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## State Flower $\mathcal{D}$ rints

 come so sought after because of its size and Loveliness, and it is so difficult to qrow in gardens, that it is joining the ranks of those rare treasures of our flowa that need the special protection of intelligent conservation measures.

## MARKET $t o$ YOU

LOUIS GOODENOUGH

T's three o'clock in the morning. No dimming lights signal the end of the dance. No nostalgic "Home Sweet Home" curfews for gaily swinging couples. Instead there is feverish activity, gloom-piercing unshaded lights, a fog of cigarette smoke. Porters push furniture into small, attractive groupings. Orders bark over the din of scraping chairs, the bumping of tables, and the hectic hubbub of voices.
Here is some furniture manufacturer's showroom which is getting its final primping before nine o'clock the next morning. For at that time buyers from every state in the union will be swarming in to place their orders. Soon trains, trucks, and boats will ship what has pleased their eyes and purses. Soon editors and reporters from newspapers and magazines interested in home furnishings will be on hand to see what is new, what the manufacturers have developed to satisfy the needs and desires of the homemaker. They are there to report their findings to the hundreds and thousands of people who follow the news in these publications, so they may know what to expect to find when they go to their favorite home furnishing store for a new rug or a new chair or a new dining room table.

Before this market is over nearly 50,000 department and furniture store buyers will have visited Chicago, Grand Rapids, Jamestown, and New York. Several more thousand will have gone to the markets in San Francisco and Los Angeles. In High Point, North Carolina, others, or the same thousands, will have trudged through other showrooms with their eyes ever on the alert for some good buy for you.

In January these same buyers will journey again to the home furnishings centers and for two more crowded weeks-just as they did last July-they will make their purchases. In between these January and July shows they may go to the one-week May and November shows to fill in for early summer and winter.

Behind all of this is the same excitement and lots of the romance you have heard about when the apparel and the millinery buyers travel to Paris for the baute couture openings. True, there are no glamorous mannequins to parade Vionnet's full skirted evening dresses

A dainty bedroom, with Celanese taffeta draperies in turquoise over a window shade in the newest color, sunrose. Bed ruffle and dressing table apron in a small chintz pattern on a peach ground, from Cyrus Clark. A tango rust carpet from Alexander Smith, and a flowered wall paper on a peach ground from Katzenbach \& W arren



Here is that walnut tree in 1837 which was some day to be cut up for your table. Returning home after dark from an arduous day of bartering beets and selling spinach, Farmer Brown, relying too much upon his horse to navigate the road into the stable is rudely brought to life by his wagon scraping that tree. With an expletive, time worn many centuries before, Farmer Brown "giddaps" and "whoas" his horse into the stable.
A slight abrasion has been made under the bark of this tree. Soon, inscrutable Nature starts to send a crop of fruit buds to repair this slight damage. But these buds never mature, and instead of sprouting out in the accustomed manner as a new walnut limb, they

Dining room, below, with Bigelow Sanford's blue carpet, and gray wall paper from Imperial. From Marshall Field come the glass curtains, chair seats in rose coptic, and flowered linen draperies. Right, Thibaut's wall paper in burgundy on gray for a living room. Waverly's burgundy fabric for the wing chair, tapestry seat pad, and chintz draperies. Green carpet, Bigelow Sanford



The new "ridgeweave" cotton carpet is a sturdy one from Klearflax, upper left corner. A narrow stripe from Orinoka. Floral pattern, above, Titus Blatter
 Becker, Smith \& Page, far left. Celanese ninon with a thread stripe, above left. Artloom carpet, above. Flowers are graceful on a ground stripe in chintz from Charles Bloom

Large flower motif is a washable, spotproof chintz, Cyrus Clark. Wide stripe, Orinoka. Artloom carpet

From Orinoka comes the upholstery fabric, above left. Carpet above, in "dessert sand," Archibald Holmes. Floral pattern, at the right, from Charles Bloom
get all mixed up under the bark and start to grow in clusters. Years later this tree is cut down and shipped to some factory. In sawing up for planks this strange cluster is discovered. The saws are stopped. Such a beautiful formation, all in swirls and pebbles, cannot be sacrificed. Instead, thin veneers are cut off and from these buds which never grew right are obtained many sheets of wood to top the tables of American homes. That pebbly look you like so much is just a cross section of those buds.
Behind that axminster rug your feet are resting on as you read this article is a tale which takes you to Tibet. There, shorn from some unsuspecting lamb is the wool which has to be scoured, dried, blended, aged, unkinked, and twisted into a length of yarn. From the time it is on the sheep to the time it reaches these shores where it is woven into a rug may well have taken a year.

Simmering in your aluminum saucepan is a part of tonight's dinner. Back of the metal of that container is a white powder, alumina, which was first extracted from clay in 1827. It wasn't until eighteen years later that a few tiny pieces of aluminum were extracted from this powder-and what a sensation this metal was at the Paris World's Fair! It cost ninety dollars a pound, then. Now the price is less than twentyfive cents.
What romance and glamour, too, in the electric light bulb, in the linen draperies at the window, the glass in the picture frame, the sateen in the comforter! Back of them . . . but why go on?

Instead, let us go back to those acres of floor space which are being set in order in the early hours of the morning.
Let us start in Grand Rapids, that Michigan city where so much of the life is wrapped up in furniture. In one hundred years this industry has grown from one small store to a total of one million and a half square feet given over to exhibition space for furniture. To
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This bedroom will please both men and women, in its subtle modern furniture, color scheme, and fabrics. The Firth carpet in light olive-green makes a perfect setting. The drapery fabric, from Charles Bloom, has a modern floral design on a natural ground. A peach bedspread from Orinoka is worth noticing




A. T. De La Mare Co.

HIVE you a fruit tree in your garden? Have you commented on and revelled in its beauty when in full bloom? And then, a few weeks later, have you been just a little disappointed to find only a few fruits on the tree?

What happened to all those flowers? Perhaps you wondered about this, and possibly you decided that it must have been due to the weather or to some bug. The chances are that, for once, neither of these was responsible. Very likely your tree is one of the many fruit varieties whose flowers are not fertilized by their own pollen and for which, unknowingly, you had not provided an acceptable mate.

Failure of fruit trees to "set fruit" is a rather common occurrence, especially in the small garden where there may be only one or two trees of a kind. A rather surprising number of varieties are incapable of self-fertilization and, therefore, self-unfruitful. Nature discards the unfertilized fruits shortly after the bloom season; so such varieties will produce few if any fruits unless pollen of another and compatible variety is provided. Another tree of the same variety is of no value for this purpose.
The. term, compatible, suggests that some of these fruit varieties are very particular in the choice of mates, and that is true. The flowers of few apples, for instance, will not be fertilized by the pollen of certain other varieties even though the trees are growing close together and are in bloom at the same time. The scientist uses the word, cross-incompatibility to designate this state of affairs. It seems as if some fruit trees have their romantic moods!
Self-unfruitfulness in some varieties is due to a lack of good, viable pollen. Rhode Island Greening and Winesap apple trees produce poor pollen which will not germinate; they and varieties like them will not bear crops of fruit when planted alone, nor can they be expected to fertilize each
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Structural details of the apple blossom are shown in the two sketches at the right. Above, in diagrammatic section, P is the pistil branching into five parts or styles; S is the anther or pollen-containing part of the stamen. Below, a much enlarged diagram of pistil, P ; from its apex or stigma a pollen grain, G , has sent a tube down the style and into the ovule, O , to fertilize the egg cell, E , which will grow into a seed. R is the receptacle or base of the flower which later enlarges to form the fruit


# October Futures on JUNE SWEET PEAS 

KEITH BARRONS

Twenty-five years ago sweet peas were the most favored and the most widely grown of all annual flowers throughout the entire United States. Today they are still among the favorites and everyone loves them for their delicate fragrance and graceful beauty; but few are the gardens in the Midwest and East where this flower may be found. This raises the questions: Why have sweet peas become so difficult to grow in so many localities? And how can the home gardener overcome these difficulties?

Being a sweet pea enthusiast I set about finding answers to these two questions a few years ago. To some extent I now feel that the problems have been solved; at least I have been able to grow good sweet peas where others failed. I will tell you what I have learned about this flower and how to grow it successfully.

First, I talked with more than a hundred gardeners in a number of states who had grown sweet peas, some of them for over a quarter century. Every one of them blamed all sweet pea troubles on heat. Now this is a logical conclusion in view of the fact that in cool summer climates such as prevail in England and on the Pacific Coast little difficulty is experienced in growing this flower. Furthermore plants seem to thrive until the first warm days of summer, then acquire all manner of ailments and die. I might have concluded that these home gardeners were right, that heat is the important sweet pea enemy, had not the temperature records which I examined proved to me that hot summers were known back in the "good old days" when fine outdoor sweet peas were common. True, we have had unusually hot summers during the past decade, but even $\overline{\mathrm{s}}$, how can heat be blamed for everything when some seasons twenty and thirty years ago were exceptionally warm?

I grew sweet peas under all kinds of eonditions; I used different soils and different fertilizers, and I made plantings on different dates. I consulted pathologists about the diseases of the plant and read everything I could find about sweet pea pests. Now, after four years of this investigation, I have drawn some conclusions concerning the causes of sweet pea troubles and ways of preventing them. I will enumerate them, then discuss each one in some detail.
(1) Heat is only indirectly responsible for most sweet pea failures. The real culprits are mosaic, a virus disease which develops only in hot weather, and root rots which hinder root growth and thus cause the plant to suffer, especially when it is warm.
(2) Mosaic can be controlled by growing sweet peas in partial shade and by keeping off all aphids. These tiny green insects not only injure plants by sucking juices from their stems; they also transmit mosaic from diseased plants to healthy ones.
(3) Root rots must be controlled by soil sterilization before good sweet peas can be grown in most soils.
(4) Sweet peas should be planted very early in order to give them a good start during cool spring weather. The best flowers result from plants started in a frame or cool greenhouse during January and transplanted in March.
(5) (This is the important point because it requires action.) Early October is the best time to prepare and sterilize your soil. At this time it will still be easy to work. Don't wait until late fall and winter rains make the ground too wet to work properly.

## $\mathcal{R o o t ~ r o t ~ c o n t r o l ~}$

Root rot on sweet peas may be caused by any one of a number of soil inhabiting fungi which attack the roots as fast as they develop. If you dig up sweet pea roots and examine them carefully you


IF you have a little boy and fix up his room I in sailor fashion, he'll probably consider himself master of the seven seas! Though our own son is still a baby, we planned for the time when the lighthouse and buoy would be much more important to him than his play pen and crib are now. We designed and made all this furniture, so that the total cost, including the rug and curtains, was only twenty dollars.
In addition to the attractive appearance, we find that there is plenty of room to walk around or play. This is because there is concealed storage space in nearly every piece of furniture. (Remember this point, for children have a habit of collecting everything from sea shells to autographs, and they always demand a place for these things.) Equally important, I think, is that the furniture is sturdily built to withstand all kinds of wear and tear.
The revolving lighthouse is one of the most interesting and useful features. It is painted white with a red top and band, and has four shelves for toys and games. When we want the room ready for inspection and approval, we keep the shelves turned to the wall. It revolves easily when you want to get something from the shelves. Then, if you lift up the top of the buoy beside the bed, you find space for more of the toys and games. We have painted this a bright red.

## Sollecting

# Lion Glass 

MRS. L. B. MAYNE

ONe day while browsing in an old shop I ran across an interesting book, "The Romance of Old Sandwich Glass." In it I found a picture of a table, set with clear glass, having a frosted lion design. It interested me, and making a note of the book, I left the shop, the picture of the frosted glass lingering with me. Then one summer afternoon as a friend and I were driving along a village street we came to a quaint antique shop. We stopped and, once we were inside, the collector's instinct flared up within me, for there on a chest of drawers was a beautiful clear glass compote, its bowl resting on a tall frosted standard with three small lion heads in relief and a frosted lion head on the cover. I had really found one of the pieces I had so admired in the book on Sandwich glass.
The pursuit had begun, a pursuit which eventually took me through most of the states east of the Mississippi. I went about learning all I could of old American pressed glass, and particularly of lion glass which was made at Sandwich and at Pittsburgh in the seventies. Certain pieces, especially the wine glasses, salt shakers, cheese dish, and syrup mug, are now so rare that fortunate indeed is the collector who is able to find any of them.

To the amateur gatherer of this attractive ware a few descriptive details are needed. All lion pieces are clear, with either frosted collar bases or frosted standard bases. The former are decorated with reclining lions and small palm trees. Every cover to a dish is topped by a lion head, a crouching, or a rampant lion-all of them frosted. The lion rampant is ferociously reared on its haunches, its front feet resting on the stump of a tree. I have found it only on the cheese dish and two of the larger round compotes. The pattern takes on historical significance, for the cable edge of all the lids of the covered dishes, as well as the bases, commemorates a step in the march of timethe laying of the first Atlantic cable.
One by one, after a diligent search of about five years I acquired all of the types and sizes of the compotes known to have been made. Three of them are oval and of different sizes, but identical in design, with a crouching lion on the cover. The smallest of the round compotes is nine and three quarters inches in height and surmounted by a frosted lion head. Two of the larger round compotes are crested with a rampant lion, and only one is distinguished by a collared base.
It took me a number of months to discover a pickle dish, a flat oval piece with two frosted lion handles and a cable rim. The oval center, instead of having a frosted lion or lion group has a radiating cut star.
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## FOUNDATION PLANTING

CORRECTING THE FLAT HOUSE

## is not just "setting out" assorted evergreens!

Shotographs and drawings by the authoz
LEONARD H. JOHNSON


Before and after-a graphic illustration of what a well-chosen selection of choice evergreens and deciduous, flowering shrubs (not forgetting vines and window box material) can do to transform a house into a home

WHEN art is applied to the designing of a fabricated article, it comes under the head of the industrial arts-the field of a profession that has made big strides in the past few years because it has given us new lines and forms in design that are more appealing and more practical than those of the past.
Now what has that to do with foundation planting-that is, the part of the home landscape that uses plant materials with a view to softening the lines of a dwelling and making it appear an appropriate and comfortable part of its environment? Simply this: Most home owners like to be up to date, especially when contemplating or considering a new house. They want to feel that the outside-comprising the lawns, the garden, and the rest of the setting-is comparable in style and beauty with the inside of the house and its furnishings. Their first question is, therefore, "How do I go about getting that result?"

To my mind there is but one right way: Unless you have had considerable training and experience in connection with plant materials and architectural appreciation, do with your foundation planting (and your other planting problems) just what the manufacturer does with his product in the early stages of its development, that is, let the professionally trained and experienced designer take it under supervision.
"Yes," you may say, "but that costs money."


Where walls come right to the ground, leave sections unplanted, and combine occasional accent plants with spreading base groups

This planting is ten years old; the use of slow-growing subjects and intelligent trimming has kept the original effect and proportions
 cal moment when it must be determined how to proceed with the planting. Let me illustrate the importance of this decision by citing two actual cases that I have observed in my own experience. One of them shows the right way to solve the problem, and one the wrong but, unfortunately, a very common way.

Mr and Mrs. Alpha, if you like, built a neat little home and found themselves with little if any margin to work on after the rough grading was finished. But they wanted the place planted before June so it would not look bare during the summer. Knowing little about plants, they got suggestions and estimates from a reliable nursery, but decided that the figure submitted was more. than they could afford. So the matter was dropped until, one evening a little later, a nondescript truck loaded with plants stopped in front of the house. There was no name on it and the driver did not bother to say where he came from. But he explained that, since it was late in the day and he didn't want to take the stock back with him, he would give them a real bargain . . "Twentyeight fine plants. Just what you need to dress up your new house," he said, adding, "and I will plant them for you for good measure right now, if you wish." To Mr. and Mrs. Alpha it looked like

Left: Only one year elapsed between these twopictures. Ofcourse, the moving in of the big trees was partly responsible for the result

Below: Threeexamples of effective planting: 1-A cosy house of cottage type needs informal treatment; use annuals for summer color


2-Broad-leaf evergreens in a shady corner


5-Under low windows use slow-growing plants


a real opportunity, a life saver, so they finally made a deal of forty-five dollars for the lot. Most of the plants were evergreens, ranging from ten-inch-tall Chinese arborvitaes to six-foot Norway spruces. Yanked from the truck, they were quickly set in the ground at various points around the house-but regardless of exposure, arrangement, design, or anything else. As a result, more than half of them soon died, some because they were not the type to endure the shade that prevailed on one side of the house, others because no fertilizer or water was used when they were planted. Those that managed to live were either anemic and spindly, or quite out of place, or, in some cases, both. Mr. and Mrs. Alpha had learned their lesson, but it had cost them their forty-five dollars and they had nothing worth while to show for the unfortunate and unwise expenditure.

How much better had they gone about it the proper way, as did Mr. and Mrs. Beta, another young couple. He, a banker, had evidently been in the habit of thinking ahead a little before acting. He took the plans of his lot and his proposed house to a local, responsible landscaping nurseryman and asked that a tentative plan be submitted for the whole general layout, including a drive and walks, with an estimate for it. Incidentally, he frankly admitted that he had just so much money that he could spend for grading and planting, and asked that the estimate be kept within that figure. The house, being a small one of Southern Colonial style, demanded certain types of plants and arrangements. They were simple, of course, but plants of fair size such as old English boxwood would naturally run into money.
It was therefore suggested by the nurseryman that a complete but tentative layout, with costs, be submitted. and then, after any desired changes were made and a final plan was accepted, that only a portion of the planting be carried out the first fall as soon as the house was completed. After careful consideration, this was done and sufficient material of the proper sorts was placed advantageously at strategic points so
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Eventually that day has come for thousands of these women and their families. Husbands and children must be included in this, because in spite of the general opinion that men are oblivious to their surroundings, the truth is a man gets just as big a kick out of an attractive home as does his wife, and certainly the background counts in children's eyes.

In Los Angeles, the O. E. Allens were among the first, after the Old Man's departure, who saw their way clear to remodeling their home. When they called Jack Moss, whom readers will recall as the Miracle Man in lifting the faces of houses, the Allens were undecided as to whether to build a new house or to remodel the old one. Discussion disclosed that the minimum cost of buildigg a house such as they planned

Ass handle-bar mustaches became passé masculine personal adornment, so also taupe mohair davenports recall houses, both large and small, that were filled to the brim, mantel shelves groaning under their load of bric-a-brac, and pillows on the floor!
A few years ago there were many women ready to discard all the unnecessary gew-gaws in their homes, but just then Old Man Depression walked in rudely, threw down his cap, and laid down the law on unnecessary expeditures. Hands were tied. Women, many of them with excellent taste, who knew their houses were good only for a laugh, went bravely on, waiting for the happy day when the Old Man would move out, promising themselves to heave every stick of offending furniture that was in the house at his retreating heels.
would be $\$ 9,000$. They liked their old neighborhood and the house was conveniently located to their needs, but they had built it fifteen years ago and, as might be expected, it was out of date.

The changes they wanted in either a new house or their old one were a larger living room with a fireplace, a modern kitchen compactly arranged to save steps, a large cedar-lined closet, and an attractive bath. They were not interested in a large dining room. When Mr . Moss asked if they dined and wined many people they admitted that they wined them, but did not dine them. All they needed was a dining nook that would seat comfortably two or four people, but they wanted the small room so arranged that it could be closed off from the living room while the table was being set. The sum ant substance of it all was that the Allens merely wanted a modernized

## at No Home Is "Hopeless"



opens with wide doors into the living room, as may be seen in the illustration on page 25 . The dining nook may be closed off by louvred doors which fold back against the living room walls when not in use.
In the kitchen, the partition which continues on from the former half partition was lined with cupboards and against the former half partition he built a cabinet, as may be seen in the top illustration on this page. In addition, four cupboards for various uses were added along the other walls. The ceiling over the sink was dropped to win-
dow height and in the soffit of the dropped ceiling an indirect ligh was placed over the sink. Storage space was provided above all th cupboards in the often wasted and inaccessible space near the ceiling

The walls and woodwork in the kitchen were enameled satin-whit with red enamel door knobs. The Venetian blinds have white slat and red tapes. The old figured linoleum in the kitchen was replace with claret-red linoleum decorated with a white border.
By comparing the illustrations on pages 25 and 26 you will se how the breakfast nook, which was really a part of the kitchen befor now becomes a small separate room. The former kitchen cupboard i this room has been built into a dining room cabinet with satin-bras knobs on the lower slab doors with open shelves above.

The floor in the dining nook reverses kitchen treatment with a bod of white rubber tile banded in rose-burgundy. The dining nook wal paper has a rose-burgundy ground with a design of Pompeian columr in a light dubonnet tone with greenish-white ivy entwining them. is very handsome print paper, costing $\$ 5$ a roll. At first thought, tha seems rank extravagance in a scheme where economy counts. Not $=$ all. That is exactly the difference between a house done by a deco ator and one we might work out for ourselves. A decorator picl certain high spots where he does not stop at expense to put over a effect. The dining nook is small. It required only a few rolls of pape and, placed as an alcove off the living room the nook, when execute with dash, adds to the decorative effect of the living room. It is inte esting, too, that the decoration scheme in the dining nook perpety ates the living room color scheme by reversing the use of the color The living room has many points of decorative interest. The floo

## BROTHER BROILERS

# Remodeling a Brown Shingle Home of "Gay 90's" Vintage 

HELEN BELL GRADY

Berkeley, California, like many another city, is full of these drab, dreary two-story, brown shingle houses of the supposedly "gay nineties." Two young people bought this one, intending to remodel it as an investment, but when they had finished, they liked it so well, they decided to move into it themselves!

Helping an old house to new and greater glory required not only recognition of its bad points but of its good ones as well. With such original eccentricities as a pseudo-classic porch carrying topheavy bannister railings above, and to the left of it a group of three varied shaped windows, the middle one of which was peaked in Gothic fashion, plus, at the very top of the house, a dormer window with a roof somewhat reminiscent of a Chinese pagoda-even so, the basic structure had an integrity in its bigness that permitted further development. Fortunately it originated in a period that was seeking to replace the jig-saw fashion of post-Civil War days, and plenty of space and light was the goal. The carpenter provided this all right, but contributed along with it a little extra money's worth of fanciness.

To make apparent the design value of the cornice, the dormer window was removed from the hipped roof, and the entablature painted white, thus bringing into relief the mutule blocks. The porch was then removed, and the front of the house needing certain equiv-
past it as a garden wall, the height of this residence would have been unduly stressed. Too, this expanse of brick serves to balance the recessional void of the doorway which in itself has the charm and fine distinction of minor details, but nothing of bold characterization.
Because of the reticence of this type of door, the brick stoop and wrought iron railing are quite necessary for a complete entranceway. As a subtle means of joining house and landscape, the whole approach is unusually successful, for the sidewalk is directly in line with the window whence the railing directs the vision to the door.




second floor plan

Architect: FREDERICK A. SETTLE

Tovely garden, friendly neighbors, and a fine location in L. Rochelle Park, New Jersey, made the H. King Roots most reluctant to move, and yet their house was indeed inadequate for their increasing needs.

The problem was to transform the house, while keeping its mellowed and familiar setting. Because they followed this scheme, an entirely new range of comfort and beauty was theirs at less than half of what it would have cost to build a new residence. The living room was enlarged and a fireplace added. A large central hall with Colonial staircase now leads upward to a completely new second floor where there are three large bedrooms, a bath, and extra-size closets. On the first floor, near the front door, a lavatory and coat closet contribute additional convenience. Moreover, the beautiful garden with its tall, spreading trees and flowering bushes made it desirable to add a good-size porch on the rear of the house.


In a boy's room with an ocean breeze, fish net curtain with trimming of fishing corks

S your room exactly as you want it to be? Or would you - like a more formal atmosphere? Is the ceiling too low, and lo you feel hemmed in because it's too dark? Whatever the kilment, a little thought and ingenuity about your window reatments will work wonders.
To prove the point, we've collected some draperies and urtains that really have ideas behind them. There are some o try if you want an amusing breakfast nook or kitchen. Dthers will make your living room a bit more formal for vinter entertaining. One is designed to give drama to an therwise dull and gloomy hall. Another will please your oung son if he happens to have a nautical turn of mind. All f them are attractive as well as sensible. Each one is deigned for a purpose or to solve a problem.
But before you look at them and decide which are best or your own needs, we want to remind you of a few points bout windows in general. The whole subject is too important o leave one stone unturned-so, if you don't mind, you're n for a short lesson.
Before you make up your mind that without ruffled orandy life will be drab, or that you must have blue chintz n the master bedroom, make a list of the good and bad, oints in each room. Consider light, view, size, architecture, nd shape. If there is a radiator beneath the window or the rchitect hasn't done all that he might have, make a note of Remember that a patterned drapery fabric next to a

Use plain glass curtains for breakfast nook facing the treet. Try fish net on the oside with a navy blue noleum valance and blue elluloidortin fish tie-backs


Sketched ideas by ANN BRADSHAW


scenic wallpaper may be too "busy" and may mar an otherwise charming room. After you've studied the room thoroughly , and the windows in relation to it, then you are ready to begin this exciting adventure in decoration.
Suppose that your living room is of average size and shape, with a ceiling that is of medium height. There is nothing wrong with the room, except that it is "just average." What shall we do to make it more dramatic, to give it a feeling of dignity and personality? The best solution is to have your draperies hang straight to the floor. Whether they will


Notice the large ball fringe on sheer kitchen curtain. This come from Bartmann and Bixer, belon

be chintz or satin depends on your budget and the degree of formality desired. They will be figured or plain according to how much other pattern there is in the room. But one thing is certain-the long graceful line from ceiling to floor will add height, dignity, and drama. Here you might try an interesting variation, as suggested in the large sketch on page 39. This means that you might use one color (preferably the darker) for the outside drapery, and a lighter one for the inside.
Now let us give a word of warning. It's very smart to change a room to a certain extent, but don't carry the idea too far. For instance, if your room is definitely very low and planned for horizontal lines, you can't expect it to look sky high. A vertical striped wallpaper and draperies in a slim line from ceiling to floor might give the room ridiculous proportions and ruin its native charm. All rules have exceptions, and ordinary common sense is usually the best guide in such cases in spite of your adventurous spirit.

Now let us take a room that has a very beautiful

A sunroom in gingham, from Keith Wilson Interiors, above. Bamboo blinds and swag valance admit lots of light. Note the sofa

If your foyer seems small and dull, use wall paper that looks like a trellis, and plenty of real ivy at the doorway, as illustrated at the left

From a dark hall with only one small window above a radiator, right, sheer white cotton curtains with red ball fringe for an accent



Black and red on natural ground in a new linoleum that comes from Armstrong


China plates with an amusing carrot motif on a metal valance, for kitchen above. Draperies are linen crash


Colorful kitchen window treatment inspired in Monterey. A Mexican gourd valance swings casually down one side of the striped cotton curtains. The gourds are painted the ypical bright green, red, yellow, and pink

Above, a casement window solution as quaint as your grandmother's sewing box. Old-fashioned pin cushions shaped like apples, tomatoes, and pumpkins hold Irish green dotted Swiss. It's gay, full, and fluffy
view. Obviously, it should be played up, not overpowered by too striking draperies and valances, but not underestimated by a skimpy little curtain. The right solution is one that serves as a frame and makes the best of a lovely picture, simple and harmonious.
For breakfast nooks and kitchens there are ideas galore in the sketches accompanying this article. Use anything from bright colored Mexican gourds to china plates for the cornices. Edge your curtains with large ball fringe, and tie them back with tin or celluloid fish. Dotted Swiss, gay striped cotton, and sheer marquisette are some of the many suitable fabrics. If there is something worth seeing out of the window over the kitchen sink, don't obstruct the view. (Washing dishes can be pretty dull without anything to break the monotony.) And please notice the breakfast nook curtains that are tied back by glass bubble-bowls in brackets. With flowers from your garden in each bowl, you'd really have something in the way of unusual and attractive windows.
If your rooms have too little sunshine and air, beware of two things-colors that absorb light, and fabrics that are heavy and oppressive. It's wise to use yellow to make up for the sunshine, and sheer fabrics for a breezy feeling. As an

Tomato-red valance, marquisette curtains, and flower-bowl tie-backs for a nook




Clean as a lady cool as glass, fresh without fragrance the tulip was.
-HUMBERT WOLFE
-AVE you a vision of spring beauty in the garden, a longing for brave color and rich dignity of form in flower and foliage? . . . Then plant tulips. Start soon and continue until frost closes down upon the well-drained, deeply prepared, generously enriched soil. Set them in formal beds of solid colors if you like, or better still, to our mind, in informal groups of from six to ten or tweaty or more. Plant the bulbs from five to seven inches apart, and deep enough so that they are covered with soil to twice or thrice their diameters

Careful fall clean-up work controls both insect and fungous leaf troubles. Pick infested leaves and cut tops of columbine to defeat the leaf miner (right); brush off and burn leaves and debris from the Virginia creeper to check an ugly leaf spot (above)

DR. CYNTHIA WESTCOTT

## Editor's Note: $^{\text {a }}$

Having, in the April and June issues, outlined a simple program of spraying, dusting, and pruning designed to keep growing plants healthy, vigorous, and beautiful, the Plant Doctor now emphasizes the vital importance of a thorough fall clean-up in preventing insect and disease attacks next year and in thereby lessening your garden troubles and increasing your garden rewards

OCTOBER marks both the end and the beginning of a year of garden glory. Now, while you are still pursuing that every-ten-day spraying schedule for roses and reaping your reward in beds full of color, long sturdy stems, and perfect flowers for cutting, while you are diligently applying Black Leaf 40 so that black aphids may not spoil the chrysanthemum show, now, I say, is the time to start insuring that better, cleaner garden for next year
I cannot promise that, if you clean up your garden properly this autumn, you can sit back and do nothing in the plant protection line next spring and summer. The most scrupulous job of grubproofing will not reduce the inevitability of an onslaught of Japanese beetles next July if you are within the beetleinfested area; nor will the correct treatment of iris and peony and phlox entirely prevent borer, blight, and mildew. The four-lined leaf bug will come around even though you do destroy the weed hosts in your immediate vicinity. But I can promise you that a fall sanitation campaign conscientiously carried on will, year by year, materially reduce your garden pest and disease problems.
It is easy to say, as every garden calendar does, "pull up your annuals, cut off the tops of the perennials." You may do this without questioning why. On the other hand, without an understanding of some of the reasons therefor, you may think it will not matter much if the old stalks and weeds stay over until spring, or if some of the plant tops are used as a mulch on the borders.

Spruce galls like this (caused by an aphid) can be cut from conifers any time now or in winter

When a plant suddenly withers, it often means that the common stalk borer is working at its base. The grubs of this borer pupate in late summer and the moths come out in September and October to lay their eggs in the stalks of any of their innumerable host plants which include both cultivated and weed kinds. Hence, unless you cut down and burn those delphinium, golden glow, holly-
hock, lily, peony and phlox stems; unless you pull up asters, cosmos, zinnias, and other annuals; unless you burn dahlia refuse after the tubers are dug, then some of those eggs are sure to hatch, next spring, into more young boring caterpillars to menace your garden and its crops.

The European corn borer, on the other hand, passes the winter in its larval or cater pillar stage not only in corn stubble left in garden and field, but often in the stalks of aster, chrysanthemum, cosmos, dahlia, holly hock, and zinnia that you may leave standing in the garden.

The iris borer may have more serious con sequences than either of the above because in addition to the very considerable damag it causes by eating and burrowing, it carrie with it the germs of the bacterial soft rot The purplish-brown moth lays clusters o tiny white eggs on both the old iris leave that remain attached to the rhizomes and any leaf debris scattered over the ground. Pull of the yellowing old leaves, pick up every scrap of debris and you are a long way ahead or the solution, or at least the reduction, of nex summer's problem.

The columbine borer cannot be controlle by cleaning up debris because it lays its egg directly on the ground (scraping the soil earl in the spring may help by destroying some o them); but the leaf miner lives over winte within those serpentine tun nels that show white in th leaves, unless the plant top are cut and burned in lat fall before snow flies.

Weeds in a near-by field or in a vacant lot or ne glected garden next door ar also important in your gar dening warfare. The four lined leaf bug is, up to th time the Japanese beetl emerges, the meanest pest have experienced. The diffi culty is that you never knov what plant is going to strik its fancy next; so, unless yo keep everything smotlered i a rotenone dust, you are like ly to find the small white tan, or black circular spot that mark the feeding puns tures on the most improbabl host plants. I have learned to expect this pest on almost al annuals and perennials and on the tender tips of variou shrubs, but I was surprise this summer to see it even or sedums! (See facing page.)

The point I want to mak however, is that although thi creature may be a pest in any

Don't leave tall peony st such as is shown in this ga It harbors resting bodi Botrytisblight-seenon thes imposed life-size peony
garden, it is an unmitigated and almost uncontrollable evil in gardens surrounded by weed-filled fields or woods. There is, fortunately, but one generation a year, starting with the hatching of the red and black nymphs in May and ending when the blackstriped. greenish-yellow adults finish laying their eggs in early July. These eggs are inserted singly into the canes of currant bushes if handy; but if there are no currants conveniently near, weed stalks serve the purpose just about as well.

Large hollow stalks, such as those of the hollyhock, offer comfortable winter homes for slugs, sowbugs, millipedes, and other animals. If you don't believe me, open up some of those surprise packages next March!

To control the cyclamen mite on delphinium you should not only cut the old tops right to the ground, but keep spraying the new leaves and crown with some rotenone compound, since the mite is more active in spring and fall than in midsummer.
When you dig the gladiolus corms, put them in paper bags with napthalene flakes for a month, using one ounce of the flakes to each one hundred corms. Although it is supposed to be safe to leave the corms in the napthalene much more than a month, injury may result to the young leaves if all the particles of the chemical are not carefully brushed off the corms before planting time.

Bacteria and fungi as well as insect pests live over the winter in old plant parts. Black spot, a bacterial leaf spot of delphinium, although of negligible importance in most seasons, has, in 1937, been sufficiently widespread to call for the most scrupulous cleaning up this fall of all old leaves on and around the plants. This is extremely important.

Hollyhock rust also needs more than the usual attention this season, since even the most regular dustings with sulphur have not sufficed to keep it in bounds. Be particularly careful to cut every stalk right to the ground level, to pick up every dried leaf, and even to remove new green leaves that show any infection. Keep all healthy new growth well dusted with sulphur for some weeks more: and make a note to start dusting again next March or as new growth begins to appear.

Hollyhock stalks and leaves left in the garden orused as a mulch are a prolific source of trouble next summer caused by the ugly rust that disfigures and weakens the plants. The many dark spots are masses of spores that next year will spread the rust


Very few of you cut your peony stalks properly. You make a nice neat job but you leave five or six inches of stubble which is almost as bad as leaving the whole top. The object of this sanitary process is to control the disease called Botrytis blight; it was responsible for the tiny black buds and the blasted half-open flowers that disappointed you last June. The fungus lives over the winter in the form of small, hard, black, resting bodies (called sclerotia) attached to the stems. When the new shoots push up in the spring, these black sclerotia will be covered with the gray mold characteristic of this fungus and in a strategic position to infect the new growth. Prevent this in the fall by cutting each stem separately below ground level; use a sharp knife and make a slanting cut as far down as you can without injuring the bud. It is a rather time-consuming task, but it is well worth the effort. Get at it before the weather gets too cold. And be sure to burn the cut-off tops.

A whisk broom is the simple tool needed for another autumn diversion. Was your Boston ivy, or Virginia creeper, or ampelopsis
covered with spots this summer? It's not unlikely, for this particular leaf spot disease was more than usually prevalent in 1937. It can be controlled to some extent by spraying the vines at intervals with bordeaux mixture, beginning in early May, but the position of the thick growth of leaves on the wall, by holding debris from previous years, makes thorough spraying difficult. So try brushing out that debris as best you can now, raking it up and burning it as soon as you finish.
Stone fruits-peaches, plums, cherries-are subject to a disease called brown rot, which covers the rotting fruits with soft, gray cushions of spores. Eventually such fruits become wrinkled, dry, and hard; they are then called mummies. Some cling to the tree; others fall to the ground and if left there. in wet springs, they send up special cupshaped fruiting bodies from which spores are shot out, many of them to be carried by air currents to infect young leaves and fruit. Pick all mummies from your trees, therefore, and rake up and burn all that fall.
Unless the leaves infected with black spot have been regularly picked off the roses
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## The Hempstead Cottage of Cy Williams

Tere is an exterior with trim shuttered H windows, clean-cut gables and chimneys, and shingled roofs that sweep in broad slopes down to walls similarly covered, but on a larger scale, and of hand-rift wood. Straight-forward in its appeal, and aligned four-square on the site, this cottage façade pleases the street spectator, yet it would amaze him to know how greatly the interior surpasses in amplitude any calculation of space he might make in passing.
Judicious planning for private living brings the kitchen and dining room to the front of the house. Noise from the street will not bother the routine duties appropriate to this section of the house, while by locating the large living room in back with porch
adjacent, the quiet of the garden will tend to make it more intimate. Note in the plans illustrated here how, during suitable seasons, a cozy hearth will be a predominant feature of this family gathering place situated, as the fireplace is, between doors that, when closed, entirely cut off this room from the rest of the house.
The corner arrangement of the library insures especial privacy for uninterrupted literary pursuits, and the side-entrance with its hallway makes this a convenient wing for business visitors. Large closets and a guest lavatory are conveniences included.

The driveway leads past this side of the house to a large two-car garage unique in design. The motor entrances are paired in


Simple dignity marks this six panel door with transom light above. Note the bracketed gutter of wood, copper-lined



HOUSE for MR. and MRS. HARRY B. MacRAE, DALLAS, TEXAS


Closely favoring Colonial design, this residence shares attractive honors with its natural rugged setting. Painted brick and stone veneer on the first floor and cypress clapboards on the second provide authentic American wall surfaces, abetted in their simplicity by the clean-cut design of windows and doorway with its six panel door and transom


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Interior views of living room with oak floor and paneling in gum, and library in knotty pine. Bookshelves and cupboard with HL hinges carry out the scheme suitable for American furniture


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# Any Child can train a dog 

RAE NORDEN SAUDER

SA puppy has come to your house to stay? Your Bobby named him Mixey? That puppy can be taught to do almost anything required of a champion at the kennel shows if he is between three and nine months old and Bobby is in the neighborhood of ten, with average patience, self-control, and perseverance. No sissy tricks, mind you, but perfect heeling both on and off the leash, the taking and keeping of various positions, and simple retrieving. When he's a full-grown dog, he will still be a playmate, but the extra pleasure his training has in store for the whole family will more than repay. Bobby for devoting very faithfully fifteen minutes a day to it.

All Bobby need understand is that the lessons must be given by him alone every day for the same period at the same time and place. All he requires are a plain chain choke collar, a leather collar, a three-foot leash, a length of clothesline, an ordinary dog clip, and a dumbell, aggregating about $\$ 2$. He chooses for his training ground a place that's clear of all distractions for himself and the dog, preferably a fenced-in portion of the yard, an enclosure that has a wall on at least one side, or even an empty room, such as an attic or a barn.

First Mixey must learn to get accustomed to his collar and to stay with Bobby. We call the first exercise, then, beeling on the leash, meaning that Mixey will jog along at Bobby's heels and turn when he does. Bobby puts the chain collar on the dog in the house, and although he's frisking about like the mischief, attaches the three-foot leash. Out they go together to the enclosure and Mixey is allowed two or three minutes to collezt himself. Bobby looks at his watch-very important-and gets down to business. He holds the leash in his right hand and places the dog at his left side, about a foot away from the fence or wall. Bobby's left hand controls the leash far enough down to keep Mixey close to his left knee, and they proceed to walk along at an easy pace. Mixey, of course, will want to get ahead, but Bobby gives a tug on the leash, saying "heel" at exactly the same time. The tug gives Mixey an uncomfortable feeling around the collar, so after awhile, he decides that when the word "heel" is spoken, he won't be on the receiving end of a tug if he stays where Bobby wants him. He's learning obedience, and that's why, in all these lessons, we make it plain that the spoken command should be heard at the very same instant that the dog is made to do something.

Now if Mixey lags behind, Bobby tugs to pull him up-there's that same irritating feeling in the neck-and Bobby is saying "heel." After a few days, the boy being careful not to run over the fifteen minute period, and very careful to pat Mixey and praise him afterward, Mixey has no trouble to heel pretty well, neither going forward nor backward. If he persists in doing either, Bobby steps very lightly on his paw, commanding "heel"he always wears sneakers while he's giving these lessons to avoid really hurting the dog-and Mixey learns ever so quickly to avoid that uncomfortable feeling too.

Each day the lesson begins where it left off on the day before, but this isn't a hard and fast rule. Dogs are as different as people, and Mixey may do better with a "review" first of what he knows. He's proficient in simple straightforward heeling on the leash when Bobby can hold the lead in his right hand, walk up straight, doing nothing with his left hand, while Mixey accompanies him close to his left side. This may take no longer than a week, depending upon Mixey's brains and disposition. If he's stubborn, handling him takes patience, but never should he be whipped with the hand or leash or punished in any way which will spoil a naturally good disposition.


He's ready now to turn right or left while heeling on the leash. Bobby walks straight, then turns right. Mixey may take to this like a duck to water, but if his whim is to keep on walking ahead, Bobby tugs, calling "heel." "Why," says Mixey to himself in surprise, "I thought he was going to let my neck alone, but evidently, when he commands 'heel' and turns, he means for me to remain at heel." Right or left, it makes no difference. The final examination takes in walking up and down, turning sharply to the right and left, and rambling in figures of eight. Ii Mixey never moves from a distance of six inches from Bobby's left knee, he passes. And if Mixey looks happy and contented while he's keeping Bobby company, Bobby has passed too, as a trainer of animals who loves them and who can be kind to them but at the same time firm in his commands.

The next step-the very next day-is to teach the dog to sit when the trainer halts. It's an exercise in obedience, and the animal takes up less room while sitting than while standing on all fours. Bobby, keeping Mixey at heel position on the leash-an old story to the dog now-does three things at once. He stops. He says "sit." He passes his left hand down Mixey's back, slightly increasing the pressure from the withers to the croup. He's coaxing Mixey to sit, and he watches just how well he responds to the hint Does Mixey insist upon
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EMILY
SEABER
PARCHER
The familiar and useful New York fern (Thelypteris noveboracensis) and, in the upper center, a frond of a freak lady fern

Comparatively few gardens include ferns in their arrangement of beautiful plants, yet ferns can be used so adroitly. And they serve just as well in the formal garden as in the informal or natural planting, being beautiful in themselves and as a background for color.
Although a few varieties need special care, the majority of the better known ferns thrive almost anywhere, preferring ordinary good garden soil. As a class they like shade and dense woods, but there are many kinds that do well in part sun. They are easy to transplant and need a minimum amount of care after they are once established. In fact, many of mine, when moved to a part of the garden in company with plants that demanded fertilizing and watering, have, under these favorable conditions, thrived so well and grown so rapidly that they have soon had to be divided and moved again.
Wild ferns can be purchased from florists or dealers in wild flowers. Or you can make trips to the woods and dig them up yourselfmaking sure that you are not violating any principles of hospitality or conservation. If you do this be sure to duplicate in your own garden the conditions under which the ferns were growing in the woods. For instance, if the fronds rise from a crown which projects above the ground as in the marginal shield fern, do not try to force the crown below ground. That is the way Nature intended that particular fern to grow. If you are fortunate enough to find a tiny maidenhair spleenwort growing on lime rocks, you will have to be sure to provide an alkaline, dry soil when you bring it home.
A hardy fern that does well almost anywhere is the Christmas fern which closely resembles the well-known Boston fern, the fronds being pinnate and the dark green leathery pinnae (or frond divisions) edged with saw-like teeth. Its evergreen quality makes it an excellent winter house plant, for new, bright green fronds keep unfurling throughout the winter months. In the spring it should be transplanted
out of doors again and allowed a period of natural rest and development. Indeed, such a period should be given to all plants at some time during the year. If they are forced in the house in the winter time, then they must have their rest period at a later date.

Fronds, as you probably know, are what the novice would call the
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J. Horace McFarland C

A graceful clump of the marginal shield fern or evergreen woo fern (Dryopteris marginalis); below it, in the center foreground some fronds of the Christmas fern (Polystichum arostichoides


Enjoy the cool beauty of ferns in the garden, then bring their gracefullness indoors through the medium of "spatterwork" like this, done by Anna Gilman Hill. She tells how she does it-and how you can do it on page 120

# NARCISSI for Neort hruings Gaiden 

ELIZABETH LAWRENCE

$\mathscr{D}_{\text {rawings }}$ by $\mathcal{L}_{\text {aurence }} \operatorname{Blair}$



Trumpet, incomparabilis, and barri type flowers. Note relation of crown to petals

THose who grow daffodils to grace their gardens in the spring, rather than with the hope of winning prizes, may find varieties bought from lists made at last year's flower show disappointing out of doors. Narcissi brought to a show are often protected from sun, wind. and rain, or picked in the bud stage, and allowed to open in a cool dark cellar. Without these attentions delicate textures may be marred or grow limp in drying winds, and bright colors may fade under the hot sun. Moreover, daffodils which appeared of magnificent size in a vase or arrangement, may look coarse and overgrown in a flower bed. With these facts kept in mind, flower show notes may be very helpful. So may the scale of points used by flower show judges, provided certain differences are considered.
The accepted scale divides fifty points between form and substance, and the other fifty between color, size, and length of stem. Form is as important outdoors as in-except where the bulbs are planted in great quantities for mass effect, rather than for the beauty of the individual flower. Substance is more important out of doors, for a flower lacking it may make a good appearance in the show room when it will not stand up in the changeable spring weather. A thin, flimsy perianth may look fine and delicate if the flower is kept in a vase and carefully protected from draughts; but it will not be proof against hot, drying winds. A good clear color is important in daffodils whether grown to exhibit or for the garden; but harsh yellows become worse when seen in bright sunlight, while the delicate shades are more easily appreciated in cut flowers. Great size is not important in an out-of-door flower, so long as it is graceful and nicely proportioned; nor is a very long stem as important as in a cut flower, so long as it is not disproportionately short. One quality not considered by show judges is good fo-


True jonquils of trumpet form, small, fragrant liage; yet it is most important in the garden since daffodils bloom when the ground is more or less bare, and need their own foliage to set them off.

In a good collection of garden narcissi all eleven divisions of the classification of the Royal Horticultural Society should be represented,


Left, triandus, right, cyclamineus types. Note reflexed petals with varieties chosen from each of them to give a long season of bloom and a wide range of form and color. This classification is based mainly on the length of the corona (or crown) in relation to the length of the perianth segments, or petals. In the trumpet daffodils (Division 1) the trumpet (or crown) is as long as, or longer than the perianth segments or petals. In the other divisions the crown (here
called the cup) is less than the length of the perianth segments. As a result of much crossing of varieties in the different divisions, the lines cannot always be easily drawn between the divisions, and a variety may be classed differently by different growers. Thus the famous pink daffodil. Mrs. R. O. Backhouse, is sometimes listed as a white trumpet, and sometimes as a "giant leedsi," because it has the form of a trumpet, and the color of a leedsi. It is interesting to know that the choice of the Royal Horticultural Society of representative varieties picked from the several divisions for fine form and color, and without regard to price, is: Beersheba. Beryl, Dawson City, Firetail, Fortune, Glorious, Havelock, King Alfred, Mitylene, Sarchedon, Trevithian, and Tunis. Some were expensive when the list was first made, but most of them are now within

Bulbocodium or hoop
petticoat narcissi
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petticoat narcissi

the reach of the most modest pocketbook.
[Perhaps, before the different narcissus divisions and their characteristics are discussed, it should be explained that whereas the term daffodil is often applied indiscriminately to any kind of narcissus, it correctly refers only to the hardy or garden sorts, especially those of the trumpet form. Thus, among torticulturists, the clusterflowered forcing varieties, such as Panerwhite, Soliel

In any division, petal shapes and flower forms have wide variation

 dor, and the so-called "Chinese Sacred-ily"; the small-cupped poet s narcissi ( $N$. poeticus), and the small-flowered members of the genus N . jonquilla, are not really daffodils. Furthermore, the last mentioned kind is the only group to which the often misused name "jonquil" can correctly be applied.-Horticultural Editor.]

## $\mathscr{D i v i s i o n}^{\text {I-Irumpet }} \mathscr{D}^{\text {affodils }}$

The daffodils in this division have trumpets as long as or longer than the petals and are in three sections: (a) yellow; (b) white; and (c) bicolor. Those in (a) may be a pale yellow like Seraphine, which is a delightful small flower of a very pale canary with the trumpet slender and ruffled at the edge and short petals; or a deep yellow like the popular King Alfred which, however, is of ten dificult to establish. To me the latter is a harsh yellow, and in every way inferior in form and color to the older Emperor, which is certain to be permanent. With us in the South Atlantic region, the earliest variety is the common yellow trumpet; it is small, but excellent for naturalizing. Golden Spur, also very early, is one of the oldest garden varieties. John Cairns is a very late variety, to be planted to lengthen the season. To me Emperor is the arch type, and big enough for the garden. But for those who want even more size, Dawson City and Robert Sydenham are large and well-tried varieties, while Duke of


Three types of doubleness found in narcissi

A. T. De La Mare Co

A PORTFOLIO OF NARCISSUS VARIETIES-Left to right: Victoria, a bicolor trumpet with white perianth and yellow trumpet; Beersheba, an all-white trumpet; Mrs. Nette O'Melveny, a leedsi with white perianth and yellow cup edged with orange-but with the form of the barri type; John Evelyn, bicolor incomparabilis, with white perianth and lemon-yellow cup

York and Olympia are enormous. Olympia, a seedling of Emperor and usually considered an improvement, is a uniform yellow of Olympian proportions, with a thick, deeply ruffled trumpet, and a wide heavy perianth.

The white trumpets are the most exciting of all daffodils. I have a very early one which begins to bloom soon after the first of the common trumpets. It came from an old garden, and was called Silver Bells, but I think it is the Swan's Neck Daffodil, William Goldring. The buds are bent down close to the stem, rising by degrees as they open, but always slightly drooping. The flowers open a very delicate primrose, pale out to ivory, and turn a purplish brown as they fade. somewhat like "Indian pipes" which they delightfully resemble. Mrs. Robert Sydenham and Sanctity are small, the former being ivorywhite and as smooth as ivory, with a narrow cylindrical trumpet that rolls back suddenly at the edge, giving it a very distinct form. Of the large white trumpets, Imperator seems to me poor, the texture being coarse, and the long, flaring trumpet too heavy for the perianth. Mrs. E. H. Krelage, of a firm substance without being coarse, has a smooth rich texture and a good, distinct form, but I should call the trumpet yellowish rather than white. Beersheba is uniformly pure white, and the best of its kind that I have seen. It is a large fine flower, stands up well in the garden, and increases slowly but steadily.

The bicolor trumpets, their yellow crowns contrasting with the white perianths, make a gayer splash out of doors than the allyellow daffodils. The small, old-fashioned Empress shows good contrast and is fairly early. Mr. J. C. Wister suggests Herod to lengthen the season. For large, showy varieties, Glory of Sassenheim is, to my way of thinking, the most effective trumpet for the garden; it is a good color and, in spite of its size and substance, has a fine texture. Vanilla is good, and to me very sweet, but Mr. Bowles says that it smells less like vanilla than like the fragrance of a box of chocolates after the contents have vanished.

## Division II- Jncomparabilis

In the daffodils of this group the crown or cup is less than the length of the petals, but not less than one third as long. There are two sections (a) with yellow perianth; (b) with white perianth. The cups of the (a) varieties vary in color from the light yellow of Sir Watkin through the orange of Fortune, to the red of Will Scarlet and Gloria Mundi. Or the cup may be thickened like that of the hideous Presi-
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Narcissus varieties of more unusual form. Below: Thalia, a triandus hybrid, all white, sweet-scented; center: Horace, the poeticus type with snow-white perianth and yel-


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JACQUELINE FROST

THeY're stubborn, and annoying, toothese common spots and stains. But fortunately there's a proper home remedy for each, and we can outsmart them if we will. There are a few simple rules to follow and I find they are more than worth the trouble which it involves.

But before you attempt to remove stains at home, try to determine the nature of the stain, because a treatment that will eradicate one type of stain may "fix" or embed another type more tightly to the fabric. When you cannot identify a stain, sponge it first very carefully with cold water. If the stain is greasy in origin, it will not absorb the water. You may then act accordingly by treating the stain as for grease. Sticky, slightly gummy spots of unknown identity may quite safely be treated with turpentine or kerosene.
Stains that have already been set by laundering or wrong treatment may usually be removed by steaming over the spout of a boiling tea kettle and then applying the usual solvent. This applies to washable fabrics only.
In this age of synthetic materials, acetates and the so-called "loaded" or "weighted" fabrics, it is best to experiment with the stain remover on some inconspicuous part of the garment or on a small scrap of the material itself before treating the stain. A spot is not nearly as serious as a hole. A place beneath a collar, frill, pleat, cuff, or on the underside of the belt makes a fairly good proving ground for your tests.
Do not work with inflammable cleaning fluids near an open flame. Work in the open air, if possible. Stroke the spot, using a circular movement, leaving the least amount of moisture at the outer edge of the circle. Do not rub, even lightly, because you may ignite the very spot that will send the garment up in flames and perhaps cause serious injury. Clean white blotting paper beneath the stain helps absorb excess moisture, thereby preventing a ring. If, however, despite your precautions, a ring does form, it may often be removed by rubbing the material lightly between the hands. Do not press the garment with a warm iron until you are sure that all
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You can serve hot rolls in this new serving oven from the West Bend Aluminum Company, below. Put the rolls in, place it on top of the oven until hot, then serve
F. M. Demarest


For a simple party ending with a light snack, try the Toastmaster Hospitality Tray, above. Let the guests help themselves


A jolly jack-o-lantern for salad, shown above. Made of canned pears, with a cookie for a hat

Make the witch, left, of a popcorn body, lollypop broom, a marshmallow head and black paper cape and tall hat
ghosts, and jack-o-lanterns? They have been used for years in the same old way and have ceased to have much allure since they are the expected procedure. It is the unexpected that makes the fun.
Since so many occasions demand the conventional type of entertaining. let's take advantage of Halloween and concoct something new, different, amusing, and even a bit ridiculous. Black cats have always been used; but have you ever tried brush cats on your Halloween table? They are every bit as appropriate and Halloweenish. They are simple, quick, and inexpensive to make. If you can bear to part with them, one for each feminine guest as she leaves, it will mean a happy guest and a successful party-for she can dismember the creature and use him part by part in her kitchen.
This particularly prolific cat family is appraising the guests, in the impersonal manner with which cats are born, from a long copper mat. Tucked under their sleek bod-


## Halloween Games and Goodies

M. L. LEE

WHat child at some time or other does not demand a party at Halloween? Oh yes! You might be clever enough to dodge it, if you are a mother who dreads partiesunless your child's birthday happens to be in the month of October. Then the child invariably begs for a Halloween birthday party And truly, it is rather a nice time for a party when you come right down to getting partyminded. There are certainly decorations
enough; you have your colors all prescribed for you; and there are numerous games and amusing Halloween stunts.
Recently 1 heard a mother of an eight-year-old girl (who had eagerly started giving her child parties at four) say in tones of disgusted despair, "Well, I don't know what I'll do for Betty this year. I thought of inviting five or six of her friends and taking them to the movies; one of those specially, arranged programs for children, you know." Which is all right if that is the way you feel. But it seems to me that a few well remembered parties in the life of a child are worth twice the number of movie jaunts. So, for the benefit of those mothers who want to give their children parties I have kept account of a rather unique Halloween party we worked
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Your children will love the Halloween sandwiches, below. The round ones are spread with cream cheese, olives for eyes, raisin noses, and a pimiento strip for the mouth. Crescents suggest a new moon, of chopped hard cooked egso

Waffle set from Robeson
Rochester Corp., at left

## Meat on your budget

One time when meat prices went soaring in $1935 \mathfrak{J}$ worked out many good inexpensive meat entrees. And the result-well, try these below and you'll see. Delicious!-ANN HOKE


# Meat on your budget 

Several of these recipes were adapted from the Srench-they're clever with food, you know. And yet, more often than not, it's the inexpensive cut of meat they'll chnose to concoct their most elegant dishes. - ANN HOKE
Tested by The American Home
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { stuffed shoulder } & \text { Salt and pepper for seasoning } \\ \text { of veal } & 1 \text { cup stale bread, slightly moistened }\end{array}$ $1 / 4$ pound cooked ham, finely chopped I bay leaf, I sprig parsley, I sprig thyme, all finely minced
lap water 1 tablespoon butter
Juice, 1 Lemon Seasoning to taste
cooked egg, bay leaf, parsley, and thyme, and frying for ten minutes in the tablespoon of fat. Add the water and cook 5 minutes more. Then stuff the veal
 in a slow oven ( $300^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$.) 30 minutes for every pound, or until $170^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. internal temperature, if you use a roast meat thermometer. A ten or twelve pound roast
of veal will make three days servings for eight people.

For gravy to serve with this roast add the juice of 1 lemon, and 1 tablespoon
butter to the gravy left in the pan. Season and serve with the meat.
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 of fat). In another pan sauté (in a small amount of butter) peeled bananas, cut
in half and split lengthwise. Brown well on all sides. on a serving platter. If you wish, pour a little horseradish sauce on each patty.
To make the sauce mix equal parts prepared horseradish with whipped cream. Four servings.

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& \text { Beef flank steak } \\
& \text { Olive oil or butter } \\
& 1 \text { tablespoon butter } \\
& 1 \text { tablespoon flour } \\
& 1 \text { cup bouillon or canned consommé } \\
& 1 \text { pound peeled, sliced mushrooms } \\
& \text { and stems or } 1 \text { cup drained, canned } \\
& \text { mushrooms } \\
& 1 \text { tablespoon tomato sauce or } \\
& \text { kitchup } \\
& \text { Juice, } 1 / 2 \text { lemon } \\
& \text { Salt and pepper to taste }
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## London broil with

mushroom sauce and pepper, rub wer and oven broil 5 to 6 minutes on each side. To make the sauce, melt butter in sauce pan, add flour and cook until slightly brown, stirring constantly,
then add the bouillon, mushrooms, tomato sauce, lemon juice and salt and pepper to taste. Cook five minutes. In
 as possible to cut the long fibers. Serve

## Piss steak

## Pound the beef thoroughly, roll in the flour which has been sifted with

 the salt and pepper. Brown well of sides in a heavy skillet with plenty offat. Then put into a roaster and pour $1 / 2$ cup of water into the skillet to loosen up the crusted juices and cook until pour over the beef. Cover and bake in a slow oven $\left(300^{\circ} \mathrm{F}\right.$.) for $11 / 2$ to 2 hours,
or until the meat is very tender. Cut the bacon into small pieces and fry. Add the green pepper, celery, carrots, and onions, then the canned tomatoes; season well and cook until chopped vegetables are tender. Serve the sauce with the meat.
Four servings. Dumplings go well with Swiss steak.

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## Mexican baked beans

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The Mexican frijole-a loosely used term-has chemical constituents quite comparable to northern beans, which can be cooked in the same manner with the same results. Or, if you are a gardener and wish to raise frijoles-well, your author has raised frijoles from Peru up to the 48th North American parallel.
No better recipe for the Mexican way of cooking beans could be obtained than that from Dr. Garcia, Director of the New Mexico Agricultural Experiment Station:

## Frijoles Nlo I $^{\text {I }}$

$1 / 2$ pound navy beans (about $11 / 4$ cups)
2 quarts boiling water ( 8 cups )
2 tablespoons fat
Salt to taste

Wash the beans thoroughly, add boiling water and cook until soft, or about 3 or 4 hours. If wanted for dinner they must be put on very early in the morning These beans are never soaked over night and are usually cooked in an earthenware vessel. If the water boils down add more boiling water. Do not let them burn. They should be kept boiling continuously. When nearly done, salt to taste. When soft, mash slightly with a potato masher or big spoon, and fry in hot fat for 15 minutes. (Mexicans never eat beans unless they are fried for 15 minutes more or less in hot fat. They are always mashed before frying.) Note: These should be dry like mashed Irish potatoes. Grated cheese may be added just as the beans are removed from the stove.
From Jessie Whitacre, Chief of the Division of Rural Home Research, Texas A. \& M. College comes another Mexican recipe, acquired through a friend who is thoroughly familiar with Mexican cookery:

## Trijoles Tho. II

$1 / 2$ pound kidney beans (about $11 / 4$ cups)
2 quarts boiling water
1 small onion
$1 / 4$ pound salt pork
Bring beans gradually to boiling point and add salt pork. Simmer for 4 or 5 hours. When very soft and quite dry, take out a small bowl of beans and mash. Stir the mashed beans in with beans left in pan and serve.

I have often remarked upon the perversity of mankind who prefers a hodgepodge calendar to one
F. M. Demarest


If it's beans, prepared in the true Mexican style, you're craving, then try the frijoles, above. In serving them, use Mexican accessories such as those shown here from R. H. Macy. This same Mexican ware will enhance your American style beans, too. We like ours served in a casserole with crısp strips of lean bacon across the top and sweet corn sticks on the side

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of even months; developed streamlined roofs in sheltered Normandy; built square, tall houses in North Dakota; and consigned all the hot dishes to the hot countries. It seems to be that the proper place for a streamlined roof is on the northern prairie, and under that roof people should be gathered around a bowl of chili.

The Mexicans customarily serve their frijoles with chili. If you wish to do likewise, I am including a recipe for chili paste. Pepper seeds are readily procurable at the market, and again, if you wish, you may raise your own peppers in the north by exercising a little care.

## Chili paste

Remove the seed and yellow veins from mild chili peppers. Toast them slightly, being careful that they do not scorch. Cover with boiling water and cook slowly until the pulp and skin separate. Pass the pulp through a purée strainer and use to season chili dishes.

## $\mathcal{S}_{\text {weet corn sticks }}$

(Shown in photograph)
1 cup white cornmeal
1 cup white flour
4 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 cup sugar
$1 / 2$ teaspoon salt
2 eggs
1 cup milk
2 tablespoons shortening
Beat eggs, add milk, and stir into the sifted dry ingredients. Add the shortening, melted and mix well. Pour into greased stick or muffin pans and bake for about twenty minutes in a very hot oven ( $475^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ ). Marion Flexner

## Halloween games and goodics <br> [Continued from page 46]

out. The decorations and, for the most part, the food are fitting for children of all ages and both sexes, but the games (planned for girls of ten and eleven) might have to be rearranged and changed. For this reason I have included a number of additional games used at other parties.
Let's start first with the decorations and set the table for six. (We usually have twice that number, although I feel very strongly that children have a better time at parties if there are not more than eight or ten guests.) I used two large-size white crêpe paper tablecloths. Around the edge I pinned on decorated Halloween paper and used Halloween napkins and cups. These not only add greatly in effectiveness but save breakage and extra work, although increasing the cost of the party very little. In the center of the table we had a pumpkin jack-
o-lantern with a lighted candle inside. This impresses little girls particularly; they usually turn out the lights about dessert time and tell ghost stories! Jack was set on a bed of pretty, fresh autumn leaves and among the leaves were various favors such as blowers, bonbons, whistles, and so forth. One favor to a person is plenty, but there may be more if you desire. There is no greater thrill than surprises! At each place was a tiny Halloween candy cup filled with orange candies, and a Halloween witch. The witches were made of popcorn pyramids (made like ordinary popcorn balls shaped like pyramids) with tiny lollypops for brooms, a marshmallow head with a face painted on with melted chocolate, a short, fringed black crêpe paper cape, and a tiny, pointed black hat.
Instead of sending the little guests home at six oclock with their tummies full of ice cream and cake, and no appetite for their waiting dinners, we usually include a simple supper with our refreshments. (At one time it was dinner but the children are so excited that they eat little, and suppers have seemed more advisable since then.) For the Halloween party the children sat down to jack-o'-lantern salad. Set on crisp lettuce leaves, the lantern is made with halves of canned peaches or pears, held together with cream cheese or fastened together with toothpicks to make the jack-o'-lantern stand upright. Bits of prunes formed the eyes and nose, and a long strip of pimiento, the mouth. The hat was a round chocolate cooky with half a marshmallow on top.

To go with this we had Halloween sandwiches. Most of these were round open sandwiches spread with cream cheese (some of which I had mixed with orange vegetable coloring) and decorated with two slices of stuffed olives for the eyes, a raisin for the nose, and a strip of pimiento for the mouth. Other round sandwiches were spread with a peanut butter and bacon mixture (bacon, cooked crisp and mashed into the peanut butter with a fork). The top halves of the sandwiches were cut out into jack-o'-lantern faces so the peanut butter showed through triangular eyes, a triangular nose, and a wide mouth. Chopped hard-cooked egg sandwiches were in the form of crescents, suggesting a new moon. Some of these were open with the whites of the eggs spread on first and sprinkled with the strained egg yolks.
A choice of day-old cider or milk was offcred to drink; and sliced tomatoes, and thin celery and carrot fingers passed around. (The celery and carrots were cut into thin strips about three inches



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in length and allowed to crisp in cold water for several hours beforehand.) Dessert was, of course, ice cream (vanilla) with orange candies on top, a Halloween cake, and cookies.

For children of eight and under. who might have difficulty in managing the salad, let me suggest something which our children enjoyed several years ago. A large dinner plate (colored ones are particularly good) had the food arranged on it in a jack-o'-lantern face. Plain diced cold chicken (or creamed chicken) in small mounds represented two eyes and a nose. A row of diced beets formed a beautiful mouth; two blobs of mashed potato were ears, and diced cooked carrots (fine strips of raw carrots may be substituted) arranged at the top, made delicious hair. Over the hair at a rakish angle, was a green lettuce leaf cap. For a lighter meal, you might serve only the Halloween sandwiches with milk and raw vegetables.

## Add some new games to the old favorites

No Halloween party is complete without a few of the old Halloween stunts like bobbing for apples, trying to bite the apple on a string, throwing a whole apple peeling over the left shoulder to see what initial is formed-the initial being that of the one you're to marry. But children like something new. They enjoy matching their skill and they adore winning prizes. If a program is to be followed it will be found convenient and wise to have the various games and contests listed in order, and the children never kept too long at one thing. The alternation between quiet and active games is important, especially with young children who will not be able to do any writing games. As children grow older they become more resourceful and adept at entertaining themselves-sometimes too adept and too resourceful. Boys are usually more boisterous (and often sillier) than girls, but their interest can be held with variety and action.
Our party began at four o'clock and we arranged to have several outdoor games first in order to take advantage of the daylight and the beautiful warm day. Our game menu was as follows:

WITCH IN THE MOON (eight to twelve years): Draw a narrow circle or moon on the ground. (We played on the lawn and made our circle of narrow white crêpe paper held down by stones.) One player is chosen as the witch and gets inside the circle. The others taunt him (or her) by putting their toes inside the circle or in some instances jumping inside the circle. The witch is allowed to tag a person if he is in any way
touching the circle. If this happens, the person tagged must go into the moon and help catch other players. This is continued until all players are caught.

PUMPKIN wALKING (eight to fourteen years): Cut out pump. kins twelve or fourteen inches in diameter from yellow or orange crêpe paper. Give two to each contestant, then line the contestants up for a race so that each person will have plenty of room At the word "Go!" each player must stoop down and place one of the paper pumpkins on the ground, far enough ahead so he can easily step on it. Then he places the other pumpkin ever farther ahead and steps on it. He continues moving the pumpkin and stepping on them until he reaches a goal twenty feet away The player reaching the goal firs wins a prize. As there is some times difficulty in the player catching on to this game, it is good thing to have a test race first. We had one test race, and two real races for which prize were awarded. By that time the paper pumpkins were worn out.
COMPARISONS (nine to four teen years): Individual paper for this must be printed before hand and passed out to the play ers. I always choose a guest to pass out papers, another to dis tribute pencils, another to collec papers and throw them away, an so forth. It is fun for them an saves much work for me.
Can you fill the space with th proper word?

1. Mother is to daughter as fathe is to son. (example)
2. Hand is to glove as foot is (shoe)
3. Leash is to dog as halter is (horse)
4. Cat is to kitten as dog is 5. Toothbrush is to toothpaste washcloth is (soap)
5. Fish is to minnow as hen is Ch. (chick)
6. Chalk is to board as pencil is (paper)
7. Baseball is to bat as tennis ba is to (racquet) 9. Brush is to paint as pen is (ink)
8. Santa Claus is to pack as witc is to (broom)

WHO GETS THE POPCORN (seven to fourteen years): T a piece of popcorn in the midd of a piece of string two yar long. Choose two players an place an end of the string in th mouth of each. At the word "Go the players must start eating to the popcorn without the use their hands. Whoever gets the popcorn first, wins. Now tal two more players and a clea piece of string; then two mo players, continuing until the timate winner is decided.

BURIED WORDS (nine to fou teen years): Pass out pencil an

$\mathrm{G}^{\text {rom soup to nuts-yes, really!- }}$ Fthere's a Kraft idea for your penus, to make them novel and more empting. And, no matter how you erve Kraft Cheese, you add imporant food values to the meal. It takes more than a gallon of rich iilk to make a single pound of this heese! So Kraft dishes give high uality protein . . . energy units he essential Vitamin A . . . and a ealth of precious milk minerals. Reserve one dinner a week for a heese main dish. (A treat for the udget as well as the family!) And ten use a Kraft variety for an appezer, accompaniment to soup, for lad or dessert. You'll find this the esy way to delicious, nutritious meals lat really are " something different.


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papei to ail piayers and have them write the following sentence at the top of their sheets: WITCHES RIDE AND BLACK CATS YOWL ON HALLOWEEN. The object is to see who can find the most buried words in this sentence; words within words, or words made by continuing from one word to the next with the letters left in their original sequence of course. Answers: wit, it, itch, witch, he, itches, (in 'witches') ; rid (in 'ride'); dean (last of 'ride' and first of 'and') ; an (in 'and'); lack (in 'black'); cat, at (in 'cats'); owl (in 'yowl') ; hallow, hall, all, low, allow, we, owe, (in 'halloween').

SCRAMBLED HALLOWEEN WORDS (nine to fourteen years) Pass a paper to each player with the following scrambled words printed on it:

1. abclk. (answer, black)
2. cwith. (witch)
3. umtanu. (autumn)
4. thosg. (ghost)
5. pleap. (apple)
6. kpupinm. (pumpkin)
7. tca. (cat)
8. kasm. (mask)
9. morob.. (broom)

Give ten minutes (longer if necessary) to see who can unscramble the words first. Severa! hints when the players get stuck will not be amiss, especially when some of them get stuck on the same word like umtanu or pleap, as our players did.

DRAWING BLACK CAT (six to fourteen years) : Once more supply pencils and fresh paper. Show the guests a picture of a black fat and ask them to remember it vell. Then turn out all the lights and ask them to draw it. When he lights go on again, hold an xhibition and award the prize to he person having drawn the bestooking cat.
For very young children (four o five years) apples or peanuts r other appropriate prizes can be idden in various parts of a room yard, and the guests allowed hunt for them. They will also njoy drawing the black cat, only hey will prefer the lights on.
For children from five to eight ears, we once had a mask-cuting bee. Any large table (or two mall card tables) may be used. f it is a good table, cover it with ewspapers to keep it from getng smeared with crayons and aste. Bring forth a supply of rdinary brown paper bags, crayns, paste, crêpe paper, scissors. how the children where to cut vo holes for eyes, a hole for the ose and an elongated one for mouth. Then see who can ake the best mask. Crêpe paper ayy be used for hair, or hair can mply be colored in with crayons. arge flapping ears may be cut om crêpe paper and pasted on. ouths can be made in many dif-
ferent shapes and colors. There are any number of ways a child may show his ingenuity here, and he will not only enjoy messing around in colors and paste but he will love the result. You will have plenty of time to pick up the paste pots and scraps of paper while your young guests scare and boo at each other-and you.

A delightful game which fires the imagination of very young children is acting out the story of going into a field, selecting a pumpkin and coming home and cutting out a jack-o'-lantern. Someone with a good imagination and possessing a fair degree of story-telling ability (usually Mother) will have to tell the simple story and lead in the action. At first the story-teller will be alone in her efforts but soon the most bashful guest will be with her. The children's attention will be held by what the story-teller is about to do next and it won't be long before they are acting the story too. The story will go something like this with embellishments and additions according to the narrator's mood:
"Let's make a jack-o'-lantern. (Invite by word or gesture the little guests to rise.) First, we'll take a walk into the field to pick the pumpkin . . . . (You go for a walk around the room followed by the now interested children.) Let's see . . . (You scrutinize the pretended field.) There's a fine one over there. (Everyone walks to the fine pumpkin.) Shall we pick it? (Most of the children will say "yes.") Isn't he a beauty? He'd make a wonderful jack-o'-lantern, wouldn't he? Let's take him home." (You stoop down, have a hard time cutting the pumpkin, examine it meticulously, and walk home, carrying it carefully in your arms.)

The story can continue with the carving of the jack-o'-lantern,

setting a candle inside it, and putting it on your doorstep for Halloween.

Before I close I would like to say a word about prizes. I used to think it was good discipline to bring up children on that adage. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." I still think it a very

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important attitude of mind for a child to aspire to, but it can be overemphasized with very young children, especially on birthdays. I have never seen a child yet, who celebrated a birthday by having a party who did not open his arms expectantly to receive the gifts he felt should come pouring in on this occasion.
Whether or not it is a birthday party the child attends, and whether the child is selfish or unselfish, he likes to receive as well as give. If one child wins or receives a great deal more-or less -than the others, it is not deemed fair. So I usually have prizes for all and try to work the contests in such a way that everyone is satisfied. Awards to children under six years do not mean much to them. Then I think of some way of allowing each child to find a present. But when the children are older they adore contests and winning prizes. At our Halloween party I had the prizes done up in interesting looking bundles and tied with long strings. The ends of the strings were caught together loosely and laid over the back of a chair and the winner allowed to pull the free end of one string. The children enjoyed picking their prizes in this way and it made the presentation very simple as they could attend to it themselves.
The party for six children cost about $\$ 6.15$. Enough was included to serve three more children so I feel that the cost is much less than first glance would show. For the benefit of those interested in counting the pennies, I have included the list of everything we used-which follows:
Witches
popcorn
$\$ .10$
molasses
.10
mollypops .10
black crêpe paper ...... . 05
marshmallows
.15
Decorations
orange crêpe paper .....
decorated crêpe paper.
two crêpe tablecloths
6 nut cups at 3 for $\$ .10$.
6 blowers at 3 for $\$ .10$.

## pumpkin

Halloween napkins ......
Halloween cups
string
10 prizs $\$ 10 \ldots \ldots . .10$
tissue paper …..........
Refreshments
bread (2 loaves) ........
small jar peanut butter ..
bacon
half pound cream cheese
orange coloring
olives
2 cans peaches at 2 for
hocolate cos 2 for ..
head lettuce
4 eggs
half bunch of celery ...
one bunch carrots
pound tomatoes
ice cream (home made)
candies
cake (approximately)
cider
.05
.10
.20
.20


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PLUMBING. Pipes: Soil-c

PLUMBING. Pipes: Soil-ca iron. Water-copper, Mueller C HEATING. Gas floor furnac -Ward Furnace Co. Hot wat heater-Everhot Heater Co.

House for Mr. and Mrs.
Harry B. MacRae
(Illustrated on page 38)

FOUNDATION. Walls - concrete beam and piers. Cellar floor -5 in . concrete floor slab. Waterproofing on walls and floor-AntiHydro Waterproofing Co.
STRUCTURE. Exterior walls -painted brick and stone veneer on first floor; cypress clapboards on second, over $2 \times 4$ in. yellow pine studs, shiplap and building paper. Plaster and wood paneling for interior finish. Floor construc-tion- $2 \times 8 \mathrm{in}$. yellow pine joists, sub-floor, Sisalkraft paper, The Sisalkraft Co., and oak floor
CHIMNEY. Lining-fire brick Marble facing and hearth-Vermont Marble Co. Mantel-millmade gumwood.

SHEET METAL WORK. Flashing, gutters and leadersArmco, galvanized iron, American Rolling Mill Co.

INSULATION. Second floorbalsam wool, Wood Conversion Co. Roof-rock wool, Johns-Manville, Inc. Weatherstripping on all doors and windows-Acme Co.
WINDOWS. Sash-double hung and casement, white pine. Glass-single strength, quality A, Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.
FLOORS. Living room, bed rooms and halls-select white oak Kitchen-yellow pine covered with linoleum, Armstrong Cork Products Co. Bathrooms-tile Mosaic Tile Co.

HARDWARE. InteriorSchlage Lock Co. Exterior-blinc hardware, Lull \& Porter. Garage doors-Overhead Door Corp.
PAINTING. Interior: Plaste walls and ceilings- 3 coats of fla paint. Wood panel walls an floors-stain, shellac and wax. Ex terior: Brick and stone wallscoats cement paint. Clapboard and sash- 3 coats lead and oil Roof-brush stain coat. All pain products by Sherwin-Williams Co

ELECTRICAL INSTALLA TION. Wiring system-triangl flexible metal conduit. Switchestumbler type.

KITCHEN EQUIPMENT Range-gas, Magic Chef, Amer can Stove Co. Refrigerator-Gen eral Electric Co. Sink-Standar Sanitary Mfg. Co.

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A professor's preference
[Continued from page 8]
interesting as the exterior. From the tiny windows on either side of the front door to the ample closets, it is complete and compact. Although small, it is built for real living.

The architect has followed the Cape Cod idea in proportions, straight lines, the pitched roof, picket fence, and the whole general feeling. Inside, you note this
space on this floor shown by plan.
The entrance hall is one that welcomes you. A wallpaper of Currier and Ives prints, in soft colors on a natural ground, is sufficiently interesting and has enough perspective to make the room seem larger. There are colorful hand-crocheted rugs to add life. A console table and two chairs are most inviting.

In the living room there is a fireplace that makes you want to stay forever. To emphasize this feature, there are built-in shelves on either side that may be used for books or art objects. It is interesting to note that the backs


The living room, with its fireplace and built-in shelves, is a place for family gathertings or gracious entertaining
theme in the simple trim, straight stairs, black wroughtiron hardware, and brass lighting fixtures. The Colonial doorway, suggested by the owner, seems to enhance rather than detract from the central theme. In
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good ventilation and room arrangement, they broke from the traditional in adding dormer windows and placing the chimney at one end of the house instead of in the center.
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of these shelves are papered with the same landscape design used in the dining room, and shellacked for durability. (This is an idea you might try yourself-the results are quite charming.) With this architecturel focal point, the owners had a very good start.
Here the background is a lovely, pastel spring-green wallpaper. It is refreshing, and could never be even the least bit tiresome. A love seat, upholstered in flowered chintz, repeats this green, a soft yellow, and several shades of red on an eggshell ground. The


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sofa is in wine colored chintz. At the windows there are sheer white ruffled curtains that let in plenty of sunshine. The woodwork and Venetian blinds are off-white.
In the dining room is a charming landscape wallpaper, in soft colors on a natural background. There are bright crocheted rugs like those in the hall, while the woodwork and Venetian blinds repeat the living room colors. Incidentally, this color repetition is smart in a small house, because it does away with sharply broken areas and makes rooms next to each other seem larger. Notice the convenient corner cupboard.

The master bedroom has maple and pine Early American furniture. From the wallpaper, with its slender pattern in very pale green, a light tint of blue, and white on a soft peach ground, comes the color scheme. There is a daybed slip covered in peacock blue chintz in front of the dormer window. With soft pillows on it and convenient book shelves built in its recess, it must be a comfortable place for reading and resting. The ruffled curtains are of white dotted Swiss. A chintz slip cover with a colorful scenic design on an apricot ground is nice for the lounge chair and ties the color scheme together.

But now let's pause for a mo-
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HARRIET I. SHIELDS

MUch has been written about antiques of all kinds, but little has been said about castors Our grandmothers did not think their table service quite complete without a castor.

I can remember as a child the sight of Grandmother's loaded table, and loaded it was, with covered compotes, well filled jelly and preserve dishes, heavy Sandwich salts and an enormous sugar bowl. In the middle of this stood a lovely silver castor containing six bottles of glistening etched glass and a silver bell attached to the handle. Bottles with silver tops were for salt, pepper, and mustard; bottles with tear-drop stoppers contained vinegar, oil,


No. 5. Pink overlay glass

## so between meals a white cheese-

 cloth cover, sometimes briarstitched in red, was draped over the dishes to ward off dust and insects. The castor, being tall, was used to hold this in the position of a tent over the table.Castors were first made in England. The early settlers of America desiring luxuries for their


No. 1


## No. 2

and pepper sauce or chutney. There was an advantage in using this in the center of the table. If you remember the table in the early days, especially on the farm, was "set" from day to day. Food in covered dishes was allowed to remain on the table;
homes, copied the English castors, using pewter. Silver followed these. Lastly, and more beautiful, came the glass castors.
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advertisement in the Boston Commercial Gazette, for October 4, 1819, advertising the fact that "prest glass castor bottles, prest pocket flasks, etc., will be auctioned off on October sixteenth." From this and similar auction advertisements, Mrs. Watkins, in a chapter on molded glass in this same book, deduces that "Threesection mold castor bottles in numerous different designs are fairly common, and so far as is known have never been attributed to any factory. The pewter castors that hold them may sometimes be traced by marks to makers of the twenties and thirties, as, for instance, Roswell Gleason and I. Trask. It may therefore be assumed that these are the type of bottles meant in the auction list."
Mary Harood Northend in her book of "American Glass," says, "Castors, once indispensable for table use, then for a time discarded and hidden away in dark corners, are now being brought to light and used as ornaments or in the setting of the table. A historic one is still in existence, but whether English or American we do not know. It belonged to John Hancock, whose magnificent house on Beacon Street, Boston, is now a memory only. Another castor was presented to Marcus Daniels upon his silver wedding anniversary in 1870, probably of


Courtesy of Museum of the City of New York
An English mid-eighteenth century cruet stand. Prototype of the American castor, used in the exhibition devoted to table arrangement in the old-time style in the Museum of the City of New York

American manufacture. Both are treasured for sentiment's sake."

Pewter castors are quaint, and being the first attempt of this table ware are, of course, the most antique. Pewter collectors are glad to include these.

I have two miniature pewter castors. (Fig. 1) These are most unique. On the small pressed bottles of one is the shield of the United States which makes it more rare than the other small one with plain bottles. I can well
imagine how proud those little girls of the early sixties were to possess replicas of their mothers' castors. They were without doubt prized highly and later put away intact with all four bottles in the old high cupboards for keepsakes. Today only one stopper and two tops are missing.
Many of the old plated castors handed down from the early days are not thought to be usable. Through the years they have become tarnished, or salt has worn the silver plate off. But now these can be replated for a few dollars and made to look just as beautiful as new.
The bottles of silver and pewter castors are pressed and etched in similar designs, a few being cut glass. I have seen only one silver castor containing milk glass bottles. However, castors entirely made of milk glass were common.
In a similar category of silver and glass as the castors, we find the old pickle jar. The container is engraved silver and a pickle fork hangs on the handle. The pressed glass jar was a pattern of the old glass, perhaps matching the table service of its owner. Lovely colored blown glass jars were to be found in these silver holders. (Fig. 2)

The all-glass castors are rare and beautiful, the colored ones being especially sought after. An extremely beautiful example in my opinion is that on the right in the same photograph: The five bottles are blown daisy and button pattern and the colors are amber, blue, and canary. The holder is clear pressed glass. The handle of twisted metal.

The same illustration shows on the left an all amber glass castor of Sandwich glass with four pressed bottles of daisy pattern. This is also made with blue bottles and clear container. Both have metal handles. Ruth Webb Lee shows this type in her book, "Early American Pressed Glass," on Plate 171.
A pink overlay castor in the quilted pattern (Fig. 3) has a metal handle, and the original metal screw caps are in the bottles. (See page 64.)

This last year I have given castors as wedding gifts. Each of the young brides was quite thrilled to receive such an old, yet really valuable object.
At a recent Antique Show given by the Early American Glass Club of Tulsa it was amusing to hear one of the spectators say, "I wonder what great Aunt Mary did with that old castor of hers? Wouldn't I love to have it." An old lady with her answered regretfully, "We were ashamed of that old stuff and threw it away." Alas, we wonder why antiques are scarce today! I am sure we will not be so flagrantly careless with them from now on.


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The owner opened the door into the living room. On our right through the terrace door we saw the lawn with a stepping-stone
path through the center and tall budded lilacs making a border across the far end. The rays of the afternoon sun warmed the knotty pine walls and the room was light and cosy. Across the corner facing us was a fireplace of pinkish red bricks symmetrically placed, and above it a simple pine mantel. The conventional Aztec Indian motif in the creamy wallpaper above the wainscoting on either side of the casement windows and the doors lent a charming touch of color with its rusts, blues, yellows, and greens. I heaved a sigh and breathed in all the freshness and newness-new paint on the woodwork, floors recently waxed, the paste that paperhangers ure, and the new radiators warm for the first time. Honeymoon cottage it seemed to us; and we'd be so all by ourselves together in a cosy little Hidden House.
Both of us are sentimental, but I'm the more practical member of the husband-wife team and, while I was quite sure we would take this house under almost any condition, I started asking questions. Yes, there were all the modern conveniences including tile bath and shower. The rent might be low, but we would have to pay for water, gas, and electricity. Noticing only one radiator in the living room, I asked about the heating system. There was an oil furnace (in a cubbyhole, asbestos lined and somewhat soundproofed) off the kitchen. It had a special, quiet pump and there was no vibration. On the furnace was an aquastat attachment which would keep water hot continuously summer and winter. We would, of course, be responsible for fuel but this would not be excessive because the whole house was insulated. The kitchen was lined with cupboards and drawers and there was a modern tub and sink


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combination. There was ample room for dishes and plenty of closet space. The Hidden House was a perfect combination of comfort and convenience and artistic individuality. Again our glances met; we were in complete accord and my husband started to close the deal. We were truly going to live there. I couldn't wait and resented every day of the notice that we had to give before we could move from the furnished flat we were occupying.
Of course, a house needs furni-ture-which fact almost paralyzed us until we happened to be roaming about the countryside one day in the interim before we moved, and found in the attic of an old house, miles from everywhere, some furniture which the owner offered to sell. We said, "We will think it over but please don't sell without first letting us know." On Sunday, three days later, we returned with a friend who was an expert on woods and antique furniture. He was to cough twice if the tables and chairs were what we thought they were and not at all if they did not conform to his standards. Up in the attic our friend took one glance and almost choked, he was so amazed to find that they were all really antique pieces, as we'd anticipated. We promptly filled the car to capacity and went home happily, being assured that we had found a bargain and that we had just the thing for our Hidden House. Items acquired: one four-leg, drop-leaf,
quite a problem, but even that was solved for us by the public library. A book was obtained which gave instruction as to the way caning is done and from this my husband learned to do it and I learned from him. It takes us six hours of straight caning to finish one chair. However, we seldom sit for six hours at one stretch to do it. Our interest in antiques had been quickened by our first acquisitions and by this move into a place so full of atmosphere. Our Sundays and Saturdays became one long ride to see if we could find another interesting bargain.

We prayed for good weather for our trips into the backwoods country where now and then we found old Colonial farmsteads, some mere foundation ruins, and occasionally one or two low sideboard and shingle houses built in the early eighteenth century with oversize central stone chimneys. Sagging ridge poles, broken windows, and doors creaking on rusted hinges told us when we had arrived at one of those finds so rare and so inviting to the hunter of antique bits which perhaps had escaped previous looters. The timid soul would better not enter. Rocking floors, dingy light, and musty atmosphere led from room to room past old stone fireplazes with their long cranes and Dutch ovens. The bareness of the rooms is expected, as we have learned that only hidden crannies yield odd bits, and only attics and


An unusual curly maple chest. The design
and construction details place it about 1750
cherry table and six matching maple chairs of the Empire period. Of course they were all covered with red paint and the caned seats were broken, but my husband was sure that he could fix all that himself.
A trip to the library provided us with much literature on the subject of refinishing old furniture. I read aloud, very loud, while my husband scraped. The caning of the chairs presented
cellars are likely to hide some of the more anticipated treasures, unless we are looking for pine paneling or wrought-iron hardware. Looking into cupboards through a mass of spiderwebs, we picked up old blown bottles, iridescent with age and graceful in design, interesting knickknacks for a window shelf and adaptable for lamps. An apparent ruin of an old small trunk we passed by, but later returned for, having spent a


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sleepless night thinking of its possibilities refinished. The inside of the deed box, as they were often called, was found to be lined with an old newspaper dated 1822 . Referring to a local town history, we found that that issue was one of the first volumes of the paper to be published, and the paper is still being published in that old New England town.
Trips taken as often as time and weather permitted yielded other ancient treasures, such as brass and pewter candle holders, mahogany veneer mirrors, an old powder horn, a musket, and letters. One of the latter was dated 1828 and told of Shaker meetings and customs. The letter was strangely well preserved and the writing distinct. I recall all too well one trip made into the attic of an old barn where animals that scuttled about us, we found, were merely squirrels. Two rock maple rope bed stretchers resting on the cross beams supported an assort-
man thought he might like to sec it. My husband went over taking with him the friend I mentione before who so kindly "coughed" for us. Again they couldn't believe their eyes nor the fact that the man wanted to sell and for a lower-than-reasonable price. The desk is an old escritoire of the period of about 1790-1820. It wa found in good condition excep: that it was minus one leg and two wooden knocks, and its gooc qualities had been concealed by the usual paint. To anyone who knew old furniture, its possibilities were at once evident. Even so, think the result has exceeded our anticipation. The wood, which is cherry, has a beautiful grain and is in perfect preservation. All the little ivory knobs on the insids drawers are there and the original brass escutcheon on the desk drawer is perfect. Strangely enough, though, those little drawers inside are walnut. The contrast of woods is very effective.


Cherry swing-leg table and Boston nursing rockers. Note the old (1822) "deed box" at the right
ment of scrap lumber which yielded three sets of maple bed posts of different turnings and all dating back to around 1700 .
Canvassing junk dealers in a twenty-mile radius we secured a maple wagon bench and a pair of brass andirons. We were learning to tell the authentic from the reproductions.
Just before Christmas that year my husband met an old resident who told him about a rickety desk he had just inherited. Knowing Jim's interest in antiques the

At the same place Jim saw a dirty, black rocking chair, armless, which if cleaned up had possibilities of becoming a Boston rocker or nursing rocker. The old man said he would sell it for fifty cents and that he had another ene in pieces, which could be put together, that he'd throw in for good luck. So for five dollars and fifty cents we secured an old escritoire and two armless Boston rockers, the price to the old resident, perhaps, of a gas and electric bill. A local dealer assures us


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that the desk in its refinished condition is worth at least $\$ 75$. On scraping down the chairs we discovered they had the old gold stencil on the top crosspiece and seat and rung, which we were able to preserve.
By dickering with a local junk dealer, we acquired a curly maple chest of drawers for which we traded in one of the Boston rockers and a ten dollar bill. It is a most unusual chest. When first it was built the design and construction details we estimate would place it about 1750 , but some enterprising owner along the way had, about 1820 , decided to bring it "up to date" and had applied a cherry veneer beading around the frame on the front and between the drawers and replaced the brass handles with large cherry knobs and paneled the side with cherry veneer. The whole was covered with that dark red paint.

Every man has his favorite armchair and pipe and ash tray but, Housewife, you're the one who fixes attractive flowers on the table, and in the living room places the brightest book bindings together between the sailing ship bookends, so you all know what I mean by the "finishir:g touches" of a room. The little things about our living room in the Hidden House that made it homelike and lent it charm were an old school bell for the desk, a pair of handwrought horseshoe hinges made into bookends, a maple syrupbucket wood basket, and a hooked hearth rug. I've already mentioned the candlesticks, blown bottles, and inkwells. By the time we had carried out the color scheme suggested by the Aztec design in the wallpaper, we had hung flowered, rust-color, glazed chintz draperies (which blended nicely with the pine walls too) and covered the ungainly radiator with a blue and buff India print and bought (for the time being) a small chair upholstered in blue glazed chintz with a rust flower
design. A brown stained wicker arm chair and a copy of a maple butterfly table are filling in temporarily for their more worthy ancestors, an original butterfly table or a candlestand and a Chippendale wing chair.

Friends who come to see us feel the character of the house is unified by the furniture we have been able to put in it. The hospitality of the Hidden House is becoming known abroad and I dread even the thought of a return to barren city limits.

## Swimming pool reinforcement

Prospective builders of home swimming pools (or any kind, for that matter) should be interested in the comment of Mr. Victor H. Cochrane, consulting engineer of Tulsa, Oklahoma, in
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House of Mrs. Lauriston Walsh at Corning, N. Y.

$\mathrm{I}^{+}$T's one thing to plan, build, and furnish your dream house exactly as you wish. But it's quite a different and much more difficult problem to take the house and furniture you've lived with all your life and turn it into what you want for today-without the aid of architects and decorators. We think Mrs. Lauriston Walsh, whose home is shown on this page, has done great things in solving her problem about an old Victorian house.
As we enter the living room, we see many of her problems concentrated in one room. It is very large, and has the characteristic high ceilings and tall windows. Then, there is a gold plated chandelier in keeping with the fine old hand-carved blade ebony mantel. It is unmistakably Victorian, but by using some Grecian things as a connecting link, it was possible to use the desired Eighteenth Century and Early American antiques in combination.

Ivory ground wallpaper with a Grecian design in soft shades of rust, tan, and gray is most suitable to set off the furniture to be used. A pale rust-colored paper was used on the ceiling, since color lessens height. Then Mrs. Walsh designed and drew the Roman key pattern for the window cornices. She cut it out, traced it on gold paper, and then pasted it to a white painted cornice. A liquid preparation was used to preserve the paper. Beneath the cornice hang amethyst velour draperies. The glass curtains are beige celanese voile, separated in the middle to make the windows look wider. A wing chair upholstered in gold brocaded tapestry, and mahogany fiddle-back chairs with the seats in blue, rust, and beige stripes fit in admirably with the color scheme. Not shown in the photograph is a Sheraton sofa in blue, with square end pillows of bengaline silk bound with black satin


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for contrast. Between them are black needlepoint pillows with colorful floral designs. A mahogany console, drop-leaf table in the bay window, Governor Winthrop desk (dark cherry with inlay), brass candlesticks, and early Federal mirror are all antiques. The Chinese Chippendale coffee table is a reproduction. The broadloom carpet is deep taupe with an amethyst cast; the scatter rugs are antique Orientals.

The dining room, with its spring-green painted walls and white ceiling and old mantel would be a pleasant place to linger after coffee. A beige broadloom carpet and hooked rug before the fireplace make a charming foundation for the color scheme. For a refreshing window treatment, there are white dotted Swiss ruffled tie-back curtains-frothy and feminine. The over-draperies of flowered chintz on a yellow ground are as cheery as Sunday morning sunshine. Old mahogany chair seats are upholstered in a
heavy fabric of tiny yellow, green, and rosy red figures on a dull black ground. You notice that the fruit prints on yellow mats with white frames add personality and decorative interest.
For quiet repose or dressing for parties (or even just an ordinary day), the bedroom is charming. Dainty ribbon bands around clusters of white daisies make a perfect pattern on the yellow ground wallpaper. A blue ceiling lessens the height and repeats the blue of the draperies that have lemon yellow piping for contrast. Here again Mrs. Walsh has used her imagination, cut out stars from a wallpaper, and pasted them on the cornice boards. The white Venetian blinds have mulberry tapes that repeat the rug color. With the exception of a Cape Cod chair and the chaise longue done in gay flowered chintz, the Early American antique furniture is of maple or pine. Comfort and charm are combined, as noted above.

## Cape Cod on Long Island <br> [Continued from page 37$]$

gutters, wood, all copper lined. INSULATION. Outside walls, attic floor, and roof, 4-inch Johns Manville rock wool.

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COLLECTING proof to support the theory that a steak broiled over a bed of hickory coals in the woods tastes better than the same steak processed in the kitchen stove has brought countless hours of outdoor fun to two men whose daily jobs consist of doing things with iron. More than that, their research in a primitive but much-neglected field has resulted in the invention of sturdy cooking equipment that makes life easier for camper, hunter, fisherman, park picnicker, and the stay-at-home who does his steak broiling in the confines of his back yard.
In working hours, Mark A. Kindig is secretary and general manager of an iron company at Akron, Ohio, while Edmund P. Krebs, his culinary side-kick, is chief engineer of the same concern. But on summer evenings, week ends, and vacation trips they forget about blue-prints and steel girders, and become brothers of the outdoor frying pan. Their original problem of proving a simple theory concerning steaks has turned out to be so much fun that they have extended their research to cover fish, potatoes, chicken, biscuits, and other foods that lend themselves to outdoor cooking. The result is, in addition to the inventions that have topped years of experience, an accumulation of a great deal of knowledge about open-air food preparation.
Years ago, Kindig acquired an automobile trailer and began taking his family on week-end camping trips. It soon became evident that the food problem could not be solved to the satisfaction of outdoor-whetted appetites merely
by taking along a can opener and some material on which to exercise it. So Kindig became, more or less of necessity, an outdoor cook. He found the subject fascinating, and soon developed into a genuine enthusiast about it. Later he bought a piece of land containing woods, a stream, and small lake. There he built a cabin, and set up permanent facilities for outdoor cooking. His interest in Boy Scout work paralleled that in cooking.

Krebs identifies the beginning of his outdoor culinary activities with his becoming, in 1917, a Scoutmaster. An important part of scout training is the preparation of meals in the open. Krebs went further than the mere mastery of the rudiments of this phase of scouting, and, like his friend and business associate, developed into an expert food artist. Both Kindig and Krebs have been made Silver Beaver Scouts in recognition of their various contributions to the scout movement.
Just as some people collect stamps or build matchstick violins as a hobby, these two structural iron experts have for years engaged in the preparation of food for themselves and friends. For evidence that outdoor cooking is healthful, they can point to each other. Kindig is well built and a bit rotund, a condition doubtless influenced by his specialty, inch-thick broiled steak, and by outdoor living. Krebs is more slender and wiry.

It was inevitable that they should find, before long, that there are some shortcomings to the accepted ways of doing things over the outdoor fire. For one thing, and this proved to be an important discovery to them, they

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observed that the stone or brick stove frequently seen in parks and backyards and camps has several things wrong with it from the standpoint of cooking. They discovered that the chimney-there usually is a chimney on such fireplaces to carry away smokespirits away a considerable portion of the leat that ought to be available for cooking. Most outdoor stoves and fireplaces of conventional type are massive and of necessity permanently located. Usually they are either too hot or too cold for a particular cooking task: and there is no way of controlling the heat satisfactorily

This bothered Kindig and Krebs for a great many years. Still they continued to broil beef and bake potatoes as thousands of other outdoor cooks have been doing for generations. Then, one day they decided to do something about the situation.

Why not make a really satisfactory outdoor stove out of iron?" one asked the other. This was natural, because they both knew more about iron than any other material.
And so, about three years ago, these two outdoor cooking enthusiasts perfected a trio of sturdy iron stoves, which are designed to meet every need of the cutdoor cook better than other equipment. Kindig produced a stove that has an aduustable grill on which pots and pans can be supported over a fire built on the ground. There is a sheet-iron top that serves as a warming shelf and a rain shield for the fire. This stove, of heavy construction, is intended for permanent installation in parks and the like.

Krebs decided that the fire instead of the food could be made adjustable, so he designed a stove which has a firebox resting on two parallel iron rods, which in turn are supported by notched
uprights. The distance between the fire and the grill and spit above can be varied by shifting the rods from one set of notches to another. There are no gears or cams to become rusty and jammed. Convenient shelves and drop leaves are provided, to make the stove highly flexible. This type, while intended for permanent installation, can be lifted by two persons and carried to a new location quite easily.
A third iron stove developed by the two men is a small folding type, which can be carried along with other portable camping equipment.

Kindig and Krebs regard the matter of distance adjustment between fire and food as of utmost importance in successful outdoor cooking. When this can be done, the food can be placed nearer the fire, or vice versa, when the fire is a small one; and moved farther away when it is large. Meat can be seared at close range for a time. and then the distance between it and the fire increased for slower roasting.
The two most popular forms of fuel in use today for outdoor cooking are wood and charcoal. Wood is the better, in the opinion of Kindig and Krebs; and they are unanimous in placing hickory at the top of the list, although any other hardwood, such as maple and birch, is excellent. Charcoal is widely used by picnickers who do their cooking in public parks where wood is not plentiful; and sometimes by campers and others who must do outdoor cooking where natural fuel is hard to get.
Kindig has specialized on steaks. He can turn an inch-thick piece of beef into something that will almost melt in your mouth, in exactly six minutes, over a good fire. Such a he-man steak, grilled over a hickory fire, is hard to beat in any man's country, he


Mark A. Kindig cooking on a large "picnic grounds" stove he designed. The cooking area is adjustable, the fire being on the ground

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Above left: The folding stove's fire pan can be raised or lowered. Right: Folding the stove so it can be stowed in an automobile or boat
and Krebs most heartily agree. To grill steaks in the Kindig manner, build a good fire and let it burn down for ten or fifteen minutes. During this period the blaze should subside somewhat. Then put the steaks on, placing them as near as possible to fire (or the fire as near the steaks, depending on the kind of stove you are using), and allow them to sizzle as lively as they will. There is no danger of too rapid cooking, as with some other meats. Don't worry about a little smoke and blaze; that will only improve the flavor. Turn the steaks every minute. Grilling should be complate in six minutes or seven at the most, when the fire is good.

While a steak prepared in this manner will taste better than any king's feast to the man who has been tramping through field and wood for a few hours, the flavor can be made still better by sticking a twig of spicewood directly into the meat.
Spicewood or spicebush is a North American shrub whose bark is covered with tiny, light dots. In early spring it bears small yellow flowers in clusters, followed by red berries. The leaves and the bark have a distinctly spicy flavor.

For holding steak while grill-
ing, these two cooking hobbyists have found nothing better than a hinged frame made of heavy wire and equipped with a handle, of the type used widely for making toast over open fires. The steak can be laid directly on the grill of an iron stove, if desired, and turned with a fork.
Did you ever eat kabobs? In case you haven't met this bovine delicacy, it's not a kind of alien vegetable, but a tasty "dish" cooked on a spit. The spit may be a green twig or an iron rod. The process of assembling a kabob is as follows: Cut $1 / 4$-inch slices of beef into 2 -inch squares. Push the spit through the center of one square. Follow this with a ring of sliced onion and a similar piece of apple sliced across the core. Then add a second piece of meat, another slice of onion and apple, and so on until the stack of food is in proportion to the appetites to be satisfied. Broil this in front of a hot fire, turning the spit to insure even cooking. The process usually takes about eight to ten minutes. Be sure that the meat is done all the way through before removing from the fire.

Kindig tells about a friend of his who constructed a special spit on which to broil kabobs. He obtaine a length of cold-rolled steel


Edmund P. Krebs cooks a winter meal on his small folding outdoor stove, other views of which are shown above

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second flange is pressed gainst the end of the pile, and ocked with the setscrew. The meat and other ingredients are hus held so that they cannot slide of accidentally into the ashes. Most outdoor culinary artists look fish by the well-known proless of frying them, the two Akron cooking experts believe. They have but one suggestion to make in this connection: don't put the fish into the pan before the lard is piping hot. If you do, it is likely to become greasesogged and unappetizing.
Another easy and tasty way to prepare fish is to broil it, holding it between the wires of the hand grill already mentioned. Care should be taken not to burn the meat, or to handle the grill so roughly that the crumbly, cooked meat will break away. Krebs recommends a leaf of watercress, placed inside the cleaned fish, for flavoring. A strip of bacon, likewise placed inside, will make the meat more firm, and add to the flavor.
It is a mistake to attempt to cook fish for a large crowd by frying them in a small or moderate sized pan, and depend on repeated frying to produce enough to serve all present, Kindig believes. He recommends a large pan (iron, of course) big enough to cover the top of the stove. Dump all the fish into the pan, which previously has been provied with sufficient lard. and do the job all at once, he says.

Chicken ever remains a popular outdoor dish, partly because it is not too difficult to prepare. For grilled chicken, the fire should not be as hot as for beef, Kindig and


Krebs say. Cut the chicken into quarters or halves, and place it for the first few minutes near the fire, to sear the meat. Then move it or the fire away, depending on the kind of cooking equipment, and let it cook more slowly. The heat should be just sufficient to cause the juices to bubble from the meat. Turn the pieces every few minutes, and be careful not to burn the meat any place. The time required for cooking chicken in this way will be in the neighborhood of thirty to forty-five minutes. Do not hurry the process. The result will be a golden brown, thoroughly cooked, juicy piece of food that any high-priced chef would be proud to be able to produce.
But if you want a real palate thriller, try barbecued chicken, southern style, Krebs suggests. Prepare the bird by cleaning it and splitting it along the breast. Break it apart and spread it out, somewhat like the eagle on the face of a coin. The wings and legs should stick out laterally, so that the whole chicken is greatly flattened. Run four stiff wires through the chicken, two at right angles to the other two, so as to form a kind of cross that holds the legs and wings gut. These wires serve as supports and as a means of turning the chicken. Place the arrangement over a bed of coals, and as it broils baste the meat with a dressing made by mixing small amounts of vinegar and pepper with lard. The purpose of the vinegar is to make the meat tender. Do not use too much. or there will be an objectionable sour taste. Pepper is, of course, added to taste. Apply the basting with a brush or a swab made of cloth. T! time requires for cooking a chicken in this way is about forty-five min-utes-but it's worth every second of it, so say these experts of the outdoor kitchen.
A beef rib roast cooked on a spit is another popular outdoor meat. The technique, according to Kindig and Krebs, is to obtain a piece having an even nom-

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between the center ribs. Sides of a square spit should be square with the roast surfaces. Sear the meat on all four sides by holding it near the fire, ten minutes to each side. This will prevent the meat juices from escaping. Then move the piece farther away from the coals, and allow it to broil slowly. A roast of two ribs will require about $11 / 2$ hours; four ribs, about two hours.

Pork chops frequently prove a stumbling block for the outdoor chef because he attempts to grill them too rapidly. At least twenty minutes should be devoted to the task, Kindig says. It is all right to let the meat sizzle rapidly at first, but then, after a few minutes, the chops should be moved away so that they can continue cooking more slowly.
Stoves having a flat sheet of iron over the top can be used to cook corn in a simple and effective way. Dip the ears, with the husks still in place, into water. Then pile them on the hot iron, three or four ears deep. As the bottom ears become hot and the husks char, turn them over and finally move them towards the top of the pile, placing other ears on the hot surface. Continue until all the corn is tender.
One day, when Krebs was camping, he cooked a pot of Dutch potatoes. There were too many for his party, so he took the pot containing some of the potatoes over to a party of neighboring campers. When he visited his neighbors some time later, he found them scraping the pot with pieces of bread, in an attempt to salvage the last bit of the concoction.
"The best potatoes we ever tasted," was the unanimous opinion. "How are they made?"
And this is how he told them to do it: Peel two potatoes about the size of your fist, and slice them into small pieces. Likewise clean and slice two fair sized onions, and mix them with the potatoes. Place these in a kettle and add

just enough water to cover them. Avoid using too much. After the water has started to boil, stir in gradually about two tablespoonfuls of flour, so as to produce a sort of gravy. Add salt and pepper to taste. Continue cooking until the potatoes are done. If too much water is used, the result is potato soup and not Dutch potatoes.
These are but a few of the culinary tricks that Kindig and Krebs have up their sleeves. But they are the ones that seem to be the most popular with lovers of the outdoors.
"What! No biscuits?" you say. Surely. No outdoor meal would be complete without biscuits. But these veteran outdoor cooks have found that the prepared biscuit materials, which require only the addition of water, have changed a time-honored process into a simple routine. The same goes for pancakes.
And that brings up the subject of the reflector oven, one of the neatest pieces of camp equipment ever devised.
A reflector oven consists, essentially, of a shelf having above and below it polished reflecting surfaces, set at angles of 45 degrees to the shelf. The biscuits or potatoes or apples or what-haveyou to be baked are placed on the shelf, and the oven set near a fire and at one side of it. Radiant heat from the fire strikes the reflecting surfaces and is thus directed on the shelf and the food.
By means of a large reflecting oven, Kindig has made the fireplace in his woodland cabin do double duty. It heats the cabin and cooks a meal at the same time. He has arranged the oven in front of the fireplace, and elevated it on supports so that it does not interfere too much with the draft. In this position, it captures enough heat to bake or otherwise cook anything that is edible.

And so the hobby of outdoor cooking has provided at least two busy men with many hours of delightful recreation. Perhaps you will find it equally fascinating.

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A strip of bacon placed inside a fish to be broiled will make the meat firmer, and improve the flavor. The sturdy grill shown is useful for holding beef and many other kinds of meat securely



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there we were, the young robin into the kitchen." So we did and
there we were, the young robin nestling in my wife's warm tand. his first fears allayed.
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TFind a baby left on one's doorstep is quite a serious affair when you come to think of it. One's first thought will most likely be a vision of consequences and responsibilities, and a feeling of utter helplessness.
"What now?" we said when we found a little heap of cold and clammy misery hunched up on a large rock, early one morning after a thunderstorm had raged throughout the night. Dead branches from the old oaks were strewn about the lawn and there were evidences of wreckage everywhere. Yet there sat this little fledgling, apparently unable or unwilling to move.
"Thrown out of the nest," I said. "Can't fly yet, and has no tail feathers. Besides he is probably more dead than alive from exposure and hunger. We'll pick him up."

My wife reached for him. He made no attempt to fly or hop away, but she had barely touched him when his long featherless neck wiggled out of her closing hand, his beak opened wide, and a loud terrified "squawk" notified the world that harm was befalling him. Instantly the two robinparents swooped down from a near-by tree and, screaming their alarm and protest, circled around us. They had located the youngster, yet, knowing where he was, were unable to get him back into the nest at the top of the chimney where he belonged.


From the first he was never fearful, but always friendly, interested, and hungry

My wife soaked a little bread in water and this the wide-open beak swallowed greedily. I think he would have eaten anything, but somewhere I had read that the yolk of a hard-boiled egg was good food for deserted young birds. Quickly an egg was boiled and my clumsy fingers tried to feed him, dropping the yellow crumbs into his wide open throat. Several of these were sufficient to still his hunger and he settled down in the hollow of my hand, perfectly contented, closing first one, then both eyes, to wait-exactly as he would have done in the nest-for Father or Mother Robin to come back with more food for him.

So there we were, with an adopted robin and no more experience in bringing up a robin than the robin-parents would have had with a human baby. Still we had one advantage. For years we had made it a practice to invite song birds to our garden and the feeding station di-
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His call for attention (i.e.e. food) was unmistakables, in time we became adept in supplying imitation worms in the form of bits of raw chopped beef


T's hard to prove just what 1 happened, after a blowout hurls your car into another-and juries may turn in verdicts that carry a crushing penalty. Your only real protection against the ever-threatening blowout danger is LifeGuard*'Tubes_Goodyear's remarkable invention that makes a tire-splitting burst as harmlessoas a slow leak!
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to support the car without lurching to support the car without lurching
until you can come to a safe stop.

FOR PASSENGER CARS TRUCKS BUSES

> This weighted chair showed in 24 hours why you should insist on an all hair rug cushion!

Facts and photos from independent tests by The Hotel Monthly, Chicago


A weighted chair, after 24 hours, left a permanent hard spot in this Jute* Rug Pad. All cushioning action and softness has been lost-and see how the nap of the rug has been crushed.


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Fease send me FREE sample of CIRCLE TREAD OZITE Rug Cushion-and free booklet, "How Take Care of Your Rugs and Carpets.

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A dwarf, espalier apple tree with four horizontalarms pruned and trained to a fan shape


Pbotegraphs by the author

## Little trees for little places

## CHESLA C. SHERLOCK

Icaught the fever-for it is a fever!-from a neighbor of mine. I mean this business of tucking little trees into little spots along the walks, fences, or garage walls; spots so small you would swear, if you were an oath-taking person, that nothing could grow there but perhaps a troublesome pad of crabgrass or a lusty iris. And my neighbor got it from a trip to France: a dividend, he said, of his pre-repeal thirst.
I used to watch him with unconcealed envy. Here I was working up a lather with a hoe or a turf-trimmer, or down on my hands and knees in the rockery, while he just stood and snipsnipped out his gardening exercise in exasperating ease.
"This is a gentleman's pastime," he would say. "A stand-up and lord-of-creation type of gardening fun. No bending backs or kneeling for this gardener!" And he would grin in a thoroughly maddening way, until, as I say, I caught the fever.
I had a spot by the picket fence, and a spot along the walk.

Who doesn't have such spots? You begin to think that it would be nice to have something green
there to provide a screen, and then you dream wistfully of apples, pears, or plums hanging luscious and ripening in the afternoon sun. Well-

There are three ways to grow dwarf fruit trees. Two of them will appeal to the gardener who has a walk or a wall that needs screening. The other requires more room and differs little from usual orchard practice, except that the pruning is a continual process, in summer especially. The gardener merely plants dwarf trees-more of them in a given space than standard trees, to be sure.
The first two systems are, respectively, the cordon and espalier methods of training the dwaris against a flat trellis or wall. The former is the simplest. The tree is trained to a single main stem along which fruit buds are encouraged to appear. The single stem may be grown stark upright as one would train a pillar rose, or it may be bent over and allowed to run along the support. Grown upright, it is easiest to handle and more plants can be crow ded into a given area; if set along a walk or wall they seem to take up no room whatever, as they may be planted close together.
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As an agrecable change-in both appearances and products-from the familiar grape vine, why not some trained dwarf fruit trees on a trellis?

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## Important in decoration

We all know that a clock is one of the fundamental necessities of life. But do you ever stop to think about how decorative the right clock for your home can be? Often they brighten an otherwise dull table or chest, or serve as an accent to your color scheme.
If you are interested in seeing some very attractive new electric models, look at the new Telechron line. There are some for your bedroom, some that would be perfect on a man's desk, others for the living room, and one for the kitchen that can be set to give an alarm at any five minute interval up to three and a half hours. And there is one called "Globetrotter" that tells you what time it is in every corner of the world!

## $\mathscr{N}_{\text {ews }}$ for sleepers

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new Sealy Rest Mattress. As matter of fact, when you tr stretching out on it just as a tes you're practically asleep befor you know it. The main point that they use a new hair an latex cushioning product calle "Nukraft." This has a non-sli texture, is used above and beloy the inner spring, and holds th layers of cotton felt smoothly place without tying. Best of al "Nukraft" is extremely ligh (though equally durable) becaus of an aircell, honeycomb arrange ment of tiny hair coils.


Slender and graceful
For rose buds and other smal blossoms we recommend thi slender vase. It comes from Re vere Copper \& Brass, Incorporated and they call it the "Debutante" because of its slender, gracefu lines. Very appropriate name, isn' it? Notice the base that look like a low bowl. You can floa petals or greens in it if you like It is made of solid copper, anc comes with a natural polishes copper finish and also in a lus trous chromium plate.

## No more home fires

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## How to buy a rug... and like it!



1 measure your room.

To have a rug you will really like, pattern, color, and quality are important things to look for. But there's one more thing just as important as these. That is size-to get a rug that really fits your room and allows the right floor margins. So, to buy a rug and like it, follow these four steps.

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Fall decoration from market to you
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this market come annually from three to five thousand buyers of retail stores to visit over 200 different showrooms. A. P. Johnson, educational director of the Grand Rapids Furniture Exposition once made a cursory estimate of the number of different woods and sizes, different makes and ideas represented in the furniture shown and it ran well above two million.

Grand Rapids attained its fame as a furniture center largely through being the first at the gun when the Middle West was being settled one hundred years ago. If this community had any advantage over other pioneering places it was in the gathering there of the Dutch and Scandinavians who came to till the soil. Most of these people were good woodworkers; it was not uncommon for the truck farmer to alternate at the furniture bench. Most of the furniture was made by hand until 1848 when Deacon Haldane -the father of the industrybuilt a shop and installed in it a circular saw and lathe. With a force of seven men he turned out tables, beds, chairs and bureaus and was paid for it in grain and pork and produce. Wages to his seven men were eggs, wheat, or spare ribs.

As water power became available more plants sprung up and in 1857 the first carload of furniture left Grand Rapids

The idea for a market in this town came about fifty years ago. Like the city itself and Topsy, it just happened.

Some furniture manufacturer in another state-his name is lost in the sawdust of the industry-got the bright idea of showing his wares in Grand Rapids when
buyers came around in January and July. And thus began the first of the semi-annual furniture markets.

As the country grew, transportation, accessibility to material, and sectional demands redistributed the making of furniture. With this came the growth of other cities as meccas for merchants of home furnishings.

Notably among these was Chicago. Put your imaginative powers to work to create a fancied bazaar street twenty blocks long. It is lined on each side with furniture stores, each of them one hundred feet deep. Or take a chimerical hammer and flatten down the Empire State Building into sixteen floors. Each of these floors would be as long and as broad as the ones in the American Furniture Mart in Chicago.
Here in the third largest building in the world under one roof can be found everything from the crib to usher in life to the wheel chair to help it out. The Furniture Mart, as it is commonly called, was built in 1924; an addition in 1927. Around $\$ 15,000,000$ went into building it.

To find just the item he wants the home furnishings buyer has his choice of 928 different displays spread over $1,925,000$ square feet. Last year 34,205 such buyers from 21,084 stores marched from showroom to showroom. In January of this year, during the two weeks market, 10,038 visited and bought furniture, stoves, floor coverings, pictures, studio couches, ad infinitum.

Equally important in Chicago as a center for home furnishings is the Merchandise Mart, completed in 1930 at an approximate


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When it's hot enough to waffle to the king's taste, off flashes the little red light. Mother pours in the batter-presto!the light flashes on. Next, the light winks out to tell you the waffle is a delicious golden brown. And the waffle comes out at the touch of a fork. The first waffle is never underdone. The last waffle never burnt to a crisp. Each one crisp and tender and golden. Add butter and syrup, serve with little young pork sausages if you're of a mind to, and-well, the maid will be sorry she's not on deck to get her share.
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cost of $\$ 30,000,000$. This building has eighteen floors, seven of which are devoted entirely to home furnishings.
Draw upon your imagination again, this time to conjure a freight train seventeen miles long. This would just about transport the 2,500 carloads of merchandise on display on these seven floors. For the furniture market alone last January, six thousand new pieces were brought in to take their places along side of the 50,000 pieces already there. Just on the home furnishings floors there are 1,548 different lines of merchandise represented.
Now just a few more figures and back to the romance.
Last year 189, 183 home furnishings buyers made purchases in the Merchandise Mart to a grand total of $\$ 115,332,750$. Last January 10,029 buyers passed the portals during the course of a two weeks' market.

Besides these two centers there are New York, Boston, Jamestown, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and others which are visited for furniture: New York and Boston for curtains and draperies; New York for floor coverings, housewares, and lamps; Pittsburgh for china and glassware, and dozens of other cities where gift shows are held for those seeking decorative accessories. So much for the various stages upon which these buyers play their parts against the scenery of new furniture, floor coverings, fabrics, and other commodities.

What of the actors themselves -these thousands upon thousands of buyers? Let us look at a typical one. Back in early July, the floor covering buyer in your store admonishes his wife to be sure to have plenty of shirts for him all ready as he is leaving for the rug and carpet opening in New York.

Bright and early after the fourth of July-if it is the winter market, just after New Year'she awakens in his hotel room in New York. In the back of his mind, scribbled in memo books or jotted down on odd bits of paper is a wild miscellany of notes which are going to determine what he is going to buy. Before coming to New York he has gone through his stock of rugs and carpets on the floor of his store and in the stockroom.
Here he has found that one or two patterns have been selling so fast that he will have to replenish this popular seller. He has che ked his stock and seen that there was more and more demand for this or that. He knows, too, the kind of furniture his store is going to try to sell this year. People, he knows, will need suitable rugs and carpets as a background for this. So still another note is jotted down in his book.

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## Read these comments from women

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Comes this Monday morning, then, and down New York's Fifth Avenue he goes to the seventeen floor Textile Building, center of the wholesale selling of floor coverings. In this building or immediately adjacent on either Fifth or Madison Avenue is concentrated the $\$ 100,000,000$ yearly business of this industry.
He will probably visit the big shots first, for it is here that he will most likely find those special buys which right now and for months to come are being advertised by your store as "stupendous, money saving purchases
glorious $9 \times 12$ reproductions of glittering Orientals . . . unheard of values . . . prices are going up . . . buy now."
Because this buyer comes, let us say, from Pennsylvania the manufacturer's road salesman who includes this state in his train traveling tours takes him in hand. He has known this buyer for several years. Well enough to greet him with "Hi, Bill, you old so-andso;" well enough, too, to parry with "how's the wife . . . how about lunch .... hitting the high spots tonight?"
Armed with an order blank and freshly sharpened pencils the buyer is led around the showroom to see everything new in the different lines. Because this is $\cdot$ a showroom of one of the bigger manufacturers-one whose sales may amount to $\$ 27,000,000$ a year -all types of weaves can be seen. Besides the velvets, axminsters, and plain carpeting this buyer can also find chenilles, wiltons, and often-times linoleum and felt base. Smaller manufacturers are more likely to specialize in just one or two types of fabrics. The rugs in this big showroom are piled in much the same way they are in your favorite store. They are stacked up on top of each other on a wooden platform.

Here is your buyer sitting in a baby's giant high chair with its wide arm rests while in front of him perspiring porters fitfully flip back each rug.
"Bill," says the salesman, "I remember that these bright red Persian patterns go pretty well in your territory." Or, "Bill, I was checking through our sales for the last four months and you'd be surprised to see how this conservative type of modern pattern is going . . . say, this is something brand new we are trying in texture; why don't you be the first in your town to have it? ... special price on this one, Bill; you can sell it for $\$ 27.50$ with profit." At the mention of price Bill's mind becomes a bit more receptive. Though he has made a mental note to consider the virtues of what he has already seen, this matter of price intrigues him. For after all he knows what his customers want to spend and he must

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[^6][^7]buy shrewdly with that in mind.
And so it goes through the day and for the several days to come. His first name has greeted him in at least forty showrooms. At the end of an opening he has accumulated a vast reserve of slips reminding him that he has purchased or is going to buy several hundreds of rugs and square yards of carpeting to carry him through another season of selling. To some people this buyer has bought just some more rugs; something to spread on the floor, to be soft under the feet and to add a bit of color to the room.

Back of this rug which yields so softly under your feet there are months of research for a suitable design. There are years in finding just the right wool. There are machines which seem almost human in the way they pick out colored yarns.
Surrounding rugs there is an aura of romance. While the history of floor coverings from the bear's skin in the caves of old up to present-day textures is fascinating, it is also long. Instead, let us look at one of today's floor coverings.
In some far-off field in the Himalayas, India, Manchuria, Tibet. Scotland, or Iceland some bleating lamb today is being shorn of his greasy, dirt-laden coat. Some $600,000,000$ of them throughout the world get this once, twice a year, or every eight months. As a resalt $3,000,000,000$ pounds annually reach this country's many carpet factories.

The buying of this wool abroad is done by experts who negotiate with nomad shepherds, warrior chiefs, and even bandits. Just now in many sections of the world it is becoming harder and harder to get good carpet wool. The reason? The wool is going into the making of uniforms for soldiers. This is just one of the reasons why you will pay more for floor coverings this fall than you did last year.

By dromedary, camel, and ox cart the wool travels to points where it can be shipped to boats bound for Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and San Francisco. After the wool has arrived at some mill it is put through a cleaning process which robs it of about one third of its weight. In some mills after the wool is cleaned it is blown through huge air conveyors to the blending bins. And what a sight this room is! A vast space with about eight feet deep of mixtures of wool in it being tramped down by several men. They are cutting through all of this wool, much as you would a chocolate cake to get a little bit of everything.

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From the basic red, yellow, and blue analine dyes-for which wool has a great afininity-more than 12,000 shades for rugs and carpets are obtained. The yarn is lowered into the dye solution and boiled until all the dye has been taken up by the wool. After this it is stored in bins to await the day when it shall pass into some intricate flower or some geometrical design on a rug.
There are many things which decide whether it shall be a flower or a geometric which is woven. Chief of all, of course, is public taste. And today with taste turning to more plain carpeting or subtle texture effects there is not as much creating of floral patterns as there used to be,
But even so the sky is pretty much the limit when it comes to sources for inspiration for designs. They may be found in the Oriental rugs in museums or in royal palaces. Sometimes a bit of old-or new-wallpaper clicks with a designer and his fingers itch until he can adapt it to floor coverings. One designer specializes in spring flowers. You will see him arranging jonquils in a bowl. From the way they stand up and droop he will conceive a pattern for a new carpeting. A necktie has been known to set off a designer and as for Paisley shawls, a rich French brocade or a shred of a Scotchman's plaid-for them he will go off into a frenzy of sketching.
After the design has been done in miniature, the artist transfers it to large sheets of cross ruled paper. Each tiny square represents one tuft in the finished rug. In filling in the colors the designer must follow the outlines of the squares. Sometimes $2,000,000$ spots of color are needed for the design of a wilton rug.
What makes the wilton rug can best be compared to a player piano. With a punch before him as well as the colored design the puncher pushes holes through cards with each key pushed representing a color. More than 11,000 cards must be punched for one $9 \times 12$ wilton rug.

The cards are now arranged in order and laced together. They are then installed in the loom and the jacquard mechanism raises into position the yarn colors which correspond to the holes in the card.
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into a wilton practically an unlimited number can be used in the making of an axminster.
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But everyone has tried hard to give you what you want.
Everyone from the designer who got an inspiration at the Paris World's Fair to the superintendent of the mill who was just granted a patent on a new way to turn the spool on a chair.
They have all contributed something which is going to be all for home sweet home.

Why fruit trees that
flower don't always fruit [Contmued from page 1S]
other. On the other hand, Delicious and McIntosh apples, although self-unfruitful, produce good viable pollen and will fertilize other varieties quite readily. Their selt-unfruitfulness is due to the condition known as self-incompatibility.
Perhaps the most curious thing of all, is the romantic behavior of the Grimes Golden apple. This variety has good pollen, fertilizes itself partially and is an excellent variety to cross-pollinate many other apples; but it fails to bring about fertilization of the Arkan-


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sas variety of apple. A similar relation exists between the Bartlett and the Seckel pears. Each of these has pollen which successfully fertilizes many other pear varieties, but when it comes to each other, there is no more compatibility than existed between the heads of the houses of Montague and Capulet.
All of this seems rather complicated and confusing, but we may as well know the worst at this point. Even when we figure out the matter of cross-compatibility, we must be sure that the varieties selected bloom at approximately the same time. Usually, but not always, this can be left to chance. The Northern Spy apple is a very late bloomer and, since it is self-unfruitful, a late blooming companion must be found for it.
A very essential factor in the romance of the fruit blossoms is the transfer of pollen from the tree of one variety to another. This work is carried on by insects, principally the bee. Bees in search of nectar visit many blossoms on different trees and their bodies become covered with different varieties of pollen, some of which is left on the pistil of each flower visited. Since any one bee works within a rather limited area on a given day, trees which are to cross-pollinate each other should not be more than two hundred feet apart.
The weather during the bloom season affects the distribution of pollen. Best results are secured when the days are bright, not 100 windy, and fairly warm-at least above $65^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. Under these conditions, bees are very active. When the day is cloudy or windy, and cold, bees are not active: and, of course, they do not work when rain is falling. Under such unfavorable weather conditions, little pollen is transferred and it is even more important that thi; pollen be effective.
It is interesting to look at a few gardens, typical of many, where fruit trees have failed to bear satisfactory crops, and it is instructive to pause long enough to determine the probable reason for the failure.
In the first garden there are three fruit trees, a McIntosh apple, a Sheldon pear, and a Black Tartarian sweet cherry. All are beautiful in bloom, and each contributes its share of interest in the spring garden picture. But of fruit there is little. Each of these fruit trees is of a self-unfruitful variety and there are no other trees near enough to serve as mates. In another small garden stands one Stayman Winesap apple tree. Plenty of bloom appears every spring but the fruits can be counted on your fingers. This example might be duplicated hundreds of times

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with other varieties as well as with other fruits.
The third garden is a bit more complicated so far as our problem goes and at first it would seem as though adequate provision for mating had been made. In this garden we find six lovely, mature apple trees. The owner selected two each of McIntosh, Northern Spy, and Rhode Island Greening because he was partial to those varieties. The trees were used effectively in the scheme of the garden and nothing more could be desired than the effect
when they are in bloom; but the crop is mostly on the Rhode Island Greening trees. The McIntosh and Northern Spy trees bear very sparingly. What is the cause of this behavior?
The McIntosh and Greening trees bloom together and since the McIntosh pollen is good, the blossoms of the Greening are well fertilized. The Greening, however, is unable to fertilize the McIntosh because it produces poor pollen which will not germinate. The McIntosh is self-unfruitful and cannot fertilize its own blos-

## VARIETY LIST OF FRUITS FOR HOME GARDENS

The varieties of each fruit are divided into three groups, as follows:
Group 1-Self-fruitful: May be planted alone in the garden or may be used as pollenizers for those in Group 11 or 111 .
Group II-Self-unfruitful: Have good pollen and will pollenize each other, but one tree will not pollinate itself.
Group III-Self-unfruitful: Will not pollenize other varieties. Must be planted with another variety from Group 1, or in combination with two varieties from Group II.

| Fruit | Group I | Group II | Group III |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Apple | Cox's Orange <br> Grimes Golden <br> (Except for Arkansas) <br> Jonathan <br> Milton <br> Rome Beauty <br> (Blooms late) <br> Wealthy <br> York Imperial | Cortland <br> Delicious <br> Golden Delicious <br> King David <br> McIntosh <br> Northern Spy <br> (Blooms late) <br> Starking <br> Yellow Newtown | Baldwin <br> Gravenstein <br> Ohio Nonpareil <br> Rhode Island Greening <br> Stayman Winesap <br> Winesap |
| Pear | Duchesse <br> d'Angoulème Seckel (Except for Bartlett) <br> LeConte | Beurre d'Anjou <br> Bartlett (Except for Seckel) <br> Beurre Bosc <br> Beurre Clarigeau <br> Ewart <br> Gorham <br> Lawrence <br> Sheldon <br> Winter Nelis | 1 |
| Peach | Practically all varieties except those in Group III are selffruitful |  | J. H. Hale June Elberta (Mikado) <br> Late Crawford |
| Nectarine | Hunter Sure Crop Victoria |  |  |
| Apricot |  | Alexander Moorpark |  |
| Plum, Japanese, (will not pollenize European varieties) |  | Abundance <br> Beauty <br> Burbank <br> Santa Rosa Sultan Wickson | El Dorado Formosa Satsuma |
| Plum, European, (will not pollenize other types) | Agen <br> California Blue <br> Italian Prune <br> Reine Claude (Green Gage) <br> Stanley <br> Yellow Egg | Bavay Golden Drop Grand Duke Hall Imperial Washington |  |
| Sour Cherry | Early Richmond <br> English Morello <br> Montmorency | (Should not be used as pollenizers for sweet cherries because of the difference in bloom season) |  |
| Sweet Cherry | 1 - | Bing (Except for Na poleon) <br> Black Tartarian <br> Giant <br> Napoleon (Except for Bing) <br> Schmidt <br> Windsor |  |



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soms. "And what about the Northern Spy trees?" you ask. In this garden they are unable to function as mates because they usually bloom after the other trees have lost their flowers. This difference in blooming season renders the Northern Spy impotent as a mate for the McIntosh, regardless of the fact that it has excellent pollen. Also it is selfunfruitful and so, although it blooms every year in this garden, its flowers pass away and only a few fruits develop as evidence of its former splendor.
Of course, one frequently finds a garden with but one fruit tree which bears full crops year after year. This is entirely possible and in such a garden one of two conditions must exist. Either the tree is of a self-fruitful varietyand there are a number of these -or some near-by fruit tree is of variety which is compatible. When this is the case, no hedge, ence, or wall will stop the ronance with the busy bee acting Is cupid.
And now, if you have a fruit ree or several of them in your arden but are disappointed at arvest time, what can be done? There are three solutions to the röblem; two are permanent and ne is temporary.
The first solution is to plant nother variety of the same fruit the garden. The variety sected for this purpose must be a ood pollenizer and must bloom t about the same time as the ee which is to be mated. If the kisting tree or trees have poor ollen, the tree to be planted pould be a variety which is selfuitful, otherwise two varieties ill be necessary. In established ardens there may not be space ailable for two trees unless varfs are used. In planning a v garden it is easy to provide r cross-pollination. In this conction it may sometimes be und that there is a fruit tree adjoining property. If the disnce does not exceed two huned feet you may select a va$y$ which is compatible with is tree. Such a selection would of mutual benefit.
At the end of accompanying arle is a list of some of the better rieties for the garden arranged as to help in providing for pss-pollination. Use those vaties which are adapted to the ality and be guided by local perience in the matter of bloomb dates.
Another way of solving the pblem is to graft one branch a variety which will pollenize rest of the tree. This method especially useful when space not be found for another tree. a matter of fact, the grafting d not be limited to one branch to one variety, for a large e may be grafted to produce
several varieties of any one fruit. A number of amateur gardeners have created considerable interest in this way, besides solving the problem of securing full crops of fruit.

The third suggestion is a temporary solution, but none the less effective. It may be carried out each year if the gardener wishes to adopt it. Or the method may be necessary for three or four years when either of the first two suggestions have been followed. because new trees and grafts are not likely to flower for a few years. The procedure is simple. When the flowers on your tree begin to open, get a bouquet of flowering branches from another tree of the same kind of fruit and of a variety whose pollen will fertilize the flowers of your tree. Place these branches in a pail of water and hang the pail in your tree. The bees will do the rest.
Yes, romance is in the air when fruit trees are in bloom, but it is not necessary to depend on chance matings or to wonder sadly what happened to all of those beautiful flowers, when they fail to produce fruit. With the information now available on pollination it is possible to provide for a successful romance among the fruit trees and thereby insure full crops of delicious fruit in the garden at harvest time.

## Narcissi for

next spring's garden
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dent Viger. The petals may be wide like those of the lovely lemon-colored Yellow Poppy, or curled and pointed like those of Frank Miles, which looks like a pin-wheel. Of the large varieties Loudspeaker is as coarse and vulgar as its name; Fortune has the merit of being earlier and having a more richly colored cup than is usual in a daffodil of its size, and Havelock is fine in form and substance, though not a vigorous type in the garden.
The bicolors may have yellow: orange, or orange-rimmed cups. Holbein, to me one of the most


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and visited gardens last spring, envied the beauty and variety of the daffodil displays, took copious notes with a view to ordering new kinds this fall-and subsequently lost the notes and quew find yourself all at sea now find yourself all at sea
as to what kinds to buy. If so, cheer up. Millions of gardeners have done the sameand for such as they this article has been prepared
For, since there are eleven different types or classes of narcissus, and since the latest official "Classified List of Daffodil Names" issued last April by the Royal Horticultural Society of Great Britain mentions more than 7,600 named varieties, don't worry if you get the various classes mixed up and you lose track of kinds that you wished to remember. Remember, the selection of varieties for your garden is a personal, individual problem for you to solve after interesting trials. The sorts recommended here, while tried and liked by many, are by no means the only ones you should test under your own particular conditions.
beautiful and desirable of all daffodils, has a blazing yellow cup very lightly creased at the edges, and wide, pointed ivory petals. It has a distinct form, good substance, and very fine texture. Lucifer has a glowing cup, and a starry white perianth of very thin substance. R. M. Tobin is an improved Lucifer as to size, but with the same floppy petals. John Evelyn is a fresh looking flower with a sharp contrast between its snowy perianth and the deep yellow crown, which has a slightly thickened edge. Kennack is particularly recommended for the garden in that it has an orange crown that doesn't burn.

## $\operatorname{Division~III——Barri}^{\text {I }}$

The barris, in which the cup or crown is less than one third the petal length, are light and graceful in form, but unfortunately not recommended without reservation for gardens, especially in exposed or hot locations. The typical red-rimmed cups burn in strong sunlight, and the petals are too thin to be very durable. When planted in the garden they should be in a shaded and sheltered position. There are two sections, (a) with yellow perianth and (b) with white perianth.

The typical yellow barris have red-rimmed cups. The old Barri conspicuus I have always thought thin, poor and colorless. Bath's Flame is large and delicately colored, with a graceful droop; it comes out nicely indoors, but a hot wind will ruin it. Brilliancy is large and colorful, but also weak in substance. Glitter is all


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yellow, with no red in the cup; it is very small, the stem being only eight inches.
The bicolors may have cups with or without red. Alcida is a fine example of the second type with very broad overlapping petals of pure white, and a yellow cup deepening in color at the margin. It is notable for being very late. Southern Star is an early variety of this type. Firetail and Bonfire are considered good redcupped varieties, but they are not as brilliant as Dragoon which has a pale yellow, orange-rimmed cup against a dazzling white perianth. Pride of Virginia is similar in color, but inferior in form.

## $\mathscr{D}_{\text {ivision }}$ IV- $\mathcal{L}_{\text {eedsi }}$

The leedsis, which stand up particularly well in the garden and improve as they become established, are distinguished not by form, but by color: they have white perianths, and white or very pale cups sometimes tinted with apricot or pink. There are two sections corresponding in shape to Divisions II and III, viz. (a) giant leedsis with cups from a third as long to equally as long as the petals, and (b) small-crowned leedsis with cups less than a third of the length of the petals.

Of the (a) group Mermaid is an old form still considered desirable; inexpensive, pure white and early. The newer Tenedos has been very high in price, but can now be bought for seventyfive cents a bulb. It has a handsome primrose cup approaching a trumpet in length. Mitylene is another fine leedsi that has come down to more nearly everyday prices. White Pearl is creamy white and magnificent. Tunis is a distinct ivory-white, the crown frilled and deepening to buff at the edge. It is strong, tall and very early, holds its head up well, and increases rapidly. Though not found in all catalogues, it can be bought for about two dollars and a half. Cicely is distinct in form and color, and very early.

The small leedsis are light in color and form, and many are good for naturalizing. Southern Gem is an early variety, and White City a very late one. Evangeline, Albania, Queen of the North, and White Lady are all old forms with very wide very white petals, and small, yellowish cups. They all make a white drift when planted in quantities, and there is little to choose between them. Salmonetta, a small and dainty variety with a pale apricot cup, has the delicacy of form and color of the triandrus hybrids of the next division, but is rather uncertain. A very lovely leedsi of equal delicacy, but a more durable substance, is Beatrice. The flowers, lightly poised on long slim stems, have

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After all, a living room should be all that the lame implies. Its furnishings should be grouped o encourage conversation and provide for readag, the playing of games and entertaining. For hese reasons, fireplace and window groups are xtremely effective and practical.
The modern room, shown above, demonstrates uch a grouping. It is a delightful blend of decoative harmony and convenience, with adequate rovision for light. The deep-cushioned chair at he left is upholstered in a rich beige which simu2tw the hues of the natural wood chest and coffec able. Old Japanese prints, in their faded greens nd reds, accentuate similar tones in the wallaper. Woolen fabric draperies, in stripes of redish browns, grays and beige, frame the window he American Home, October, 1937

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## $\underset{\text { Iriandrus }}{\mathscr{G} \text { (ivision }} \overline{\mathrm{G}}-\overline{ }$

 These lovely narcissi are not as fragile as they look. They prefer shade to sun, but are not particular as to soil. However, being delicate in color and texture, they show to better advantage in a rock garden, or some place where they do not have to compete with larger forms. Thalia-sometimes listed as a small leedsi-bears two or three pearly white flowers to a stem; it grows well and increases. The perianth is slightly ruffled, and the crown deep and bowl-shaped. Agnes Harvey is similar to Thalia, but not as attractive. Silver Chimes is a cross between a triandrus and a tazetta (Division VIII) and is sometimes listed as one of the latter type. It has creamy petals, and "citron cups as clear as the light of an evening sky." There are also yellow flowers in this division, such as the little canary Queen of Spain, and Harvest Moon which has a long flaring trumpet.
## $\operatorname{Divisision~VI-~}^{\text {V }}$ <br> $\mathcal{C}_{\text {yclamineus }} \mathcal{H} \mathcal{H}_{y}$ brids

The daffodils of this group are prized for their early bloom. February Gold is like its parent species in this respect only; in form it is a small trumpet, much less reflexed than in the typical cyclamineus perianth, with a long cylindrical trumpet. Orange Glory is taller, a little later, and of a deeper color. It has not a good substance, and is inclined to flop. Beryl has broad overlapping petals, paler than its short yellow cup. It is a hybrid of N. cyclamineus and N . poeticus and is especially lovely.

## Division VII$\mathscr{F}_{\text {onquilla }} \mathscr{F}$ (ybrids

The jonquils are a distinct and lovely group richly colored, and with clusters of small, fragrant flowers and shining rushlike foliage. The hybrids are very desirable. Trevithian is outstanding for its cool color, unusual in a jonquil. It has two flowers to a stem. Golden Scepter I do not like because it looks like an insignificant trumpet. Buttercup, a rich yellow, and almost a trumpet, is cheap. Both of these stay in bloom a long time, and are good garden varieties. Orange Queen is the deepest color. Primrose, outstanding but expensive, is unusual in having but one flower to a stem.


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## Division VIII-

## Tazetta or $\mathscr{L}_{\text {oetaz }}$

This division includes the tender polyanthus varieties that are very early in the South and forced for winter flowers in the North, such as Soleil d'Or, and Grand Monarque, the Paperwhite narcissus. These bunch-flowered narcissi are of medium height, with stiff stems. The later blooming tazetta hybrids are surprisingly varied as to color, form, and the number of flowers to a head. Laurens Koster is an old variety with white perianth and deep yellow cup. Glorious has a whiter, broader perianth, and a scarlet cup. Haemon and Orange Cup are yellow forms, the latter having more contrast between the cup (which is as orange as the name implies) and the petalstoo much so to my way of thinking. Elvira and Aspasia are forms with larger flowers and fewer to a head. Aspasia has four or five flowers to a head, the cup being citron and the perianth white and of very fine substance. Similar, but with two flowers to a head, is Narcissus biflorus, an old and very late variety which we, in the South, call Twin Sisters, and value because it blooms with the tulips. Medusa is a distinct and unusual form with two large flowers to a head, and a bright red eye against a very white, broad perianth.

## $\mathscr{D i v i s i o n ~}^{\text {IX—央oeticus }}$

The varieties of the poet's narcissus are well suited to the garden because of their good substance, and the decorative value of their bright red and yellow eyes against the pure white perianths. But there is little variety in them. After one has had the early N. ornatus and the late N. recurvus (Pheasant's Eye), which is one of the last daffodils to bloom, some large varieties such as Dante, Horace, or Sarchedon. with its very large perianth segments, and the small and exquisite Juliet, more would be duplication. Even so, I should like to have them for their names, and that I might look forward every spring to the blossoming of Homer, Herrick, and Rupert Brooke.

## Division X—Double CVarieties

Most of the types represented in the above mentioned divisions have double varieties. Holland's Glory is a double Trumpet Twink, Sulphur Phoenix, and Orange Phoenix are doubles of the Incomparabilis Division. Sul phur Phoenix is creamy white and late blooming and Orange Phoenix has white perianth seg ments, and orange center seg ments. Red Huzzar is a gay barri; the center petals of yellow edged with orange are in shar contrast to the ivory-white oute


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## $\mathscr{D}_{\text {ivision }} \mathrm{XI}-\mathrm{CV}_{\text {arious }}$

These some of the smaller members of the Triandrus and Jonquilla Divisions，and the small trumpets are usually considered rock garden material－not be－ cause they have any affinity for rocks，but because．being small and often of difficult culture，it is easier to see them，to attend to their especial needs，and to keep track of them，when they are segregated in separate spaces be－ tween rocks． N ．bulbocodium，the hoop petticoat daffodil，is not difficult if it is given a hot sunny situation and a gravelly soil．It has an enormously wide crown and the petals are reduced to mere strips．It is a deep yellow like the jonquils，and has the same narrow foliage．The variety citrinus is very pale yellow，and the variety monophyllus，white． The crown of N ．cyclamineus （whose hybrids form Division VI）is a long narrow cylinder， and the petals are bent back against the stem like those of a cyclamen．It requires a rather moist soil，and is difficult to grow． N ．triandrus albus（Angels＇ Tears）is a similar and tiny form． very early and pure white．Like N ．cyclamineus it is difficult to －establish，but it is said to reseed if left undisturbed in a situation that is to its liking．One might go on indefinitely in this fas－ cinating and varied division which includes N ．juncifolius，the rush－leaved daffodil（from which the term jonquilla is said to be derived），and the rare autumnal daffodil，N．viridiflorus．However， anyone who has come thus far probably needs no further urging to try some of the many different kinds of daffodils that can bring so much loveliness to their gar－ dens．And now，until frost shuts down upon us，is the time to get and plant them for spring bloom．



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baseballs, rubbers, etc. and yet be inconspicuous because it would appear to be only the lowest stair-tread in the front hall. We had planned a huge closet directly off our own bedroom which could be used as a storage room, sewing room, and catchall, and still leave space to "swing a cat." To me, a sewing machine mars the artistic charm of a roomeven a sewing room-so with this little sanctum, no one need see the instrument with whose help I turn out rompers, and such things. We were proud of the combination ironing board and snacktable in our kitchen; it was so designed that one could open the door to the folding contrivance and let down the ironing board, and then, if one wished to use it as snack-table, he simply opened up the two wings, theretofore folded underneath.
Then we marked time until we might start building upon a location which entirely suited us. As my husband's business was a permanent one in the suburbs where we lived, we had no qualms about building; we knew that, once built, our home would be ours for keeps. After careful looking and questioning, we selected a location which we were sure would remain as ideal as on the day we bought it. A blind street, just off the leading residential street of the town, it was flanked on one side by a large lot in which a
local nurseryman raised dwarf evergreens, and on the other by the great outdoors-a wide open space sloping gradually up to a large wooded hill. None of this land would ever be used for residential purposes because of the soil composition the surface irregularity, and its position in relation to the hill. Here we were assured perfect ventilation and air circulation (no neighboring houses would crowd and stifle us) and, best of all, proximity to our dear friend Mother Nature, which seemed almost unbelievable in the limits of a township. The grounds of the local school which faced upon the residential street, extended back not far from the rear of our deep lot, so our youngsters could easily cut cross-lots to save time; thus we would be saved all worries about hurriedly eaten, undigested lunches.
The days when our Dream House was being built were exciting ones. Hardly a board was hammered in place but we knew how and when it was done, for we spent all spare time watching developments and marveling at the progress made each week, albeit we impatiently waited the time of its completion.
Then came the blow! As the house neared its anticipated completion, we began to be a bit worried about its external appearance. For the first time we realized that we had given so much


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thought to the interior, to the placing of baseplugs, location of cupboards, and type of hardware, that we had not thought much about the outside. That is where an architect would have been handy; he would have shown us all this. But with a limited budget, we felt we could not afford a master architect-and an unattractive exterior was the result. (Home planners, take notice!) The interior of our house was perfect from our point of view; there wasn't one thing we would have changed. But, approaching the house each night after dinner on our daily inspection tour, we were increasingly startled by the plain straight lines and the barren, stark look of the building.
"Perhaps, after all, we were wrong in not choosing a certain type of house and adhering to that style," I lamented. "It looks so cold and uninviting-just the opposite of what we want it to convey"-this last almost tearfully. And this was after all the outside work was done and the workmen were finishing up the inside details!
"I suppose a few shrubs will help . . . some," my husband comforted in a not too convincing tone, feeling-as he later con-fessed-that it would take more than "a few shrubs" to make our Dream House presentable. Assuredly, we must do sometbing, and it seemed to us that, since the house was actually built, that "something" could only be accomplished by planting. Consequently, as soon as we were established in our home-just in time for a happy Christmas-we once more began to plan as industriously as we had for years past, only now our planning was concerned with the dressing up of our beloved, though barren, home. Evening after evening, long after the latest news bulletins came off the air, we pored over home planning magazines which included planting suggestions, and seed and nursery catalogs. There were also occasions in the daytime when we nearly ran our unpretentious car onto well-kept lawns, so engrossed were we in studying the surrounding plantings.
With a typical post-war budget to work with, we were forced to plan carefully and well, so we arranged all of our planting on paper first, which we feel is by far the best way to do. A row of Anthony Waterer spirea can be moved far more easily on paper than when in soil, and with much less family controversy!

We made just two purchases before our entire plant lay-out was completed. The first was of a white or silver maple tree (Acer saccharimum) which we planted a bit to the east of the center of the house and outside the public sidewalk. This tree, together with

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the hard maple west of the drive-way-which was already of good size-would furnish just the right amount of shade on the front and south sides of our house. The second purchase was a pair of Dorothy Perkins rose bushes which were planted on either side of our front entrance at the base of the trellises. Aided by the entrance hood, these climbers would eventually form the rose-wreathed doorway which poets write about and to which, in all our plans, we referred with keen anticipation. (Unfortunately these ramblers, which made rapid and prolific growth, had been trimmed back just before the second of the two front view photographs was taken.)
Then came a long period of patient waiting for the time when all of our shrubbery and flowers would be in place. Thanks to the sentimental natures in our family, there were innumerable birthdays and anniversaries, holidays and other special days in which we found excuses (sometimes flimsy ones) for stretching our budget slightly and visiting the local nursery. Even so, it took four long years to accomplish the results shown in the accompanying illustrations; but they were years of real fun-each one more than its predecessor because the progress of the earlier plantings was sur-prising-so our friends told us. If true, this was due to the fact that we purchased from reliable growers, followed instructions as to planting, soil preparation, care, and watering, and mulched well in winter to guard against possible freeze-outs.
Beginning at the front door where our Dorothy Perkins gallantly sent up shoot after shoot covered with blush-pink blossoms, let's examine the planting which so changed the appearance of our little home. In front of the ramblers we planted Spirea vanhouttei to bloom before the roses and thereafter present a graceful display all through the summer. Also, they filled the space between the climbers and the ground, binding them together, so to speak. Another bush of this same variety was planted at the junction of living- and sun-rooms where an ugly "jog" almost screamed for something to hide its ungainliness.

At the right of the front door we placed a row of Hydrangea paniculata grandiflora (the kind that nurserymen call "Pee-gee") below the living room windows. In front of and close to the house under the sun-room windows where only a narrow planting was required, Spirea Anthony Waterer has outdone itself in furnishing annually continuous bloom all summer long right up to freezing weather. An old German gardener told us that we
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## The spatter-work

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DURING the 1937 spring flower show season in New York, much interest was aroused among flower lovers by several exhibitions, arranged by Mrs. Robert C. Hill, of the ancient and alluring art of spatter-work, an example of which is the lovely fern print on page 41. From deeply imbedded childhood memories of work done by a young aunt after a term at a "Seminary for the Daughters of Refined Gentlefolk," she had, the previous fall, revived the idea as a possible source of really personal Christmas cards. Immediately intrigued by its rich opportunities in that direction, she was led to carry it farther, to the extent, indeed, of seeing it develop into a full-fledged hobby that carried her into the museums, public libraries, antique shops, and storage warehouses of the city, and led to various unexpected and delightful discoveries about this long lost "polite accomplishment" of the eighteenth century.
"Very beautiful prints can be made with this finely stippled, shaded background, if intelligently done," says Mrs. Hill, and certainly the fern design bears her out. Furthermore and fortunately, as she points out, "spat-ter-work cannot be reproduced in quantity and therefore can never become commercial. Each print is unique; you will not be able to make two exactly alike."

While this particular artist tends to minimize the skill needed to make spatter-work prints, it is obvious that something of the divine touch of genius is needed in arranging flower subjects, even before beginning the mechanical task of spattering them with $\ln$ dia ink from the bristles of an old toothbrush. For, as she says, "One must avoid the effect of a botanical specimen; it is the spirit, the gesture of the plant you wish to catch, not a map of it.
Perhaps that is all we can here attempt to convey as to the artistic technique. To explain a little more in detail the modus operandi, we cannot do better than again quote from Mrs. Hill, who, besides being able to create these lovely, decorative pictures, possesses the enviable ability to view and talk about the work with a delicious sense of humor. In an article published in the Bulletin of the Garden Club of America, she says, "For your first spatter you had better use a sheet of white blotting paper; cut a frame or guard from dark blotting paper, the rectangular opening being the size that you wish to use for your print.


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"Place your subject in position, tucking any stem ends under the frame to keep them flat and the pin the frame solidly, with fine, short, steel, glass-headed pins, to the carton-board. This is to avoid any blur at the edge of your picture for the fine mist of the spatter permeates the most unforeseen crevices. A package of No. 10 sewing needles is very necessary for pinning the finest leaves and tendrils to the white paper. Drive them in firmly with a thimble, upright not slanting. Now you are all ready to spatter. Put on a pair of soft, old kid gloves or you will curse me for ruining your hands.
"The idea is to print the plant in silhouette on the white blotting paper with as fine a mist as possible. No, an atomizer will not do. It is far too liquid. The ink must be as dry as possible or it will blur and blot. Use only Chinese India ink, it can be got in bottles called "Higgins Waterproof Ink" which comes in many beautiful colors. Pour some into a small saucer so the brush can be evenly filled for it is a toothbrush you are to use; no other will do. A good even bristle, very stiff toothbrush it must be. The ten cent variety is far too flabby.
"For real comfort I use two pieces of wood a few inches long and two inches high, placed one on either side of the work on the dark blotting paper. On these I rest a ruler and my hands. A light-weight, sharp-edged, twelveinch ruler is the best implement to use with your toothbrush for the actual Spattering; with these you play the fiddle lightly up and down over your work, Spattering as fancy dictates. It is better to go lightly over and over many times than to Spatter heavily at first. The most difficult part is to keep your toothbrush dry enough not to drip and yet wet enough to Spatter. Practice makes perfect. If, for instance your first print is to be of ferns (the easiest to print of all) see that each frond and pinna is pinned down at its tip. Pin frequently along the stem, and after your first group of ferns is in place tack other fronds slightly above and between the first layer. Spatter; then remove these last one or two ferns and spatter lightly again. This causes the first ones to recede delightfully. It is this shading that makes the charm of the Japanese type of print.
"Now your printing is done. Let it dry thoroughly and take out the pins and needles carefully, remove the blotting paper frame and admire your handiwork, noting carefully your errors!
"Spatter is winter work, but we can be on the lookout for pressable material all through our gardening year."

Simple planting did it! [Continued from page 118]
would enjoy this continuous blooming if we would cut the flowerheads off as soon as they faded; it was a fine suggestion and one which we have never failed to act on. Behind the Anthony Waterer hedge, at the corners of the house, Pride of Rochester deutzia won a place; this we have allowed to grow six and seven feet high to give a finished effect to that side of the house.

On the northeast side, where the sunroom projects from the main part of the house and forms an unattractive indentation, we filled in with Forsythia intermedia, Mockorange (Philadelphus) and flowering almonds. Behind these shrubs, a Hall's Japanese honeysuckle climbs gracefully up a trellis and throws out a fragrance that is distinctly pleasant when it is in bloom.

In the back yard we planted Crimson Ramblers on either side of the French doors leading into the dining room, surrounded a brick terrace with California privet, and planted Chinese elm, butterfly bush (Buddleia), and French pussy willow.

Returning to the front, on either side of the entrance walk, we made a triangular planting by combining three Japanese barberries (Berberis thunbergi) with
one hydrangea in the center to give height. On the west side, in the narrow strip between driveway and house, more barberry holds forth, while under the kitchen window a Chaplin Pink Rambler helps brighten the morning cooking hours. The west side of the driveway boasts a straight row of sturdy iris extending from the street to the garage; a veritable picture at blooming time, it forms a vigorous and practical border planting throughout the season.

The east side of the garage, which forms part of the background of our much-lived-in back yard, is almost screened from view most of the summer by a Dr. Van Fleet climbing rose and quantities of gorgeous hollyhocks.

Our back yard is really an outdoor living room. The youngsters spend all of their waking hours there in the sand pile, on slide or swing, or just loafing; the entire family (and their friends) eat many meals there, and the birds have a glorious time in the bird houses which we built for them. It is separated from the flower cutting and vegetable gardensof which we are extremely proud -by a trellis which extends from garage to property line with roses-Gardenia and Climbing American Beauty-climbing all over it.

Thus, by means of careful and discriminating planting, by reading garden magazines with careful interest, and following instruc-


Winter view of the backyard as it was at first. The school can be seen across the fields which present no traffic problem for the children. Below: The backyard (with a bit of the garage at left) after it was transformed into an outdoor living room

 said to me. "You only get what you pay for. So if you're going to buy insurance for your home do what I do-get the best. Buy it from an agent that represents good, strong stock insurance companies. He knows what you should have - and can afford - and he takes care of all the details. When you have your fire or accident he's right at your elbow - ready to take over your worries-ready to handle all rhe details of your claims and make sure they are settled fairly, squarely, quickly."

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## Fall windows

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space, and then use only one drapery on the outer edge of each window.
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## Fern fronds in my garden <br> [Continued from page 40]

fern's leaves. Usually a frond is divided into segments called "pinnae," already mentioned in connection with the Christmas fern. Often these pinnae are subdivided into smaller segments, or "pinnules." The term "pinnate" means fronds once divided; "bi-pinnate" means fronds twice divided; and "tri-pinnate," fronds three times divided.

Ferns spread and increase by means of creeping rootstocks or are propagated from spores. Spores, which serve as the ferns' seeds, develop on what are known as "fertile" fronds. Sometimes these spore-bearing fronds are different in form and appearance from the ordinary "sterile" fronds; but in the case of Christmas fern, maidenhair spleenwort, marginal shield fern, common wood fern, and the male fernthe ferns we are discussing in this article-the fertile fronds look the same as the sterile fronds, except that they bear fruit dots or spores on the back.

The marginal shield fern or leather wood fern, which was mentioned before, is a sturdy, attractive plant. Its habit of growth - with the bi-pinnate,


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evergreen fronds circumjacent to the crown which projects an inch or so above the ground-makes it a plant to use where form and outline can be appreciated, as, for instance, in a violet bed. I have a quantity in my violet bed and when the blossoms have gone and the violet foliage begins to look a bit seedy, the marginal shield ferns still retain their sprightly upstanding foliage. In dense woods, this fern is a deep hunter's green, and although it does well where some sunlight reaches it, the color bleaches out to a lighter shade. It is most easily recognized by its spore cases or fruit dots; they are about the size of pin heads, and are exceedingly prominent, being borne conspicuously on the margins of the pinnules, that is, the divided segments of the pinnae.
I am very fond of the male fern. It grows in the form of an effective whorl like the marginal shield fern and, indeed, is rather similar to it. But the fruit dots are much smaller and placed differently on the pinnules. The male fern is not evergreen, but I use it in the same way as I use the marginal shield fern, that is, potted on the porch in summer, and indoors in winter, or among spring flowers where its lasting foliage will be appreciated in the late summer when the flower foliage dies down. It rises beautifully and gracefully from between rocks at the side of the pool or in the rock garden, and fits into spaces with the smaller rock garden plants.

The wood fern family is a most attractive group-one of the most attractive of all. It is also a large family, about whose names the botanists are always disagreeing. Many wood ferns are so similar that unless one is well steeped in fern lore one cannot perceive the differences. It is enough to know that the variety can be classed as a wood fern.
What is known as the common wood fern is an unbelievably lacy variety which some people recognize as the "fancy fern" of the florist. It will surprise some to learn that many of these are not grown by florists at all, but are collected and shipped by the thousand from their natural habitat. In cities, you will see them included in bouquets and corsages and scattered along banquet tables; you will notice them banked profusely in extravagantly decorated florists' windows and generously included in floral displays. It is an agreeable surprise to recognize this delightful fern growing simply and modestly under an ordinary pine tree or on a shaded slope. I still retain my little girl illusion that florists grow ferns and orchids, while amateur gardeners grow what the [Please turn to page 124]

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Fern fronds in my garden
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florists scorn; therefore. I remember the pleasant shock I had when I realized that there were wood fern plants actually growing in the fern bank we had inherited from the former tenants of our house. Not only thatthere were several varieties of wood fern!
The common wood fern is evergreen. The fronds are from one to three feet long (although the garden varieties do not seem to attain the maximum heights) and bi-pinnate or often tri-pinnate. They are excellent for indoor, as well as outdoor, culture, the plant as a whole growing in an attractive and uniform shape besides having delicately cut, lacy fronds, which lend themselves nicely to table and other decorations; I even use them with some kinds of flowers. I am very fond of placing a single rose with a wood fern frond in a prized sea-green bottle vase. The delicate pinnae of the fern show through the bottom of the bottle in a most effective manner.
Perhaps I was not quite accurate when I spoke of maidenhair spleenwort needing an alkaline, dry soil. It does well in almost any kind of soil, but it has done better for me in an alkaline soil than in acid locations. This little fern, which is pinnate with rounded pinnules borne on a dark, shiny stem, is found on rocky, shaded ledges. More than any other fern, it demands the shade. Consequently it does well in a terrarium or in a plain pot in the house. It seldom grows over eight or ten inches in height and it offers so much in return for a minimum amount of care that it is a good fern to cultivate.

There are many other ferns I might mention here, such as the interrupted fern and the cinnamon fern which surprise us by growing to the height of four, five, and even six feet; also strange, exotic ferns such as the maidenhair and the walking fern. But I have purposely tried to limit myself to the smaller ferns whose presence add beauty to the small garden. I have remembered the kinds which transplant easily, which grow without too much care, and, better still, which are not hard to find in the woods. Fortunately, few of our fernsnone of the ones I have men-tioned-are so rare that they must be conserved to the degree of never being transplanted from their natural homes. But if you dig your ferns in the woods, do remember to take a trowel large enough to facilitate getting the

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roots; then keep the plants moist until you find time to plant them in their new homes, and try a nearly as you can to duplicate the manner in which they wer found growing. Then, I am sure you will enjoy this new hobby o growing ferns among your flow ers and will find them an interesting and profitable (usually inex pensive) addition to your garden

## The stubborn dozen

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of the cleaning fluid has evapor ated. Hard, vigorous rubbing should be avoided even if you are not working with inflammable cleaning preparations because toc much friction wears and roughens any materıal.

Because of the danger of re moving the dye along with the stain, it always remains a matte of judgment whether or not to attempt stain removal from col ored materials with any treat ment more drastic than soap and water cleansing. For the garment that you send to the cleaner, re member that he, too, can do more efficient job, at less risk to your garments, if a note is at tached to the article telling him that the stain is wine, ice cream or whatever you know it to be
Why not paste the following table of treatments for stains in your laundry room for quick ref erence?
WAX-Carefully remove as mucl wax as possible without injuring the fabric; then press the remain der with a warm iron, placing blotter above and below the spot Then apply denatured alcohol For colored wax it may be neces sary to use a bleach. On whit washable goods apply hydroger peroxide and rinse thoroughly On colored cottons, silks, woolens rayon, or celanese it is alway best first to try carefully in som inconspicuous part of the dress It may be necessary to dilute th hydrogen peroxide with equa parts of luke warm water befor proceeding.
MEDICINE stains that are fres? are washed out or soaked in coly water. If stain remains, soak i denatured alcohol. Household am monia, rinsed out with clea water, and soaked in denature alcohol is an effective remedy fo iodine-especially when the hand are badly stained. To remov Argyrol apply salt and ammoni to stain while still fresh. Mercuro chrome spilled on washable whit materials should be boiled fo five minutes or less in a one pc cent solution of potassium per manganate, rinsed well, and im mersed in a hot one per cen solution of oxalic acid. Rinse wel
warm water and a grease solvent for its satisfactory removal. On white washable garments apply dissolved crystals of potassium permanganate for five minutes (one teaspoon crystals to a pint of water). Then apply hydrogen peroxide, plus a few drops of oxalic acid solution and rinse thoroughly. Or, apply a few drops of oxalic acid and follow with a few drops of chlorine bleach such as Javelle water or Chlorox and rinse quickly with warm water. INK (Blue or black writing fluid). 1. On white linen or cotton soak in milk or buttermilk, changing milk at intervals until stain disappears. 2. Colored cot-tons-dip stain in citric acid such as lemon juice. Sprinkle with salt and hold over the spout of a boiling tea kettle or place in the sunshine. Wash and rinse well. 3. Dyed woolens-moisten and apply French chalk or cornstarch. Let dry and brush off. Or, if traces of ink still remain use a chlorine bleach such as Javelle water. 4. On rugs (a) cover spot with table salt while still wet; (b) or saturate spot with three tablespoons baking soda to one quart lukewarm water. Use several clean cloths to mop it up. Do not leave it on dark rugs too long for it sometimes removes a little of the dye; (c) Many people prefer to wipe up the ink spots at once with clean cloths dipped in hot, mild
soap suds before ink soaks in. GUM that adheres to anything even hair-may nearly always be removed by applying egg white. Gasoline, carbon tetrachloride, or any good dry cleaning solvent will take gum out of a rug. If ice is held on the under side of the material, beneath the gum, the gum will crumble and can be brushed off. If the fabric will water spot, hold the ice in a thin piece of rubber (old bathing cap or balloon).
SHOE POLISH (dark) on washable fabrics should be rubbed well with lard before the usual soap and water washing. Shoe polish stains on white stockings may be treated with a half ounce of oxalic acid crystals (poison) dissolved in one pint water. Rinse out the solution and repeat until stains disappear; then wash thoroughly.
CHOCOLATE stains that are not removed at once with soap and water should be soaked in borax and cold water, then washed. If there still remains any of the stain, in white washable fabrics, bleach with hydrogen peroxide and rinse in cold water.
SINGE (or scorch) spots differ from stains because something has actually been taken from the material. Scorched cotton or linen should be placed immediately in the sunshine and left until the scorch disappears. Scorched wool
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## Blame your pots and pans

> "The edges of my cakes, especially layer cakes are drier than I wish them."

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F. M. Demarest

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Her range was a splendid, new, modern, automatic range, and she said the gas company had adjusted it but she believed they hadn't done a good job. To please her I tested the oven with a test thermometer and found it to be perfect I said, "Oh, lady, lady, you are all wrong, it is probably your pans-do let me see them." But she just knew it wasn't the fault of the pans.

I finally suggested a test -for seeing is believing! We made the batter for a two-layer cake, put exactly half of it in one of her pans and the other half in one of my nice bright aluminum pans, and placed them in the oven. We sat in front of the oven door, impatiently waiting for the twentyfive minutes to elapse to prove the point. When the door was at last opened. the cake baked in the aluminum pan was noticeably thicker than the one baked in the dark tin. Also the cake in the old tin was darker on the bottom than on the top; there was a hump in the middle, and there was a thick crust on the edge, while the cake in the aluminum pan was perfect.
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[^8]should be rubbed with the corrugated edge of a new coin. This will remove most of the burnt edges of the wool threads, but if the spot is still noticeable and the material will not withstand any more friction, hold the spot with the scorched side up over a small bowl filled with boiling water. Work the material back and forth over the edge of the bowl. The steam will raise the nap and the hard rim of the bowl acts as sort of buffer. When wool is scorched deeply enough to become a burn, it is practically impossible to remove traces except by the finest of darning or reweaving. Most cities have a specialty shop that does this work. GREASE-The general rule for light grease spots on wash fabrics is warm water and soap. Or first rub a little lard on the spot, wash, and rinse well. For heavy grease, soak stains in turpentine and wash with soap in the usual way. Nonwashable materials should be sponged with a grease solvent such as gasoline, benzine, or carbon tetrachloride. Pure vinegar will sometimes remove grease spots from wool. Grease spots on rugs may be saturated with carbon tetrachloride, then stroked gently and dried well with a clean cloth. Do not use in a room where there is an open flame. Clean blotting paper placed over the grease spot and covered with a hot iron will help absorb the grease. If dust has settled on the spot, sponge first with a cleaning fluid, then apply the blotter and hot iron.
COFFEE stains should be sponged in cold water as soon as possible. Stains that remain on cotton or linen after washing with soap and water should be soaked in boiling water or have boiling water poured through the stains from a height of two or three feet. If brown spot still persists use a chlorine bleach such as Chlorox or Javelle water, and rinse with clear water.
EGG stains should be soaked in cold water (sponged immediately if possible) because hot water would cook the egg. Then if material is washable, wash in fairly hot water and soap. If material is not washable, sponge with carbon tetrachloride and rinse well.

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For the sweets of the tea, make up tiny little sponge cakes and frost them in different colors to blend with the table decorations. A bouquet of fresh autumn flowers suggests pale yellow, orange, and dusky chocolates for little cakes. But do keep the frostings delicate in color; pastels rather than harsh colors. But if you want to decorate your little cakes with fancy designs, you'll like the new cake decorator by the Aluminum Goods Manufacturing Company. It will come in handy later on, too, when you want to please guests at a children's party.

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May I offer what I believe to be constructive criticism with regard to recipes published in THE AMERican Home?
The pages in the August issue devoted to "Ring Around a Salad" and "Hot Breads to Accompany Summer Fruits and Berries" look delectable, but we have no idea how many servings these recipes will make.
Would it be possible to include the number which the recipes wil serve in the squares along with the recipes? It seems to me to be very essential to know whether you are preparing a recipe for two or twelve persons. Perhaps I have overlooked this information somewhere in the magazine but I think it would be so helpful to have it right along with the recipe so that the squares might be cut out and preserved, giving not only the recipe but a pic ture of the result and the number it will serve.

Very truly yours,
ane McGervey,
Kansas City, Missouri.
We like your suggestion and we faithfully promise that from now on we'll give the number of servings whenever possible. In fact you'll notice that in this very issue (page 48, Meat On Your Budget) we give that information. We want to do everything possible to make the recipes more usable.

Collecting lion glass
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Why the designer made it so is a complete mystery to this day.

I was especially happy when I found the first of my twelve bread plates in a northern Michigan village. This is a very handsome. heavy type of plate with two handles and a frosted center bearing in intaglio a single defiant lion in a tropical setting. The cabled border contains the line. "Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread," which is placed on an etched background.

In an out-of-the-way shop in the mountains of New York I found my first oval platter. It has a frosted center containing an intaglio group consisting of a lion guarding a wounded lioness and her cub, surrounded by a wide plain border edged with the cable. Its handles are frosted lions. Both the oval and the round plates are very scarce and beautiful.

In the same unexpected fashion I discovered the cheese dish, and just in the nick of time, for in another few hours it would have gone into the hands of an Eastern collector. It has a cable-edged plate about eight inches across, containing a large rampant lion in intaglio. The lid fits closely to the edge of the plate and is clear glass except for a rampant lion
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handle resting on a trosted center. It was some time before I located my first goblet, and of course one never finds them in half dozens. It is about eight inches high, with a plain bowl on a slender frosted standard having three projecting lion heads. It is one of the handsomest of goblets and now brings about the same price as the old English cotton stem glasses. The water pitcher is of ample size, the lower half of the bowl being frosted. It has an applied taffy handle.
The butter dish consists of a clear bowl mounted on a collar base and a cable-edged cover with a crouching lion handle. The sugar bowl is of the same pattern but taller and narrower. The creamer with taffy handle, the spoon holder, and the sauce dishes are also collared pieces.

The celery dish and marmalade jar are attractive table pieces, the former in design like the goblet but much larger and having a cable-edged bowl. The latter piece is cylindrical, with a deep frosted border at the base and a frosted cover having a crouching lion handle.
My greatest thrill came when I found the salt shakers. Wherever I had gone, no dealer had ever seen or heard of them, and the only ones 1 knew in existence were a pair owned by a woman collector in New York City. One day I received a letter from a little old lady in central Michigan telling me she knew where there were two salt shakers, and wouldn't I come at once? I was skeptical, but I found she really knew. With much pride she announced that they were at that very minute in an old cupboard not three blocks away. She was right. There they were, lying carelessly on edge and crowded in with ignoble company. To make a long story short, I became the owner of those precious salt shakers. At last I had found a treasure. In appearance they are almost identical with the oval compotes, with the exception that they have a cable edge and no cover. They are just three and a quarter inches in length, two and a half inches in width, and two and a quarter inches in height.

1 am still looking for the wines, but I have at least seen one. Several years ago, while attending the opening of a glass show in Detroit, I found one. It was not over three inches in height and just like the goblet in shape and design. Never dreaming that anyone would come along and pay the price asked, I walked away to think it over. In a few minutes, having made my decision, I returned, only to find the treasure sold. But perhaps, like Jason in pursuit of the Golden Fleece, 1 may still possess them.

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However, when the gardener gets the dwarf fruit tree virus in his (or her) veins, no real satisfaction can be had until the espalier method is used. This might roughly be described as spreading the tree out over its support area fanwise. As in the case of cordons, one main stem is allowed to grow upright to whatever height is desirable, then side branches are allowed to form. The whole secret of success is in the constant and continual pruning needed to encourage an open growth according to the pattern desired and to cause an abundance of fruit buds to be formed.

This pruning is best done whenever necessary by merely pinching back the tips of the shoots. Time and energy is thereby saved as against the usual orchard practice of pruning lightly some years and severely others.
A good many years ago, an old gardener gave me a formula to follow that takes the guesswork out of the thing for the beginner and insures definite progress. The main stem or top must be cut back somewhat each year in order to keep it in hand and to thicken it, as is done in pruning the main stems of grapes.

Side shoots are continually starting and must consistently be pinched back. Let them go in the spring until they have formed six buds each, then cut back to three They will try it again, and when they have made five more buds cut these back to two. If they make a third attempt and devel op three or four more buds, cut these back to one. That, usually will end the attempt of a sideshoot to grow in one season; if it persists in growing, pinch it bach promptly. This summer snipping back encourages the formation of fruit spurs all along the arms of the espaliers and the stems of the cordons.
Now, something must be saic about the behavior of dwarf fruit in this country. I have observec them at close range in three dif ferent gardening climates in the United States and am of the opinion that apples and pears ar the only ones that can be de pended upon for any permanen results. Even with the compara tively mild winters in the vicinity of St. Louis and Philadelphia peaches make indifferent response although they will usually surviv until some fruit has been pro duced. Cherries are in a class with peaches as a rule, although I ha good results with Japanese im ported stock in Des Moines, Iowa Even in the orchard peaches ar


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comparatively short-lived and it may be that their constitutions are not suited for such severe amputation as the backyard enthusiast will inflict in training them. In greenhouses on certain estates where they are given greater freedom, I have seen them thriving under a modified espalier system of training.
A dwarf tree is dwarf only in its habit of growth. The fruit it produces is as large as or larger than normal unless the supply of plant food is extremely low. The dwarf habit of growth is secured by grafting the desired variety upon the root system or stock of a slow-growing, congenial sort, usually one called Paradise, of French origin. This is a natural runt and its roots are the best to use in the United States for dwarf apple trees. Roots of the Nebraska wild sand cherry are commonly used in dwarfing peaches and plums. However, the home gardener need not worry about these technicalities in horticultural practice. He can buy the grafted dwarf trees from nurserymen, either as young plants ready to be trained by any desired method or, at slightly higher cost, as cordons or espalier, already started. So far as fertilization, spraying, and general culture go, there is no departure from the regular practice with a standard orchard tree or, for that matter, any garden crop. Plant food must be supplied, the soil must be kept in good tilth, and insect and disease pests must be controlled.
The fun of the thing comes in training the little tree to fit the exact purpose in mind. It will require plenty of attention during the summer and the pruning knife or shears will be in constant use.

Foundation planting
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that it did not appear as though funds had run short and left the planting incomplete.

The following spring other materia, was planted in accordance with the plan, and in so far as the budget would permit. By late fall this year, the whole original planting scheme will have been completed, and, instead of the hodgepodge that would surely have resulted from an effort to stretch a limited sum over the whole place at one time, the owners will have an orderly layout planned and executed in accordance with the type of house, its general exposure, and all its existing features.
From my observations I would say that the most common error made by the average home owner when he attempts a foundation


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sider the proper relation between plants and the house, with its many aspects and surrounding factors. These are more numerous than he realizes. A few illustrations of wrong planting are:

1. A cedar planted against the south or west side of a brick or stucco wall where it gets the reflected heat of the summer sun as well as its direct rays.
2. A hemlock at a drafty corner where it catches the full force of the winter's blasts.
3. Fast-growing spruces and pines planted so that in a few years it beecomes difficult to find the house behind them.
4. Barberries and other spiny or thorny plants placed too near the steps or the walk where they can catch milady's stockings and scratch the youngsters' legs.
5. The attempt to include in a planting at least one of about every variety that has been seen and admired on other places.
6. Last but not least, the use of numerous, cheap plants (fast growers) rather than a few good, compact, slow-growing specimens; that is, failure to realize that a few plants properly placed often create a more pleasing effect at less cost than an array of plants set out with no attempt whatever at design.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Nearly every home owner who makes any study of foundation plant-ings-either before or after planning and paying for one of his own-finds out interesting things about them. But sometimes the education so obtained is too late to be of maximum benefit, either artistically or financially. Mr. Johnson, out of an experience of many years as landscape architect, nurseryman, and architect, nurseryman,
author of the one book we know of that deals exclusively with Foundation Planting, has accumulated a fund of information that embodies both the mistakes and the successes of hundreds of home ownersmany of them his own clients. It is that fund of facts and examples that we asked him to draw on in writing this article.

Next in importance to getting the proper plants in the proper places, is their subsequent care. Even though a landscape architect be employed and much money spent in securing the plants needed to produce the best results, unless proper care is given, such as periodic feeding, trimming, and occasional transplanting, the original effect will soon be spoiled and the desired result will never be attained.
Not long ago a friend asked me why there were not more good examples of foundation planting to be seen along the average residential street. My theory is that

| most plantings, although perhaps good enough several years ago, have been neglected and have suffered in consequence. To substantiate that theory we took a ride past the houses in one block. A few were of passing quality, but in the majority of cases the plantings were either made up of underfed, thin looking plants, or they had grown so high through neglect that one could hardly see the house; nor could the occupants see out or get the benefit of free circulation of air in the summertime when they really needed it most.
With the expenditure of an hour or two of work with good sharp pruning shears and hedge shears each spring and fall, the average foundation planting-if of the right kind of plants in the first place-can be kept in good shape. And with the application of a mulch of well-rotted manure in the late fall each year, the health and vigor of the plants can be maintained. Healthy plants are best able to resist attacks of disease and insect pests.

There is no definite rule that can be laid down for all foundation plantings. Each house is a distinct and individual problem, and there are many ways of solving it, any of which might prove effective according to certain tastes and preferences. But at least I can outline briefly some of the important things to consider when planting a newly built house or revamping the foundation planting of an old one. These pointers are applicable to any type of house.

## I-Arrangement of materials

Do not overplant or use too much miscellaneous material.
Stick to a few varieties and place them where there is logical reason for them.
Vary the outline by using a few tall plants where they will not interfere with the windows.

The house (or portion of the
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Let's give a gadget party
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dime-store vegetable brush paws which are wired to the bodies. The handles are, of course, removed and the wire bent under. It is a good idea to save the handles to give to your guests along with the cats so that the brushes may be used later.

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White almond-shaped ten-centstore buttons are responsible for the wild expression about the eyes. A bit of black paper pasted over the holes makes the pupil, and dark pink yarn is used for noses and mouths. Not even the kitchen broom escaped, for it was robbed of a few straws for the cats' much needed whiskers.
The aloof, self-sufficient cat in the center has front legs of bottle brushes. His rear haunches, a round brush, fit his body snugly. This brush handle is also removed. No ordinary tail his; he has developed a pastry brush one-if you please.
The yellow-green flowers, growing lustily without benefit of sun and earth with their blue-green wooden leaves, are aluminum bottle sprinklers.
The brush cats certainly have a wild jungle appearance but not so the two simple little tin ones. They are of the domestic variety found purring on the hearth, but they are effective nevertheless. Their pie plate heads and bodies are steadied by small copper oil cans serving as paws. Their ears are spoons and their snubby little noses are brass curtain rod ends. But the crowning feature is their butter-curler tails curving at just a proper tail swirl. Wild wheat grows between them while they carry on a quiet conversation.

Devils certainly are in their proper environment at this time of the year. This tin devil mask came direct from Mexico and adapts itself beautifully to a table motif. His satanic majesty is soldered by his straggly beard to a half funnel which is placed on a shallow pie tin, which in turn is on a half kettle cover. Cacti with their weird shapes, thorny edges, and grotesque leaves fairly shout of the lower regions and must feel at home in enhancing the weirdness of the devil's mask. It is not at all necessary to have a tin mask all the way from Mexico. One can easily be made from heavy silver paper, with eyes, mouth, and hair glued on instead of soldered.
On either side of Satan are two good-looking pans, semi-circular and ridged. They would hold bread sticks, crackers of all varieties, and also cheeses. These dishes are so interesting in shape and so practical in use that I dislike to reveal their real identity.

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Better guard your owls with your life for they are greatly loved and admired. Owls are always connected with Halloween, probably because of their spooky spine-shivering hoots. These tin ones, while not spooky and perfectly incapable of sending even one ripple down a spine, make up for all iney lack with their simple dignity. Furthermore, they are easily recognizable. Their bodies are oval pudding molds; their feathered heads are round fluted molds. Pert tea-strainer spoons serve nicely for ears. Their strong, curved teaspoon beaks could catch many a little mouse. The proverbial wise-old-owl look comes from using the ends of some queer flour-sifter gadgets. If it is impossible to obtain them, button molds might be used instead. The sturdy salad fork claws are capable of gripping a huge tree branch. Sitting serenely under the bare branches they see all, know all, hear all.

These are but suggestions of what you might do to make your tables attractive and exciting. Since, as was mentioned before, it is not necessary to be conventional, Halloween is a good time to try your wings and see just what you are able to devise.

There are hosts of other subjects waiting to be brought forth. Witches could be made of crooked-necked gourds; skeletons and ghosts are possible even in tin. However these suggestions are not in the least necessary. For before you are aware, countless ideas will pop into your head and your only difficulty will be deciding just what ones to use.

## A smart version of Colonial

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tions of it having panes of glass. The garage, a frame structure tied in with the rest of the house, has two sets of doors reminiscent of the main entrance in the many types of paneling used, yet the over-head trim and crowning panels with beaded garlands (set in the wall) are a direct reference to the mantel decoration in the


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living room. Completing this unit are two segmental arched dormers in the French manner with the faces of the dormers continuous with the boarding of the wall below it.

The living room, in good Federal fashion, has a sheathing of mirror-glass instead of wood on the fireplace wall, flanked by narrow pilasters. Being an era of pairs, two tables with lamps complete the arrangement of the smart formal mantelpiece. The walls of a green-blue color are glazed to match the background of the linen overdraperies which are of a lovely Georgian design (following the new trend of carefully blending eighteenth century styles) of beige, gold-browns and red and yellow flowers. The floor is a rich brown that tones with the beige-brown design appearing in the linen.
The sofa is green, blue, and beige stripe repeating in color the background of the linen and the woodwork color. At one end of the room there is a pair of wellproportioned Chippendale armchairs covered in a biscuit-colored material. In the center of this grouping is a Sheraton mahogany book table with leather top and antique finish. A note of color in the room is the wing chair at the fireplace in rose-red, shell-patterned wool damask.

## One hour a week enough <br> [Continued from pege 35]

during the season, a special effort to clean up the fallen leaves at this time will not make much difference in the amount of potential reinfecting material left in the bed over the winter. Varieties of roses that are particularly susceptible to black spot usually have disease lesions on their canes. In these affected areas in mild winters, the fungus can live over even though there are no old leaves left about to harbor the special winter spore form of the organism.
In many cases the kind of winter protection you give your roses has a very definite influence on their state of health when you uncover them in the spring. All rose cane diseases, as, for example, brown canker, common canker, and brand canker, are helped along by moisture and warmth during the winter. In most parts of the country it is necessary to give roses-that is, Hybrid Teas and more tender kinds-some protection; but beware of coddling the plants lest you foster disease. If you hill up Hybrid Teas and Perpetuals with soil to a height of six to eight inches, you can of six to eight inches,
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and other damp, soggy materials, Don't mix manure with the soil you use for hilling up; and don't apply manure at all until the ground is frozen solid. Even then, spread it only in the furrows between the hilled-up plants. There were many rotting canes this past spring as a result of the unseasonably warm winter, coupled with the warmth of manure piled against the canes. Half-hardy climbing roses are often sufficiently protected by laying them down now, at the end of September, while the canes are still pliable, pegging them in place with crossed stakes, and allowing the grass to grow long up around the stems. In November, hill the soil around the base of the plants just as you do with Hybrid Teas.
Strictly speaking, planting roses does not come under the head of disease prevention, but do let me urge you to try fall planting if you live in a section where this practice is recommended. Prepare your beds and order your roses right away. Then, when they come to you in October or early November, having been freshly dug from the nursery, you can get them into the ground with little or no check in root growth. If you are accustomed to buying your roses in the springtime in stores, selecting your plants according to the attractive pictures that adorn the packages, and if you have all too often unpacked the plants to find the roots moldy, twisted, and even broken, and the tops leafing out prematurely in the form of sickly, pale-green shoots, then you have no idea of the treat in store for you in buying and planting and enjoying roses from a reputable nursery. You will exclaim over the sturdy root system and the strong tops, which have no chance to dry out before planting. Dig the hole for such a plant wide and deep; prune back any ragged roots so there need be no bending; spread them out over a mound of good soil in the bottom of the hole, and then tamp good earth in around them firmly. I usually plant so that the little bulge, where the rose was budded onto the understock, is from one to two inches below ground level, but I have discovered that it is particularly important to have the bed dug well in advance so that the soil has a chance to settle. If the settling takes place after planting, you may find your bushes smothered under several inches of soil-a decided handicap to their wellbeing.

If you cannot plant this fall, put in your order very early for next spring delivery, so that your roses can come to you dormant, directly from nursery storage, without having to endure an intermediate sojourn in the dry,
usually heated atmosphere of a store. That is not to say that you may not get fair results with bushes purchased at bargain prices in such places; but you cannot expect more than your money's worth, and if some of the plants die during the following winter, you really have no just cause for complaint.
If pulling up the annuals, cutting back the perennials, raking leaves from the compost heap. and completing your plans for winter protection leave you with any free hours on sunny days. when it would be pleasant to work out-of-doors, almost any of the late winter or early spring tasks may be got out of the way now, during the fall. The decline in numbers and importance of the tent caterpillar this past season is no reason for not keeping an eye out for the brown, varnished egg masses on the twigs of wild cherry and apple trees, and Japanese flowering quince bushes. The aphid galls swelling the tips of blue spruce are just as well cut out now as in March; likewise the round, brown, rust galls on the cedars. In fact, if you carry along your pruning shears and a paper bag now and then as you walk through the garden, you may find before long, that much of your early spring garden work is already done-at least the essential tasks that make for healthier plants and fewer plant enemies.

Photographs shown on pages 34 and 35 are from: the author, Dr. W. E. Britton, Connecticut Experiment Station, Storrs; Dr. E. Bade; and Dr. R. P. White, New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, New Brunswick.

## Any child can <br> train a dog <br> [Continued from page 39]

moving forward? Bobby gives that remembered tug on the leash while he presses his hand down his back, and commands "sit." Bobby has lots of consideration for his dog's feelings in this exercise, because he's young and active and not much of a sitter. He goes slowly, not walking a few paces and then stopping, but giving him a good space between stops, decreasing them every day. When Mixey gets the hang of the "sit" position simply from Bobby's simultaneous halt and the command to "sit," Bobby varies the length of time he keeps him quiet, from five seconds to a minute. Dogs are so smart that if you let them sit for exactly a half minute during each lesson, they form the habit of doing that. What Bobby wants is to have Mixey sit for the length of time
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that he himself stops. When he moves on again, he gives the command "heel." After a while, Mixey will know that he is to stop and sit when Bobby halts and that he is to heel when Bobby goes on his way, dispensing entirely with the commands. As a little review, after this is accomplished, Bobby takes up the next lesson period by putting his dog through his heeling on the leash, turning and sitting exercises, letting him rest afterward, and then having a grand old romp with him.

Bobby has learned a lot too. If, for instance, Mixey makes a mistake, he can't let it pass but must instantly correct it. Now he's going to start Mixey on beeling off the leash. He's heard from a pro that this exercise is one of the most important of all and is the real test of obedience. He resolves to be pretty strict, always in a kind way. Mixey has graduated from the chain choke collar and wears his leather one. To it Bobby attaches a ten-foot length of clothes line as a leash and puts Mixey through all the paces he had been good at with the three-footer. He makes all his turns snappy. Then he removes the leash and gives the same commands to "heel." As soon as he makes a mistake-which he willthe leash goes on again. Bobby develops some acting ability now. While he alternates putting the leash on and leaving it off for two-minute periods, he also alternates his usual voice with a very severe one. When Mixey is on the leash, Bobby commands "heel" in his ogre voice, and when he's off it, he speaks in his natural tone. Clever? Mixey discovers it's more fun to obey when off the leash, because he feels freer and his master's voice is nicer. Usually, this lesson is easily learned, but if Mixey persists in bounding about, Bobby puts his chain collar and short leash on and puts him back in kindergar-ten-lesson No. 1 in heeling on the leash. Finally, however, he passes his advanced work with one hundred per cent.

Bobby is pretty proud of his pupil now, so he arranges an exhibition. He's going to take Mixey for a walk in town, where there are people and other dogs, and see if he remembers what he's learned. He's on the leash, heeling awfully well. But-here come some people! Mixey makes an attempt to "nose" them, but Bobby is ready for that and gives a sharp tug, commanding "heel" at the same time. During the walk, either when people or other dogs distract him, the tug and command are repeated. On the whole, Mixey associates a slack rein and no sharp commands with trotting along at Bobby's heel, and their next adventure is a


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walk without the leash. Temptations are a little stronger, to be sure, but Bobby's voice rings out in the "heel" command when the dog attempts to stray-and he has the leash along. Bobby meets a friend, stops, almost forgetting the dog. Don't they laugh to see Mixey sit and never budge until the boys separate!

You might say now that Mixey has graduated from the primary. He's been acquiring obedience and self-control, yet when you say "down" to him he doesn't obey. Most dogs who obey that command instantly, we are sorry to say, have learned their lesson through pain. Learning it as an exercise seldom takes more than a week, and when the dog has learned to take the "down" position and to keep it, it's a satisfying accomplishment. Bobby can park the dog on the sidewalk while he does an errand in a shop, or he can give him a grandstand seat while he plays baseball. Mother can even leave him lying beside the baby carriage as a protection while she's absent.
Bobby gets a peg nine inches long, pointed at one end and about two inches square. Ho drives it in the ground almost all the way and to the top of it fixes an ordinary dog clip that you buy for a dime Mixey is whistled for, and brought into the sit position right beside the peg. Bobby now does two things at exactly the same time. He clips the collar to the peg and gives the command "down." Then he walks away a distance of about twenty yards and watches what Mixey does. Most puppies or dogs will try their best to remain in the erect position, but there's only a threeinch slack between the collar and the peg. It doesn't hurt, but it's not very comfortable. Some dogs lie down after a minute of enduring the pull; some do it after five or ten minutes, but they all do it eventually. Bobby has been watching (and laughing quietly) all the while, and timing Mixey's actions on his watch. When Mixey has remained in the down position for five minutes exactly, he approaches, praises him, and releases him. But he doesn't put him through that exercise again that day. It's a bit hard on a young dog, so for the rest of the period he reviews, and the next day goes on with the peg and clip performance, hearing the command "down" when he's fastened to the peg. He associates that word with having his body on an uneven keel, then he associates it with getting in a comfortable position. Dogs that have German ancestry, shepherds, dobermanns, schnauzers, may prefer to hear the German word "Platz" instead of "down."
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Mixey is brought to the heel-sit position. Bobby opens the dog's mouth with his thumb and forefinger and inserts the dumbbell well back over the molars, saying "fetch" at the same time. For the first few times, Mixey may drep the object right out of lis mouth. Bobby is ever so gentle, but ever so firm. If he's harsh, Mixey will never make a retriever. Each time he returns the object to Mixey's mouth, he remembers to say "fetch." He doesn't overdo. When Mixey can take the dumbbell from Bobby's hand and hold it in his mouth until it is released, he tries to carry it when heeling. If he drops it, Bobby patiently returns it to him and they begin at the beginning again. To take the dumbbell from Bohby's hand and keep it in his mouth for an indefinite time while heeling is a good stunt in itself.
He goes on to learn to bring back the dumbbell from a distance. Mixey is at heel; the dumbbell is dropped in front of the dog's forefeet, and Bobby says "fetch." The majority of dogs will immediately react correctly and pick up the object. If Mixey doesn't, Bobby can put him on the leash and let it run under his le.t foot, which shortens up the distance and naturally inclines the dog's head toward the dumbbell. Then he's commanded to sit. When he's proficient in picking up the dumbbell from his forefeet, it can be dropped at a distance, increasing from a mere one foot to seventy-five. Any mistakes, like dropping the dumbbell, playing with it, or failing to return immediately are easy to correct. Mixey is simply given his retrieving lessons on a thirty-foot clothesline. The commands to fetch are given in a little sharper tone, and the leash allows of no loitering on the way back with the object. He'll be ready to retrieve
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A friendly companion dog need not go further than retrieving in his instruction. Perhaps dog owners would like to know what qualities to look for when they decide they'd like to train their pets. A lively disposition, the kind that makes him chase cats, is a fine trait, and no matter how young an intelligent animal is he shows whether he guards his rights or not. The first act along these lines is to resent any interference while he's feeding, and if he's nervous he shows it when there's any sudden loud noise, like shooting in the country, or the backfiring of a motor.
As a matter of fact, females train more easily than males, but that doesn't mean males can't learn. Look at Mixey! Nor is a mongrel more intelligent than a thoroughbred. A thoroughbred whose ancestors had intelligence, beauty, and stamina is a grand specimen to work on and withbut again, look at Mixey

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length draperies, hung from a reeded wood cornice and tied back, are of rose-burgundy chintz with a design of warm maize, apple-green, and beige. Above the fireplace Mr. Moss employed a large mirror of ceiling height, and at either side of the fireplace, he used an English club chair covered in egg-shell brocatelle and finished with six-inch fringe and welts dyed to match the color of the rug. As a companion to one chair there is a Hepplewhite table with one drawer, square tapered legs, and spade feet. By the other chair he used a lady's companion work table which is designed with a serpentine top, two drawers, and spool and reeded legs.

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[^10]Opposite the fireplace is a London sofa covered in apple-green damask and at either side are round pedestal tables. At the right of the sofa, and conveniently close for conversation, is a small pull-up chair with a barrel back, covered in rose-burgundy damask with a beige and green stripe. See page 25
In the corner of the room to the right of the sofa is a corner cupboard. The top glass doors have a wood tracery design suggestive of Sheraton. The radio, operated from a remote control by Mr. Allen's chair, is behind the lower crotch mahogany doors of the cabinet. Next to the corner cupboard is a Cogswell chair, which the Allens had, the only former piece of furniture retained. By changing the legs to a Georgian type cabriole, making a pull-over arm and rebuilding the seat and back, the favorite chair fitted very nicely with the new furniture. The upholstery used for it is burgundy and green damask, a copy of an old English eighteenth century design.
So far the Allens had expressed no definite preference for any certain period of furniture, but Mr. Moss's suggestion of weaving a Chinese note some place into the eighteenth century background appealed to them greatly. Therefore, the Chinese influence was introduced in all the accessories. Lamp bases on the tables at either side of the sofa are Chinese porcelain vases, and porcelain figurines are used as lamp bases on tables by the fireside chairs. These are mounted on turned-wood bases two and onehalf inches high, covered with sage-green velvet. The shades are of beige Shantung silk. The finials on the figurine lamps are interesting as they were made from glass balls, painted from the inside through a small hole in the top. These balls once were worn as the top-knot on the old Mandarins' hats to denote their rank. The coffee table was chosen in a Chinese Chippendale design, while the cabinet, seen at the right of the dining room nook is, in reality, two old Chinese teakwood bridal chests with their original brasses. To continue the Chinese note there are cloisonné and cinnabar cigarette boxes, quartz and porcelain-lined pewter ash trays from China, also a Chinese lady's cloisonné stirrup, which serves admirably as another ash tray. A figure of Kuan Yen, the Chinese Goddess of Mercy, decorates the mantel shelf with tiny carved ivory Netsukes on either side. These little Netsukes are small figures well known in Chinese legends, especially the little man who thought so hard his head grew far beyond all proportions. At either end of the room Mr. Moss used Chinese


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[^11]prints done on silk and framed in cut-out black lacquer and goldleaf wood frames, and above the davenport he hung a Chinese crayon framed in bamboo.
The dining nook is furnished with a Duncan Phyfe card table and chairs upholstered in offwhite leather. The table is just the right size for two people, but has a disappearing leaf in the center. Extended, it seats six people comfortably. On the table Mrs. Allen uses a Lalique bowl filled with Chinese lilies.
By absorbing a little of the back porch Mr. Moss was able to increase the size of a closet and provide the desired moth-proof storage room, with walls, ceiling and floor made of cedar. Next, the bath became just as modern as the other new rooms. There really was nothing wrong with the design of the bathroom. It was merely down at the heel. The old wood medicine cabinet was replaced by a steel cabinet with Venetian mirror and a streamlined light. A pine wainscot painted white was added and the wall above it covered with soft blue waterproof paper. The old chipped white bath fixtures, of course, gave way to smartly designed new ones with chrome metal hardware. Now, with a Venetian blind at the window, a new blue and white shower curtain, chenille bath mat and towels, the bathroom is rejuvenated. In the bedroom smart wallpaper, Venetian blinds, new draperies, and new furniture finished the picture.

Today the Allens have as modern a home as if they had built a new one and, remarkable as it seems, it was accomplished without overstepping the original $\$ 2,500$ mark. Remodeling has a wide appeal, but building additions to our old house is an even more perplexing problem. Next month, Mr. Moss will build on two new rooms for us-all without sacrificing the exterior lines of the houses.

October futures on June
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filling in the top soil again. There may be nothing wrong with this method, but 1 am sure it is generally more satisfactory to mix the manure or fertilizer thoroughly with the soil. I have found a balanced organic commercial fertilizer to be just as good as manure and have also had good results with a 6-8-4 inorganic fertilizer.
Here is a simple plan to follow in preparing the soil: Spade off the top two feet and lay it aside. Scatter manure or fertilizer along the bottom of the trench and work this into the subsoil. If the latter is very poor or close to the surface you will do well to remove some of it and replace it with good soil. As you put back the original top soil, pulverize it thoroughly and mix in more fertilizer. After it is all back in the trench pack it gently and it is ready for the sterilizing.
Soil may be sterilized in a numbber of ways but I have found treatment with liquid formaldehyde the simplest method for most home gardeners. Use a solotion of one part commercial formaldehyde to one hundred parts of water and apply with a sprinkling can one gallon to each foot of row. As this may take time to soak in if your soil is a bit heavy, it is a good plan to make a little dike three or four inches high around the bed so the 'liquid will not run off. Smmediately after treating it, cover the bed with a piece of building or mulch paper about three feet wide, pulling soil over the edges to hold it down. This covering, which confines the formaldehyde fumes in the soil until they have had a chance to kill the root rot fungi, should be left on for at least a week. If building or mulch paper is not available several thicknesses of newspapers will serve the purpose, but be sure to cover all edges with soil. Formaldehyde can be purchased at some hardware stores and most seed stores for about thirty cents a pound. As a pound is approximately equal to a pint and as the proportion is one to one hundred, you will need two pounds of formaldehyde to make twenty-five gallons of the solution, which will treat twenty-five feet of row. In mixing, it is convenient to add one cup of formaldehyde to about six gallons of water in a tub, or four tablespoonsful to ten quarts of water in a pail or watering can. Formaldehyde has a disagreeable odor and the fumes may make one's eyes smart, but it is not dangerous. If some of the concentrated liquid gets on your hands, wash it off immediately and it will have no harmfut effect.

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a depth of two feet or more in early spring. For this reason and also because formaldehyde should be allowed to act for at least a week before planting, I consider late September or early October the only satisfactory time to propare soil so as to insure better flowers in spring. Get out the spade today and dedicate a few hours of digging to some really fine sweet peas next summer.

Mosaic is a not fully understood virus disease that causes leaves and stems to become curled, twisted, and peculiarly misshapen; the flowers, too, are often blotched and distorted on infected plants. Yet mosaic may be present in the plant and never show up until the weather gets tot. Again heat plus a disease, not heat alone, is the cause of sweet pea trouble. Mosaic disease may be seed-borne in some cases, and there are possibly other methods of transmission, but it is definitely known that the green aphid carries it from sick to healthy plants. Therefore, if you want good sweet peas, you must keep aphids off at all times by using a contact dust or spray recommended for sucking insects. And don't wait until these inconspicuous pests cover the young growing tips. Spray at the first sign of the pest, for in addition to transmitting mosaic, aphids reduce the general vigor of plants by sucking their juices.
Contrary to many statements often seen in garden books sweet peas do not require full sun; in fact, in my experiments they have always done better in partial shade. The vines grow taller, the colors are often better, and, what is more important, owing to the lower temperatures, they do not get mosaic as badly. By partial shade I mean a spot that gets sun for a few hours each day; for example, the east or west side of a building. Shade cast by a tent of muslin or a double thickness of cheesecloth is excellent, and the partial shade of trees is satisfactory. But remember, a tree's roots may spread out as far as its branches go up, so spading for the peas must be deep and wide in order to avoid root competition.

## Plant early! early!!!

One of my earliest memories as a child was helping plant sweet peas each March 17th. To me sweet pea seed swollen from its over-night soaking has always had a place with the shamrock as a symbol of Saint Patrick's Day. Why that day was chosen I cannot imagine unless it was believed that a blessing from the good Saint gave the crop a better start in life. Nevertheless Saint Patrick's Day is a good time to plant; in most places it is about the last date they can be sown


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with any assurance of success. So by all means sow no later than Saint Patrick's Day unless the ground is still frozen. The soil may be a bit muddy and the weather man may predict rough weather ahead, but sweet pea seedlings will stand almost as much cold as many perennials. If the winter is mild sow any time after January 1st; and if you should lose a planting due to cold, sow again. Seed is cheap and the superior flowers that will result from an extra early planting makes the chance worth taking. My rule is: Prepare the soil in fall; then plant the seeds on the first day after the New Year that they can be shoved into the ground. It holds good for the entire country except the Deep South and California, where November and December plantings give best results.
I have grown my best sweet peas from plants started in pots in a cool greenhouse on January 15th. Late in February they were transferred to a cold frame where they were kept for three weeks with only the protection of the sash. I have started individual plants in two-and-one-half-inch pots and three plants in four-inch pots with equal success; but in the latter case I have found it best carefully to unwind the roots, remove the soil, and separate the three plants when setting them out. Then with a trowel make a hole deep enough to accommodate the roots when fully extended, and press the soil firmly around them. They can also be started in boxes four or more inches deep and transplanted with success. Whenever transplanting sweet peas get the roots as far down as they will go, but leave the crown of the plant above the surface. After they are set, pinch all top growth to within three inches of the ground.

All this may sound like harsh treatment but sweet peas are not as delicate as you may have imagined. I heartily recommend starting them in a greenhouse or hotbed in January for transplanting in March. Any homemade glass shelter will do, and the new. electrically heated hotbeds are ideal. The important thing in growing young sweet pea plants is to keep the temperature below sixty-five degrees at all times. A slow growth early in their development keeps them sturdy and enables them to withstand rough weather after they are set out in March.

## $\mathscr{D}_{\text {epth }}$, spacing, thinning

Much difference of opinion has existed concerning the proper depth of planting when seeds are sown directly in the open. Some say five inches, others three, and others still less. In my experiments the only difference between


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deep and shallow plantings was that the former took longer to come up. So I suggest covering seeds with two inches of soil. It is not a bad idea to sow rather thickly, perhaps an inch or less apart; but thin the plants to no less than three inches after active growth has started and the healthiest ones become evident. My best sweet peas have been spaced five inches apart.
There is an old-fashioned idea, still recommended in some garden books, that one should plant sweet peas in a trench, then pull the soil around the plants as they grow. In my opinion this practice borders on superstition. There is nothing to be gained by it, and the trench makes a fine place for water to accumulate after early spring rains; and that may easily cause rot and other trouble. If anything, plant the seeds on a slightly elevated bed.
No special cultivation is necessary. Keep out weeds and work the surface occasionally. Fertilizer may be applied after danger of more than a light frost is past. Whether or not this will be necessary or beneficial depends on the nature of your soil, how well it was prepared, and how much of 'the mineral nutrients was leached out by excessive rains. In any case never put the fertilizer closer than four inches to the plants.

Don't over-water. Just because the top of your soil is dry is no indication that your peas need water; but when you do irrigate make a thorough job of it. Some garden authorities have recommended treating the plants in the evening with a misty spray of water. I have found no advantage in this practice, but do it if you like. It may help control aphids and of course keep the leaves free from dust.
There are many ways in which one can support the vines. String, wire, brush, and lattice work all have their merits, but the important thing is to get the supports in place early, just as soon as the first tendrils begin to feel their way upward. Many of my neighbors have asked me if it is necessary to soak seed overnight. No, it is not necessary; still, it is a good practice as it may actually hasten germination by a few days.
Sweet peas, like other members of the legume family, have tiny nodules on their roots formed by nitrogen-fixing bacteria which are able to obtain that essential plant food element from the air. That is, they have them if the bacteria are present in the soil or are placed on the seeds at the time of sowing. These beneficial organisms are present in most garden soils in numbers sufficient for an initial inoculation, but the sterilization that kills the root rot

fungi may also kill most of the beneficial bacteria. Hence, for best results with sweet peas, one should inoculate the seed with nitrogen bacteria which can be purchased in small cans from any progressive seedsman. Be sure to get the bacteria recommended for sweet peas, and apply it according to directions.
Prepare and sterilize your soil in the fall, start plants as early as possible, and keep off all aphids. These are the cardinal rules for successful sweet pea culture. Do these things and, with ordinary cultivation and watering, your plants will defy the heat of early summer. Planted in partial shade they will defy summer even longer and your flowers will be superb.

## Our little feathered foundling <br> [Continued from page 90]

rectly outside our breakfast window attracted chickadees, woodpeckers, the tufted titmouse, the nuthatch, the brown creeper, the purple finch. All of them would come to sample delicacies they would find nowhere else-pieces of suet, hempseed, sunflower seeds, and a variety of nuts.

Of course, if you really want songbirds, you must provide more than food. Birds want, first of all, security and shelter. We have no cats, and my BB gun keeps the neighbor's cat at a safe distance. Evergreens throughout the garden, high ones and low ones, provide safe hiding places and getaways from prowlers. Underneath the snow-covered branches of spruces and hemlocks our birds huddle together during the cold winter nights. Birdhouses everywhere provide nesting facilities, and a half dozen small pools and birdbaths supply drinking water and a shower during the hot spells. Robins, wrens, orioles, the scarlet tanager, the rose-breasted grosbeak, the song sparrow, and the wood thrush are among our summer birds.
So we were not entirely unfamiliar with birds. But this was the first time we had been elected foster parents of a young helpless robin. What bothered me most was that my fingers were too big and clumsy to place the elusive yolk crumbs far back into his throat as the robin-parents do with their long beaks. Vivid imagination suggested a pair of tweezers, held between forefinger and thumb, while the other three fingers imitated the fluttering wings of father or mother. Lo and behold! He accepted the substitute with all signs of satisfaction.
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That looked like a perch from which he could view things better. Also the blue dressing gown afforded a better foothold than the linoleum, and up he crept, hopped, fluttered, until he sat on my knee. From there to the warm hand, which he knew from the day before, was only a short step and the rascal had taken possession of his roosting place.
The neighbor's children came in and wanted to hold him, and to their great delight our robin went from one warm hand to the other, each time nestling down and winking with one or both sleepy eyes. Our friend, the birdlover, came in and when she saw the performance with the tweezers and the raw meat, she laughed until the tears came, exclaiming, "My dear, it won't be long now and you'll sprout feathers!"
There was no longer time to do anything but take care of the youngster. Gradually he became more and more inquisitive; he wanted to know what was under the refrigerator and behind the radiators; he sat on the table to watch me write letters; he hopped on my shoulder and from there he finally reached the top of my head where he contentedly settled down in a shock of uncombed hair. (Thank goodness I am not bald!) And so the second day went by.
The second night was spent in the cardboard box under protest. He could not understand why his wings did not carry him to the top, and why he was so powerless to gain a foothold on the four smooth walls which imprisoned him. Time and again he would try to beat his wings, only to fall back into the nest. Decidedly, I would have to give him flying lessons. So the next day our large glassed-in porch was appropriated for this purpose. It had only rustic furniture, made of swamp cedar which afforded good footholds and perches. My failure to soar aloft with my 150 pounds did not discourage me or my pupil, but my antics did impress my neighbor's children as slightly grotesque. However, my pupil evidently understood the waving motion of my arms, and liked the idea of sitting on the outer end of a tree branch; that is, on my fingers. As they would go down, he would open his wings, as if to steady himself. Six feet from the ground was some distance, but the arms went up and down, the down motion increasing in rapidity so that his foothold became a little more precarious. Since by that time he appeared to understand a little English, I encouraged him with repeated admoni-tions-"Atta boy"-"Fly!" I am sure that's what his parents would have said when he got ready to leave his nest up on some leafy, protecting bough.


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That night we left him on the porch and early in the moming, I found him perched on his favorite chair. The minute be spied me he greeted me with loud squawks and fluttering of wings. Strange how many friends one can make with hospitality which consists of food only. Why, even human beings-but that's another story to be told later.
Meanwhile his tailfeathers were growing fast, and his indoor flying improved, but green trees beyond the glass windows were beckoning; I could not look at his valiant but vain efforts to reach them without a heartache, and I decided to give him the freedom of the garden. Previously, taking a leaf out of my bird observations, I had accustomed him to a special whistle before every feeding-three long notes and a trill at the end. I relied on the fact that robins feed their young for a week or so after they leave the nest, and that, in order to find the youngsters, they "park" them on a rock or in a bush whence a tiny "peep" answers Father Robin when he whistles "Where are you?" My whistle was a little more emphatic and sounded more like. "Where in thunder are you hiding?" Emboldened by this precautionary measure, I ventured outdoors, his lordship sitting on my shoulder To my great delight he made no move to desert his "meal ticket," but observed his surroundings with interest.
"This may be an example of beautiful landscape gardening," he seemed to say, "but I don't want another experience on a cold, wet rock. I prefer blue dressing gowns; they are much more comfortable." So back to the porch he went.
Seeing other robin-parents on the lawn feeding their fledglings, gave me a brilliant idea. Much as 1 hated to give up our bird, 1 realized that he was leading an

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unnatural life and might become a public charge if we kept on spoiling him. Perhaps some of the other robins who had families would adopt him, and feed another hungry beak while showing him how to scratch for his own food. With such training he might become self-supporting in about a week. But the problem was how to introduce a frustrated young bird to prospective foster parents -perhaps even his own! Would they recognize him? The experiment was worth trying.
I thought of the old saying about birds of a feather flocking together, and hopefully watched my charge as he obediently sat on one of the many "low eminences" in my garden. He could have helped my endeavors along a bit by sending out his call for food, but he just sat there and sulked. Along came a female robin who alighted on the lawn and listened for worms, her head cocked to one side. Suddenly she spied the youngster. She hopped a few feet nearer and-oh joy!finally landed on the rock within a few inches of him. My heart was beating. Would he fly away with her? She looked at him long and earnestly while he merely blew up his feathers and hunched up as though he was getting a scolding, or undergoing psychoanalysis. What would she do to him? Were they talking bird language? I am convinced it was his own mother, for she looked him over very carefully. But, apparently deciding that he was nothing but a renegade, she flew away without uttering a sound. His lordship, much relieved. hopped from his perch. looked perfunctorily through the grass, found nothing, of course, and flew back to my shoulder. It was my first failure! And although in a way I was glad and perhaps flattered, I realized more and more that this sort of thing could not go on forever.
After all, a bird is a bird and how could I teach him to find his own food? I tried getting down on all fours and listening for worms, but heard nothing. Digging with my nose might have set him a good example but it would have been painful and probably fruitless. I scratched with my fingers where I had previously hidden a "worm" made of raw beef, while the youngster looked on interestedly. But he disdained or refused to see a worm that was not, as it should have been, at the end of a pair of tweezers. Hopeless. What was I to do? My pangs of remorse were emphasized by the fact that one day he had suddenly begun pecking at the Scotch tweed of my knickers. Being taken for his prospective lawn made me all the more determined to teach him real bird technique.

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From the crossbars of the summer house he had a perfect view of the bird life around him. The cat-bird, nesting in a blue spruce nearby, had learned to recognize my whistling call, knew the robin's answering yell for food and watched with amazement and increasing curiosity the performance of a supposedly wild bird being fed by the hand of a human being.
It was cherry time, and our cherry tree was full of robins hacking the cherries into small pieces and feeding them to their young-while I was still providing the raw beef diet. I knew I was all wrong so I changed tactics as well as diet. I parked our charge in the cherry tree, hoping he would find there the food he refused to look for in the grass. But all he did was to sit patiently on the branch assigned to him, allowing us to feed him thereand then taking his afternoon nap. It was exasperating. He would accept a piece of cherry from the tweezers with the accompanying fluttering of three fingers, but that was all. He preferred beef. More than a week had gone by. He was at perfect liberty to fly away, but we continued to be his slaves.
Once we were away from the summer house a little longer than suited his convenience. He had noticed that food was always brought to the summer house from the kitchen door, so he flew to the end of the gutter above that door and sent out his call for food. My little daughter heard him and ran toward the summer house, where he overtook her and landed squarely on her shoulder, saying plainly, "Where bave you been so long?"
However, Nature will in time assert itself, even in a pet robin. Since he could not find any worms, he pecked at the peat moss surrounding the summer house, just to show us that he could pick up dirt and leaf mold. This amused him and got his beak very dirty, after which he noisily welcomed a drink of fresh water (from an eye-dropper, if you please), and a square meal of

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beef. But as the days passed, he took an increased interest in a piece of abandoned property next door, craning his neck to watch how young birds were taught to fly and to find worms, and finally the day came when he first trok a long flight-over a hundred feet-and disappeared from view.
My little daughter wanted to go after him. "How will he find his food?" she said. Taking a piece of raw beef with her, she found him in short order, tracing his call for food, and fed him. "All wrong," I said. "If he really wants food he will come back to the summer house. Just whistle for him!" So the next time he disappeared we whistled, and he came back in a glad rush as if to say, "Here I am!"
Hot July days had arrived and he had never taken a shower bath, so I determined to complete his education in that respect. Our bird-bath pool is not far from the summer house, and he followed me to the secluded spot, expecting food. On my knees I showed him the water and gently splashed it in all directions. When the first drops reached him he was pleasantly intrigued and came a little nearer, watched the hand that produced the shower, and tried to put his head into my hand. This I withdrew slowly until he stood with his "toes" in the water. Another splash, and his wings began to move in unison with my hand. Still another and, as he felt the water trickling down his back, he became wildly enthusiastic and got himself much wetter than he should have. Then he allowed me to take him on my finger into the sunlight, where I had to show him how to dry his feathers by tickling the end of his tail feathers and his wing feathers. This finally induced him to shake himself thoroughly before flying into a near-by tree. Next morning he came back for his bath, this time leading the way and waiting for me to splash the water with my fingers.

Along came the fateful day when he learned to be a good mixer. A flock of young robins who had learned their lessons were cavorting in the neighbor's abandoned garden. He decided to join them and though at first they would have nothing to do with him, he persisted until he had made the acquaintance of a young maiden-robin. Our protégé by that time had developed into a fine big bird, with long tail feathers, though he still showed the brown spots on his breast. He must have made a strong impression on his girl-friend-presumably because of his much wider knowledge of human beings. He would still come to the summer house, whenever we whistled at meal time-that is, whenever be was hungry. And that hap-

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I decided to whistle-just to see what he would do-and I was not disappointed. But he swallowed his food in an awful hurry and went right back to his play-mate-to find his prospective mother-in-law sitting with her daughter. And, oh! what a scolding he got!
Whenever friends came to our summer house and it was our bird's feeding time, he would come at the first whistle-out of nowhere-in a great rush to get his food. No matter how many strangers were there, he was perfectly confident that nothing could hurt him. Before meals I could park him on anybody's hand and feed him. But after he had eaten he always was off in a hurry.
One Saturday I had to leave home for a week end in Connecticut. My little daughter promised she would take care of the hungry bird. Often, when the tweezers were not at hand, her little fingers proved even more acceptable, and the bird would go to her in preference. So I felt perfectly safe in leaving him in her care.
Monday night I returned but did not have a chance to utter the impatient and all important query, "How is birdie?" With tears in her eyes she met me at the door.
"Daddy, the bird is gone-he did not come once since you have been away. Maybe he missed you!" And then, in a confidential whisper, "You know, Daddy, I think he is better off finding his own food."
Edrtor's Note: Mr. Wielich's achievement (not to mention bis delightful way of telling about it) entitles bim to bearty congratulations as a foster robin parent. At the same time, it is worth noting that the usual advice of bird autborities is that the handrearing of baby birds is so difficult and so rarely successful that it is generally wiser not to adopt a stray fledgling, but rather to leave it in, or transfer it to, as safe a place as possible outdoors where its natural parents will be able to find, look after, and feed it. Of course, there are exceptional cases, and much depends on the skill, judgment, and patience that one is able to employ in assuming sucb a responsibility.

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Making good its promise, the special committee appointed at last spring's meeting of gourd enthusiasts has made preparations for another gourd conference and exhibition this fall. The place will be Horticultural Hall of the R.C.A. Building in Rockefeller Center, New York City; the dates October 29, 30, and 31; and the announcement states that "ALL gourd growers" are cordially invited to coöperate by attending and by making displays of gourds or of articles made from them. There are no restrictions as to the nature, size, or arrangement of the exhibits, but all who expect to take part are asked so to advise the committee, preferably not later than October 1. During the exhibition, a progress report about the new society which it was decided to form last spring will be made available; and if sufficient interest is shown, an organization meeting will probably be held. Further information can be had from, and entries for the exhibition should be sent to, Dr. Albert J. Irving, 1 East 57th street, New York City, chairman of the Arrangements Committee. Another current event that gardeners should plan for if possible is the American Rose Society's meeting at Roanoke, Virginia, on October 7, 8, and 9. With the June meeting in Cleveland such a happy memory, keen interest is being shown in this second pilgrimage of 1937 when, of course, the emphasis will be upon fall possibilities in the rose garden. The local hosts and hostesses as well as the officials of the Society are hard at work on plans about which Secretary R. Marion Hatton at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, can tell you more.
$\mathbf{M}_{\substack{\text { vNives of } \\ \text { vivoughts of a a delight- }}}^{\text {He- }}$ ful two days spent in that part
of Pennsylvania in July on the occasion of the annual convention of the Men's Garden Clubs of America, Inc. While the headquarters were in Lancaster, where the brief business sessions were held, the affair was primarily an opportunity for members and their families and friends to get to know one another, to discuss informally all kinds of home garden problems, and to visit several gardens which, even if far beyond the expectations of the average man gardener, were full of inspiration.
After a social forenoon and a lunch with greetings and brief addresses, the first afternoon included trips to the extensive, beautifully landscaped grounds of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, the intimate, delightfully livable Breeze Hill garden of Dr. J. Horace McFarland, at Harrisburg, and the amazing environs of the Hotel Hershey in the community sometimes known as "Chocolate-town," otherwise Hershey, Pennsylvania. Here, prior to the organization banquet, at which Dr. McFarland was toastmaster and Mr . Montague Free of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden the guest speaker, an hour or two was spent in the rock gardens near the huge hotel, and in the remarkable new rose garden developed during the previous twelve months where more than 12,000 rose plants were blooming in a series of beds around the margin of a specially built lake. The next day began with a short meeting at which delegates from the several clubs represented reported on the activities of a notably successful year and the plans for another. Incidentally, the growth of the organization has been from four members clubs in 1932 to seventeen now. From the enthusiasm shown at the meeting, it appears probable that

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more will be formed in other sections in the near future, for history is steadily proving that gardening is, as it was in the beginning, a masculine pursuit and that the garden club membership is by no means solely a feminine prerogative. The annual election placed Mr. John A. Fritz of Lancaster in the president's chair, and retained Mr. W. B. Lathrop of Aurora, Illinois, as secretary and kept the national headquarters at 407 South Dearborn street, Chicago.
After the meeting, the group again took to the road to stop first at the rose fields and nursery of the Conrad-Pyle Company at West Grove: then to lunch bucolically in the terrace garden of the attractive Red Rose Inn at Jennersville; next to spend several hours at the amazing Pierre S duPont Longwood Gardens near Wilmington, Delaware, and finally to drive back to Lancaster for a convivial corn roast at the Media Heights Golf Club. Altogether it was a most enjoyable, informational, inspirational two days and a bright augury of an even bigger and better 1938 gathering of men gardeners at Jackson, Michigan.

That August cover picture $\mathrm{E}_{\text {but }}^{\text {choIng, perhaps, a widespread }}$ Mrs. W. M. Smith, of Edgewater, New Jersey, writes as follows: "On the cover of The American Home for August is a picture of flowers which has been the subject of a great deal of discussion among ten or more of us here. The majority have called the blossoms dahlias, but none of us is certain. Won't you send me some information about it or print something soon?
We are glad to. The August cover flowers are specimens of the so-called red sunflower, an annual, of which seeds are offered by numerous seed firms in this and several other countries. Besides being characteristically easy to grow and unusual in form and color, they are interesting because of their history which is told in detail in L. H. Bailey's "Standard Cyclopedia of Horticulture" (page 1446 of the 1935 edition). The original plant was found in 1910 by Mrs. T. D. A. Cockerell near her home in Boulder, Colorado, and identified by her and her husband as "a variation of the native sunflower of the plains (Heliantbus annus var. lenticularis or H. lenticularis)." Being distinctive with its black disk and the chestnut-red suffused petals they named it var. coronatus after its resemblance to the corona effect in a solar eclipse. The present variations in markings and colors which include wine-red and old rose shades, are the result of extensive breeding and hybridizing by Dr. Cockerell.


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Foundation planting
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house) that is somewhat balanced with a central axis should have a balanced planting.
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When the house is located in very natural surroundings with trees overshadowing, use the informal type of material-either shrubs or evergreens that will withstand shade; and plant them in masses.
Avoid planting in single straight rows.
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Avoid coarse, fast-growing material for the average home. Instead, it is more effective to use slow-growing and refined types.

Never plant unless the soil is made sufficiently rich to sustain a natural growth.
Use such plants as daphne, Japanese spurge, ajuga, dwarf Japanese yew, etc., beneath low windows and in front of areaways to admit light if it is desired in the cellar.
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When using fast-growing material such as retinosporas, cedars, and arborvitaes, remember that they must receive occasional trimmings to keep them under control.
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