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To celebrate, Peg and I were going out to the movies. While she went upstairs to dress, I picked up a magazine and leafed through it idly. Then somehow my eyes rested on an ad. It said, "You don't have to be rich to retire." Probably the reason I read it through was that just that evening Peg and I had been saying how hard it was for us to put anything aside for our future.

Well, we'd certainly never be rich. We spent money as fast as it came in. And here I was forty already. Half my working years were gone. Someday I might not be able to go on working so hard. What then?

Now this ad sounded as if it might have the answer. It


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MARY PRESPER, our new Assistant Food Editor, has long had an absorbing interest in victuals and viands. It is said that her passion for concoctions dates back to an elementary course in chemistry, but that at an early age she was lured away from the Bunsen burner by the fascinating mysteries of the kitchen range. Armed with degrees-an A.B. from Elmira College, an M.S. from Pennsylvania State College-Mary embarked on a teaching career in home economics at Hood and MacMurray colleges. During the war, she did a stint in the Armed Forces Food Research Institute, later was affiliated with Hotpoint, Inc., and Best Foods, Inc. Mary's enthusiasms extend beyond foods to record collecting, skiing, and fishing. In this last she is especially proficient.
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riage counseling and in parent-child relationships. "From the very start of my professional practice," says Dr. Lawton, "I've devoted myself equally to the problems of young people and of adults." Evidence of the scope of that work are his best-selling How to Be Happy Though Young and Aging Successfully. He is a consultant to the New York State Department of Mental Hygiene, special lecturer at New York University and the University of North Carolina.

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-mrs. Marton s. laclatr

Iwas such a pleasure for us to read the article on the activities of the Garden Club of Birmingham, Michigan, which appeared in your February issue. My husband and I were about to depart from our home in Long Branch, N. J., and make Birmingham our future home when this heart-warming article reached our eyes. It was indeed a thrill to us to know that the town of our choice was really "on the map," and that the people there had such a wonderful spirit of civic pride.

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The Complete Garden Handbook by M. J. Simon, D. W. Pierce, B. P. Hendrix, and John Elliott. (D. Van Nostrand Co.) Price $\$ 5.00$. . . That this book of 450 pages and some 250 illustrations, 93 in color, actually contains "all the information needed by the gardener," and "complete information on every topic of interest to the gardener," as confidently stated on the jacket, is debatable. But it certainly presents in simple, direct language many basic facts and much sound advice backed by the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, the American Association of Nurserymen, etc., and a concise introduction to home garden operations indoors and out, from planning and planting to the making of flower arrangements. The illustrations, in color and in black and white, are curiously uneven in both subject matter and reproduction.

Flower Garden for the Amateur by A. C. Hottes. (Midland Publishers) Price $\$ 2.95 \ldots$ With less than half as many pages as the preceding book, and no color plates, and costing threefifths as much, this one has also been designed to "combine in one book all the essential information for the beginning gardener about all types of garden flowers and plants and how they are grown." Hence a high degree of condensation and streamlining. The 18 half-tone illustrations are from commercial sources; the plans and sketches are the author's.


Roses for Every Garden by Dr. Ray C. Allen. (Barrows) Price $\$ 3.50$.

Out of a lifetime of interest in roses, years of study, and (as secretary of the American Rose Society) an exceptional opportunity to learn what people want to know about them, Dr. Allen has written a sound, concise, comprehensive book that was the first "Selection" of the National Council of State Garden Clubs and has gone into three printings. If his "Let's go shopping for Roses" in the March American Home excited you and whetted your appetite for more information, here it is-even to a plan for an all-rose home garden. lent, practical manual.

An Introduction to Birds by John Kieran. (Garden City Pub. Co.) Price $\$ 2.00$. . . Designed to help novices to a friendly acquaintance with the more common native North American birds, this handsome book tells how to see them (many of us don't!), how to look at them, how, with time and experience, to recognize them and their relatives, and why it is rewarding to do so. All this and 100 brief, popularly written descriptions in Mr. Kieran's clear, enthusiastic, philosophic vein, each of them with a realistic picture painted by Don Eckelberry.


American Antique Furniture by Edgar G. Miller, Jr. (Greystone Press) Price $\$ 7.95 \ldots$ Formerly published as two volumes and at a much higher price, this new edition is a real bargain. Its 864 pages with more than $\mathrm{x}, 600$ illustrations is a thorough and detailed history of American furniture. It answers basic questions like "What is an antique-American and foreign?" Gives practical information on how to guard against being cheated by dishonest dealers and what is meant by "fakes." Explains fundamentals of design and also their use as keys to identification. Finishes, ornamentation, handles, knobs, moldings, reeding, fluting, nails, screws, hinges, as well as styles, periods, and important fabrics are covered in detail. A most interesting and useful reference for either the young beginner or the expert.

Man Around the House, by Norbert Engels. (Prentice-Hall) Price $\$ 2.95 \ldots$. This excellent, well-written book should interest both the man who is handy with tools and the man who hasn't done such work before. The author discusses the philosophy of the hobby workshop and basic information about materials, tools, shops, and numerous home-shop projects. Included are detailed layouts for many basic and some advanced projects that can be tackled at home. Norbert Engels is a professor of English at the University of Notre Dame. He relaxes in his shop at every opportunity and finds this hobby profitable as well as an excellent and pleasant form of recreation.

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## What Do You Nean 0ld?

GEORGE LAWTON, Ph.Ib.

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||ow different are we at fifty or sixty from what we were-or thought we were-at twenty-five or thirty? From birth on, minute by minute, body and mind change. But while our figures, ideas, and habits are constantly changing, our realization and acceptance of these changes does not take place simultaneously. Herein lies the problem of "aging successfully."
During youth and early maturity, we are eager for change; the desire to "grow up" is universal. But to become grown-up is not to achieve a stationary goal. Everyone continues to change as his age increases, whether he blesses the fact or regrets it
It is almost a social "law" that we are only as old as society says we are. Inside, a woman may feel little different at sixtyfive than she did at forty, but people treat her as if she is different. It is at unexpected and separate moments that she dis-covers-and admits-that changes have occurred.
Once the existence of the phenomenon of aging is admitted, there are many ways to react. One extremist may rush to the beauty shop to buy youth in jars and bottles. Her opposite may decide that so long as she is "getting old," nothing matters, so why bother any more? Neither approach is constructive. Adjustment is demanded.
There exists for every woman the possibility of forming a sound, workable mental attitude which she should retain throughout her life, for her own and her associates' happiness. The normal woman who tries to translate into reality the ideal image she has made of herself-physically, mentally, and socially-can be a creative artist in terms of her own personality. But though clothes and cosmetics are an interesting, constructive part of her life, they are not the whole of it. Social and intellectual interests suited to her talents and temperament are integral, active parts

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# You donit need a castle 

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1ot today! In fact, we don't know anybody who'd have a castle even if he could! There's one thing we've learned in this age of miracles; it isn't the size of your house that counts-it's what you do with what you have.

The house of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hodge and Miss Ann Reid, their friend of many years, is a case in point. Built by the trio, it is quite small with, for instance, a living room only ir feet, 6 inches wide. The lot on which it was built is only forty feet wide. Yet the three people who live here have treated it so handsomely, decorated it so beautifully, used such an uncommon amount of common sense in its de-
sign, they have made of their home a jewel of form, a pearl of content!
A forty-foot lot is certainly not king-sized, but you don't know the Hodges and Miss Reid. They forgot the size of all their surroundings, remembered everything they'd learned about color, furnituresizing, themes and schemes to make a place seem wider and longer and much more spacious over-all! You can see the result in these pictures, and take our word for it, the pictures couldn't do justice to the reality. With the help of Interior Decorator John Garner, the girls and Mr. Hodge have made their place "a little house in a big way."
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## Live Like il King

This living room is 11 feet, 6 inches wide, but you'd never guess it at first glance! An 8-foot sofa eliminates the need for too many chairs, thereby freeing more space. Nothing in front of the sofa, notice? When needed, individual tables come out of hiding


In the first place, the house today doesn't look anything like it did nine years ago when they first moved into it. Then it was burdened with over-sized furniture. Heavy draperies not only cut off the air and view, but closed in on the rooms so completely that, as the owners now say, they felt like giants in a doll's house.
The first thing Decorator Garner suggested was to scrap the curtains and cornice boxes, replace them with folding wooden shutters which prevent the sun's glare, a very important asset in summer, but let in plenty of light and air. This one change alone transformed the room by pointing up the bay which had been hidden by draperies. Now it's fitted with a window seat and storage space below for a record album library.
The narrowness of the living room was another big problem-II feet, 6 inches wide and 20 feet long. Miss Reid said that the former arrangement, a sofa and accompanying coffee table, with two chairs opposite, made the rest of the space look like a one-way aisle. They laugh about it now, but the clever way they got around it is no laughing matter. First of all, they painted the side walls brown, a deep brown. Although this would seem to reduce rather than expand the width, very often a skeptical guest has to step off the space to be sure the room is less than 12 feet wide. The sofa is eight feet long for extra seating space and, instead of a coffee table, individual miniature tables are brought out when needed. This makes a great deal of difference. The big mahogany pieces have been replaced by pine and maple scaled down to room proportions.

There's a wonderful correlation of colors and fabrics which carry from room to room, mysteriously add and multiply space. The one sure way to make a small house expand visually is to open up the doors between rooms and relate the decoration in all rooms. This point has been expertly handled by repeating the chocolate-brown of the living room in the woodwork all through the rest of the house. The same dusty yellow wallpaper that is
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We're hungry! Our hosts are fabulous cooks, invite a few lucky friends to an outdoor feast. Such a lovely spot, such a wonderful way to live! All this and papaya jam, too!


# An Era a Traced in Glass <br>  



A Sandwich glass collection, limited exelusively to rare old bottles.

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is the mark of the true collector

Sandwich glass, the product of a single factory which flourished during the mid-years of the nineteenth century in the village of Sandwich, Massachusetts, occupies a front-rank position among American collectibles. The bottle collection of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Francis of Dallas and Colorado Springs, while limited in scope, includes some of the finest examples of the products of the Boston and Sandwich Glass Company. Perfume and toilet bottles were only a small portion of the output of this famous "manufactory," but they are a fair representation of the best that is Sandwich. Most of the characteristic patterns are included in this series, as well as the three major glass-making techniques: free-blown, molded, and pressed glass. Because the bottles were made as individual pieces rather than as items in tableware sets, they possess greater variety in color, shape, and ornamentation. They were the quality product in a quantity-production business.
Harry Francis, our collector, was born in New Bedford, Massachusetts, and was reared by proximity and teaching to the glory of Sandwich glass. He says their collection was begun during the war as a Yankee's way of introducing his Texas bride to the beauties of New England. While stationed at First Service please turn to page 84


## There are three sides

You can easily see what a small amount of space this mighty project required. Otis laid out the beginning boards, then started digging the footings. An intelligent, simple architectural plan was all they had to go by. Mrs. Andrews isn't knocking herself out at the moment, except for shouting encouragement


The west wall is a wonderful idea. Not only is it practically all glass, but the panes are built to open, just in case the breeze dies down. Through here they can see all their pretty flowers, too. Mrs. Andrews is giving valuable help to her husband. Why not? She only has two youngsters to take care of!

Well, now it's beginning to look like something! Otis is not riding a hobbyhorse, he's just about finished with the overhead work. If and when they want to make a permanent room, it won't be much work to add roofing, now that so much of the groundwork has been done up above. Don't work so hard, Mrs. A.!


It's finished! Doesn't it look good? Private enough to screen them from the neighbors, but left wide open for all the warm sun that wants to come in. It makes a fine place for summer meals, too. The Andrews celebrated when it was completed, by giving a supper-dance. The waxed concrete floor caught the samba

# to this story 

The Andrews built three wails and
an open roof-have an outdoor living room. When they
roof it, add a wall, they will have an indoor playroom

1hat good old American trait, the courage to try anything, is still blooming all around us! Here is a perfect illustration of what we mean. This outdoor room, built by Mr. and Mrs. Otis Andrews, combines a lot of hard labor with instinctive feeling for the "good" look, the right effect.

They wanted a slouch-around spot, they wanted privacy at the same time, and they didn't want to spend much money. So with a simple plan drawn by a designer within the building ordinance requirements, they proceeded to build it themselves. That's what's so wonderful about us-if we can't afford to have someone else do it, there's always the other way!

The pictures tell the story. Otis appears to be a
pretty strong boy, which is all right, because it looks as if he's going to do most of the work. The house itself forms the east wall. Studs and boarding on the north have a fireplace built in the center, and this comes in handy when the cool of the evening passes by. A glass wall with panes that open to the west overlooks the pretty garden. The south is exposed; roof rafters allow the bright sun to come in unhampered.

But the thing which makes this private outdoor room a nugget of pure gold is that by simply adding a south wall of glass, finishing the roof, and making a door out of one of the east windows, it becomes an inside room! Now that it's finished, the young Andrews wonder how they ever lived without it!

Photographs by Robert C. Cleveland


## Letes go Shopping for

 RHODODDENDRONS

Here are the Regions used in the Table
A. New England, Central New York, Northern Pennsylvania, Ohio, westward (including Michigan) to Central States

Classes and Types
B. Middle Atlantic States linc. Metropolitan New York, Philadelphia, Washington), Virginia, No. Carolina, and westward inc. Kentucky, Tennessee, and the mountains southward; also mild Coast areas-Cape Cod southward
C. The Lower South-Charieston, S. C. to Florida and westward through Alabama to the Gulf of Mexico
D. The West Coast, from San Francisco northward through Portland and Seattle to Vancouver and Victoria

There are some 900 species of Rhododendron, not to mention their countless variations and more than 2,000 named varieties, including many hybrids. Some of them are properly called azaleas for, botanically speaking, all azaleas are a special kind of rhododendron. To put it simply, all the common rhododendrons have thick, leathery evergreen leaves; while the common or typical azalea has thinner leaves which often are shed in the fall. Of course, there are many "borderline" forms. In your shopping, you will not meet many members of this vast aggregation; some are too mediocre to be horticulturally valuable, others are not adapted to your region. So your selection will simmer down to a few that are both good-looking and hardy in your climate. A list of the kinds you can grow will differ markedly from a list of those that will grow in other (sometimes not far distant) localities.

In general, these plants are not too fastidious; given suitable conditions, they are really easy to grow. But they are highly specific in their requirements. Indeed, with their cousins, the blueberries, mountain-laurel, heather, trailing-arbutus, and some other excellent plants, they constitute a family group (the Ericaceae) known as the "heaths." A common characteristic of all of them is that they absolutely require an acid soil in order to thrive. Lime and nitrate of soda, commonly applied as soil amendment and fertilizer respectively, cause an alkaline condition and are veritable poison to them. Rhododendron and azalea growers must remember that any-
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## and AZALERS

## Species and Names

Regions

Characteristics and Notes
R. catawbiense, R. maximum, and forms such as Atrosanguineum, Album Elegans, Album Grandifiorum, Charles Dickens, Caractacus, Catawbiense Album, Everestianum, Lady Armstrang, Mrs. Chas. Sargent, Purpureum Grandiflorum, Roseum Elegans.
Other Catawba hybrids, R. ponticum, the R. fortunei group and its hybs. such as the Dexter hybs. (some fragrant).
R. thomsoni, griffithianum, fortunei, auriculatum, and others.

Britannia, Earl of Athlone, Purple Splendour, Cynthia, others. Loderi and Loderi hybs., esp. Loderi King George and Venus.
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(20)
R. carolinianum, minus, smirnowi, catawbiense var. compactum. R. micranthum

Hybrids such as Boule de Neige, Henrietta Sargent, Myrtifolium
$\longrightarrow A B$ and Wilsoni and others.
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R. chapmani
R. augustini (Tower Court form), R. campylocarpum, cinnabarinum var. Roylei, griersonianum, haematodes, neriifolium, wardi. $\qquad$ D Hybs. including Azor, Butterfly, Fabia, Lady Chamberlain, May Day, Romany Chai, Temple Belle, and many others.
R. arborescens (white), calendulaceum (yellow, orange),
cumberlandense (orange, scarlet), nudiflorum (light pink). roseum (rose), viscosum (white), vaseyi (pink).
R. japonicum (salmon, yellow), molle (orange, yellow). R. schlippenbachi (light pink), poukhanense (lilac), kaempferi (bright salmon-rose), mucronulatum (lilac-purple).
R. luteum (yellow), occidentale (white and yellow), pentaphylum (bright magenta), reticulatum (white), Ghent and mollis hybs.

- ABCD
R. austrinum (yellow, orange), canescens (white, pink), prunifolium (red, orange, yellow), serrulatum (white), speciosum (red).
R. occidentale (white, with yellow blotch).
R. poukhanense (lilac), kaempferi (red). $\qquad$
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R. obtusum, large Kurume azaleas (white, pink, lilac), mucronatum (whiie), indicum (red), malvaticum, Glenn Dale and Gable hybs. B C D R. phoeniceum (magenta), simsi (red), scabrum (scarlet), Indian Hybrid Azaleas, Macrantha hybs., Malvatica hybs.

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Color range from white through blush and pink to rose, crimson, and lilac. Besides those named, many hardy seedlings and old-time named vars, are available.
Good in the New York City and Philadelphia areas; some may be hardy northward.
All grow well in Pacific Northwest. A few may prove hardy in Region B. For larger list for West Coast, consult regional nurserymen. Wide range of colors; many brilliant.

Colors, white, light pink, lilac. R. micranthum with tiny white flowers is not handsome in bloom; leaves small, evergreen. Growth habit of these hybs. tends to be compact.
An early blooming white hybrid.
A native of Florida, very much like R. carolinianum.
These include a vast array of forms and many additional species. Colors range from almost blue to bright red and clear lemon-yellow. Some of the hybs. have intermediate shades, as salmon-rose. Some have peculiarly shaped flowers.

Native American azaleas, hardy even in sub-zero climates. Height ranges from 3 to 12 feet or more. Flowers are under 2 inches in diameter, except in japonicum and molle which are usually more than 2 inches across. Kaempferi will not succeed where temperature goes 15 degrees below zero.

Ghent and Mollis hybs. vary in hardiness. The true occidentale is not very hardy.

Native azaleas of the Lower South, generally unsatisfactory north. Much like the northern wild azaleas in character.

There are some excellent forms and hybs. of this species.

Semi-evergreen in the North; evergreen in the South. Some Kurume azaleas grow to 6 ft . Untested Glenn Dale hybs. may prove hardier and better than Kurumes.
The large Indian azaleas and their allies, famous in the Lower South; not hardy in the North.
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## This honse changed its point of view!

The Phillip Osbornes moved an old cottage

forty feet, took away nothing, added very

little, made a knockout from a washout!

IIt's always fascinating to hear about a fearless soul who bought an old down-at-the-mouth place and, with a half-yard of dimity, a hammer, and thumb tacks, turned out "the cleverest little house you ever saw!" It's always fascinating-and seldom rings true. More than a "flair" is required when doing over an awkward, stumbling piece of architecture into a comfortable home. Much more. But that anyone can-without a sheepskin in architecture, decorating, or the allied arts-remodel a plain unattractive house into something really worth while, we know for sure! The Phillip Osborne house, pictured on these pages, is one of many we've shown to prove it.

The whole story is told in the "before" and "after" pictures. You'll notice the only visible change was the addition of a porch. That, plus a coat of brave red paint, with white trim. Mr. Osborne also had a cellar dug before they moved the house onto its new perch. He likes to make things and needed a workshop. There's a playroom, maid's room and laundry down there, too.

Inside, they knocked down a "parlor" partition and doubled their living-room space, made a pine-paneled kitchen from the old back porch, with a breakfast nook in the corner. Bedroom and bath complete this floor. Upstairs, they changed little. A bedroom, bath, and full-length-of-the-room closet take up most of the space. The Osbornes made every change count, and it makes a proud story!

Except for a few minor changes, the interior is just about as they found it. The living room's in Williamsburg-blue, with print draperies, a good backdrop for the Osbornes' mahogany and walnut furniture, all family heirlooms. The bedroom wasn't changed at all, but there's a closet, not in the picture, which runs the entire length of the room. Wouldn't you give your eyeteeth to have it today?

A coat of paint, an added porch, and the drab gardener's cottage on the left, transplanted to a brand-new setting, became the countryside delight you see on the right



Photographs by F. M. Demarest

The wonder of the neighborhood! Bright and shiny, it looks like a million dollars. Remodeled at sensible cost, the Osborne home is an excellent example of what can be done with a house that is structurally sound, but badly in need of adventure!

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Inexpensive unbleached muslin becomes elegant with stenciled Chinese-coin design. Enameled design on upholstery adds a smart touch!

## 1289

Same unbleached muslin used for place mats, individualized with stenciled monogram of Chinese-like script letters


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## Why not try a Chinese Slant?

IIThen we started out to make over the lavender-and-old-hat dining-room set, above right, into the oriental beauty you see directly below it, there were those who had faint heart. But we did it and we're glad! Would you ever think it possible to take such a banal, look-like-nothing dining-room set and come out with such a modern, clean-lined, and inviting room that would make any owner proud to have it?
The only thing which really cost a sizable amount of money was about $\$ 78$ for the lumber. These changes in the base of the dining table, cabinet, and buffet, plus the chairs, set the keynote for the entire transformation. The lumber used was of various sizes, and if you or anyone near by is handy with a saw, it's a breeze. (We've listed the cost of materials elsewhere in this article.) So if you're saddled with a dining room that you've lived with so long you're bored at the sight of it, what do you have to lose? And what you have to gain is plenty!

Plywood, $1 / 4$-inch thick, was used for the panel which replaced the glass door in the cabinet. The table legs were made from 2 by $4^{4}$ 's, chair bases from I by $1^{1 / 2} 2^{\prime}$ s, buffet legs 2 by $2^{\prime}$ s, and the china cabinet's base was formed by 2 by 2 's, 2 by 3 's, and a piece I by 3 inches for the stretcher across the bottom. We used Koroseal, a plastic, for the white upholstery, and for the please turn to page 120

BEFORE and AFTER
Nothing could tell a story so completely as these two photographs. The same furniture, cleverly remodeled; not a single new piece of furniture has been added. Draperies of unbleached muslin, plastic upholstery, and wellplanned accessories, plus inexpensive wool rug ereated our Chinese Slant

New apron replaces former molding under table top. Simple legs made of 2 by 4 's replace bulbous atrocities


1290
Handsome ferocious-dragon design painted on reconverted china cabinet is a conversation piece. Dragon would
be excellent painted on folding screen!


1291
Chinese lad and his lady love depicted in an enchanted garden, make charming panels on this remodeled buffet. Big wooden-molding pulls are easy to make



## How to Glaze Pine



Use an eraser to remove pencil marks.
Then, working with the grain, go over the surface and all frilled or sharp edges with fine sandpaper to make the wood absolutely clean and smooth

## HOBERT M. ROSS

IIon't let the words "glazed pine" fool you. It's a professional expression used by decorators and painters, it's not nearly as highfalutin' as it sounds. As a matter of fact, it's simply applying paint to natural knotty pine, rubbing it off before it dries. This leaves just enough paint on the wood to sink in the crevices and give an overall suggestion of color without covering up the beautiful grain and knots. It is a wonderful way to point up your pine walls.

There are several ways to glaze, but this one got fine results. First, seal the wood with shellac so the paint won't sink in and dry too fast. Then apply whatever color of flat paint you prefer, thinned down plenty with turpentine or thinner and a little mineral spirits from your paint store. This last mentioned stuff will retard the paint from drying, so you can wipe the greater part of it off. Don't paint too large a surface at one time-maybe two or three boards, then wipe. This way there'll be no chance of the paint drying too quickly. Practice on a piece of scrap pine before you start the big job. You'll find it's easy.

Give it a day or so to dry, then go over it with shellac, lacquer, varnish, or wax. That's all! Hint: Be sure to burn rags that are filled with paint or turpentine. They're fire hazards.

Dust the surface well. Next seal it with one coat of shellac, thinned with one pint of alcohol to each quart of shellac. Using a 4 -inch brush, work on only 3 or 4 boards at a time to prevent laps


As each section of 3 or 4 boards is painted, while still wet, wipe off the glaze. With folded soft cloth, use a light pressure and wipe high spots clean, leaving color in low spots and grain

Add yellow to white-lead putty to match color of wood, and fill all holes and cracks. Remove excess putty with paint thinner and rag. If wood putty is used, fill holes and cracks before sealing


Highlight the knots by using a eloth saturated in paint thinner to wipe all glaze paint from knots and adjacent large grain figure. Then go ahead with painting of next section of boards

Gray-green glaze has been used on the wainscot and cupboard of the dining room at top right to produce color in the woodwork while preserving and accenting the interesting knot and grain of the pine. Below right are four of the many colors that can be used. The choice is only limited by the paint colors available and the color scheme that is desired

Glazing liquid is very thin. Mix $3 / 4$ gallon of flat paint, 1 quart of paint thinner, and $1 / 4$ pint of mineral spirits. Stir thoroughly and apply with 4 -inch brush on only 3 or 4 boards at a time


Allow 24 hours for glaze to harden. Then apply a couple of coats of shellac, or lacquer, or wax, or a coat of varnish to protect the glaze and make the surface easy to dust and keep clean




Glass doors, with light blue frames, fold back to combine living room and west porch

Informality of living room is stressed by exposed rafters, grayblue painted fireplace with simple molded shelf

Dining room on lower level has gray walls, blue linoleum floor. Fruitwood refectory table is of Provincial ancestry

# Here’s a Good Nixer! 

Fine antiques in a house with a definitely modern outhook-
designed, if you please, by a lady arehiteet?

IThe minute you walk into the Leo J. OFlahertys' house you sense here is a remarkable blend of the old with the new, presented by an expert! Restrained good taste is evident every-where-rare beautiful old furniture from France, England, America, set side by side with deep present-day upholstered pieces, the kind most men like for comfortable relaxing.
The house itself is traditional in appearance, with all the highlights of good modern planning, and does just what a good house should do-it never gets in the way of comfortable living.
Take the plan, for instance: architect Edla Muir, a lady of talent and sense, planned the house on two levels to fit the steep hillside plot, and wrapped it crescent-shaped around the top of a hill. Take the view-and you really take the view at the O'Flahertys'! It's always there on three sides of this house. On a warm day one whole wall of the living room opens up to the lovely panorama. Take its private side: inside the curved arms of the house, with the upward slope of the hill making a fourth wall, there is a calm patio, sheltered from wind and eyes, with a small pool for bathing. Take its background: modernminded though the house is in planning, in window-walls, in high regard for privacy, the traditionsl treasures of the O'Flahertys fit into the interiors with timeless ease. There is no inconsistency here, but rather a high regard for living with taste, with ease, with comfort. The entire house has a quiet dignity and seems just "right" for its collection of fine old furniture. Everywhere we find the same blending of old pieces with their backgrounds. Once and for all, this removes any doubt that good old furniture, no matter what its please turn to page 99


Mixed styles in the white-walled master bedroom achieve this charming effect. Fourposter bed, over two hundred years old, like the cherry and maple butler's desk, is Early American. Dressing table is authentic French Provincial

## Paintpol Thimble and Thread

The first strong slant of the summer sun is apt to show our winter-worn rooms in a mighty puny light, especially after lamp shades and boudoir furniture have taken piped heat and dust for several months. So we got together a little paint, a bit of fabric, and with a few other fundamentals set about to conjure up some ideas on lamp shades and dressing-table skirts. The results surprised even us-didn't know we had it in us! But one of the most amazing things about our beating up some new approaches to bedroom beauty was that it costs so little! We bought most of the things at the five-and-ten-cent store, but the result certainly wouldn't hint that our masterpieces had such humble beginnings!
the lamp shades were dirt cheap-just that. One was glamoured up with full-blown cabbage roses, flirty and feminine, painted on with a lavish touch. Another simple white paper lamp shade got the formal treatment with a gold border, bows, tassels and laurel leaves. We made a Southern belle out of the third one by painting luscious pink magnolias on a white shade, banded it with gold, put it on a tall milk-glass lamp base, and expected Scarlet to walk in the room any minute.
the large bottle lamp has a matching green shade. To relieve the monotony of so much solid color a border of stenciled white carnations marches around the bottom, and it rivets the eye of everyone who sees it.
For a tailored touch, how do you like that starchy little white job on the other page, with its painted blue buttons and scallops? At first glance, you might have thought they were real buttons, and we wouldn't have told you if you hadn't asked!
a young giri's room would love the touch of the little white shade with painted pleats and bows in shades of blue and white, or the one with swags, jabots, and rose bouquet which we dreamed up and painted on just to see how fancy we could get.
the dressing table skirts were the natural result of our excitement over the lamp shades. We liked our first work so well we ran up three matching skirts, to show what can be done! It was interesting work, and lots more satisfactory than going out and buying them ready-made!





# Garden Full of Fragrances... 

ELOISE ITOOHERACH

Florence Wilkinson Evans has written of "A garden full of fragrances, of pauses, and of cadences," and that is what I am always reminded of when I visit the Woodside, California, garden of Mr. and Mrs. M. Harris. Fragrances lure one through the picket gates, beckon from tulip beds, iris corners, rose arbors, and honeysuckle bowers. They lead one through the noble front door of a lovely house, pause in broad spacious rooms, and finally drift out through another door to a terrace bordered with pansies. Thence, past many a delightful grouping of both aristocratic and humble flowers, they float on and on, up and up, to clumps of spice-bush and pine-tree groves, gathering other perfumes on their way from rose beds, statuesque plantings of lilies, grape arbors, and a kitchen garden rich with the pungent, exciting aroma of many kinds of herbs, This charming home and its so-appropriate garden were designed by Mr. and Mrs. Harris, with the expert and experienced help of architect Gordon Kaufman, to fit into a boulder-strewn slope. The first story is of Sonoma stone washed with white, the second of shiplap painted white, then rubbed to produce an antique, lived-in atmosphere. The roof is of hand-split shakes and the shutters, in a two-toned sky-blue, pick up the blues of the garden which run a rich cadence from daylight to evening shades. The stone, cedar, pine,
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Springtime bloom in this garden is mostly blue, with golden tulips and yellow irises for contrast. Note Isabella grapevine which runs for 115 feet along base of second story. Before garden was established, potted flowering
plants, changed from season to season, were generously used (facing page).
A lovely dry-wall garden enhances path leading to a hospitable barbecue area


1. Salt and pepper shakers of smooth burnished copper, square-sided, tapering foward the top with rounded edges. Sturdy age-old metal in modern shape. $\$ 2.50$. Wm. Fenton
2. Mortar and pestle of dark walnut and light hardwood combined. Both practical and decorative. Unusual gift which will give years of spicy service. $\$ 3.95$. Old Fashioned Herb Co.
3. Low candlesticks of American handmade crystal in simply designed Contour pattern, weighty enough to take tall tapers. For cozy or gala affairs. $\$ 3.00$ each. Fostoria Glass Co.
4. Silk-screen prints, in white wood frames, 14 by 17 inches in size. Gay French scenes in soft blues, yellows, pinks, and purples. $\$ 5.00$ each. Franklin Picture Frame Co.
5. Jam jar with glass bowl, longhandled spoon. Frosted-oak lid carved like a pineapple. Stands $61 / 2$ inches high. $\$ 3.50$. Millie Ann Koerner
6. Cigarette box, detachable lid be comes ashtray 4 by $41 / 2$ inches. $\$ 3.95$ set. Matching planter, 6 inches high, $\$ 4.50$. Sun-Glo Studios
7. Ceramic ashtrays in green, gunmetal, burnt-red, or sand. Decorative, protective. 5 and $61 / 2$ inches across, $\$ 1.50$ and $\$ 2.00$ each. N. S. Gustin Co.
8. Plaster cat, coated to resemble bronze, 7 inches high. Egyptian replica. $\$ 10.00$. Metropolitan Museum
9. Lazy Susan condiment set. Frostedoak base, 9 inches across, glass containers for vinegar, oil, mustard, salt and pepper. $\$ 10.00$. Marion Ruth


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$\$ 10$ and under

10. Glass bowl on silver base, 10 inches across, many-purposed. $\$ 6.50$. Serving spoon and fork, silver-on-copper, $\$ 4.95$. Sun-Glo Studios
11. Cheese-grater of frosted oak, $71 / 2$ inches high. Equally good for grating nuts or fresh coconut. Easy to clean. $\$ 5.95$. Hammacher-Schlemmer
12. Ovenware casserole, lid used as hors d'oeuvres plate. Comes in sand, curry, green, blue, apricot. Serves four to six. $\$ 8.00$. N. S. Gustin Co.
13. Hand-blown glass pitcher, threetoed, elongated lip, transparent. Stands 9 inches high, beautifully shaped. $\$ 7.95$. Tinker Glassware
14. Four ceramic bowls in a deep green glaze, for individual use, or put together to form a circle. $\$ 8.00$ for four. Haeger Potteries, Inc.
15. Frosted-oak hostess tray with covered glass bowl, relish dishes. $\$ 12.00$. The Kitchen Mart
16. Cheese dish with wood ledge, fancy tile. Black or frosted oak, $121 / 2$ in. square. $\$ 10.95$. Black, Starr \& Gorham, Inc.
17. 50-inch lamp on steel tripod standard with aluminum bowl. In 7 colors. $\$ 15.00$. Stadler, Neuwirth, Inc.
18. Two oven-proof, off-white jars with black or frosted-oak lids and $191 / 2^{-}$ inch tray. $\$ 15.00$. Gump's
19. African mask in dull black finish, 10 inches long. Good collector's item. $\$ 11.50$. Sun-Glo Studios
20. Table lamp with natural straw shade, 28 inches high, pineappleshaped base. $\$ 15.00$. Vivian Soukup




To divide entrance hall and living room: a bleached-oak frame with inset panels of ribbed glass. The glass obscures vision, but lets in light. The William Eisens' home


To create an entrance hall: a partition at right angles to wall includes a coat closet, a bamboo blind, and built-in overhead lighting. The Carl Andersons' home


To mask a stairway that lets directly into living room: checkered glass set in a painted frame above a plantfilled ledge. Bernard Strauss' home, by Fred Barienbrock


To separate living and dining areas: counter is both bar and plant-box, topped by a slatted trellis which suggests division, but allows light and air. Jack Buchter's home

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## privacy-it's all in how you use them

IOu don't have to be an expert at long division to catch on to the advantages of some of these room dividers. Their primary function is to separate two rooms or two different areas without interfering too much with the feeling of space in small quarters. The degree of division is up to you, depending on what you want them to do.

Most of the ones we illustrate are carpenter-built, require no great cabinet-making skill. An unusual texture is often very effective, and combinations of material can be very handsome. To retain a feeling of openness when actually you're closing off an area, you should have some device through which light can pass, or through which you can see-it might be glass, a bamboo screen, wooden louvers, a simple trellis.

To gain privacy at the front door: front entrance lets directly into the living room, but this divider breaks the view, screens the occupants. Shelves hold plants, books, ornaments. R. O. Steffen's home



To open up a vista: this partition defines living and dining area, yet does not interrupt feeling of space. Good storage below for tableware, glass shelves above for displaying your treasures. The Louis Roens' home


To divert traffic, save wear and tear: this partition helps channel traffic from front door (straight ahead) into living-room area (off right) instead of through dining area. Bernard Garbutt's home

## How to Keep Cool

CIRCULATION

These four factors condition the air in your home.


Right at the beginning, before we get into the mechanical part of our subject, let's start with an old cliché that sounds foolish, but really makes a lot of sense-try to forget the heat! That's right. Have you ever noticed how much hotter we feel when we talk about it all the time?

Unlike the weather, you can do something about the heat! Insulation, awnings, blinds, overhanging eaves, double-glazed windows and open, screened windows-these all help to give comfort and relief. But when it's really hot, that deadly, smothering, blistering heat which comes to certain sections at times, there's only one answer for you-air conditioning! Four factors have a hand in conditioning the air for your summer comfortnamely, circulation, filtering, dehumidification and cooling. Any one of these or a combination of any will go far toward cooling that fevered brow!

Circulation works in a number of ways. It moves warm air out of the house, so cool fresh air can come in. Perspiration evaporates more quickly, cooling you off. In fact, circulation is the basic thing around which all air conditioning is built.

Filtering the air removes dust and pollen, cutting down allergy irritations that make the heat seem worse than it actually is. Ask any sufferer from rose or June fever what a blessing that is!

Dehumidification dries out the air and increases its capacity for absorbing moisture. This, naturally, speeds up evaporation of perspiration, your body gets cooler faster than with air circulation alone. High humidity also has a very distressing effect on the breathing of many people, depressing them mentally and physically. Drying up the excessive moisture in the air relieves both the physical and psychological distress.

Air-cooling certainly doesn't have to have its particular merits ballyhooed-the name describes its welcome benefits.
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Put them to work for you and
you'll beat the heat this summer


1. Frigidaire, window-type, room air conditioner circulates cool, dry, filtered air, is completely self-contained; price about $\$ 390$
2. Emerson attic fan with an automatic shutter and canvas plenum chamber, in three sizes; price about $\$ 200$ to $\$ 310$
3. Superfan, a versatile, portable fan, has a filter mount for use in
windows and a heater attachment for winter use; price (fan only) about $\$ 35$
4. General Electric remote room air conditioner may be away from
windows, has cooling pump in other location, circulates cool, dry, filtered air; price about $\$ 700 \mathrm{up}$, depending on installation details

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## Nuch for little

## Bright ideas for the honse, for

the garden, for yourself-inexpensive, easy to make, anyone can have them:

1. FOLDING SEAT Comfy-Bak, a collapsible canvas folding seat made by Busch \& Co., $\$ 2.00$. In strong red or blue canvas, just the ticket for the bleachers, rowing, or fishing. Lightweight steel rods fit firmly into canvas pockets. Two tapered hooks on the front of the seat fit over any bench or seat from $13 / 8$ to $17 / 8$ inches thick. The whole thing collapses easily and folds into a small lightweight roll that slips into almost any pocket. The girls will appreciate the protection for their light summer dresses. Maximum outdoor comfort at a low price.
2. PUSH-BUTTON PAINTING No brush, no mix, no mussnothing to do but press a lever when you paint with Spraint, the can of paint with the spray-gun built right in. $\$ 2.00$ for the kit. Works on the same principle as those DDT insecticide bombs or a syphon bottle. Compressed gas does the trick, forces the paint out in a fine spray. Includes 12 -oz. can of paint in any one of 6 colors, or chrome aluminum. Dyna-Spray Head, instructions, and toy chair for practice. Every drop can be sprayed, and any leftover paint keeps indefinitely.
3. SELF-MADE LAMP To save you labor costs, Lampac ships lamps disassembled ( $\$ 6.50$ to $\$ 8.00$ each). You put the parts together yourself. Seven styles, either boudoir or table type. Composition base has been sprayed with a base coat of paint. You apply your own color. Four-ounces of paint for base or shade, 50 cents extra. Choose your favorite design and work out color combination for it. Follow the instructions carefully when putting it together, then let your imagination be your guide. All the shades are plain, to be painted as you wish.
4. COAT-HANGER TRELLIS Did you ever think the day would come when you'd use your old coat hangers in the garden? It's here. Not only are they useful when made into a trellis, but with your own brand of artistic dash, you can twist them into an interesting pattern, too. You'll need two-by-fours or wooden poles, strong staples, a can of paint, and those old hangers you keep pushing toward the back of the closet. You could use them in the house, too-for your ivy or philodendron plant-or a sweet-potato! Idea: Eleanor Mead Baldwin.

Photographs by F. M. Demarest, Wendell Kilmer. Drawings by Margaret Nielsen


Teach your table
party manners

GERTRUDE BRASSARID
| here's nothing that tickles us more, when we have a few people in for a little to-do, than to see them stop short when they look at the table and say, "Why you old smarty, you-it's beautiful." Then we shyly smile and say we're glad they like it, knowing full well that after all the time and attention we'd spent on it, they better had!

Whether for guests or the most important people in the world, your family, setting a pretty table is a sort of challenge. I guess no two people ever would do them exactly the same way. That's what makes them fun, lifts this part of homemaking above the humdrum work which occupies most of our time. Even if you eat in the kitchen, you can spruce up the table to delight one and all. Of course, there are those who make a face at the thought of kitchen-dining, but many of us don't have dining rooms or dining alcoves, and that's that!

Naturally, your china is the star of the production when you plan your table. If it's an all-over fancy design, use a simple, but not necessarily stark, cloth for your background. A little design here and there is acceptable, but you don't want the plates and cloth fighting each other. If your china is plain, with maybe a band or slight rim decoration, then you can go to town with any of many beautiful, flamboyant, bright-colored print cloths. You're the one to choose, and there aren't any set rules-just your own good taste. But one thing above all, be sure your cloth is crisp, clean, and fresh. If possible, try to iron it without any creases. That's a large order for the ordinary ironing board, so we'll look the other way if you make just one crease down the middle.

Limit the overhang on damask or close-weave cloths to 12 or I5 inches. Don't let them hang over too far-they look so tired.
There's no law against using candles, and no rule which says you must. If you do-they lend "tone" to the simplest mealthen the minimum is four, two on each side of the centerplease turn to page 74

A beautiful table for the bride's reception at home, in strictly traditional style, with organdy tablecloth, handsome gold-banded china, heirloom silver

For the modern setting just below it, china in taupe tones keeps company with green woven mats, fresh daisies
Sunlight yellow bands a fine traditional china, with orchidtoned glassware (center left)

The Wedgwood-blue mat, pale pink china, cornflowers combine modern and traditional highlights
"MORE, MOMMY!"


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So it's just good menu-making to have these peaches often-in gay salads, in easy desserts.

And it's just smart shopping to insist on the brand that has always meant superb peaches-Del Monte. No less!


## DelMonte




## June Is Bustiin' Out <br> (Begins on page 54)

dish. A mound of corn surrounded by enticing fresh lima beans is colorful and popular. Hot rolls twisted into many shapes, made on a diminutive scale for easier eating, will take care of the male chorus and those with hearty appetites. This hot-roll recipe you will want to add to your menu file for the day when you really want to spend loving care on a food for your party guests. It is not quick, but it is easy and it is great fun.
The salad must be just right for this party. We developed a
recipe, Wreath Salad, which contains many of the well-beloved salad greens, our old friend the tomato, and two ingredients which your guests will discover with great pleasure-Swiss Cheese cut into bite-size slivers, and slices of avocado.

A fancy party calls for a fancy dessert! We reached into childhood's fond memory for one which will never lose its magic. Individual meringues, crunchy and just a little chewy, filled with a creamy orange and lemon sherbet; each topped with fruit either fresh, canned, or frozen. We recommend and have served two fruits. Let your guests have a choice; have one fruit fresh and have one either frozen or canned. And you know, you can follow these procedures throughout the year, not just for summer parties!


FOR YOU, SIR, two to set upon the stoveoutdoors or in. Two masterpieces giving forth heady, he-man aromas, timed for lolling with your guests.
There will be table-hopping, but it won't be you. Guests can't take the nectar while waiting for the ambrosia over yonder-cacciatore stewing in its own heady oil or the burbling rich, red beans. And brother, when you arise casually and pour in coffee strong enough to walk alone, toss in a jigger of brandy for good measure-watch out! Divert attention to the little woman.

While she expatiates on her skill with a ham, how its succulence comes from the orange, lemon, and, of all
things, ginger ale, explains that the beautiful crust is peanut butter, mustard, and brown sugar, you'll be ladling out the beans, making like a soda-jerker with the noodlesand what a meal you'll have!

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Chicken cacciatore
(Time-2 hrs.)
(Teat in bottom of large Dutch oven enough olive oil to cover bottom
$1 / 2$ inch. Cut 4 or 5 -lb. chicken into individual serving pieces and brown both
sides. Remove from oil.
Add: I small can tomato paste and stir well
2 small onions, chopped fine
2 small bay leaves
$1 / 2$ tsp. marjoram
Salt and pepper to taste
$1 / 2$ can tomatoes
(Italian-style or domestic, solid pack)
I cup white wine (domestic)
Return browned chicken, cover tightly and simmer (do not let boil) for
I $1 / 2$ to 2 hrs. If, after $11 / 2$ hrs. sauce is watery, cook with cover off until it
has concentrated. Mix sauce with boiled, drained noodles or spaghetti. (I
vastly prefer noodles.) Arrange chicken on top.

FOR YOU, MADAM, two delectable ways with leftover veal and two quickie desserts - all four of them calculated to render agreeably tranquil the crankiest of eaters and all four guaranteed genuine 14-karat gourmet eating. A package of dried fruits stewed up with orange juice and a big fat cinnamon stick, then puréed into sour cream - that's the know-how for a sauce that is richly textured for the eye, aromatic for the nose, piquant to the tongue. A little parsley or herbs rolled into a readymix pie crust, moistened with wine and rolled ever so tenderly for a crust, short, flaky, and heavenly over a veal pie. Sound good?

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(Serves 4 amply, can be stretched for
6 in tall, slender sherbe t glasses)

Break: 6 egg yolks in top of double boiler Beat with rotary beater

Add: $1 / 4$ cup powdered or granulated sugar Beat again, until light lemon color
Put over hot water and stir constantly with a wooden spoon until it thickens. Never at any time allow it to bubble or boil.
Add: $1 / 3$ cup Marsala wine) warmed together,
1/4 cup brandy $\quad$ warm, not hot
Beat thoroughly again and continue cooking until thick-the thickness of a chocolate or custard pudding, not solid.
Serve hot or cold, never warm or cool!

## - veal pie and herb rolls with parsley crust

In buttered casserole, cube left-over veal. For each serving, cut up in small bits and fry 1 slice bacon until nearly done. Add to cubed veal, without grease. For 4 to 6 servings, make herb egg balls as follows: Mash yolks 4 hard-boiled eggs, add $1 / 2$ tsp. thyme, $1 / 2$ tsp. marjoram, $1 / 2$ tsp. savory, salt and pepper. Bind with egg white and roll in small balls.
Add to cubed veal and bacon. Add gravy from left-over roast or make a thin white sauce. Dot with butter. Cover with pie mix moistened to handling stage with white wine and rolled out with a handful of finely chopped parsley. Bake in medium oven. Served here with canned peach halves poached in sour cream and filled with a tart jelly and fried celery hearts.
P. S. I have found that mixing and thoroughly chilling pie mix before rolling makes an unbelievable difference.

## - veal in fruited sour-cream gravy

$\mathbf{S}_{\text {tew }} 1$ package assorted dried fruit in $1 / 2$ water, $1 / 2$ orange juice and 1 whole cinnamon stick. Do not overcook-fruit should not be limp. Save enough to serve as garnish. Purée balance into 1 pint sour cream. Add left-over veal slices (thin) and heat slowly and thoroughly, stirring occasionally with wooden spoon. Garnish with whole, stewed fruit. A baked potato and a mixed green salad is all you need with this.

## - Spanish beanpot*

Put in casserole: (pottery preferred)

2 large cans red kidney beans
(Discard $1 / 2$ to $1 / 4$ juice, depending on pack, and save for possibility of added cooking time.)

Mix well: 2 tablespoons bacon fat
1 large clove garlic, minced
1 pinch English thyme
1 pinch rosemary
2-3 bay leaves
4 whole cloves

1 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons dry mustard
$1 / 4$ teaspoon cayenne pepper
2 tablespoons strong cider vinegar
$1 / 2$ cup juice from pickled or
canned fruit that is not too sweet

Stir into beans and bake 1 hr . in slow oven $\left(275^{\circ} \mathrm{F}\right.$.). (Can be covered and cooked on top of stove if Dutch oven is used-or on back of barbecue in heavy pottery casserole.)
Add $4-5$ slices half-cooked bacon and 2 medium-sized onions sliced very thin. Put in or over hot heat (oven $400^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$.) and bake until bacon is crisp. If meal is obviously going to be held up, delay this procedure. More slow simmering won't hurt but add the juice you originally took out to prevent drying out.
Add: $1 / 2$ cup strong black coffee (and I do mean strong and black as night) 1 jigger brandy
Thoroughly reheat and serve piping hot.
*Adapted from recipe, same name, in the American Home Menu Maker.


Dash of salt
6 tablespoons butter

Sift sugar, cocoa, and salt together. Cream butter. Add part of sugar mixture gradually, blending well. Add remaining sugar, alternately with coffee, until of right consistency to spread, beating after each addition until smooth. Add vanilla and blend.

Pop's Pet Coconut Frosting. Omit cocoa from preceding recipe and use about 3 tablespoons hot milk instead of the coffee. Spread between layers and on top and sides of cake. Sprinkle lavishly with Baker's Coconut, Premium Shred or Southern Style.

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## Why boil when you can freeze!



## 262 MOTIONS TO CAN ONE QUART JAR OF ASPARAGUS

262 hand motions from the time you sterilize the jar until it is put away. Three hours of standing near a boiling kettle of water at $212^{\circ}$ F. Eighteen steps in the canning process, and all this for one jar of asparagus-to do many more would require a whole day! What you don't see in the picture are the steam and heat created in the kitchen on a hot summer day. The sum total of this method is sheer exhaustion


42 motions to freeze one jar of asparagus
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## Why Boil?

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Take a good look at the pictures on page 63 and see for yourself-there's just no comparison. The little white lines were produced by putting light bulbs on a housewife's wrists, photographing the motions her hands made canning a quart jar of asparagus, then photographing her freezing the same amount. It took 262 motions to can the asparagus, only 42 to freeze them! And the difference in time is staggering. In addition to the 262 mo tions necessary to get the asparagus into the jars, it takes three to four hours more to process the food. Even with a pressure canner it still takes I $1 / 2$ hours. To freeze the same amount of asparagus, you just prepare them, put them in the freezer-that's all.

In the canning kettle there's room for only six jars at one time, which makes for great repetitive work. In canning, you need twice as many gadgets to work with as you do when freezing- 12 agains1, 6. There are eighteen steps required in canning6 in freezing.

The preliminary preparation before either canning or freezing is exactly the same: Beforehand, carefully wash each spear, scald them, chill them. If you're canning, you and the jars go through the hot bubblebath routine, and here's the straw that wilts the camel's back-the stove's as hot as a certain place which shall be nameless! If you're freezing, it's as simple as this: Rinse the jar, along with its lid; fill it with asparagus; close it; label it; put it in the freezer. Finis!

We made asparagus soup out of the tough ends, too, in a pressure cooker. Popped it into the freezer for good eating next winter. And we all know how wonderful frozen strawberries, peaches, raspberries, and other fruits taste long after the summer is gone.

Chicken and fish benefit enormously by freezing instead of canning. They both require such care when using the latter method since, with the slightest slip, they can become a dismal and acrid failure. When you freeze them, it's so simple you feel guilty. Just wrap your cleaned chicken in heavy aluminum foil, label, store it. Clean your fish, wrap it the same way, label it, store it. Easy? Our great-great-greats used to store their vegetables way down deep in the ground-their turnips, rutabagas, potatoes. They also preserved as best they could by putting food in the "spring house," since they knew even then the value of the cold treatment. In this way they were able to keep perishables just a little longer.

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## GOOD. any old time!




## Good Victuals

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It is, ma'am, a very good pie indeed and a dish of such sartorial elegance who could guess you had fashioned it with hand-me-down veal and pie mix off the grocer's shelf.
Well, so much for the leftover veal-roast problem. It's my bet that once the family latches onto these two dishes, the first of the roastnot the last of the roast-will pose the problem. And now for the two desserts and solving another prob-lem-eating strawberries until they run out of your ears-because they are in season, are best in season, and are cheap in season. Now, a warm strawberry pie is something you think you'll never tire of, and have you ever had your fill of strawberry shortcake. Not the sponge-cake and whipped-cream kind, but the kind so short that only sleight of hand and a fine thread can be used, and the thickest of yellow cream poured over it. You can't believe it now, of course, but come the end of June and you will have had your fill. You will have tired of strawberries in any form or fashion, and if you never see a strawberry again, it will be too soon. Whoa, lady. May I put a bee in your bonnet before this open rebellion hits your family? At the tail end of the "strumberry" season, when they are so sweet they are fair to overripetry my way with them, will you; just as a last fling, say? The orange juice and brown sugar do something quite wonderful for them, as does the cheese, cream, and ginger. That "something quite wonderful" being a spice and bite quite unlike the sweet, rich ways you have been having them. And, oh-include in that "something quite wonderful" the ease and the speed!

Zabaglione can be spelled Zabaglione, Sabaillon or Sabayon. It can be eaten hot or cold. It can be made with white wine and rum or Kirschthe French way; Sherry and brandy -the Spanish way; light and dark rum, the Caribbean way; and the best way-half brandy and half Marsala. That's the Italian way, and Italy is where my recipe hails from. It's a dish very like veal Scaloppine, which I gave you last month. Served in the fanciest places, for some reason considered difficult, and rarely served at home. And, like the Scaloppine, a true gourmet dish that is ridiculously easy and quick. And so exactly right after veal, lobster, or delicately cooked chicken.

How I wish there were some real synonym for "gourmet" and for "quickie." I always feel so smug and pat when I assure you it's a "gourmet dish" and I always feel so belittling when I label something a "quickie." Somehow gourmet conjures up the kind of eating and high life, shall we say, that has little to do with Ameri-

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can homes. And yet "good" is not the word for it, for gourmet goes beyond good food. It implies good food, but with a difference. That the "difference" is not long, tedious preparation, exotic ingredients, or Frenchchef technique, I have surely proven in the surprisingly easy, often downright speed of the recipes I've given you. "Mr. Webster's" definition is correct, "a connoisseur in eating an epicure," but hardly a tag to put on recipes. So until some one of you comes up with something better, gourmet shall have to stand. My great concern is that the label will not intimidate you.
Quickie is a word "Mr. Webster" will have none of-an indispensable part of our American language, as we all know, and certainly an indispensable culinary term. But as I regret the lack of a synonym for gourmet, so I mourn the lack of same for quickie. It is too often a label for the can-opening, package-mixer, delicatessen cook. Good things come out of cans and packages and few housewives can whip up a potato salad as good as the average delicatessen. But cans, mixes, and packages are merely modern materials with which to work -not the end-all. From a can of soup comes beautiful soup with just a soupçon of know-how at the hands of a cook. To my mind, it is positively archaic to spend gas or electricity money to cook beets from scratch, and what wondrous things can be done with a can of pears or pineapple. In the kitchen, I take off my halo and do my little trick with pie-mix. In I walk to the dining room, halo on again, shining bright as anything. Sure, I use a can-opener. On the wall it is, sturdy and strong because it needs to be for the heavy use it gets. And sure, I open up packages and containers and cellophane bags. But-and it's a big BUT-I don't just open and dump! They're American industry's gift to women and when a big executive tells me American women are lazy and poor cooks-to wit, they do not keep a pot of soup stock simmering day in and day out on the back of the stove-I laugh and laugh. Poor guy-he really exists-and he seriously said this to me. He is a big executive, but he sure never built a big business on the oldfashioned methods he prescribes for us womenfolk. So, gals, let's use everything put in our path to help us -but you know the old saying about helping ourselves. There are many combinations for the word quick. Quick-acting; quick-cooking; quickfreezing; quick-mixed and quickgone.* But the greatest of these you will find in my menu-maker, filed under "Quickies."
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Glasses are placed an inch above the tip of the knife, bread and butter plate the same distance above tip of fork. Lay butter knife horizontally across upper section of the bread-and-butter plate, or vertically across right-hand side of plate.

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# How to Hold Your Man 

ANNA K. MEIRIING

Ithought I was satisfied with the kitchen in my old house. It was sunny, modern-and so streamlined it didn't sport even a single chair! Efficient, yes; but comfortable-no. And the thing that I missed most in it was my husband!

In the evening he usually followed the age-old pattern-home, tired, the evening papers under his arm. Out of business clothes and into lounging slacks and shirt. Pipe, slippers, the easy chair by the fireplace, to read or doze while I spent my time in my modern kitchen cooking dinner-the two of us separated by a wall, with a kitchen door and twenty feet of space discouraging conversation.

When we set out to build our house, I decided to change all that. What I wanted most in my new kitchen was efficiency plus comfort plus my husband. So the Flopping Corner came about. And I recommend it highly to busy women whose many household activities leave them little time to spend with their favorite fellow in the living room talking over the day's doings.

My new kitchen is 12 by 14 feet in dimension, facing southeast. The work corner is compactly fitted into an "L" which accounts for two walls. Cupboards and storage space are built in. The third wall is paneled in knotty pine and provides a pleasant background for our Flopping Corner.
What does it take to make a Flopping Corner? Here's what I used: plumb in the corner, between the two windows, stands the chaise longue from my former bedroom. A magazine rack and table are handy, smoking accessories are provided. A pin-up lamp with a roo-watt reading bulb throws light for reading. A couple of steps away is a maple breakfast table set for two, flanked by two caneseated straight Victorian chairs which we picked up in an antique shop. My sink, my refrigerator, my range with its bubbling pots giving off delicious smells are within whispering distance.
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Busy with my pots, or with something in the oven, I manage to direct a little aroma in his direction occasionally-onions simmering in a stew, or maybe blueberry muffins baking in the oven.

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Command Headquarters, Francis took his wife on a series of week-end trips to the many antique shops that dot the northeastern states. In each instance their wanderings were made in search of Sandwich. Their selection of these gemlike bottles was guided as much by knowledge of their subject as by enthusiasm. They digested authoritative books on the subject. Ruth Webb Lee's book Sandwich Glass and George and Helen McKearin's volume American Glass were their most helpful references.
The Francises' search for perfect specimens was occasionally thwarted. While Sandwich bottles are one category of glass in which modern imitations have never been attempted, they are subject to some of the bugaboos of collecting. Chips on the necks of imperfect bottles have on occasion been erased by grinding back the top surface of the bottles. Stoppers of broken bottles have sometimes been switched to bottles with missing stoppers. Careful inspection of the width and shape of the bottle lip is the only precaution against the grinding trick, while matching exact color and design is the only sure way to avoid the stopper switch. A few pieces, as was the practice with Bristol glass, please turn to page 86

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13. The tall, tapered bottle doubly emphasizes the hexagon form, a characteristic of all but the rounded shapes made at Sandwich. The elongated oval is impressed on its steep sides. The stopper is hollow-blown to have a teardrop center and then shaped by cutting to repeat the hexagon
14. The dark bottle in the center of the page is deep green in color and is cut and polished to another variatimon of the hexagon
15. The bottle with the acorn stopper is yellow-green and of the star and punty design. The acorn was a favorite symbol of the company's founder
16. The lime-yellow piece with the open-flower stopper possesses an added whimsy in its design. In olden days toilet water from the bottle was poured into the flower basin so the scent would spread about by evaporation 17. The many-faceted little amethyst bottle is iewel-like in shape as well as in color. It is rated as topflight in desirability by collectors
18. The round ribbed bottle is clear crystal with a superimposed ruby threading. It is typical of another kind of Sandwich decoration. The threading in this instance is applied mechanically, an outgrowth of a hand-applied decorative technique used in very early handblown pieces
19. The lower right bottle is referred to by the Francises as their "America the Beautiful" piece. It was used in an educational movie under that title as an example of the beauty of early American glass
have matching numerals scratched onto the stopper and inside the neck of the bottle. Examine your "finds" closely to see if they are so marked. A bottle with a scratched number should always have a stopper with the repeat numeral.

The authentication of Sandwich has in recent years taken a romantic turn. Like most antiques, it was once necessary to trace a particular piece through the successive generations that owned it. Now authentication is substantiated by archeological methods. Excavations on the site of the old factory have revealed fragments which give proof of patterns and colors manufactured at Sandwich. Diggings under the floor of one glass house built in 1849 make it possible to determine the early patterns. By charting the successive layers of the heap, the chronology of the items can be surmised.

In her book on Sandwich, Ruth Webb Lee tells of an incident that pertains to the bottle with the acorn stopper: High transportation costs for the shipment of the glass to Boston was a problem for many years. In one tussle with the Old Colony Railroad, Deming Jarves threatened to build his own steamer to provide economical transportation to the city. An official jeered, "The acorn from which will grow the oak that will provide the lumber for your ship has not yet been planted." To prove the official wrong, Jarves quickly built the steamer and named it the "Acorn." Such was the beginning of a popular pattern motif.
One overlay bottle in the collection has all the attributes of Sandwich; the colors are identical to an authenticated lamp base, but because it is a very rare piece, corresponding fragments in corroborative quantities have not been found in the glass heaps. Overlay or case glass is produced by inserting and inflating


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second and third layers of glass inside first layer which has been inflated and placed in a mold or case to maintain its shape. The fusion of the several layers is achieved by reheating. After the glass is hardened, the under layers are revealed by deep pattern cutting.

Historical data on the Sandwich company, as with most commercial enterprises, is extremely limited. The fact of its existence from 1825 to 1888 is well substantiated, but the incidents of the years between are only vaguely noted.

It is generally acknowledged that the eminence of Sandwich is due to the genius of Deming Jarves. After years of service with the New England Glass Company and an extensive stay in Pittsburgh studying the advancements achieved by the Bakewell and Pears Company, he established his own company at Sandwich and quickly won the top position in the glass industry from his competitors. He was not always first with an idea, but he did use the best ones to good advantage. Patents registered in his name are indicative of his ingenuity. The glass which has survived him is indicative of his artistry.

Jarves's development of the pressing machine marked a new era in glass. With it, ornate patterns could be produced cheaply and mechanically in great number. The pressed patterns gave rise to a new vogue in tableware. The vogue has never quite faded. Today many collectors devote their efforts to the accumulation of a single pattern; diamond quilted, chevron, or sunburst designs are typical motifs. Lacy glass is a type of pressed ware which is so elaborate in design that it appears to be crystallized lace. Lacy cup plates, once used to hold teacups while tea was being drunk from saucers, have become the basis for many an excellent collection.
In free-blown and molded glass many other categories of glass intrigue the collector. To justify collection, a classification should encompass some of the typical designs such as thumbprint, bull's eye, arched panel, loop, star and punty, lyre, or acorn. It should be available in at least several of the Sandwich colors, such as royal-blue, amethyst, purple, yellow, ruby, opaque blue, milk-white, and clear. Whether the classification is egg-cups, vases, bottles, or decanters, there is enough variety in Sandwich glass to constitute a fair-sized collection in any category.
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## Suppose Somechody Should Irop In

A man's home isn't his castle when it is arranged primarily to impress visitors

## RAYMOND M. ROYLE

Im a pipe smoker. Sometimes I wish my wife were. Then she might not be such a perfect house cleaner. She might even become more philosophical about unexpected company. Now, I have nothing against house cleaning, but I do resent excessive cleaning because "we might have visitors" when it interferes with personal comfort. For instance, I have the habit of leaving partially-read magazines on the arm of my favorite easy chair. Sometimes I leave pipes in ash trays-and sometimes I use one as a temporary bookmark!

Before I have the time to finish what I was reading, my wife has dusted. In her own efficient way she has eliminated dust, magazines, pipes, and ash trays.
My unread magazines have either been thrown out, bookmark and all, or exiled to a rack in the kitchen. My pipes usually are upstairs on my bureau. The ash trays have all been hidden. To give credit where due, my wife has been more considerate about throwing magazines away since the time I couldn't sleep for three nights because the last chapter of a mystery serial had disappeared.
"But, darling," she says when I protest, "we might have visitors. Suppose somebody should drop in and see that mess in the parlor."

It makes no difference that I have to spend a half hour hunting for the magazine, climbing the stairs for a pipe, searching through the house for an ash tray, and looking for the place where I stopped reading. I'm not "somebody." I just live here.

On days when my wife is not satisfied with merely cleaning the house, she rearranges the furniture. Radio, sofa, tables, chairs, lamps, and pictures are all transferred to new locations. If a mathematician had ever told me that thousands of different combinations were possible from one radio, one sofa, one rocking chair, two easy chairs, two tables, and three lamps, I would have scoffed at him. But my wife has experimented with countless combinations. Only the piano is permanently fixed when she is in a rearranging mood, and I suspect she is planning some way to move that.

When I protest that I rather liked the furniture the way it was arranged before, since I could turn the radio dial without moving from my reading chair, she replies, "But suppose some-

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body should drop in and see everything in the same old place."
Then the ash trays. I guess my wife was raised in the era when cigarettes were frowned upon in mixed company and that left her with an anti-ash-tray complex. She hides them-behind pictures, in corners, on the piano, anywhere that they will be out of sight or out of reach. To leave one on the arm of a chair, on the coffee table, or on a stand, would be unthinkable for her. I never feel quite so frustrated as when I'm holding a burnt match and looking for an ash tray. It's almost enough to make a man give up smoking. Of course, I never think of ash trays until I'm holding a burnt match.

When I ask my wife where the nearest ash tray is, and what she would do if some visitor wanted one, she replies, "Why, there's one right in front of you; just look for it. And if somebody dropped in, you could be polite and get an ash tray." Such indisputable feminine logic!

Now I'm a man of simple beliefs, and not at all intolerant of contrary ideas. I believe that the home should be arranged to suit the people living in it, not to impress an imaginary somebody who may drop in.

I agree that cleanliness is desirable, that dusting is necessary, and that tidiness is important. But I think that comfort and convenience are fundamental, and without them the others are a waste of time. It seems to me that the home should be a place to relax, not a showcase for unexpected visitors. And who can relax amidst perfect order? I find rooms that are immaculately clean are usually uncomfortably tidy. They make me feel guilty when breathing. My mere presence seems to disturb the impersonal effect.

I think that any woman who really tried could dust around magazines and pipes. And since ash trays are designed in a practical way to hold ashes, it seems logical that they be placed in a convenient location in plain sight. Also, I believe that furnitare should be left in one position long enough, at least a year, to get accustomed to it.

In answer to my proposal that she become a pipe smoker, my wife has suggested that I take over the housecleaning duties. The only consideraion that prevents me is that, upon seeing her sewing basket on the arm of my chair, I might ask, "But, dear, suppose somebody should drop in?"

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# City House with a Seaside 

IIThen we stepped out onto the terrace, I knew instantly why the seafaring Clyan Halls had picked this particular spot for their new home. Right at our feet was that "ole debbil sea"-blue and sparkling in the late afternoon sun, extending, beyond the breakwater, as far as the eye could see. What a "home port" for a family that spends every available hour in or around boats! They were lucky, too, in their choice of architect, for Richard Pleger is an old sea dog himself and a sympathetic interpreter of their ideas.
Since the lot is only 35 feet wide on the street side and 70 feet on the bay, it was logical to place the garage on the street, thus allowing all important rooms a glimpse of the water. Actually the house is wrapped around a fenced-in entrance court, just a few steps from the garage and which opens directly into the living room. All exterior walls have been painted a cool, restful blue, edged with white trim, to counter-

act that "too-hot" feeling so prevalent in beach houses. Sun control on the all-glass wall which faces the bay is governed by a deep open trellis, actually an extension of the roof.

Cool restfulness is the keynote of the interiors. For instance, living and dining-area ceiling beams are exposed, painted white, to accent a soft blue ceiling. Plaster walls are a complementary earth-pink and natural ash covers the fireplace wall, counter, and dining end of the room. Off-white draperies and carpets, together with chartreuse accents on the upholstery, do wonders towards counteracting the brilliant blaze of sunlight reflecting on the water beyond.

Tucked behind the northwest master bedroom is a boy's room, complete with bath, and a small sewing room which looks onto the entrance court. A kitchen at the opposite end of the court is divided from thè dining area solely by a convenient breakfast

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bar. Separate quarters for the elder son, recently married, have been placed over the garage.

A terrace, on the bay side, runs the entire length of the house and then some. It's a perfect spot for sun soaking or just plain lazing, affording as it does a view of bay, passing sails, and the white spray of the Pacific dashing against breakwater walls. Under wide overhanging eaves, sun glare is cut into small geometric patterns, allowing those who prefer a gradual tan to lounge in comfort. What a haven for the sailor home from the seas-a house devoid of the usual nautical clichés-just good modern background for comfortable year-round living.


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Flush natural ash covers fireplace wall in living room. The same material continues into dining area


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and redwood of the building make an ideal background for the garden, just as it forms an exquisite setting for the hospitable house. The entire place speaks of the New England youth of the owners, of their memories of the farm houses and barns of that region. Yet, indoors and out, the suggestions of New England farm conditions have been given refinements of detail demanded by modern times and modern living. The first view of the house is across a bright prospect of flowers enclosed by a traditional picket fence. Brick paths lead to the wide front door with its antique knocker and from place to place in the garden immediately surrounding the house. Here the blue colors are supplied by such things as scilla, hyacinth, iris, cineraria, campanula. Around the base of the second story of the house runs a remarkable Isabella grapevine- 115 feet of single stem-whose big leaves are decorative all through the growing season, while in autumn the fruit strikes a rich blue and purple note. Over the background tapestry of blue are scattered trills and arpeggios of yellow, gold, and a soft, creamy shade of roses that spill over a fence and up a balcony. Also there are touches of white, for highlights here and there.

On the other side of the house from the entrance garden is a larger space with roses in variety laid out in formal precision. Around this, too, is a picket fence, weathered by time, storm, and lichens. The kitchen garden, closest to the house, has as a central feature a stone well where vegetables can be washed before they are taken into the kitchen. Here, of course, is a variety of herbs for the soup kettle, for salads, etc. Neatly planted and carefully tended, this little enclosure is as tidy looking as it is inviting. On a shelf beneath the dining-room window that looks out upon this garden, a collection of squash and other gourds in wide variety strikes a gay note. Some of the fruits are freshly picked, others are dried and waxed or shellacked, while others, of wood, are carved and painted so naturally that they are hard to tell from the real ones.

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## Garden Pragran es

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old relics help link the Harris house with the past and fit it into its surroundings of great gray rocks, giant trees, and rolling hills-and everyone concerned is satisfied.

Off to one side is what is called "The Barn"--a building patterned after one seen in Kennebec, Maine, with mansard roof, gabled windows, and painted a typical barn-red which time has mellowed to a soft perfection. There is a proper weather vane on the roof and a ship's lantern at the door, and here, in romantic comfort, live those who see that house and garden are maintained so as to give the owners full enjoyment of their home. Not far from The Barn is a delightful, sequestered spot where steaks can be barbecued, coffee brewed, and everything necessary done to insure jolly, al fresco picnics. A protecting roof covers space for tables and chairs, and cupboards to hold equipment make frequent trips to the kitchen unnecessary. The walk leading to this rustic retreat passes a skillfully made dry-wall garden in which plants that thrive in full sun and others that relish broken shade cast by towering oak trees combine with the gray rock of the region.

It is Mrs. Harris who, besides having shared in the planning of the house, has designed and planned the garden features and oversees their care. However, a trained gardener, she also takes an active part in keeping the garden lovely and changing it as conditions make necessary or as new ideas develop. She knows full well that, as Kipling said, "Gardens are not made, by saying 'Oh, how beautiful!' and sitting in the shade." And she has been eminently successful in bringing to delightful reality the principles and elements of which William Temple wrote in his "Gardens of Epicurus"
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in the bedrooms and bedroom hall bobs up again in the dining nook and kitchen. The yellow-gold, brown, and green print on the living-room sofa greets you in a bedroom, while the print on the beds in the master bedroom can be spotted skirting the plate rail in the dining nook.

All three, the Hodges and Miss Reid, are fabulous cooks and love to entertain. Since the dining nook and kitchen unit isn't in view of the living room, but just a shade to the right, a Dutch door allows the cook of the moment to join in the conversation, without interrupting what's going on in the kitchen.

All the credit for the garden goes to Mrs. Hodge. Climbers and creepers combine to produce gorgeous, luscious colors and heady, enchanting perfumes. Mrs. Hodge has really made of this tiny space a little Eden, luxurious, restful.
To many of us, a small house and a small yard would be fine excuse to skip any serious attempt to decorate and landscape. Not for the Hodges and Miss Reid. They just don't see obstacles. They thrive on challenge-have the house to prove it!


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The kitchen is certainly one place that spreads discomfort to the one who has to cook the meals! Most kitchens are planned to get as much sunlight as possible, and that, combined with the stove's heat, makes for an unhappy situation. A nice, big, powerful fan is a life-saver here. It can be placed in the window to draw hot air from the room and to circulate fresh air.

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HERBERT L. BENNETT

## Start with a minimum plan

Iike many other young couples we were long on ideas, short on cash. Lucky for us, our plot was in open country with a view of the neighboring Berkshires and, across the road, an open golf course insured plenty of privacy. The thing to do, we decided, was to build what we could afford and hope for bigger and better things ahead. The rolling lot allowed a full basement and garage with minimum excavation. Above is the
equivalent of a small apartment-living room, kitchen, bedroom and study, and bath. Actually the living room becomes a screened porch when the glass doors are opened and, combined with the flagstone terrace, gives us twice the entertaining space. Later on, when the piggy bank allows, we'll transfer the study into a passage to a new bedroom wing. That will allow overnight guests, a luxury necessary for country living.



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Same lamp can be
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 In JuneMARY ALICE ROCHE

June is rose time everywhere-traditionally and often factually-and especially so in the Rowley garden. For here roses bloom not only to please the eyes and the noses of those two enthusiastic gardeners and fortunate visitors during the all-too-few weeks of the flowering season, but also to provide a fragrant harvest of petals that will be enjoyed through all the rest of the year. Personally, I never feel, in this garden, the need to sniff quite so frantically at each one of the lovely roses, for I know that much of their sweet, distinctive odor will be preserved in one of Mrs. Rowley's potpourris and that, come next Christmas when I open my presents, I will be able to sniff again, deeply and satisfyingly, with my delight enriched by the memories of June days.
Mrs. Rowley feels that the fragrance of flowers affords one of life's most perfect pleasures. And anyone who pays her a visit cannot help but agree with her. Even in winter there are branches of witch-hazel-unseasonably early outdoors or forced into bloom in the house-giving off a sweet, vanilla scent. Then in March, the daffodils bring the true aroma of the longed-for spring, and soon after that bowis of hyacinths in bloom fill the house with their heavenly perfume. In May, even before you have turned in at the Rowleys' drive, you start thinking of "all the perfumes of Araby," for the waxyblossomed Viburnum carlesi is in bloom. This, by the way, may not be the handsomest of shrubs in habit of growth, but who, after once experiencing the heady bouquet of its flowers, cares about mere looks? And the house will be full of it, too, for Mrs. Rowley invariably cuts some branches to take indoors along with the early, sweet-scented Sylvestris tulips. Later still, the Iris weaves its more elusive spell, and so it goes, season after season.

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The Rowleys

nice morning in June, I am sure to find Mrs. Rowley out gathering the daily basketful, usually with her little friend, Mary Jane, in attendance. Mary Jane doesn't help much perhaps-she just enjoys being there, as who would not! For the Rowley rose garden is a world in itself. It is bounded at the back by trimmed hemlocks, and on one side by an interesting hedge of Euonymus alatus, green in summer, scarlet in the fall, and which, in winter, drops its leaves to reveal its strange, winged branches, almost purple against the snow. On the other side, there is a fence of stripped saplings, twined over with unusual varieties of clematis, and at the front, there is the low brick wall of the herb garden. Truly, here one can forget that there is another, troubled world outside and delight in the sheer beauty that surrounds one. As Mrs. Rowley clips the heavy, full heads into her basket, Mary Jane skips from flower to flower, examining each one, looking for the most perfect of all. No two roses were ever just alike, and each one selected seems lovelier than the last.
"This is the one," she cries, "no, this-but-oh, this one is positively the most beautiful of all!" So she ends by choosing an enormous, creamy, faintly blushing blossom of "Peace," which Mrs. Rowley cuts and gives her to take home in triumph and delight.
"But let's go put it in water for now," she suggests, "for I must get the petals pulled off these roses to dry. And that's only one of the many things there are to be done every lovely June day, though one is apt to forget them in the enjoyment of all there is to look at. This afternoon, Everett must do some spraying, and then we must get those white petunias transplanted from the cold frame to the cutting beds. Tomorrow I am going to work in the herb garden, but I won't be cutting any roses then for I want plenty to be in full bloom when I take them to the Veterans' Hospital the day after.
"So tomorrow will give me a chance to harvest the lavender, which is fully out, you see. Now there is a fragrance. But a very individual-or should I say aristocratic-one. Unlike that of the rose, it doesn't care to associate with others. So I tie the sprays in bunches to dry, then use it alone in sachets; or I just hang the bunches in the closets. Many of the other aromatic herbs will soon be ready to cut and dry, too, for the oils are best just before the plants bloom."
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The Rowleys
(Begins on page 106)


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the solution

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The Flame Azalea, a deciduous matroo f thes sombate. on pages 32 and 33 are evergreen rhododendrons and azaleas
thing of an alkaline nature, by lessening the soil acidity, will ruin them. Without doubt, some of the most gorgeous of all woody plants are found in this group. Picture a huge evergreen shrub, 60 feet tall and equally broad, literally covered with bright red flowers almost the size of cabbage heads. Such is the grandeur of the rhododendron as it grows in Cornwall, and as it may grow on the West Coast of this country. Elsewhere, even in our rugged Northeast, a considerable amount of this spectacular beauty is available in these plants, although on a much smaller scale. And for our South, can anyone who has seen the spring glory of azaleas from Norfolk to Florida and west to Mobile, ever forget their blaze of color? Even around Boston, and Rochester, N. Y., deciduous azaleas can make a wonderful show.
So, unless you live in an arid climate or a region of highly alkaline soil, some kind of rhododendron or azalea will probably grow for you. If yours is a region of mild winters and moderate summers, with a light, acid soil and abundant atmospheric moisture, you are lucky-and probably already growing them. Conversely, these plants do not like the hot, dry winds of the desert or the frigid winter blasts of the northern plains.
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## Rhododendrons <br> (Begins on page 32)

area, where new oriental species and British hybrids are being tried. Certain of them appear promising and, used in hybridization and selection work, may eventually augment our list of hardy ones.

Going inland to places a bit less mild, more of the standard varieties and fewer of the novelties are advised. As one goes north and south, the lists dwindle, but there remains a respectable group of "ironclad" sorts for New England and a wealth of evergreen azaleas for the Southeast. Going west, one might use many from the Middle-Atlantic list in West Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee and the mountains southward. But westward from New England, into central New York and Ohio, and onward touching Michigan and the Great Plains area, only the hardiest forms are feasible. Places like Kansas and Texas are not favorable for rhododendron culture, yet a few kinds are being successfully grown in those two states by people interested enough to give them special care.

The kinds listed in the table on page 33 are standard sorts usually carried by nurserymen. Many of the rarer, newer rhododendrons are not included because they are mostly unavailable and are often inadequately tested. Since the war, even old, standard varieties have been scarce. You may have to depend, to some degree, upon collected wild material. In deciduous azaleas, this is often very good indeed, but as seedlings and wild plants are quite variable, it will pay to visit a nursery at flowering time and pick out the ones you prefer. In buying collected material (both rhododendrons and azaleas), specify plants which have been cut back and grown on in a nursery for several seasons.

Those safe for New England are mainly older sorts; few modern hybrids are of the "ironclad" type. The Catawba hybrid list in the table is based upon years of trial at the Arnold Arboretum near Boston, and elsewhere. Few new kinds for this region have appeared since 1880, but most of them are still quite beautiful even though regarded as obsolete in England and elsewhere. Perhaps more possibilities exist for the cold Northeast among the deciduous azaleas than in any other class. When grown on their own roots (not grafted) and given adequate water in early summer, they will flourish and survive a surprising degree of winter cold. Unthriftiness in summer generally means injury or death during the subsequent winter, and grafted azaleas are subject to such troubles. The deciduous azaleas are not often as floriferous as the evergreen sorts or those commonly grown southward (such as Amoena and Hinodegiri),

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## Rhododendrons

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and their faded flowers should be removed if annual bloom is expected. But, ranging in color from white through rose to scarlet, orange and yellow, with many intermediate shades, they can be almost as spectacularly beautiful as some of the more tender southern kinds: The Ghent and Mollis azaleas (hybrids in this class) contain some tender "blood," yet many are perfectly hardy when grown on their own roots. Unfortunate experiences with grafted plants have given them an unwarranted reputation for tenderness.
Rhododendrons and azaleas are shade-tolerant, but do not thrive or bloom well in complete shade. The spotty sun-and-shade floor of an open oak grove suits them perfectly. They also prefer shelter from strong winds, and like air drainage. You can grow them in many places-on hillsides, in the partial shade of buildings, even in full sun if the site is not dry or hot and if you mulch them heavily. But south slopes, the south side of buildings, windswept spots, and drafty corners should all be avoided. The "high shade" of big oak or pine trees makes an ideal site, but don't put them near maples or elms whose extensive surface roots compete with the rhododendrons for soil moisture.
In the North or Middle West the best time to plant is in the springApril or May. The plants need welldrained soil, so guard against clay subsoil or any condition that might cause water to stand about their roots. At the same time, they will not tolerate dryness. An ideal rhododendron soil is physically like a damp sponge-moist and fibrous to the touch, but full of air-spaces, too. This is best achieved by the liberal use of peat, fibrous leaf mold (such as "woods dirt"), or sawdust, separately or in combination. Do not use muck (which is often alkaline) or buckwheat hulls. Sphagnum peat and Michigan sedge peat are excellent if acid in reaction.
If a soil is not sufficiently acid, the best way to make it so is to add acid peat (up to 100 per cent if you like). Aluminum sulphate has been advocated as a soil-acidifier, but continued use is apt to leave a toxic residue of aluminum salts. Powdered sulphur-not more than I pound to 100 square feet of area-is considered preferable. Or you can use an organic acid, such as tannic acid, in very dilute solution. In any case, test the soil to know just how acid you are getting it. Your County Agricultural Agent will do this or help you get it done or, better, you can buy an inexpensive kit and test it yourself. Do this frequently so that, if there is danger of the condition changing, you can keep it as it should

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Since rhododendrons and azaleas have shallow root systems, deep soil preparation is unnecessary except to provide the all-important drainage and aeration. You can make one big bed, or set the plants in separate holes, but in either case make the holes 14 to 18 inches deep and twice as broad as the root balls, and break up the subsoil to insure drainage. In filling them, mix in at least 50 per cent peat or sawdust; in a limey soil, use almost pure peat-as is done in Rochester, N. Y., where many fine heaths are grown.

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Given the above initial care, rhododendrons and azaleas will require almost none thereafter. Never cultivate them, for their roots are shallow and fine. Sometimes they may need to be sprayed but when once they are established, this is not a serious problem. Except in the South, where azalea flower-spot is prevalent, neither insects nor disease give much trouble, and they are usually controllable by the use of ordinary insecticides and fungicides. The rhododendron lace-bug, which is occasionally troublesome, calls for spraying with nicotine sulphate or good rotenone-pyrethrum preparation.


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Try to find some old house shutters at a wrecking yard or second-hand lumber place. They should cost about $\$ 2.00$ each. You'll also need 3 pairs of hinges for four-panel screen, about 65 c a pair. Examine shutters with care. Try to get the ones with best slats. Slight breaks can be mended with waterproof glue and dowels. Or if they're cheap enough, get an extra shutter and use the slats to replace bad ones in shutters you're going to use.


First saw off rabbeted stop on inside edges of old house shutters. Fill all holes with plastic wood. Then, use sandpaper-sand each panel, front and back, smoothly


Place one shutter flat on floor. Measure down 8 inches from top, mark with pencil. Then place hinge in position on shutter, as shown. Pencil mark all around hinge. Measure up same distance from bottom. Repeat. Then line up all shutters on floor and mark other 3 to match first shutter


Use hammer to drive sharp chisel, held at slight angle, along pencil marks for hinges. Cut into wood only to depth of thickness of hinge. Chisel out between pencil marks so hinge will fit into cut-out section and be flush with wood


Electric sprayer, or atomizer paint can, makes easy work of painting screen slats. Use lacquer or enamel undercoat for first coat. If you use lacquer, spray several coats. On enamel base, spray enamel. We do not recommend small sprayers for flat paint. Use brush for this
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of a completely satisfying existence. Have you considered what you will be at fifty, sixty, seventy? Do you welcome those years because you know now what you want to do with them, or do you fear them? If you answer the latter, there is much that you can do about it.

Today, granted an understanding of her own abilities and potentials, a woman can, through active participation in creative endeavor, build herself up emotionally, socially, mentally, and creatively. The changes which occur with each day should mean a continuous mental and emotional growing. If a woman can grow, the problems of personal adjustments and of relationships with others can be solved with ease.

Although the married woman's problems in the matter of aging will be much the same as the unmarried woman's, her approach will be different and probably easier. Usually, a woman's most satisfying responsibility is to her home, her husband, and her children. The single woman should try to find in a home of her own an important outlet and compensation. It can be one of the places where she "belongs" and can feel important. In later years, it may become the only place. However, with age both married and unmarried women should try to make the community as much a center for a happy personal life as the home.

The possibilities for older women to use avocations as outlets for creative needs are not yet fully realized. Few make use of the opportunities presented by the arts and crafts. Yet such activities are essential to the older woman if she is to age happily and constructively. Her endeavors should include both those that can be handled alone and those which need the participation of others to be enjoyed fully. A carefully selected art or craft may help to satisfy not only creative needs, but emotional needs as well.

One of the most difficult problems to be faced is the change in degree of responsibility that comes with growing older. During the growingup period, a woman has to learn how to assume responsibility. With age, she must learn how much to give up -and how to do it with a kind of long and thoughtful smile. The community says that the time to take on and to let go of adult responsibility depends not so much on fit ness to handle vocational or social obligations, but upon the use the community wishes to make of the person. We must meet this verdict, sometimes with direct resistance, at others with a strategic attempt to outwit the social "law." At still other times, we must beat a retreat, even though a fighting one.

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In America, growing older has become almost a minor crime. Youth and vigor are at a premium. To work, to live an active life, to think as one's contemporaries do is to feel alive and worth while. The answer, when the generations are in conflict, is not in long speeches justifying the values of youth or age. What each generation needs is the emotional equipment to face life without the aid of the other, and the knowledge of when "to let go" is as important in human relations as a knowledge of when to take hold.
The world does not belong to the old or to the young. The sociologist, A. D. Keller, wrote, "No society is safe in the hands of either of two indispensables, youth and age. It is secure only when there is a blend of the two, as of liberty and discipline
variation and tradition, liberalism and conservatism."

There should be no exploitation of one generation by another through attempts at domination, whether it is done directly through force or indirectly through dependence and weakness. Such a situation is extremely detrimental to both younger and older generations.

A new attitude toward older people in this country is not likely to be based on veneration, or worship, or idealized respect. It is not even desirable. Democracy is a sharing by everyone of the opportunities for the pursuit of happiness. Young and old can and must learn to work together harmoniously.
Relations between people are best when they look upon each other as individuals, equal in value and significance, both within a generation and with other generations. And the individual, for maximum happiness to himself and his associates, must know and believe in what he has to contribute to others and be able to make some contribution to the group, if only a small one.
Each generation needs its own interests and activities, its own relationships with other people of its generation, a sense of belonging to its own. Active interest and participation in community and national movements can be a big help to the
woman of sixty-five, but she needs, also, roots in the lives of particular and congenial individuals. Youth and age can be friends, and they certainly need one another. Each offers the other something that could not be obtained from his own generation.

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## Chinese Slant <br> (Begins on page 36)

painted design on it we found Pepcoater Waterproof Enamel, made by Peper Bros., and another paint called Flopaque-both stick to plastic surfaces successfully.

The cornice board across the window was padded first with cotton batting, muslin was stretched over the padding and tacked in back. Then we took $1 / 2$-inch molding, enameled it the same color as our chair designs, cut it to size in order to form the pattern, and tacked it to the cornice.

It took about eight yards of unbleached muslin for the draperies. They were easy to stencil with the same design you see on the chairs. We used Prang Textile Paint, blue, but of course the color is entirely up to the individual. The curtain behind the draperies is plain tailored nylon, the most effective backdrop for this rather bold pattern. These draperies, incidentally, are exceptionally wonderful because they are not only colorful and striking, but also easy to wash. In fact, one of the really remarkable things about this whole outfit is its deceptive look-the luxurious touch and appearance, with the practical side underscored.

The wonderful thing about this rejuvenation job is that not one single piece of furniture was added! Only the draperies and cornice, plus a few bowls and accessories, and an inexpensive wool rug. Perhaps you don't have a set that resembles this one exactly, but the changes can follow along the same general line. If you notice, we've removed all the gemgaws, all the bulbous legs and fancydo moldings. You can see by the pictures that the base treatment is reduced to a minimum of line. After we painted on the patterns, we waited for two weeks and then gave each piece a good waxing-this is quite important. Here is a list of the items we used and their cost:

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