thus cleared the decks for spring and midsummer bloom with the acquisition of those three lovely subjects—tulips, gladiolus, and iris, I turned to annuals and here I found that, for once, renters might be choosers. The danger is that if we renters are ultra-conservative in limiting our choice of bulbs, we are apt to go completely crazy as we consider annuals and perennials. Looking over the lists of gorgeous and sometimes gaudy annuals, we are prone to go in for quantity in a big way, quite forgetting that a healthy, vigorous blossom in the vase is worth a dozen weak, spindly flowers in the crowded garden row. We must remember, too, that there is no particular need to try to raise *all* the delightful category of annuals in one season. By varying our choice from year to year, we learn to know and love them all. But after years of experience, many trials, more errors and some grief, this renter now confines her choice of annuals to the following list (the cultural notes applying to the Missouri region):

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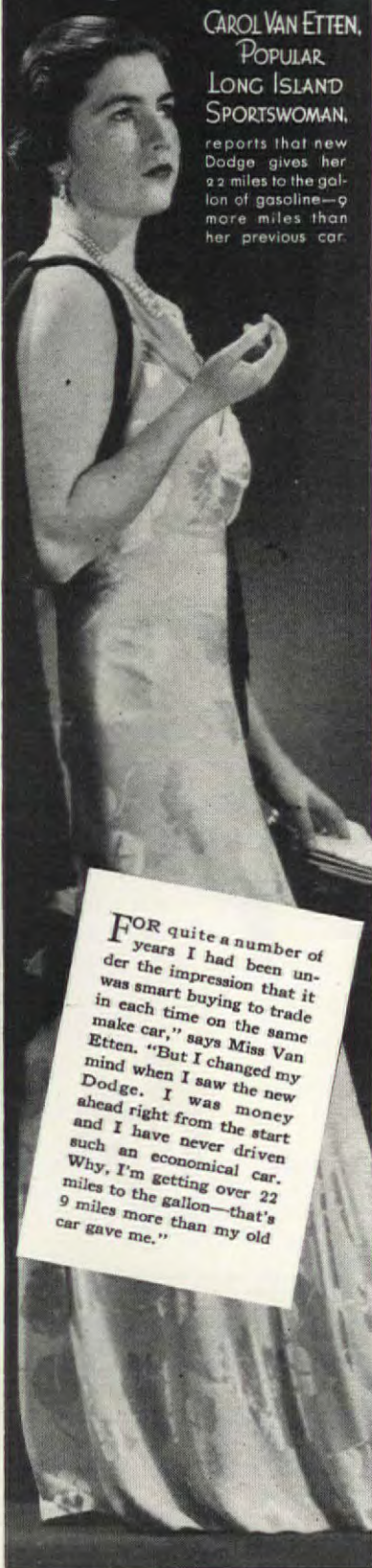
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proposition. But if we can count on three successive years in one location, by planting hardy perennials the first year, we can provide for continuous bloom without the bother of yearly planting. The actual list of hardy perennials may be left to each renter garden lover's personal choice, but the following I have tried and found true:

Delphinium: Plant the doubles. Blue, white, and purple.

Snapdragon: Beautifully colored. Hardy. Bloom May to November.

Verbena: Thrifty. Mixed colors. Bloom May to November.

Phlox: White, purple, pink. Good for odd spots and bare corners.

Hollyhocks: Double. Really biennials and slow growers, but well worth effort. Very effective background.

Salvia: Cheery. Wonderful drought-resister; generally grown as an annual.

It is hard to reject lilies. From the early stately Regal and even the gaudy spotted Tiger—I love them all. But renters can't have everything, so we pass them up and ignore cannas and dahlias, too, not because we dislike them, but because we have to draw the line somewhere. [And yet these popular, colorful flowers are just as reliable and easy to handle as gladiolus. Try a few if you can. —Ed.]

It is truly pitiful, the way we rose-loving renters buy, plant, and coddle roses, even though we know we may have to move within the year and run the risk of losing them unless we can move them in April or May, October or November. There is a queer quirk in our nature that causes us to rob Peter Purse-strings to pay Paul Space, so that we may have just a few more roses.

Once we decide to risk a rose garden, come what may, we next consider the plants we shall buy. Shall they be the one- or two-year old size? If we can be sure of five successive years in one residence, we can buy healthy one-year old plants, and thus enjoy a greater variety. Otherwise, buy the two-year plants.

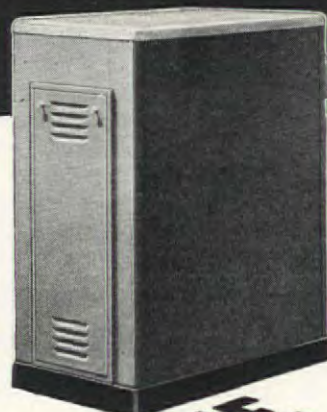
Plant roses in April, October, or November. I have had better success in Missouri planting in April, but climatic conditions will of course decide this question. It is best never to plant roses near a concrete foundation wall.

We renters must be a bit particular in our selection of roses. We want only the hardiest, quickest blooming, and most prolific. We want plants that will stand moving and resetting, even unto the fourth and fifth time. The varieties listed here have passed this test, with respect both to flaming color and plentiful bloom: Sunburst, Talisman, Red Radiance, Briarcliff, White Killarney, President Hoover, Los Angeles, White Cochet, Columbia, Commonwealth, Sensation, Pink Cochet.

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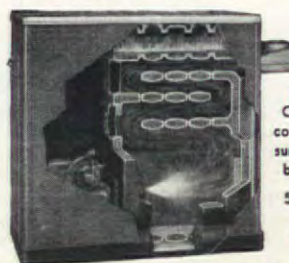
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A planting-for-profit problem

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the grower can herself be highly enthusiastic; fourth, an investigation and trial to determine that it can be grown to perfection under the existing conditions; fifth, a gradual building up of the project—conservatively so as not to sink too large an investment but also energetically so as to benefit by being the first in the field and by enjoying the fruits of the business.

For these reasons no cut-and-dried, standardized recommendations are possible. Each case must be examined individually and a scheme conceived of and worked out to fit the peculiar conditions and opportunities. There is the chance for the play of good luck, a "hunch"—or what you will. Then come the need for thought, planning, hard work—plenty of all. Analysis of any instance, whether home owner or gardener, may "a lot of money off a little of idle ground," will reveal important part those factors always played.

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A corner of the front garden in Buenos Aires, Argentina, described on page 34.

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The tea of commerce is the dried and prepared leaf of several varieties of evergreen shrubs or small trees which have been cultivated in India and China for more than 2000 years. From the beginning of commerce in tea, China held first place as a producing and exporting country. About 1840 British India started exporting tea grown on its own plantations and, due to improved methods of cultivation and preparation, the British growers are now the greatest exporters in the world. Ceylon began to market tea in 1873, and the industry there now surpasses that of China. The plant can be successfully grown in Texas and South Carolina—and there are several tea gardens in both states. However, owing to the lack of cheap labor, it is impossible to produce tea in the United States in competition with Asiatic countries.

The plantations in Ceylon and

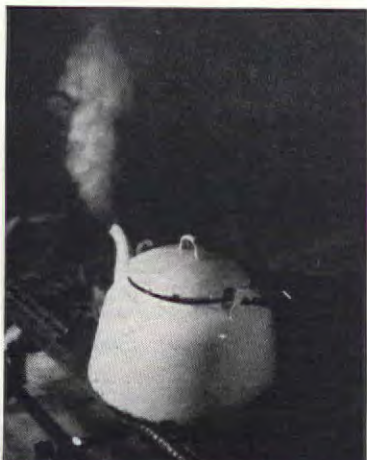


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India sometimes cover hundreds of acres. The low tea bushes have such wide spread branches that the hills as far as can be seen are covered with continuous gray-green foliage. Near at hand, however, it is apparent that the plants are set in straight, orderly rows, no closer than four feet apart each way. The ground is clean and well drained for the tea plant, like cotton plants, must have clean surroundings. Wild tea plants, left to themselves, often grow to the size of a small tree, but the cultivated plants are kept pruned to a height of three to five feet. This pruning forces the plants to produce leaves rather than wood.

When the tea plant is in bloom, there is a profusion of scented white or pinkish blossoms. These look very much like tiny wild roses, the petals encircling a cluster of yellow stamens tipped with pollen. The petals, however, are thick and waxy. The leaves are leathery and lanceolate shaped, with saw-tooth edges. The leaves of the Chinese tea plant when full grown are about three inches long, but those of the Indian variety grow from four to nine inches.

The plants are ready for the first picking when they are about three years old. At that time they are sending out an abundance of young, leafy shoots—known as the "flush"—and these constitute the first picking. As new shoots grow from the broken tips, another crop is taken. In Formosa, India, and Ceylon the "flush" grows back every two to three weeks, but in China and Japan there are only three pickings a year—the second picking being the most important.

Gathering the leaves is by no means easy work, and must be done skilfully and carefully, otherwise the finished product will be of poor quality. The well-trained pickers, their big tea baskets hanging from their necks, deftly single out the tender young shoots and break off the tops of these at just the right place. Only the buds and the first few leaves are gathered—and, for the finest teas, only the buds and the first leaves are used. The younger and smaller the leaf, the more delicate and expensive the product is likely to be.

The flavor of tea is due to the method of curing it and perhaps to an essential oil in the leaf, but its stimulating and refreshing qualities come from the small percentage of *theine* or *caffeine* which it contains. Caffeine or closely related substances are also found in coffee, cocoa, Paraguay tea or *maté*, and the cola nut. Chemically it is an alkaloid, which acts as a heart and brain stimulant and is dangerous when taken in large quantities. A small percentage of tannin gives the tea color and adds a delicate tang to the flavor.

Green tea and black tea are made from the leaves of the same



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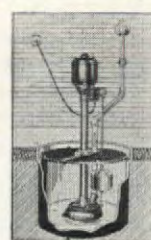


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plant by different processes manufacture. In making the black tea, the leaves are spread out on trays for eighteen to thirty hours and wilted with cool draught air until they are as soft as velvet. This produces certain ferment which add greatly to the flavor of the tea. Then the leaves are rolled on granite tables either by hand or machine, so as to break the cells and set free the juices. They are spread on tables and allowed to ferment for a few hours. When the leaves turn the color of copper and give out the fruity fragrance of ripe apples, they are ready for firing, or drying, by air at a temperature of about 150° F. Then the leaves and buds are separated and sorted into the various grades such as orange pekoe, souchong, etc.

Green tea is prepared in the same way, except that the fermenting and fermenting processes are omitted and a steaming or pan-frying process substituted, which completely destroys the ferment. Ceylon and India most of the time is black tea, while in China Japan green tea represents more than half of the manufacture. Oolong tea, a favorite in America, is a Japanese tea from the island of Formosa, and has been slightly fermented. In China some parts of Japan, the processes of manufacture are very primitive and the work is done almost entirely by hand. On the big plantations of India and Ceylon modern machinery is used wherever possible. In shipping tea, it is packed in lead-lined boxes to protect from the salt sea air which tends to spoil the flavor.

The Chinese and Japanese like the lightly fermented teas of the kind which produce a slightly colored drink. Their most delicate varieties are never exported. English prefer black teas, and make a dark full-flavored drink. Americans use both varieties.

Brick tea is used extensively in Tibet and Mongolia. This is a coarse, cheap tea, containing coarse leaves and twigs, steamed and pressed into bricks. Some a paste made from glutinous rice is mixed with it to make the adhesive. In Mongolia these bricks pass as currency.

Different countries prepare tea differently. In Japan the leaves are reduced to a fine powder and mixed with water until a thin pulp. Sometimes the liquid is strained but frequently the leaves are drunk it, powdered and all, in the same manner as the Turks and other Orientals are accustomed to drink their favorite beverage, coffee.

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cream is added, and bread soaked in it, after which it is eaten. The Persians boil the leaves in a pot until the water becomes blackish and very bitter, after which they add fennel, anise seed, cloves, and sugar. In Chinese Tartary both liquor and leaves are swallowed. In Baluchistan a preparation called "shamma" is made from the spent or exhausted leaves, and chewed like the betel leaf in India and the cocoa in South America and is said to have the same exhilarating, almost intoxicating, effect. An infusion of tea and tansy is a favorite beverage in Morocco.

In Switzerland it is customary to mix cinnamon with the leaves before making the infusion and brew both together in the same manner. The Russians seldom use milk or sugar, but always add a slice of lemon or some spice.

There are a number of plants whose leaves are used to make tea-like drinks. The most important of these probably is "Paraguay tea" or *yerbe maté*, which is made from the leaves of a species of holly found in Brazil and Paraguay. Maté has an agreeable slightly aromatic odor, and a somewhat bitter taste. The Indians of North Carolina prepared a tea under the name of "yaupon" from the leaves of another holly-like tree or shrub. It resembled strong black tea with an odor not unlike oolong, and it was extensively used in Revolutionary times as a substitute for China tea in the tea-tax days. A tea is also prepared in Peru and Bolivia from the dried leaves of the cocoa tree. Trinidad tea is prepared from a decoction of the leaves of the pimento or allspice tree, and is in common use in Trinidad and other islands of the West Indies, both as a beverage and as a medicine. Coffee-leaf tea is in use in many of the coffee-growing countries, the natives often preferring it to any decoction of the berry.

Thus, we can now imagine to a slight extent, the amount of time, labor, and money spent in the preparation of the leaves with which we brew our "cup o' tea."

—E. M. M.

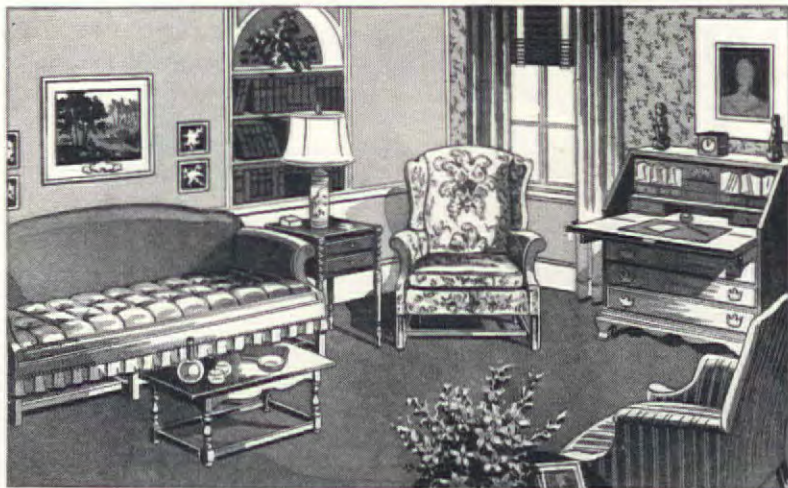
ERRATA

We regret that in publishing the illustration of the pool which appeared in the lower right hand corner on page 17 of the February issue, we stated that this pool was in the garden of George Jackson, of Hohokus, N. J., whereas we should have stated that it was in the garden of Paul Hennig, of Hohokus, N. J.

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On page 12 of the March issue the captions describing the two state flowers shown in color were accidentally transposed. The low or pasture rose of Iowa was shown at the right, and the Cherokee rose of Georgia at the left.

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The thief in the bread box

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WARM spring days will be here soon. This is the time when the pleasantest thing to do is to stroll around the garden and contemplate on the affairs of nature. Warm weather was made for things to grow in and there will soon be growing things all around us: baby birds in the old tree, brilliant hollyhocks by the back fence shading the rows of beans and cabbage that we must have for our winter stores. And way out beyond we know that the tall corn will be stretching up and out to make food for man and beast. The trouble is that even while we sit and dream there may be things growing in our own kitchens that we are not so particular about.

One of the little bugbears of the summer days is the blue mold that steals its way into the bread box and robs us over night of half a perfectly good loaf. It seems to appear so suddenly, out of nowhere, and it is ruinous to the appetite, though scientists assure us that it is absolutely harmless to the system. We know it is beautiful. If we could look at it under a microscope we would marvel at its delicate loveliness. But it is so annoying to go to the bread box on a warm morning and find a flower garden on what we expected to use for breakfast.

Blue mold is no respecter of persons. It happens in the best regulated of families. The other kinds that used to be so prevalent on canned fruits and jellies we have almost eliminated by proper sterilization and tight sealing. But this blue variety that forms on bread sneaks up on us so like a thief in the dead of night. Perhaps if we understood its nature more thoroughly it might be easier to control its stealthy approach.

Mold starts to grow a good many hours before anybody knows it, for its beginnings are entirely invisible to the naked eye. An infinitesimal spore lights on the surface of a nice soft piece of bread and immediately it sends out a very fine white thread. This thread finds plenty of food and foothold, so it keeps on boring its way into the heart of the slice until it is an inch or two long. Soon other threads branch out from this one and more grow from the branches, until in a few hours a whole network of threads is spreading itself on the surface of the slice and sending its tiny roots down into the center. Under the microscope they would look like a mass of white fibers, but they are still invisible to the casual observer. Only a slight musty odor might give any indication of

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their presence at this stage. So however, the threads begin to grow the other way. Short threads shoot up from the surface into the air and on the top of each thread develops a cluster of tiny spores. These clusters are what correspond to the flowers and fruit of the higher orders of plant life. The tiny specks, called spores, respond to the seeds. There are dozens of these spores in a cluster and they develop so rapidly when they have once started that they seem to make the spring suddenly into life, for they are what give it its color. There are many kinds and many colors of mold: red, green, brown, blue, pink, yellow, or what have you. But the blue mold is the one most commonly found on bread and more spores there are the more it is bound to get.

These spores settle lightly like the mold like the finest of dust, ready to fly off into the air the moment they are disturbed. In fact, the air is full of them the time, summer and winter, time and harvest, and when one of them finds the right environment it will grow.

What then is the right environment? First and most important there must be plenty of moisture. More than any other form of plant life mold must have moisture, for the higher orders of life can sustain themselves some time in a drought, but mold will flatten out and die soon as it begins to dry out. There is the question of temperature. Mold will grow at temperatures and some kinds in a atmosphere even lower than that, but it will spread and multiply most abundantly when the temperature gets up between seventy and one hundred degrees. Lastly, like all thieves, it loves darkness. Sunlight is its enemy. But give it a cozy, dark spot, preferably a small closed space, with plenty of moist substance to work on, it can get ahead very rapidly. wonder it flourishes in the bread box in dog days!

Bread box care

Cleanliness of course, is the first step in ridding ourselves of summer annoyance. The bread box should be washed often, taking care to dig out the crumbs with something small and so that no crumbs are left in the crevices. And each time the box is washed it should be aired and dried out in the sunlight. But cleanliness is not enough. It is only an aid to prevention of mold growth. The only sure way is to exclude spores from the bread itself, that means excluding them means keeping the bread washed at all times. If it is bought

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store it should be kept in the original wrapper down to the last slice, and if it is made at home the loaves can be wrapped in wax paper or a clean cloth. This practice not only keeps out the mold spores but it keeps the bread moist to the last crumb.

The real offender in the case, the culprit that lets in the thief, is the slice of bread that was left over from dinner and was just dropped loosely into the box without any special attention. While it stood on the table an hour or so, thoroughly exposed to the air, enterprising little mold spores were secreting themselves in the crevices on its surface, preparing to do their part for the perpetuation of their kind when they should have reached the propitious atmosphere of the bread box. When one slice begins to mold it takes no time at all for the fungus to spread to all the rest. It is like the moral in the story of the rotten apple in the basket of sound ones: "Bad apples spoil the good and soon all are bad."

In the summertime it is just as well not to put away those exposed slices with the rest of the bread; or at least, let them be wrapped separately. Wrapping has one other bad effect on molds. It keeps out the air so that they cannot grow, for they must have a certain amount of oxygen even to make a start. And if, in spite of the most meticulous care, these persistent, omnipresent, infinitesimal specks have their way, it need not mean a complete waste if they are arrested in the first stages of growth. When that slight musty odor is detected the bread may be dried out and used for crumbs. Cooked on the top of escalloped dishes or on croquettes there will be no flavor and absolutely no bad effects to be feared.

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Are your silk or cotton vanity lamp shades faded or dingy? Remove any trimming and pop them into a deep vessel filled with dye in any desired color. Be sure that shades are completely covered, and add a touch of salt or vinegar to the dye to set color. Stand on board to dry. They'll be completely rejuvenated and not the least bit out of shape—the frames prevent shrinking. MRS. IRENE KOHLER, Jeffersonville, N. Y.

Colored potato chips

When soaking potato chips, before frying, add any desired coloring making it a bit deeper than you wish the color to be when cooked. Chips should not be cooked too rapidly as the secret is to have them very crisp. Do not let them brown as they will lose their color. These make an attractive addition to the salad course, particularly when carrying out a special color scheme. MRS. D. C. COLSON, Glenwood, Ga.

Lemon as a bleach

When your white handkerchiefs, table linen, or clothes begin to look gray and dingy, put a few slices of raw lemon with the rind, into the water in which you boil them. This will make the clothes whiter and will remove many stains. MRS. BARRY O'DELL, Oakland, California.

Get the most out of your oven

Whenever I light my oven I put some white potatoes and also some sweets in to bake while the other things are cooking. These fill in the odd nooks and corners. (I never light the oven for just one article, but bake main dishes and desserts for two days ahead.) When the potatoes are cool they can be stored in the refrigerator

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Keep the pot a boiling

A teaspoonful of butter dropped into the water in which you are boiling starchy vegetables will keep the lid of the pot from that annoying habit of popping off, as the butter acts as "oil on the troubled waters." Greasing the pan or pot rim about an inch from the top will also keep the pot from boiling over. M. W. ROWLAND, Spartanburg, S. C.

Peanut butter muffins

To make delicious muffins try this one. Prepare your batter the usual way and put a small amount in the bottom of each muffin cup. Then put in about a teaspoonful of peanut butter and fill the cup with the rest of the batter. Bake as usual. MRS. A. DREW H. HAGEMAN, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

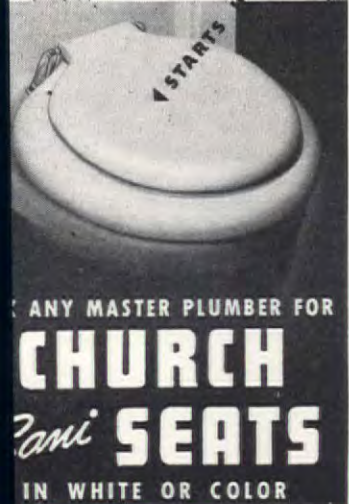
Insulating your dessert

When serving an ice on a glass or china plate, I have discovered it will not melt so quickly if the wafer is put on the plate first. Actually the wafer prevents the warmth from the china or glass from melting the ice quickly. This is worth trying, for ice cream is so satisfactory should be first. MRS. PAUL R. STRAIN, Omaha, Nebraska.

Juicy pies

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MARCHA FRENCH

OUR family has always been what is generally termed conservative, so that when we began discussing with our friends our tentative plans for redecorating the house, people received the project with raised eyebrows and discouraging remarks. Our present scheme, so wholly lacking in the startling modernisms of up-to-date decorating, seemed, by contrast, to make our future plans sound like a painter's nightmare.

"Yellow for the living room, brown for a bedroom, red for the kitchen, navy blue for the bath . . ." rang out like clarions in the ears of our listeners. They would sit in horrified speechlessness while we raved on.

Our house is a most inconspicuous one. Small, low, of white clapboard, and Colonial in style, the windows are its most charming feature. They are wide and square-paned and admit a great deal of sunlight and air. We had always had dignified, rather depressing, heavy draperies and discreet glass curtains in our living room and dining room, but now . . . spring was in the air, the heady odor of white pear blossoms, thick in our tiny orchard, came drifting in and suddenly, without knowing quite how or why, the whole family, as a single unit, had bought or rummaged in closets for every decorating magazine available. Presently we found the painters and paperhangers ringing the door bell at seven o'clock one sunny May morning.

Today is May fifteenth. After a stormy week of solid and utter discomfort, our doubts, apprehensions and vague misgivings have finally smoothed away into a sea of calm serenity. All is now a picture of peace.

It *did* turn out just as we had planned, and even better! We will admit, however, that we had our share of qualms and quakings. Especially when the men started to work on the kitchen. But that's getting ahead of our story as you have come to the front door, and the kitchen, while not far away, is reached only by passing through the living and dining rooms, to say nothing of our diminutive but quite satisfactory entry hall.

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The woodwork is painted a deep putty and our draperies are a paler shade of this same color, almost an oyster, to match the little faint fleur de lis which figures the paper. A soft gray rug adds dignity to the hall and in the living room scatter Orientals in dark, warm tones and Persian designs add richness and depth. The draperies hang straight down from natural wood rings on natural wood poles. We have no shades to clutter up the view of our beloved pear trees. We can see them clearly now, standing with long, upraised arms, so white, so lovely, so pure, against the smoky mauve of the early evening sky. Soon we will light the lamps and draw the curtains together so that we feel cosy and cheerful and very snug.

For the bedroom on the south, which is naturally bright and cheerful, we chose soft brown and white for the walls and white goat rugs for the dark, shining floor. Suggestions of dull, greyed peach here and there carry the necessary "feminine touch."

The other bedroom (we have only two), being on the north and a trifle sunless, is made lively and quaint with white, cream, and little accents of soft, rosy red. Crystal lamps, frosty bottles and pure white, sheer curtains at the windows blend with the cream furniture. It all makes us think of a snowy bride—like our pear trees outside.

But fancy our daring when we decided on navy blue and white for the bath. White stars march steadily around the top of the blue wall and the mat on the floor is navy blue with one enormous white star in the middle to "bring down," as the decorators say, the white of the ceiling.

Last, but not least, comes the kitchen, the plans for which called forth the most disparaging comments of all from our friends. Nevertheless, here it is, a masterpiece, we think, even though we did shrink from the sight of it as it was being painted.

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"Christmas..." we thought with sinking hearts. What to do? New flooring was outside the limits of our budget.

By this time the workmen had finished their job. The painter, with a can of red paint in his hand, looked dubiously at the floor of our kitchen. We said hastily, there was nothing he could do, we had plans...

But his attitude had given me an idea. Paint it, we decided.

"And not the whole floor," someone suggested happily, "the green squares!"

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So we bought our paint, careful to get the proper kind of linoleum, and went to work. Having previously had a rather bad experience of two people painting the same floor, we did not start at the other. The last of the two of us ended in the middle, staring at each other in amazement while the truth dawned upon us that we were marooned on a tiny island of dry floor.

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LILLIAN E. FRITZ

ONE day in March, six years ago, I bought a small azalea which was a mass of gorgeously colorful blossoms and buds.

After a few years of faithfully pampering house plants, I had about decided that most of them were only a nuisance. They grew splendidly out in the garden all summer, but a month in the house made them look hopeless. By Christmas time the geranium would have about six half-hearted leaves on each stalk, the fuchsia acted like a wandering Jew and the lantana definitely made up its mind that it did not like the climate; the old oleander (a favorite of Mother's, which we still haul out each spring and in each fall) has never given us a winter blossom yet. So, aside from a few amaryllis and begonias, I had seldom enjoyed a home grown flower from the day when the last, late asters and marigolds froze until the tulips opened in a blaze of glory in the spring.

Nevertheless, I liked the looks of the azalea—and the better I came to know it, the more it delighted me. The buds opened day after day, keeping the plant in full bloom for almost three weeks. Then the plant, instead of shedding its leaves and dying as most hothouse plants will, it continued to grow as an attractive little green bush. When spring came, it was planted out in the garden and forgotten until, along with the other house plants, it was taken in. Much to my surprise it began to bloom in December, having as many as twenty lovely blossoms open at one time. I was so delighted that I proceeded to haunt florist shops and buy azaleas of different varieties and I have occasionally been happily surprised by getting larger, deeper-colored flowers in the house than were originally on the plant when it was bought.

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tiny pot plants only a few inches tall when in full bloom, to twenty-foot shrubs of the southern states. It is most satisfactory to buy small plants of dwarf varieties as they are slow growing and will remain a nice size to keep as window plants for several years.

Each spring, when danger of frost is past, I set the plants in a semi-shady spot in the garden where they receive the same care as surrounding annuals. The smaller ones are plunged—that is, set into the soil, pots and all, while larger plants are carefully removed from their containers and put directly into the earth. The first week in September I repot them all (about an hour after a thorough watering), using equal parts of leafmold and loam, with a small amount of complete plant food mixed in. Pots are chosen large enough to accommodate the roots and allow a reasonable supply of soil for growth and nourishment. The roots form a compact mass so a six-inch container will often be sufficiently roomy for a bushy azalea ten to twelve inches in height. When the soil has settled in the pots, I mulch with a half-inch of leafmold to prevent the drying and exposure of roots which are near the surface. If you can get hold of weathered evergreen needles, they make a neat and lasting mulch.

The repotted plants are left outdoors until there is danger of frost when they are taken in and placed by sunny windows. Some are kept in the living room where the temperature is usually 72 degrees; others spend the winter, except when blooming, in a cool bedroom kept at 50 or 60 degrees. They do nicely in either location.

For winter fertilizing I use half a level teaspoonful of Vigoro to each six-inch pot once a month. Azaleas prefer an acid soil, so if necessary add a bit of aluminum sulphate or other soil acidifier. Keep the soil moist at all times. An occasional thorough soaking is beneficial as the soil is loose and the roots are fibrous; don't expect a teacupful of water twice a week to keep them flourishing.

I have never had any trouble from disease or pests attacking my azaleas but as a preventive and to remove dust, I wash the every two or three weeks, setting the plants in the sink or bathtub and drenching them with cold water from a small sprinkling can or the shower spray.

A plant will continue to bloom for several years with a little pruning to keep it shaped. Prune immediately after blooming only the well ripened twigs bearing flowers. Buy your plants in the winter or spring from florist shop or nursery. Species listed as spring flowering will surprise you with gorgeous display of blossoms next winter, right in your own front window, and even some of your gardening friends will marvel, and perhaps doubt your word when you explain that they are real house plants and not specimens just received from the florist.

Non-rusting garden tools

When through using garden tools put a small quantity of lime in a box or barrel. Then sink the lime articles not in use; this keeps tools from rusting. M. D. R. HEVESSY, Norfolk, Va.

Picnic steaks de luxe

A good idea for picnic steaks. Place the first steak in a cooler and sprinkle with olive oil which a little garlic has been sprinkled, place the next steak on top and treat it the same until all steaks are in. Leave in ice box twenty-four hours. They're ready for the broiler over the open fire—and how they'll taste! CATHERINE HANLON, Lonpoc, Calif.

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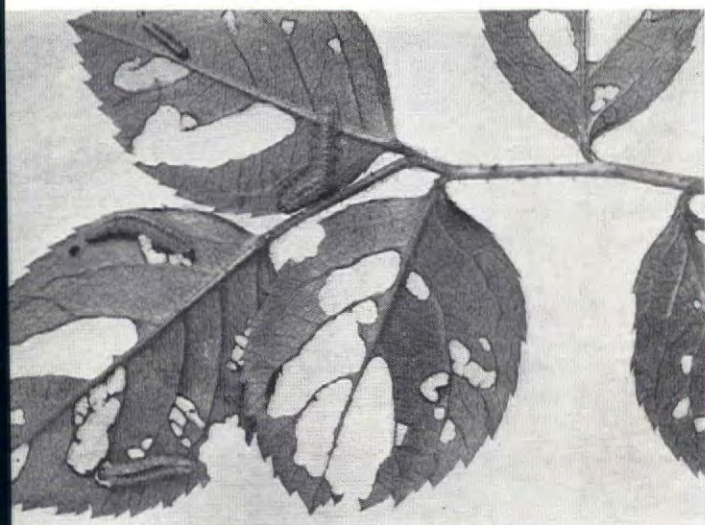
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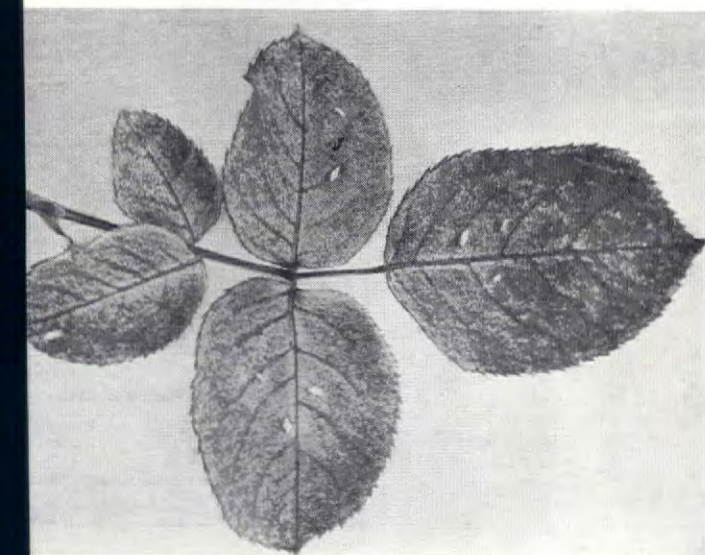
These slugs—soft, slimy, green creatures (16)—devour the leaves, working on the under side. This means that a poison spray or dust must be applied from below and “shot” upward

by spraying, even though it may not seem the appearance of the leaves for a few weeks, would be improved indeed.

Do you see these large, elongated, tan-colored galls on the tips of your blue spruce branches? Your neighbor said they were cones? Many people think so, and why evergreens may get into a very low state before the owner realizes anything is wrong. Actually, these galls are caused by an aphid—a relative of the plant lice that cluster on rose bush tips, or the black that pesters nasturtiums. And aphids are there now, partly sitting on the little openings of the cones, waiting until growth starts and they can cause more trouble. Your task is just break off and burn the cones. Simple? Of course, but effective, for ten or fifteen minutes now will add many dollars to the future value of your trees.

The aphid galls on Norway spruces (8, 9, 10) present a more complex problem. These pine-apple-shaped overgrowths are formed less often at the tips than back at the joints where you can hardly cut them all out without ruining the shape of the tree. Yet, if you do nothing, in a year or two the lower branches will be bare, dead, and knobby with the old galls. A year or two more, and all the branches will look that way. As soon as you have time, cut out any old, dead branches and such galls as you can. Then, about the second week in April, on a bright morning, take the miscible oil you bought for the lilacs, dilute one part with twenty-five parts of water, add one teaspoonful of nicotine sulphate (Black Leaf-40) to the gallon and spray thoroughly.

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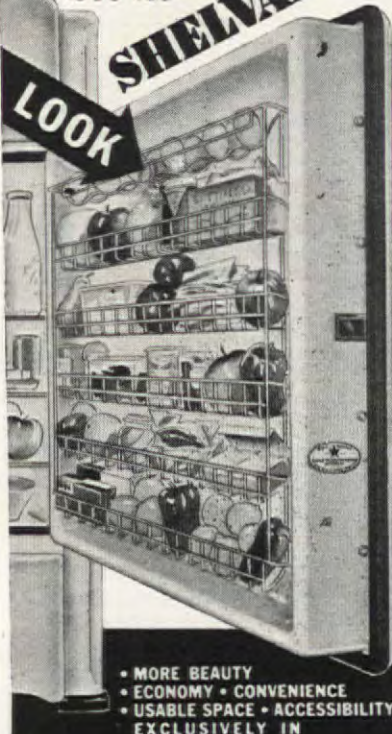


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Here are scales of another kind—small, round grayish-white ones—on the juniper needles (5). You can use the oil spray on them, but it is a bit safer to use liquid lime-sulphur, diluting the concentrated material you buy with ten parts of water.

While we are here among the evergreens, I am going to take these round, brown galls—you may have heard them called "cedar-apples"—off the cedars.

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Fourth week: Spray lilacs and other deciduous shrubs for scale. Cut out rust galls on cedars and aphid galls on spruces. Cut out tent-caterpillar egg masses. Dust hollyhocks with sulphur.

APRIL

First week: Prune roses, with a special eye toward disease control. Clean up any old peony stalks; cut close to ground. Remove old iris leaves and debris.

Second week: Use a delayed dormant spray on evergreens to control scale, aphid galls, pine bark aphid. Treat delphinium for mites. Make a general inspection for borers.

Third week: Apply first spray—or dust—to roses. Watch delphiniums for mite injury.

Fourth week: Spray roses.

MAY

First week: Spray roses. (If you dust instead, apply a separate contact spray for aphids and leafhoppers.)

Second week: Spray roses and delphiniums. Inspect tulips for blight. Pick off all diseased leaves and fading flowers.

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You can see now the advantage of planting the Japanese snowball (*Viburnum tomentosum*) instead of the common variety (*V. opulus* sterile) whose leaves are inevitably curled by aphids as soon as they appear. . . . Here we might stop a minute while I cut off a couple of tent-caterpillar egg masses from this hawthorn; there are probably more on those wild cherry trees across the way. They are due to hatch in a few days and there is no use borrowing trouble by neglecting them, even though the danger from this insect has been somewhat overrated and over anticipated.

Now to the perennials. I can see from here that you did not cut down the peonies properly last fall. Don't feel too badly, though, for few people do, in spite of all the advice that has been written. At least you did not commit the heinous crime of using the tops for a mulch!

But see all the potential trouble on the stalks that you left standing—the small, round, black sclerotia (resting bodies) of the early botrytis blight (11); and the large irregularly oval sclerotia of the fungus that causes the late blight. New shoots coming up near by may take the disease, rot, and soon topple over. Or, if they survive that threat, the buds may later on turn black and never develop, or blast when half open. Probably you've seen that happen more than once and wondered why. So cut off the stalks now, as well as you can and next October I will remind you to do it properly. Notice that some of the old stems are covered with oyster-shaped scales.

Hollyhocks and delphinium

The yellow spots on the surface of overwintered hollyhock leaves that have lain around all winter indicate reddish pustules of rust spores underneath (12). Clean up and burn all you can; then dust the plants thoroughly, from the ground up, with fine sulphur dust. Repeat as needed.

As soon as the delphinium shoots appear, they may tell you that the mite (a tiny, eight-legged



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—EDITORS

relative of the red spider, too small to see with the naked eye) is already at work, curling up and deforming the leaves and later blasting the buds. You must keep right after the mites, using a rotenone compound, or pyrethrum, or sulphur dust, or nicotine sulphate and soap at least once a week. Destroy all infested leaves and flower heads as fast as you notice them, and if any plants look very sick, harden your heart and pull them up. Plant new delphiniums in another part of the garden.

A few sanitary precautions may be necessary in the tulip beds in May. If any leaves turn yellow prematurely, or are covered with a gray mold, another botrytis (3), remove and burn them. In fact, as you inspect the garden each week, carry a large paper bag with you for just such a purpose. Be sure to pick off all fading flowers as well, lest the petals, as they rot into the soil, harbor the dangerous sclerotia.

Protective work among the roses

There isn't much time left to talk about your roses, but try to get good results with them one more year. If you succeed, you will certainly be planting more next fall.

Wait until the first week in April, or even later, to take off the soil you mounded up around them; then prune immediately for disease control. While the canes are still moist you can most easily distinguish the dark red or purple or brown or tan or white lesions that indicate the various canker diseases (13, 14, 15). You need not differentiate between the various kinds; it is enough to know a canker when you see one. Some of them are caused by weakly parasitic fungi which enter through wounds, such as stubs left in pruning, or rubbed places where you fastened a cane against the house or trellis with wire staples. Always use raffia or soft string for tying and cross the



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string between the support and the cane, so it forms a "buffer." A lesion which girdles a cane may cause a gall formation above.

Brown canker is exceedingly common in gardens; it starts with small, white lesions with red margins. Older cankers when first uncovered may present a rainbow of colors, but later there is only light brown, dead tissue, filled with tiny black dots—the fruiting bodies of the fungus. In wet weather, yellow spore tendrils ooze from these dots. Just think of the chances for spreading infection with your hands or tools if you leave the cankers until later in the season! Cut all your canker, all your diseased rose canes first. Then prune what is left according to your own notions or the rosarian's instructions. I find it beneficial to cut my own roses back rather severely.

Toward the end of April, when the rose leaves are well started begin your spraying or dusting campaign. Unless you have a great many roses this need take you only a few minutes, but it must be done regularly once a week. If you go off visiting, make sure that some one else attend to it.

In my experimental rose garden over a period of years, the simplest and most satisfactory procedure has proved to be the use of a three-in-one spray called Tri-ogen. In spraying roses, always direct the flow from underneath and send the spray through the bush. The upper surfaces will be covered sufficiently and the accumulated spray residue will be far less unsightly than if you drench the plant from above; besides the latter method, while it may kill aphids and some mildew, will do little to prevent the dreaded black spot, or control the soft, slimy, green slugs (16) or the leafhoppers (17) that are prevalent in May. These two insects usually do their damage before you are aware of their presence since they both work on the underside of the leaves, the slug chewing everything but the veins and upper surface, and the leafhopper sucking out the sap, producing a peculiar stippled white appearance.

A weekly Tri-ogen treatment takes care of all such troubles but you may prefer dusting. In this case, use "Massey dust" a combination of nine parts very fine dusting sulphur and one part arsenate of lead. Dust only when the leaves are dry, and send the gentle cloud up through the bush. This will control black spot and mildew and most chewing insects including the slugs, but it will affect aphids and leafhoppers. For these, spray with nicotine sulphate (one teaspoonful) and soap (one cubic inch) to each gallon of water; or use one of the ma-

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Saving the back yard grass

VERA B. EDWARDS

THE way from my kitchen door to the garden gate is long—and the grass suffered from the human traffic. Some cement bricks would make a good looking walk and "take" the wear and tear of trodding feet. I priced them but found them too expensive for my purse. I should make them myself, I reasoned, and set about doing it. This is how from start to finish.

First, I had the home Handy Man make me a mold. It must be made, said wise he, from well-dried hard wood, else it would warp. He chose hard maple. From it he cut a $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch board $3\frac{3}{4}$ inch wide by 26 inches long. He cut another board 1 x 1 inch wide by $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches long. At the hardware store he got me a pair of $3\frac{1}{2}$ -inch iron quilting clamps. I wanted my bricks to be the regular standard size, which is $8 \times 3\frac{3}{4} \times 2\frac{1}{4}$ inches and he was making my mold of such dimensions as would produce them exactly as I wished.

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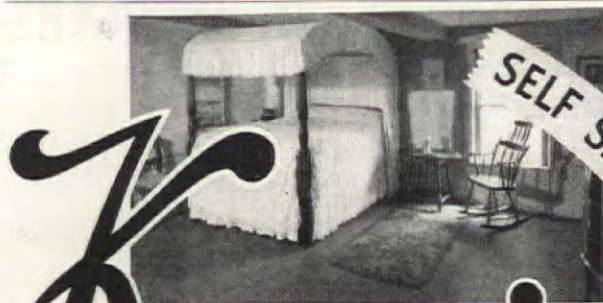
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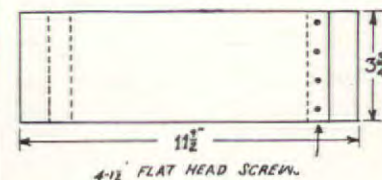
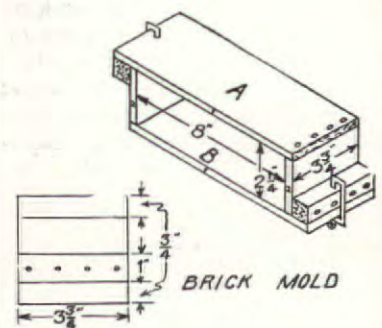


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I got my materials, i.e., cement and clean washed sharp sand—from the local lumberman. I made a mixture of four parts sand, one of cement, and enough water to make what the professional brick maker calls a "semi-dry" mix. This is wet but not "sloppy." My test is made by squeezing a bit of the mixture in my hand. If, when having it pretty wet, it still retains its shape after squeezing, I know the consistency is right.

Next, I put parts "A" and "B" together, seeing to it that the edges are flush at either end. Then I screw on the clamps good and tight. This gives me an inside mold compartment measuring exactly the same as the standard size brick.

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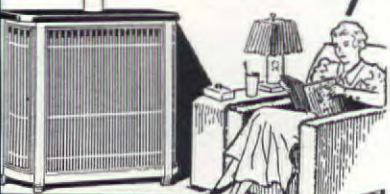
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The next step is one for steady nerves—i.e., removing the mold from the brick—not the brick from the mold. Without the least little shake or push or jar, I unfasten the clamps and take away parts "A" and "B" of the mold. I wipe these clean with a damp cloth and replace the clamps, thus making the form ready for the next brick.

I do not touch the "green" bricks until the initial "set" has taken place, which requires about twenty-four hours. Then I moisten them with a fine spray, and again leave them to cure, for eight or ten hours. Then they get another sprinkling. After thirty-six hours more, I remove them to a permanent place for continued curing.

In collecting the knowledge necessary to enable me to make good bricks, I learned that any cement product, about ten days after being made, goes through what is known as the "rotten" stage. So I stacked my bricks, after the initial set and before the ten-day period, to finish curing in a shed where I need not molest them until about thirty days later. Here they got daily sprinklings for several days. Had I preferred uneven broken effects, instead of letting my bricks completely cure, I would have, on the third day, broken them up with a chisel into the desired shapes, then let them continue curing in the usual way.

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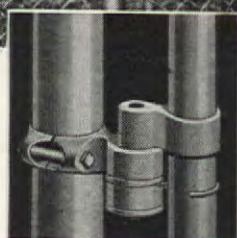
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April thoughts about gardens

E. L. D. SEYMOUR

It's good, isn't it, to run across old friends, or have them run across you? It has been mighty gratifying to me, since the February issue of THE AMERICAN HOME carried the news of my present whereabouts, to hear from folks of whom I'd long lost track—and it was like meeting another old friend to have the subject of National Garden Week brought up by Mrs. H. D. Thomas of Paterson, New Jersey, when, recently, she asked me what garden clubs about the country were doing about this annual event.

National Garden Week, you

will recall, was conceived and instituted in 1922 by THE AMERICAN HOME—then the *Garden and Home Builder*. The idea spread over the land so rapidly and so vigorously by various groups that before long there seemed no need to keep on fostering it. The—perhaps as one of the results of the dull, depressed times—was neglected and seemed to fade out of the picture in some places. But elsewhere, as in Paterson, groups have been anything but indifferent to the possibilities of the "third full week in April"

it was originally designated Mrs. Thomas mentioned the following as some of the accomplishments of the Garden Section of the Woman's Club during recent years:

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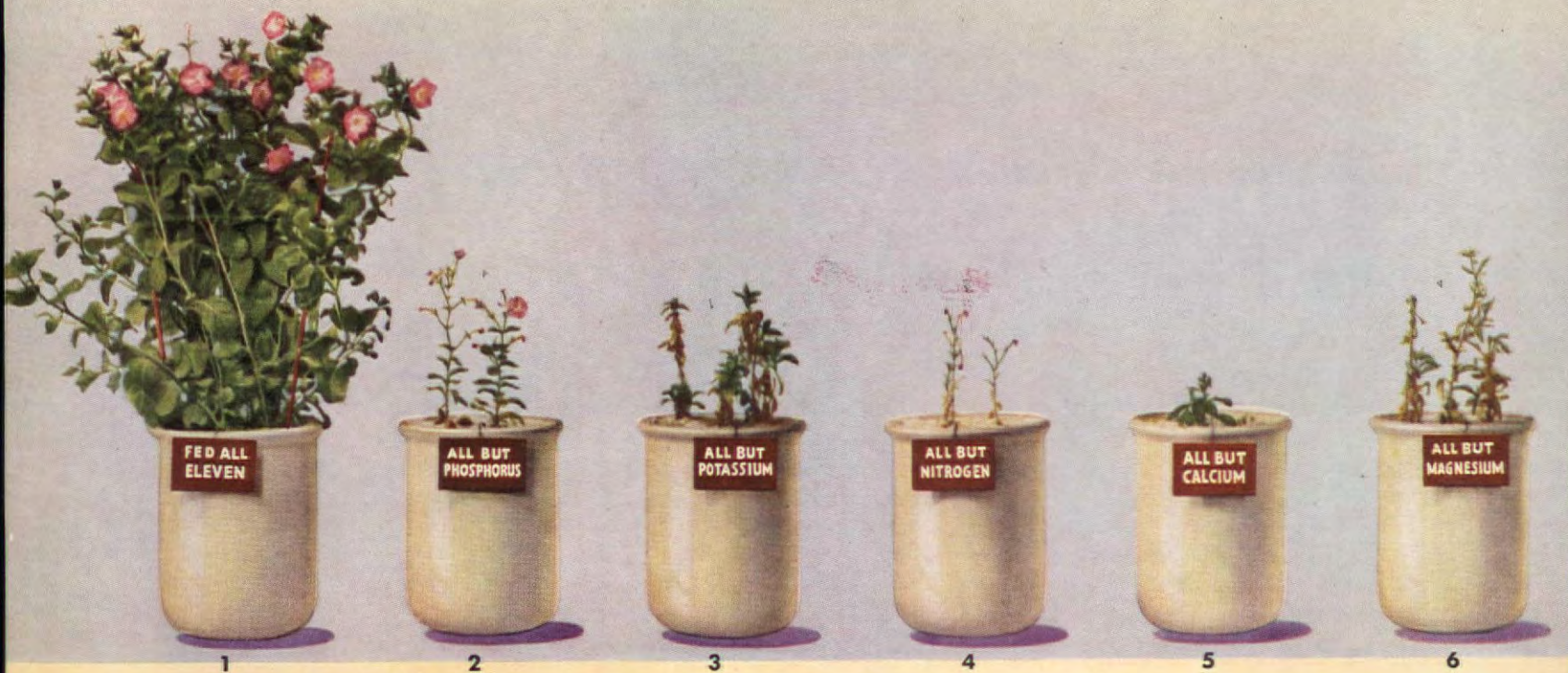
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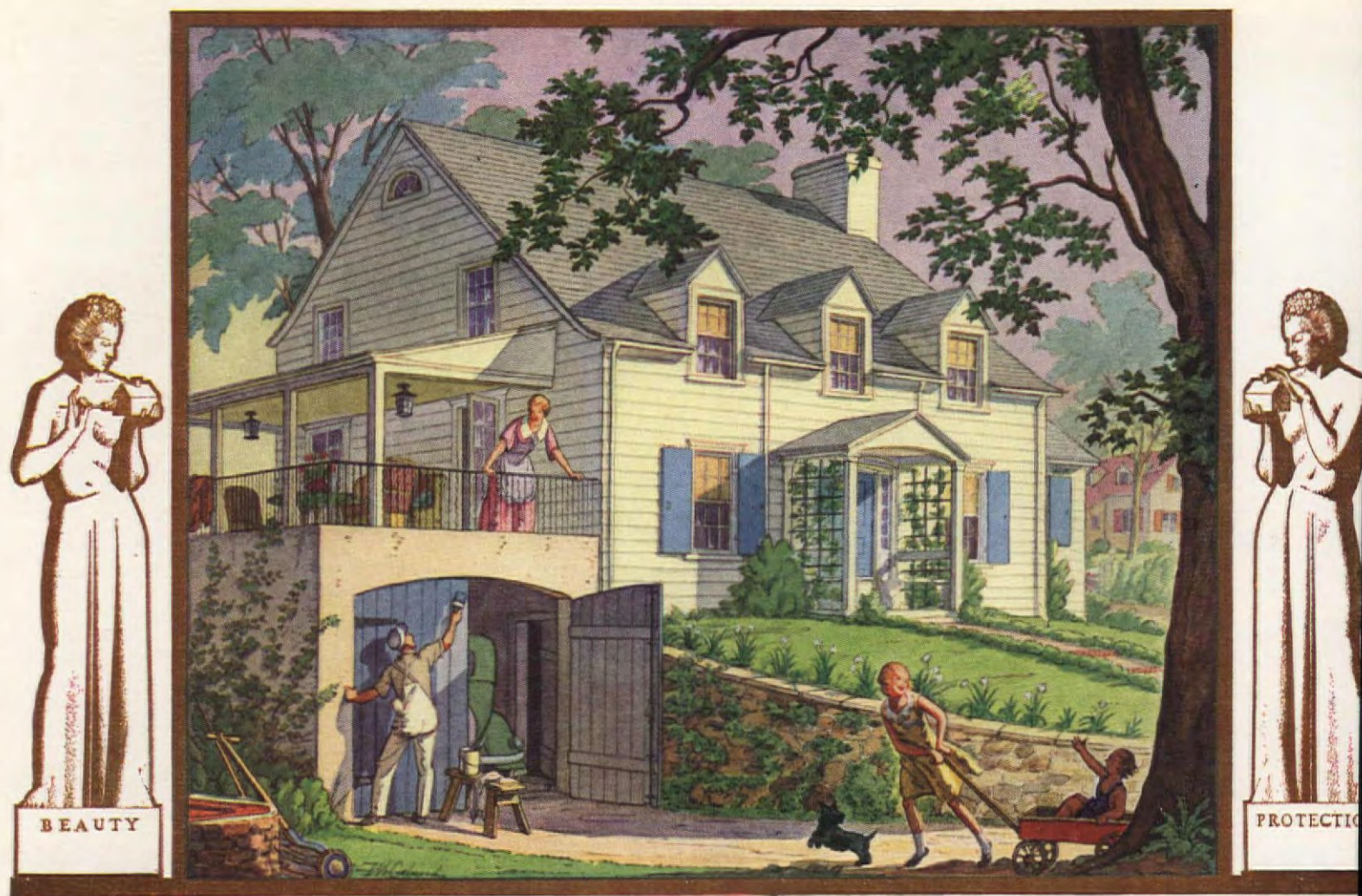
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yards, as they were and as the children would like them to be. An interesting project called for design for the planting of a garden lot adjoining our main city building. Twenty-seven plans were submitted, one of which was ultimately followed. The plot was actually planted by a junior garden club.

"I would be glad," adds Mrs. Burden, "to see what the magazine can do to encourage the general observance of this day, for when many people get thinking about the same thing, something is very likely to grow out of it."

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be reminded of the nature and objectives and activities of National Garden Week, as it was originally developed, I will be glad to send you information and suggestions about it.

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In some cases, special garden weeks have become important local events, as in Virginia, where, since 1929, it has been sponsored by the Garden Club as a tour of gardens and homes, the direct object being the creation of a fund to permit the restoration of important Colonial gardens in the state, including the establishment of the original plans and replanting with shrubs and evergreens known to have been used in

those early days. This year, Virginia's Garden Week will be from April 26th to May 1st and headquarters have already been established in Room 1, Jefferson Hotel, Richmond, Virginia, with Mrs. William W. Hoxton as chairman of the Arrangements Committee.

April 30th to May 8th will bring the Pilgrimage of the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland which will attract visitors to the historic country around Annapolis and along the Chesapeake Bay shores. The schedule and other information can be had from Miss Louisa M. Gary, Belvedere Hotel, Baltimore.

The Garden Club of Virginia also announces its sixth annual Narcissus and Flower Show to be held in the Armory at Alexandria, April 16th and 17th, with Mrs. Amos Chilcott of Fairfax Court House as chairman and Mrs. Louis Scott, Braddock Heights, Alexandria, as co-chairman. The exhibits will come not only from all sections of Virginia, but also from other parts of the country.

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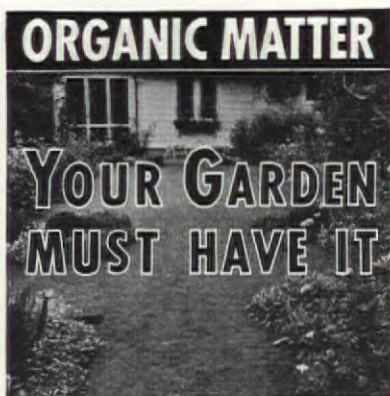
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At the very end of a helpful pamphlet on "Pruning and Care of Ornamental Trees and Shrubs" (Extension Bulletin 172 of the Michigan State College at East Lansing) occurs this sentence: "If trees are to be transplanted, it would be desirable to purchase a roll of specially prepared paper for wrapping purposes. This prevents the entrance of borers." The cover of the bulletin carries a picture of Professor O. I. Gregg, its author, applying such a wrapper. This is a type of protection that has been given considerable attention by fruit growers, not only because of the possibility of borer injury, but also because of the prevalence in many places of winter damage by rabbits and mice that gnaw the bark of newly planted trees. Home gardeners can well take a page from the orchardist's book because many a valuable deciduous shade tree also suffers such injury and also—in the case of fall planted nursery grown specimens—serious sun scald damage during the first winter or two.

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Although thoroughly scientific in its background and accuracy, this book is anything but technical in treatment and tone. It deals with the average eastern garden—and its owner—as the practicing plant doctor meets them and solves their problems, or gives instructions for protective treatment. Carrying right through the season, it describes the various troubles, first as symptoms—as the gardener sees them on the plants—then as insects or diseases as the case may be; then it suggests the remedies. This is such a logical and satisfactory method of approach that it is a wonder it has not been employed before. Finally, to supplement the index in making it possible immediately to check up on specific details, the final third of the book consists of an Alphabetical Miscellany, or brief

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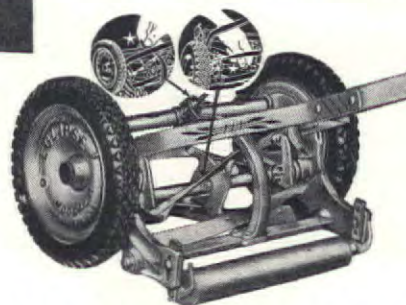
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cyclopedic discussion of all sorts of things—host plants, their enemies, the different kinds of insecticides and fungicides, implements and accessories, control programs, etc. If for nothing else than the appearance of this book, the 1937 gardening season is going to be notable.

The current contribution in the Dollar Garden Book Series (Doubleday, Doran and Company), is "Vines for Every Garden" by Dorothy H. Jenkins. Here of course, the subject is not new, nor can anything unique in approach be anticipated, but the treatment is intelligent and sympathetic of the various ways in which vines can be used. The chapters take up the several types—annual and perennial vines and climbing roses; their methods of climbing and the supports they need; problems of feeding, mulching, pruning and pest control, and, in brief summarizing form, the characteristics of some three score useful subjects. The illustrations include a handsome half-tone frontispiece of the not sufficiently appreciated Chinese fleece-vine, and sketches by Natalie Harlan Davis whose plant portraits appeal to me much more than her garden views.

As is the case with vines, there is no question whatever about the importance of shrubs, so the third (revised and enlarged) edition of Alfred C. Hottes' "The Book of Shrubs" (De La Mare, \$3) will be generally welcomed. Whether as part of the background or as foundation material to "tie the house to the ground," whether for the beauty of their form, foliage, flowers, fruit, or all four; whether for summer or winter effects, and whether few or many, shrubs are as essential to a home setting as any one element can be. And with various additions and modernizations, including a number of interesting black and white illustrations by a new artist and collaborator, Vincent Field, Mr. Hottes gives us a mass of information that will enable gardeners to use shrubs more intelligently and effectively and come to know them better and more satisfyingly. Of the 438 pages, slightly more than a quarter contain general facts about design, propagation, culture and soils, and lists of shrubs for special purposes; the balance takes up alphabetically the "important shrubs" in the characteristic systematic Hottes manner.

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With Shakespeare receiving more than average attention in the theatre this year, it seems fitting to have offered us "Shakespeare Gardens" by Annie Burnham Carter (Dorrance and Company, \$1.25) even though we are inclined to question her introductory statement that the Bard of Avon "was the first writer to bring gardens into drama, making flowery meads and windy heaths part of his dramatic setting." The author's idea of a Shakespeare garden seems to be simply a reconstruction, in plan and plant material, of the formal, intricately bedded type favored in Elizabethan times; its primary interest is historical and sentimental. However, she gives no particular directions as to how to make such a garden, but restricts herself chiefly to descriptions of the plants of that day, reinforcing them with bits of folklore and brief quotations from plays in which they were mentioned. Unfortunately, there is a surprising frequency of errors in the spelling of plant names and a confusing inconsistency or lack of system in the use and capitalization of both common and botanical names, so that to a reader unfamiliar with them, the references can hardly be helpful.

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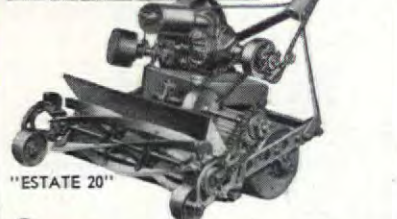
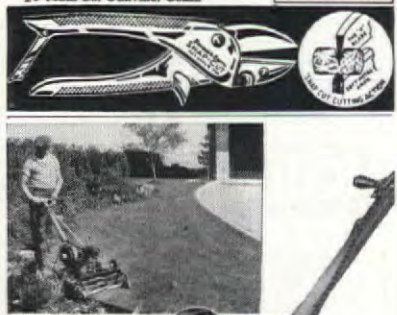
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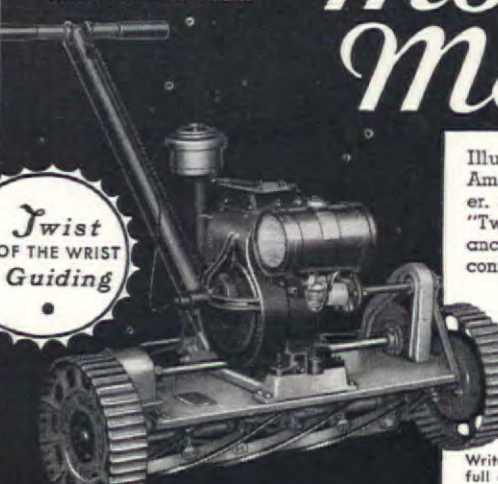
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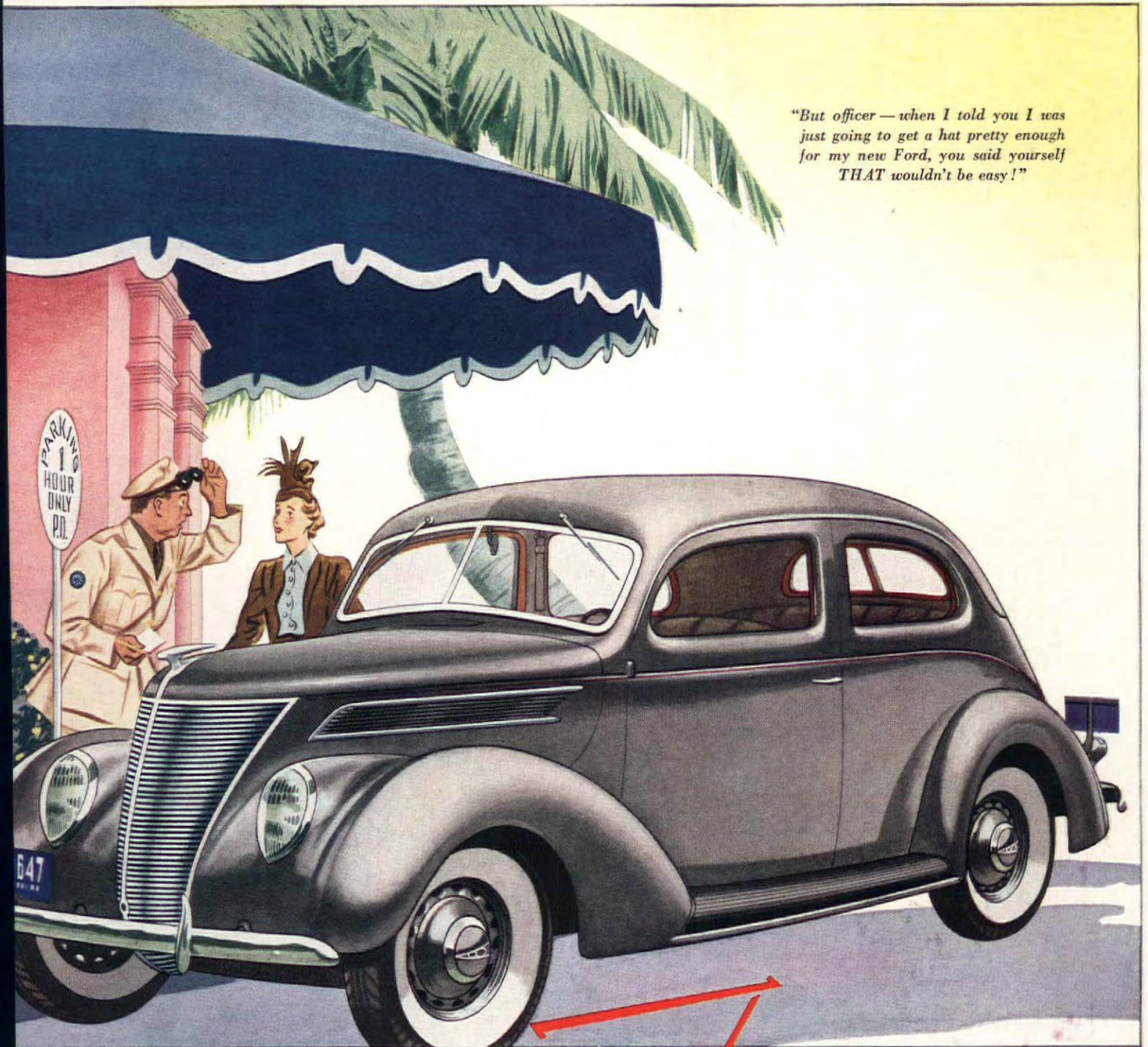
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