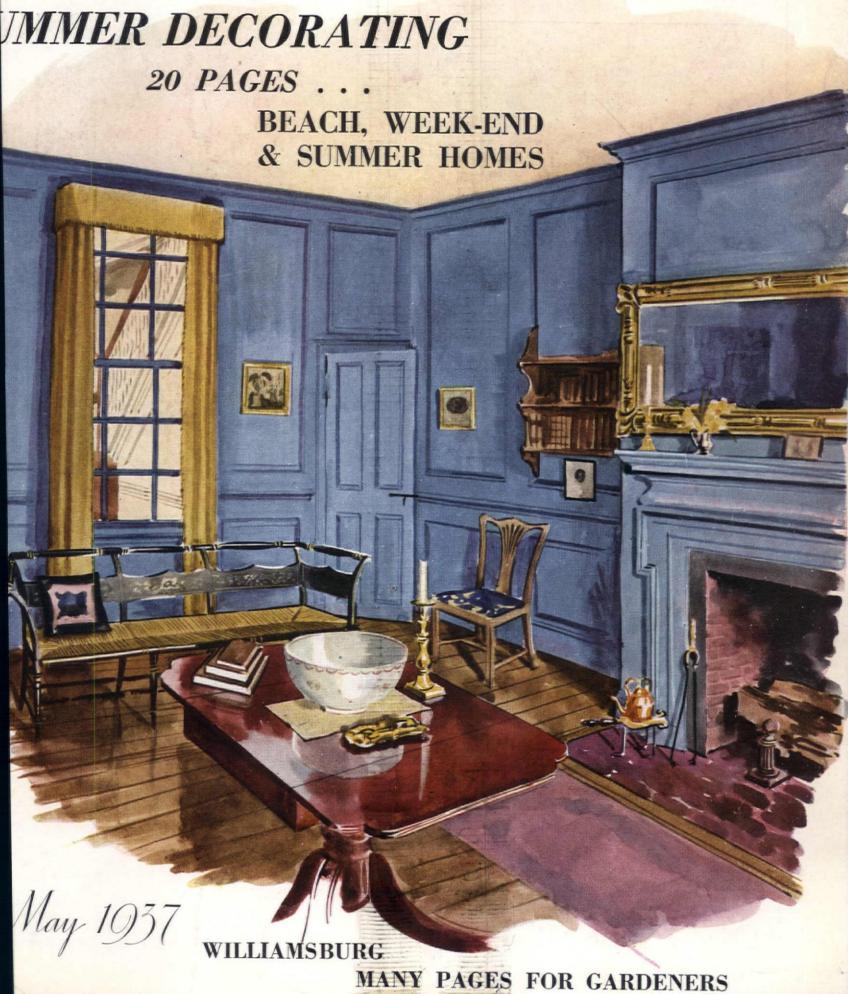
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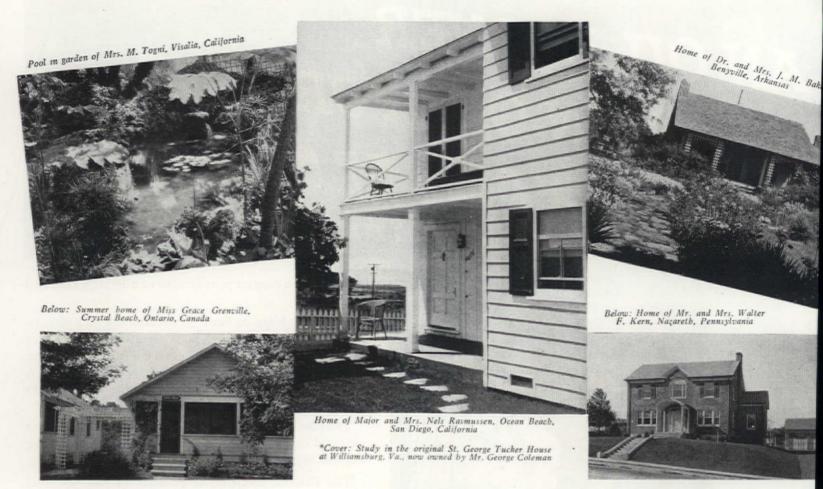
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by SUSAN BROWN

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the condition of the breath.

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#### Fire control in the blue prints

The average private house makes a swell bonfire in an amazingly brief time. A knowledge of fire behavior should quide your new house plans

PAUL W. KEARNEY

National Fire Waste Council

ENTIRELY apart from the fact that the average house has a combustible frame, the more important consideration at the moment is that its entire shell, as well as its interior layout, is invariably conceived in a manner which facilitates the upward sweep of the intense heat generated by a hostile fire. The upshot is that it is common experience for a house to be completely involved from cellar to roof within ten minutes after the original outbreak has gathered momentum

The obvious reason is that the average residence is honeycombed with those vertical arteries which convey fire, and its advance guard, super-heated air, to the upper floors. Discarding the open stairway for the moment, the walls themselves are invariably hollow for the most part, with generous voids between room ceilings and the floor above. The natural consequence, even with fires that do not result in the total destruction of the house, is that an excessive amount of damage is done not only by the flames themselves but also by the labors of the firemen who are compelled to rip open these hidden voids far in advance of the outbreak in order to catch up with their stealthy adversary. This, plus the necessity for using quantities of water to flood concealed areas which may be involved, accounts for the accepted fact that extinguishing operations frequently cause 75% of the damages of the typical blaze.

Those who are toying with plans for a new house should bear these fundamentals in mind. Certainly wall spaces should be packed with non-combustible insulation where feasible; in any event these areas should be broken up by the use of fire stops at each floor level so that at least a fire gaining access to that void will be checked at the ceiling rather than allowed to sweep right through to the roof.

Whether these barriers should consist of gypsum blocks, mineral wool, or loose filling on metal sheets depends upon circumstances which are covered in de-tail by the Underwriters' "Suggested Code for Dwelling Houses. Our purpose now is not to give specifications but merely to point out the reasons behind these precautions, and to urge upon the prospective home builder the

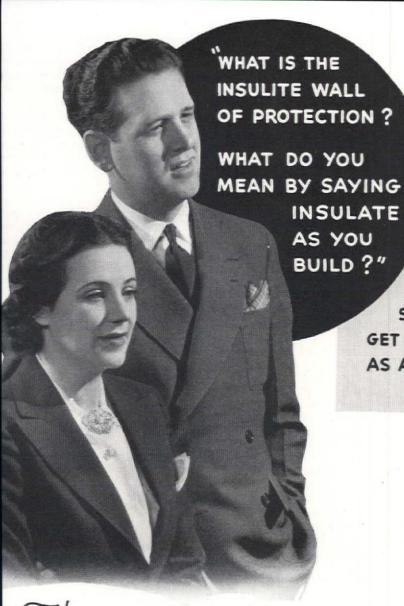
necessity for demanding thes safeguards from the architect.

Isolating the cellar become doubly valuable when a buildin is still on paper, because at th stage the job can be done mor thoroughly at virtually no extr cost. The ideal solution is to con struct the floor above the cella of concrete or, as a second choic to cover the basement ceiling wi a two-inch coating of miner wool, gypsum block, or magnes block securely attached to t joists before the application the metal lath and plaster. Mer ly sound-deadening the floor inserting a couple of inches material (even though incombus ible) between the rough and fi ished flooring is of little cons quence as fire protection becau this common practice still leav the joists and underflooring fr to burn and offers no oppositi to the heat until the underfloori is burned through.

The important function of the measures is to retard the spre of fire through hollow walls a ceiling voids and to confine the cellar any outbreak whi may originate in that most p lific source of trouble. This s leaves us with the most flagra of all fire spreaders untouche the beloved open stairwell p viding a prime flue from the m hall to the topmost floor and counting for more resident deaths than any other one fac of dwelling construction.

Granting the impossibility persuading people to modify r dential stairways merely to p tect their lives, we must res to other means of reducing inherent threat. One way is provide heavy, hardwood do for all the bedrooms on the up hall which will be fed by sur heated, death-dealing air by stairway-and to teach those sleep behind the doors never open them when they are hot the touch. Hand in hand this there must be provision a secondary means of exit f every room so that nobody ever have to go out into the n hall in a futile effort to eso through heat which will drop like a rifle bullet.

This may call for some thou in the location of the back st the arrangement of porch i or window balconies, the pro ing of doors from room to r so that one need not resort to hall, all of which must be erned by the layout of the ho One couple of my acquaintan thoroughly fire conscious by



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-have applied this principle of secondary exit in the plans for their new home by carefully adapting their sleeping floor arrangement to the oval stairwell on which they have their hearts set. The five rooms on this floor will all have interconnecting doors by which you can proceed from the master bedroom on the south side to the maid's room on the north side without once opening a door to the hall. From the maid's room you can then go down the rear stairs to the outdoors without even entering the kitchen directly or making any contact with the main floor hall.

This is good, common-sense design-the sort of planning made mandatory by law in public buildings for the express purpose of safeguarding lives. The lack of it in private homes is the principal reason why 65% of all our fire deaths occur in dwellings.

Beyond these matters relating to the structural confinement and control of fires, the prospective home builder should also give thought to the matter of fire origins. Chief among these is the detail of chimney and fireplace construction, because failures in this element burn more homes than any other single cause. In new houses as well as in old ones this is a feature deserving far more thought and consideration than it usually receives!

Mr. T. Alfred Fleming, one of the fathers of Fire Prevention Week, has frequently said that the essence of safe construction is to "first build the chimney and then build the house." In other words, each unit should rest on its own foundations, structurally independent of the other: the chimney should not be supported by floor beams, brackets, or rafters, nor should floor joists run into the chimney. Thus, when the building ultimately settles, it will not pull the chimney out of line, rupturing the walls or flue.

Such precautions seem elementary enough to be taken for granted, but only the firemen can tell you how often they are ignored even in very good houses.

Perhaps the quickest way to summarize the whole story is to say that no other feature of a house is subject to so much downright ignorance and negligence by builders who should know better than is this extremely hazardous element, the chimney. The best advice, then, is to write to the National Board of Fire Underwriters, in New York or Chicago, or to the National Fire Protection Association, in Boston, for their comprehensive, illustrated literature telling how a safe chimney should be built. Even if you resist every other suggestion in this article, don't-for your own good-ignore this one!

For those who prefer newer

topics of concern, two mode developments merit mention: domestic incinerator household air conditioning tem. The latter is the livest s ject today among conservationi for the simple reason that the protected ducts of some un provide a new "vertical arte which can spread fire alm simultaneously into every ro of a house under the impetus a power fan.

This is no imaginary bugab In recent years there has bee score of total loss fires in scho alone—some costing over a lion dollars-which were sp by ventilating systems. The torious Cleveland Clinic disas which took 122 lives in a proof building, remains the cla example of how heat and po gases can be quickly conve through a structure by continu ducts when no adequate provi is made for this contingency.

It goes without saying these experiences are not a ments against the installation air conditioning units in hor they merely emphasize the generally overlooked, that must be installed by men are familiar with fire behavio well as the principles of ven tion. In your new home you be wise to see that these of are protected at strategic p by dampers actuated by fu links or thermostats which permit the dampers to close u a dangerous temperature; the should be similarly controlle that it will shut off automati in case of a fire.

If a query should indicate your architect or builder is quite familiar with the "Re tions for the Installation Blower and Exhaust System won't hurt to get a copy from Underwriters before compl the plans for your new home the same token, get their l ture on incinerator installation you are also counting on in ing that feature in the hous here, obviously, is another maker which can easily ge of hand if unintelligently structed or incorrectly inst

Construction details are a be tiresome so they can b for detailed study by those mately concerned. One pe warning which should be tioned, however, applies to body who may have access of these devices either in vate home or an apartment is, never dispose of loose di tossing it to an incinerator a few months ago, for exam housekeeper dumped the du from her vacuum cleaner in incinerator and was grave jured by the resulting blast wrecked the building; anot cent incident involved som

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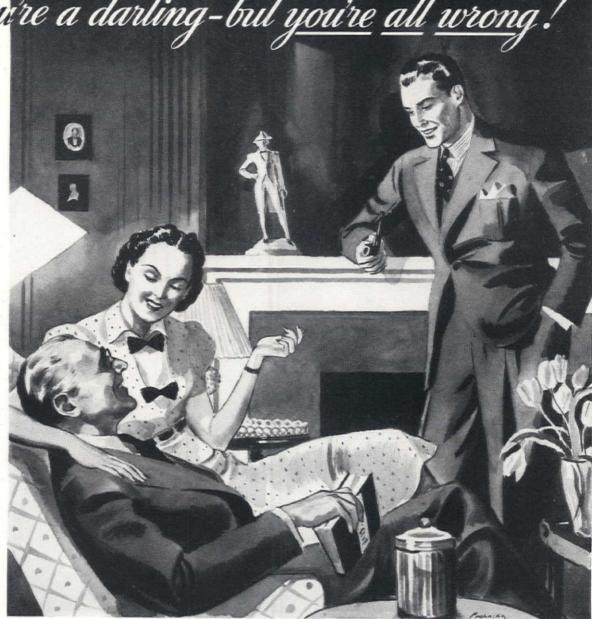
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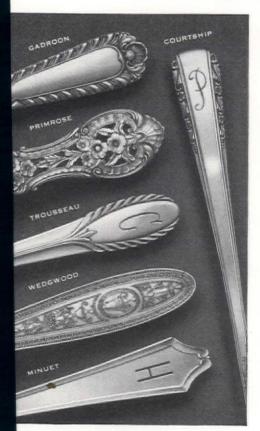


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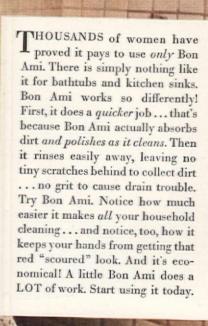
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# A Bride of 5 years ago

compares notes today

"As a bride I was so proud of my tiled bathroom and my kitchen with its corn colored sink. A friend told me never to use anything but Bon Ami. Now, after five years, I'm glad I took her advice, for I was astounded when I saw the bathtub of a friend who had built her home when we did . . . her tub was clean, but dull and scratched looking, while mine cleaned with Bon Ami shone with its original beauty." So writes Mrs. Eleanor Thomas of Santa Barbara. California.



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THE ideal spring vacation would be to move out, bag and baggage, and take to road the day the school closes for the iday, carefully leaving the children at me. The hitch in that lovely idea is that little dears are more than likely not to entirely trusted on their own-and then. Duty rears its nasty little head. So the st best bet is a recuperative jaunt once school doors are blessedly reopened. By the time the household has returned to

HARRIE WOOD

normal routine, spring seems to be endsly nagging at your heels, which feel disctly run over. An awful lethargy has overken you; you yearn over seed catalogues d are filled with longing at the sight of e sky. You haven't a thing to wear. All the nily buttons have popped and scattered to farthest corner, every stocking has a toe king through it, the children have changed colts or kangaroos over night. Life has ome a surging sea of quinine and fog, and long for bookings on all the planes and amers going. Then is the exact moment to rt for Williamsburg, Virginia. The open d, the fragrant air, zephyrs and all that, l at the end the loveliest, most alluring I solid place in the world, smelling wonfully of boxwood and magnolia, and er spring flowering shrubs.

By the time you have a camera, a knitting g, the "little black grip" with just the ht things in it—the bottle bag, a box of dy, and the umbrellas and raincoats loose the car to be handy, the driving glasses, road maps, and stacks of literature a lous motor club has deluged you with, and osolutely necessary) an empty carton, you I find one good sized carrying bag apiece you'll want to bother with-simple, nussable tailored sports clothes, of course.

all good. Of course we think the one we took the most interesting. New York to Philadelphia via Bucks County-so full of fine old stone houses that you must not miss. You might take a moment or two about here to realize that you're on a vacation. You don't have to make five hundred and sixty miles a day, and the driver can even stop a moment now and then just to view the landscape. From Philadelphia to Kennet Square, and stop at Longwood long enough to revel in eight acres of greenhouses so lovely that they are just barely true—a superb collection of specimen plants, beautifully arranged not only for color but smell to boot. Don't ride callously by the acres and acres of Conard Pyle at Jennersville. Stop and send home a red rose and have lunch at The Red Rose. It's awfully well done, and good food besides. They've used red roses on everything, beautiful antiques, fine old prints; the air is fairly heavy with them. Before Balti-

held out by dozens of small black hands at the Lord Baltimore, Inc., filling station.

In Washington, Vilattis still has the most perfect caramels in the world, and the Washington rain is really blue after fifteen years of remembering it so-such a comfort. From the basin, with its circling cherry trees, and down the Memorial Parkway to Alexandria. Take the time in Alexandria to drive around the side streets and see the little houses painted chartreuse and dusty pink, or pale blue with olive green trim, gray blue with chocolate trim. Gay colored houses with gay colored occupants spilling out of them beside enormous boxwoods sprawling around the doorways. A cantaloupe colored front and a watermelon pink end with a dusky matron in lemon yellow standing barefoot in her doorway; a curious tiny half-house of dark red brick with glistening white trim, huge boxwood in the garden and a towering star magnolia, and the Mt. Vernon horrid little





souvenirs in a "gifte shoppe," exceedingly irritating in that particular setting-good food in the tea room, though served in costume. Incidentally, an excellent lunch room for Jeeves if you're traveling in the Rolls.

More and more boxwood in Fredericksburg; also a good hotel, the Princess Anne, and holly all along the road to Richmond, and this is where the carton comes into play -with a sharp penknife and a strong gentle hand, a very small bush may be transferred to same with plenty of earth, and shipped home from Richmond well packed in newspapers. No one seems to mind your having it. They only think you mildly insane for wanting it, but humor you. Carefully you shade and water all summer long, and it will drop all its leaves and look very sad indeed, but take heart, it will grow new ones if you tend all its little whims with patience.

Richmond at last-vastly interesting if



were ashamed, and practically rooted our way to Williamsburg where, to introduce its other glories, we met more superb Smithfield ham for dinner at the exceptionally well managed and comfortable Inn. Even if you can't get a room there, make it a point to go for meals because rolls don't come any better anywhere in the world.

Whatever you may have heard or seen about the amazing work that's been going steadily on for the past eight years, you have only heard part of the story-the enduring charm, the tranquillity of those perpendicular buildings standing so firmly on the flat earth-the extraordinar-

ily beautiful color, the solid, permanent feeling of the whole town are things you have to

see and know personally. Curiously, it is an intensely personal spot, restored Williamsburg; not in the least bit cold or museumish, from the first brick laid at the Capitol to the last sprig of holly in the maze at the Palace it's a grand job beautifully done. Get rid of any idea of a World's Fair splurge at once, or the sort of historical monuments that have huge set pieces laid on their bosoms by ardent ladies on Memorial Day. There are no histrionics, no shams, no false notes in Williamsburg. There is much to see, and to hurry

through it all in one day, as I've heard of people doing, is so palpably absurd you might as well pick up the guide books and sit down somewhere in the sunshine, read them through, and call it seeing the lot. That would save even more time.

Take three days at least-after all, it's a holiday you're having, not a race. Begin at the Capitol, "because it is the best and most commodious Pile of its kind." Fine and stately in its proportions and beautiful color, with its old British flag of the time of the original Capitol breaking out from its cupola, it is as handsome outside as in. They seem rather to hurry the groups along a little through the buildings, so keep your eyes well peeled. There is a blessedly marked absence of any shriny atmosphere, and no one minds your looking as much as you like. You don't have to peer through glass cases. There's no holier-than-thou business there, which is definitely pleasant in the informal quality they have miraculously restored to the Raleigh Tavern, where you would just like to move in and hang up your hat. It's a thousand pities that place doesn't function as a tavern. The whole of Williamsburg may be as his-

torical as Gibbon, and as accurate as calculus, but they don't cram it down your throat. It's there all right if you're taking the young on an educational tour, but for common folk on a holiday, who happen to love the early 18th century as a gracious and luxurious

period, filled with lace frills, perukes, shoe buckles, and gaming tables, Williamsburg is a garland of roses-a chine of beef, and a bottle of Madeira. Incidentally, the children would doubtless profit as much by riding out the afternoon in the gorgeous Colonial coach with two men up, as we saw four youngsters do, bowing and smiling graciously on all the passers-by, a genuine thrill.

On the theory of dessert coming last, we saved the Palace for our fi fling, and how glad we were. Some co plaints there may have been in the early di about the terrific expense of so elegant structure, but the result is certainly, in favorite phrase of that day, "neat and co modious." When the problem of rebuild the Palace was undertaken, luckily a gr deal of material was found to help solve and the most amazing coincidences occasi ally happened, resulting in a resurrection more than mere brick and marble, wood glass. Again and again the personal quality the feeling of a great house-of grandeur

gracious living of a cert period of history, a tain type of social life the strongest reaction. there is nothing to s one getting all sorts fancy ideas about de ration, color, arrangem and design from the G ernor's Palace, and us them any way that su Palace blue and mulbe are a mighty good c bination, and don't h to be confined to hor with powder rooms eit Maybe the Palace fluenced Virginia's enormously two centu

ago, but the influence has really just star Moreover, no gardener on earth could v about in Williamsburg and not just itch "do things at home." We nearly went i at the lavish display of boxwood, having wrap every twig in a tippet come Decem in Connecticut-but at least it set me h ing tippets. And the mad use of jonquils daffodils, primroses and periwinkle, not mention the flowering trees-Judas, dogwe fringe trees. It's pretty trying for Englanders to see all this, but it br out a lot of teeth-grinding determination

We had gaped and yearned over the fe at all the gardens up and down the Duk Gloucester Street before we went into [Please turn to page



## PERENNIALS for temporary places





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How often do we hear the remark, "Of course there's no use in our trying to have a garden. We only rent our home, and might have to move away from it at any time." Indeed, I myself subscribed to this theory for a long time, as the necessity of moving very two or three years seemed to leave flower growing in the realm of beautiful dreams to be realized only in that happy future when ve should own our own home.

But an inborn passion for flowers and gardening will out, no matter ow unpromising the circumstances; and I determined at length to ave a garden of some sort, even if it had to be grown in a trailer nd pulled behind the car! That necessity has not as yet arisen; ut in some five years of experimenting with growing flowers in no ess than three different gardens, I have found that even a "renter" hay, by taking a little thought and pains, have a garden that is a

elight to the eye and refreshment to the spirit. It may as well be admitted at the outset that there are certain ardening joys which the maker of a temporary garden will probbly have to forego. Not for him, perhaps, the restfulness of permaent plantings and fixtures that grow and blend more beautifully ear after year into a harmonious whole. Nor, without the home wner's legitimate excuse for investing in lasting loveliness, will he ant to spend much money or time and effort on the garden which may necessarily have to leave behind at any time.

However, when all that is said, there remains a wealth of possi-

ility in the way of flower growing and its pleasres thereof; nor, as I have found, need one onfine his efforts to the growing of quick and sy annuals, which, at first sight, seems the only lution of the problem. Annuals are indeed indisensable in providing gay masses of color in the nted garden; yet what gardener worthy of the ame does not always hanker for the more en-

Among the author's "big six" are aquilegia or columbine and Japanese anemone, illustrated above. They give great returns in beauty

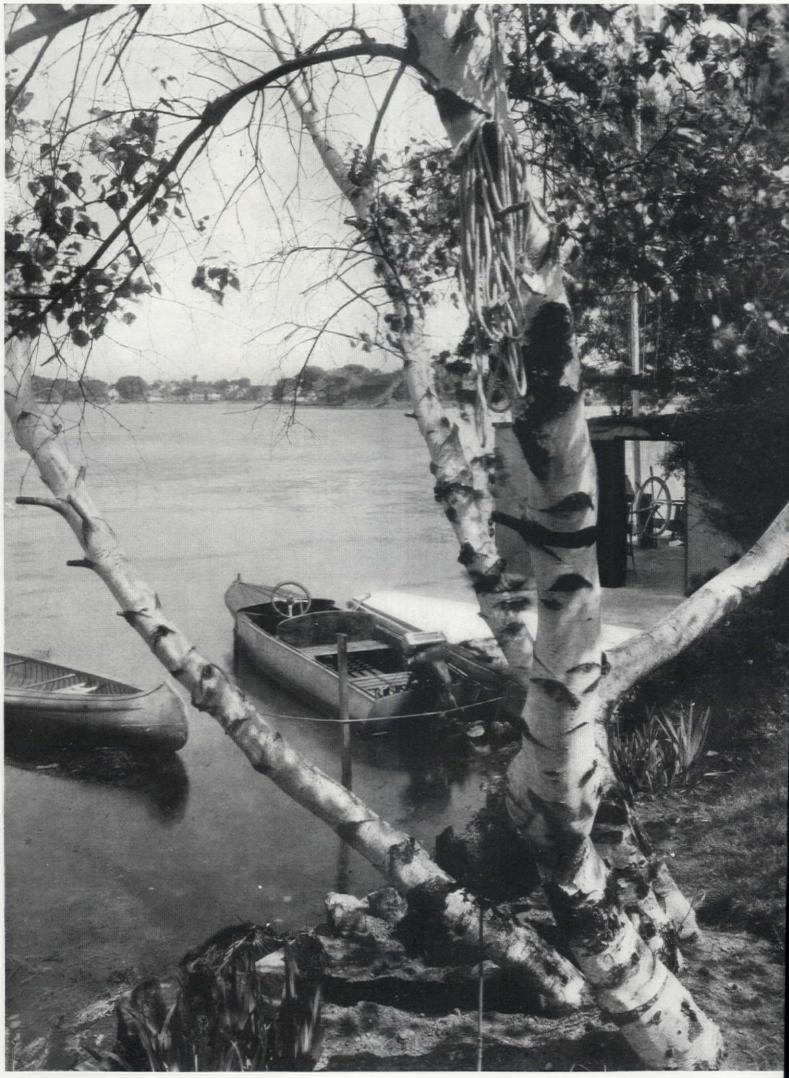
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during beauty of perennials which may be easily and quickly grown? Among them, I have found the following list well suited to the needs of the garden which is here today, but tomorrow may be, so to speak, on the other side of town: Shasta daisies (Chrysanthemum maximum); perennial phlox; pyrethrums; gaillardias; blue salvias (S. pitcheri or S. azurea); peach bells (Campanula persicifolia); perennial flax (Linum perenne); hardy pinks; geums; sweet william; coreopsis; sunflowers; canterbury bells; foxgloves, and forget-me-nots. All these are easy to grow, quickly multiplied from seed or divisions and moderate enough in their demands. But for the greatest returns in sheer beauty and delightfulness in addition to the humbler virtues just named, there are six other perennials that have proved the most happy choice in my temporary gardens. These six are polyanthus primroses; columbines (aquilegia); hybrid delphiniums; hardy asters; Anemone japonica; and pompon and button chrysanthemums. Even with no other flowers than these six, given a sufficient quantity, one may have a fine succession of color and interest from the unfurling of the first powdery primrose bud in earliest spring, until the last gold or bronze chrysanthemum sheds its lovely petals in the late fall.

The primroses, columbines, and delphiniums I raise always from seed, as I can thereby have hundreds of thrifty plants for the price of a dozen or two bought from a nursery-not to mention the extra dividenc declared in the enjoyment and interest that come only from growing one's own plants from seed to flowering. Here let me stress

the point that it pays to hay only the very finest strains of seed obtainable; the superior beauties one obtains in this way more than compensate for the small extra amount spent. It is, furthermore, true economy of time and effort to take some pains in raising the seedling plants, and to prepare very thoroughly the beds in which they are to be placed; for if the little plants enjoy a sturdy

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### MY LAKESIDE HOME



the lake side of the house a comfortable patio, completely equipwith maritime appointments, gives one a feeling of being on board This close proximity to the lake has all-year advantages: boating, ng, and bathing in summer, skating and ice-boating in the winter

#### V. WILLIAMS

E idea of this type of construction originated in the mind of the wner way back in 1903-04, when he spent two years in Southern pe and Northern Africa. At that time, although a mere boy, he particular note that the construction of the majority of the buildings e various cities in the countries which he visited was not only of a esisting material, but that there was practically no upkeep for this cular type of construction. Having made a life study of fire fighting, protection, and fire prevention, he finally decided to build a home, porating as many fire-resistive features as possible.

th the above idea in mind, he has set about testing various materials, ing booklets, pamphlets, and other literature dealing with building rials, and finally in The American Home magazine found advertises of the various materials which he desired.

ile most of these dwellings visited by the owner in foreign lands in the so-called "hot" and "warm" countries, still the thought was nant that this type of construction could be used in a northern te with simply the modern conveniences for heating, bath, etc. I to make a perfectly ideal dwelling.

e foundation consists of a twelve-inch cement wall with one wall right in the water on the shore of Lake Wenuchus, at an exact where the Indians in the olden days were known to grind their flax e lake-shore beside the lapping water.

e walls of the house are of cream-colored stucco on the outside, arious colored stucco inside. Between these coatings, there are many s of fire-resisting and fire-proof materials, namely, rock-lathe sheath-ire-resisting and insulating wool, fire-proof paper and thin coats of at. All of the ceilings are wire-lathed and cement plastered prior in finish coat of stucco. Most of the ceilings are cream colored with



George H. Davis Studie

The unique house, above, is built on a foundation of a twelveinch cement wall with one wall built right in the water on the shore of Lake Wenuchus. It incorporates as many fire-resistive features as is possible—also all modern conveniences



Boy's room, to the left, is constructed as a ship's cabin with two bunks, ship's lanterns, barometer, and ship's clock. Below, two views of the spacious interior. Note casement windows which are an important part of this sunny, cheerful home



the exception of the kitchen and bath which are in light green corresponding with the walls. All the floors were heavily insulated with ½" thick Lina-bestos, a fire-proof material, before the battleship linoleums were cemented down.

The entire architecture is along Spanish and Italian lines including the wrought-iron balconies. The master's room is seventeen feet by twenty-four feet with an open fire-place, and the living room measures the same with an open fireplace and a fountain at one end with goldfish and turtles swimming around in the fountain pool.

The boy's room is constructed as a ship's cabin with two bunks, ship's lanterns, barometer, ship's clocks, and a compass of linoleum on the floor pointing to the north. The effect of a ship's officer's cabin is brought out more vividly by the installation of curtains with maps of the world stenciled on them. The built-in bunks are three fourths enclosed, with wide drawers underneath.

Casement windows are uniquely set at different levels and are used throughout the house. All window sills are of cement, painted green on the exterior and black on the interior.

Heat is supplied by vapor steam, electric heat, and also by the two open fireplaces as previously mentioned. All of the steam radiators are concealed in the walls with openfaced grills in each. All of the electric radiators are also concealed in the baseboards and controlled by electric switches. The steam plant is operated by an Electrol fuel oil burner.

The basement is finished off in five complete rooms. They consist of a laundry, a cold storage room, an office, a magician's room, (magic tricks are a hobby of the owner's) and a theatre, large enough for an audience of twelve, which is complete in every detail including lights, switchboards, and curtains, motion picture projectors, telephones, etc.

The roof is of green asbestos tile, we Holland-type chimney pots, which create very pretty effect with the cream stu

In the basement are installed two autom fire alarm systems. One of them is the C rison Fire Detecting unit and is installed around the heating apparatus. The sou ing gong is at entrance to master's cham



began to intrigue my husband and me—so he boldly his business and also our rather large home in a reted part of town. We stored our furniture, took a ten ks' motor trip through Canada and around the Gaspé insula—and came back home to hunt for a location the aforementioned "simple life."

The wanted to be out of town and yet near it; we ted space; we wanted woods; we wanted to be on a we wanted a view; we wanted at least to see running er; we wanted oh! so many things that Nature alone d provide for our delight.

or six months we traveled the suburbs, driving and king, and finally we found our location just fifteen

utes' drive from the business section of our town of 60,000 people, yet as secluded and wild as though many miles away. We ferreted the owner and in a week's time it was ours, for an exceedingly price, because there was absolutely no conventional building site, pot which did not seem too sloping for the purpose of anchoring use, and because there was simply no way to get into it, had there one. These facts made it all the more alluring to us.

lere were two and a half acres and on them seemed to be everywe had been looking for, plus a northern hillside covered with lenhair and other ferns, anemones, hypaticas, blood-root, wild r, wild phlox, many kinds of violets, and even Jack-in-the-pulpits th other slopes covered in the fall with goldenrod, asters, etc., and fourteen different kinds of trees to give us friendly shade.

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A kindly friend, manufacturer of snow plows and road builders, sent out a "bull dozer" which took out giant bites of earth from the hillside and deposited them on the side of the valley, and in a day we had a driveway, clay to be sure, for a short time, but soon covered with cinders and crushed rock.

We are all in favor of architectural service, but since I had had a short course in architecture and had helped in the planning of a number of houses, and since our whole adventure was an experiment and therefore must be done as economically as possible, I went to work to make the plans myself. We felt that in our particular case the planning and building was really a large part of the fun.

The only possible location for the house was on a ridge, sloping down to the creek, with a deep ravine on each side; the only possible



Flagstone steps lead down the hillside to the south to a shaded flagstone terrace, sixteen by sixteen feet, with a fireplace at one corner where much outdoor eating and loafing are done in good weather for, all around, large native trees give cool and welcoming shade

location for a driveway was along one s of a ravine and from the southeast. T fact located the garage, which was to connected with the house. Our views Indian Creek are toward the west northwest; therefore our living roomporches must be on that side of the hou Those facts were decided for us.

Except for a basement, we wanted all-on-one-floor house, since in this exp ment we were to do without a full-t maid. We wanted a good sized living ro exposed on three sides so that we co easily get the views into the woods over the creek, see the distant subur houses, which twinkle with lights at ni and also be able to look into the far tance, where the sunsets are often gorge

We wanted three bedrooms, small as t might be; we wanted a large dressing bathroom; we wanted a small Pulls car-like kitchen; we wanted many clos we wanted a screened porch; we wan an uncovered porch; we would do with a separate dining room. The result of planning is shown in the accompany sketch of the i...or plan.

We found a fine carpenter, who k how to do everything connected with he building. He, with his brother and husband, who modestly proclaimed l self the equal of half a man in the bu ing game, did everything about the h except the excavation of the basement, well drilling, the plumbing, and the trical work. In five months' time moved into the house. We have many veniences-oil burning furnace, sani system, automatic electric pump, ele water heater, electric cooking stove, tricity for lighting and refrigeration, of course, a telephone.

The garage and back of the house



## Summer Retreat

that was once two-room peasant cottage

NA DEU PREE NELSON

Roentgen on a high, rocky point in the kills, is an attractive peasant house in the her of the Swiss chalet. When the five acres two rooms with lean-to were purchased, it to be a rough retreat for a few weeks durche summer after a busy metropolitan exce. On a strip of flat table land which cuts the mountain, the little house of two rooms ed impudently over tops of the finest laurel th on the hill. From that point there was a nificent view such as one rarely sees—it ended a suitable house!

or reach the spot one has to climb a steep of one hundred steps, cut out between dull-d laurel growth and evergreens. But at the there is the reward of miles of valley, kan reservoir far away, and a repeating ssion of hills folding back into the infinity ue. Here the patient cedar and pine have a lar remoteness; even the birds that wheel e clean air, move with slow solemnity and tain timelessness, while below in the village boasts neither railroad nor street cars the es lie quiescent, and a white-pointed church le seems to promise rest. With that view had plenty of inspiration.

a beginning there was added a studio room ty-two feet wide by twenty-six feet in h. Outer walls were unfinished timbers, ed lightly a red brown. Gray-green shingles bestos and cement give a weathered appeare to the sloping, peaked roof. Inside, the is two heights: the first fifteen feet from to ceiling is finished like the walls of the with boards from four to ten inches wide. Tall thick peeled maple trunks, stained and shed, support this end of the roof. The end of the studio is twenty-one feet from to peak of roof. A balcony eight feet above oor level and twelve feet deep, extends into both end of the room, supported by a handbeam a foot in diameter and by small tree trunks.

ainst the east wall is the fireplace of gray s held together with plaster, with chimney into the room. Hanging from a peg in the ney is a harness of sleigh bells; brass and cups are arranged on the rocky shelf that s as a mantelpiece.

s as a mantelpiece.
e studio floor is of two-inch pineboards, ed and oiled. In the north wall there is an foot window of forty-eight panes; just a re sliding windows of clear glass. Frames e windows are painted black and hangings

he large beam that supports the balis carved: "Strength lies so close to that I would silenced be of all words hose that come from the heart of me"







are of pale yellow cotton, hung from be rings. A bench below the windows is orated with cushions in vermilion red shades of yellow; there are shelves built the wall at the top of the bench for bri pieces of pottery. Adjoining this window Dutch door leading to an outer terr Sleigh bells serve as a door knocker; a lantern with lights of purple, red, and yel hangs outside the door which is painted diagonal stripes of vermilion, green black. Inside the studio, on the opposite of the door, is another row of windows the top of the wall; below, hangs a hands old clock with a reassuring steady tick the small niche between this wall and fireplace, where stands the radio on a venient table, is a square window lool onto the front terrace with a view of valley. To the south of the fireplace t are three additional windows about inches in height hung with rich purple fall and below the windows is a settee, one those old-fashioned spool benches, now holstered and comfortable with cushi Across the room to the west near the kite door, are two more windows, covered soft yellow fabric: these look onto the l rear stone terrace.

The skill with which color has been in duced into this room and throughout entire house is largely responsible for charm. Against the south wall and abut on the west windows is an open cupbe with covered lower shelves for china. exposed end pieces of the upper part of cupboard are shaped into graceful cur This piece has been painted as one pain canvas, not flat and uninteresting, bu lovely pale blue and soft greens with a gestion of yellow. Similar treatment has used in painting the drawers built into space under the staircase to the bald ordinarily occupied by a closet.

On the shelves of the open cupboard pieces of old pewter, candlesticks, cold German and Swiss cups and plates; old erware, flower decorated bottles, porc coffee urns. Copper pudding pans and of old pewter spoons are on the wall near Brass branch candlesticks decorate an chest, above which hangs a nice mirror orated with roses. Hanging from the ce by stout chains is a hand-wrought co chandelier made by Mrs. Roentgen; a c copper cups for candles have charming rims. Two iron wagon wheel rims were as the foundation for this fixture.

All furnishings of this room and thro out the house are early American and picked up at odd times from near-by tions: Boston rockers, finely made drop tables, Hitchcock and pine chairs, spool and benches, chests, and desks.

Once a loom for weaving held chief in the balcony, but long ago it was rem and now the spacious upper open room its smoothly waxed floor, old tables, and fortable chairs is a place where one gaze happily through windows in the slo roof and spin daydreams. At one side of balcony is closet space with doors of milion, framed with black scallops. Are a simple wall candlestick at the top of stairs the outline of a sconce has been pa in vermilion. There is no handrail for lower steps of the staircase, but the bar a wooden bench has been cleverly constru to serve as a handrail for the upper step Leading directly from the balcony i

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## Something new on the shore



#### JOHN J. KLABER

TO FIND a modern building that has character without affectation is a r To find a modern building that has character without alrectable precipitiege. So much that one sees is forced and distorted to fit some precipities. ceived idea of style that this little seaside cottage is particularly welcome. It can be labeled with the name of any particular style or period-not even modernistic but it grows naturally from its program and its location.

Simplicity and gaiety are the characteristics one would wish for in a shore cotta Used only for a few months in summer, and exposed to the corroding effects salt air, no elaborate finish is called for. What is needed is the most direct possi means of obtaining the necessary accommodation, as inexpensively as one can.

The plan of the house is very ingenious. A garage and a shower room laundry are on the ground level, on the entrance side. Half a story below, on water side of the house, is a cellar with a heating plant and storage space; hal flight up is the living room, with a dining alcove and a kitchen. Another hal flight up are two bedrooms and a bath, while a third bedroom and an open deck are a half story higher. As a result, the living room is not too far above water, and the bedrooms are in close conjunction with it. One has almost the feel that all the rooms in the house are on the same level, though of course on narrow plot-only forty feet wide-this would have been impossible.

In so simple a building, it would have been easy to produce a mere square b Nothing of the kind has happened. In addition to the interest given by the ferences of level, the large semicircular bay of the living room and the round of the corner diagonally opposite produce a combination of curved and flat surfafrom which all monotony is absent, while harmony is attained by keeping all main lines vertical and horizontal, and by keeping the same white in both stu and clapboards, the latter being used for two sides of the uppermost story. brick chimney is also painted white, a nautical touch being added by the treatm of the chimney pot to resemble a steamer's funnel.

A few other marine suggestions may be noted: the life buoys on the upper de the circular windows, resembling portholes, on the lower floor; and the use of mo boat lights as electric fixtures. The porch rails have a slight air of the sea, tho their actual material is only the usual iron flats and pipes. It is the caref planned spacing of these elements that manages to do the trick so cleve

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## From porker's apartment to country retreat

RT D. LYNN

ETTING a beautiful home out of a pigsty and smithy sounds as impossible as making the proverbial purse out of the sow's ear. Mr. and Mrs. James C. Gruener have done just that in their ming summer and fall dwelling at Chardon, Ohio.

e building was originally a story and a half house. It was taken y a blacksmith and used by him for many years as both smithy pigsty. Upon the recent death of the old smith, the Grueners ht land and building for next to nothing.

ter a tedious cleaning-up process, the Grueners began their reling. The lumber used was largely the original timber with yed ends sawed off. With the aid of a country carpenter (who ted sawing!) the floor boards from the old second floor were up and laid on the new ground floor.

w California red cedar siding was laid on and painted white he Grueners. The siding showing on the inside is stained, and varm brown resulting contrasts delightfully with the warm gray he old 10 x 10 timbers used for the inside trim. Shingles of alt and gravel were put on the roof.

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w windows and doors were put in. The front door came from ar-by house being wrecked, while the windows were a gift of ds. Water and power were then run down from the farmhouse by to provide for modern conveniences.

e smithy part of the building is used for living quarters, while igsty itself in the wing is now an extra room to accommodate



With new red cedar siding, shingle roof, fresh paint, and complete refurbishing inside, the combination smithy and pigsty was transformed into a comfortable little vacation retreat guests. The two form an L, making at the side a neat little patio. The floor of this was paved with stone, while saplings running lengthwise around it provide an intimate seclusion. The double doors to the patio are spindled and have storm panels that fit in between. In the middle of the patio wall, waterlilies float in the old trough of the pigs.

In the former pigpen the ceiling is of plain roof board with the shingles showing through the cracks. The boards are whitewashed bein turn connected with a winch. This arrangement makes it quite simple to raise the entire bed up to the ceiling when not in use, making room for other things! Built-in cupboards in the room are decorated in an unusual fashion. They are painted with the figures of ancient Mayan warriors, copied from those on an old temple.

The remainder of the interior decorating was the work of Mrs. Gruener. She painted all the furniture herself. The table in the

The sink and the long dining table in kitchen are the handiwork of Mr. Gruer An old refrigerator, painted the predomin ing antiqued tile blue color of the bricks quite as striking as the bright blue ename chairs trimmed in red. Harmoniously colo pottery and copper pans add further inter

One of the many reasons for Mrs. Gruen love for this place is because, as she says, a perfect cinch to keep clean. A perfunct once-a-week going over does the trick.'



Carl F. Waite

An old cobbler's bench, grilled doors, a barrow wheel light fixture, Indian blankets, and gay plaid curtains a distinctive and comfortable atmosphere to the living room. A final touch is added by a huge buffald

tween the natural colored rafters. The oldfashioned pig doors have been retained, with Mexican tiles laid in the cemented floor between the doors.

The chimney and fireplace were built by a mason according to Mr. Gruener's own design. Mr. Gruener himself built the kitchen sink after a model he found in an eleventh century drawing. He constructed the kitchen table, shelves and the living room couch,

which is used also for a guest bed.

In the old pigpen, Mr. Gruener built a bed that is unique, to say the least. This bed is mounted on four posts. Pulleys on each post are hooked to a wire-stretcher which is

living room is her only ancestral possessionher grandmother's laundry table!

The Indian blankets and Mexican woven serapes, which serve a decorative purpose on the walls, have a very practical function for cool evenings in the country.

Pottery and all the glassware are Mexican, also. The robe on the living room floor is a buffalo skin. The lighting fixture here is the wheel from a barrow made by the old blacksmith. The blacksmith's bellows has been put to a very modern use. It is attached to a pipe run under the grate in the fireplace so that it is absurdly easy to blow up quickly a hot charcoal fire over which to broil steaks!

In the rear wall, grilled doors open of tiny garden where the old pig trough, rounded by appropriate flowers, is the co of interest.

It is estimated that the entire outla this summer house, excluding the furnish was about \$750, a small sum for the re-

The dwelling serves as a cozy hideaway week ends from early spring until the heavy snows. Each summer brings new for improvement and this summer the include the painting of a mural on a wa the porch, depicting everything that oc Each momentous event of the summer thus be shown in its own individual

## 4 California beach houses-no bigger than a pint!



DONALD BEACH KIRBY, ARCHITECT

W. P. Woodcock

I. Home of Mr. and Mrs. Grainger Hyer, Balboa Island, California

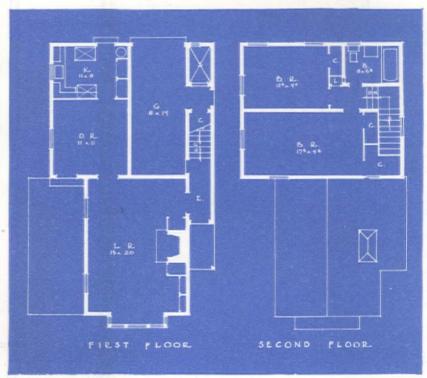
#### THEL McCALL HEAD

This small beach house may be no bigger than a pint—but there are pints and pints! In this case, the architect has buched the plan of this cottage with a magic wand to make it generous pint and a house with lots of room for its area. For there is a living room, dining room, kitchen, one-car garage and bather's shower on the first floor, with two bedrooms and a bath in the second floor—all this at the modest cost of \$2600 in 1934! The owner's desire was for a house which would have an air extreme simplicity without looking like a cracker box that the rest good gale blowing from the sea would send flying to the dies. This is a fine example of how a small house can be well will with a pleasant feeling of solidity by the direct method of andling all materials in the most simple way and creating a usky sense of scale throughout.

The upper part of the house is of shingles laid double butts

The upper part of the house is of shingles laid double butts ith wide spacing to weather, while the lower section of the build-g is of vertical redwood boards and bats. The shingles were lowed to weather, so that charming feeling of wind-swept sea mber is expressed—to say nothing of a saving in expense. The ellow, soft grayish red of the shingles is an interesting contrast the light cream color of the lower part of the house.

As to plan, the most direct handling has been achieved with eat efficiency. Few beach houses have a separate entrance, which greatly to be preferred to the more common method of entering ght into the living room. This entrance hall also is the stair hall hich offers further privacy. A spacious living room with a bay indow to catch every mood of the sun and sea, and a fireplace

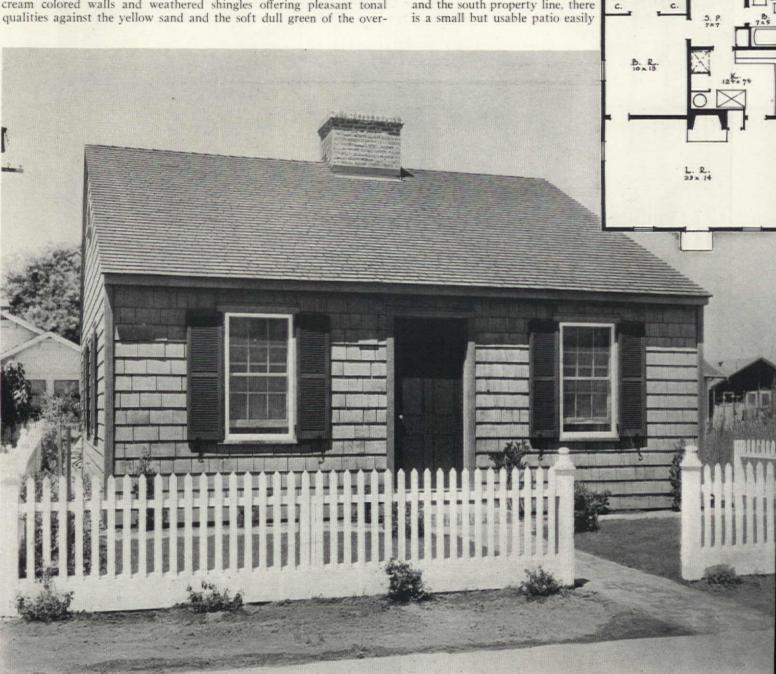


for those cool evenings of California, opens out upon a roofed porch with brick flooring. On a very narrow beach lot it takes skillful planning to offer an outdoor living room easily accessible from both living and dining rooms. It is these small touches that make this pint-sized house seem so roomy and so comfortable.

The front garden is of sand with brick paths to give it a more proper landscaping; and what could be more intriguing than bringing the seashore right up to your house, even though the sea itself may be a couple of blocks away? Here, after a morning swim while one waits for luncheon on the cool little shaded porch, one may enjoy those delicious moments of laziness which only the sun and sand can give but with the advantage of having it right at home! For children, too, this treatment of the front of a beach house is very effective, for the confines of the sandpile are gay little white pickets marching around a more spacious area than the restricted city back yard sandbox, with which so many children have to be satisfied.

A pint-sized house with at least a gallon full of space, with its soft cream colored walls and weathered shingles offering pleasant tonal II. Home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T Langjahr, Balboa Island, Calif.

(call it porch, patio, loggia or garden) which joins the exterior and the interior in that harmony without which graceful and happy living seems well nigh impossible. Between the house, the garage, and the south property line, there



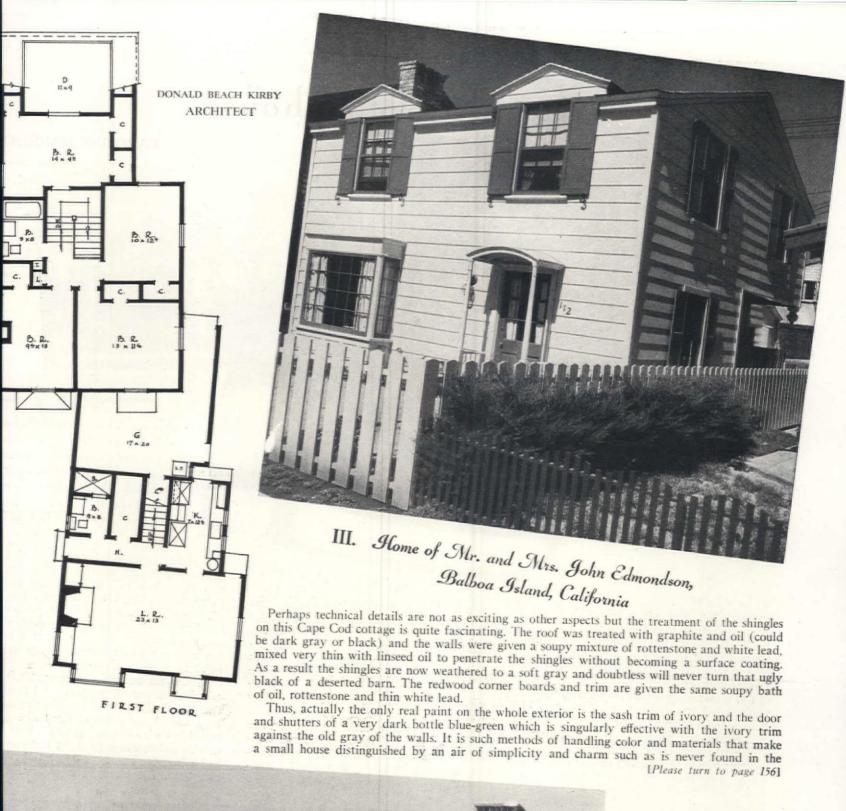
hanging eucalyptus trees-this is what has been so effectively and satisfactorily accomplished in the Hyer home at Balboa Island.

Home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Langjahr

A NOTHER pint-sized house for a family of two who wished to occupy their cottage throughout the year. And when one has a lot which has a frontage of a mere 30 feet, though a more ample depth of 85 feet, it takes some ingenuity to decide how to plan a house for comfort without feeling as if it were the abode of a family of dolls. A glance at the plan shows what is most important to any beach house, country house or for that matter city house—there has been provided an area accessible from the kitchen, used for outdoor dining and recreati

By putting the little house quite close to the street, this rear sect has been saved for more secluded living, for a spot to sun bathe w one is tired of the beach itself, for supper under the stars, for a li gardening which even life at the seashore does not have to omit.

The Cape Cod tradition has been followed quite accurately—shir walls and roof with a chubby chimney of natural used brick (repea as well for the interior fireplace). The flush panel door is authentic the whole house carries a suggestion of having been bodily transpo from the side of a little bay on Cape Cod to the Pacific seashore w out having lost any of its original appeal in the new environm





## From barn to house



or many years we, a minister's family, Phad dreamed of a home of our own, and for several years we had looked for something suitable to the proverbial small purse of the cloth. We felt a tragic insecurity in moving from one parish to another, no home of our own, no improvements we might make lasting. We had collected vast numbers of friends and a tolerant attitude toward people and places, but missed a settled belonging. And parsonages are often hideous in architecture: brown paint, seven doors in a dining room, one bathroom to accommodate a family of six and their guests. But at long last, we found a barn, tore it down, and built a house from the barn timbers.

Harness pegs, manger rails,

and a gilt weathervane proved of very great decorative value

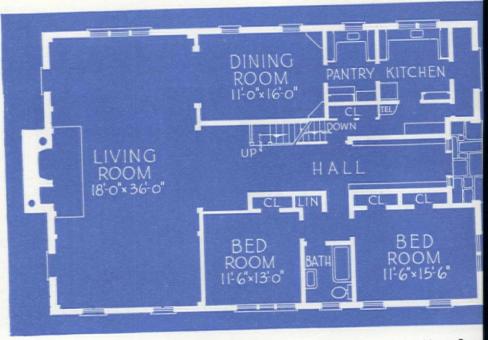
It was a large (58' by 38') comfortable, dressy barn, built in 1862, and equipped with ample horse stalls, carriage rooms, and hay loft. An ell that jutted from it was originally the first schoolhouse of the town, and had been moved from its New England common by the sentimental owner of the barn. It was distinguished by gray, oak, hand-hewn beams. More interesting still, Thoreau once taught the three R's in the schoolhouse-ell. The setting of the barn attracted us first, for it was placed back from the street at the end of a long avenue of tall maples, with a large pine, a wide spreading elm, and fullgrown maples near it. There would be no difficulty here in making a new house look sheltered and established. The view of meadows and trees beyond the barn furnished the country which, combined with good commuting service to Boston, we demanded of a home-site.

The foundations of the barn were solid and usable except for a little pointing up. The abundance of timber supplied all that was necessary for the house except for new flooring in four bedrooms. The barn already was furnished with electricity and water. Besides the fundamental timbers for the house, our acquisition proved rich in original and attractive bits of decorative value such as harness pegs, manger rails, and-our pride and joy-the prancing gilt steed atop the barn, now a proud weathervane doing duty on one end of the house.

The good fortune of finding a desirable site and all the required building material combined, was supplemented by the all-important advantage of having an uncle, Mr. Lincoln Potter of Chevy Chase, Maryland, who Above: A back view of the ho showing garage entrance, b ment, and chimney of livingro The two kitchen windows, at overlook a beautiful woody s and make this a very plea and sunny room in which to

is a genius at such a proposition, and was our architect, contractor, builder, also supervisor of all operations suc painting and electrical installation. The ing and plumbing were the only parts of building let out to contractors. One s and excellent carpenter came from Was ton with my uncle; the other help was labor from around the town.

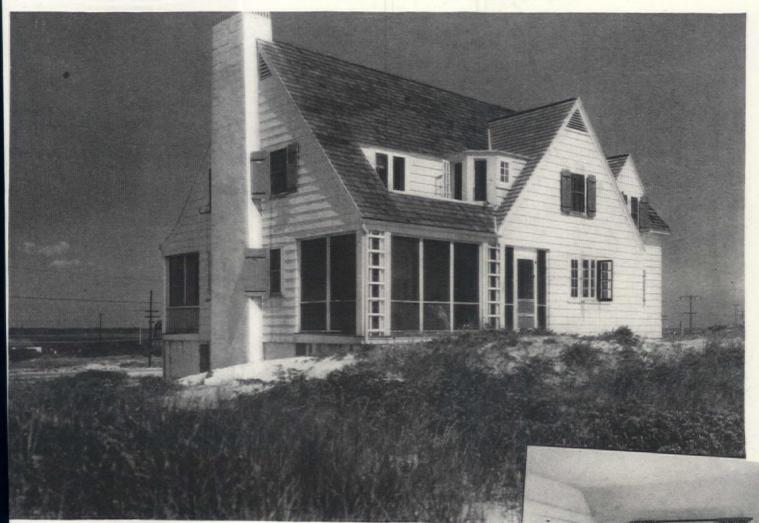
Besides saving in labor costs, Uncle coln hunted shrewd bargains. All the doors in the house were set in a day be they were bought second hand alread closed in their casings. The brick, used outside finish, came from an old car and this saving enabled the girls to have own bath. The beautiful color of this







## Home for the summer



Home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Littledale at Mantaloking, N. J.

view above shows the ocean side of use which is situated on a narrow strip and between the Atlantic Ocean and gat Bay—one of few which has riparian under an old grant. This prohibits instruction of a board walk and the beach by the public.

stipulations were made to the archi-

Mr. Seymour Williams: hat house be built in a t line parallel with the and the bay to insure um view of each; second, the sand dune must be retained. Builders usually tear down and level off a dune, but these owners wished to retain the dune not only because of its interesting and irregular contour but because it also forms a natural protection for the house from the elements.

One big problem was to keep the house from being too high on the bay side in order



In the bedroom shown above, blue and red are effectively combined as a gay color scheme against a chalk white background. Furniture, with the exception of one chair, is enameled blue. Curtains and bedspreads are in red. Note the delightful view out of the French doors

Richard Averill Smith

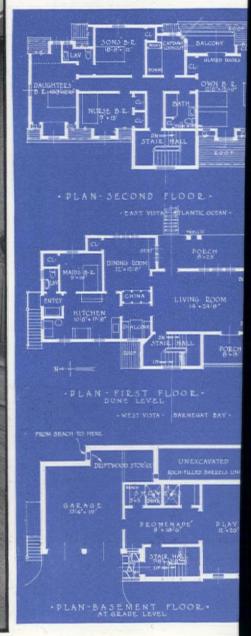
HELEN SPRACKLING

I black chintz curtains, orange plates on the re chief color accents in ng room with its chalk Ils and sand-colored rug

green upholstery on the

furniture, the magnolia







to obtain the necessary height on the side. This accounts for irregularities line. The entrance is from the bay side is basement level. Living rooms are above which is dune level, thus comma full view of ocean.

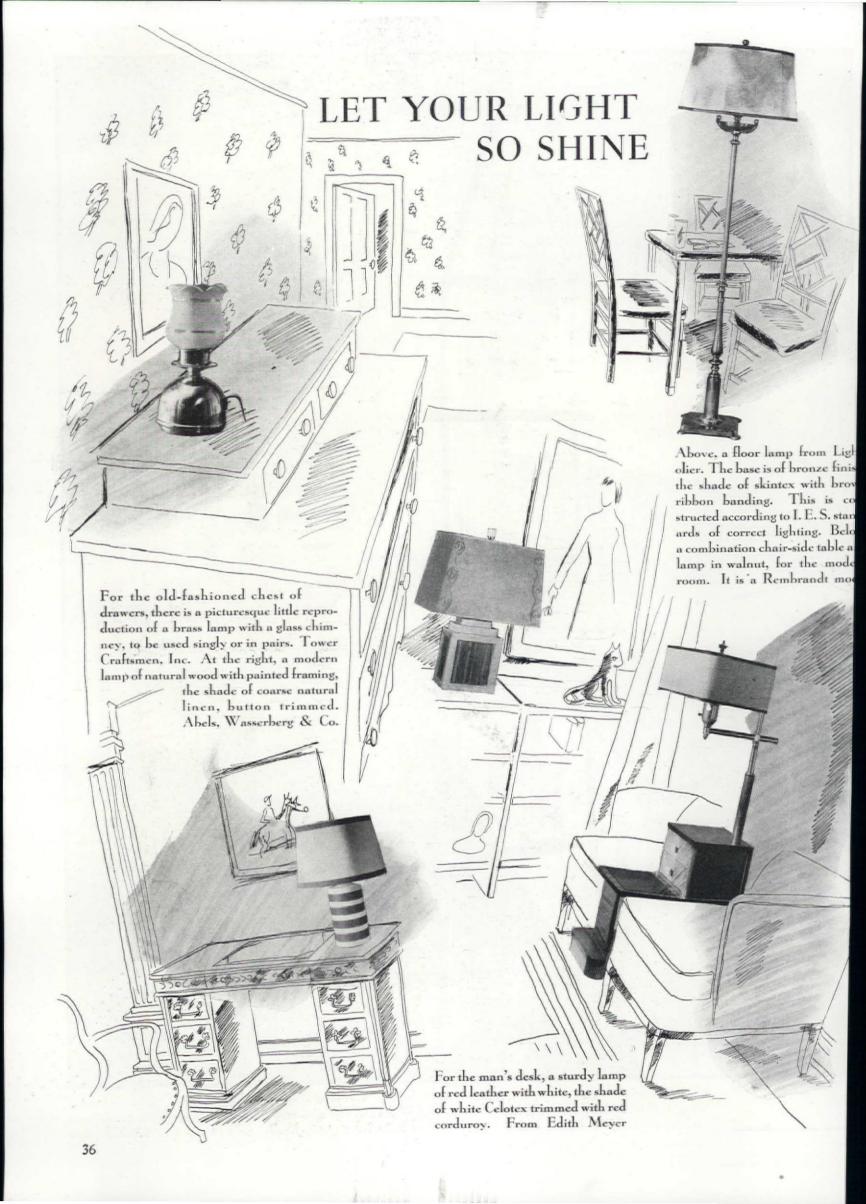
The entire house is furnished for tasteful summer living. The budget was but, because Mrs. Littledale is a woman and because she felt that an could make a limited budget go farth an untrained person, she placed it in of a decorator, John Morrison Curtis mit, N. J. Throughout the entire hous impressed with its charm, not achieved great expense but through the right use and materials. Old furniture repain unified with color, unfinished furniture at home, simple materials from the dre counter, and ingenious touches are cl istic throughout every room.

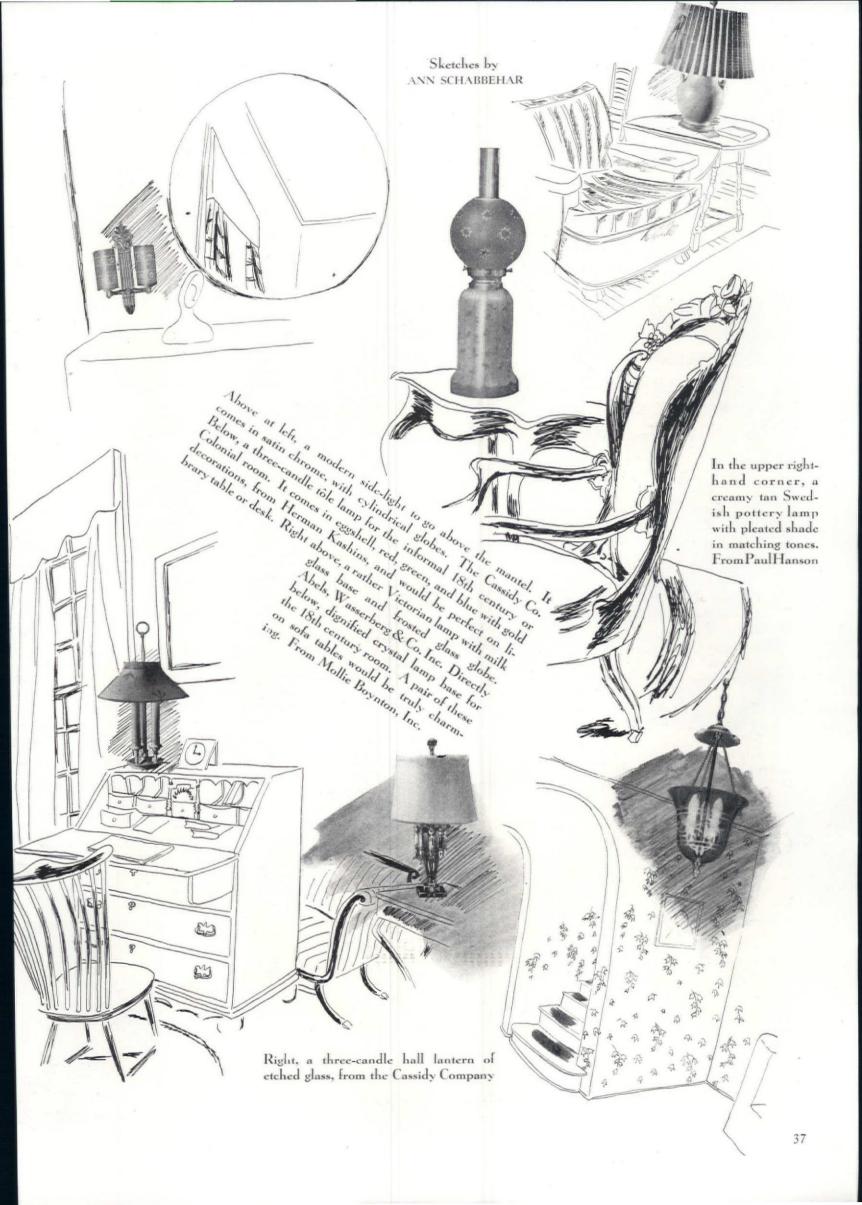
Walls and trim of the living room.

throughout most of the house-chal For the window treatment black glaze patterned with white magnolia blo used. A touch of yellow in heart of ear and the green of foliage gives the cu rest of the room's color. Major furnitu piece bamboo set painted white, ar



Children's room (for two young Littledales aged 11 and 13). Bunks are built in and are full size. A ship's ladder, found by Mr. Littledale at a ship's chandlery, adds to the fun and charm of the room. Spreads are blue cotton broadcloth to which large cablecord has been sewed. Chair, painted red; chest of drawers, painted white







D. consolida, which used to be cultivated ex-

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J. Horace McFarland Co.

tensively in Europe, also runs wild there as well as in the United States. It may be found in the

company of the tall larkspur (D. exaltatum) in

dwarf; the Caucasian is rather a freak in this

respect, rarely exceeding six inches, while the

musk larkspur, which came from Tibet, shoots

up to eighteen inches. All three bloom normally



stratum" connotes), it creates a distinctive effect in the foreground of the

odendron border, or as a part of any evergreen planting.



(Polystichum acrostichoides). It is glossy sheen of the goldthread and t checkerberry, and the contrasting s faces of Polystichum along with mottled foliage of the variegated pips sewa and the rattlesnake plantain th provide the delicate highlights shadows in the densest woodland are Observation of natural plant assoc tions not only serves to make us me conscious of desirable groupings, helps us to assemble true replicas Nature's garden where highlights an inevitable part of almost every vis however shady.

Emerson described the rhode (Rhododendron canadense) as "spreing its leafless blooms in a dark no and said the magenta petals (which called purple) "made the black wa with their beauty gay." Anyone v early spring can well understand En son's ecstatic praise of this delight treasure. Plant clumps of rhodora your woodland garden or in some sha corner, and experience something the feeling which prompted the sage Concord to write:

"Rhodora! if the sages ask thee why This charm is wasted on the earth

Tell them, dear, that if eyes were n for seeing, Then Beauty is its own excuse for being

The February daphne (D. mezerer

is another source of brightness for shady garden in early spring. Its lea form, studded with small, single, I purple flowers which give forth delicious fragrance is a most distinct feature in the spring landscape. Plan

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#### WHAT SORT OF HOUSE GUEST ARE YOU?

ONSIDERATION for a hostess in a servantless home begins the moment Consideration for a nostess in a servances notice an invitation is accepted. If, as is usually the case, the invitation is for a definite time, accept for that time or not at all. Leave it to her to suggest a change in time if you can not go at the time she mentions. If, on the other hand, the invitation is to "come any day you can," make up your mind definitely when that day will be, name it promptly, and arrive when you said you would. Automobile travel has tended to make us casual about our comings and goings, and it is much too easy to send a wire announcing changed plans to an expectant and good-natured hostess.

If you are arriving by train on the day that she suggests, search the time tables for a train that will arrive at a convenient hour. If possible, avoid making it necessary to delay a meal for you. Especially, don't make your host rise with the dawn or stay up till midnight to meet you. And, having named the train you will be on, be on it.

In the first place, adapt yourself to the house, not adopt the house. For adopting implies "taking possession of," and what is more distasteful than a guest who breezes in and takes possession? The

DE LANE HEATH elegantly puts it, "Find where your hostess'

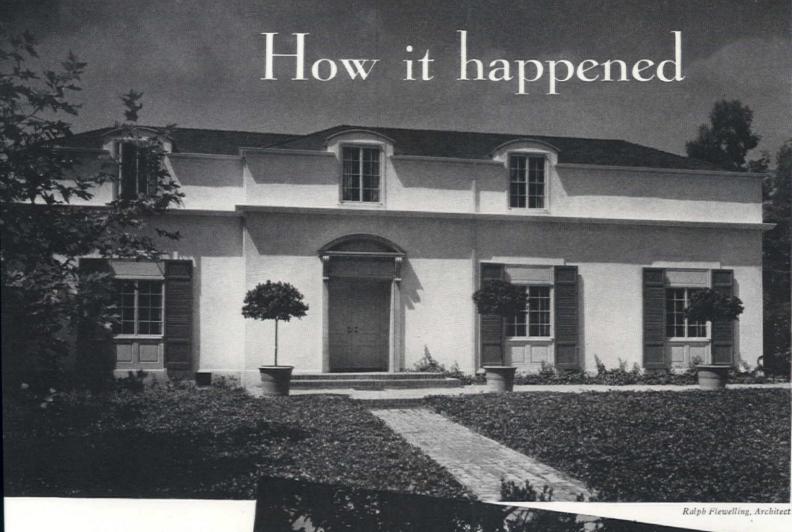
process of adapting includes a bit of unobtrusive observing. As one husband pet corns are and avoid stepping on them. To be sure," he lam with some hostesses you are up in the air most of the time."

In the second place, make a point of eliminating yourself from scene for certain periods every day. Having anyone "around ta all the time" is a real ordeal for a woman who is used to wor alone. So if you can't be helpful, at least be absent. Read, go to room, take a walk, gossip with the neighbors, in some way out from under foot.

Do this if you can not be helpful. But often you can lighter work if you are watchful. See things to do and do them with fewest possible questions. When you offer to help, accept any assi task cheerfully and if a method of performing it is suggested, that way. Don't try to convert your hostess to your own sup methods. She hasn't time just now to be converted and besides difficult to be a missionary field and a perfect hostess at the time. Further, if you begin a task, finish it. Don't agree to polis silver and leave half of the forks untouched while you dash of something more interesting.

Be a tidy guest. You may be given the freedom of the hous that same privilege is not necessarily accorded to all your belong Since you have a room, keep your things in it. When you con

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It was Los Angeles and we were esh recruits from the rain and grime the Windy City. The sun and flowers ade us want to own the garden we orried about, and patch our own of, not the landlord's. With that in ind, the hunt was on. But poor fools e... when we started wanting, we anted the moon—and all for the price a small-sized shooting star.

Our hope was a house that went ound a patio, on a lot big enough so at there could still be garden space all four sides of the building. We o wanted to be not too far from a opping center of some sort, and we finitely had to be close to a good tool. But we also had a price. When added the price of that kind of lot that kind of house, the whole thing med hopeless . . . we had the price the star and wanted the moon-and at to do? So we looked at new uses, all built to tempt the buyer, t no appeal. Then we hunted for ones that could be worked on, and ind a small but sturdy bungalow t went around a patio. One look, we nearly jumped out of our skin h excitement. It wasn't the right , and its period, I'm afraid, simply asn't," but it was the right shape. It nt around! And there was a peach e, and a grapfruit tree, and an nge, and a lemon. We were so exhe results from start to finish you

see in these pictures. The wings



that enclose the patio were redecorated on the inside and had an oversized sunshade that passed as a roof edging removed from the exterior; then a coat of paint. These two wings remain as a bungalow, with the tempting thought always in the background of additions that might be made at a future date.

The front, which in the old house consisted only of a living

Story by JANE ULLMAN

Photographs by F. R. DAPPRICH

room, a very small den, and a side porch, is entirely new, inside and out. From the old house we salvaged on the south wing, a bedroom and bath, the kitchen, the laundry, and the wall space for the butler's pantry which came from half of the original dining room. The north wing gave us two bedrooms and a full bath, which were redecorated into a knotty pine den and a burlap walled studio with three exposures, and a powder room. The studio and powder room is also our guest suite.

The den is natural finished knotty pine, with a blue floor, blinds, and couch, and a yellow and rose chintz arm chair. The cigarette and flower accessories are early American pressed glass pieces in that divine cerulean blue. The studio as well as the den opens onto the patio, and the butler's pantry patio entrance makes fre-



quent eating out of doors no problem at all.

The patio is the same as the original, only it has been bricked in with ample steps leading to the main garden. A Brazilian pepper tree is planted in the middle, and the potted plants are all kinds and varities of geraniums which are such glorious growers here—including doubles, singles, and pelargoniums.

The living room has a Chinese Chippendale wallpaper in pale cream and bluegreen. The rug reflects the marble in the mantelpiece in palest rust. The couch and fireside chair are in the green, and other pieces are covered in a yellow block linen with a pattern that suggests the color of



I white, fringed with white.

e rug repeats the white but
ds to the provincial feeling
that it is made of rope. The
g chair is blue and the firechair repeats the diamond
tern in yellow, blue, and a
e peach. This peach is also
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nd so we acquired our home [Please turn to page 64]



### Garden riches from the Rockie

T. H. EVERETT

Notes of the seed-collecting expedition sent out last summer by the New Yo Botanical Garden. . . Views shown are: the lofty, rocky habitat of Silene acau the seed hunters at work in a temporary camp; subalpine meadows on Medic Bow Mountain; the sort of rock garden, east or west, for which the trip was plant

During the present century the four corners of the earth have been searched for plants to furnish our rock gardens. Expeditions have been sent to the far-off Himalayas and distant Tibet, to the Caucasus and to the Andes of South America, to Tasmania, Anatolia, and China, all with the object of seeking out

rare and choice alpines and other plants of prospective interest and value to the ever increasing number of rock garden enthusiasts.

Strange to relate, through all these years the vast wealth of native North American plants adapted for this purpose has been sadly neglected, and this is particularly true of the alpines . . . those hardy species which grow above timberline, in the leanest of soils, and under the most trying climatic conditions. True, it is now possible to obtain from dealers a fairly representative selection of our worthwhile Eastern species, and a keener appreciation of their worth as garden plants is evident: but the alpine flora of North America is but poorly represented in the East, and such species as do occur belong for the most part to a circumboreal group of plants which are also found in Northern Europe and Northern Asia. It is to the West we must turn to find the finest development of alpine plants on the North American continent, and at present the commercial sources of supply of such plants are limited to two or three dealers who offer rather scant selections of those species which are fairly accessible within an easy automobile ride of their own homes.

It was with the object of introducing to gardens some of the lesser-known mountain treasures that The New York Botanical Garden last year sponsored an expedition to the Rocky Mountains. Accordingly, on July 10th, together with two companions, I left New York for the West. We traveled in a light truck and carried with us full camping equipment as well as supplies for making botanical specimens, collecting seed, etc. Living plants we did not intend to collect, as experience has abundantly proved the superior value of sturdy plants raised in the garden from seed over plants torn up from their mountain homes, transported thousands of miles, and then transplanted to the alien soil of even the most carefully constructed rock garden.

The territory we were to explore extends from central Colorado north through Wyoming and Montana to the international line.

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We sought, in addition to true alpine plother dwarf species from lower eleval which might properly be accorded a plast rock gardens. For some months prior to start of the expedition, preparatory work been undertaken in the herbarium and lift of The New York Botanical Garden to termine and list, as far as possible, species of possible value for our purpose

species of possible value for our purpose. We headed directly for Laramie, Wing, and some few items were collected that vicinity including Pentstemon exilify which makes neat, tight tufts of very naleaves an inch or two high, above which slender stems bearing white flowers, dwarf, blue-flowered Scutellaria britton also collected thereabouts.

To the west of Laramie, Medicine Peak rises to a height of more than feet and our ascent of this mountain br us above timberline for the first time. C higher slopes snow lay in generous pe and drifts, and so closely does spring the receding snow line that in many pla possible to touch snow with one hand and alpine lants covered with brilliantly hued flowers with he other. The growing season of these high mounain plants is extremely short and into a few brief teeks must be crowded, spring, summer, and the all ripening of seed. They grow with their roots a running, ice cold water, yet the drainage is erfect; and although the plants are subjected to rilliant sunshine and frequently to surprisingly ligh temperatures during the daytime, the nights re cold at all seasons.

Caltha rotundifolia, with large upturned flowers pristine purity, occurs plentifully near the snows, nd here also we found that choicest of alpine easures, Eritrichium argenteum, with forget-met-like flowers of brilliant blue-except in an occaonal specimen which sported pure white flowers. ow-growing phloxes with blooms varying from vender to white abound as also does the exasperingly capricious Silene acaulis. Seemingly, on ery mountain top in the Rockies, as well as in any similar locations in northeast America, urope, and Asia, this plant grows and blooms ofusely—yet in our gardens it either fails to grow as at The New York Botanical Garden, grows ccessfully, but never blooms. Seen in its natural bitat it is a beautiful plant, resembling in aparance a tight mound of green moss profusely added over with bright pink flowers.

In meadows about timberline and just below, the vely pale yellow Eriogonum subalpinum grows entifully and associates with fine effect with the th blue and purple spires of Pentstemon purpureoerulea. Eriogonum is abundant everywhere at b-alpine levels; the little lavender daisies of E. mpositus bespatter the open slopes. Lewisia pyga in full ripe seed was plentiful at the time of visit, as, in the Medicine Bow Mountain, was lochortus gunnisoni with upturned shells of lest lavender. Closely related to our eastern nged gentian is the western Gentiana elegans d here, as in many places we visited, the bogs blue with its gorgeous blooms. Unfortunately th of these species are of only biennial duration; t later in the trip we found the very rare ntiana barbulata which is a true perennial form the fringed gentian.

Sedums are usually considered plants of dry soils, t, in the Rockies, two interesting species occur ich invariably inhabit bogs or shallow streams running water. Sedum integrifolium has flat ads of deep red flowers and is sometimes known kings crown; Sedum rhodanthum has rather iger inflorescences of clear pink flowers and bears name of queens crown.

From the Medicine Bow we turned our attentions two of the highest mountains in central Cololo—Longs Peak and Pikes Peak, both exceeding 000 feet in height and both known to support good flora. The ascent of Pikes Peak presents le difficulty, for an automobile road extends to summit, but scaling Longs Peak is an entirely

ferent proposition.

Starting at 9,133 feet altitude, one follows a seven d one half mile trail consisting largely of loose ks which add greatly to the fatigue of climbing, ticularly when the altitude is considerable. It is sible to journey by horseback to a point at the e of the summit cliffs known as Boulder Field evation 12,700 feet), but such a mode of travel not particularly adapted to the needs of the ker after tiny plants, so we went afoot shoulder-our packs. From Boulder Field to the summit ,225 feet) the route is almost one and one half es and the ascent is all cliff work of such a enuous nature that four hours is considered a time for reaching the summit and returning to ilder Field. These cliffs are the home of a plant ated to the common portulacca—Claytonia garrhiza-and of a rare polemonium.



A species of argemone



Cleome serrulata, a Rocky Mountain spider-flower



Boykinia jamesi



Pentstemon exilifolius



Tuft of Silene acaulis, a cushionpink from the top of the world

To a considerable extent the species inhabiting Longs Peak and Pikes Peak are identical, although in many cases their relative abundance varies on the two crests. Among the more interesting plants found were two golden-flowered species of Saxifraga —S. chrysantha and S. flagellaris—both plants of rare charm, while at rather lower elevations the white-flowered Saxifraga austromontana drapes itself with abandon over the cliffs.

Botanically related to the saxifrages is Boykinia jamesi, and this is surely one of the most glorious plants of the Rockies. When out of bloom the plants resemble low, compact, and spreading heucheras; they completely fill the soil-filled crevices on cliffs and between huge boulders at about timberline elevation. The brilliant carmine-pink flowers are freely borne in one-sided inflorescences which rise to a height of four or five inches, and each measures fully three quarters of an inch in diameter—a spectacular plant.

At about this same elevation and growing in moist open meadows occurs the very attractive Pentstemon halli with large flowers of rich blue coloring; somewhat lower the equally lovely blue-flowered Pentstemon alpinus is plentiful.

Two tiny inhabitants of the higher alpine meadows are the fragrant Androsace chamaejasme and Primula angustifolia. Neither of these exceeds two inches in height and both are lovely where they form the dominant feature of the alpine turf. The androsace has rounded umbels of white flowers which individually resemble forget-me-nots, while the flowers of the primula are soft lavender-pink with a distinct yellow eye.

Trifolium dasyphyllum is a completely prostrate, and unbelievably tight mat-forming species of clover, having minute leaves and making blue-green carpets above which rise inch-high stems, each bearing several rose-purple and white pea-shaped flowers. We found it only on Longs Peak, but on Pikes Peak occurs Trifolium nanum of identical habit, but bright green in color and having deep maroon flowers which are borne in pairs.

No listing of the flowers of Pikes Peak would be complete without mention of the one sometimes called Pikes Peak forget-me-not—botanically Mertensia alpina. This plant belongs to the same genus as the Virginia bluebell commonly grown in the East, but the petals open out flat so that the flower does not have the characteristic bell-shape of most other mertensias; it more closely resembles that of a forget-me-not. The plants make crowded tufts or mats of green leaves from which radiate short flower-bearing stems. Each flower measures a quarter inch or more across and is of a glorious blue color. The Pikes Peak forget-me-not is most plentiful on west-facing slopes at high elevations—somewhat protected.

We spent two whole days on this mountain and near the end of the second day were caught in a torrential downpour of rain while exploring a deep valley near the summit, some two miles away from where our car was parked.

So passed the first sixteen days of a 15,000-mile journey which kept us from New York for more than three months. Space does not permit an account of the glorious alpine gardens above timberline in Glacier National Park or of the wonders of the Grand Tetons and Yellowstone; nor can the story be told here of the introduction into cultivation of the rare and beautiful Kelseya uniflora which grows only in a restricted area on precipitous limestone cliffs.

The discovery for the first time in fruit of Pentstemon acaulis—a species less than one inch in height and bearing clear blue flowers, which was first described two years ago—rewarded a long search and a special journey of several hundreds of miles. Soon, as a result of the expedition, these

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## The "very latest thing



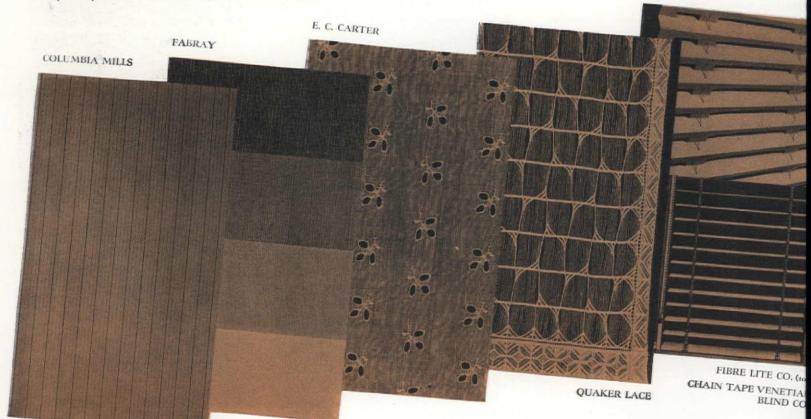
Warm weather only a short way off, and a feeling in your bones that you wish to refurbish your house just as much as you do your wardrobe? It's just a question of making up your mind what you want, for there is infinite variety in the stores, and there will be no difficulty in finding the pattern, the texture, the color, and the quality you want. Of course, you must take into consideration your furniture, with its upholstery or slip covers, the walls, whether they are freshly done or not, and the window treatment you expect to have. But, whatever you decide to do, keep in mind two things: if you are to be up-to-date this spring, you will want plenty of color all through the house and therefore will probably want some of the beautiful new rug and carpet colors on your floors; and secondly, don't forget that decoration is going a little elegant on us; we are going to see richer effects even though they are essentially of a simple nature.

If you have a feeling for the modern theme in decoration, you will be especially interested in the rug shown at the upper left-hand corner.

Perhaps this has something of surrealism about it; at any rate, design, concentrated more or less in the center, on a plain backgrour suggests modern furniture; some of those unit upholstered piec which can be arranged in so many different ways: low tables, sim window treatments, a minimum of ornament. The makers, the A loom Corporation, have given it the name "Zephyr," and it comes an assortment of color, with rust, brown, and taupe predominati and details in contrasting shades.

For the room of Early American persuasion, the second rug fre the left above is an excellent type. An adaptation of an old hooler rug design, it reflects the more or less bright colors found in originals, just the thing to set off maple furniture, whether the rounder consideration is living room, dining room, or bedroom. It one of the Nastasket rugs, from Bigelow-Sanford.

For summer use, many housewives prefer one of the so-called firugs, which are inexpensive and now come in a wide variety of excell designs and all the new colors. Years ago these were used chief



## -for summer floors

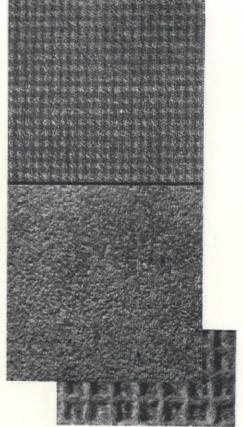
porches and in sun rooms; now they have been improved in styling that they are suitable for ly room in the house. For instance, the new ine shades which have been so successful in very pensive rugs and carpets, are now available in res: and rather sophisticated patterns as well provincial plaids and stripes. The center rug group at top of opposite page is an example a heavy woven wool texture, in a geometric ttern which would be adaptable to almost any nd of room. It comes in brown, rust, green, blue, ack, beige, and burgundy-a wide range of lors, you see. Wouldn't it be delightful in a y's room in blue with marine touches in wallper and curtains? And in green, it seems pert for the sunroom, with its natural color reed rniture, perhaps yellow walls, and green and llow chintz curtains. It is known as a Delcraft g, and comes from Deltox.

Hooked rugs have a charm all their own, and m especially colorful and pleasant for summer as While many of them follow more or less ditional designs, some new ones open up new ssibilities, quite authentic, but none the less ferent from the conventional type of hook g adaptation. Second from the right, top, opsite, is "The Windjammer," which exemplifies at we mean. It was created by Firth, after an ginal design hooked by the wife of the captain an American clipper ship, and represents her a of the swirls and eddies of the seven seas. colors are soft and with the pattern form a linite rhythm, which seems to call for the ple furnishings of clipper ship days.

Right-hand rug, top, opposite, goes to modern es for its design, worked out in an all-over pattern, with interesting shadings. In dark colorings, it would make a perfect background for some of the new modern furniture in blonde woods and, since it has so much pattern, would in itself provide a great deal of decoration for any room in the house. This is one of the rugs in the Archibald Holmes collection.

There is always a need for the solid color rug, especially when it is worked out in one of the many new texture effects. At the right are two of the most interesting ones, in which the texture quality is plainly apparent, even in the very small photographs. When you have colorful chintz draperies, and gay slip covers, these plain colors are the perfect thing for your rooms.

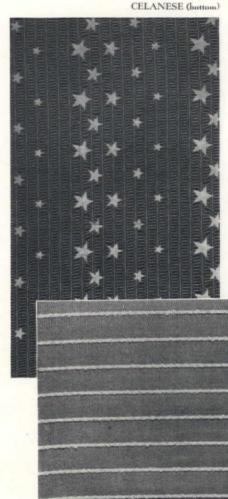
At the top is Masland's "Mossgrain," with a tiny shadow check, and it comes in such usable shades as sun-tan, with subtle interwoven threads of rust, orange, and blue, also peach with rose and orchid, and cocoa brown with rust and tan. While several colors are woven together, they give almost the effect of a solid color when on the floor. The rug below is Alexander Smith's caracul Directoire. There are several interesting off-colors in this collection, such as coral, pottery green, chartreuse, besides the usable dove gray, pheasant gold, bisque, and several others. The little "waffle" photograph is not a rug at all, but an Ozite rug cushion, to go under your rugs. Of course, this is familiar to everyone as an excellent thing to prolong the life of one's rugs. It has another advantage, very much to the point in the summer season, in that it is permanently mothproofed, and the minute the moths hatch and start eating, Ozite mothproofing kills them. Certainly it seems like easy insurance!



MASLAND (top)
ALEXANDER SMITH (next to top)

OZITE

SCRANTON LACE CO. (next to bottom)



## -for summer windows

THE summertime, when the sun is bright and warm, windows need extra special attention, upon them rests much of the responsibility of king a room look cool, dark, and quiet, and refore a comfortable place to live in hot ther. On the facing page, and directly to the it are some of the elements which will help your windows a special summer dress.

Vindow shades are one of the things which n help particularly to give a new summery . They can be raised or lowered so easily, hut out the heat or let in the light, that they especially important for summer. In addition, are now available in such a variety of rs that they definitely contribute to the workout of the color scheme of your room. The t important new color is known as Larkspur , a lovely medium bright shade which goes tifully with the blues in chintzes, upholstery erials, and carpets and rugs. A number of ufacturers of cloth window shades are featur-Larkspur, so you should be able to find it in local shade store, or the department store re you buy your window shades. It is someg that you should keep definitely in mind in ning your summer color schemes.

hen there are some new pencil striped cloth les, like the one shown at the extreme left he facing page. This comes in buff with stripes wo tones of brown, and in ecru with stripes rown and green, and in a room where the simplest sort of summer curtains are to be used, it provides pattern in itself. It is available at Columbia Mills.

Washable shades are particularly to be sought after for homes in the summer, when windows are open most of the time, and also in cottages and camps, where it is desirable to keep down expense. "Fabray" shades are made of a composition which is washable, and which comes in plain or pique finish, in a nice variety of colors. The second photograph from the left shows some of the colors; white, buff, cocoa brown, and dark green—a nice selection.

Some of the pleasantest summer windows we have seen have used just one pair of curtains, but that one pair in a sheer, cool looking material, essentially summery in character, made with ruffles or fringes, hanging straight and loose to the floor or draped back and held with decorative tie-backs. One suggestion is the eyelet embroidery shown in the center on the facing page, in white. It comes from E. C. Carter and suggests all kinds of simple window treatments.

Quite a different sheer effect is that of the very open net, known as Sheercord, from Quaker Lace, which comes in white and ecru. This is made up ready to hang, in two-yard or two-and-a-half-yard lengths, with a simple border. Being as open as it is, it will let in all the light and air possible, an excellent idea for summer windows.

Venetian blinds are another thing to be con-[Please turn to page 95]

Washable wall canvas under paint is an ideal wall covering for certain uses in the house, since it resists scuffing and tearing, and conceals plaster cracks. The knotty pine pattern (top) is Wall-tex, and comes from Columbus Coated Fabrics Corp. There are always rooms where sturdy washable cloth wall coverings are ideal—nurseries, kitchens, hallways, game rooms, and above is shown a practical all-over plaid in yellow and green. Standard Textile Products Company

## tor summer windows

A NEW dress for your windows means a totally new look for your entire room! Replace heavy winter draperies with fresh chintzes, and immediately your house will take on a feeling of a fresh, new season. Flowers we are going to see on spring hats, on spring dresses, on spring suits. Let's see them also on spring windows! Here, at the right, and directly across on the opposite page, are some of the newest chintzes to replace your winter ones, and dress up your house for the warm months ahead

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At the top, right, is a fascinating floral arranged in stiff rows like so many corn stalks, which would be perfect if you have any green in your room, walls, or carpet. The flowers are white and brown, orange centered, with green leaves, on a lovely yellow ground. Glendale Linens has this one. Just beneath is a heavenly morning-glory fabric, in rose and yellow on a white ground—excellent for the room with white or yellow walls. This material, from Seneca Textile Corp., is Neva-wet processed, so that it is spot and stain resistant, a great advantage when windows are open and sudden showers are a menace to nice draperies. Below is a rough-textured cotton fabric, reminiscent of ratine, printed in a strikingly new baroque pattern. Shades of white, brown, and yellow are set on a coppery ground. Charles Bloom.

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Below are some of the new designs in drapery hardware. The swinging crane at the left, with its scroll pattern done in leaves, comes in bone white, or in bronze, copper or antique brass finish. In the center is a wood pole, plain or reeded, with metal ends, which also comes in a variety of finishes. The hold-back is a classic leaf, simple and yet with a certain amount of fine dignity. All these are Judd fixtures.



summer

Spring refurbishing necessarily must take into account fresh slip-covers for sofas and chairs. And to is well, for slip-covers are really fun! There is no limit to the variety of ideas this spring, except the limits of one's imagination! As usual, flowered crash, linen, and chintz are delightful, in an except the limits of one's imagination! less variety of colors. Since it has become the fashion to use different slip-covers on different piece furniture in the same room, it is interesting to cover the sofa in a floral, and chairs in plain color in a geometric to harmonize, or vice versa. So in the fabrics selected for illustration, in the row dire opposite on the facing page, we have selected some of the new plainer types of things, to use by of contrast in combination with prints of various kinds.

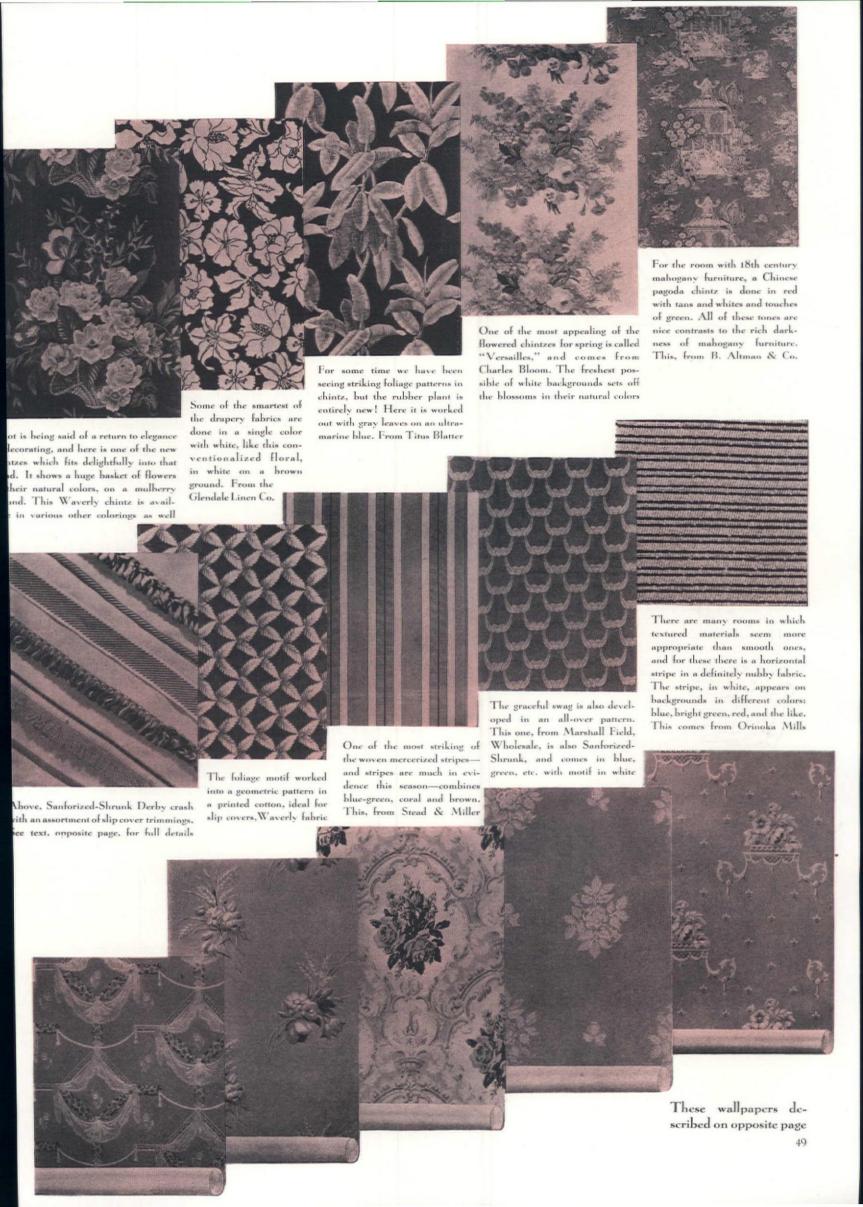
At the left of the center row of photographs opposite, slip-cover trimmings are shown against a bar ground of Derby crash, a Sanforized-Shrunk material available at Consolidated Trimming Co. in a range of the most delightful colors imaginable. This pre-shrunk quality is particularly important in covers which must be easily washable without danger of shrinking or losing their shape. These plain co can be tailored or ruffled around the bottom, and trimmed with tailored weltings and braids or loop or cut fringe, to suit your taste and the style of the room in which they are to appear. The dia nally striped braid with matching welting, and the loop fringes center, opposite, also come from Condated, and the cut fringe and texture welting below are from E. L. Mansure.

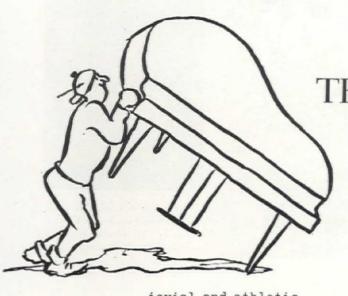
These trimmings, of course, can match or contrast, but keep in mind, again, that it is a season color, and keep your colors gay and cheerful in all the rooms of your home.

summer wal

 $\Gamma$ RESH wallpapers do as much, as anything else, if not more, to give a cl refurbished look to any room in the house! We can show only a few the multitude of fascinating new designs. A sort of trellis is worked ou classic motifs in the center left paper from Becker, Smith & Page, with and white on a pink ground. Beneath it is one of Imperial's especially lo papers, in turquoise blue with pink and white flowers and green leaves the opposite page, the first paper at left, in bottom row, is a lovely thing bedroom or powder room, with festoons of rope and lace. One of its sev colorings is white and gray with pink flowers. A Thibaut paper. Next another paper with the fashionable pink cast. In this case, the groun grege, the evenly spaced flowers ashes-of-roses and white. It comes from H. Birge & Sons Co. The center paper with its dignified scroll backgro has peach-pink roses against a grayed white ground. From Thomas Stra The fourth paper would be especially good in a Colonial room, with its and white motifs on a gray-green ground. From York Wallpaper Co. last one has an appealing sculptured quality, and is chiefly in grays, detail touches of color in the decorative design. From Imperial.







THESE MOVING SITUATIONS

FANNIE M. TURNBULLI

Sketches by JERRY ERDAHL

jovial and athletic

Moving need not mean a complete emo-tional upheaval. Even if your bed has been ripped up and your dishes are packed in barrels, don't let your nerves be torn or your sense of humor be placed in cold stor-age. Just give your apron strings another jerk and pitch in. It's fun. A new house, a new city to live in, a new apartment just around the corner-whatever the place, it's different and exciting.

But it won't be exciting if you live in a welter of excelsior and newspapers and unmatched dishes for three weeks before and ten weeks after the crucial day. If you have never moved before, don't be discouraged by its apparently insurmountable aspects. Everything will get packed and transported with amazing ease when the time actually comes.

First, call a reliable transport company, and

be sure it really is reliable. A friend of mine once hired a company to move her furniture three doors up the street. The day was a nipping one in November and the movers arrived well-fortified to brave the blasts of winter. Indeed they felt so very jovial and athletic that they tipped her piano on end and rolled it on its side across the lawn between the two houses.

don to be helpful The piano has a cracked sounding board to show

for this careless treatment to this day.

But, if the company is reliable, you will have no such troubles. Here is practically the only time during the whole process that your husband will be useful to have at hand. The manager of the company will come out and make an estimate of what the transportation will cost you, but he may want to leave everything to a "gentleman's agreement." Your husband should not agree to this.

Insist on a written contract, particularly if you are moving from city to city and collection will be left to the foreman when the job is done. Remember that when you move you pay as the last piece of furniture goes in the door. If you don't give at least a substantial part payment it may all come out

again. But don't pay the whole bill at once. Wait and check for any loss or breakage. If it is serious the company should make it good, but it is more likely to if you have not completed payment.

Motor carriage is regulated by both intrastate and inter-state rules. A revokable license is usually required, cargo insurance protecting the owner of the property, and properly made out bills of lading. If things do go

wrong and remain unsettled the public service commission should be notified for redress.

Moving is not a job for husbands, as any mover if he said what he thought, would tell you. Obligingly they will carry a mop and a broom into the front hall, then stand



he knows his business

swear loudly

around smugly, having done their part; and at the other end of the route, they will be occupied with discovering their own belongings to the exclusion of everything else in the house. So if you possess a husband, get rid of him over moving day. Send him off to his business as usual if you possibly can, or let him buy some groceries, or walk the dog, or take the children to the movies. Dogs, cats, children, and hus-

they won't

bands are equally distressing when your home is completely torn up.

Later on if you need a man's help in settling, it is better to get a boy in by the day, who can be ordered about, than to ask your husband. Above all, if your husband has business papers around the house, put them in a box by

themselves, label them blackly, and carry them with you. It will save you future grief.

When you start to pack before the movers arrive, remember that you will have to live

picnic fashion for a few days in your new home. If you are wise you will fix up a few dishes, just a cup and plate for each member of your family, a frying pan, and a sauc pan or two, and most important of all can-opener and the salt. Keep track of you silverware. No one is going to walk off wit it, but you will enjoy eating from it whe you arrive. Silver spoons are much mor attractive than tin kitchen ones, and a grea deal nicer than quarter-sized measurin spoons as once fell to my lot.

If you take down your curtains yoursel and pack them in boxes, chances are tha you will be able to put them up again with out having to send them to the laundry of cleaners. If the movers take them down the are quite likely to get creased and soiled Pack your clothes in your trunk and chil fonier drawers. Also put all the knickknack from the tops of your dressing tables an chiffoniers into the drawers. It is much easie to move tightly packed chests than light one from which the drawers slide out.

In some place where they can be easil found again, put together a broom, a ham mer and screw-driver, and some nails an screws for cleaning up and making repai at the other end of the line. Put your beddin on your bedroom chairs and tie a sheet over the seat and around the back to hold it ther It keeps the chairs from being scratched an your blankets will be easily accessible whe next you want them.

From then on, let the movers do the worl Don't fuss at them or direct them. The know their business and probably you don Above all, don't be helpful. Gathering wastebaskets, end tables, lamps and pillow and piling them all in the front hall to taken out, only impedes progress. If the mo ing men are nice they won't swear loud when they lug the buffet from the dinin room and trip over a lamp cord in the ha but they will swear.

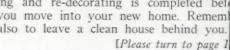
Let them pack your dishes even if the want you to do it. If you pay a speci packer by the hour he will do a good jo Moreover, all the risk will be taken by t moving company. Don't try to balance grea aunt Hortense's Spode tea set on your kn all across the country.

When you get into your new home, if you have much china and glassware, don't unpayour china barrels until you have had a da or two to settle larger matters, and dor be urged by importunate movers. They c pick up their barrels on the next trip to tow When you are more or less settled and n so tired that bending and climbing on ste

ladders is too arduous, buy she paper and wash your shelv There is no point in putti dishes away temporarily. On other hand, don't bother to wa each piece of china and glasswa as it goes on the shelf. Wipe any dust on a towel and leave t washing until you have more tin

As you unpack each barrel, p the newspaper and excelsior in box or previously emptied bar and keep it. Check every teap for its lid, and each cup for saucer, before you throw the tra out or burn it-precaution pa

It will be much easier for you if all clea ing and re-decorating is completed before you move into your new home. Remem! also to leave a clean house behind you.





VERYONE likes pinks—their spicy scent and their cheerful little faces. There is elusive fascination to the winsome and arts flowers, all so fringy, so roundly scalloped lightly notched. They captivate both our arts and our minds. For years we have been ring the "pink of perfection," the "pink of alth," the "pink of courtesy." And history ints straight to these smiling posies which be bordered so many little garden paths i, indeed, exemplified the idea of garden house-bound but flower-hungry folk, as origin of all these terms that imply the reme excellence and a special degree of fection in the world of flowers.

he glowing array of the pinks and the uning variety of their colors and patterns sheer delight to any gardener possessed of anny spot and blessed with an eye and a rt ready for running ribbons of gay and ly colors, whiffs of exciting perfume, and most amazing and giddy explosions of d little bits of carmine-rose from out detenties of grassy, blue-green foliage.

n edging of hardy, thrifty pinks makes a t desirable binding for a rose garden. It provide the daintiest of table decorations sweet-scented touches for nosegays. And w bowl and holder selected for this special bose, filled each morning with spicy, gayd pinks, is guaranteed to bring a special d of cheerfulness to any business office, ever stern. Just try it and note the effect, ere are some of the more familiar kinds the will grow for anyone—everyone, if are given sunshine and a fairly compact—they require very little attention: eddewig and Chinese pinks provide the

exciting moments, probably, for a garrinterested in pattern and design. They so many ways to be gay—they are bled, mottled, streaked, striped, splashed,

zoned, laced, and plain. They are glowing crimson, sheer scarlet, fiery salmon, silvery rose, and melting white. They are deeply fringed, toothed, laciniated, and roundly notched. Cheek by cheek they stand and smile at us, these lively pinks—these merry little flower-witches. They are usually listed and treated by gardeners as annuals, although they are fairly reliable as rather short-lived perennials.

The hardy grass or garden pink (Dianthus plumarius), long a "very favorite," offers more variations, perhaps, than any other perennial species. Its ample cushions of foliage rise from rattail-like roots and vary widely in their grassy textures and in color from a pale, grayish green to a surprisingly blue tone. Stems, habits, colors, doubleness, patterns—all vary, too. Choose from the descriptions the ones which sound the most entrancing, plant them, and you will know the two-fold thrills of anticipation and realization.

The same is true of the long and dearly loved cheddar pink (*D. caesius*) also perennial, and often known as the cliff pink. These full-scented, clove-spiced flowers run, usually, through a paler rose range than do the grass pinks. The fringy blossoms open on stems from four to ten inches in height, and at once set out with a right good will to perfume all the air about them. These are especially good for walls and rock gardens because of their dense, cushiony mats of really handsome foliage and their amiable behavior when given a difficult, sun-baked pocket in the rocks. The cheddar pinks hydridize freely with the grass pinks and others and produce many different and lovely forms to add beauty to your garden.

Dianthus neglectus is a wee delight, the darling of the Pink Family. Its small tufts look like tiny cushions stuck full of green pins. And then come—such surprisingly oversized flowers! These gleeful little pinks are of the brightest rose, even cherry-salmon in some seedlings, and all have the most becoming buff color beneath. They are gems for the rock garden. A little family of their tight rosettes on a sunny plateau is treasure, indeed. They, also, come easily from seed and are hardy. Be sure to put in some of these.

Pinks combine happily with other hardy rock garden stand-bys. Above, a selected form of grass pink flowering gaily among the sedums, thymes, and sempervivums

In the maiden pink (D. deltoides) we have grassy mats of fine green foliage from which rise explosively and profusely the most beguiling, miniature-faced pinks on wiry stems six to eight inches tall. These come very easily from seed, springing up elfishly in unlooked-for places. If sheared back after blossoming they continue to keep themselves tidy and green. Seedlings vary in depth and vividness of coloring.

The sand-loving pink (D. arenarius) has pale, sweet, and fringy flowers with deeper center zones. Dianthus superbus, called lilac pink, makes ample mats of neat foliage and bears fragrant, deeply-slashed flowers. Dianthus arvernensis is a dwarf and compact plant much like the cheddar pink, with spangly pink blossoms on two-inch stems. Dianthus alpinus and its forms do not respond regularly to prescribed treatment but are extremely worth trying for. There are, of course, many other miniature forms suitable and desirable for rock gardens and the edges of borders. Taller kinds which simply refuse to be omitted are the fiery-brilliant double cluster pink (burdened botanically by the title, D. latifolius atro-coccineus flore pleno) and the gay and richly dressed com-pany of Dianthus barbatus—the sweet williams of gardens.

In the catalogs we find listed many choice forms of all these different species which have been selected, named, and propagated: Annie Laurie; Bristol Jewel; Maurice Pritchard; Highland Queen; the not new but always lovely Mrs. Sinkins, full-scented double white; the Allwood strain, known as ever-flowering pinks; the popular Beatrice and Sweet Wivelsfield are only a few of the good named ones. The last two are happier under a less blazing sun than the gray-foliaged vari-

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All the grownups, who at heart are little boys and girls afraid of the dark, can pamper themselves without spending a mint of money now, by buying for \$1 one of the new night-lights which fill a room

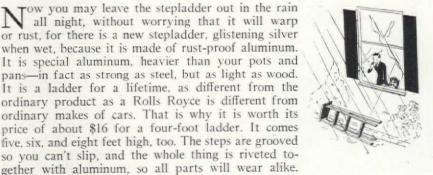
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LISSA NORCROSS AND EMILY HERZOG

with a soft moonlight glow. The tiny bulb which protrudes from a goodlooking, cream-colored plug that fits into a standard convenience outlet or socket will give you enough light for sight all through the inky hours, but won't use up much electricity. The light uses only one and a half watts, so little that ordinary meters do not even register it. It operates on any 60 cycle, 110 volt A.C. circuit. Fine for the bedroom, bathroom, hall, porch, basement, or nursery, and a special help over the spot on your front door or doorstep where your house number is placed. Guests will appreciate it.

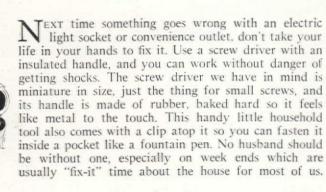
Handsome crumb tray set with chromium finish and walnut handles. Revere Copper and Brass Incorporated

Now you may leave the stepladder out in the rain all night, without worrying that it will warp or rust, for there is a new stepladder, glistening silver when wet, because it is made of rust-proof aluminum. It is special aluminum, heavier than your pots and pans-in fact as strong as steel, but as light as wood. It is a ladder for a lifetime, as different from the ordinary product as a Rolls Royce is different from ordinary makes of cars. That is why it is worth its price of about \$16 for a four-foot ladder. It comes five, six, and eight feet high, too. The steps are grooved so you can't slip, and the whole thing is riveted toFor inexpensive gifts (such as bridge prizes and showers) Cannon Mills, Inc., has boxed these attractive wash cloth sets in assorted colors including peach, orchid, jade, maize, and blue



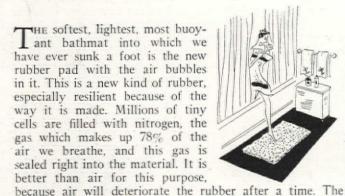
Something new in Pyrex glass-a brew and filter coffee or tea maker. A glass filter between the upper and lower bowls does the trick

Here's a unique contrivance for soothing your headache. Place this rubber Frez-It-Pak (right, below) in the coldest part of your refrigerator and the water concealed within freezes solid

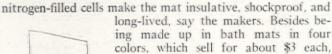


In keeping with the kitchen color ensemble idea, the Hoosier Manufacturing Company now has the kitchen step stools, right, which come in all the popular kitchen cabinet colors

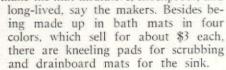
New Dutch oven made of triple-thick aluminum, with the approved straight sides and tightly fitting cover. West Bend Aluminum Company (bottom)



Do you have trouble seeing what your weight is from where you stand on your bathroom scales? If you do, you will be glad to hear about the new scales that light up when you step on them, bringing the little numerals that announce your poundage into clear vision. On these new scales you don't have to bend over, thereby upsetting the balance for your true weight, or call someone else in to read the figures for you. The light operates on small replaceable dry batteries hidden inside



the scale and flashes on as soon as you step up on the generous platform. You can keep the scale in that dark corner and not have any trouble using it. The manufacturers guarantee it will work for five years and it only costs \$5.95. Comes in solid colors-ivory, black, white or two tones of green, two of blue, and ivory and black, brown and fawn, gray and black-a very complete selection.



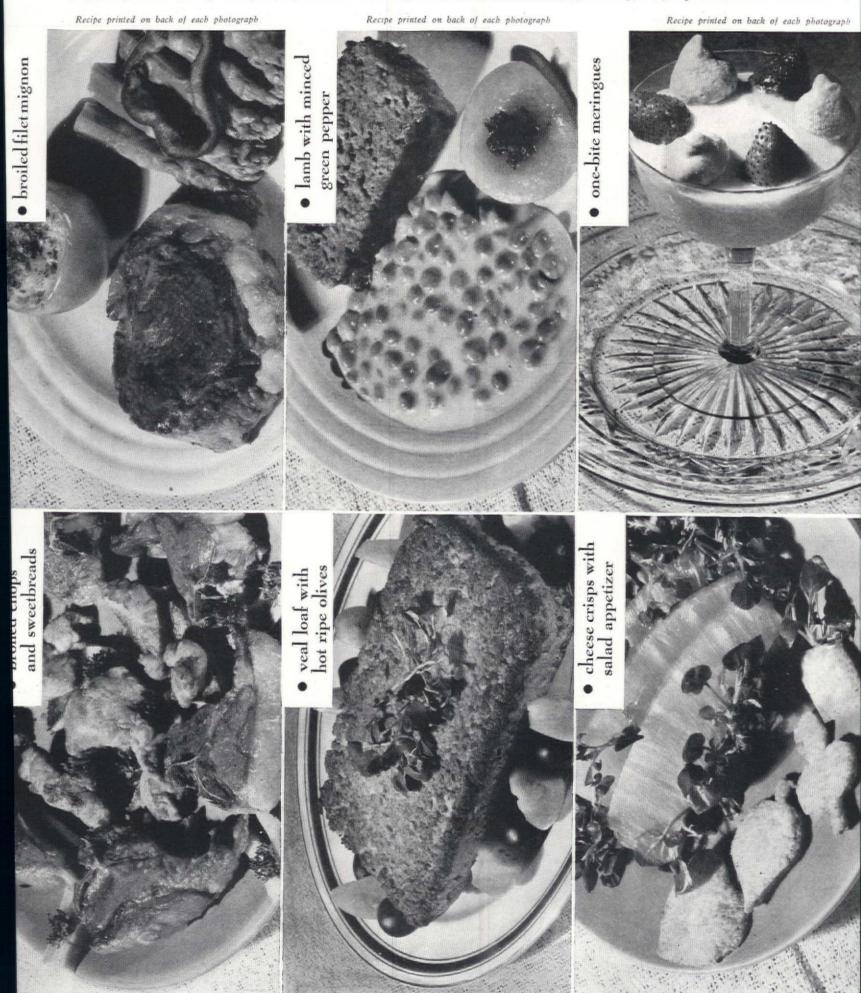


FIRE on the hearth, once upon a time the sign of winter, is a spring and summer luxury A for most of us, living as we do in homes heated by central heating systems. It is only on occasional cool nights, after the heating system has been turned off, that we indulge in the sentimental pleasure of a fire on the hearth-but many of us would indulge more frequently if we could build the fire and start it burning almost in one motion. Now we can, by investing 15¢ in a new product made of felted wood, scraps impregnated with chemicals which make them burn long enough to start any fire. There are twelve such kindlers in a carton, and one will set the logs crackling without the use of paper or bellows. Try one and see how beautifully it works.



## Club luncheon specials for May

May is the perfect month to entertain, as every woman knows. Then, if ever, her house just fresh from a spring cleaning and regeneration, and her garden freshened also by the magic of April showers and May sunshine, combine to make a perfect setting for a party—JOSEPHINE WYLIE



#### specials Club luncheon for

These recipes are hand picked for your May parties, but they'll do very nicely for your everyday fare, too. They'll make a quiet dinner at home seem terribly important-JOSEPHINE WYLIE

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LHE photograph shows only one tard except that thin cream was used instead of milk) was poured into sherbet glasses. Then fresh strawberries and the tiny meringues were arranged on top. A creamy custard (made like boiled cusway of using these sweet, crisp meringues.

teaspoon salt cup sugar teaspoon orange flavoring

one-bite meringues

cup of grated American cheese (or I cup soft spreading cheese meas-ured loosely after forcing through

2 cups flour 1 teaspoon salt 3/3 cup shortening 1/3 to 1/2 cup ice water 3/3 cup of grated Ameri

cheese crisps with

salad appetizer

Fresh or canned pineapple spears Watercress

sieve) Paprika Sweet French dressing

Surt the flour, measure, and sift and add just sufficient ice water barely to hold together. Turn out onto lightly floured board and roll out in oblong shape. Sprinkle one half with some of the cheese and add a sprinkling of paprika. Fold over 2 or 3 times and roll out. Repeat until all of cheese is used. Then roll out slightly thinner than for pie pastry. Chill thoroughly in the refrigerator, then cut out with tiny card symbol.

strawberries, tiny meringues, and vanilla ice cream. fresh Another delicious combination:

ing and drop by scant teaspoons onto heavy paper on a baking sheet. Bake in a slow oven (250° F.) for about 45 minutes. Then, gradually add sugar, beating until mixture holds its shape. Beat in flavor-To make the meringues, add salt to the egg whites and beat to a stiff froth.

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cutters into diamonds, hearts, clubs and spades. Or you may cut into tiny circles, or into 4-inch cheese stick lengths. Bake on ungreased cooky sheet in a hot oven (425° F.) for 5-7 minutes, watching carefully that they do not overbake. Makes about 4 dozen.

## hot ripe olives · veal loaf with

M:x the ingredients in the order named. Stir well, and turn into 2 greased loaf pans. Bake in a moderate oven (375° F.) for I hour or until firm and lightly browned. Serve hot (also good cold) garmishing each slice with 2 hot ripe olives (heat in own liquor) and a slice or wedge of tomato. Additional suggestion: Pass a sauce-boat of hot mushroom sauce made by adding I chopped hard-cooked egg and I tablespoon chopped hard-cooked egg and I tablespoon of chopped pimiento and a dash of Worcestershire Sauce to I can of mushroom soup. If condensed soup, dilute with water, addir

2 quarts ground cooked veal (or 2 quarts ground cooked chicken) c cups bottled milk (or I cup evaporated milk and I cup 4 teaspoon pepper 2 small onions, minced or ground omato wedges for garnishing cups chicken or veal stock cups bread crumbs teaspoons salt eggs, beaten Ripe olives of water)

condensed soup, dilute with water, adding slightly less than in making soup

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## and sweetbreads broiled chops

HAVE the meat retailer prepare as many inch-thick loin lamb chops as

Prepare the sweetbreads by soaking in ice water for I hour, then separate into small pieces by pulling apart gently. Trim away tough membrane but leave tender membrane covering the pieces to keep them in shape. Each small piece should be of a size to make 2 or 3 bites. Cover with cooking oil and put into the refrigerator until ready to broil. When ready to cook, drain the oil from the browned, then turn each piece over and broil. Keep in hot place while lamb chops are broiled. Serve the chops and sweetbreads on toast triangles, a smaller sweetbreads, place upon the broiler rack and broil slowly until moderately triangle for the sweetbreads, and garnish with carrot sticks (raw) and parsley there are persons to serve.

## lamb with minced green pepper

pan or ring mold. Bake in a moderate with a little brown sugar and butter. If turn out on a hot chop plate, fill with creamed peas and garnish substantially named and place in a well-greased loaf minutes. Serve a slice on each serving plate with creamed peas and mint jellyfilled peach, which has first been broiled you bake the loaf in a ring mold, then COMBINE ingredients in the order oven (350° F.) for one hour and twenty with broiled canned peach halves.

2 pounds ground uncooked lamb 1 cup evaporated milk 1 egg, beaten 1 cup fine bread crumbs 2 tablespoons minced onion green pepper, ground fine tablespoon chopped parsley z teaspoons salt teaspoon pepper Tested by THE AMERICAN HOME

# broiled filet mignon

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for

(2 lbs.

Loin lamb chops Veal sweetbreads (people)

Carrot sticks for garnish Parsley

Filets from beef tenderloin (cut about

34 inch thick, allowing I filet for each person) Salt Pepper waste,

rack, about 3 inches from the flame or heating element. Leave oven door partly open. Brown on one side, season with salt and pepper, and brown on the other side. Season second side and serve at once. Takes about 15 minutes for medium done steaks. Serve with broiled tomatoes prepared as follows: Remove a slice from bottom of tomatoes, and then broil, bottom side up, with buttered crumbs mixed with a little of the tomato pulp, and sprinked lightly with Parmesan cheese and paprika. Asparagus goes nicely with combination, too. mignons are aristocrats in meat service.
Serve from kitchen on individual plates, or use an attractive hot platter arrangement. Place the filets on the center of the broiling ALL meat and no

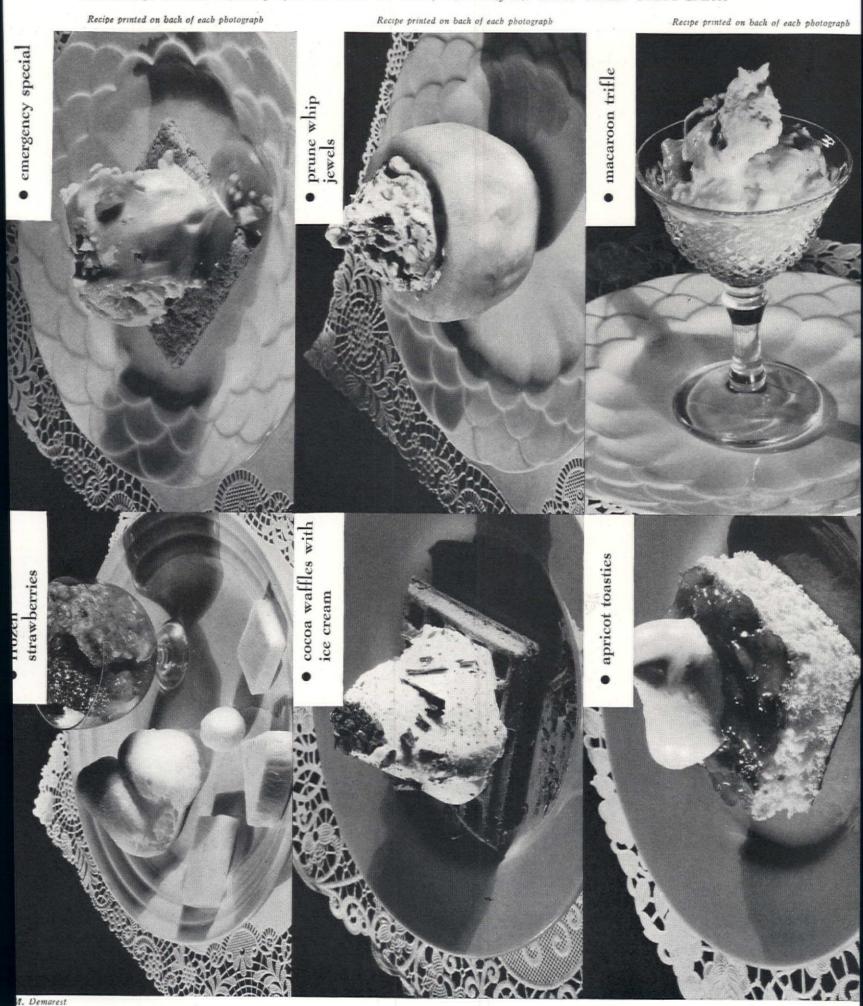
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## When two couples get together

Along about eight o'clock each night door bells ring and card tables go popping up. Most satisfying are these intimate little evenings at home—especially after the scores are added, and eating-time arrives—HELEN TREYZ SMITH



#### get couples together two

It takes an occasional new food concoction—however simple it might be—to set off an evening of bridge playing (or whatever you're doing these evenings) properly. And these recipes will do for your day time festivities too—HELEN TREYZ SMITH

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33 cup whipping cream

3/3 teaspoon vanilla

1/3 cup crumbled macaroons 1/3 cup powdered sugar % cup sliced bananas

Place portions in deep sherbet glasses

sugar on bananas and add macaroons. alternately with the custard. If desired,

top with a small spoonful of ice cream

as shown in the photograph.

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Now put lemon juice and powdered

Stir in flavoring.

ens and a coating is found on the spoon.

2 teaspoons lemon juice

1/2 teaspoon vanilla

FIRST make a soft custard as follows. Beat egg yolks, then add sugar

macaroon trifle

2 cups uncooked dried apricots

Sponge cake

1½ cup water 1½ cup sugar

and salt. Then add the hot milk, stirring constantly. Cook in double boiler, stirring constantly, until the mixture thick-

14 cup sugar Dash salt 2 cups scalde 3 egg yolks

cups scalded milk

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## prune whip jewels

3 teaspoons baking power

cocoa waffles with

ice cream

1/2 teaspoon salt

6 tablespoons cocoa

SIFT together all dry ingredients. Beat egg yolks, add the milk and butter. Combine dry and liquid ingredients. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Bake in hot

1/3 cup sugar

3/3 teaspoon whole cloves

Red food coloring

cup cooked prunes Few grains salt 3 tablespoons sugar

4 large cooking apples

cup sugar cup water

> of apples: peel, and hollow out centers (using melon ball scoop) leaving bottoms whole and enough sides to refain shape when cooked. Combine the cup of sugar, water, cloves, and UT slices from the blossom ends

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STIR sugar and cream together

2 cups light brown sugar or (1½ cups brown sugar and ½ cup

sugar sauce may be kept in the refrigerauntil sugar is dissolved. Boil for 4 minutes; add vanilla, Place a graham cracker cream, then sauce (hot or cool) and a sprinkling of chopped nuts. The brown tor for days and is excellent to have on on each plate, cover with portion of ice

butter. Make refrigerator rolls, and bake

is delicious served with hot rolls and

them the last minute. Now add assorted

cheeses to the plate and you have a grand

combination.

emergency special

cup sugar (more or less to taste)

RUSH berries, making sure that each berry is mashed. A food chopper does a thorough job. Add the sugar, mix well, and pour into the refrigerator tray to freeze. Serve in sherbet glasses. This

• frozen strawberries

quart fresh strawberries

½ cup nuts, chopped Walnuts

Ice cream

teaspoon vanilla

I cup light cream Graham crackers

white sugar)

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4 tablespoons melted butter

cup milk eggs

1 square chocolate

waffle iron about 5 minutes. (If you have

rest of the beating and mixing.) Serve

hot waffles with vanilla ice cream.

then you can use the same beater for the

everything ready for quick working, you will of course, beat the egg white first,

Sprinkle chocolate, which has been shaved with a sharp knife, over the top.

sufficient coloring to give apples a pretty pink to red color. Cook apples slowly in a sauce pan, dipping syrup over fruit, and turnce cream, vanilla, or any desired flavor

ing to cook all sides until of the desired color and tender but still firm. Remove from syrup and chill. Remove cloves from syrup and chill. Remove cloves from syrup and chill (add a few drops clove extract to syrup if a more pronounced flavor of clove is desired). Cut prunes from pits in very small pieces, add salt, sugar, vanilla and mix well. Whip cream stiff, fold prune mixture into cream and use to fill apples. Chill thoroughly and if you wish serve with the syrup over the top.

apricot toasties

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and stir about 3 or 4 minutes; add the

sugar and continue to cook for about

10 minutes, stirring constantly.

drain and put through the food chopper, using medium knife. Add water, cook

RINSE apricots in hot water,

Cut the sponge cake into pieces about 3 inches square and 1 inch thick. Toast

lightly under the broiler. Or if you wish, place 2 or 3 pieces on hot waffle iron, with whipped cream. If you wish, you

chopped nuts.

Spread with warm apricot sauce and top may sprinkle the layer of apricots with

close and allow to toast about 2 minutes.

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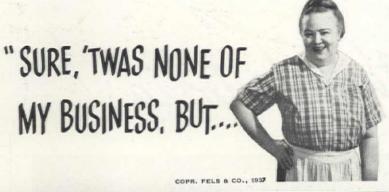
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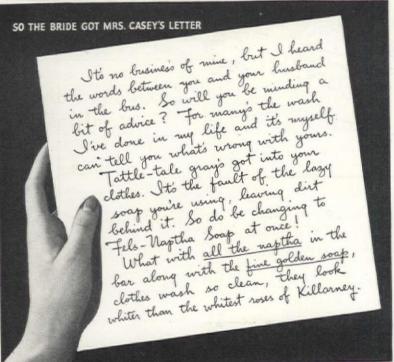


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#### I made my own furniture

H. CLAY TATE

or several years my wife and FI read about beautifully furnished homes and envied them. Finally we decided to do something about it. Prices of good furniture went beyond our budget limitations, but we decided that I could make good furniture!

We selected Early American as our choice because of its beauty and simplicity, and also because it lends itself well to the home craftsman's equipment and ability. With but a year of experience in manual training while in high school some years previously, I procured a small assortment of hand tools for \$7.50 and went to work. Cautiously, and what proved to be wisely, I started on the smaller pieces first. A blueprint of an old cobbler's bench coffee table furnished my first project. Solid bird's-eye maple 134 inches thick, five legs, and the necessary small pieces for the nail compartments, together with mill work which I could not do by hand cost me slightly less than \$7.50. That piece. finished on a Christmas eve, still is our outstanding favorite.

My next project was a Chippendale mirror, blueprints of which were taken from a prized original. Solid maple wood cost less than \$1, and the mirror added a few dollars more. A woodworker friend of mine rabbeted the frame for an inlay of 1/8 inch walnut to add a professional touch.

A cricket table similar to the old fireside stools took our eye. Curly maple 11/2 inches thick for the two tops and the legs and spindles turned at the mill cost \$6. After considerable difficulty in getting the holes drilled at the proper angles, this piece was completed and is much admired by friends. Scraps left over from the cobbler's bench and the cricket table were used to make a small lamp which, with the mirror and the cricket table, made our first unit as shown in the accompanying picture at top of the page.

As my experience and confidence

increased, I tackled a simple Ear American desk similar in design those used by early Cape Cod stlers. I managed to complete with peg construction throughout all of solid maple, at a cost of \$

Our ambition to own our o home still unrealized, we find m rented homes and apartme within our budget, without places. That was remedied \$4.50 and a few nights of h work which resulted in the po able fireplace shown in the ture. We keep it painted to ma the woodwork and, while o simple, it does add a rich touc the room. On the mantel res miniature grandfather's cl which I made of solid walnut encase an old side stem w which belonged to my grandfat Balancing it on the other side coffee grinder which has seen s ice in three generations of family-and now deserves a

From a junk pile I rescue promising chair which prove be maple when the successive of of paint and dirt were remo The ugly leather seat was repl with a cane bottom and the finished in natural color. Pr we had a desk chair.

A spinning wheel, rich in history of our section of III was acquired for \$15, a fra of what it would cost to bu new one. That little cradle by the fireplace was rescued a second-hand furniture store converted into a magazine ra the most convenient type I ever used. Cost: 75 cents.

We purchased a slat back r (Conant-Ball) and a wover rug. Lamps also proved ch in the furniture store than workshop. These pieces, com with what we salvaged from first mistakes in buying furn make a presentable studio But there is much yet to be

An oval bread bowl tha served in the kitchens of fou erations (as its treasured sca cracks will attest) soon is t legs and walk into the living

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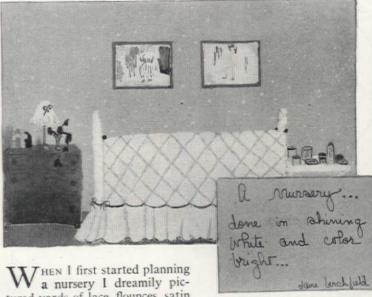


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tured yards of lace, flounces, satin bows of pink and blue. Then I remembered that the only available room was done in maple and pine with strong color accents. I could not re-do the color scheme; I could not dispense with the maple bed, it being curly maple with the sheen that comes only with age and it being the joy of my life and prize of possessions; the tiny pine chest was just nursery size, but after days of scraping and rubbing I dared not paint it over-thus the vision of pale shades and ruffles was "out." But what to do about it? My search for cribs always ended with the inevitable pinks and blues of hideous design. I did find an antique cradle which matched the bed to perfection, but it was much too expensive and too small to be practical. As a last resort I brought home the old iron crib that had been Jim's as a baby. It looked hopeless; coats of paint would hide the finish but nothing could be done about the shape and design. I was resigned to letting the infant sleep in the wood basket when I looked around the house and discovered that practically every attractive piece I had was a junk shop "find" with a slip cover. Then and there I started sketching and measuring and before long the village store was startled into activity with a request for practically a complete bolt of white material and all the bright red tape they had. The sewing woman was consulted; she didn't know, but she would try! I polished the brass sliding rods on the sides of the bed and endeavored to forget it all until Miss Lizzie had tried.

Not many mornings after, she came knocking, a tremendous bundle under her arm and a gleam of achievement in her eye. Neither of us could wait to see if it fit and how it looked. There were four slips, for the head, foot, and two sides, quilted in squares and padded with soft cotton. These were finished at the bottom with a scalloped edge of the bright red and fastened to a starched,

perky ruffle that was also so loped in red. It was tailored a neat and washable. Besides, was suitable. The soft white of ton was lovely against the true of the woodwork and the woodslat shades at the windows; matched the tufted counterpa and the gay little line of the shades and accessories.

So far, so good. But now, w about the innumerable jars bottles that are so necessary so bedecked with rosebuds forget-me-nots? I spent one afternoon having tea before open fire, then took my little table with the removable tray gave it four coats of flat w paint. I gathered every spare h tle, box and jar, did more pa ing with the same chalk white, and pasted motifs from an sample of red and white w paper and gave everything coat of colorless shellac.

I felt such a glow of satistion when the whole thing finished. It took so little time the cost was well under tenders, even counting a new not tress for the bed. In fact, it all so bright and looked so right knew then that only a tiny broeyed girl would ever do it tice—and she certainly does.

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for many years of retirement side the slat back rocker. O imitation walnut pieces are to the exit signal one by one as r authentic pieces take shape to place them. And all this work the living room alone. Bedro dinette, and vestibule are sti the calendar for similar treats —years of planning and plea (and plenty of work) ahead FOR Out-of-the-ordinary MEALS

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Washington Salmon Roll. Sift 2 cups flour, 4 tsps. baking powder, ½ tsp. salt. Cut in ¼ cup butter. Beat 1 egg, add ¼ cup milk; lightly mix into flour mixture. Roll out to a rectangle 1/4 inch thick. Spread dough with this mixture: 134 cups flaked salmon, 1/4 cup milk, 2 tsps. chopped onion, 11/2 tbsps. chopped parsley, 1/4 cup chopped sweet pickle, 1/2 tsp. salt. Roll dough like jelly roll; bake on buttered sheet 40 minutes at 425°. Slice and serve hot with this sauce: Melt 1/2 lb. Kraft American in top of double boiler. Add 1/2 cup milk gradually, stirring till smooth.







Cheese Omelet-Spanish Vegetables. For sauce: cook 2 c. canned tomatoes, and 1 tbsp. chopped onion until thick. Add 1/2 c. cooked green peas; and 1/2 c. cooked celery and 1/2 c. cooked green beans, both cut in thin strips. Season.

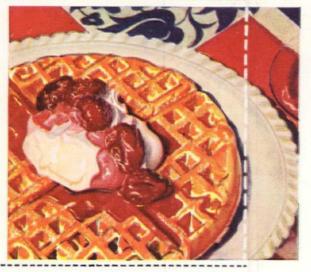
Cook 1/2 c. of milk, 11/2 tbsps. minute tapioca and seasoning 10 min. in double boiler. Add 1 tbsp. butter and 1 c. shredded Creamed Old English. Stir until smooth. Add 3 beaten egg yolks; fold in 3 beaten egg whites. Cook very slowly in buttered frying pan until omelet is "set". Place in very slow oven, 275°, until top is dry. Spread hot sauce over half of omelet, fold and serve



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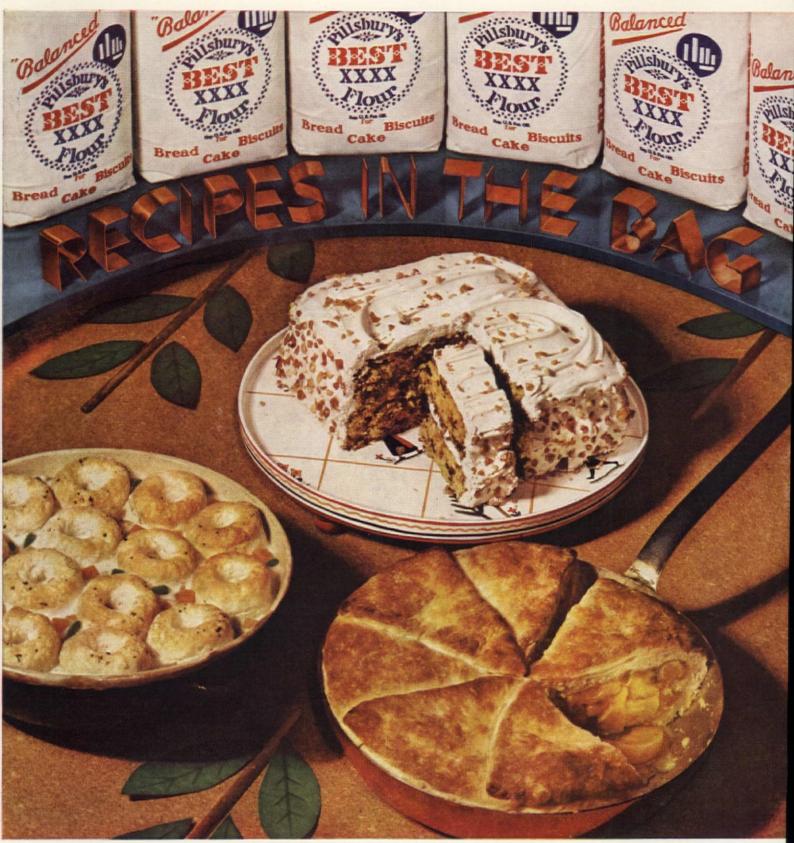
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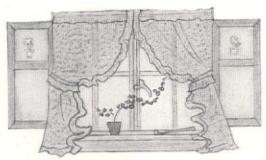
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#### A kitchen in pink—and no mistake!

DID you ever come to an important decision through er stubbornness? It's rather isfying! One evening while abtmindedly drying dishes, quite ne time before the business of isekeeping started, I said to sister, "You know I'm going have my kitchen different if I ve to have a pink one." And by ning the seemingly most ridicus color conceivable for that ticular place, there it was! k! And why not? From then pink bloomed everywhere just the proverbial pink elephants, I I even indulged in announcit to my friends to watch their ite replies. It was amusing to them turn on tact to keep n hurting my feelings.

Vell, anyway, when the time ved for launching that aboing enterprise of setting up own home, that gorgeous color vly became an actual reality in

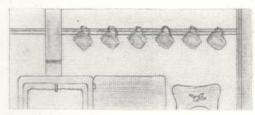
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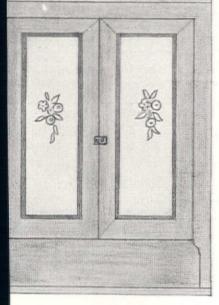
he walls which are the all imtant foundation for any room a soft ivory which extends to the paneling of the woodk. The woodwork, every other of it, is pink. Not the sickencolor of pink pills, mind you,

that delectable pale al accented by a id geranium. The covering is inlaid leum, the pattern which I carried close ny heart for several years. It has groups of bouquets at intervals and here's where some fun came in. I made little designs nearly but not quite to match these flowers and transferred them to the cupboard panels, and now they gaily flaunt bouquets of their own to match the floor. The narrow grooving separating the ivory from the pink in geranium, which color is repeated in the quarter round and in most of the flowers. (See below.)

Above the stove there is a strip of wood about four feet long and three inches wide. Why, we didn't know, so the other member of our establishment tried removing it, which process seemed to necessitate taking the house apart so it was decided to leave it and pretend we liked it. As is so often the case, a bad feature turned out to be a decorative one. I had a half dozen copper mugs which needed showing, so there they hang. How awful if that strip of wood had come down without a struggle, and we had no mug rack!

The breakfast nook went very gay, too. I wanted shutters, always have; think they're clever. It seemed rather foolish to call a carpenter for anything so useless





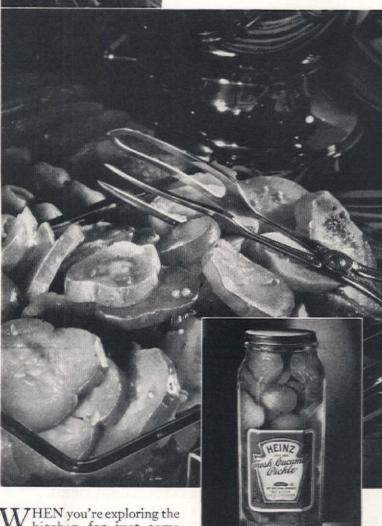
so I painted them on the wall. Since their only duty is to lend a quaint atmosphere, they do their job perfectly. Keeping out the sun is simply beside the point in this case for it is a north room. They were very simple to do, just straight lines, but a little shading did help to make them "stand out from the wall." (Shown at top.)

Several trips to curtain counters failed to produce anything quite special enough for these windows, so dress materials were next and a checked dimity seemed just right. It didn't take long to make frilly ruffled affairs, and they do

"Land sakes! I make them that way myself!" says Grandmother -and so she does!



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diffuse the light very well. You know, the same softening effect as candle-light at a dinner party.

On a narrow panel space hangs a dusky pink pottery wall pocket from which grows a healthy, dark, waxy ivy vine peeking into the breakfast nook toward the light. Handy on a window sill above the sink, a potted ivy hobnobs with the scouring powder and soap flakes. However, the association is very successful because the latter are concealed in attractive containers. The basket happened to be a very near geranium when I discovered it in the window of a country store,



but only a paint brush could induce the garbage container and stool to join the ensemble.

Except for indirect lighting which is not always possible, I loathe a ceiling light with its glaring effect, and that applies to a kitchen more especially when so much time must be spent there. Lamps do cast a softer glow and shed the light where it is needed. So above the sink there had to be a lamp; even though casement windows have no woodwork surrounding them from which a bracket might be hung. A friend, who is a member of that fast diminishing group, jack-of-alltrades, devised a strap iron suspension to hold a wall bracket type lamp. In order not to part company with dishes and pots and pans just because our kitchen must be clever, I applied a row of dishes around the shade, painted them pink and shellacked the whole for practicability.

Now all who spy my workshop exclaim, "Oh, I never saw a kitchen that color. Isn't it lovely." Truly, it's a kitchen in pink and no mistake!

#### Home for the summer

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ebony upright piano. The upholstery of the bamboo set is an apple green water resistant material. All little end tables, a desk, and a chest of drawers—about \$40 worth of unfinished furniture — are painted green. Yellow is the accessory note found in lamp shades and bits of pottery. Lamps are white iron and white pottery Plates on mantel are orange dolphin candlesticks; white glas daisies, the perfect flower. The rug, linen texture in sand color was chosen so that it would show sand as little as possible,

Note that harpoon andiron are the only nautical note in the decoration. The question was asked why a nautical scheme of decoration had not been chose and the answer was "too obvious why try to bring the sea indoor when you have it in such un equalled majestic beauty outside?

The dining room walls are pin rubbed with wax. Note that rop is used as cornice at top; in genious and unusual. Curtains ar of red calico with tiny yellow fleck. Table, benches, and chair are pine. There is no buffet of serving table. Hanging lamp brass, an electrified reproduction Goblets are blue; ivory earther ware is decorated with a schoone in full sail. Further notes of cold are added by bottles in window blue, green, and amber. They ar not antiques, just bottles washe up by the waves and gathere from the beach.

The master bedroom is done blue and red in clear decisiv tones against the chalk whi walls. These chalk white walls a particularly practical at the se shore as they absorb brillian light and prevent glare. All furn ture with the possible exception of a red straight chair or two enameled blue-a good examp of odd and miscellaneous piec coördinated through color. Bric around fireplace are blue. Be spreads are of red glazed chin corded and ruffled with whi Lamp with pleated gingha shade is red, and curtains a of red pique with big whi polka dots. Even the blotter the desk is red. Curtain ro are broom handles enameled i to match curtains. Old hook rugs pick up notes of col throughout room. The painti over mantel is by Mr. Littleda

#### How it happened [Continued from page 43]

around the patio by build four new rooms and a hall or the old house and modernizing interiors of pantry, kitchen, and we also had the biggest picture possible doing it that two peocould ever hope for, in spite of fact, or perhaps because of the fathat we stayed till the wees shours in worried conference a finely ran and laid our muddle troubled problems at the foot an architect, a thing I strongly vise any prospective builder to

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The exterior is bright and at-

tractive with its white bricks and green shutters. The vard is carefully planted, and the luxuriance of the shrubs and flowers is a tribute to the thoughtfulness and artistry of the own-Panhandle - dust. winds and cold? A

fence closely constructed of sm cedar logs, together with shru on the inside, forms a small win break. This sort of thing is call progress in the dust area.

An inviting front door op into an entrance hall whose flo is of the rich, dark oak u throughout the house. Newel p and bannister railing match. rugs are all hand hooked, and console table is of walnut w mirror above framed in the sa wood. The unusual urn shap light on the table is of alabas -so cool looking-in keep with the white enamel woodwo used throughout the entire hou

From the trance hall on left one enters enormous liv room lighted three wide w dows shaded w white Venet blinds, enhanby curtains of colored moh hung on curt poles of twis maple design.





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book nook in which stands a whatnot holding some Mexican dolls brought to Mrs. Fain from the City of Mexico. Just above hangs a photograph of Mrs. Fain's parents dressed in their wedding finery of 1896. The walnut chair nearby is a chair of many yarns. It served for fifty years as a sitting place for cowboys in the big bunkhouse on the Masterson Ranch, one of the most famous ranches of West Texas. Mr. R. B. Masterson, Sr., was Mrs. Fain's father. Mr. Masterson himself put in the bottom of the chair with rawhide thongs. On the left arm of the chair is a name "Buck Y' which was cut out with the pocket knife of one Buck Yarborough, a world-famous rodeo rider, who worked for many years on the Masterson Ranch.

A maple couch, upholstered in homespun is a companion piece to the chair which is placed to the left of an unusual walnut end table which has underpinnings of wrought iron. The maple in these pieces is not the conventional red maple, but a soft, glowing dark golden maple that sets off advantageously the shades of rust, blue, and gold in the upholstery. At the extreme left end of the room is a piano in front of which is a chair of the same soft colored maple wood as used in the other pieces described, but upholstered with semi-glazed chintz. Two pictures hung here are very much in keeping with the room: one, a lithograph of a giant cottonwood tree which is a landmark on the Masterson Ranch; the other an oil painting of the headquarters ranch house with its extensive barns and corrals. Other pieces in the room, Early American reproductions in walnut, are very handsome, particularly a Governor Winthrop desk of authentic graceful lines and proportions.

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The door into the dining room is framed with straight hanging draperies of rust mohair backed with linen, hand-blocked in French pastoral scenes to match the dining room curtains. The furniture of dark, shining, curly maple in Duncan Phyfe design is upholstered with figured tapestry whose





dominant color is a rich rust. Si ver tea service and candle stick on the sideboard are prized hei looms. A mirror between the wir dows has a gold leaf frame of th graceful spread eagle patter Wide, open windows allow an a luring view of grass and trees an a lovely informal garden. The south door opens into a breakfa room, a delightful, small place color, sunshine and glassedcabinets filled with delicate chir and glassware. From here one ca go directly to the kitchen, a roo of smart design, employing all th modern conveniences, even to small bookcase reserved express for cook books.

Also, on the first floor, are two guest rooms with a bath betwee One is attractively furnished maple: ladder-back bed, winds chair, dressing table with storand a small bedside table. Han hooked rugs cover the dark of floor, while Venetian blinds ar

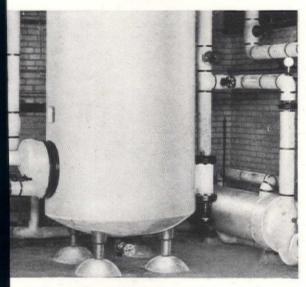


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curtains of turquoise blue semiglazed chintz, with accordion pleated ruffles of blue, white, yellow, and apricot, lend an atmosphere of hospitality and cheer. The other bedroom has three windows, also shaded with white Venetian blinds and tie-back chintz curtains. The furniture is mahogany, and the floor is completely covered with a carpet of solid green. Especially worthy of mention is the Chippendale writing desk which the Fains discovered in a New Orleans antique shop.

Now to the upstairs regions, and first to Mr. Fain's room. Truly a man's room is this, done with an eve to solid comfort as well as smart appearance. The predominant note in the color scheme is shades of red, carried out in the eggplant rug, colorful hunting scenes and red bands on the cream colored curtains, a large red leather chair and, two floor lamps. The furniture chosen for this room is of heavy dark oak and exemplifies the Jacobean period. A completely equipped desk, radio, large clothes closet, and a cupboard for sporting paraphernalia leave nothing in the way of comfort to be desired.

To the left of the upstairs hall is Mrs. Fain's, the largest in the

house. Four large windows with Venetian blinds offer plenty of sur light and air and are attractively curtained with rose colored chintz featuring French pastoral scene An ashes of roses rug covers the er tire floor area and a large chai further carries out the rose tint in the flora! pattern of its hand blocked linen slip cover. The furni ture here is beechwood. Bedspread of gold with crewel embroidery o fer an effective color contrast the green hand-quilted taffet comforters and the green mois covering on the chaise longue.

Closet space? About the mosperfect you've ever seen. A larg closet for winter clothes opens int an enormous storage space that runs the length of this room to the alcove by the windows, while are other closet, light and spacious, fitted with all sorts of househol necessities, including wrappin equipment and pencil sharpene

Such is this modern, attractive comfortable home, a direct refutation to the idea that all is drab and hopeless in this section of the courtry. Little wonder that the peop of Amarillo say, "the Fains ce tainly have one of the most completely charming and moder homes in the Panhandle of Texas

#### Something new on the shore

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The interior is as simple as the exterior. Oak floors are used in the living room and dining alcove, linoleum in the kitchen and bath, yellow pine in the bedrooms. The walls are simply plastered, with only a slight cornice mould in the living room. This room has also a simple fireplace with built-in bookshelves. Rattan furniture, with a touch of bright color in the cushions, is all it needs to make it completely homelike. Venetian blinds are used at windows.

If the test of an architect's ability is creating a pleasing ef-

fect, without using anything by the necessary elements of the building, Mr. Manoug Exerjia the architect of the Alyanak cotage at Island Park, L. I., howertainly passed that test successfully. Perhaps, too, he is to congratulated on having a clie who let him do this, and did not insist on his spoiling the design by cluttering it with useless orn ment. This clean, healthy simplifity is infinitely preferable to the attempts at formal architecture one so often encounters in mandevelopments along our beaches.



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"How to Lay, Finish and Care for Nofma Oak Floors" is issued by the National Oak Flooring Manufacturers Association and tells all about oak floors. This booklet will enable the owner building a new home, or having an old one modernized, to make sure he gets a floor that will not squeak or open up, and that will be properly finished to bring out the full beauty of the wood. Owners who already have fine oak floors will get many hints on how to care for their floors so as to preserve their fine appearance.

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d wished you could have them your home? Just those kinds floors are pictured and deribed in "Plank Floors," as afted by E. L. Bruce Co. Here ll be found all about plank ors to fit every style of decoraon, whether it be the rugged vern type or the most formal yle to harmonize with the most odern type of interior decoraon. Too, there is explained the e of planks for walls and ceilgs. Several of the illustrations in full color.

"Gypsteel Plank and Other psteel Products," issued by the nerican Cyanamid & Chemical rporation, deals with fireproof or structures, and tells all about e-cast slabs for floors, ceilings d roof decks, partition tile and asters, and also about plaster ard and wall board of gypsum.

is too late. "Fence, How To Choose It and How to Use It," a publication of the Cyclone Fence Company, describes different kinds of fence and tells for what purpose each type is suitable. It also explains to the layman how to determine fence quality.

The beauty of entrance doors and windows is often a matter of grave concern, but the average owner never stops to think that the successful operation of this equipment depends on the quality of the hardware used. The best costs so little more that the few extra cents required are about as good an investment as can be made. "For Carefree Doors Use Stanley Hardware" is a booklet issued by The Stanley Works. It explains the importance of hardware that makes doors and windows easy to open, that prevents

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sagging with locks that won't catch, that keeps window screens in their place and helps to keep flies out. Garage door hardware, too, is described, both the overhead kind and the swinging kind.

There are many fundamental things that mean much to the enjoyment and economical upkeep of a home in after years, such things as water pipes and storage tanks, sheet metal work, window and door screens, etc .sometimes neglected just because they are either out of sight or forgotton for the moment. The use of "Copper, Brass & Bronze in the Home," a publication of the American Brass Company, deals with these important things. It tells all about the use of Anaconda brass pipe, copper water tubes, sheet copper for gutters and flashings, copper roofing, copper radiation, etc. A newer development is the use of "Electrodescribes a fine window furnished as a unit; it is called "Silentite," reduces air leakage, and may be had weather-stripped. Storm sash and screens, pre-fitted, are also described. A companion piece, "After Living With Silentite Pre-Fit' Frame, Window, Screen and Storm Sash," gives further information and includes a number of testimonials from users.

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"The Little White Book," also issued by Samuel Cabot, Inc., tells all about Cabot's Double-White paint. There are many lovely illustrations of houses on which this paint has been used, all reproduced at a good size. "Cabot's Creosote Shingle and Wood Stains" describes the creosote shingle and wood stains made by Samuel Cabot, Inc., and contains color chips showing the colors in which these stains may be had.

"The Light Sealair, Aluminum or Bronze Double-Hung Window," issued by the Kawneer Company, describes a new and better window made by that company. It explains how this window, which has very thin members, is furnished as a complete unit ready for installation in old or new homes, and eliminates vertical members in the glass.

"The Modern Window Unit," issued by the Curtis Companies,

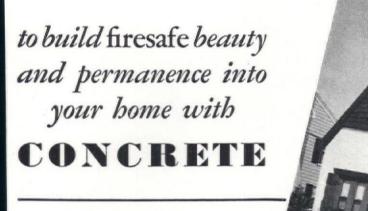
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Walls are always important and "Paneling Old or New Ir teriors," issued by the Wester Pine Association, pictures an describes the use of Ponderos Pine for knotty pine panelin There is quite an interesting dis cussion of pine rooms, written b Walter E. Church, Architec which tells about old time room and gives suggestions on cold combinations most effective natural or stained pine rooms. The booklet discusses the principatypes of boards for knotty pir walls, explains how the board should be finished, and has draw ings of the various patterns which Ponderosa pine panelir comes. A companion piece, "Bear tiful Paneled Walls of Genum White Pine," also issued by t Western Pine Association, giv similiar information on the u of Idaho white pine for panelin and is profusely illustrated.

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nut" for homes of moderate cost is the subject of a booklet issued by the Curtis Companies. It contains many illustrations of rooms paneled in walnut, of trim and doors, wainscoting and fireplaces, and explains why American Walnut, as furnished by Curtis, is now within the reach of the home owner of moderate means.

'Classic Ceilings Without Cracks or Visible Joints" pictures and describes the use of Upson Board, made by the Upson Company. It explains how ceilings of wallboard are now available without visible joints, and discusses paneling with Upson wall board. The decoration of Upson ceiling is illustrated and described, and available moldings of wood are "Stabilized" pictured. Upson Fibre-Tile, for use in kitchens and bathrooms, is also explained.

Window decoration is highly important, always, and "Venetian Blinds by Columbia" is a most interesting discussion of the decorative use and possibilities of the very popular Venetian blinds, as made by the Columbia Mills. Many of the illustrations are in full color, and all the pictures are reproduced at a size sufficiently large to enable one readily to pick up decorative ideas. The use of draperies in connection with Venetian blinds is explained,

the prices of various sized rugs are given. A feature, as described, is that old rugs, carpets and clothing may be converted into Olson rugs, with an allowance for the material furnished, and that rugs may be had in size desired.

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and there is a color chart showing the colors of slats and tapes which are furnished by Columbia.

How to Make Draperies. Slip Covers, Cushions, and other Home Furnishings the Modern Singer Way" is a most helpful booklet published by the Singer Sewing Machine Co., Inc., and is exactly what its title indicates. There are decorative suggestions indicating what should be made to fit various conditions, instructions as to how to measure windows so that the curtains and drapes will be of the right size; rings, rods, and fixtures; trimmings and finishes; etc. The housewife handy with her needle-and even she not so handy-will find this booklet of invaluable assistance.

Floor coverings form the basis of decoration, and many hints as to the proper pattern and color of rug to use, and effective color schemes to accompany it, will be gained from "Olson Reversible Broadloom Rugs," issued by the Olson Rug Company. Most of the illustrations are in full color, and

discard old fashioned fixtures an to install those of modern typ

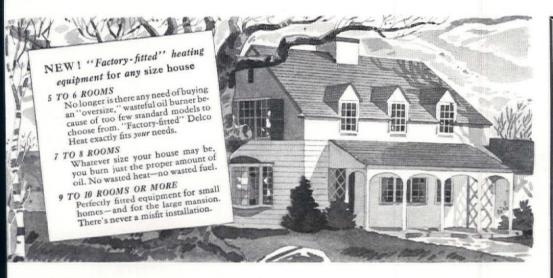
Somehow, the final intima touch to a bed room is the blan ket. And "What You Shou Know About Blankets . . . The Selection and Care," issued Kenwood Mills, is a colorful ilustrated booklet which tells about blankets-how to reco nize pure wool, how to take ca of blankets and how they shou be washed. There is a helpt table showing how to select correct blanket size for differe types of beds, color of blanke to use to fit in with various col schemes, and many other pointe

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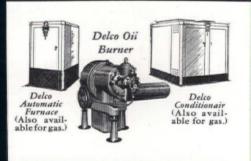
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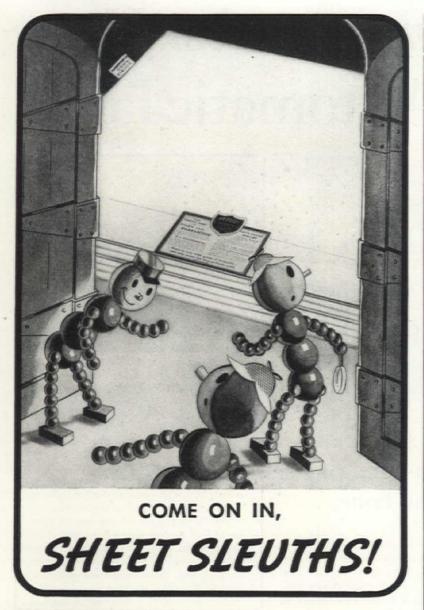
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"When Heating Your Home" describes the magazine type heater, in which coal is placed in a magazine at intervals of once every twenty-four hours or so and feeds by gravity. The economies of this type heating plant, made by the Spencer Heater Company, are interestingly explained and accompanied by a number of testimonial letters. The equipment and its manner of operation are described and pictured.

"Automatic Heat Without Cost Penalty" describes and illustrates the types of automatic stokers made by Fairbanks, Morse & Co. It explains the advantages of the cheaper grades of coal when used in a stoker, and describes how coal is fed from underneath by a screw drive in this type of heating equipment, which can be added to existing boilers.

A somewhat similar type of stoker, made by the Whiting Corporation, is illustrated and described in "The Most Recent Development in Automatic Heating for the Home." "The Automatic Butler Coal Stoker," made by the Butler Manufacturing Company, also discusses stoker equipment which can be added to any type of boiler.

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A monthly publication, "T Home of Today," is published the Williams Oil-O-Matic Heing Corporation and, in additi to describing and illustrating he Williams Oil-O-Matic oil he makes it possible to turn cellinto basement recreation roor gives quite a bit of interesting formation for home owners gardening, magic, etc.

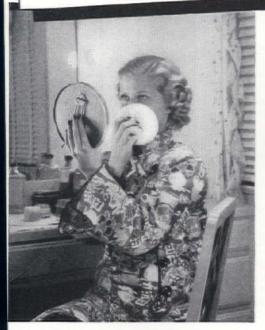
This New Comfort" is a boo let issued by the American Rac tor Company for home own describing a new method of ass ing indoor comfort through use of the latest American Rac tor equipment. In extremely s ple language it describes the th kinds of heat that help to k a house warm and which are p sible when radiators are use conduction, convection and rac tion. It also explains how conditioning may now be used conjunction with radiator h gives colored illustrations she ing various heating plants ins led in "phantom" houses, and plains how the most modern tems may easily be financed.

The advantages of having oil burner and boiler enginee as a unit is described in "Lurious Heat," issued by the Conditioning Department of General Electric Company. way in which the burner boiler work is shown in beafully colored diagrams.

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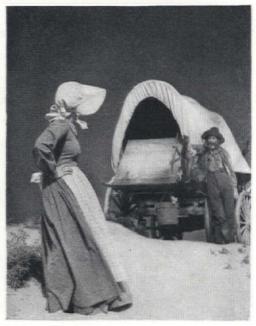
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#### For the simple life

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off, there is looped across the front between short posts, a huge hawser rope which enhances the feeling that one is sitting on the deck of a boat.

To give the house the feeling of "belonging," the exterior is of rather wide boards stained a wood brown, with roof, window sashes, and other trim a leaf green, which ties the house in with the trees which surround it.

Half of the screened porch is covered with a gay awning, which is removed in winter, thus allowing the sun to stream into the living room through the south casement windows (5 by 7½ feet). From the kitchen, casement windows open onto the screened porch, where much of the warm weather eating is done. No screens are necessary for this window, and a wide hinged shelf, supported by tasseled ropes beneath, makes serving extremely easy.

Inside the house we eliminated all plastering and finished everything with insulating Celotex, the equivalent of three inches of plaster. With storm windows, even the living room, exposed on three sides, is perfectly comfortable in below zero weather.

My husband, though inexperienced in such work, did all of the painting and staining both inside and out—and such a thrill as he had when his results were especially good. In all rooms, except the living room and dressing room, a warm buff paint was applied over a coat of sizing on the wall board; wooden strips over the joints making a nice paneling. The dressing and bathroom is done in turquoise blue and white.

The living room ceiling, which

is high, extending almost to the point of the roof, the two er walls, and the space over the fir place are of white pine car-sidin slightly stained and waxed to satiny finish. To obtain the district color two light brown stain were mixed. The staining and the polishing with a floor polish were done before the boards we put in place. The long side was are covered with rough plas paint of a rich, creamy yellow.

At the view end of this roo French doors and two windo open onto the "deck." High bo shelves fill the rest of this waln one of the long walls, oppose the big casement windows, is large fireplace, its bricks and ting harmonizing with the fin of the rest of the room. A deleading into the kitchen we call the invisible door because it covered with the car-siding factly matching the wall. To door rings do away with known of the covered with the car-siding factly matching the wall.

In the smallest bedroom double decker bunks, for wh regular springs and mattres were used. Many closets a built-in wardrobes and draw give sufficient storage room. high space over the stairs to basement was made into a clofor hand luggage. There is no foot of space anywhere that is utilized. The telephone is in niche in the wall between the hand dressing room and is accorbe from either side.

At the building wrecker's found some interesting outs doors and large and small coment windows, which helped cut down expense and which helped also to add to the understanding of the house.

The attached garage adds the comfort of our lodge in woods, which is designated at entrance to the driveway "Warrenwood."



At one end of the room French doors and two windows open onto the "deck." They are flanked by bookshelves

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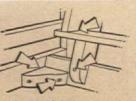
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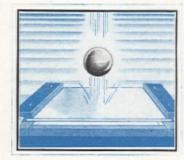
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House hunting in Santa Barbara! To be among the chosen people who live in beauty between the mountains and the sea! I appreciated my good fortune. The search had two requirements for me: location and price. After years of living on a ranch where the problem of getting children to and from school was a troublesome one, it would be pleasant to be within walking distance of the high school; and the price? Of course, reasonable.

Naturally I had ideas about what I didn't want at any price But what did I want? I only knew that the house of my quest—I wasn't at all set as to size or shape—must be capable of yielding to treatment. I went alone. Driving slowly up and down streets watching for signs soon brought on a "tennis" neck. At a possibility, I would sit in the car letting my imagination work at whitewashing weathered walls, putting the garden in shape, pruning trees, or planning an outdoor living room.

Twice I came from the ranch to look and on the third day, as n the traditional tale, I found t, my old adobe, waiting to be loved. The car stopped almost by tself at the usual sign, FOR RENT, NFURNISHED, but a steep driveway hid completely what the house might be. At the back of a leep lot, beyond an oak tree and group of palms was a little brown house set at a queer angle to the street, half facing its neighbor, a cottage back of an partment building. "Which one?" wondered, and as I hesitated, a voman came out of the cottage nd asked if I had come to see ne house. While she went after ne kev I looked around, noted og-holes revealing half-buried ones, was dismayed at the back ard full of rubbish piles and an gly clothesline. Well, I'd look, ince I was right here. The door



#### THE OLD ADOBE

opened. . . . Yes, a row of stars, for we now skip weeks, months, and even years, as it is three years since that door opened for me. To introduce a touch of conflict, that our coming together, the adobe and I, may be the more satisfying, you must know that when, with husband and check-book, I returned that night to seal the bargain, having given only my word. I heard-and my heart skipped a beat-how a woman with a family of three children, her furniture on a van, had wanted desperately to move in that very afternoon. In thankfulness we paid two months rent and before the ink was dry on the check, the door-bell rang and there was the poor, wandering woman, a voice in the dark, being told the house was taken. And so we moved in.

Few of the historic adobes have survived progress. I call mine, La Casa del Baile, literally, the house of the dance, because it was built, the main room, as a dance hall, sometime prior to 1853. An old map peeling with

age, in the Court House, records its location on this very spot.

Like the old Mission, the house is set to the points of the compass. Whatever the esoteric significance may be, the actual result is a house flooded with sunlight. The ground rises sharply in this block and in the early days ships could be seen coming in to the old port, but now the ocean view is restricted to a few feet between a garage and house, across the street. The narrow covered porch, whose posts seem made for strings of corn and peppers, is typically early Californian. From the bed in the front bedroom, through the open door, one's eye follows gratefully the long vista with lacy peppertree drapery beyond.

The main room, 20 by 35 feet, serves as living and dining room. The long window at the left end wall is precious, so obviously measured by the eye, so nicely off square. Here prints of St. Francis and a Madonna from Mexico share the indenture in the thick walls, and the afternoon

The ell where a rubbish pile and clothesline languished is now the patio

sun is fast fading the blue draperies of the Madonna on the window itself. The broad shelf of the high window that now looks out on the patio, is a happy place for old glass to catch the light. A dark blue candlestick from the five and ten enjoys the good company of an old French bottle, and glass from Bohemia.

Two front windows, with panes that hark back to other days, look out on a sweep of lawn, spacious enough for both croquet and badminton. The front door, said to have come from the Mission has a glass inset of recent date. Interesting too is the door leading to the bedroom. The panels are old fashioned and the knob is placed much lower than in modern doors. Do you know why? The reason is like an echo of former leisurely family life. The thought was for the children who might reach up and turn the knob and more easily come and go.

The ell formed by the living and bedroom walls, where a clothesline, rubbish pile, and straggly pepper tree languished, is now the patio and verily, my patio. An olive tree replaced the pepper, the ground was leveled, old brick and sand hauled in my car. A water pipe went down first, that the sea-horse plaque—bought for a dollar because his nose was chipped-may be a wall fountain with little trouble. My brick laying was more willing than expert, and there is a low place directly in front of the door that holds puddles when it rains, but quien cuida. The first fence, of bamboo, was being eaten by microscopic visitors, so was re-placed recently by lath, giving privacy for that morning sun bath. The umbrella table welcomes breakfast and luncheon trays. Around the door and window are decorations in soft colors, peasant style, done by two artist friends, [Please turn to page 95]



The long window at the end of the main room which serves adequately as both living and dining room



One's eye follows the long vista and the lovely lacy pepper tree drapery beyond

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#### The old adobe

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a young wife and husband with whom we swapped oranges and avocados for art.

To bring interest to the dull view from the back bedroom windows we experimented recently with a wayside shrine effect. The luted iron background, salvaged rom a rubbish pile, was painted deep blue. The statue of the Madonna, another bargain beause she was unfinished, (no ands) a left-over from a large order, cost only three dollars. Plants that like the shade will oon grow up to form her bower. Clothes wires were strung in a

emote corner of the boundary ence, shut off by ten feet of lath encing and an old pepper tree, rom the front garden. Hidden here too is the burning pile and he trenches dug for leaves and he grass cuttings.

One of the treasures of the garen is the red bougainvillea, a ood shade of dark red, that rapes the roof and blooms freuently. Shrubs and flowers were Iched from the ranch; a few, ibiscus in red, pink, and white, nat do so well here, were bought om a nursery. Old plow discs ave been turned into bird baths , painted, used as trays to hold ourds and pine cones.

I have learned here that the one sential is an outside door in very room. It is surprising how uch one lives outdoors when it

as easy as that.

Don't be deterred because you e a renter from putting your eative talents to work. The cost the materials that you will ave behind is negligible; the joy accomplishment is its own reard, and the actual labor will your body a world of good. nere is an inner satisfaction in iving the place you have called lome" more beautiful than you and it. May your next move ing you as much joy as I have d in my adobe.

#### he "very latest thing" ontinued from page 47]

ered in working out summer emes. These are so familiar to st of us that it is hardly essary to illustrate them. But want to remind you that there all kinds of color schemes ilable, since the slats can be nted one color, and the tapes cted to contrast. One of the eresting new developments is introduction of a pine-finished netian blind, with tapes in any or, for use in rooms where the



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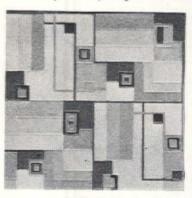
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paneling is knotty pine. These come from the Columbia Mills.

The right-hand photograph on page 46 shows a new adaptation of the Venetian blind idea. worked out in a fibre composition, and very inexpensive. It is made by the Fibre Lite Co. Below it is the new chain tape



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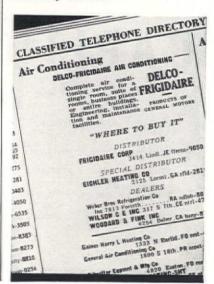
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Venetian blind. The chain, of nickel-plated brass which will not rust or stretch, will keep the slats perfectly aligned at all times, and at intervals there are small clips to hold the slats, which can be easily removed for cleaning or replacement. Made by the Chain Tape Venetian Blind Co., these come in standard colors such as natural wood, eggshell, ivory, buff, gray, and sea green.

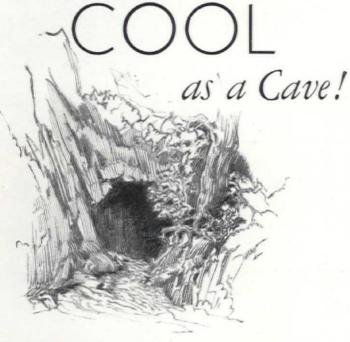
At the right on page 47 are two sheers for summer curtains. At the top is a star-patterned net which would be charming used without any overdraperies. The Scranton Lace Co. has this. Beneath it is Celanese ninon, with a horizontal stripe in self color. It comes in lovely shades, such as ivory, champagne, beige, rose beige, and peach tree-a wide selection.



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Knowing in advance the sound arguments against its purchase which less emotional friends would present, I decided to forestall them by buying at once.

I clothed it completely in garments of my mind. It became a tiny orphan, drab, neglected and

cold, appealing to me to b fires in its heart and to b color and life, if I could, to gray, haggard face. These thou and others, similarly foolish, ra through my mind as I stood, my son, on a cold autumn debating its purchase. My sion to buy drove the color f his face, leaving it as gray as little house itself. I made an mediate payment of fifteen dred dollars on a total of thousand dollars and, having actly twenty-three dollars let the world, avoided my son's p ing eyes, large with the questi-Mother, how will we eat?" Not having the answer,

A big armchair with books at hand offers cosy spot to while a few pleasant leisurely

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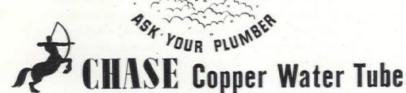
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with winter approaching and depression upon us, I made a cheerful evasion to the effect that 'all would be well.' Well enough, thought I (inwardly terrified), if salaries aren't reduced any more than they have been and if I don't feel any worse than I do. That they were and I did are other stories entirely.

I was now completely absorbed in the development of "my orphan;" all thoughts that interfered were driven from my mind. "It" was not only pale and cold, thin and emaciated, but weak in every limb-a veritable derelict. Through its sides, which I chose to think of, not as thin walls but exposed ribs, daylight could be seen and wind and rain entered. Its floors, supported on legs once sturdy, now teetered and creaked as we tiptoed about, testing its strength. There was a superabundance of water both in the well and in the cellar. I looked into the former and fell ungracefully in the latter.

Where to begin! So much to be done! So little to do with! I borrowed from two banks to start reconstruction, and worked and slaved for five joyous years. To tell of the ceilings that came down, the floors that came up, and the fireplaces that were uncovered, would be repetition of similar experiences known to every re-builder.

Procedure is so much the same. Results are so very different. As in all landscape gardening, the one school reveals; the other conals every move that is made, every step that is taken. I favor most heartily the school that conceals and so kept the "Salt Box," as I imagined it had been two hundred years before.

To regain and retain the handhewn, peasant simplicity not only requires expert "concealing," but is a noticeable and persistent fi-



nancial drain. We played jigsaws in old wood matching: we camoutflaged plumbing and, Houdinilike, we made bathtubs disappear behind old pine casements. Good fun that, and costly fun, too, disappearing a bathtub!

On the more serious problems, experts were called. Local artisans were consulted, with the results always the same. The problems to be solved were difficult, almost insurmountable or, at least, so they said. Such grave looks, such

shaking of heads over the mere matter of a damper in a seven foot fireplace. Consultations went on for three years. At last, in desperation, I called in a local man: gave him orders to "buy a damper about so long and to put it about there." It worked to perfection and, instead of warming Connecticut as I had over the previous three winters, I started. for the first time, to warm me and the "Salt Box." It radiated an inner and outer peace and warmth that was apparent to everyone. The lovely weathered gray of its exterior was now accented by windows and doors painted a New England barn red: and it seemed to nod and smile joyously to passers-by from its hillside setting.

#### Possibilities were enormous

It was about this time that I started in earnest to think of the barn. Its possibilities were enormous and it gave me no peace. Guests and friends were persuaded to work on the house, while I drifted out to dream in the barn. I sat by the hour, looking up at its beams from my perch on a wheelbarrow. Arguments against this new venture left me cold and disinterested. I turned a deaf ear and wore my "yes, but . . ." expression. I drew it all out on paper with crayons in shades of red, brown and black-black for the old "Franklin" stove and the hinges; red for the curtains and shutters, the windows and the hearth; brown for the old paneling, the ceiling, the floor, and the shelves tucked in everywhere for books and for flowers. Because of neighboring pastures, the garden was fenced; a solid wall of seclusion that reached to my chin; old boards, of course, the same shade as the barn, and a perfect background for zinnias in multicolor. that were transplanted in full bloom at the peak of their growth in the middle of summer, without wilting at all.

The barn house is insulated: has a kitchen and bath, a bedroom on the balcony, a large studio living room, and insidious appeal. I had planned for this summer a red, white and blue garden. It would have been nice. but it will have to be elsewhere, for I sold in November.

I'm writing from the Southwest New Mexico to be exact, where houses are made of earth, water and straw; and roofs are made of aspen, and thatched. Instead of a peaceful Connecticut valley, my window opens on the forbidding peaks of the Sangre de Cristos the backbone of the towering Rockies. They seem to challeng me and say, "It is just possible that you may improve and re build here. But we think it very doubtful. Tch! Tch! Tch! Wha a drastic move!"

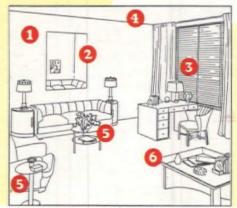
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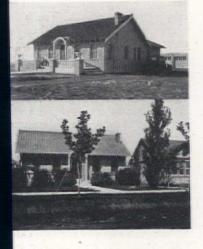
Do you chafe and worry and complain when bugs bother your plants or frost nips a few buds, or a dry spell scorches the lawn? Look, then, at the trials and obstacles that this gardener and her Texas compatriots are surmounting season after season in getting joy from their plants and flowers—and be thankful indeed for your bountiful blessings!

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of the location of our new home when the recent eight-year drouth descended and began making a dust bowl of this country.

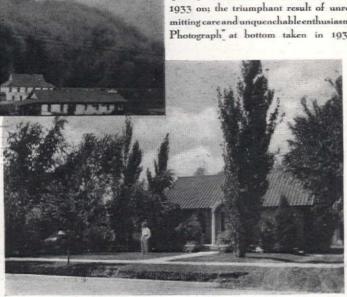
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In the beginning, it never occurred to us to count the cost in time and labor of making a garden in this desolate spot, or that it was a hazardous and uncertain undertaking. A Louisianian by birth, my goal was to create something resembling those old gardens in which I'd spent my childhood; a will-o-the-wisp dream to once again live beneath swaying Spanish moss, oaks, gums and willows. Trees were a passion with me, trees and more trees, to cool the western sun.

No amount of importance is too great to attach to the beginning of any garden, and we didn't neglect the beginning of ours; by that I mean the clearing, spading and cultivating into a state of fertility of our small area of "desert." Contrary to many beliefs, the sandy clay loam of this region and parts of New Mexico is a surprisingly productive soil when mixed with a little rain. But, as to the rain . . . Well, anyway—

The first trees we planted in our new garden, strange as it may seem, were willows—five cuttings of the weeping variety. We brought the switches from the old home, stuck them in shallow holes of water which were never allowed to dry out that spring, and were gratified to find that our faithful "coddling" resulted in

Here are shown, from the top down: Mrs. Gilvin's home on the outskirts of Amarillo, Texas, when newly completed in 1928; the grounds in 1932 before the highway was graded and paved; a typical dust storm or "black roller" such as frequently descended on the garden from 1933 on; the triumphant result of unremitting care and unquenchable enthusiasm. Photograph" at bottom taken in 1936





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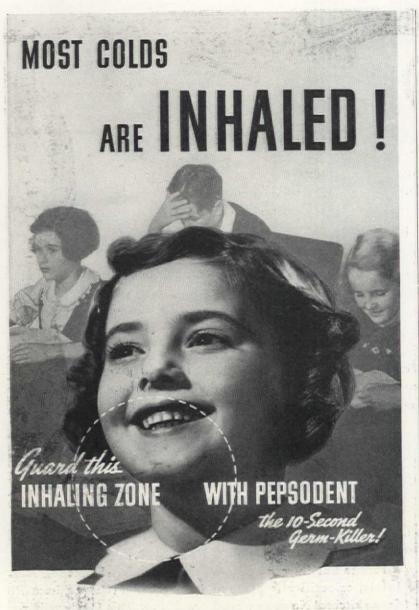
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rapid growth. We have been repaid a thousand times for our trouble for, to my way of thinking, one of the most ornamental of trees, for either a front lawn or a back garden, is the willow.

Our fruit trees came next. These we bought quite small and planted them much as we had planted the willows. But for the larger trees-four sycamores for the curb-line, seven Lombardy and silver poplars, one California poplar, seven Chinese elms, three silver maples and two native trees of Paradise-we dug deep holes which were repeatedly filled with water and allowed to stand for a day or two, thus saturating the ground so as to insure a supply of moisture for their roots for several weeks to come.

Gradually evergreens and shrubs were bought and planted with as much care as our trees: mountain spruce, vitex, saltcedar and, especially, the old-fashioned "bridal wreath" which seems particularly beautiful out in this country. In fact, I have found that almost any northern grown plant or tree will thrive in the Panhandle, while no amount of care will make those of the more southern states live in this climate. I have labored valiantly, but so far unsuccessfully, to keep a cape-jasmine, magnolia, long-leaf pine and many others alive. I blame our late springs, a tendency of the soil to run together



A glimpse of the tree-shaded lawn behind the house—and a now departed and much missed feline member of the household

and form a hard crust, a scarcity of those quick, warm rains so refreshing in the southern states and, most of all, the wind. Lack of moisture is enemy number one to plant life on the plains, and the wind is enemy number two.

Our yard, like all those on the Cap Rock, is kept alive by the "sprinkling" system. In normal times, one soaking a week is sufficient, no matter how high the wind or hot the sun. But during the drouth any time was a good time to water the garden.

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The black rollers usually came in on a high wind. The ones I dreaded were those from the northeast because they swept over the vast oil fields in that direction and the silt they brought was heavy and black. After one of these black rollers had passed my yard would look beaten and sick for a long time.

This, however, was not the case with the storms that swept in from the south and southwest. They generally seemed composed of pure fertilizer from off the rich farm lands, and while this particular sort of dust was awfu in other respects, the yards and gardens were greatly benefited by the deluge of rich soil. The blue grass suddenly would becombluer, and the plants would seen to take on renewed life.

Then there was the other kind of dust storm, the sort that visited us most frequently. The often crept in on us when ther wasn't even a breeze—silently—somberly. They turned the bright est sunlight into gray, mist gloom; towns and cities becam weird—ghostly—seemingly with out beginning or end. The find gray dust seeped and crept intevery crack and cranny of outhomes. Automobiles crawled carefully along the dark streets an busy highways.

After a storm of this type, m garden looked gray and desolat as if the dust of ages had settle on every bush and tree. I alway had the same discouraged feelin that things would never loo natural again. But after a goo bath from the garden hose, m garden would emerge fresh ar green and none the worse for i dust shower bath.

Before a dust storm—som times we knew of their approad and sometimes they slipped in ous without warning—I have set the most gorgeous rainbows ov my garden and lily pool. Thes of course, were caused by the dubetween us and the sun, and the were as colorful as any rainbow I ever beheld in the sky. The "garden rainbow" became in barometer. Whenever it appear I knew it was time to close to

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Looking back across the years to the beginning of my garden, I know that even had we forseen the difficulties ahead of us—those eight years of drouth and destruction—we would still have begun our garden. First, because we love this western country; it is our home. And also because a garden is a romantic, magic something that enriches the soul. To me, my garden is a Land of Enchantment and I am its queen.

#### Week-end cottage in Massachusetts

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midst of an apple orchard and only a short distance from a side road so that no expensive grading for a driveway was necessary. Through a gap in the stone wall you drive a few rods across on open field and—there you are!

The surrounding country is typical of New England-wooded hills, sloping fields and orchards bounded by stone walls and a lake just over the hill. The house itself is equally typical of New England—its extreme simplicity is due not only to enforced economy—the total cost of the house was \$6000; but to the architect's skill in designing a house fitted to its simple surroundings.

The exterior of the house is of gray shingles with white trim and green blinds. The roof is also shingled and the outside walls and roof are well insulated, making for greater comfort both in summer and winter. A French door opens from one end of the living room on to a flagged terrace shaded by apple trees and bordered by a low stone wall, which serves as an extra sitting room during the summer months. Old-fashioned lilacs frame the doorway and hollyhocks are planted in a row along the front of the house while flower beds border the walled terrace.

The family for which the house was designed consists of two adults and four children and the arrangement of rooms was planned to give each member of the family the greatest comfort and privacy possible.

From the tiny front hallway a door opens into the living room and stairs lead up to the second story. This floor is given over entirely to the children—a double bedroom for the two girls, another for the two boys and space for an extra cot in the hallway for an occasional small guest. This arrangement not only gives the children the satisfaction of having one whole floor for their special domain but ensures more quiet and privacy for their parents

whose quarters are on the ground floor—a convenient arrangement.

Although a hallway takes up valuable space in a small house, it is quite essential in a house which is to be used in winter as well as in summer, for a front door opening directly into the living room entails periodic blasts of cold air on its helpless occupants and a stairway leading up from a living room can be depended upon to produce a steady downward draught from the cooler rooms above. So the hallway in this house is a wise provision and takes up little space for the valuable service it performs.

The living room here is quite literally a "living" room for it includes in one large L-shaped room the kitchen as well as the sitting and dining rooms. As one enters the living room this arrangement is not apparent as the kitchen is around the corner, but the effect of space is much greater than if the ell which houses the kitchen had been walled off into a separate room. For week-end housekeeping this also makes a more sociable and convenient arrangement than the conventional one where the unfortunate individual who is delegated to cook meals or wash dishes must be ostracized from the family group and forced to labor in solitary confinement. An electric stove simplifies cooking and does not overheat the room even in summer and an electric refrigerator, well lighted sink, and roomy cupboard painted Indian red, complete the kitchen furnishings. There is also a small hinged door in the side wall through which refuse can be thrown and disposed of in the incinerator below, thereby eliminating one of the most annoying problems of country housekeeping.

A wide fireplace with old pine mantel is the main feature of the living room whose walls are of unpainted plaster, with natural wood trim. Bright chintz curtains at the windows combine shades of blue with touches of the same red used on the cupboards.

Three doors from a small entry off the living room open respectively into a diminutive study with generous fireplaces, the owners' double bedroom, and the bathroom. Another door from the living room leads down to the cellar—a high and dry cellar walled and floored with concrete, which contains a furnace for forced warm air heating, the incinerator already referred to, and plenty of room for storage.

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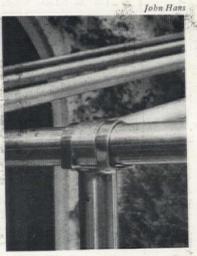
Stainless steel awning frame in the home of F. H. Haggerson, Plandome, Long Island

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Awnings are a boon to mankind wherever the temperature climbs pretty high and the house gets pretty hot. To begin with, they deflect the heat and help to keep it from pouring into the house through open windows and doors. Secondly, they keep out the glare of the summer sun and a dim room always seems cooler by contrast with the bright, hot out-of-doors.

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A close-up of stainless steel awning frame



and what goes best with the color of the house and the trimming.

An interesting color scheme has been worked out for the awning over the terrace illustrated at the top of the page. The awning itself is rust color, while the lacing around each rafter are deep green. There is another detail here worth noting. The frame work for the awning is of stainless steel, which will not rust



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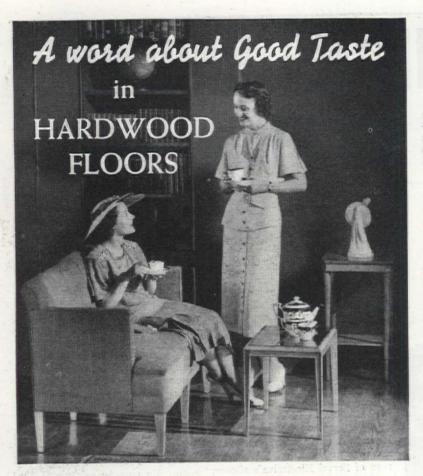
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#### Submarine Ling-pong

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T ALL began with a ping-pong table. Some friends gave us one. We thought we could just set it in some out-of-the-way nook and play ping-pong when the spirit moved us. But you've no idea how huge a ping-pong table is until you bring one into your home. No mere nook can accommodate one-it requires a room all its own. And since we didn't have a room we could spare for ping-pong we reluctantly decided to stable our white elephant in the cellar. Being good average Americans, our cellar was so full of the usual accumulations that even there our table had to lean dejectedly on edge pushed right up against the wall.

And then we spent an evening at the home of friends who had recently transformed an unused laundry into a game room, complete with ping-pong table. Not only did we enjoy the game immensely, but I, as a frequent hostess, visualized its marvelous entertainment possibilities and saw in it the solution to a perplexing problem-a remedy for that frustrated feeling you get during the glum good nights of guests who have resentfully played bridge because you have no other entertainment to offer.

We determined to have a rumpus room—a place where we could enjoy ourselves and entertain joyously. There was no choice of location to be made. Since the cellar was the only place that offered room for our ping-pong table—that's where our game room must be. So we divided our cellar down the middle with a

curtain. In a couple of backbreaking evenings we moved to one side of the curtain everything that was formerly on both sides Then on the other side we stood our ping-pong table squarely on all fours-and behold, we had a game room. But it didn't make a very attractive play room for grown-ups. The floor was cement. The walls were brick and plaster and overhead was a nightmare of floor timber, piping, and wiring. It looked more like the mess hall of a prison than the rumpus roon. of our dreams. Certainly we weren't eager to entertain our friends there.

It did, however, give us a place to play ping-pong ourselves and become fairly proficient. There was one objection, however. Naturally in the cellar we had to play by electric light. But oc-casionally we played in the daytime and there was a cellar window at one end that glared an noyingly into the eyes of whomever played opposite it. So Jin boarded up the window and that' really what started everything Being lazy, like most husbands he boarded it up from the out side. But also, like most husbands he occasionally has a bright idea And since our family name Fish, he painted the wall-board black and hung little celluloid fish on threads between the black background and the glass and made a charming little aquarium out of what was formerly a both ersome window.

The place was still too bleal and bare to entertain our friends but it was amazing how much that little aquarium brightened i up. It gave us an inkling of how





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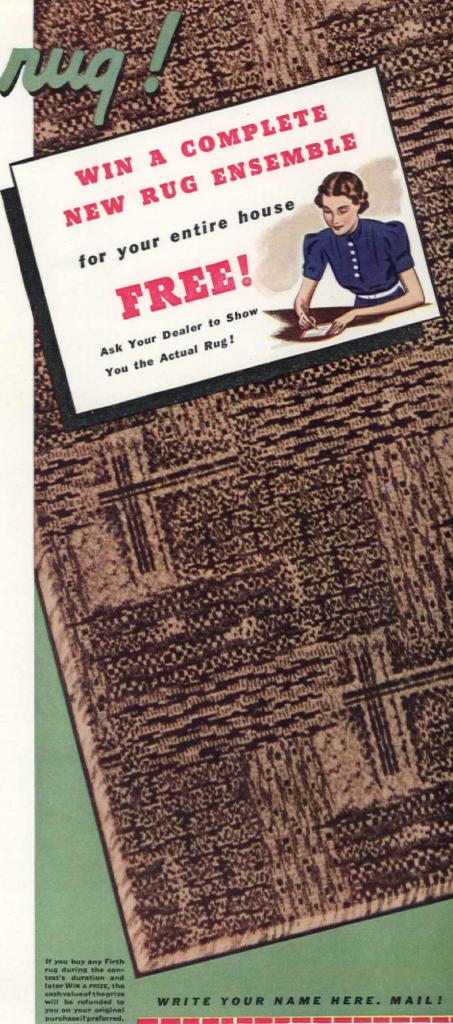
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charming a spot it could be if it were suitably decorated. More than ever we longed for a place where we could entertain without restraint and share the pleasures of ping-pong with our friends.

Longing turned to determination. We made up our minds to have a rumpus room that would be attractive and original, and yet we sadly realized that whatever plans we adopted must be kept within the narrow confines of our budget. We didn't have very much money to spend on a play room but we felt that originality and enthusiasm and a little hard work on our part might make up for a terrible scarcity of ready funds.

We called in our friend Gale, who had worked with Jim on stage settings for amateur theatricals and who we had found to be inoffensively artistic, if you know what I mean. The three of us went into a huddle. After considerable discussion we decided, in honor of the name of Fish, to convert the whole cellar into an aquarium. We adjourned to a restaurant and there, over a Welsh rarebit, was evolved on the backs of several menus a series of pencil sketches that was destined to transform our dreary cellar into a paradise of hospitality.

We waxed enthusiastic. We flew furiously at it. First we adopted an under-water color scheme. The bleak walls were soon a soothing shade of turquoise blue. The waist-high stone work was non-chalantly covered with haphazard brush strokes of grayish green and greenish gray that looked so much like ocean bottom it made you want to wear rubbers. Old sheets were tinted turquoise and tacked to overhead timbers, concealing piping, wiring, floor braces, and whatnot.

And then while Gale was putting the oil paintings on the turquoise walls, Jim and I went wild with midnight blue and chromium. (In case you don't recognize them by these names "midnight blue" is flat white and Prussian blue stirred affectionately together, and "chromium" is aluminum radiator paint.) You should paint something with this combination. It's a fascinating pastime. First we painted the few pipes that were still exposed. Then we rejuvenated four chairs, discarded from a law office that can best be described as "hotel porch Windsors of the McKinley period." Next in turn came our beloved ping-pong table which ve proceeded to glorify in midnight blue with chromium lines. We dragged an old end-table out of the attic and a glider from the unporch. Next came a bridge able, and then we looked around or more that we could paint. Gale had to restrain us forcibly rom sneaking upstairs and painting our piano blue and chromium.

In the meantime the pencil sketches had been enlarged in chalk on the walls and blocked in as oil paintings, using four-hour lacquer in ten different colors. We were charmed by the general effect, but one night we came home late and found that Gale had been industrious in our absence. When we found the finishing touches on four of the fish we were amazed and delighted. The effect was so underwaterish we had to go upstairs for air.

In no time at all our submarine ping-pong parlor was complete, the final touch being a couple of coats of gray-green deck enamel on the cement floor. Our underwater rumpus room was paradise now—but it was no wilderness. Where I was formerly ashamed to invite our friends to the cellar, my trouble now is that they don't even wait to be asked and they never want to go home.

The photographs don't do justice to our aquarium because they convey no idea of the sparkling color scheme that is at the same time cheerful and restful. The floods of this spring invaded the cellar to the topmost fin-tip of the tallest fish. We live on Blake Street and the city fathers had almost voted to change the name to Lake Street before the waters finally receded. When I made my first hesitant descent to the cellar I felt like waving an olive branch because my lovely fish were as fascinatingly funny as ever and hadn't lost a single shimmer of their brilliant hospitable charm.

The moral of this story is that if you want to remodel your own cellar but can't quite seem to get around to it—all you have to do is just persuade somebody to give you a ping-pong table.

### Awnings are of different kinds

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by a crank on the inside of the house. There are openings for purposes of ventilation on the ends of each of the segments, to permit absolutely free circulation of air. Built of metal as they are, these awnings of course have the merit of an extremely long life.

In considering awnings, it is of interest to note that they have a real value as a heat reducer in connection with the air conditioning of a house in the summer. General Electric's engineers have worked out a set of technical figures which prove that awnings very definitely permit an air conditioning system to operate at a lower cost than would otherwise be the case, so that they are a sound investment in the light of air cooling maintenance charges.



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### The Neffs build a little greenhouse

CLAIRE NORTON

From the status of a luxury for the estate owner, the greenhouse has become a practical necessity for the small garden: an essential accessory in the tool equipment of the average

home gardener.

The relatively short growing season over a large section of the country necessitates some means of controlling weather conditions so as to bring about the maximum results desired from the little garden. This is especially so in the spring, at seed-starting time. Coldframes and hotbeds serve their purpose, but their range is too limited. The glassed-over garden, or greenhouse, is the only practical solution for the problem of hastening the coming of spring. Yet, many gardeners still consider the cost of maintaining a greenhouse prohibitive.

The Neffs of Colorado Springs, Colorado - father, mother and son-decided a year or so ago not to wait until they had a hundred or a hundred and fifty dollars to invest in a little greenhouse to supplement their garden. So they went right ahead and built one-for an approximate cost of twenty-five dollars.

The angle formed by a southwest ell of the house was chosen as the location for this homemade and home-designed glassed-over garden. As the hot, dry condition encountered in this particular spot had long made it difficult to establish flowering plants there, no reduction of valuable garden space resulted. The arrangement of kitchen and dining room windows necessitated placing a large part of the greenhouse below the ground level, and this proved advantageous rather than otherwise. By having the greenhouse open into the basement where the house heating plant was already located, heat was supplied without the necessity of running pipes. With the door to the basement left open most of the time, sufficient heat circulates through the greenhouse to keep the air at the desired temperature even in midwinter. Sheltered as it is from the north, the greenhouse requires comparatively little heat on bright winter days and practically none in the spring and fall.

The two side walls of the greenhouse were formed by those of the basement and house foundation as they stood. Native stone, plentiful in the vicinity, was hauled in the family car and utilized for the curving outer wall. Ordinarily, the cost of the gasoline used in hauling the stones would be included in the total cost of the greenhouse. But in this case the Neffs made these rockcollecting trips picnic excursions, so the gasoline item was not included. The outer wall, of stone laid up with cement mortar, which follows roughly the arc of a circle so as to conform with the outline of existing walks, extends approximately two feet above the ground level.

The framework for the roof was built of two-by-fours, slanting up from the outside wall to join the walls of the house itself just below the dining room win-dow level. This made possible inside measurements of from six feet in height at the lowest point to eleven feet from floor level to glass where greenhouse and dwelling join. The standard greenhouse sash used comprised the mair construction cost. Wire netting on a light wooden frame protects the glass from hail damage.

Two removable sash, each con taining nine 9 by 12 inch light of glass, were set in the roof They can be regulated to any desired opening, and are usually removed during the summer Screen wire tacked to the insid of the frames excludes unwelcom visitors. Openings were left in th outside wall for four sash place upright, each made up of thre 10 by 16 inch panes to provid additional light and for circula tion during the summer months All woodwork was painted whit outside and treated with creosot inside the house.

The floor was made of concret like that of the basement which is easily reached by means of or concrete step. Two benches wer built, one along the south an

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An unusual feature of this clever little greenhouse is the pool built of native stone and concrete across one end, extending under one bench. It measures six feet, two inches long, by three feet wide and its greatest depth is eighteen inches, this section being under the bench and separated from the remainder of the pool by a wall. That part of the pool where it forms the end of the center path is but fourteen inches deep. Here tender waterlilies from the garden can be carefully wintered.

The remaining space under the benches is used for storage, and for starting plants which are better kept out of the light until roots have formed. A large table and a group of shelves in the basement proper, handy to the greenhouse door, provide ample potting space and room for storage of plant foods, etc.

I have visited this little greenhouse at all seasons of the year and always found something of interest in it. Ivy trails along the concrete walls, and over the door. The sills of the upright windows give additional space for growing potted plants, succulents, and the like. An occasional jutting rock, purposely left, provides a shelf upon which a small pot can be set. In the spring the benches are filled to overflowing with seedling plants that will later grace the summer garden. Each year, hundreds of lobelia seedlings are raised to serve as an edging for the rose beds. Rooting cuttings are to be seen at all times. Favorite perennials are dug up before heavy frost occurs and moved into the greenhouse.

Hooks in the rafters permit the use of hanging pots. The largest rex begonia I have ever seen grows and blooms lustily in its pot on an upturned wooden bucket, filling a corner allotted to it near the pool. One visit found Mrs. Neff busy with a group of violas she had potted up from the garden and was forcing into bloom to decorate the luncheon table for her garden club meeting. A bird of paradise flower is her latest acquisition and its unfolding is eagerly anticipated.

Yes, there has been much joy built into this glassed-over-garden, and much joy has been derived from it. Yet, from the gathering of the first stone, the total investment has been \$25.





Here are two views within the Neffs' home-made greenhouse. Interesting the year around, it even boasts a pool!

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### Lilacs in May

RUTH ALLEN

"May is a full light wind of lilac From Canada to Narragansett Bay"

So since Amy Lowell, and May means lilacs throughout the wide share of this country that is ours in which to garden. We find on the Island of Mackinac lilac bushes that were planted by early French settlers and are still bearing a wealth of spring bloom. It is astonishing to see the size to which they have grown in their hundred years on the island. They are like interesting old gnarled apple trees in appearance, with trunks that measure ten and twelve inches through at the base.

Indeed, wherever we find old gardens, however neglected, they are apt to be dominated this month by scent and "color of lilac." And no modern garden should be without an established lilac bush if it wishes to lay claim to that intangible something called "charm." But if the garden is new, and if space is limited, let's turn to the hybrid lilacs. They do not tax our patience as do the common ones which require a number of years in which to settle down in a new environment before they commence to produce blossoms. The culture of the hybrid lilacs is just as simple, and most of the young plants blossom the first season after transplanting.

If there is a comprehensive collection growing near you, visit it—not once, but as often as you can, during the blooming period. There are early, mid-season, and late varieties, and you are apt to find desirable friends in each group. A nursery that offers growing lilacs is a fine place to make a choice. Balled and burlapped, a bush can at once be moved to the new home you provide for it and established pleasantly in relation to the rest of the garden.

To have the specimen of your choice tagged while in the nursery row and held for fall or early spring delivery may suit you better. In fact, I believe that fall planting is generally considered most desirable. However, our lilacs have been planted in spring, in fall, and when in full blossom without noticeable difference in growing success. We do find that certain varieties establish themselves more quickly than others. Plants should be on their own roots if possible.

Among singles that I recommend to the amateur grower are Lamartine and Catinat; growing tall and freely, these blossom about two weeks earlier than the common lilac. The first, a rosy lilac in color, is lovely; and if you care for a decided soft pink, try Catinat. Think of the thrill of seeing your lilacs abloom with large trusses of double size florets two weeks earlier than your neighbor has any lilac blossoms of even the most meager character!

The single red hybrids are most popular and deservedly so. Congo is a soft red, light in tone. The bush is medium in height and any plants that I know bloom profusely. I have yet to see one in blossom which fails to call forth gasps of admiration from all who view it for the first time. Danton, another red, of a deep wine tone, grows taller than Congo in my experience; the large size florets are arranged in long, slender thyrses. Deepest in tone of all is Toussaint Louverture, a red-violet single lilac that can scarcely wait to throw a



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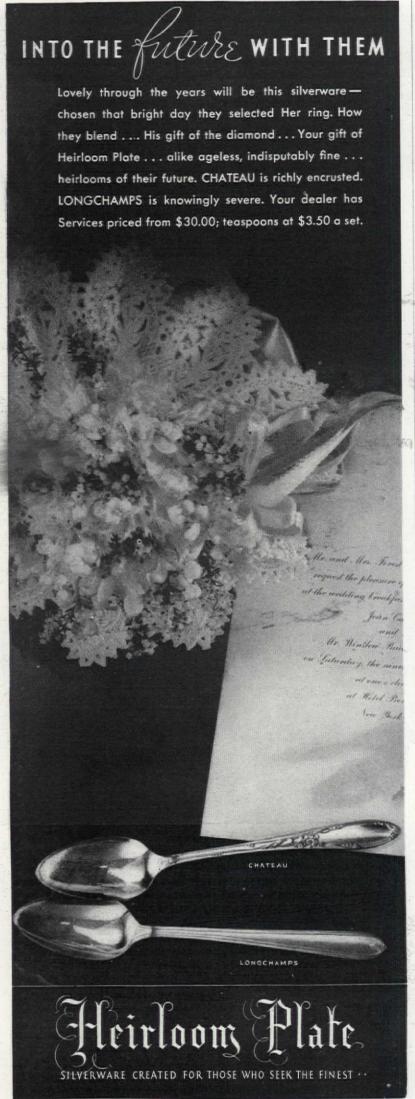
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blossom. It is amusing to see a full sized truss on a plant hardly two feet in height.

Vestale, a favorite with us, shows perfect panicles the first season after planting and grows with fervor from then on. Blossoms for their size, display a graceful quality in the panicle.

President Lincoln, an early midseason single variety, is truly blue-a cobalt in tone. Although the individual florets are not much larger than those of the common lilac, its unusual color makes it desirable. The bush is strong and free blooming.

Two other singles which I hesitate to mention except to discriminating gardeners lest they become less precious, are Lucie Baltet and Captain Baltet. Lucie, with buds of warm buff rose, blossoms into a tender flesh pink. It is in a class of its own and requires years to become established in its ultimate perfection. The Captain is a dream of a lilac! As it comes into bloom, it shows huge, graceful plumes of soft lilac with the ghost of a coppery pink hovering about. Here is a real lilac, glorified! In lists from the East I rarely see it mentioned and I wonder why, as I would choose it above all others. Not quickly established, it is well worth waiting for.

#### Double-and blue

The most generous double variety that I know is President Grevy, and none is more lovely. The soft blue blossoms, only slightly double, pile up into bil-lowy plumes of great size. It blossoms early and liberally, throwing strong shoots from the root, each one capable of adding a new shrub to your planting. President Grevy is an old established lilac of very great worth.

President Poincaré bears heavy panicles of crowded, truly double flowers. Its globular buds of deep wine red open to flowers of soft mauve, this contrast in color being its main charm. I always experience an inclination to lift one of its massive heads to see if it is really as heavy as it appears; when I do so, I find it not so weighty, but extremely fragrant and desirable.

#### Creamy white and mauve tinted

Among the double whites we prefer Edith Cavell. Creamy florets of extra size follow the impressive deep toned buds in long, spacious, irregular pyramids. It blossoms freely with us. Madame Antoine Buchner, a late bloomer, has loosely double pink florets, mauve-tinted, forming graceful trusses frequently a foot long. The unusual character of its color and growth makes this variety a distinct lilac.

There you have a selection of thirteen chosen from among the more than three hundred varieties of my acquaintance! Only a few years ago this choice would have been an impossibility; yet I have many more real favorites clamoring to be mentioned. An awakening interest in the newer lilacs will soon develop an unlimited field of pleasure for each individual; his list will vary from any other.

To you who insist that the oldfashioned lilacs are good enough for anyone, I offer full sympathy. I used to be that way. I would not, even now, willingly be without the hedges of old white and lilac blooms that we have each spring. But let me again urge a visit in May to any plantings that are accessible to you. An investment in but one plant will pay

remarkable dividends.

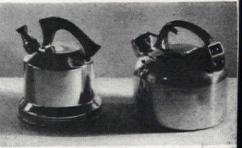
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So that you may have them in flower with other flowers, blooming dates are accurately listed. Or, if your schedule includes occasions calling for flowers months ahead, you can so plant as to be sure of a plentiful supply at the exact time you want them. With a bit of study and practice you will be able to bring any variety nto bloom on the exact day deired; you can therefore plan for your local flower show with conidence that you will be there with your best. In short, if you vant a new thrill in your 1937 ardening, turn right now to the ages of your favorite catalogue nd prepare your list of varieties eeded, following the instructions ne dealer gives you as to hanlling them.

Assuming that you are starting this gladiolus venture from cratch and want advice regarding a selection of varieties, there is help available through the forts of other, advanced growns. Some few years ago the merican Gladiolus Society emarked on a project that has been f great help to beginners and yed-in-the-wool fans alike. This

the Society's annual sympoum in which each member is sked to state his or her personal vorites among the named variees. Thus it is possible to list st what varieties are being own, and, since the result gives e collected opinion of thousands people who have been growg gladiolus for years, it presents generality of expressed prefence, and is accurate. Although e Society prints the symposium erely as a guide, it may be said at many dealers await its aparance before procuring stocks r the next year's sales, and that any growers use it in determing their plantings. Consequently, if you be timid

Consequently, if you be timid uls, fear not to embark on a adiolus venture. You will be pply rewarded with a gorgeous array of beauty if, for general purposes, you select from the American Gladiolus Society symposium as listed in most catalogues. Plant a few of those listed as exhibition types and invite the "experts" to compete with you on the exhibition table, for the majority of fame and prizes is being won by amateurs today. For the past two years at the National Gladiolus Show a strictly amateur grower has been by far the heaviest winner. Mr. E. F. Palmer of Canada is generally credited with being the producer of a new giant strain. The initial variety, Picardy by name, when first exhibited in America in 1929, literally startled fanciers with its huge size and well proportioned makeup. Its color (salmon pink) had long been sought, and it created such generally favorable comment it was for a time called "the artificial glad." With this variety came a sudden breaking away from older breeding stock and habits, and in addition to Picardy, Mr. Palmer soon gave us others of similar type in such





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varieties as Bagdad, Champlain, Debonair, Wasaga, Rapture, etc., all classed as suitable for decorative or exhibition purposes and possessed of great form and beauty and unusual coloring.

Other American hybridists who have added worthy varieties to the lists in recent years are Briggs, Burtner, Baerman, Salbach, Corrington, Mitsch, Ellis, Diener Kinyon, Kunderd, Prestgard, and many others. From Germany, Wilhelm Pfitzer has contributed a number of prize winners. Mairs of Scotland, Errey of Australia, Lemoine of France, Julyan and Wiltshire of New Zealand, De Groot and Rozan of Holland, Crow of Canada and several other foreign growers have also sent prize winners to American shores.

A partial list of what this writer, after considerable experience, considers thoroughly worthy sorts follows:

Commander Koehl, huge dark ox-blood red, is our personal se-lection as the second best glad of today, being excelled only by Picardy. Flaming Meteor is somewhat the same color as Commander Koehl and has offered, stiff competition in some shows; it is a veritable giant in size and possesses great keeping qualities. Pelegrinas is darkest and best of the dark blues. Several newer varieties of about the same shade such as Blue Domina, Blue Admiral, Rudolph Serkin, Blue Royale, and Vienna Woods have appeared but in our opinion do not at present seriously threaten its supremacy.

Champlain, Blue Danube, Milford Sequoia Blue, and Max Reger, all newer shades of light blue, have been highly satisfactory but we are inclined to favor Champlain for exhibition purposes due to its all 'round good qualities.

Minuet is still the reigning queen of the light lavenders and though it has been with us for more years than we can remember, it is just about as good a gladiolus as can be found. Takina, King Arthur, Dr. Moody, and Gertrude Swenson are others in the lavender classes worthy of your confidence.

White Gladiolus have always presented a problem and a great field for development. Maid of Orleans is probably the most popular, but possesses, we think, too much cream to be classed as a pure white. Out of a good number of reliable performers we reach for Star of Bethlehem, but others of merit are Jonkheer Van Tets, Albatross, Polar Ice, and Maunga, the latter a new one from New Zealand.

Early Dawn is a new and beautiful geranium pink which, exhibited with such older varieties as Mrs. Leon Douglas, Wm. H. Phipps, etc., completely dwarfs



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them by its exquisite beauty. Red Phipps, St. Lawrence, and Red Giant are the best of a wonderful selection of bright red varieties. As the first named will probably open up more florets, it is my choice for exhibition at the present time.

Prairie Gold, a new deep yellow from the corn belt of Illinois, has certainly won its share of ribbons the past two years.

Maxwelton will be a heavy winner in the rose pink class in which some other, very beautiful varieties have been introduced. It is one of the first of the new Picardy seedlings and for that reason alone should be good.

Miss New Zealand has aroused much interest among gladiolus growers during the past two years, in some places being successful and in others not so well received. Now that the price is within reason, we can advise a try; it is a huge variety but to us wholly lacking in color appeal.

Of all foreign varieties we believe the Australian sorts are the most generally satisfactory in America. Practically all are of the true exhibition type and if well watered and nourished can be easily grown to show size. One needs but turn to a list of these varieties to bear out this claim. Here we can mention Marmora, Lucifer, Red Lory, Silversheen, Bill Sowden, Canberra, Camelot. Edith Robson, Gertrude Swenson, Leander, Noel Reeve, and Margaret Peter. It has been the experience of American importers and growers that imported types need to become fully acclimated before reaching true exhibition type size, so caution in selecting them is advised. But this does not mean avoiding the general run of them. Far from it. Where there is to be progress and increased knowledge they must come through the trial of all worthy suggestions, especially by advanced amateurs and professionals.

Returning again to domestic sorts we list Christabel as a truly magnificent new pink with the basic coloring enhanced by a generous sprinkling of cream Robert the First is another new giant of great possibilities. Possessed of a rather odd but pleasing light rose pink color, it enter a class where competition is keen but it has the ability to win, an will, we believe, give a good account of itself.

Of much charm is the new golden yellow variety Golde Goddess, a flower true to all that its name suggests. The fact that it was the first patented gladiolugives it increased interest. Le Fiesta, Blue Peacock, and Festiva Queen are other good results of the skill of the same hybridize

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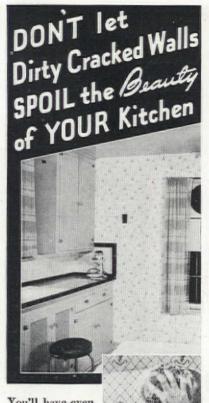
Betty Co-ed, Sweetheart, Mrs. T. E. Langford, Lady Eaton, and Mr. Wm. Cuthbertson form a quintette of refreshing gaiety and beauty in the ultra light pink Class. Each is possessed of so much quality, that it would hardly be just to place one variety ahead of the other.

Coming to the very dark red classes, we approach varieties whose names clearly suggest deep, velvety, almost black shades. The honors here go to Arabella, which is followed closely by Dr. Hoeg, The Moor, Moorish King, and

#### Condensed cultural directions for gladiolus growers

M odern gladiolus may be grown in almost any type of soil; I have seen them planted in pure sand and in heavy clay. The main thing is to see that the soil is spaded to a depth of at least one foot in the spring, or better, the fall before planting. Good stable manure is the best fertilizer though commerfertilizers are also good in producing a large healthy crop of flowers. In no case should any kind of fertilizer be allowed to come into contact with stems or corms, and commercial fercorms, and commercial fer-tilizers should be used sparingly lest the corm be over-stimulated and destroyed. If stable manure is used in spring planting see that it is well rotted. As to planting space, choose a sunny location away from trees. It need not, however, receive the full day's sun; best results are obtained where the flowers have some protection from the afternoon heat. One or two hours of sun in the morning are worth double the same amount in the afternoon. Gladiolus must have plenty of water. This means a thorough soaking at least once every four days in July and August, and once a week at other times.

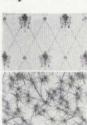
Plant your large corms six inches deep in light soil and slightly less in heavier soils. slightly less in heavier soils. Rows or clumps should be twenty to thirty inches apart, although plants may stand much closer together if your soil has an abundance of ganic matter suited to growing good flowers of any sort. To improve the heavier soils, incorporate some ordinary coarse builders' sand; this aids drainage and also keeps the soil from baking and preventing root growth. The best way to use sand is to spread about an inch of it in the trench before planting and then to cover the corms completely with it before fill-



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We cannot imagine a better list than the foregoing for your needs, regardless of what they might be. At least they are, for the greater part, varieties with which professionals and amateurs are winning prizes. They are likewise varieties which decorate the homes and gardens of gladiolus-loving people the world over-and with ordinary care you can grow them as well as anyone.

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f you failed to read the article on "Curtaining Your Livng Room" which appeared last month, write asrectly to the cranton Lace Company, Scranton, Pa., for your copy. o room in the house reflects the personality of its ccupants quite so completely as the dining room, be it a a mansion or a cottage. Here, the guest becomes family," partaking of those homey joys of true hos-itality, while host and hostess display their genial ciousness and sociability.

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fresh color scheme, one that will at all times present a veritable "feast for the eyes."

In choosing the decorative scheme for the dining room, special thought should be given to the general period design of the furnishings, since most dining room furniture today is fairly true to a given type. By a careful selection of wall, floor, and window treatments, a thoroughly harmonious and much desired decorative effect can be obtained.

If your room must serve the dual purpose of living and dining, select your decorative treatment and furnishings with the thought that, after all, dining is living. Depending upon the exposure from your windows, en-courage all the light and sunshine possible without causing an unwelcome glare or forgetting the necessity

for privacy from passersby.

One of the most delightful of formal dining rooms is derived from the Georgian. Such rooms conjure up thoughts of those who "lived to dine" in the glamorous silk and satin days of yesteryear. The picture at the top of this page illustrates the typical features of a room of this period with its ancestral portrait, crystal wall brackets, and beautifully proportioned fireplace of natural knotty pine. Complementing the antique trim is the colorful Chinese Chippendale wallpaper in faded Oriental greens, blues, and rose. The deep rose taffeta draperies, in turn, accentuate the tones of the wall-paper, while fine ecru Scranton Lace Net Curtains blend the whole background into a satisfying picture of refined restraint.

The room shown at the right demonstrates the best in a conservative modern treatment. Here the proper window treatment becomes paramount, although a fine balance of color has maintained a delightfully bold and harmonious effect. With a background of mat-silver wallpaper, with its squares and stripes of French rose and bronze brown, the natural grained woods of the furniture present a rich and pleasing blend of the modern. The wide expanse of window has been minimized by the use of natural ivory satin draperies accented with borders of chaudron moire silk over smartly tailored Scranton Lace Net Curtains in alternating modern stripes.

In the lower left-hand corner of the page is a pleasant room in traditional Colonial. Here warm old maple furniture gets cheery support from the colorful glazed chintz draperies with their sprays of poppies in old-fashioned bouquets. Floral bordered Scranton Lace Net Curtains lend an atmosphere of charm to this delightfully simple room so typical of earlier American days. An antique hooked rug picks up and repeats the colors of the draperies and neutral beige walls direct the center of interest to the furnishings and accessories.

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s discreet as the proper use A of garlic" might well serve as a simile. But because a taste for this lusty little clove has a way of growing upon one you may, as time goes on, have to strengthen your definition of the word discreet.

For salads in general

Rubbing with garlic the bowl in which the greens are to be tossed is the classic method of introducing garlic flavor into the salad course. But, if your salad is not to be tossed, you may introduce the garlic flavor as follows:

French Dressing: Crush a single clove of garlic and allow to stand for twenty minutes in the French dressing that is to be poured over salad or in which salad ingredients are to be marinated. Remove the garlic before serving.

Mayonnaise: Allow a crushed clove of garlic to stand for 20 or 30 minutes in some of the salad oil to be used for mayonnaise.

### Potato soup with garlic

1 bud garlic

1 large onion

1 quart milk (4 cups) 2 cups mashed potato

½ teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon celery salt

1/8 teaspoon pepper

2 tablespoons butter 2 tablespoons flour

Paprika

Cut up the garlic and onion and add them to the milk. Heat in a double boiler until the milk is scalded, then continue heating for five minutes longer. Strain and add slowly to the mashed potatoes. Blend the flour and butter and pour the hot milk over it. Add the salt, pepper, and celery salt and return to the double boiler. Continue cooking with frequent stirring until thickened, then strain again. Top each individual serving with a dash of paprika.

#### Shrimp salad

1 cup flaked shrimp

1 cup chopped celery

1/2 cup chopped green pepper

tablespoon gelatin

cup water

2 tablespoons vinegar or lemon juice

1/4 teaspoon salt

1 cup mayonnaise

I garlic bud

Swell the gelatin in a few tablespoons of the water. Heat the remainder to the boiling point and dissolve the gelatin in it. Add the vinegar or lemon juice, the salt, shrimp, and chopped vegetables.



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Let stand until it starts to thicken. Then add the mayonnaise and beat well. Turn into individual molds which have been first rinsed with cold water, then rubbed with the crushed garlic bud. If a somewhat stronger garlic flavor is desired, mayonnaise made with oil in which a bit of crushed garlic has been allowed to stand may be used.

Jellied boullion

l package prepared aspic gelatin

I cup water

I cup tomato juice

I garlic bud

Heat the water to the boiling point and in it dissolve the prepared aspic gelatin. Add the tomato juice. Rub the dishes in which the jellied boullion is to be served with a crushed clove of garlic. Pour the liquid into the dishes and allow to set. Serve very cold and just before serving beat with a fork enough to break

Tomato juice cocktail

2 cups tomato juice

bud garlic

teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

1 tablespoon lemon juice

1/8 teaspoon salt

Add all ingredients to the tomato juice and allow to stand in the refrigerator, covered, for fifteen minutes before serving. Strain before serving very cold in small glasses.

Roast meat with garlic

Beef or lamb roast, preferably a rolled one, so that there will be no bone in it

1-3 garlic buds (depending on size of roast)

Salt, pepper

Chop or grate the garlic as fine as possible. Drive an ice pick deeply into the roast and force : little of the garlic into each hole Sprinkle with salt, pepper, and roast in a slow oven (300° F.)

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#### Tomato soup with garlic

2 large onions

2 buds garlic

3 tablespoons bacon fat

cups canned tomatoes

3 cups water

½ teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon pepper

3 tablespoons rice

1 tablespoon vinegar

Slice the onion and mince th garlic and cook in the bacon fa until the onion is soft but no brown. Add the tomatoes, water salt and pepper, and simmer ha an hour. Strain, add the rice an continue cooking until the rice done. Just before removing fro the fire add the vinegar.

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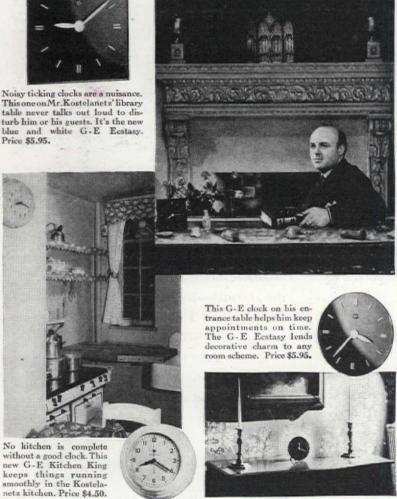
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### From barn to house

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the piano in its planned niche. The pinkish hue of the rough plaster enhances the soft gray of the Thoreau schoolhouse, handhewn beams, and the half-way paneling of the same wood. The wide oak flooring lends luster, and an old lantern hung on a harness peg, atmosphere. There are built-in bookcases with unclecarved ends, and a table from his workbench plank. The batten doors are inconspicuous, set in the paneling, but their handles, one a clevis from an old plow, the other from an old harrow, are unique and appealing.

The stairway is one of the most interesting features of the house, with hand-carved pilasters and newel posts. The rails on the landing and the upstairs bannister were old manger slats between which the horses and cows munched their hay. The wood in the house is not stained, merely sanded and waxed, preserving its soft and mellow tones.

When friends say of our living room, "it looks as though you had always lived here," we are most complimented, for that is the way we wanted it to be. It is a graciously large room (38' by 20') with two French doors opening to a terrace, a triple parted window overlooking the meadow, and the two front windows opening amidst the trees. Between the many pine beams of the ceiling natural boards are used. The long walls of the room are entirely paneled with brown pine boards, left as they were with nail holes, ticktacktoes to mark the length of a beam, and knot holes. The end walls are lined with bookcases with rough cream plaster above. The walls and ceiling were scrubbed, sandpapered by hand and waxed, this being a family task, for all spare time in the summer was spent in work on the house. The pine floors were sanded and waxed by machine.

For a family twenty-two years without a hearth fire, this huge fireplace is a constant delight, and also possesses great charm and beauty. Uncle Lincoln found in New Hampshire an old chimney from a house built before 1776, and he faced the fireplace with its bricks. He built the fireplace and chimney himself, making a shelf for a coffee pot, and an oven fed from underneath in which roast beef and baked beans have been successfully cooked. The barn's trap door is the source of the handle on the oven's lid, and a wagon supplied the hinges on the slanted tobacco cupboard cut in the paneling over the mantel.

The dining room, opening from the living room, is a completely

board room with paneled walls and beamed and board ceiling. Corner cupboards were made on the job, hand carved, with the doors fashioned from but one wide board. The light fixtures, copper sconces with crystal dangles, are further evidence of Uncle Lincoln's versatility. In fact, as he made all the light fixtures in the house their total cost was but \$10. Nor can I refrain from mentioning our often admired table cover, now put to a proper use after clothing a Wise Man in many a church pageant.

The modern pantry and kitchen are entered through a batten swing door. They feature a sink in each beneath windows looking over the meadow, glassed in cupboards, a minimum of space for step-saving. The "gun-room," which may be entered from the kitchen or outdoors, harbors coat and utility closets, and harness pegs for aprons. It is the entry to the basement which contains garage, lavatory, workbench, laundry, air conditioning heating plant, and a "men's dive" replete with fireplace.

The rest of the house is comprised of bedrooms, two and a bath downstairs, five and two baths upstairs, with a storage room (possibility for room and bath) also on the second floor. After some distressing wallpapers, we are devoted to the rough plaster used in all the bedrooms.

We have managed to combine successfully old timbers with the modernity of well appointed tiled baths, kitchen, heating plant, and a painstaking insulation which used tons of rock wool and Cabot's quilt. One must certainly concede originality to the house, and to those of us who like the mellow quality of the wood and the restrained use of old things, the house is both satisfying and alluring. Early American furniture, all of the family pieces formerly over-crowded, find a friendly setting in the soft wood rooms and among old hinges and hand carving. And Oriental rugs, many books, and oil paintings lend warmth of color. There is a restful, lived-in quality to the house made more poignant by our own belongings and their connection with the past, as well as by the barn timbers and relics which have already seen long usage.

The grounds around the house are laid out on terraces and offer countless opportunities for landscaping, which will of course require time to perfect. But in this one summer, lawns have been seeded and are thriving, vines and shrubs are set out, a garden i well established, and a rock gar den is begun on a wide flight o stone steps leading from terrace to terrace. Given a few years we may achieve a garden.



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We spent many a glorious sunny day at Ballsom beach, near Truro. The huge sand dunes in the background, the stretch of sand to the left and right as far as the eyes could see. and then the tremendous span of ocean with the canopy of the blue sky always held us in their magnetic spell. Up to the time we had no definite anchorage, stopping at the numerous camps in the vicinity from season to season, never entirely satisfied, for we had the dull ache and longing for a home in Truro, a sort of harbor where all our belongings could be kept -a real home.

The Pamet Coast Guard Station stood as a sentinel on one of the dunes. With a fine commanding view of the sea it was one of nine built in the year of 1875.

that the government had condemned "our" coast guard house at Pamet River. You see the coast along the ocean side of the Cape is twisted and churned by the heavy northeast gales that frequent this section during the late fall seasons. It is constantly changing and swept by the force of the heavy surfs and tides from one spot to the other; and so we learned authentically that for the reasons mentioned the government had decided to invite bids for the purchase and removal of the station - evidently certain that, sooner or later, it would be swept out to sea.

And so our bid went in-with countless others-no doubt. Somehow or other, because we loved it so, we felt we had an inherent right to the old station and, with confidence dictating full steam ahead, we selected ten acres of land, covered with wild cranber-

ries with a view of the bay so superb that it made us think of the Greek theatre at Taromina, Sicily. We had our land but no house-and it made me think of the time when I was a child and bought my bicycle stockings fully two years

Originally it was a structure twenty by twenty-five feet in dimension but later two ell additions were placed around making the house almost square in shape and forty by forty-two feet. The additions gave the roof a distinctive Cape Cod effect—with its

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long slanting slope. We were always attracted to it and frequently pictured its possibilities and dreamed of how when "our ship came in" we would build something of a similar nature as a home.

As was customary with us, we spent the summer of 1934 in our isual haunts. One of the natives told us of a rumor he had heard



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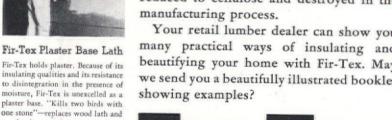


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before my mother presented me with the much desired bicycle.

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We were in our New York City apartment one day when we received word from one of our Cape Cod friends that "they heard from the coast guard that acceptance of the bid had been made"-and were we sore! For this advanced information also was to the effect that the accepted bid was lower than the one we had sent in. "Bunch of crooks!" "Rotten politics!" "Or did they throw out our bid on some technicality just to favor some local man who knew someone higher up!" These were the thoughts which flashed through our minds in rapid succession.

It was decided to write the commander of the Coast Guard of the eastern district for details. and we received a reply that the award had not been made, so we had a new lease on life.

About a month later we were on our way to Providence when we received an official document stating in a few words "your bid has been accepted." We motored to Wakefield, Rhode Island, to the Coast Guard headquarters, paid the amount of our bid and received the government receipt along with instructions to remove the building within sixty days; and continued on our way to Truro to make our arrangements for its removal. It was a cold bleak day and we continued on our way along the road to Provincetown. It was sundown by the time we reached Buzzards Bay and not a single star was to be seen in the skies above.

Of course we were in a state of excitement, for we had the "Coast Guard Station" butcould it be moved in good condition-for our land was situated about four and a half miles away from the government site.

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I must confess I felt none too well, when he quickly told me that he thought it best not to tackle the job (in true Cape Coo style) and if you are acquainted with the Cape Cod make-up you know one thing they don't do, and that is, mince words. So struck off Number One Mover

from my list.

Undaunted, I made an appointment with two brothers who did a vast amount of building on the Cape. We met at the Coast Guard Station to look the situation over and went all through the building from top to bottom. "Yes, it can be moved" said one of the brothers, "but it's going to be an expensive job" and he delicately told me (which, of course, wa not in true Cape Cod fashion that "if he were in my boots h would forget all about the build ing, take his loss, and build brand new building." He sent m his estimate the next day, and really felt-after totaling the cost-that perhaps he was righ after all. So I struct off Numbe Two Mover from my list.

In talking to a few of th Coast Guard men at the station a builder was recommended t me whom they said had move many buildings and knew what i was all about; so my third car was ready to be played, and meeting was arranged. To mak a long story short, a reasonabl deal was consummated and awa we went with lighter hearts.

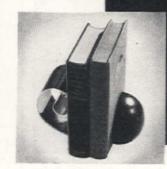
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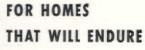
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We have all the comforts of what a real home should be: plenty of fresh air, a view which takes in "copy-righted sun sets," and a general feeling of happiness permeates the entire place.

### These moving situations

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you hire someone for a few hours to come in and sweep away the dust, papers, and trash which moving entails, the next occupants will hold you in fragrant memory.

If possible, work out a schedule of where to put each article of furniture as it comes in, and station someone at the door to direct the movers as to where to set each piece. Movers are very obliging fellows and amazingly resourceful. They will do anything reasonable that you ask them and many things beside.

Once we had to move from city to city in January, when the countryside shivered at eighteen degrees below zero, and the streets were sheeted in ice. We arrived at eleven that night in a state of antarctic frigidity to find the movers had reached the house ahead of us. They had entered the house, broken the seal on the electric meter, and turned on the lights-against the law, of course, but "no one knew who did it." In the living room a fire fed with packing boxes and kindled with kerosene was burning on the hearth, and they were waiting before it for our arrival. We wrapped the children up in rugs from the car and settled them before the fire, and by two A.M. were completely moved in.

But that was an exceptional situation. It is better to move at reasonable hours. Remember to get a good night's sleep and plenty to eat. You will really need it. Don't let your exuberance get the better of your judgment





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and start putting down stair carpets at three in the morning as one woman I knew did. However. it is a good plan to hang pictures as soon as possible. They do not need to be in their ultimate location, but they will be out of the way of gouges and broken glass.

If you are a coffee addict, make yourself a cup now and then during the day and take some food with it. The dietitians tell us that we use up about a thousand more calories a day when we are very active than when we are quiet. That is rather a total to replenish. so don't be forgetful about eating. If you like tea, try the effect of a nice little brown pot steaming on top of a packing box.

Above all, don't wear yourself out with superficialities. Let the movers do the heavy work. If you smile sweetly upon them they will probably set up your beds for you, which you will deeply appreciate about ten o'clock that night. Don't try to unpack before your furniture is settled, and don't be discouraged by the mess. Taken easily there is nothing more fun than shifting homes.

### Dolphin flowers

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(D. formosum). It has very few faults, the only ones worth mentioning being its slightly greater susceptibility to mildew and its tardy seed germination. But slow sprouting seems to be a characteristic of all Chinese types. It grows to two or three feet and succeeds in sun or half shade.

The southern larkspurs may be classed as half-tardy. The Carolina species (D. carolinianum) is of semi-dwarf type running a fairly thorough gamut of shades from "delphinium blue" to white. Another type (D. cardinale) grows up to three feet and has flowers of a brilliant orange. A native of California, it blossoms in late July and August.

Another old type is the bee larkspur (D. elatum), a European emigrant of from two to six feet whose bursts of blue flowers occur in June and in September if plants are cut back before they seed. D. grandiflorum, a two-foot species when unimproved, which like belladonna, was the beginning of so many hybrids, originated in Siberia; still another type is D. maackianum, a blue three-footer taking either to sun or semi-shade.

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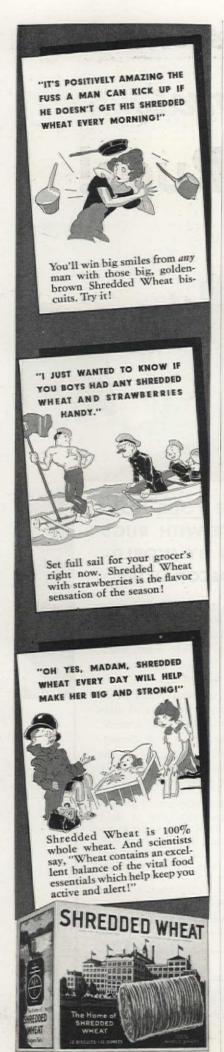
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The grocery man was just leaving when I entered the kitchen to obtain a few of "Torkey's" most popular menus. She was seated at the table rolling weiners together with strips of bacon. Into each she would stick a toothpick.

"Pigs in the blankets?" I asked.
"And what goes with them?"

"Well," she answered as she looked up and smiled, "I thought potato and cabbage salad, parkerhouse rolls, brownies, and milk. Does that sound good to you?"

Does that sound good to you?"
"You bet it does." And if you readers want to make a hit with the masculine element in your house, just serve that next Saturday noon for luncheon.

"Torkey" is the cook at our fraternity house. We fellows think of her as more of a mother than a cook. She worked her way to our hearts the first few days of school when we were all more or less homesick thinking of the "meals that mother makes."

Last night at the dinner table after the prayer, the thought came to me that there are many men today who would enjoy eating a real man's meal, and on the other hand, many women who are at their wit's end trying to supply it. As I cut into the fresh pork roast, I wondered how many wives were prudent in their meal planning so as to have, as an example, apple sauce with pork, mint jelly with lamb, and cranberries with veal? These are the little sweets that men enjoy.

We men, as some of you already have found out, detest the dainty dishes and salads that you learned how to make in cooking school. The American man or boy isn't made for hors d'oeuvres, consommé, and patisserie. He enjoys and smacks his lips after a good substantial meal which, after having been devoured, can be felt by

It is the writer's belief that the average housewife is not acquainted with enough masculine menus to satisfy the male members of the family. Mrs. Barbara Thorkelson, who for fourteen years has been one of the most popular fraternity cooks on the campus of the University of Wisconsin, suggested the menus given here which her Sigma Phi Epsilon boys write home about with great enthusiasm.

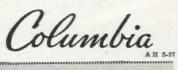


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an additional pressure on his waistline. Smart women have found this out after a few weeks of married life and as a result have tried to provide their husbands with something more filling. However, sauerkraut and weiners, and corned-beef and cabbage become monotonous if they are served too often.

When you feel discouraged in planning the menus for your husband and sons, and you begin calling them "picky," consider the plight of one who has thirty mouths to feed three times a day, and whose thirty mouths all belong to boys! That is the job of a typical fraternity cook. And what a big job that is, considering that the members come from all over the country and all have particular likes and dislikes when it comes to food.

Perhaps you have a set schedule of meals with pork chops on Monday, steak on Wednesday, fish on Friday, and chicken on Sunday? To the meal-planners in this class, insult is added to injury when little Willie shouts out in front of company: "Oh, this is soup night." Others among you depend upon your husband or sons to suggest an answer to: "What shall we have for dinner tonight?" This "passing the buck' suggests that you as a wife are either too weak to make any of your own decisions, or that you have failed in your duties as a wife and have not yet learned how to take care of your end of the marital bargain.

Still others among you depend upon the special sales offered by the food market before your mea decision is made and thus you meals become butcher-dictated and standard in the community for that day. Consider how many times you thought it strange tha the Jones should have had the same dinner as you have had.

No matter how you plan you meals there is always space it your recipe book for a few mor masculine suggestions which ma at some time help you out of on of those typical meal-plannin dilemmas common in so man homes containing growing boy

Why not tickle their palates to night with fried ham, scallope potatoes, asparagus on toas pineapple salad with mayonnais warm parkerhouse rolls, ice crear and cake, and beverage? Or, your husband and the boys don care for fried ham, you ca easily bake it and serve wit raisin and pecan sauce, mashe potatoes, hot rolls, buttered pea pear salad, celery and olive apple pie, and beverage.

Staying on the pork side of the meat ledger, suppose you try the menu which calls for "second every time "Torkey" serves if fresh pork roast, apple saud mashed potatoes and gravy, green



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To the wives of beef and veal eaters, the following menus are suggested from "Torkey's" list: roast veal and dressing, cranberry jelly, asparagus, mashed potatoes and gravy, white bread, individual banana pies, and beverage. In autumn when the boys go out to play a strenuous game of football. "Torkey" knows that they will be looking for a steak dinner with which to celebrate the victory. If your son plays football, he will never refuse this steak menu: Swiss steak, baked potatoes, buttered beets, rolls, ice cream and spice cake, and beverage. Another popular steak dinner is sirloin steak with mushroom sauce, riced potatoes, sliced tomatoes, bread, celery, ice cream cake roll with caramel sauce, and some beverage.

When Sunday draws near, the boys hope that "Torkey" will serve creamed chicken on toast, mashed potatoes, brussel sprouts, pineapple salad with grated American cheese, celery and olives, parkerhouse rolls, cake and beverage. Your boys too will be waiting for that meal once you have served it.

"Thank you for the suggestions, 'Torkey'," I said, grabbing a brownie from under her spatula as she shook them out of the pan, lifting them carefully so they would not fall apart. "I am sure that if your menu hints are adopted that you will have performed a service to mankind.



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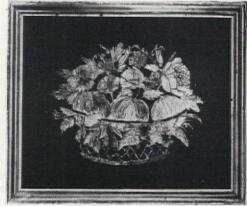


fingers in idle hours. Pictures crept into the homes of the more prosperous, in the tops of mirrors and the doors of clocks, late in the 18th century. These were of course on glass, at first gilt and black only, then white, green, and yellow were also added. With the coming of colors and the imports of tea and spices brought from the far East, there grew a new wall decoration. The tale runs that a New England sea captain brought home to his daughter two illuminated Chinese pictures, and to his wife some fine tea, wrapped in heavy tin foil. The daughter, fascinated with the illuminated pictures, seized

upon the foil, tried it behind a bit of colored glass, saw straight way how it would illuminate glass, and so the Tinsel or Oriental picture was born. At first these pictures were very crude, a posy or two, painted with coffin red paint lightened with white, a few leaves, some buds, a stem or two, then a spatter background of white, the entire glass backed with foil, and framed in a simple home manufactured pine frame. No. 1-shown at the left.

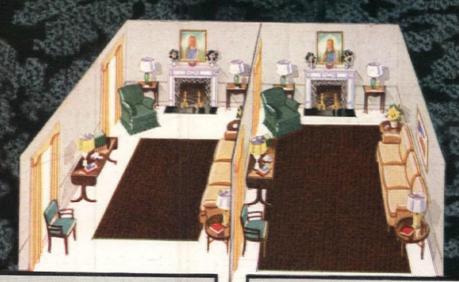
Some more venturesome soul (using a quill pen and brown ink) drew in on the under side of the glass the outline of a basket of flowers. Colors were mixed with white and thinned with varnish (probably Demar varnish) . . . the leaves, stems, flowers and lines of the basket filled in with a thin coat of the paint. The glass outside the pattern was then given a thicker coat of white paint, also mixed with the varnish. Foil was placed behind the basket of flowers, the paint being thin and transparent the picture was fairly illumined. No. 2. This was made in Vermont in 1803 and framed in mahogany as shown.





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No. 4, with design drawn in with old brown ink, is all in lightest of colors and thinnest of paint. The basket shows no tinsel

. . . only heavy lines of brown paint, but the transparency of the flowers and fruit give the much desired look of mother-ofpearl. The background is black. a mixture I judge of lamp black and varnish. In the old gold leaf frame it is charming.

Silhouettes too were painted on glass and often surrounded with tinsel wreaths. No. 5. Later when tintypes were the style, space was left in the background for the picture. No. 6.

With the coming of the Victorian era, Tinsels became the rage. Magazines of the 50's and 60's featured advertisements of materials and directions for making these Oriental pictures. Later decalcomanias were exploited for this work. Flowers became very fine, the harp, urn, and cross were introduced and the finished pictures were very ornate. No. 7 and 8 are examples.

Today we turn back to the best in our grandmothers' day. Those of us who are lucky, restore our old Tinsels. Over the mantel, with its sparkle and glow

> it is truly a gracious bit of the past. No. 9.

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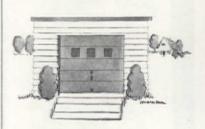
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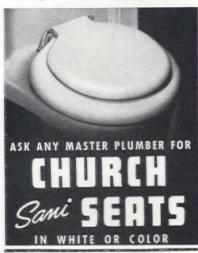
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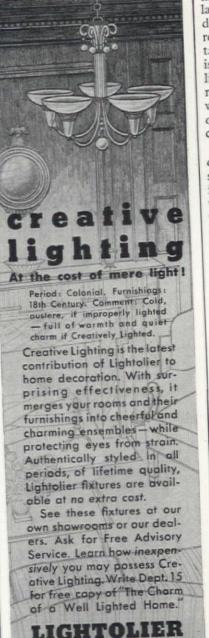
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master bedroom. This, and the remodeling of the rooms below were done sometime after the large studio was completed. The pine walls are in varying shades of soft blue-pool blues and greens, best describe them. Practically the entire top of the room on two sides is window. Floor of two-inch boards is finished with a smooth gray-green paint; beds and pine chairs are painted a cool blue, the floral design on chair backs traced in delicate black tracery. Chests are of blending blue-green. A contrasting piece of furniture-and a useful one-is a German wardrobe decorated with medallions painted in bright colors and framed in gold. Hangings and bedspreads are of light blue denim that has been dipped in a combination of oil paint and gasoline. There is also a German chest in blues, greens, and dull red roses-and lastly the rug, which is gray-blue.

Before this attractive chamber could be completed the lower floor had to be rebuilt. Ceiling of the original rooms was raised after the partition between rooms had been pulled down. The size of the combined rooms was eighteen by twenty-two feet, two floor levels providing a unique scheme of decoration. The upper platform was converted into a library. Shelves were built on both sides and above and below the two windows on the west side, the inside of shelves and back of wall were painted in shades of green and vermilion. This makes an attractive background for the varishaded book covers and is in keeping with the note of peasant freshness that pervades the house. Cotton sash curtains at windows are deep purple that can be drawn against the brilliant sun.

On the lower level there is a bed handsome enough to grace a parlor. It is painted dark green with spools and headboard of vermilion, faded violet, and soft yellow; the bedspread is dyed a soft violet. Floor is painted a dove gray. A love seat, tables, desk, comfortable chairs, and piano complete the room which can be entered from the studio or by an outer Dutch door, painted gaily in diagonal stripes. From this door one may look at pink laurel, yellow roses, purple iris, flame poppies, conglomerate color-a feast for yellow-ribbed bumble bees.

During one of the years in which the house was being built, the kitchen was added. It is to the east of the studio, one step up and through a pine door with an old-fashioned catch. The kitchen is small, compact, and very





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modern. It is painted immaculately in white—ceiling, walls, and doors. The enameled stove and refrigerator, the sink, chairs, and table are white. A note of color is the fresh, cool green of the floor linoleum and the painted blue, rose, and plum inside the shelves where stand white dishes decorated with bright blue rims and colorful pink roses.

From the kitchen one steps onto the back terrace. There is a story to the terrace, a particularly interesting one: A visiting artist with a knowledge of masonry and with itching fingers, built the circular retaining wall of stone and plaster about thirty feet from the back wall of the house. He modeled a bird bath in the wall, a pool for frogs, and a niche for a statue, plants, or cut flowers. Mr. and Mrs. Roentgen caught the contagion of his enthusiasm and continued the terrace, paving it with their own hands, and for good measure adding a stone table set on a rock base. Here, easily accessible to the kitchen is an outdoor dining room right under the protective arms of the fragrant evergreens.

Where the lean-to had languished for years, sheltering wood for the glutton of a fireplace, a guest house was built. It is a small duplex with private entrance. Sitting room is below, sleeping room above, connected by a stair that looks like a ship's ladder with a thick stout rope for hand-rail. Windows extend across the western wall except for spaces at either end where Mrs. Roentgen, imbued with the images she had seen in peasant houses abroad, painted on the rough pine walls charming madonnas in bright blue, lavender, yellow, magenta, black, and gold. A shelf for writing is built under the window, which faces the forest. Walls are painted white; two-by-four sup-ports of the ceiling and floor above are painted white with edges of blue; spaces between these supports are blue. Floors are stained. The bedroom above is in blue-both woodwork and furniture - while a patchwork quilt covers the bed.

Coming outside again, there is another terrace and pergola in the front under the big studio window, where a bower of leafy grape vines shades a square-stone space. This is just right for breakfast after a plunge into the small swimming pool a hundred yards from the house. Rustic table, chairs, and bench invite one to loll under this leafy retreat when the sun is high over the big back terrace. One drinks coffee from big blue cups and takes yellow plums from a black earthenware bowl, meanwhile gazing through a screen of deep red hollyhock blossoms at a view of

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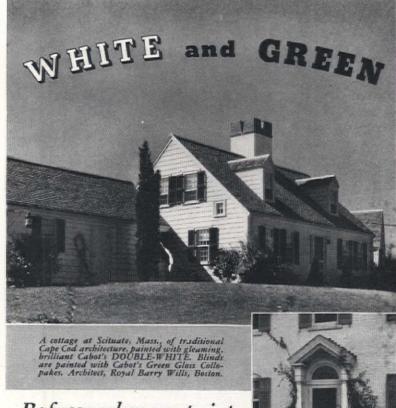
If you like to give parties, then you'll like the new book by Louise Price Bell that has ideas for almost any kind of party you ever imagined, and some you haven't. For the month of May there's the chapter on a Mother's Day dinner with a menu suggestion and a program of entertainment if you care to have one. Then, looking ahead through the summer, there's the Father's Day party for June, an Independence Day party, and so on through all the year including children's birthday parties, showers for brides, bridge parties, besides many others. Price \$1.50. Fleming H. Revell Company.



There's a cooky recipe book just off the press, too, that makes you want to spend days trying out all the kinds of cooky recipes there are. You'd never dream that so many different kinds existed. In this book they're all divided by countries, so whatever your ancestry might be, you ought to be able to find a cooky to your taste. For example: America, Austria, England, France, Germany, Holland, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, China, Japan, Denmark, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Scotland, Switzerland, Australia, Belgium, Bohemia, Greece, Poland, Russia, Spain, Turkey, Wales, and West Indies—these are the countries represented.

These recipes are really practical, too, since the much traveled authors (they're sisters) have tested them all themselves and translated them in terms of today's American housewife. And that's a relief since we find that so many foreign inspired recipes are just too complicated for words, and they call for a lot of ingredients that some of us Americans never even heard of—much less are able to buy anywhere.

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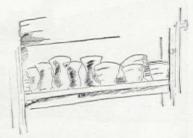
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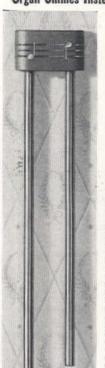


We had brazil nut day in our kitchen recently. Some one sent us a generous supply and some of us met this nut for the first time. Yes, these nuts come clear from Brazil and they're becoming quite popular in this country. You'll be seeing them on the market more and more. The Brazil Nut Advertising Fund has a booklet, too, for any one interested in trying out some good nutty recipes.



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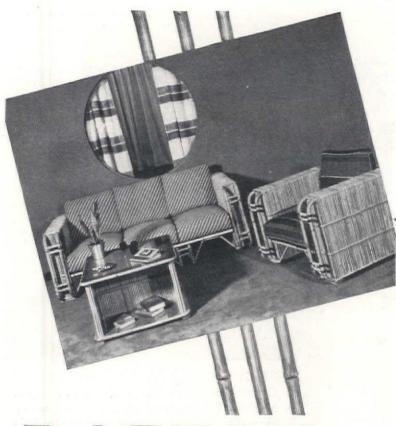
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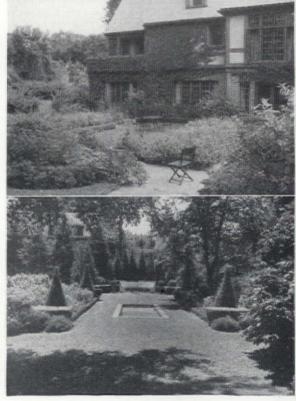
spiration of a woman who found that each year there was a small amount of money left in the Club's treasury for which there was no logical use. In fact, except for the enjoyable monthly meetings held at the homes of its members, the Club seemed to have no particular reason for being and no purpose. Then, through the thoughtfulness of one member, Mrs. C. R. Woodworth, the club decided to offer each year a scholarship to Wellesley Col-



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lege to a Kansas City girl. Everyone approved the project, but this left unsolved the problem of how to finance the scholarship. A number of money-making schemes were advanced and discarded, as either undignified or impractical, until finally it was suggested that the Wellesley Club sponsor a pilgrimage through private gardens for the benefit of raising the scholarship fund.

A garden committee was chosen with special care, for the women on it were the diplomats whose delicate mission was to approach garden owners and ask them to loan their gardens to the Wellesley Club, which would open them to the public for the day.

The first tour was experimental, but when the receipts were counted the conclusion was that the garden tour was definitely a financial success. Even more pleasant was the reaction of the first guests whose feeling was that the Club had extended to them a privilege which they could not have obtained for themselves. Now it would not seem like spring in Kansas City any more, without the Wellesley Club Garden Tours. Tickets are bought not because the proceeds go to a scholarship fund, but because they afford persons an opportunity to see other people's gardens in a legitimate way. The tours are truly a pilgrimage for garden lovers.

It has been found advisable to conduct two tours each year, the first in April when the emphasis is placed on bulb gardens requiring new planting each year; and the second late in May when gardens profuse in perennials, rare shrubs, and trees are seen and when roses, iris and peonies are abundant.

As soon as the garden committee has selected the gardens to be included on the two garden tours, the publicity committee starts to function by announcing the pilgrimage dates to the city newspapers which have been most generous in giving space to items as news, on the society page as feature stories, on the woman's page, and even in the rotogravure section. Interest in the second tour is quickened by follow-up publicity and meanwhile another committee has been busy mailing out hundreds of printed announcements to patronesses of other vears and to new names added to the list by the various Wellesley Club members.

Each Club member is responsible for the sale of ten sets of double tickets. A ticket for the two tours costs one dollar and fifty cents, and for one tour, one dollar. On each ticket is printed a list of the gardens included in the tour arranged in geographical order so as to save time and distance. On tour days a Club member is in each garden to act as hostess and point out unusual flowers, shrubs or trees; she is expected to be thoroughly familiar with its landscaping, care and planting.

Every year during the May tour, one member, Mrs. Inghram D. Hook, has given the use of the



In this patio, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Inghram D. Hook, luncheon is served on the day of the May Garden Tour. Below: A Japanese garden and tea-house in the garden of Dr. and Mrs. Sam E. Roberts was built on the site of an old rock quarry





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patio of her Italian house in which to serve luncheon, for which an extra charge is made, the food being contributed by members of the Wellesley Club and mothers of Wellesley girls. Mrs. Hook's garage is transformed into a kitchen, club members helping there and serving the tables as well while some of them bring their servants with them. Last year luncheon was served to a crowd of three hundred people.

Whether large, small, formal or informal, the gardens are always chosen to exemplify some definite gardening idea. Always included are rock gardens, in which there is keen local interest because they thrive through hot summers. Occasionally a garden is chosen because, although not as a whole unusual, it contains, tucked away somewhere, a rare flower, shrub or tree. Often one is selected because it is full of ideas for other gardeners, or on account of its variety. Because walled gardens are rare here, one of this type is usually included and always at least one-third of those shown are small gardens in which the work is done by the owner rather than a professional gardener.

The response to the Wellesley Garden Tours is amazing. They grow in popularity every year and people have attended from forty near-by Kansas and Missouri towns. Nurserymen, landscape architects, garden shops, and florists all recognize their importance. In a measure the Wellesley Club has made Kansas City and suburbs garden-minded.

## What sort of house guest are you? [Continued from page 40]

take your coat and hat to your room unless you have been assigned space in the family coat closet. If you have sewing, books, pictures, what not, keep them in your room. Don't strew them all over the house. It makes not only work but a trying situation for your hostess. If she picks them up, she seems to be rebuking you. If, not, they keep her house in disorder. If her family is orderly, your disorder annoys them. If they themselves are untidy, you add to the general confusion.

A word about the bathroom, assuming that there is but one in the house. Keep your towels where they belong, on your own rack—and don't use the bathroom for a laundry and drying room!

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Accept graciously, too, attentions from her friends. Sometimes their courtesies may take a form which does not appeal to you or may even seem highly inappropriate. Once more, be a sport.

A shining example of gracious tact in this respect was shown by a woman who was in mourning because of a very recent bereavement. She was making a quiet visit at the home of her most intimate friend. During the visit a neighbor invited them to lunch. They accepted, supposing that they would be the only guests. To their surprise, ten other guests appeared in all their social paint and feathers. Naturally the first impulse of the guest of honor was to turn and flee. But she rose to the occasion and so successfully concealed her distress at having to meet a table full of strangers that the misguided hostess never suspected that her party had not been an unqualified and complete success.

If you are visiting in a city which offers superior shopping facilities it is easy to be inconsiderate of your hostess' time. In case you, like the majority of women, cannot resist the dazzle of alluring shops, be content to enjoy their splendor alone. Don't drag a dutiful but somewhat reluctant hostess along to help do your errands. And don't make it necessary for her to arrange her plans throughout the remainder of your visit so that you may have time to exchange undesirable purchases.

Then there is the matter of using your hostess' charge accounts. Almost anyone is willing to accommodate her guest in this way. But be very sure to settle your account with your hostess at once.

Most of the suggestions so far have been aimed at the "visiting sister." A few are reserved exclusively for the "visiting brother." Four "don'ts" concern him.

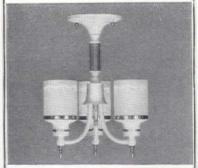
Don't force your services upon your hostess in the kitchen unless you are very sure that masculine help is regularly tolerated there. There are still women who think a man's place is elsewhere.

If your help in the kitchen is declined, go into the front of the house and smoke in peace. But smoke tidily.

Don't preempt the bathroom for shaving at the rush hour in the morning. Let the shave wait until later in the morning wher everybody is busy and glad to have you out of the way.

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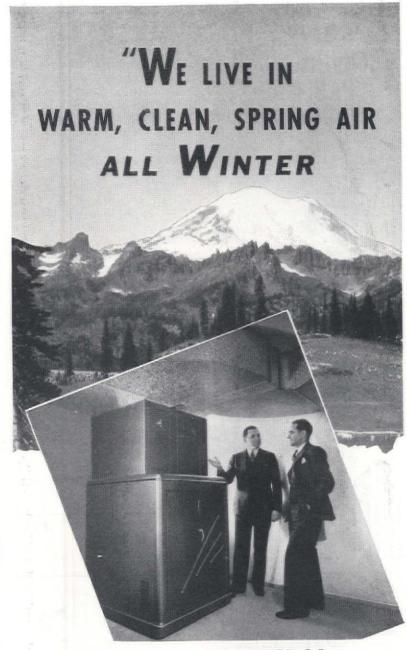
## Highlights in a shady garden

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in the foreground of an evergreen grouping, D. mezereum veritably illuminates the surrounding area.

In an old Pennsylvania garden where I often wander there are, on a large bank, shaded by great specimens of spruce and white pine, masses of Hydrangea argrandiflora, borescens caerulea. Viola striata and Dicksonia punctilobula (the hayscented fern). This association of plants is by no means unusual; its members blend well and offer a continual variety of interest, in addition to a succession of bloom from the middle of May until the last hydrangea has faded in late September. There is not the brilliance that one finds in the sunny perennial border, but rather a quiet restful charm which gives this particular corner a distinction of its own.

The picturesque beauty of many shady gardens dwindles with the approach of summer. However, careful planting will readily overcome this monotony. Several of the lilies, notably L. canadense, L. carolinianum, L grayi and L. superbum, can be used to good graceful. The red and orange shades of these choice lilies, and the graceful beauty of their flower forms will enhance the charm of many a shady nook. But what of the stately cimicifuga with its towering spikes of white in July and August; does it not suggest silver tapers, shedding white light? Black cohosh, as cimicifuga is more commonly known, thrives best in a partly shady border where its roots can penetrate rich garden soil. It is a very sturdy grower, and has a long blooming season in midsum-



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mer. C. americana and C. racemosa are taller than the improved C. foetida simplex, but all three are desirable.

Chelone glabra, or turtlehead, with its curious white flowers offers interest a little later in the season. With the turn of summer, comes the autumn pageant, ushering in the anemones, the chrys-anthemums, the fall asters, the goldenrods and the useful eupatoriums

Well grown Anemone japonica has a plastic beauty all its own. Pages could be devoted to the many improved asters and chrysanthemums. Eupatorium urticaefolium, with its shaggy heads; early goldenrod (Solidago juncea), with its graceful elm-shaped habit, and the slender spikes of the blue-stemmed goldenrod (S. caesia) from which the plants derived its popular name, all contribute their share of brightness to the shady garden in autumn. Long after the gentian has nodded its head, the Christmas rose comes forth, the last highlight of the season, to end the dying cycle. Not infrequently it is still nodding its head in the sunshine of a January thaw.

Who can say that the shady garden does not have a charm and a beauty all its own?

#### Dolphin flowers

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beautiful, hardy scarlet flower. As to the cultivation of larkspurs, the making of the seed bed and subsequent care form the only complicated part. Some aver that delphiniums dislike being transplanted, but I don't know that they are any less amenable to such treatment than the average plant, and I am certain that the novice will have much greater success by starting with large plants, secured from his nurseryman or from friends, and thereafter propagating by means of both seeds and cuttings, than with any other method.

A great deal has been said about loss of vitality in seed over a month old. Some say that they experience, over the winter, a loss of 90 per cent; others say that the loss is negligible over a period of several months. I have an idea that there is to start with a great variation in the fertility of seed of individual plants and in different areas. Thus in some localities the production is good from old seed one year, and poor the next, possibly due to the various pollenization fortuities.

Of course, nature plants her seeds in August. If we study her methods further, we will find that the delphinium, in its natural habitat, enjoys several things. For instance, a fairly loose soil, which may be approximated in



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the garden by providing what is known as a sand-loam; leaf mold over a top soil containing as a rule up to four per cent nitrogen, about two per cent phosphorous and three per cent potash (sol-[Please turn to page 163]

#### Perennials

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babyhood and later a soil that has been made rich and friable by deep digging and the addition of plenty of humus and ashes or sand, and some fertilizer, one can trust them to go on to splendid blossoming with normal care.

Polyanthus primroses especially, given their primary needs of shade, peat or other humus in the soil, and abundant moisture, seem to be able to thrive and increase in beauty with a minimum of care; such gorgeous new hybrid strains as those offered by Sutton's, Blackmore and Langdon, or Thompson and Morgan are truly a revelation to one who has known only the little old-fash-ioned "cowslips" that grew in our grandmothers' gardens. From my own garden I have tabulated over thirty different shades and color combinations, from pure white through pale and deep yellows, unusual shades of buff, peach, apricot, salmon, bronze, and orange, flame, and scarlet, rich wallflower reds, and browns, to a deep, velvety maroon that is almost black-not to mention the new pastel blues, lavenders and purples.

Closely following on the heels of the primroses come the columbines which also thrive in a situation providing moderate shade, humus, and moisture. A fine strain such as Dobbie's, Blackmore and Langdon's, or Mrs. Scott Elliot's, will give exquisite long-spurred blossoms in delightful colors.

Before the columbines have gone, the great spires of the hybrid delphiniums are opening into unbelievable frosted blues. silvery lilac-pinks, soft mauves, and deep purples; these aristocrats need sun, and beds that have been really deeply dug and enriched with liberal amounts of sheep fertilizer, wood ashes, and bone meal. To keep mildew and other diseases away, dust occasionally with sulphur, or spray with fungicide; I like Qua-sul.

The three perennials so far mentioned are all raised from seed by much the same procedure. An early start is very important, for if primroses and columbine are planted in early summer, or even before that, they will make a splendid showing the following spring; delphiniums can, in such case, be counted on for some bloom in the fall. Equal parts of



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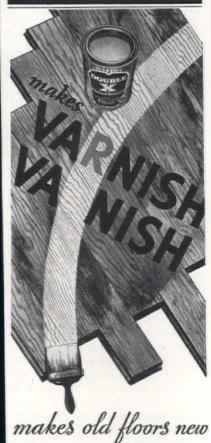
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sand, loam, and peat moss make a satisfactory seed-box mixture; the top inch or so should be sifted and the seed barely covered from sight with sifted peat or sand and peat. I move them into larger flats before setting them outdoors; this has the advantage -a real consideration to the one who rents his garden space-of making the little plants easily portable, in case one must pick up and move before they are ready to go into their beds. (Here it may be added that if the chronic mover will always keep on hand boxes of slips and cuttings from his favorite plants, as well as flats of young seedlings, he will never be unable to make a good start in any new garden that it may suddenly fall to his lot to fashion and tend.)

For the other three of my six suggested perennials for the rented garden, a different procedure is in order. To have hardy asters, fallblooming anemones, and chrysanthemums, one must, in the first place, either beg or buy plantsas many, let us say, as can be squeezed into the budget between the dentist's bill and that for the toddler's new shoes, etc. Thereafter, they can be easily and quickly multiplied by dividing the old plants, in early spring, into single shoots of the new growth. These small divisions should be set in well prepared soil, in semi-shade for the asters and anemones, but in full sun for the chrysanthemums. With ample watering and the help of some fertilizer they should give abundant brightness to the twilight of the garden year. Once one has sufficiently increased his stock of anemones, it is better to let them alone if possible, as they do best when well established; also, the renting gardener who is pressed for time may refrain from dividing his asters and chrysanthemums oftener than every two or three years-although in that case their blossoms will not be quite so fine.

Among fall-blooming anemones none are lovelier than Queen Charlotte, pale pink and semi-double, and the white (also semi-double) Whirlwind. Besides these there are single whites and pinks and deeper rose shades that make charming color masses in the late garden scene.

Perfect companions for the anemones are the hardy asters, with their cloud-like panicles of pastel blues, lavenders, lilac, purple, and pure white, the individual flowers with contrasting golden centers. In addition, sometimes to be had from growers who specialize in hardy asters, there are soft pinks and shades of a glorious wine red.

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All of which is to say that anyone who deeply desires to grow flowers can have them, even though he cannot at the time hope to paint his garden pictures against a permanent background. Then when the time does comeas each of us hopes it will-for him to move into his own home, the experience gained in growing flowers in widely varied soils and situations will certainly prove of the utmost value.

#### 4 California beach houses

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house the same size thrown together by the "jerry builder" who cares nothing for the subtle "feel" of the finished product.

The fence pickets display ingenuity too, for they originally came from a movie set and being too short to be in scale with the house, they were mounted on a 1 x 12, and with square posts bandsawed to carry out the Colonial tradition, a nice fence is thus created.

Note the simplicity of the plan for a family of two. What little hall there is serves the three-fold purpose of service porch, back entrance hall, and passage way to the bedrooms, bath, and kitchen. While naturally such an arrange-



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ment is very informal, it is quite acceptable in a cottage type of house where every inch of floor area is important.

The usual problem of the beach house to be built on a very small lot confronted the architect in planning this house for Mr. and Mrs. Edmondson. A lot 30 x 85 is not spacious when the requirements of a family necessitate four bedrooms. However, if one can't spread a house out over the land it is possible to go up in the air. This two-story house has managed to retain the cottage flavor in spite of its going up in the world a bit. And in 1933 this attractive house with a spacious living room, downstairs bath, kitchen, garage and four upstairs bedrooms and bath cost only \$2800! Another pint-sized house that is well filled with space and at low cost.

The exterior has combined freely both Eastern and Western Colonial motifs. The East coast tradition has supplied most of the details, but the roof pitch is perhaps more of a Western or California adaptation due to different climatic conditions.

The compact floor plan is particularly well studied out. There are four bedrooms, each with two exposures due to their corner position and two bathrooms, the upper one being placed directly over the first floor room to facilitate plumbing. The downstairs bathroom and shower is centrally located with an outside exit very close to it so that the usual 'mess' of seashore living which is apt to get on the nerves of the most casual housekeeper is largely avoided. From the beach the members of the family are able to step almost directly into the shower without actually traipsing through the rest of the house. The position of the stairway is also very well chosen, for privacy is given to the living-dining room.

Beside the small but well lighted and ample bedrooms for a beach house there is adequate closet space and the top of the garage has been converted into an open sun deck for those who wish to take their sun bathing at home instead of always on the beach. Such an open deck is very handy, since it serves to make an additional area for the boys of a family to sleep guests on cots or sleeping bags when the house is filled to overflowing of a weekend. Also it offers the possibility of an additional bedroom at a future date.

The secret of these pint-sized beach houses is their planning. Every square inch must be wisely utilized. Halls must be shunned like the plague. As many exposures to the sun and the sea as possible must be offered. Every detail of planning which will



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facilitate easy housekeeping must be very carefully considered.

The Edmondson house is painted a deep ivory on the exterior walls with blue-green shutters and sash trim. White and blue-green with a white picket fence-aren't these just the right colors for a house near the sea? Down the narrow little street with its feeling of a quiet fishing village in Maine, one can see the lovely blue green of the sea sparkling in the sunshine, and somehow this little two story house with its gay colors seems a part of the landscape-it belongs to the sand and the sea and the blue of the sky-to informal living and long lazy summers!

HE summer home of Mr. and The summer notice of the Mrs. Knickerbocker is a perfect example of the answer to the low cost housing problem which confronts the government, realtors, and prospective home owners of the land today. Here is a gay little white house which is the result of a very distinct effort to create the most possible house for the very least possible money. When one observes that there are two bedrooms, a bath, a kitchen, a pleasant living room with a fireplace and a one car garage, it appears nothing less than a miracle to consider the low cost of \$1800 in 1935!

The entire exterior is of 1 x 12 knotty pine, tongue and groove stock. Due to the dampness of the beach air, this proves very tight. There are no door or window frames, strange as it may sound, but the casements are hung directly to the dressed 3 x 4 studs with the redwood sills notched into the studs.

The shed roof with exposed rafters over the living rooms changes to a gable roof with exposed rafters over the rest of the house. Another money saing method was to leave the bedrooms unlined. They are built of  $3 \times 4 \otimes 3'$  on centers with  $2 \times 4$  fireblock,  $4 \times 4$  top plate, and  $1 \times 4$  diagonal braces gained in from outside. The construction tricks of this house are what make it interesting, yet it is soundly built to withstand weather and time.

Soft ivory exteriors are brightened by bottle blue-green shutters, this color being both effective and practical. Furthermore this beach cottage has the distinction of being truly a "mail order" house. Since the owners live in Texas during the winter months, it was necessary for them to trust in whatever Gods may be, the U.S. mails and their architect. When the owners arrived for their summer vacation they saw their house for the first time. From sketch to completion - all by mail! That should be some kind of a record in faith well justified.

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F COURSE, the ideal way to redecorate a home is to have an unlimited bank account, visit the right shops, and purchase the furnishings most suited to one's individual taste. Many of us have the urge to improve our surroundings, but often our yearnings are more de luxe than our earnings, so the desire is overruled by the lack of money. For a long while we were among those who permitted "insufficient funds" to keep our home in a state of unattractiveness, thinking that it was useless to try to do over our home without a lot of money, or without going in debt.

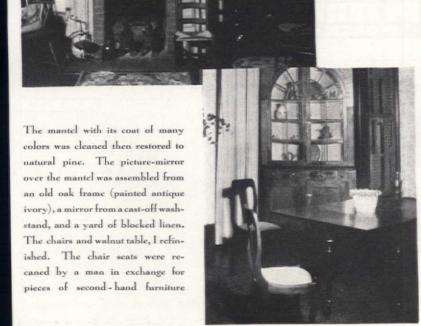
From my own experience, I have found that it does not always take cash to redecorate a home, if one will use one's talents, energy, and thinking cap. By stirring these three ingredients together, I discovered that my talent—that of teaching piano—could be exchanged for labor and materials needed in modernizing

and dressing up the old place.

Our home, a replica of the shirtwaist and pompadour age, was substantially built but had long suffered for needed repairs and carried that run-down-at-the-heel atmosphere. For years, we had stared, perhaps a little unseeingly, at dingy walls hung with numerous pictures, which we dared not disturb because the unfaded wallpaper beneath would bespeak its age or reveal some hole or blotched place. The woodwork groaned under its shiny varnish and longed to show its natural pine in a soft, subdued tone.

The furniture with its fancy furbelows and machine carvings, reminiscent of the golden oak era, held no attachments, so there were no regrets when it was traded to a secondhand furniture dealer who, in turn, recaned a porch set and two small chairs. But even out-of-date furniture must be replaced. In this respect I was fortunate. For several years I had collected occasional pieces of furniture, which depicted the

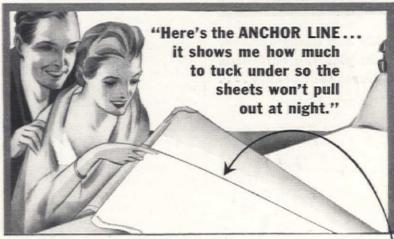
The corner cupboard, besmirched by little greasy fingers seeking cookies, served its day in grandmother's kitchen. It was resurrected from the attic where it reposed for many years and was then removed to the back porch where at odd times I renovated it with the result shown











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charm of the Colonial daysamong these was my grandmother's parlor suite, corner cupboard, and dropleaf table-all of which reposed in the attic awaiting the time to be refinished when "my ship comes in." My ship, I concluded, had long since been lost at sea. The time for elbow grease, rather than dreams, was at hand.

After studying articles on refinishing furniture, I tackled by the "do-it-yourself" formula the cupboard, the desk, the table, and the chairs, all of which you see in the photographs.

#### The cupboard first

The cupboard was moved to the back porch. A solution of one quart of starch and two tablespoonfuls of lye was applied very thickly with an old broom on a portion of the cupboard, allowed to remain several minutes to soften the varnish, then scraped with a steel scraper. This process was repeated until the whole surface had been gone over and was down to the natural wood. It was then washed with a weak solution of vinegar and water to counteract any danger of the lye darkening the wood. It was sanded with "OO" sandpaper and rubbed with steel wool. A coat of linseed oil and benzine, half and half, was applied with a clean paint brush and remained twenty-four hours. Then it was waxed and rubbed, and rubbed, and rubbed. What a lovely satiny finish it produced; one that befits the rose luster tea set which adorns the shelves and once was owned by a Revolutionary soldier who fought at the battle of King's Mountain.

It is the opinion of the historians that this battle was the beginning of the fall of Cornwallis. Here it was that Colonel Ferguson, perched upon the top of the mountain, stated that "all hell could not drive me from this position," but the sturdy farmers from North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and Tennessee, equipped only with their long barreled rifles, powder horns, and patching, virtually destroyed this army of King George. Colonel Ferguson, himself, a brave fighter for his king, fell pierced by seven bullets.

Young John Wilfong was wounded but managed to get to the home of Captain Sigmon, under whom he served in the war. The captain's beautiful daughter, Hannah, lent her most sympathetic attention. This friendship later ripened into love and marriage. It was on a trip to Philadelphia that Wilfong purchased the luster tea set for his wife.

In order to pay his delinquent rent one of our tenants, then unemployed, was pressed into service. He soon took "the shine off the nose" of the woodwork. This was done by washing with a



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strong solution of lye and soapy water, later rubbing with steel wool and waxing. The dull oatmeal wallpaper was replaced by an attractive scenic design in shades of yellow, mauve, and green against a light background. The whole blended admirably with pale green drapes and winecolored rug. Six unfinished walnut chairs were acquired from a cabinetmaker in payment of his daughter's music lessons. These were upholstered in mauve velvet.

The walls and woodwork of the living room were painted oyster gray. The draperies are of blocked linen in colors ranging from the deepest garnet roses to bluest delphinium. The sofa, a love seat type, is in dull red brocade, the wing chair in blue faille, and there are hooked rugs on a dark floor. The picture-mirror over the living room mantel, I originated from a yard of toile du Jouy linen, a mirror from a cast-off washstand, and an oak picture frame repainted antique ivory.

The paint and paper for the two rooms were bought from a hardware dealer in payment of his daughter's music lessons. Five pairs of draperies were made by a seamstress for lessons.

The cash outlay for redecorating these two rooms was astonishingly low. The material for draperies and chairs, the labor for paperhanging, painting, and upholstering amounted to a figure less than one hundred dollars.

My next "treasure hunt" will be the hall, bedrooms, and kitchen. It's fun to do things and see the results. It's more fun to make ugly things pretty and pretty things beautiful. Try it and see for yourself!

#### Spring recess

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Palace gardens, and it was just as well; otherwise we would have had dizzy spells. There are gardens after each man's dream. Being just a little insane by the time we'd seen the more magnificent ones, it was a mighty pleasant thing to sit in the little holly garden just at the east side of the Palace, and sort one's thoughts, or just sit and rest the eyes and feet.

You ought to be able to get little boxwood and holly bushes in Williamsburg. Perhaps you can now. Anyway, what you want to bring back from that spot, "that the Future may learn from the Past." is some living thing-no mere trick "Souvenir of Williamsburg, Virginia," will do; it's got to be something as alive and earthy and growing and satisfying as the place itself.



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#### Dolphin flowers

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uble); a supply of lime in some form, generally through the presence of carbonate or magnesium rock; a well drained situation; plenty of sun; and ample protection from drought.

Consequently, when we start to prepare the stage for larkspurs, we have something to aim at. The seeds themselves should be from healthy plants and thoroughly ripe; if not planted in the fall, they should be kept in an air-tight container stored in a cool, dry place. The seed bed should be of about equal parts sand and rich garden soil, preferably in a cold frame. Avoiding extremes of dryness or wetness seems to be the secret of successful culture for the first couple of months. Slat shading is highly desirable, as any delicate seedlings need some protection from direct sunlight. The chemical condition of the soil has very little to do with seedlings of this age; physical conditionsthat is, texture as related to moisture, aeration and freedom from hard substances - exert much more influence.

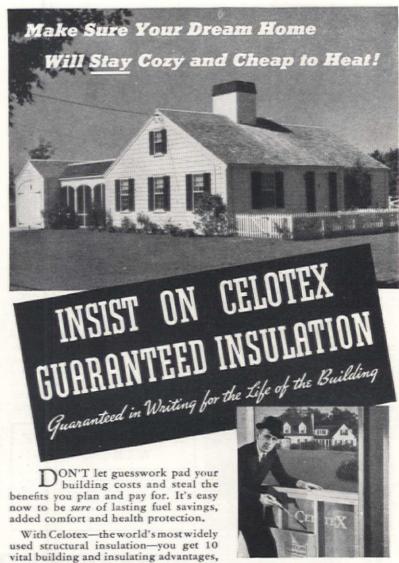
For this reason there is no need to add any fertilizer to the sprouting frame. However, when the plants are removed, their new location should contain less sand and more well rotted humus.

After the transplants are established-which is accomplished mainly by giving just the proper amount of water and shade-a little commercial fertilizer (analyzing about 4-8-8) should be worked into the soil. This makes the right kind of bed in which to set out grown plants bought from the nursery. Later on a thorough, light covering of wood ashes, to be raked into the soil, is just about perfect. If ashes are not available, use a smaller quantity of slaked lime; or, better yet, the year before the plants are set out, add crushed limestone at the rate of a handful to the cubic foot of

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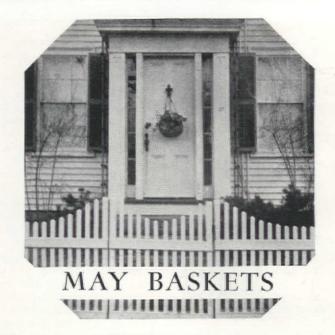
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I' was the first of May in New England where spring is slow in coming, and I was eager to arrange some May baskets for my friends. There was nothing in bloom in our flower garden and in the vegetable garden there was only rhubarb and mint. I had been ill and was convalescing in the sunshine out-of-doors-and with the clairvoyance of convalescence and an intensified insight and appreciation, I gathered the rhubarb and the mint. Then I hunted up the small mushroom baskets that I had been accumulating during the winter-long and narrow like grape baskets, only smaller. In them I laid the stalks of the rhubarb and then, on one side, I arranged a bouquet of mint and on the other a bouquet of young rhubarb leaves that were just uncrinkling.

For the first time I was deeply moved by those young leaves. Everything about them seemed The sheath within marvelous. sheath in which the young leaves are wrapped. The way one leaf after the other is released. The way the heavy, succulent veins rise straight from the stalk with the leaves all closely folded together about them. The way the leaves are deeply crinkled and the way their tops are folded back and then closely pressed into an unique wholeness. And then, all the tonal values. The leaves in their sheaths are a lime green, almost a light sea green, very fresh and delicate. The newly unsheathed leaves are a deep yellowish olive green, touched here and there with russet and rust color or with purple, while their crinkled depths are a brilliant and vivid greenish tone. Even the feel of them is really quite unique. As I have said, there were no

flowers in the garden but down in a wet spot in the meadow I found three white violets that I tucked into one of the rhubarb leaves. Then in a sheltered nook beneath a ledge I found some windflowers, and nearer home, just beyond the garden wall, a few purple violets and some trailing nepeta with its scalloped leaves and tiny bluish flowers. These, too, I tucked in.

Then as, little by little, I began to realize that there was much that I might make use of in my gift baskets, I began to be selective. Into one basket I put mats of bluets that I found in the rocky pasture. In another, I put some small flowering branches of the shadbush that I discovered warmly tucked into a small hollow spot enjoying the full sunshine. I even found three wild strawberry blossoms.

As for taller subjects to top off the baskets, there seemed to be no end of charming ideas. One basket had the uncurling fronds of the royal fern. Another had the fresh new reddish brown sterile fronds of the sensitive fern with some dried fertile fronds that had come through the winter with all their bead-like pinnules intact and looking miraculously precious above the innocent blue of the bluets. There were also belated pussy willows and various other kinds of willow catkins, even some reddish twigs of the huckleberry ready to burst into delightful bloom.

Then I began to realize that I might also tuck some gifts from my flower garden into the baskets, like a lily bulb or a dahlia tuber, a small plant of polemonium or some garden lavender for the friends who had small cottage borders.

Now I must also tell you of the responses these "first fruits of my garden," as I called them, met with. One friend immediately sent me her recipe for preparing rhubarb, which is by dipping it into boiling syrup. Another friend immediately added the leaves of



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the mint to her lime gelatine. A third was preparing a fruit punch for an evening party and boiled the mint leaves with the tea. "All the men enjoyed it so much," she wrote, "that I began to wonder whether they were mistaking it for mint julep!"

One friend was giving a dinner party and said the mint was very effective with blue glass. She had a bowl of it in the center of the table. "I also put sprigs of it into the goblets," she wrote, "and changed the water to pineapple juice for the purpose. Of course, the leaves I put into the finger bowls could float in aqua pura." Another friend achieved an effect, as she put it, with the dried fronds of the sensitive fern rising from the mats of bluets on a thin brown Venetian glass plate.

The most touching tribute, however, came from a friend who is now eighty-one years old. She wrote that it was the most attractive basket she had ever received. "I should never have thought of picking any of those things," she said in her note, "but now I shall want to do so every spring."

#### Fire control in the blueprints

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plus baking flour which a cook disposed of in a similar fashion.

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Among those who have never given much thought to fire control, there is an understandable tendency eventually to lose patience with any such enumeration of hazards as this. The object, however, is not to be a kill-joy or a scarehead but to point out rationally some of the basic faults which now make our homes such easy prey to fire. Anyone who does much touring cannot help but be impressed by the repeated sight of a stark, barren chimney marking the point where some private home once stood, and the increasing frequency of these monuments to imprudent building merely emphasize this plea.

Personal negligence and slipshod housekeeping naturally play a large part in the origin of many of these dwelling fires, but we need not get into that lengthy phase of the subject now. We are



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When we start toying with the blueprints for a new house, then, it behooves us to remember that any effort to control fire, structurally, must cover two rudimentary elements: fuel and draft. Firemen say, "a good house is one you can get out of," implying both the secondary means of escape and the structural fire retardants touched on here.

All of which boils down to the twins just mentioned: fuel and draft. Recognizing the processes and the arteries by which fire travels, it remains for us to check that progress wherever possible by: 1. Reducing the fuel areas available to a given outbreak, and

2. Curtailing the draft spaces which stimulate and circulate it.

If we aren't willing to eliminate all hidden voids, we should at least block them at critical points so that a fire gaining access to them will be confined there for a reasonable time. If we won't enclose the deadly open stairway, we must safeguard it above and below so that it can't turn traitor so quickly on its innocent victims. And when we incorporate with these precautions some of the accepted methods of automatic fire detection and combat mentioned in a previous article, we can do an amazingly good job.

Such protection has received scant attention in even our leading architectural schools and much less attention among home owners. Nevertheless the fundamental principles are well known and elaborated upon at length in the material sources mentioned. And when the prospective home owner begins to nag his architect less about doo-dads and gadgets and puts more emphasis upon the demand for adequate structural fire protection, we will begin to see a sharp reduction in the present atrocious and tragic fire waste of better than a home a minute in the United States!

#### Burl bowls: a Cinderella antique

IOLA A. SMITH

ONE of the most unusual of the exhibits at the Buffalo Hobby Show was a display of antique burl bowls collected by Mr. H. M. Wiltsie of Kenmore, N. Y.

Now, burl bowls may be ordinary wooden chopping bowls to you, but once you have seen one of the dull gray wooden bowls restored to all its glory, you'll not only give it the dignity of its proper name, but the chances are that you'll start collecting. Once you start collecting you'll find all kinds and sizes of bowls. In fact, a warning for those who live in small apartments is in order: limit your collecting to the smaller bowls or salt dishes or a large one or two for a scrap

basket! Unless I'm mistaken you'll have to curb your enthusiasm to a great degree, too.

You do not have to be a connoisseur of fine woods to delight in the beautiful grain of these burls for nowhere do you find more beautiful designs and patterns than in the knots of hard wood timber; and burls, as you know, are only knots, hard knots, of course, for that is why they were used for dishes and bowls.

These days manufacturers are making use of burls in veneer because of their unusual grain, while any homemaker who has seen a restored bowl is on the lookout for one which she can use as a dish for candy, for fruit, for waste paper, for a mending basket, or simply to look at on her



Various shapes and sizes of bowls. A boat shaped one on left has incut handles; one on right has protruding handles



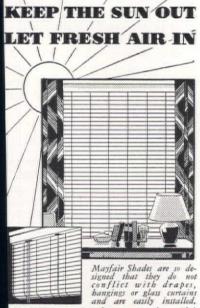
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It is said that the Indians in this country made wooden dishes and craded them with the white settlers particularly in New England. The best hunting ground then is in the hard timber belt in New England and New York, but occasionally some may be found in other parts of the country where they were carried by the early settlers who traveled from the East.

One can not tell whether the Indians were the first to make burl bowls or whether they copied them from the white settlers. Old records mention the fact that the Indians used knots from trees for making dishes. Lucky were they if they found a hollow knot for then the hollowing process was partly done, otherwise they had to burn and gouge them out. Some of these gouge marks can still be seen on the bowls today. If the Indians were fortunate in obtaining a settler's metal gouge their work was much easier and more quickly done than with their own crude tool which consisted of half of a beaver's incisor tooth.

The wood was used green so that it did not split so easily. Later the bowls were turned out on crude lathes composed of a revolving knife against which the worker held the wood. This type of work can be distinguished in the round bowls sometimes by a little irregularity in the symmetry of the bowl and less gouge marks. The little borders found on some of these were gouged out with small pointed instruments held in the hands.

As has been mentioned, there is quite a variety of shapes and sizes of these bowls such as round, oval, and boat shaped. Also burl mortars and pestles as well as butter ladles may be found. They have three types of handles; the protruding, the undercut, and the open cut. The last type is the rarest because these handles broke off, leaving just the indentation on the rim. Some have a rim or roll around the edge, probably to increase the strength of the bowl, and to aid in holding the bowl while working the butter. As to sizes, the largest of about thirty bowls in Mr. Wiltsie's collection is twenty-four inches across and eight inches deep while the smallest, a little salt dish probably, is four inches across and one and one half inches deep. Some have rounded bottoms and edges while others have flat bottoms and perpendicular or flaring sides.

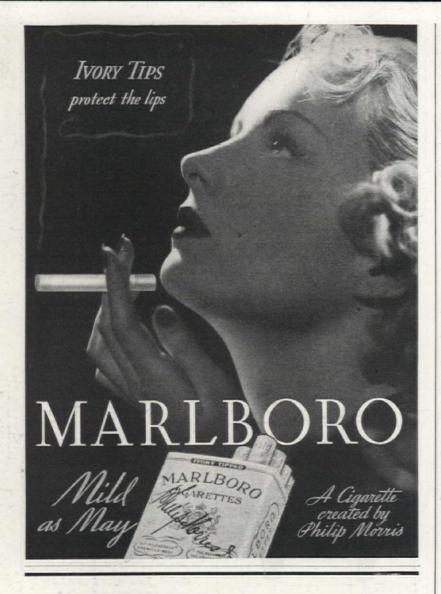
While making them was quite a job, finishing them is an even bigger one. The old method of finishing was probably similar to that used to finish Colonial furniture. Namely, after sanding and



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The three bowls on the left, above, are not restored so do not show as many high lights. The mortar on the left is varnished. Notice the dark line around the inside of the bowl on the right. All of the bowls seem to have a slight darkening, thus, just as far as the thumb would come when the bowl is held in the hand while working something in it. The butter ladle on the left is burl but the spoon shown on the right side of picture is not

using steel wool, put on boiled or linseed oil and let it stand awhile to absorb all it will, then wipe off the excess oil. Then with the palm of the hand rub in pumice stone. This preserves the wood as well as giving it a polish.

If you wish to bring out the grain still more and do not mind getting your hands black, use the Colonial furniture maker's method. Instead of pumice stone take some soot from the chimney, moisten your hands with the boiled or linseed oil and dip them in the dish of soot. Then rub it well into the bowl and wipe off the excess. The soot rubbed into the grain darkens it and brings it out. These do no spot with water.

With care, a great deal of patience and hard work Mr. Wiltsie has restored about thirty bowls of various sizes and shapes. If you find one, as he did, which has been left out in an old barn, a shed, or in a cellar, and is softened by dry rot, preserve it with a coat of thinned colorless var-nish, shellac, or linseed oil. If cracked or worm eaten or even with a hole in it do not disdain it but fill the cracks with plastic wood before starting the polishing process. Do not start the polishing with the idea that it can be done in a few hours and then varnish it to finish the job, for it will not be satisfactory. Leave it as pick-up work to use some of that surplus energy, for if you go into it too strenuously you may have lame muscles to remind you of it the next day.

When restoring a bowl, Mr. Wiltsie uses seven grades of sandpaper followed by four of steel wool and then a rub down with pumice stone with a final polishing with rotten stone before he is satisfied that he has restored it to its original beauty. If he then considers a little wax will bring out the grain, he rubs in a combination made of carnuba wax, beeswax, and turpentine mixed until it forms a creamy paste. He found the floorwax was too yellow and discolored the wood while the beeswax gave a pleasing finish, but it white spotted with water, which lessened the usefulness of the bowl.

If the illustrations do not give you a clear enough picture of these bowls visit the nearest art or historical museum. There you will probably see displayed on an old dropleaf table amid the pewter dishes and the candle moulds, a burl bowl. There perhaps will stand a burl mortar and pestle beside a tall pyramid of loaf sugar similar to the kind formerly ground up in these mortars by the housewife for her cooking needs.

Remember, just keep your eyes open, for burl bowls may pop up unexpectedly just as they did recently for Mr. Wiltsie. He was walking through one of the public markets in Buffalo when he saw one in the back of a truck being used for holding cut zinnias for sale. The owner, a delightful old lady, was willing to sell it since her grandchildren did not wish to keep it. In motoring through New England or New York, be on the lookout for antique shops or secondhand furniture stores whose proprietors may be able to dig up an old wooden bowl or two for your inspection. Then there is the joy of an all-day sale with the finding of a wooden bowl in a box of old kitchenware. These bowls are becoming scarce because people do not realize the beauty of the restored ones.

#### Learn its history

Whenever you can, be sure to get the history of your "find." This always adds interest and often some delightful little stories can be told about them, especially when they have been handed down in one family for years. There is the story of a woman who had seen her baby sister bathed in one of the boat-shaped ones. Another bowl brought memories of an old woodcarver pedlar and spring days. And still another meant Thanksgiving and homecomings, and chopped mincemeat and spice. Maybe yours will have historical interest. In any case, it's sure to offer beauty and give charm to your home.



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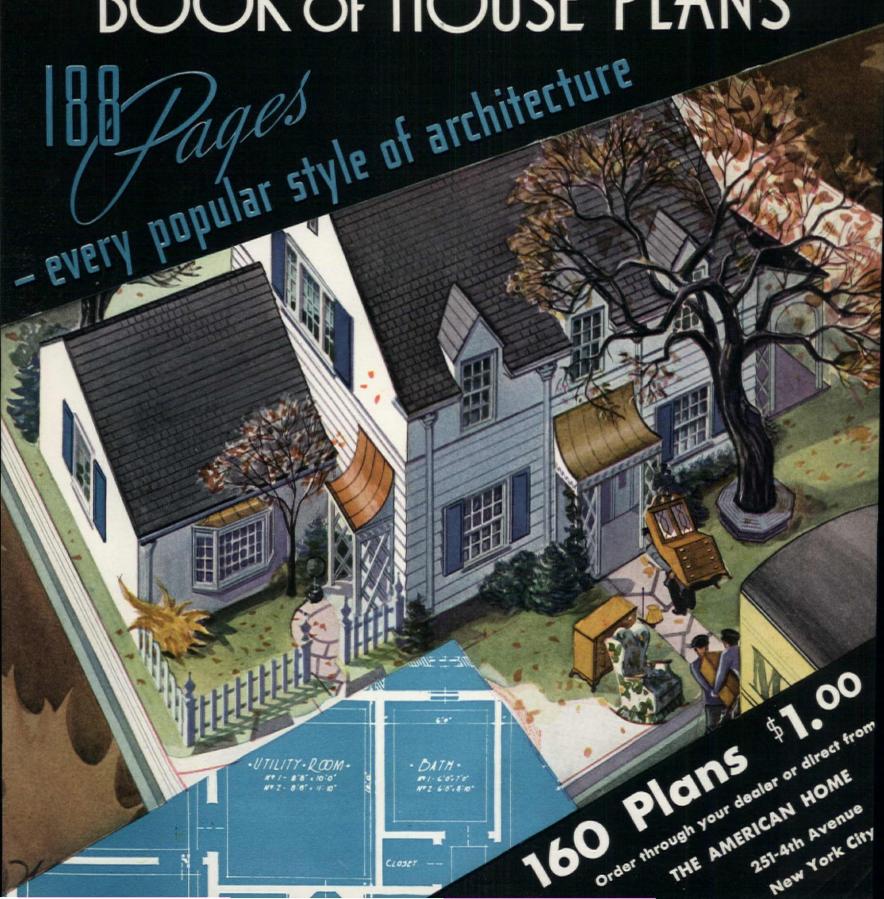
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vive intense extremes—they either freeze or burn. In midsummer, I have seen an off-shore wind rise to the proportions of a gale, even searing the leaves of all the native bushes on the windward side as though a tongue of flame had licked at them!

The ground-hugging, native Alaskan alpines succeed best, as one would naturally expect. But many of the taller wild flowers have braved the Alaskan climate for so long that the winds do not bother them much. The rock garden perennials that thrive in the States are almost total failures here, freezing out every winter in spite of mulching and protection with salt-hay and boughs. However, there are many little rock garden annuals, the seeds of which I start in the hotbeds in spring. They keep my rock garden gay with color long after the alpines have gone to seed.

The cabin is built on a slope with two rough terraces in front, following the contour of the hillside and kept in place by two retaining walls of stone. This slope is the site of an ancient rockslide off the mountain. The back yard and north side are natural outcroppings of rock which house my alpine plants. The soil is lean and acid. I have added nothing to it but sand and leafmold. Stepping stones are set in the gravel of the terraces. Stone steps, uncemented, afford cracks and crannies for tiny blooming plants. Two pools and a grotto in the front wall supply a moist margin for bog plants.

The first year, I planted great sheets of arabis, armeria, Alyssum saxatile, aubretia, cerastium tomentosum, dianthus, Erinus alpinus, Tunica saxifraga, Saponaria ocymoides, pyrethrum, Stokesia cyanea, and bulbs of all varieties. They all froze out over winter. For three years I tried repeatedly to duplicate the great sheets of bloom I had seen in the rock gardens in the States. I had hopes that one of those rare, mild winters would happen along, to help establish the plants over that critical first winter. It never came, so I gave up, and turned to that fascinating mania of finding out all about the native alpines and wild flowers, their names and ecology. That let me in for a lot of research work, many happy collecting trips up among the peaks, as well as lasting delight over the years that these same flowers have made a gay riot in my rock gardens, and have grown up among the steps and stepping stones.

The front retaining walls are laid up dry, without cement and there was no elaborate preparing of good soil to fill directly behind the rocks as is sometimes recommended. Into the fill went the same old lean rocky acid soil that



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these native wild flowers seem to require. I brought great clumps of bluebells from the rocky bluffs along the seashore and planted them in the crannies of my wall. They are a species of Campanula rotundifolia, being designated as Campanula alaskana. I gather the seeds in the fall and poke them into other crannies and into the rock steps. They germinate easily and thrive mightily. Carpathian bluebells also thrive for me in the wall and rock garden. Draba nivalis makes great mats hanging down. It is covered with cherry golden blossoms so early in the spring that a gardener's soul, starved by a long Alaskan winter, prizes this little harbinger of spring above all other blossoms. The marsh-marigolds (Caltha palustris) follow closely after. They grow not only in the moist ground around the pools, but in the dry sand and leafmold at the base of all the walls. The lavender and blue blossoms of the dwarf polemonium (P. humile or P. pulcherrinum) crowd out of the same crannies with the drabas before their blossoms fade, the lavender and yellow making a beautiful color symphony. Later on, the pink cushions of Silene acaulis peep out of the depressions between the rocks. The rose color of dwarf fireweed (Epilobium obcordatum) drapes itself against the bluebells to form another lovely combination. Goldenrod (Solidago) combines with the lavender of wild geraniums (cranesbill) and heuchera or alum root sends up airy white panicles like babysbreath to lighten the face of the wall. A fleshy native sedum with maroon blossoms, I have not been able to classify; its foliage in the autumn takes on gorgeous hues. Saxifraga bronchialis is a cushion or mat looking more like a sedum than a saxifrage but the blossoms betray it. They are creamy and hide the whole plant. Potentilla villosa looks like a strawberry plant with fuzzy gray leaves, but has most gorgeous yellow cupped blossoms.

Sprawling over the top of the wall are Mertensia maritima from the beach, that charming pinkish bluebell; trailing azalea (Loiseluria procumbens), and yellow tundra roses or shrubby cinquefoil (Potentilla fruiticosa). Arctic and Iceland poppies run riot and flaunt their gay yellow and orange wherever the wind blows the seed.

A tiny pool in a grotto of the front wall is surrounded by ferns, native purple iris, marshmarigolds, mimulus (the yellow monkey flower that looks like a wild snapdragon), yellow and blue swamp violets; wild hyacinth or bog orchis (Habenaria); and Romanzoffia unalaskachensis, those charming white mist maidens.

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 marigolds start off the spring season. Later on the purple iris and blue lupine mingle with yellow mimulus and arnica, the wild yellow daisy. The Alaskan flowers all bloom early in the season and seed quickly, knowing full well how short our summers are. So I have to lengthen out the blooming period at the base of the walls with a few annuals that are transplanted from the hotbeds-orange calendulas, marigolds, lavender iberis, and two California wild flowers that thrive here in the north by being seeded directly into the cold ground-namely, California poppies and clarkia. Tall polemonium (P. cæruleum) mingles with the red and yellow columbines. Shooting stars (Dodecatheons) improve in size and color when planted, if given a leafmold diet.

Sedum acre romps around between the flagstones of the front terraces. One of my few importations from the temperate climate of the States that has survived the Alaskan climate, it makes a soft green mossy carpet, bursting into golden bloom in midsummer. Here and there amid the riot, wee alpine poppies, yellow and apricot colored, are about three inches high. I brought them from high above timber line on the peaks, growing in the shale slides. Other of these plants came from the gravel bars of a glacial stream in a high mountain basin. A hardy little lavender anemone (probably A. parviflora) from the windswept peaks, keeps them company. Another flat, ground-hugging potentilla is covered with bright yellow blossoms and sends out slender runners to catch root among the flagstones. The gravel that we hauled up from the beach is growing a most gorgeous sheet of purple beach peas (Lathyrus maritimus). A much smaller dwarf yellow pea blossom that grows in clumps instead of sheets comes from the gravel of glacial streams. It may be Coronilla, or a member of the Vetch Family. I have been unable to classify it.

The paved terrace behind the house is host to several other little native alpines-Antenaria media, with tiny sage-green rosettes for leaves and small white woolly blossoms, is an American branch of the famed Edelweiss group; dwarf, ground-hugging potentiilas from the high peaks; Dryas octopetala and D. drummondi, the white and yellow mountain avens, respectively, with tiny leathery oak leaves, and a glorious feathery, plumose seed pod that rivals the sedge known as Alaskan cotton; also a tiny flat clump with pinnate foliage and purple blossoms of pentstemon type. In fact, I strongly suspect that if I could classify it correctly it would be one of the little dwarf alpine pentstem-





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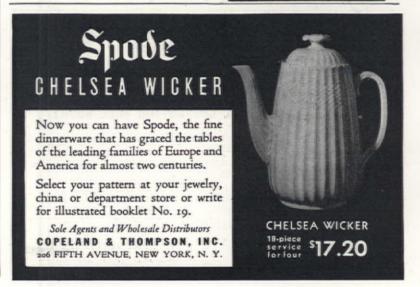


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6. Polemonium humile; 7, Nymphaea polysepala; 8, beach daisies; 9, Rubus articus; 10, Campanula alaskana

ons. It came from the high shale slides, but seems happy now in the gravel between the flagstones.

The front steps are rocks set into the sloping bank. Native sedums, Silene acaulis, alpine poppies, dwarf bluebells and Cornus canadensis, that delightful little dwarf dogwood, have about taken possession of the whole stairway. It is flanked on either side by a miniature rock garden which backs against and joins onto the retaining wall. This is one of the favored places at which the spring surface water cannot get a chance, hence a few survivors of those three years of trying to establish the perennials from the States still linger herewhite and pink arabis, one clump of Phlox subulata, Alyssum saxatile, achillea, and Cerastium tomentosum. Here also our native Alaskan Cerastium alpinum which is smaller, and with finer cut leaves than tomentosum. Draba and rose colored fireweed romp here and there among these other plants and I let the seed blow where it pleases. It gives that naturalistic touch, so much sought after in rock gardens, to let the

and to greet my guests at the front steps. Virginia stocks, tall Sedum spectible, pansies, tagetes, leptosiphon and nemophila keep it from looking bare toward the autumn season.

On the north side, is starting a windbreak of small spruce trees and red-berry elder bushes with slender birches for accent points. In front of this, the rocky outcropping throws up a gorgeous, careless sheet of tall rose-colored fireweed, far lovelier than anything I could transplant there. Just behind it in rich, prepared, limed soil, I planted tall delphiniums of soft pastel and azure blue shades. What a foil for the rose color! The same two shades are carried down the slope in front, in lower growing annuals among the rocks - rose colored schizanthus with blue nemophila in front of it.

The main rock garden on the steep slope behind the house is used not so much for a show place to greet visitors with continual masses and sheets of bloom throughout each season, but rather as a proving ground and experimental plot for native alpines, a place to try out various color combinations and to experiment with the seeds of alpines from all



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The background on top of the hill consists of small spruces, high bush cranberries and dark purple Alaskan delphiniums with yellow and orange hemerocallis in front. When I was a child in the States we were forever fighting these daylilies, or cornlilies as they were called then. I do not need to fight them in this climate; they will never take the whole place here; it is an uphill struggle for them in Alaska.

Spring, of course, finds this rock garden, too, rather a show place. Early in the season there are masses of yellow draba, some stragglers of Alyssum saxatile, dwarf yellow arnica, and flaming orange and yellow poppies. As a foil for all these shades of gold, the blue and lavender of dwarf polemonium, alpine forget-menots, wild onions (Allium) and chives with big purple balls of bloom, magenta blossoms of shooting stars, lavender asters (Erigeron salsuginosus), violets and pansies.

Pinks are represented by Silene acaulis; a few stragglers of Tunica saxifraga; wild heliotrope (Valeriana unalaschensis); trailing azalea (Loiseluria); Dianthus repens, a scarce tiny Alaskan pink; pink pyrolas under the shade of the bushes; Kalmia polofolia, a low heathwort with pink bells; Vaccinium, the Alaskan blueberry, both low- and highbush, with lovely pink bells; Linnaea borealis, the pink twinflower, and dwarf pink wild roses.

The white blossoming plants are Edelweiss (with which I try and try again and usually wind up with a failure each time): Anemone narcissiflora, commonly called wild narcissus; Aruncus, the Alaskan spirea or goatsbeard; Cassiope tetragona, the white moss heather; Cerastium alpinum; Clintonia uniflora, the white starflower; Cornus canadensis; white beach daisies; Habenaria, the wild hyacinth or bog orchis; Heuchera; the babysbreath saxifrage; Ledum, the Hudson Bay tea which is more of a shrub; Lutkea pectinata, the dwarf Alaskan spirea; Pyrola (Moneses) uniflora which sends a waxy sweet-scented star three inches high above the moss of the deep spruce woods; and Silene maritimus, white and sticky from growing on the beaches.

Later in the season, the purple monkshood (Aconitum); closed gentians (G. andrewsi); wild geraniums; columbines (Aquilegia); Fritillaria camtschatcensis, our chocolate-lily, stink pot or whorled fritillary; purple lupines; dwarf golden glow; Lychnis and Cheddar pinks keep the slope from looking too bare.

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I am trying out the Campanulas garganica, muralis and fragilis; Mazus rugosis; Veronica repens; Alyssum serpyfolium; androsaces; sisyrinchium; wahlenbergia; aethiomea; sodanella and others too numerous to mention. They will probably be failures in this climate, but there always remain endless lists of others to try.

The small, gay annuals that help me extend the season of bloom, are nemophila, schizanthus, tagates, virginia stocks, nemesia, viscaria, linaria, clarkia, leptosiphon, collinsia, layia, angallsis, ionopsidium, sanvitalia and dwarf iberis.

Because of the rugged contour of my ground, the flowers that are usually grown in a border are so mixed up with the rock gardens, my whole garden being a rock pile. I have used the tall annuals and perennials at the back, against some of the high rock walls, as a background for the smaller things. Where the walls are lower, I have tried to keep the scale in balance by using dwarfer plants. The few perennials that survive for me in this mountainous, sea-coast garden are sweet rocket, Shasta daisies, doronicum, delphiniums, ox-eye daisies (Rudbeckia), achillea, iris, columbines, sweet williams, wallflowers and peonies.

Most of the annuals will bloom here if started early in a hotbed and transplanted later. Some of the taller ones that I use in the backgrounds are orange calendulas, snapdragons, tagates, candytuft, California poppies, godetias, asters, ten-weeks stocks, and Rudbeckia bicolor. I have to treat the biennials as annuals because they never live over to the second year in this climate.

When we built the driveway, the rocks and sods were thrown to one side. A hardy perennial border has sprung up here without any help from me. Wild celery lifts its white umbrella blossoms; rose colored fireweed, poppies of all shades which reseed themselves, beach daisies, lupine, and wild yellow mimulus mingle helter skelter and slope down to a sheet of purple beach peas that have sprouted in the gravel of the driveway.

The south side of the house, being perched up in the air, is tied down to its surroundings by a high stone garden wall with arches and rustic gates. It is retaining wall about half way up, the level of the ground behind the wall being higher than the slope in front. A pussy willow drapes over the wall from behind, greeting the spring with the first hopeful promise of swelling buds. In midsummer, tall golden glow peeps over the wall and the yellow blossoms of canary bird vines clamber over the arches. The intimate garden just behind this wall is en-

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closed by the house on one side and by a little mountain stream and a rocky knob on the other. Spruces, red-berry elder and highbush cranberry, which were left just as Nature planted them, form the other boundary. Standing here, looking beyond the wall and rustic gates, the panorama of blue ocean and distant snow-clad peaks unfolds in breathtaking beauty.

An irregular row of purpleflowered peas with edible pods stands against the wall of the cabin. Chop suey greens flaunt their golden daisy-like blossoms just in front, combining beauty with utility. We eat the pea pods as well as the Chinese greens. The living room windows look out both in front of and behind this garden wall. The little intimate garden behind it is planted with lavender sweet rocket and orange poppies; with Carpathian bluebells and ox-eye daisies, with snapdragons of all shades. Along the bank of the steep little stream, I did not disturb the wild flowers that already grew there-rosecolored fireweed, monkshood, wild heliotrope, yellow mimulus, polemonium and pink pyrola.

A half-round pool backs against the front of the wall with a stone arch behind it. Steps ascend to the gate, on one side of the pool. Thyme, arabis and Erinus alpinus struggle along in these sheltered steps. The other side of the pool is a small slope of rock garden accommodating ferns, fireweed, iris, mimulus, arnica, tagetes and pentstemon, with mossy saxi-frages and Silene acaulis in front. A bog pocket back against the wall behind the pool holds marshmarigolds, wild hyacinth, swamp mimulus and mist maidens. These rock walls which, as well as the outside of the fireplace and the basement walls are cemented, also have jutting pockets of soil here and there, in which droughtresisting plants thrive. Clarkia. some of the saxifrages, and any of the small alpines that are used to the drying winds of the high peaks do very well in these niches containing so little soil.

Vines for my arches and rock walls are a problem. There are no native vines except the groundhugging ones. Any vine that I ever tried to grow has been battered to pieces by the wind. Even tough shrubby ivy was torn down and broken by the gales. I use native red currant, which furnishes plenty of autumn color in the leaves; but sometimes even this buds out too early and is frozen in the spring. I left several of these dead currant vines on my rock walls and used them as trellises for the canary bird vines which mingle their blossoms with the purple of wild vetch. These two are the only vines with which I have had any success here on the coast. Crimson runner beans and many other vines will grow. but the leaves are so large and tender that the first hard wind batters them to shreds.

There are many spots in the Territory more favored for the growing of a flower garden. Southeastern Alaska has earlier springs and less snow; interior Alaska has long, hot summers with daylight all night; the lake district of the Kenai Peninsula has a much more equable climate. The difficulties that I have presented are indigenous only to the coast of this section. After all, it is fortunate that there are disadvantages to hold my enthusiasm back. I have more than enough varieties to keep me overworked all summer. Many gardeners of the temperate zone upon reading these lists will be amazed at the wealth of native flowers growing in what they consider the frozen North. There are hundreds of other varieties growing in other sections that I have not even mentioned. I have seen and admired them in other parts of Alaska but, as yet, have not acquired them for my garden.

#### My memory garden

My collection of rock plants is a memory garden recalling many big game hunting trips, liveanimal catching expeditions in interior Alaska, gold mining in the Mount McKinley region, prospecting just below the Arctic Circle, a lonely season spent on an island in the Bering Sea, and fishing trips down Kenai Lake to the famed Russian River district. From each trip with my husband, who is a guide for big game hunters, I have brought back some specimen for our garden by the sea. I have little rock ferns and saxifrages that I dug out of rocky canyon walls along the trail when it was 40 degrees below zero. My kinikinnick (Alaskan holly) came from the high peaks that the wind had swept bare of snow. where we had gone to catch mountain-sheep alive. The bitter cold was probably an advantage because it assured the plants being dormant. They sprouted the following spring as though they never knew they had been moved a couple hundred miles from their home. On the other hand I have uprooted alpines when they were in full bloom, rolled them in wet moss and carried them on my back in a packsack for several days before they reached their final destination.

So the lovely summer bloom of my rock garden, although in the city limits of an Alaskan town, takes me far from the haunts of civilization, in retrospective contemplation.

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Are you one of the many still seeking a really satisfactory garden label? Or have you discovered or invented some device that has fulfilled every requirement asked of it? If that is your happy state, your fellow readers of THE AMERICAN HOME would welcome the story of your success . . . And, by the way, why wouldn't an exhibition of labels and labelling methods be a worthwhile feature of a garden club meeting-each member being invited to contribute his or her idea of the perfect, or most nearly perfect, plan? One exceedingly careful and skillful plantsman recently reported that he had found what seemed to be the long sought solution in the form of strips of aluminum cut to desired sizes and of a gauge just heavy enough to provide sufficient stiffness. About the same time another correspondent said he had tried aluminum but that it had proved brittle. And so it goes.

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Knowing plants

I was one of an interested audience at a recent meeting of nurserymen to which were invited members of all the garden clubs of the region, nearly thirty being represented. A feature on the pro-

#### Strawberries by the barrel!

The accompanying visual evidence and the following detailed instructions from Belinda Sinclair of Fresno, California, are gratifying as well as interesting and stimulating. Incidentally, this use of a barrel is, of course, a mammoth application of the principle of the decorative strawberry jars.—E. L. D. S.

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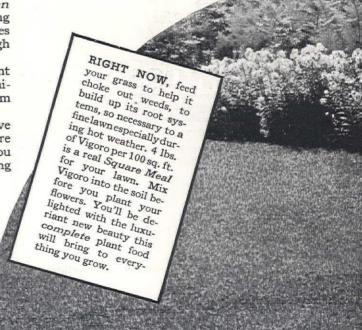
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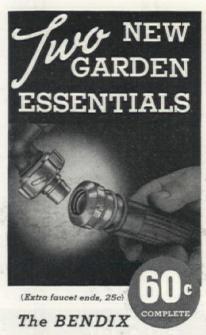
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gram was a frank, friendly discussion of some of the shortcomings of nurserymen and their catalogs. A valiant garden club member. speaking for her sisters, pointed out ways in which they thought the trade could render more and better service. Then spokesmen for the growers endeavored to defend or at least explain their methods, pointing out that some are largely dictated by circumstances while others have been inherited from previous generations; in some cases they promptly passed the blame back toward the buyers, basing it on ignorance of plants or indifference. Altogether the conference was illuminating, constructive, and gave promise of closer mutual understanding between producers and consumers.

Discussing catalog descriptions, the garden club members urged more use of scientific (botanical) names and less dependence on common names which in many cases vary from place to place. This is an interesting indication of the gradual overcoming of the oldtime fear or prejudice occasioned by Latin name forms, a trend that accompanies an increasing familiarity with different kinds of plants. Later, at the same meeting, the garden club members took part in a contest involving the identification of some twenty-five sprays of evergreen and deciduous shrubs, the winning team making a score of seventy-five out of a possible one hundred. Truly there is new interest and constantly increasing satisfaction to be gained from a wider acquaintanceship among plants, both those that grow in our own gardens and those seen in other gardens. Yet one reads with utter amazement of the ability of the late John Grimshaw Wilkinson, botanist of London, England, whose death at the age of eighty-one was reported on March 1st. Deprived of his sight at the age of 23, Mr. Wilkinson is said to have taught himself to distinguish kinds of flowers by touching them with the tip of his tongue, until he was able to name at once any of 5000 specimens! By some amazing development of his senses of smell and hearing, he was also able to identify the kind of tree under which he stood during a rainstorm, by the effect of the raindrops falling on the leaves. Despite his handicap, he carried on his botanical studies throughout his lifetime, during which he received an honorary degree of Master of Science from Leeds University in recognition of his investigations of British flora. That is plant love, indeed.

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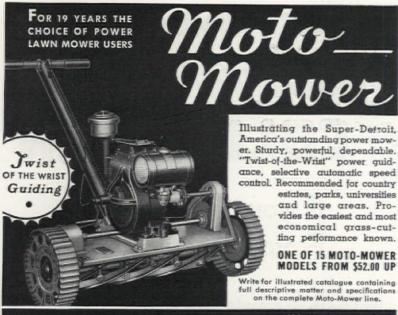
flower arrangement from the purely artistic (as distinguished from the horticultural) point of view, is the handsome little vol-"Design in Flower Arrangeume, ment" by John Taylor Arms and Dorothy Noyes Arms (The Macmillan Company, \$2.75). An expanded, revised collection of lectures that have proved popular among garden clubs in connection with his activities as a flower show judge, this book gives, by the senior author's own assertion, the beliefs and conclusions of an artist, a student of design, not a horticulturist. At the outset he frankly relegates the "flower" part of the book's title and subject matter to a position distinctly subordinate to those of "design" and "arrangement" on the theory that design is "the one factor without which a flower arrangement cannot be aesthetically satisfying, the one, indeed, without which it is not an arrangement at all."

With that clear explanation of his purpose-which will help any individual to decide whether he or she is correctly attuned to such a discussion-Mr. and Mrs. Arms present an interesting and readable explanation of what constitutes an "artistic" arrangement. The text is helpfully supplemented by a generous number of photographic illustrations of designs that have been recognized as outstanding; and in most cases the picture is accompanied by an

analytical sketch.

A new book by Dr. Liberty Hyde Bailey is always an event whether in the field of pure botany, of horticultural reference. of practical garden lore, or of inspirational essay. His most recent work, "The Garden of Gourds" (Macmillan, \$2.50), is somewhat difficult to classify, for while it is primarily concerned with describing the members of that curious, grotesque but often exceedingly useful group of plants known as cucurbits, the comprehensive botanical and historical information is generously interspersed with the characteristic philosophy and the practical, precise cultural directions that render Dr. Bailey's writings simultaneously invigorating, infor-mational and delightful. With the steadily increasing interest in the growing of the ornamental gourds both as garden subjects and as material for home decoration, the book is timely and special interest is provided by the striking, full page illustrations in black and white, which the title page lists as "decorations." The artist, unnamed, has so developed an unusual technique as to picture with remarkable fidelity the peculiarities of the plants and fruits described. The total result is another of the many contributions to gardening for which the world





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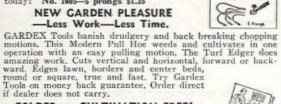
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Responding to the call for "little" books on gardening, Cecile Hulse Matschat has written five "Garden Primers" (Houghton Mifflin Co., \$1.00 each) in which she has dealt with, respectively, "How to Make a Garden," "Planning the Home Grounds," "Annuals and Peren-"Planning the Home nials," "Shrubs and Trees" and "Bulbs and House Plants." Sometimes we wonder which exhibits the greater temerity and optimism-the writer who attempts to simplify, condense and codify the complex, immensely varied problems and operations of gardening into such limited compass, or the novice who lightheartedly sets out on the rough and winding path to gardening accomplishment in the belief that such a book is actually "complete in itself, with all the necessary details" as one of the Primers asserts. On the other hand, now and then we come across a catalog or other publication sent out by some horticultural firm which, with a minimum of pretension, offers a surprisingly helpful amount of practical information and suggestion. One such booklet written by Romaine B. Ware and published by the R. M. Kellogg Company of Michigan with the title 'Charming Gardens and How to Plan Them" is a distinctly successful compilation of sound advice and stimulating suggestion. The clever use of half pages permits a series of "before and after" illustrations, while a number of plans for various kinds of garden beds and borders offers answers to many of those questions as to what to put in this or that corner or along yonder path or fence.

(Correction: We learn that the price of "Hill's Book of Evergreens" reviewed in the March issue is \$3.50, not \$3 as men-

tioned.)

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WE MANAGED to squeeze into the April issue a brief correction of that unfortunate transposition of the captions under the splendidly received rose prints in the March frontispiece, but we want to offer a further apology. Also we want to express our appreciation of the friendly and forbearing spirit in which many readers called our attention to -or asked about-the obvious but still unexplainable error.

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# Bulb quarantine

THE first result of the bulb I quarantine hearings held in Washington last December appeared on February 15th in the form of an announcement from the United States Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine. Referring solely to the question of bulbs imported from foreign countries, the Bureau stated that: "The evidence presented at the conference indicated that the bulb nematode risk which accompanies the importation of most ornamental bulbs which have been inspected at the country of origin, supplemented by inspection at port of entry in the United States, does not justify the requirement that all known hosts be treated as a condition of entry."

Interpreting the guarded language characteristic of official pronouncements, this means that, with the exception of narcissus, all bulbs now admitted into this country, either with or without the necessity of a special permit, can be brought in without having to be subjected to the hot water (or other) sterilization treatment. With respect to narcissus, the statement says simply, "No change in the requirements as to importation of narcissus bulbs is announced at this time."

Therein lies cause for keen satisfaction in some quarters and for unhappiness in others. Since December 16th it has been required that foreign narcissus bulbs be given the hot water treatment before they are admitted. According to present knowledge and experience, this treatment largely destroys the ability of the bulb to flower satisfactorily (if at all) the first season after planting, indoors or out. Consequently, such imported



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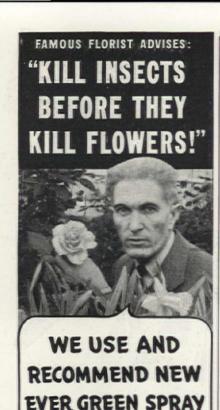
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bulbs are suitable only to be planted in the field by commercial growers and grown a year before being sold to gardeners or florists for forcing. This, in effect, restricts the supply of narcissus bulbs to American-grown stocka situation thoroughly to the liking of domestic bulb growers, but irksome to seedsmen and others who have heretofore handled large quantities of freshly imported narcissus bulbs and also to the many garden enthusiasts affected by a curtailed supply. There are many, including amateurs, professionals and scientists, who seriously question whether the acknowledged "bulb nematode risk" is sufficiently great to justify the inconvenience caused by the hot water requirement. Whether increasing knowledge concerning the nature and effects of the nematode or eelworm and methods of controlling it will ultimately lead the Government to decide to modify the present requirements is a question that only time can answer.

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to imported bulbs-which were the subject of the first of the two December conferences. The second meeting discussed the advisability of regulating, (whether by requiring the hot water treatment otherwise) the movement within the United States of all kinds of bulbs which can now for the most part be shipped interstate without hindrance. (Some states have quarantined narcissus bulbs since a former domestic quarantine on account of eelworm was revoked.) What the Government will decide to do in that connection, and when, are other unanswerable questions. But if logic and consistency are to be factors in quarantine policiesand Mr. Lee A. Strong, chief of the Bureau, has indicated his belief that they should be-it would certainly seem as though bulbs admissible into the country without hot water treatment should likewise be free to traverse this country with the same freedom. Contrariwise, if narcissus bulbs can safely be moved interstate without being treated (as is the case at present), one wonders why they cannot, with equal safety, be admitted into the country on the same basis.

# Plant only good bulbs

Certainly with the bulb nematode definitely present in some thirty-five states, in all of which narcissi are being successfully grown in gardens or commercially, or both, there is no reason whatever for gardeners to deprive themselves of these joyous spring flowers nor to refrain from planting them as generously as their means permit. If an occasional plant appears sickly or weak, with signs of possible eelworm infection as illustrated on page 184, dig it out and destroy it as a simple, inexpensive precautiona part of the sanitary care that should be an important part of all garden routine. And, as a still more valuable precaution, buy and plant only good bulbs from reputable sources-again a recommendation that applies to all kinds of plant materials, always.

# Garden riches from the Rockies

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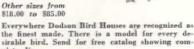
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# Everyone likes pinks

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eties desire for their growth. For the greatest pleasure from the smaller pinks try sowing seed of choice kinds in long rows in early spring. Let every seedling develop until its individual color and habit are known. Then, after a luxurious and prolonged orgy of choosing, move as many as you have room for into new homes in the rock garden and other sunny niches. And there they will blossom—furiously!

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# Dolphin flowers

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flowers. The worms develop from eggs laid in late summer by the moth of the species on the leaves of weeds, notably burdock, ragweed, milkweed, etc. A thorough fall clean-up will destroy them in the garden and largely prevent damage—unless there is a large, weed-infested field adjacent.

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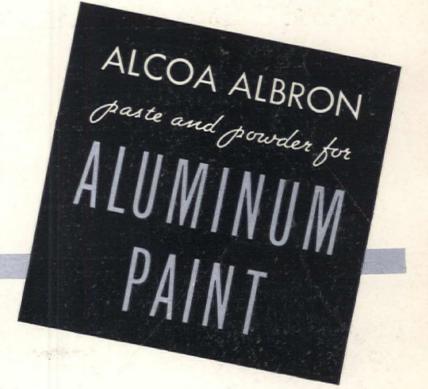
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