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## AT HOME WITH DANNY KAYE


"Our house is not large by Hollywood standards," says Mrs. Kaye. "But the rooms are so generous it's a very comfortable and livable home for us. We really love it.'

JIM LISTON

The spacious, two-story, white brick house on San Ysidro Drive in Beverly Hills, California, belongs to Danny Kaye. The Kayes have lived there 12 years, but Danny still doesn't know exactly how many rooms there are.
"Let's see, we have a living room, dining room, study, music room, and a couple of bedrooms," said Danny as he ate lunch in the kitchen. Kaye had spent the morning at the CBS studios working on details for a television special, "The Danny Kaye Show" (broadcast October 30th).

The phone rang and Danny reached for it. "That's probably my flying instructor," he said. "Excuse. I won't be a minute."

Danny's wife, Sylvia, smiled skeptically. 'Let me show you around. It's hard to say how long he'll be on the phone when he's talking flying. Actually this is a four-bedroom house-if you don't count the separate apartment
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we have for our help. Each bedroom has a large dressing room and bath. There are enormous storage closets and an office for Danny's secretary."

Mrs. Kaye passed through the entrance foyer, with its graceful curved stairway, and entered the living room. By any standard it's generous. The room accommodates, without crowding, a conversational grouping of traditional upholstered pieces around the fireplace; a grand piano and a 30-drawer apothecary chest which Sylvia uses for music; a 10 -foot sofa and an oversized coffee table; and another long sofa flanked by a table holding photos.
"The pastel green we used has proved very practical," said Sylvia. "The monochromatic scheme has unified this big room.
"In here," she continued, leading the way to a somewhat smaller room off the living room, "is what we call our music room. The only
major change we made in it was to build this storage wall."

Floor-to-ceiling folding doors conceal hi-fi equipment and a tape recorder. Row after row of neatly compartmented shelves contains recordings, the original scripts, and scores of musicals in which Kaye starred - and for which Sylvia wrote both words and music-and reels of movie film Danny took on his 35,000-mile trip for the U.N. Children's Fund.
"We use this room as an office," said Sylvia, "and since we talk and tape a lot of words and music when Danny and I are working up a new show, we practically live in here. Danny is a great one for stretching out and relaxing, so we've had these two 10 -foot sofas covered with a very rugged fabric. We had decorator William Haines make those coffee tables. Danny rests his feet on them, so Bill had them covered in leather."
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Entrance to Kaye's colonial-style home is off driveway. Wisteria frames entry and windows, and a jacaranda tree offers a fragrant welcome. "This is very nice to come home to," says Kaye.



Table in living room displays Danny's photos of friends from all parts of the world. They include Queen Elizabeth II, Nehru, and George Bernard Shaw.
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A table behind the sofa held a bronze bust of Kaye by a leading South African sculptress and the gold Oscar he won in 1954.
"Let's go up to Danny's study and I'll show you some of his awards and trophies," said Sylvia.

There's a brass plate on the door of Kaye's study that reads:
"Elder Statesman"

## I. N. T. Club

DANNY KAYE
London Paladium
Variety Season, 1948
"That's the International No Talent Club," said Sylvia. "It's just the sort of thing Danny will display."

She walked into the pine-paneled room and opened doors of storage compartments under the bookshelves. They contained dozens of testimonials and citations, gifts of glassware, china, silver, and gold; works of art from Europe, the Orient, and Africa.

"TThese are just a few of the things he has brought back from his trips. The attic and closets are full of things we don't have room for. I haven't looked in here for a while," she said, opening a small drawer in a rare old cobbler's bench. "This bench is one of the first things we owned after we were married and were living in our first apartment in New York."

The drawer held medals inscribed in commemoration of outstanding service.
"Danny sincerely appreciates such things when they are given to him, but he doesn't know what to do with them when he gets home. We have many lovely things stored
away in crates and boxes that we think we ought to display. But it would be a staggering project and our house would end up looking like a museum. Danny doesn't want to live in a museum and neither do I.
"Danny hates ostentation, but he has excellent taste and appreciates good craftsmanship. After his command performance in England, he received a pair of beautiful gold cuff links from the Queen Mother. He wears them because they're so handsome and they remind him of this wonderful moment in his lifeand not because people are apt to ask about them.

"TThis is Dena's room," Sylvia said as we entered a very pink, very feminine room. "Dena is 13 . She's away today, and-I'll be perfectly honest-she's glad not to be around when photographers are here. She wants her friends to think of her as Dena Kaye, not as Danny Kaye's daughter.
"I want to show you one other thing before Danny gets off the phone," said Sylvia, leading the way downstairs to the dining room.
"There was a time when I couldn't get Danny to eat in the dining room; it was too formal for him. Then I changed the color scheme to white and yellow and had this extension table designed. It's oval-shaped, has a built-in lazy Susan, and expands to accommodate 14 people. Danny used to prefer eating off a tray in the music room, but now this table lures him into the dining room.
"Here's something else he'd never think of showing you," she
"Strange, I remember it so clearly -and more than 15 years seems just a short while ago. For it's only thanks to what happened Christmas 1944 that we're living in Florida today, with our income guaranteed for life.
"That holiday afternoon we'd invited some people in, and, as we waited, Dot and I sat by the livingroom fire reading. Christmas always made me kind of stop and take stock, I guess. And that year I'd turned forty. I'm not getting any younger, I thought, as I leafed through a copy of a magazine.
"For years we'd cherished a favorite dream, Dot and I. Someday I was going to retire. We'd sell the house and move to Florida. Get just a little place where we'd be out in the sun all year. We'd get off the treadmill and have time for living.
"But we'd stopped talking about it lately. For we hadn't banked much money. At forty, nearly half my working life was behind me. So I began to wonder that afternoon... 'Must I just live and work and die ... doing the same thing every day?'
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said, lifting a large, hand-painted fruit bowl from a server. "This once belonged to the dowager Queen Mother. It was given to us when we were in England, and the company that made it gave us this collection of tea cups. There's one from each pattern now being used by members of the royal family."

We returned to the music room and Danny strode in. He was apologetic about the phone call, but a mischievous smile tugged at the corners of his mouth. He'd just received his private pilot's license.
"My instructor is quite a guy. Real tough. When he passes you, you know you can fly. I bought a twin-engine job; it's a beautiful plane. I'm really sold on flying.

I've met many wonderful people through flying. We had the whole flying gang for dinner the day I soloed. I've forgotten how many there were, but it seemed like about 50 the way they ate. I don't


Sylvia's china collection includes a piece from each pattern now being used by the British royal family.
know whether I'm a good cook or if fliers have terrific appetites."
"You did the cooking?"
"Sure, I like to cook. I made linguine with my special clam sauce. I'm pretty good with Chicken Cacciatore and Tartar Steak, and everybody seems to go for my lemon pie."
"I never know how many people we're going to have for dinner," smiled Sylvia. "Danny will come home and tell me he thinks he has invited 7 - usually 15 or 20 arrive."
"There's nothing like an average day around here," said Kaye. "If there were, I couldn't stand it."
"You've been in homes in Denmark, Japan, Greece, Turkey, Thailand, Nigeria-practically


Danny's hideatcay is his secondfloor study which is filled with books and souverirs of his travels.
every country in the world. Do they have anything in common?"

He slouched in the chair and ran his fingers through his red hair.
"Yes, I think I can say they do. Whether it's a grass hut or a peasant's cottage, it's a compliment to be invited into a man's home. When I'm traveling, I don't judge a country or its people by the ambassador's home or the hotels. I visit people in their own homes.
"Take me, for instance. People have preconceived notions of what show people are like from having seen them on the stage or screen. Around here I don't make a fast move from one end of the week to the other. I'm not the nervous, high-strung guy people think I am.

Ihave a theory about people. People want to like themselves as human beings. Let me put it this way: at times we think of ourselves as the kind of person our friends think we are. Other times we're the person we'd like to think we are. And then there are those times when we see ourselves as we honestly are. Home makes us honest with ourselves-that's why it's such a wonderful place." THE END


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JULIAN H. ZIMMERMAN
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Christmas Wreath Place Mat consists of a ready-to-use round linen place mat and stamped green felt holly leaves, sequins, buckram, glue, and ribbon; Kit \#PCK-11, price, \$2. Apron Kit includes finished apron ready-to-hem, wreath materials, and ribbon; Kit \#PCK-12, price \$2.


MORE AMERICAN HOME CHRISTMAS KITS

## MAKE THESE FOR A MERRY HOLIDAY

DOROTHY LAMBERT BRIGHTBILL

Glitter-trim and glue these exciting new Christmas decorations for yourself or for very special friends. You'll save precious holiday hours since none of the beauties shown is difficult to make, or time consuming. Just cut out felt pieces, glue them to their background, and decorate with glitter from a tube. Very little sewing is required; most need none.
The Choir Boys could be used in pairs on a single window (perfect for between the window and storm sash), or try them in groups of four or more over a mantel, or on a large picture window. No sewing. Santa and his helpers would be fun under a tree or beside a fireplace. No sewing for these either.

The big Card Tree is so pretty with its decorated glued-on felt baubles and braid "tinsel," you could use it for a wall decoration without cards.

The Christmas Wreath Place Mats would make wonderful centerpieces (linen mats are ready-made, the felt wreaths are glued on buckram backing). To make the wreath apron for a small girl, just sew the hem deeper. The felt wreath and the red ribbon bow are completely detachable.
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Choir Boys are made of felt to be mounted on vinyl with glue. The gold "cording" that outlines the robes comes out of a tube; just press onto the lines indicated. Blue candles are already glittered. Glue on decorative sequins. Outline features with either a
${ }^{3}$ heavy black pencil or India ink. Kit \#PCK-13, price \$2.


Santa Claus is a good size, $16 \times 24^{\prime \prime}$ over-all. He is made of felt to be mounted on die-cut cardboard. A sturdy easel on the back permits him to sit in his rocker without tipping. Personalize the scroll with your children's names. Kit \#PCK-14, price \$2.39. Santa's Helpers are also made of felt on ready-cut cardboard with easels. They come in sets of 3 at \$2 per set. Kit \#PCK-15 (Group A) is shown on left side of photograph; Kit \#PCK16 (Group B), the other set of 3 helpers, is shown on the right side.

Card Tree is stamped on felt to be cut out and sewn on a buckram backing. Gold rickrack is stitched on to represent tinsel. Felt baubles and candy canes are decorated with sequins and glued onto the tree. Gold paper star, decorative sequins, and glitter-in-a-tube are also included. Cut out the little church and tree and glue onto glitter-sprinkled blue tub. Over-all size of tree and tub is $34 x 48^{\prime \prime}$; Kit \#PCK-17, price \$4.69.

Order Form on page 16

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AVAILABLE IN FIVE PATTERNS-CHECK THE PIECES YOU WANT!


Christmas Kits (continued)


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Fill out coupon, enclosing personal check or money order (no stamps, please). Kindly allow three weeks for handling and mailing.
$\square$ If you prefer special handling and mailing to insure faster delivery, please add 60 c per kit ordered and check box above.
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# living:s great in homes today! 

Here's the kind of living you find in brand-new homes today. It's carefree living, with plenty of comfort, beauty and privacy for the family to enjoy.
A "shopping trip" through model homes is proof enough. Never before have there been so many conveniences to make life easier, or so many livable house plans to choose from; never before, so many new and improved materials for your builder to apply with modern methods; never before, a better time to build or buy.
Now's the time to move in where the living's great in a new home of your own. Ask your builder or dealer about these modern U.S.G. products: wallboard, sheathing, roofing, siding, insulation, plaster, paints, hardboard, ceiling tile; or write Dept. AH-02, 300 West Adams Street, Chicago 6, Illinois.

In this colorful room, the wall is fireproof SHEETROCK* Gypsum Wallboard, accented between panels and decorated with TEXOLITE* Paints. Noise is hushed by the ceiling of attractive USG ${ }^{\circledR}$ Acoustical Tile. Sliding doors of built-ins and panel on hi-fi speaker are perforated DURON* Hardboard. Architect: Dwight T. Black, A.I.A., Webster Groves, Missouri.

## a carpet is a WVOMMANJ...



Carpet has a womanly way of making a home beautiful. Graces it for guests. Absorbs the stress of a lively family yet always rebounds fresh and lovely. - Choosing it is a feminine privilege. Don't you agree? Then see the wonderful carpets Roxbury weaves. A rainbow of colors from bold new blues to ever-blendable beiges. Luxurious patterns and textures. - New Impulse, shown in olive green and black, is especially captivating. Deep 3-dimension pile. Aristocratic, mothproofed wool. Others from $\$ 4.95$ to $\$ 19.95$ sq. yd. - Be womanly. Revel in them at your carpet store.*


ROXBURY CARPET


Chances are, whether you know it or not, you're a collector. If you have ever picked up a sea shell, boasted a new marble, stashed away a paper doll, or prized an old penny-you are a collector!

There is apparently nothing under the sun that people do not collect-from elephant tusks to old-fashioned sausage grinders. But to us, the most rewarding of all are the collections you find in a home.

A collection adds warmth, charm, color, and beauty to a home. It imbues it with something no decorator in the world can provide - the stamp of your own personality and your individual taste. Beyond that, a collection has a way of tying a family together. Living with the things you love, using them day-in and day-out, respecting the work, skill, and care that went into them, cherishing heirlooms handed down from your great-grandmother, and just
plain being proud of your American heritage are ways in which a collection works to create a common family bond.

Collections for the home are all but limitless: antique furniture, paperweights, bells, lusterware, ship models, decoys, ceramics, musical instruments, American prim-itives-we could go on and on.

On these pages we invite you to visit some homes whose owners are dedicated collectors. You will see how tastefully and decoratively they have used their collections. You will sense here the pleasure and interest they derive from such things as Staffordshire and century-old cook books, colorful pressed glass and African violets. Perhaps these pages will inspire you to start your own collection. We hope they do. But we warn you, once started you'll never stop or cease to enjoy your collection. Happy hunting!

# Antique glass: decorative 

wherever it's used

The real thrill of collecting glass comes in living with it, arranging it, and enjoying it! For no other collection can capture the sparkle of sunlight or add such a splash of bright color. Here, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson L. Hooff of Washington, D.C., you see a collection of lamps, salt cellars, and decanters that has all the beauty and enchantment of a stained-glass window!
"Both my husband and I like our antiques to be decorative as well as functional," says Mrs. Hooff. "Certainly much of the fascination of collecting would be nullified if our finds ended up as dustcatchers instead of eye-catchers."

The Hooffs' collection started about ten years ago. On a trip to Philadelphia they found, and could not resist, their first piece-a beautiful green overlay, cut-toclear glass tumbler, possibly by the Boston and Sandwich Glass Company. Shortly after that they discovered an inverted amberina tumbler in Front Royal, Virginia. With that, their interest in glass was genuinely fired.

Today, with a collection that includes over 450 miniature lamps, mostly colored glass, their antiques have become decorative assets everywhere in their home. The 9 -foot window in their living room (right) is a decorator's delight,
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Bottom row, left to right: tall kerosene camphorglass lamp, clear decanter, six ring-handle lamps with colored globes, two clear $12^{\prime \prime}$ whale-oil lamps, blue flask, blue glass kerosene lamp with milk-glass shade. Second row: assorted ring-handle lamps, clear chimneys. Third row: six skaters' lanterns, seven Christmas salt cellars, three clear miniature whale-oil lamps. Fourth row: eight Christmas salts, four whale-oil lamps, two clear kerosene lamps with chimneys. Top row: three glow lamps, four "twinkle lamps" with globe tops, two amber lamp bases.









# STAFFORDSHIRE"poor man's"tableware is a collector's pride 

When you ask Mrs. Doris S. Woolf of Houston, Texas, why she started the collection of Old Blue Staffordshire you see here, her answer is a simple one. "I fell in love with the color!" The same reason holds for the countless others who are ardent, dyed-in-theblue Staffordshire enthusiasts.

The deep, vivid blue is found only in the wares from the Staffordshire pottery district of England that were made between the late 1700 's and 1860 . No one has been able to copy the color-the theory being that the chemical consistency of the clay used in Staffordshire in the early days was different from that found anywhere else, and is not even the same there today.

This Staffordshire ware has always been a favorite in decorating because the color is so versatile. This is as true today as it was yesterday. It's exciting in table settings and color schemes, used (as it is in the Woolf home) with traditional shades of reds and pinks. It's beautiful, too, in a contemporary room with greens, yellows, and paler blues and violet.

The heyday of Staffordshire came in the 18th and 19th centuries with the great increase in trade between England and America. Shipload after shipload was sent across the Atlantic to china-hungry Americans who had recently stored away their wooden and pewter pieces.

While the landed gentry ate from imported Oriental china, Dresden, Sèvres, or fine English porcelain, the common man ate from Staffordshire. The town and country cupboards of America were filled with whole sets of this sturdy earthenware. On it were printed the historical events of the time. The bright ware depicted statesmen, soldiers, famous battles, state buildings, steamships, and canals. While the pioneer women loved the color, it also served as a history textbook for thousands of American children.

Mrs. Woolf began by purchasing a dozen cups and saucers (handleless ones, for in England tea was sipped from the deep saucers).
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Staffordshire is used to brilliant advantage in the Woolf provincial dining room. Against a background of a turkey red tablecloth can be seen a tureen of "Don Quixote and the Princess" and a sugar bowl with "Franklin's Tomb." The soup plates portray various English historic scenes, including "Blenheim," ancestral home of the Duke of Marlborough, forebear of Sir Winston Churchill. Corner cabinet also holds many pieces of Old Blue. Other bright spots: the colored pressed-glass flasks and the reproduction of an old tin chandelier.


Authentic 18th century setting might have been the scene of any child's breakfast of that era. Lovely pitcher shows a charming "Christmas Eve" picture. The sugar bowl and cereal dish are a "Decorative Floral Scene."

Beautifully shaped teapot shows "Wadsworth Tower at Avon, Connecticut." Handleless teacup in floral design sits in deep saucer from which 18th century tea drinkers took their tea. Small plate held cup while saucer was being used.



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The dull glow of pewter blends handsomely with the paneled fireplace wall, the polished brick floor, and the rough white brick walls in the home of Mrs. J. Wright Brown. She picked up her first pewter
pieces from a dealer in New Jersey and found others during her travels in Europe.

Pewter-making flourished on the Continent and especially in England during medieval (continued on page 66)

## Decorating with collections

Do you have a collection of small pieces lying forgotten in a drawer or box? An ideal way to display such small items is to arrange them on the wall, where they can be grouped handsomely to fit your decorating scheme. Wall space offers unlimited possibilities for enhancing the beauty of your pieces. And, best of all, they're where all can enjoy them. For help in showing off your collection, study the attractive arrangements on these pages.


$\triangle$ This key collection above an antique desk got its start many years ago in Italy when photographer George Lazarnick's grandmother charmed a guard into giving her the large medieval key to a palace door. On other trips she obtained such fascinating items as a key which had been buried in Pompeii and a lock with a hidden keyhole.
"Her small collection spelled romance and distant times and places to me," says Mr. Lazarnick. "Now, many years later, I've added keys from Paris, Spain, China, and one which opened a slave pen before the Civil War. Friends often bring keys back to me from their travels."

Horse brasses date back to ancient times when they were used as part of the harness to ward off evil spirits. The designs of later years tell their own stories, with family crests, and symbolic brasses of the sporting and agricultural type. The collection of Mrs. E. Osborne Hand is shown off to advantage on the paneled fireplace wall.


The shining copper molds below also belong to Mr. and Mrs. Lazarnick. The collection started when they took a special liking to some molds they used in a photograph. Most of their molds came from the French countryside, New Orleans, and New York. According to Mrs. Lazarnick, molds were used by the wealthier families in Europemany have family crests and monograms. Mrs. Lazarnick is not only proud of the handsome display her molds make in the kitchen but enjoys using them too.




Clocks shown on cover: Front center, eight-day English time-and-strike skeleton clock of unknown make. Left, fire-gilt-cased French clock with 27-day movement. Back, extremely rare Joseph Ives hourglass clock. Right, eight-day pillar-and-scroll type.

## Chandeliers cast a glittering spell

 on this efficient kitchen and turn it into an elegant room for dining.$$
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TWis kitchen, the epitome of gaiety and charm, is designed to please the family that wants a modern kitchen, with all the conveniences, plus a degree of sophistication. Blended into the pretty pink background are these practical ideas: a combination washer-dryer neatly stowed under the counter, the twin-bowl sink, the midway cabinets with translucent sliding panels, the room air conditioner lined up with the wall cabinets.

The 36 -inch-deep counter top which separates the kitchen from the recreation area can be used for breakfast and lunch. For more leisurely meals the traditional dining area provides a lovely setting. When the kitchen lights are turned off, the crystal chandeliers create a sparkling atmosphere that seems far removed from the kitchen. Matching pink appliances and steel cabinets are topped with marble-patterned laminated plastic counters. Gold-colored vinyl strips were inserted diagonally in the classic black and white vinyl floor.


The cooking area is surrounded with ample counter space and storage cabinets. Note that controls for the surface cooking top are mounted in the backsplash at right, out of reach of busy little hands. The built-in oven is positioned at a convenient height for both baking and broiling.


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## The sad, true story of the $\$ 10,000$ house we couldn't build for $\$ 10,000$

JAN. 11, 1960 / From: John Carter, Editor, THE AMERICAN HOME To: Hubbard Cobb, Building Editor

I'm continually impressed by the tremendous amount of interest on the part of our readers in an attractive and comfortable home that can be built for $\$ 10,000$. It sometimes seems to me that the $\$ 10,000$ home has replaced " 40 acres and a mule" as a great American dream. From time to time several magazines have shown plans for houses that supposedly can be built for $\$ 10,000$ but I wonder how many readers get them built for that. With all of our experience in home design and construction, perhaps we can develop a house so cost-careful that it can be built anywhere by anybody for $\$ 10,000$. I'm talking about an honest to goodness year-round house, not a glorified summer house. I can't think of a better service for our readers than to design such a house, then actually build it.

## Jan. 19, 1960 / Hubbard Cobb to John Carter

I agree that our readers would be interested in a house that could be put up on their lot for $\$ 10,000$. I'd like one myself, as a matter of fact. There are some large-volume builders who are putting up houses for this price but, of course, in large developments and put up on an assem-bly-line basis. They are also found in certain areas of the country where, because of labor and climatic conditions, building costs are relatively low. What we want is a well-designed house that can be put up anywhere in the country by a competent builder on the owner's own lot for $\$ 10,000$. What size house do you have in mind?

## Feb. 2, 1960 / John Carter to Hubbard Cobb

We've got to work in terms of a three-bedroom house with a minimum of one and a half baths and a decent amount of living area. Anything under 1200 square feet would be too small. It should have good grade materials and high standards of construction. We don't want to compromise on quality. The savings should be in the design. I want a top architectural firm to work on this phase with us.

## Feb. 3, 1960 / Hubbard Cobb to John Carter

To give 1200 square feet of living area for under $\$ 10,000$ means we've got to get our square-footage cost down to around $\$ 8$ and the average cost in the country is around $\$ 14$. I think the best architect for us to approach is Carl Koch. He has done a lot of work in the low-cost field and should have much to contribute to this project. What's your feeling?

## Feb. 12, 1960 / John Carter to Hubbard Cobb

Let's commission Koch. I'd like to have the house completed to show in our November, 1960 issue.

## March 11, 1960 / Hubbard Cobb to John Carter

I spent yesterday with the architect going over ideas to incorporate into the $\$ 10,000$ house. He's very enthusiastic about our project and we'll have some roughs to look over in a week. Unless we run into serious trouble, the house should be ready to photograph for the November issue.

## March 22, 1960 / John Carter to Hubbard Cobb

Did anyone ever build a house without "serious trouble"? The rough sketches look promising. Excellent floor plan. Let's go ahead.

## April 6, 1960 / Hubbard Cobb to John Carter

Here are the preliminary drawings. To reduce the cost on this job we had to change from our rectangular plan to a square plan. Of course, the exterior elevation is not as attractive looking, but it does help reduce overall costs considerably. I think this is a case where we have to sacrifice a little on the appearance to preserve other important features that we want in this house.

## April 8, 1960 / John Carter to Hubbard Cobb

An excellent plan and a neat-looking house even with the alterations. Why is the first floor shown below grade?

## April 12,1960 / Hubbard Cobb to John Carter

The first floor of the house will set below grade for a depth of about four feet. This will bring the house down so it won't appear too boxy. As you will see from the attached notes, we save a good many square feet of foundation, side wall, and roof by changing from a rectangular to a square plan.

Another point is that only one level of the house can be completely finished for the original cost of $\$ 10,000$. We plan to finish the second level with a combination living and sleeping area, kitchen, and bath. Plumbing for the lower level will be roughed in. As the needs of the family grow, the lower level can be finished off into three bedrooms and bath and the upstairs becomes living room, dining area, kitchen, and bath.

Of course, in certain areas of the country where building costs are relatively low, it may be possible to get the lower level finished off for under $\$ 10,000$ but in most Northern metropolitan areas this will not be the case.
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THE AMERICAN HOME
PICTURE BOOK OF DECORATING-PART V

## FASHION SHOWS <br> ON YOUR FLOORS

ROBERT W. HOUSEMAN

Now more than ever carpeting plays a dramatic part in the decorating scheme of your home. Never has the choice of color, pattern, and texture given you a greater opportunity to create a beautiful interior

## COLORS UNLIMITED

Carpeting claims new decorating popularity with a rainbow of bright new colorsdeep purple, royal blue, brilliant green, vermilion, sunny gold, and pumpkin. Nolonger need you rely on cautious beige or gray; new dyeing processes make colors brighter, clearer, and fade resistant. You can have color and practicality, too, by choosing a nubby weave or other sturdy textures. Before you shop, study our answers to 10 important carpeting questions on page 49.
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## NEW INSPIRING PATTERNS

Establish your decorating theme with patterned carpeting-a homespun design for Early American, a random-rose design for a Victorian setting, a geometric design for contemporary. Patterns give you color guidanceone or two hues from a multicolored carpet can be matched and blended for draperies and upholstery. But be sure to use simple fabrics to avoid too much pattern in the room. Remember that patterned carpeting is practical because the design, in varied yarns, will minimize signs of use and abuse. You'll find patterns are ideal wherever the traffic is heavy.

Patterned carpeting plays the major role in decorating this delightful dining room. Made of long-wearing nylon, this carpeting has a practical, childproof design. Early American style is carried out with painted Hitchcock furniture and period accessories.


## ...AND TEMPTING TEXTURES

Texture in carpeting is an important fashion trend because of its versatile character and practicality. Texture is created in different ways. Carpets come with deep shaggy piles, high and low piles, tightly twisted (nubby) yarns, or combinations of cut (straight fiber) and uncut (loop) piles. Some carpets achieve a textured effect with two or more colors. Use a low-pile texture as a defense against footprints, especially for a busy hall, a family room, or playroom. Deep-pile textures are good with contemporary furnishings for a softening effect, and add great luxury to traditional settings.

Soft as a newly sheared lamb is this fine wool carpeting, used in the contemporary bedroom of a sophisticated little lady. Carpeting is a comfortable complement to the streamlined furniture and tailored bed, giving warmth and softness to the room.



Color of Desert Lilac in soft Creslan fiber. "Conquista" by Holmes, $\$ 10.95^{*}$
of the top carpet fashions, all as colorful as peacock


Royal blue Orlon and wool carpet forever mothproofed. "Casaba" by Masland, \$11.95


Plush emerald green cotton is an economical carpet buy. "Raleigh," Barwick Mills, \$5.95

## Patterns for those who admire the richness and



Geometric-patterned wool carpeting in olive and turquoise. "Impulse" by Roxbury, $\$ 12.95$


Abstract design in wool-loop pile. Color, sienna. "Rainfall" by Artloom, \$9.95


Delightfully decorative pattern of virgin carpet nylon. "Beaupoint," Bigelow, \$11.95



The jewel tone of carnelian glows in nylon. "Insignia Evertwist," Mohawk, \$10.95


Golden Glow coloring in lovely wool pattern. "Chateau Fleur" by Gulistan, \$14.50


Texture in sunset colors made of Caprolan fiber. "Electrique" by Callaway, $\$ 12.95$


## CARPETING YOU NEED

We polled the experts in stores around the country to determine the most frequently asked questions about carpeting. The answers will help you choose the best carpeting for your home.

## 1) HOW DO I CHOOSE A CARPET COLOR FOR MY ROOM?

You can tame a busy, bright room with neutral carpeting (beige, brown, gray, charcoal, and off-white) or pick up a shadowy shade from one of the colors in draperies, upholstery, or wallpaper. You can give zip to a weak color scheme with a varicolored carpet or one of a single dashing hue. It is smart to take fabric and wall color samples with you when shopping, rather than trust your color memory.

## 2) WILL THE COLOR I BUY FADE OR SUN STREAK?

It's rare for a carpet to fade or streak from the sun today. But you must expect a gradual toning down of any original shade. This is no more than the natural effect of air, soil, and use. When carpeting is brand new, it's so clean that the first footmark seems as disastrous as a scratch on a new car. Just give it routine cleaning and wait a week before you panic.
3) HOW MUCH WILL I HAVE TO SPEND FOR GOOD CARPETING AND WHAT ABOUT "ON SALE" MERCHANDISE?

A good medium price range is from $\$ 10$ to $\$ 13$ a square yard, when you are buying broadloom carpeting (see question 8) to be used wall-to-wall or as a room-sized rug. Less expensive carpeting is a smart choice for stylechanging bedrooms or little-used guest rooms. If a carpet is on sale and you are uncertain of its value, compare it with a similar one sold at the original price. If you yearn for a quality carpeting, but find the wall-towall cost beyond your means, ask your salesman to estimate the cost of the same goods to be used as a rug. This means you save on installation. (continued on page 66)

# From treasured cook books: Family feast of Thanksgiving 

Who should know better how to roast a Thanksgiving
turkey or bake a mince pie than the women of early America? These delectable dishes were gleaned from the pages of an old cook-book collection belonging to Mrs. Esther Aresty of Trenton, New Jersey. What makes them so very special is the fact that they've been tested, enjoyed, and feasted upon time and time again. (continued)


## How to

bone your
Thanksgiving
turkey


Place turkey, breast side down on board, with neck away from you. Cut through neck to backbone with sharp knife. Cut along backbone to tail.

2) Start boning the turkey by scraping 2 the meat from the bones toward the wing. Cut as close to the bone as you can. Hold wing firmly in other hand.


5 Season inside of turkey with salt () and pepper. Sew up back with large needle and clean white string. Fold neck skin to back and stitch to fasten.

When asked why and how she got started collecting old cook books, Mrs. Aresty explains, "I love to cook and I also love rare old books. So you see my collection satisfies both these yearnings.
"It's amazing how durable these old recipes are. Many of the old cook books


Mrs. Aresty collects old cook books and recipes. such as 'The Settlement Cook Book' are still used by thousands of housewives. The only difference is, mine happens to be a first edition.
"I often laugh at people who complain that there isn't really much you can do with chicken other than roast, broil, or fricassee it. In my books, you'll find literally hundreds of recipes for chicken-all of them different, all of them delicious!"

Asked whether she ever tampers with these recipes, she says, "Oh, yes, sometimes you have to. Many of the ingredients are no longer available and there are times when you just have to guess at what some early cook meant by a 'handful' of this or a 'peck' of that, or something else 'the size of an egg.' But if you try to stick closely to the intent of the recipe, you'll find the dish is really delicious.
"Another thing I enjoy is imagining just what these early housewives were like. It's


2 Scrape meat from bone until you reach the J first wing joint. Cut through joint. Work along to second joint; cut through it, too. Leave the wing tip on-the finished bird looks better.


6 Turn turkey on its back. Spoon stuffing into bird, a small amount at a time, making sure stuffing is carefully pushed into all cavities. Sew or lace opening, or re-tuck legs under band.
especially fun with the handwritten manuscripts. If the writing is delicate and sensitive, you suspect the writer was also. If it is bold and brash, she might be a little heavy with the pepper! The manuscripts in my collection go back to the 15 th century, and all are dated."

On the subject of the books themselves, Mrs. Aresty's greatest satisfaction comes from acquiring ones that are first editions, one-of-a-kind, or have never been listed in any bibliography.

She says, "Every room in the house is a library. The really rare books-the ones I call 'my diamonds'-number about 225. These include the first printed cook book (Venice, 1475), by Platina, the founder of the Vatican library. Bound with this 15 th century book is a cookery manuscript of even earlier date, showing the transition from the handwritten book to the printed one. Both are written in Latin.
'Perhaps the most valuable English items are a plain little volume called 'Dyets Dry Dinner' published in 1599 and a large, thick Elizabethan manuscript cook book. Other favorites are 'Il Trinciante' by Cervio, 1581, which contains the first printed picture of the fork, and the sought-after Elzevir press book 'Le Pastissier François.' '"

On American cook books, Mrs. Aresty explains that "The Compleat Housewife" was the first book containing recipes (continued)


Work along frame, scraping meat from bone, until you reach the leg. Cut the leg as you did the wing. Repeat the boning procedure on the other side of the bird. Scrape along the breast bone to free the frame.


7 Shape bird to look as it did before boning. Tuck wings under, close to body. Push legs into place, shaping with hand. Tie wide piece of cheesecloth around body, one around legs. Remove halfway through roasting.
(continued)
to be printed in America (1742). It was compiled from E. Smith's English cook book of the same name, a prized possession of Mrs. Aresty.

American cook books are an excellent way to begin a collection and fun to collect and study, and sometimes more easily found.

The first cook book of American authorship was "American Cookery" by Amelia Simmons in 1796. Mrs. Aresty says of this one, "It is especially treasured because my copy belonged to Mrs. Mary J. Lincoln, the founder of the Boston School of Cooking."

Other interesting American books in the Aresty collection include a first edition of "The New England Cookery" by Lucy Emerson (which, according to Mrs. Aresty, was largely compiled from the Simmons book); several by Harriet Beecher Stowe; and first editions of Miss Leslie's early American books.

Mrs. Aresty finds books in most unexpected places- 'Mrs. Lincoln's Boston Cook Book" in Gotenburg, Sweden, and recently, "The Edgewater Beach (Chicago) Salad Book" in Paris. A pleasant surprise was a first edition of "The Settlement Cook Book" purchased from the author's niece. Mrs. Aresty smiles when she points to the double title on this last one: 'The Way to a Man's Heart."
"I guess," she says, "that holds as much today as the day it was written."


Preparation time: 10 min . Baking time: $1 \mathrm{hr} ., 15 \mathrm{~min}$.
2 eggs; $\frac{1}{4}$ c. flour; 1 tsp. salt; ${ }^{\frac{1}{2}}$ tsp. pepper; 2 cans ( 1 lb . each) cream-style corn; 2 tbs, melted butter or margarine; 1 can ( $14 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{oz}$.) evaporated milk

- Beat eggs in medium-sized bowl; beat in flour, salt, and pepper. Add corn, butter or margarine, and evaporated milk; blend well. Pour into buttered $11 / 2$-quart casserole; place in shallow baking pan; place on oven rack. Fill pan with hot water to $3 / 4$-inch from top of casserole. Bake in slow oven ( $300^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$.) 1 hour and 15 min utes, or until knife inserted 1 -inch from side comes out clean. Serve at once. Makes 6 servings.

Adapted from Traditional Virginia Recipe, From Morgan Family. Prov'd 1937, in "The Williamsburg Art of Cookery."

MINCEMEAT


Preparation time: 30 min . Cooking time: 1 hr .
1 lb . beef (chuck or round), cubed; 2 c. water; $1^{\frac{1}{2}}$ c. raisins; $1^{\frac{1}{2}}$ c. currants; $1^{\frac{1}{2}}$ c. brown sugar firmly packed; $\frac{1}{3}$ c. molasses; 3 c. pared, cored, chopped apples; 2 tsp. salt; 2 tsp. cinnamon; $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. mace; $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. ground cloves; grated rind and juice of 1 lemon; 1 jar ( 4 oz .) candied citron, diced; ${ }^{1 / 2} \mathbf{c}$. beef suet or butter; $\frac{1 / 2}{2}$ c. brandy; $\frac{1 / 4}{4}$ c. red wine

- Cook beef in water in saucepan until tender; drain; reserve liquid; chop meat fine. Combine meat and 1 cup liquid with remaining ingredients except brandy and wine. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until apples are tender and mixture is thick. Cool; add brandy and wine. Makes 6 cups.
Adapted from "Mrs. Lincoln's Boston Cook Book' (C) 1883 by Mrs. D.A. Lincoln.


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- Cook sausage meat in large skillet over medium heat, breaking meat up with fork as it cooks; drain. Combine all remaining ingredients, except stock, with sausage meat in large bowl; toss lightly to mix. Add only enough stock to moisten stuffing lightly. Sufficient to stuff neck and body cavities of a 20 -pound turkey.
Adapted from Old Morgan Family Recipe in "The Williamsburg Art of Cookery."

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Mrs. Mary Randolph's Virginia Housewife, 1831, in "The Williamsburg Art of Cookery," by Mrs, Helen Bullock, © 1938, Colonial Williamsburg, Inc.

## ARTICHOKES SAUTES



Preparation time: 10 min . Cooking time: 30 min .
3 large artichokes; 1 tsp . salt; $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. pepper; $\frac{1}{4} \mathrm{C}$. melted butter or margarine.

- Cut artichokes in quarters; remove chokes; clip off any thorny tips on leaves with scissors. Parboil 5 minutes in salted water; drain; place in shallow baking dish. Blend salt and pepper with melted butter or margarine; cover dish. Bake in moderate oven ( $350^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$.) 20 to 25 minutes, or until artichokes are tender. Garnish with strips of pimiento and serve with hollandaise sauce, if desired. Makes 4 servings.
Adapted from "The Way to a Man's Heart," The Settlement Cook Book 01901.

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# Take a Can of Cranberry Sauce 

(pictured in color on pages 56 and 57)


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## Take a Can of Cranberry Sauce

BAKE SINGLE LAYER CAKE
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## Antique Clocks (contived tom pase 39 )

boy spotted an old pillar-and-scroll clock. It so fascinated him that his father paid the five-cent purchase price and gave it to his son. Today the clock is valued at about $\$ 250$.

The five-cent clock was the inspiration for a collection that now numbers about 150 antique timepieces. The collection includes the three popular types of early clocks-the "tall" or "hall" clock (also known as the "grandfather clock"), the "mantel" or "shelf" clock, and the "wall" or "hanging" clock.

On pages 38 and 39 we show you a few of the magnificent, classic antiques that make the Myers collection so outstanding.


Eight-day grandfather clocks, standing left to right: 1. Walnut case. Made by Christian Forrer, Lampeter, Pa. Circa 1765. Very rare. 2. Cherry case. Of Pennsylvania origin, but maker unknown. Circa 1795. 3. Walnut case, Maker unknown. Circa 1800. 4. "S. Willard"'type mahogany case. Made by S. Taber, Providence, R. I. Circa 1810. 5. Walnut case. Made by Jacob Hendel, Carlisle, Pa. 6. Light walnut case. Made by Samuel Mylie, Lebanon, Pa. Circa 1795. 7. Curly-maple case. Maker unknown. Gives indication of Pennsylvania manufacture. Circa 1800. 8. White-pine case. Maker unknown. Circa 1790. 9. Walnut case. Maker unknown but gives evidence of having been made in Lewis Town, Pa. Circa 1800. 10. Cherry case. Made by Elijah Evans, Frederick Town, Md. Date unknown.
Smaller clocks on table: 11. Eight-day, wagonspring, double-steeple clock by Birge and Fuller, Bristol, Conn. 12. Eight-day acorn clock by J. C. Brown, Bristol, Conn. 13. Newport banjo clock by Walter Cornell. 14. Atkins 30-day, wagon-spring clock.

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Pages 40, 41, 83: Refrigerator, built-in oven cooking top, combination washer-dryer, dishwasher, disposer, air conditioner, cabinets, TV set, toaster, coffeemaker-GE Counter topsGE Textolite. Sink-American-Standard. Vinyl flooring-Robbins. Saucepan-Pyrex. Chande-flooring-Robbins. Saucepan-Pyrex. Chandewhite cups-Rosenthal-Block. "Hannah Hull" wherling flatware-Wallace. Drapery fabric-

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Antique Glass
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utilizing their bountiful supply of graceful lamps. The colored miniature kerosene lamps are the real eye-catchers. About six inches tall, they frequently have names pressed into them and are usually in the glowing colors of the Victorian era.

One of the most attractive types in the collection, and certainly one of the hardest to find complete with globe chimney, is the "twinkle lamp" (top row in picture). The names of these lamps are fascinating: "Little Buttercup," "Little Banner," "Nutmeg," "Clarke's Fairy Lamp," "Little Jewel." Because of their colored globes, they give little light but this was probably intentional because they were often used in a sickroom.

The most valuable lamps in the Hooffs' collection are the whaleoil lamps. Dating back to 1790 through 1830, these lamps are usually small because whale oil was scarce and expensive. Based entirely on the whaling industry, they were used primarily in big cities and seaports; the back country had to depend on other types of lighting. Each year these little lamps become harder to find and more costly. They are typically American; you'd be unlikely to find one in any other country.

The Christmas salts are another interesting item in the Hooffs' collection. These little salt cellars, sometimes called "barreled salts," have pewter tops and spiderlike plungers. They are called "Christmas salts" because they were patented on Christmas Day, 1877, in Boston. "By coincidence," says Mrs. Hooff, "we bought our first one on Christmas Eve in Alexandria, Virginia."

THE END

## Quilts

(continued from page 28)
I tried my hand at making another quilt of fragments of homespun, chintz, and old prints. When it took a blue ribbon at the Kentucky State Fair I was no longer just a collector, I became a dedicated quiltmaker!"

Mrs. Peto's keen interest both as collector and quiltmaker is typical of that demonstrated by thousands of women across the country.
The quiltmaker today no longer works under the handicaps her great-grandmother did. Magazines now show quilts in traditional patterns and give charts and explicit instructions for making them. Stores offer packaged quilt kits
with stamped backgrounds anc ready-cut patches of fine quality There are quilting hoops and fold ing frames for the modern quilte who wishes to give the final enrich ment to her work but hasn't roon for an old-fashioned frame.

Mrs. Peto's collection not only contains many heirloom pieces bu quilts she and her daughter made "Sparkling Pinwheels," showi on page 29 , a piecework quilt was made by her daughter.

The "Cockscomb and Currants' (circa 1830) with its grapevint border has the signature of the maker wrought twice in the tra punto quilting which old-time quilters called "stuffing." "Shirre Zinnias" has scattered bouquets ir the body of the quilt that are done in a technique rarely found. Nar row bias strips of soft material are shirred and arranged in concentri circles, then mounted on a circular base, resulting in unusually natu ralistic blossoms. This quilt was made by Mrs. Jencks Wanton Perkins in Oriskany, New York This locality is famous for a Revo lutionary battle in 1777 .
"Playmates," a crib-size quilt was made by Mrs. Peto from the white-ground printed cambries that were used in little boys' shirtwaist in the 1880's and 1890's. The de signs appealed to small boys: hunt ing dogs, pet pugs, birds, horses high-wheeled bicycles, bees, an beetles. This quilt also has the picture of Grover Cleveland, ther President of the United States.
"The Tree of Life" quilt has beautiful hand-blocked center o birds and flowers surrounded with several borders of very fine ap pliqué. It's enormous in size, fou yards wide, for a huge four-poster Southern in origin, circa 1780.

Asked if she has any preferenc between the two techniques quiltmaking-piecework or appli qué-Mrs. Peto stands neutral.
"I love them both," she says "But our grandmothers evidentl considered the appliqué more ele gant for it appears more often or their 'best' or 'bride's' quilts. M 'Baltimore Bride's' quilt (on pag 26 ) is perhaps the finest of thi type."

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Editor's note: Mrs. Peto is author o "Historic Quilts" and "America, Quilts and Coverlets.'



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## Staffordshire <br> (continued from page 33)

With her next purchase-a teapot called "Wadsworth Tower" she also bought Ada Walker Camehl's and Elluouise Baker Larsen's excellent books on Staffordshire. From that point on, she was transformed from a plain hobbyist into an all-out collector!

In Ohio, for example, she ran across an antiques shop. The owner came up with what Mrs. Woolf describes as "our greatest day in Old Blue collecting: 15 pieces, including three plates and a deep vegetable dish of 'The Landing of Lafayette,' two plates picturing 'The Boston Statehouse,' a 'States' plate inscribed with the names of 15 states-the original 13 plus Vermont and Kentucky.,"

In New York City, "that delightful oasis for all thirsty antiquers," the Woolfs picked up another treasure-a large tureen of "Don Quixote and the Princess," which is an extremely rare subject for Staffordshire ware.

In Boston, Salem, and Marblehead there were other finds: a pitcher named "Lafayette at Franklin's Tomb," a 24 -inch platter, "La Grange," depicting the French chateau of General Lafayette, and a dinner set celebrating his landing on the Cadmus at Castle Garden, New York.

On the subject of Lafayette, Mrs. Woolf says that no other subject was ever more popular than the French general. "Whatever he did," she states, "was Old-Blue worthy. He was pictured as a young man and an old one-on everything they made from mugs, jugs, and bowls to pitchers, platters, and plates!"

Mrs. Woolf's prize piece is curiously one that is comparatively
worthless-except to her. It is a platter from which General Robert E. Lee ate fried chicken at her great-grandfather's Tennessee farm. The blue of this dish is mottled with the gray cracks of age and hard use-but to Mrs. Woolf it is priceless.

THE END

## Pewter

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times but few early pieces have survived to this day because of the softness of the metal. Most prized by collectors are the pieces made during the 17 th and 18 th centuries. Pewter made in early American days was severe in style and limited in quantity because of the lack of molds and materials, and the scarcity of craftsmen.

The pewter articles shown in color on pages 34 and 35 are:
Mantel: English tobacco canister, one of a pair of short English gravity lamps, one of a pair of tall French gravity lamps.
Cupboard: upper left, English charger (platter), and mates to lamps on mantel. Below, two-galIon American pitcher. Upper right, plate and French tureen. Center, pair of very rare English vases. Below, Dutch measuring pitcher, French screw-top tobacco jar, English measure.
Grain bin: pair of very rare French urns, French tureen.
Center table: English pap bowls used for medicine doses in foundling homes; rare long-handled porringer; tobacco jar; charger under French lunch pail.
Table at right: pair of American hurricane globes and sticks, very rare tazza (server with pedestal), French lunch pail.
On floor: French cider jug.
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## How to Buy Carpeting

## (continued from page 49)

4) WHAT OTHER EXPENSES ARE THEREWHENI BUY CARPETING? Plan on $\$ 3$ per square yard for installation and padding of carpeting to be used wall-to-wall. You must also expect to pay more for installation if you live far from shopping areas. Rug sizes or special shapes require a charge for cutting and binding. These details should be discussed with your salesman.
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8）DOES ALL BROADLOOM CAR－ PETING HAVE TO BE USED WALL－TO－WALL？

Let＇s clarify our meaning of ＂broadloom＂and＂wall－to－wall．＂ ＂Broadloom＂is a term used for all carpeting which comes by the yard in length and which is woven in widths of $9,12,15$ ，or 18 feet， but 9 －and 18 －foot widths are fairly rare．Most carpetings are available in 12 －and 15 －foot widths．＂Wall－
to－wall＂means that the carpeting fits tight against the baseboard on all sides of the room．Tackless in－ stallation，almost standard pro－ cedure，is accomplished with a strip of wood pretacked with short upright nail points．The wood strip is secured to the floor and the car－ peting is fitted to it．

You can achieve the effect of wall－to－wall by having your rug cut to the room＇s dimensions and bound all around，using it just as you would a movable rug the size of the room．In this case subtract 1 to $11 / 2$ inches from measurements， since carpeting will stretch．

Carpeting may also be used with a small border of flooring， 6 to 18 inches，depending on the size of the room and whether you have projections into the room．

In houses with open floor plans， broadloom carpeting can some－ times be used with three sides flush to the wall，and the fourth side shaped in a free form indicat－ ing traffic pattern over hardwood or tile floor．This is a good way to define a dining area or hallway．

## 9）HOW MUCH CARPETING DO I <br> NEED FOR WALL－TO－WALL AND HOW DO I FIGURE SIZE？

Measure all four sides of your room，since one end may be a few inches wider or longer than the other．Use the greatest length measurement．Remember that car－ peting usually comes in 12－or 15 －foot widths．If your room is not the same width as the carpeting， you must buy carpeting that is wider than your room．Next mul－ tiply the longest measure of your room by the right carpeting width to find the number of square feet needed．Carpeting is sold by the square yard：change square feet to square yards by dividing by 9 ．

Since accuracy is important，we recommend you let the carpet salesman estimate the correct yardage from your measurements． He will probably want to re－ measure before installation．

## 10）WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO KEEP CARPETING CLEAN AND NEW－LOOKING？

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## THE FUN OF AFRICAN VIOLETS



You'll gladly surrender window after window to African violets once you become a collector like Mrs. Douglas H. Ireland (above), These are her dining room windows, the one above devoted wholly to African violets, the one at right also accommodating other gesneriads, the plant family to which the A.V.'s belong.


It's something of an axiom among African violet enthusiasts that you become a collector automatically and involuntarily-almost unconsciously. You start with one or two, add another, and another, and thus go on until-without fully realizing it-you're a collector. But with Mrs. Douglas H. Ireland of Flushing, New York, it didn't work that way. She became an African violet collector deliberately.
Soon after she was married, her mother gave her a small division from an old plant of 'Blue Boy.' (One plant was enough for her mother!) The division grew into a fine plant, flowered profusely, and Mrs. Ireland decided African violets-lots of them-were for her. Straight off she joined the African Violet Society of America, chiefly to get the society's quarterly magazine, and ordered an assortment of varieties from the ads. So, except for the brief one-plant period, she actually started with a collection!

That was in 1950. Now, ten years and hundreds of plant orders later, Mrs. Ireland has a collection of over 2500 plants in some 350 varieties. What's more, she's president of the African Violet Society of Greater New York. She isn't sure and doesn't much care how many plants or how many varieties she really has. It's three years since she took inventory.


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The important thing is that the more African violets she grows the more fun she gets from observing their infinite variations.

For three years the expanding collection took up more and more window space. Then, with no more windows, Mrs. Ireland took to growing African violets under fluorescent lights in the basement. Finally, with no more room in the basement, the Irelands built a $9 \times 25$-foot greenhouse. And that, Mrs. Ireland says, is as far as it's going to go! We'll see.
As any married person might guess, Mrs. Ireland's adventures in African violets did not make this kind of progress without the aid and abetting of her husband. In fact, almost from the start, Mr. Ireland has constituted the "research department" of the enterprise. He has experimented with soil mixtures (he's now on his 18 th formula), with fertilizers, insecticides, lights, hybridization, colchicine, and so on, and has always been chief diagnostician and therapist when the health of plants seemed to be imperiled.

Mr. Ireland's involvement stems from the fact that he too is a green-thumber and collects orchids. He used to grow them indoors in winter and in a small,
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With fluorescent lights you can grow African violets in the basement when you've run out of windows! This is one of Mrs. Ireland's three-tube reflector installations.


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Double fringed'Sea Grape'


Miniature-'Miniature Blue Fantasy'
unheated greenhouse in summer. When the 25 -foot greenhouse was built it was supposed to be partly for African violets and partly for orchids. But it turned out to be mostly for African violets. Anyway, Mr. Ireland seems to get as much fun out of them as does Mrs. Ireland, or as he gets out of orchids. It's a happy arrangement however you explain it.

What makes African violets such ideal collectors' plants, besides their persistent flowering and their compact size, is the almost infinite variation in their color, flower form, leaf type, and over-all appearance of the plant. Color and form of flowers usually get first consideration, but in recent years Mrs. Ireland has become more and more intrigued by the development of new leaf types.

Incidentally, if you hear African violet fans talking about "boy" varieties and "girl" varieties, they're not referring to sex! They merely mean African violets whose leaves resemble those of the early varieties, 'Blue Boy' and 'Blue Girl.' Boy varieties have one-color, somewhat heart-shaped leaves; girl varieties are characterized by rounder leaves with a whitish area near the center.
Although enthusiasts insist African violets are the easiest plants to grow, it's obvious to anyone else that they're just tricky enough to provide some feeling of accomplishment if you succeed-and at the same time easy enough to make success a certainty if you really try. The usual reason for their growing but not flowering is that they don't get enough light, and the usual reason for their not even growing is that they get too much or too little water.

A few hours of direct sunlight in the morning, with good indirect light the rest of the day, is ideal. Too much direct afternoon sun may injure the foliage. To prevent plants becoming lopsided from growing toward the light, turn the pots a little each week.

Fluorescent lights, to an African violet collector, are the greatest invention ever. Under two or three 40 -watt "cool white" tubes in a reflector, suspended 8 to 10 inches above the plants and kept burning 12 to 14 hours a day, all varieties grow and flower to near-perfection. Fluorescent tubes last over a year, but for maximum light output should be changed every six months or so.

Providing the right heat for African violets is no problem, since they like about the same temperature we doaround $70^{\circ}$. They can't stand being roasted by afternoon sun in a southwest window, and they soon get sick if the temperature goes below $55^{\circ}$. On cold


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nights, they should be pulled in from the windows so they're not too close to the glass.

Watering is a simple matter, Mrs. Ireland says, though beginners sometimes find it tricky. African violet roots like to be moist-not soggy-wet and not bone-dry. Until you're experienced enough to know when a plant needs watering by looking at the soil, feel the soil lightly every morning. If it's moist to the touch, don't water; if it's dryish, water. If it's bonedry (which you shouldn't allow it to become!), give it just a little water and a little more in the afternoon. If you soak a plant that's reached the bone-dry stage, it's likely to drop its flowers.

In the humid eastern states, plants need watering much less often in summer than in winter, when the house is heated and the indoor air is much drier. But treat your plants individually at any season, Mrs. Ireland warns. Don't decide from looking at one or two plants that the whole collection needs watering.

African violet soil must be of light, fibrous texture, and it shouldn't be pressed too firm. A good mixture can be made from one third good garden soil, one third compost or Michigan or Canadian peatmoss, and one third vermiculite or perlite, plus just a little ground charcoal (of the kind that poultrymen use for baby chicks).

And when you grow African violets, stick to clay pots! Nonporous containers make watering much too difficult and the plants don't like the lower degree of soil aeration. Besides, to a house-plant enthusiast a clay pot, whether brand-new or mottled with fertilizer salts or green algae, is the most appropriately attractive plant container anyway! Mrs. Ireland


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grows small to medium-size varieties in $3^{\prime \prime}$ pots, larger kinds in 4's, and the few she grows to super-size for exhibiting at shows are in 5's. Leaf cuttings and young plants are in $2 \frac{1}{4}$ 's.

The Irelands feed with soluble plant food once a week the year around. They've found most brands satisfactory and currently are getting excellent results by alternating Hyponex and Stimuplant.

Insects are no longer a problem, since Kelthane takes care of cyclamen mite and VC-13 eliminates nematodes, the two pests that used to be difficult to control. Any garden insecticide will control the few other pests that may occasionally make an appearance.

Asked about good, easily obtainable varieties for a beginner to start with, Mrs. Ireland recommended these: white, 'White Pride'; blue, 'Coon Valley'; pink, 'Jubilee'; purple, 'Black Magic' or 'Mediterranean Dusk.'

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Pot the plants individually in 21/4" pots, using a teaspoon as a trowel. Don't press the soil mix firm.

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## April 15, 1960/John Carter to Hubbard Cobb

I'm not too happy about offering our readers only a partially finished house for $\$ 10,000$ but I definitely do not want to reduce the amount of living space to under 1000 sq. ft. I think we would render most service by showing our readers exactly what kind of house they can get for $\$ 10,000$, and then tell them how much it would cost to finish off the rest of it and put it on their lot.

## April 20, 1960/Hubbard Cobb to John Carter

In spite of a good many problems I believe we now have an excellently planned house and not just from the standpoint of cost. We've done about everything we could to keep construction costs to a minimum. We've got the plan to an absolutely true four-foot module which means a minimum of waste in materials and a maximum saving in labor costs. The bathrooms
are arranged for maximum saving and we've even gone so far as to eliminate such lesser items as roof overhang at the gable ends. I've lined up a few plots of land in New Jersey. Will you be free next week to take a look at them?

## May 11, 1960/Hubbard Cobb to John Carter

We can buy that $1 / 4$-acre piece of land in New Jersey for $\$ 2500$. This is not a bad price for this area. Yesterday I visited the site with a good local builder, however, and we'll have a few problems if we build our house there. First, it's going to cost several hundred dollars to clear the land of trees and bring in some sort of road. We'll have to have a well and this may run to $\$ 1000$, depending on how deep we have to go before we get water. We'll also need a septic-tank system, for another $\$ 500$ or so. The builder is almost sure that we'll have trouble with ledge rock and that means more money to blast for the excavation. Another headache is the water table which is high enough to mean extensive drainage and waterproofing to insure a completely dry lower level. In short, it's probably going.to take around $\$ 4000$ extra to make a plot suitable for the house.

## May 19, 1960 /John Carter to Hubbard Cobb

$\$ 4000$ just to develop the quarter acre of land? What do we get for this sort of money, a formal Italian garden? Out where I used to live you could get a quarter section of land for this much money.

Does the New Jersey builder believe that he can erect the basic house for $\$ 10,000$ ?
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## May 24, 1960/Hubbard Cobb to John Carter

The builder doubts that he could build the house for our price and make any profit. His is a good, but very small, business and his cost per square foot is a good deal higher than that of the builders around the country who gave us original estimates on the job. Another fact to be reckoned with is that you can show someone a set of blueprints for a house and ask, "Can you build this house for $\$ 10,000$ ?" and he'll say, "Yes." But if you then say, "Will you build this house for $\$ 10,000$ ?" he'll say, "No." In other words, it's not until they are actually faced with the possibility of losing money that they remember all those variable factors. I plan to check with some bigger builders in this area.

## June 16, 1960/Hubbard Cobb to John Carter

The situation in regards to our $\$ 10,000$ house is this. I have a builder who is not too worried about building the house for our price but, and this is a big but, he's figuring another $\$ 6000$ for development of the land. That means our total project, assuming it comes off, will cost $\$ 18,500-\$ 2500$ for the land, $\$ 6000$ to develop the land and $\$ 10,000$ to erect the house.
June 24, 1960/John Carter to Hubbard Cobb

I hardly see how as home buyers we can afford a $\$ 10,000$ house if it costs us $\$ 18,500$ to build it. Isn't there anything we can do to cut down those costs on the development of the land? That seems to be our major problem and that of our readers as well.

## June 28, 1960/Hubbard Cobb to John Carter

One way we can get around the land development problem is to buy a completely developed lot, but this means we are just taking money out of one pocket and putting it into another. In other words, if we buy a developed lot we are probably in for $\$ 6000$ or $\$ 7000$ and we've still got some extras which means that we are right where we started. The other choice is to work with a large developer who can produce a finished lot cheaper than the individual home builder.

## July 1, 1960/John Carter to Hubbard Cobb

I hesitate to work with a large builder or developer because this probably is not the way our readers would go about building this house. Check with developers in this area and see what they have to say.

## July 8, 1960/Hubbard Cobb to John Carter

Talked to one of the biggest developers in New England about our house. Whereas working with him might solve some of our problems as far as getting the
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Sketch of front view of house shows door that opens onto split entry leading to upper and lower level. Lower level is set partially below grade to reduce the height of the house.


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## July 12, 1960

John Carter to Hubbard Cobb
I assume that costs for the land development for our house would be about the same in most parts of the country. Am I right?

## July 14, 1960

Hubbard Cobb to John Carter
I feel we'll have trouble with land costs in just about any section of the country near a metropolitan center, which is where most of our readers live. But I'll look into this on my trip to the West Coast and Midwest next week.

## July 21, 1960

Hubbard Cobb to John Carter
Discussed our house with builder here in San Diego area. Same problems regarding land development as we had in the East except maybe a little worse. He's paying $\$ 8000$ for a developed lot way out in the jack-rabbit country. Can't see the sense in putting a $\$ 10,000$ house on an $\$ 8000$ lot. I'll be in Dayton tomorrow.

## July 25, 1960

John Carter to Hubbard Cobb
I agree. I don't see a $\$ 10,000$ house on an $\$ 8000$ lot either. It seems to me that even if someone handed you a nice piece of land free, it would be impossible to build our house on it for less than $\$ 15,000$. Is that correct?

## July 28, 1960

Hubbard Cobb to John Carter
That is about the situation. You can reduce the cost of the house structure by careful design and the right choice of materials and by using a builder who employs the most modern building techniques, but the cost of land today is a real stumbling block. No matter how you look at it, land is not only expensive to buy but expensive to

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## Aug. 2, 1960

John Carter to Hubbard Cobb
It seems to me that the real story for our readers is to tell them just what we have found to be the case. Specifically, that the house structure is only a part of the total cost of housing. The reason there are so few low-cost houses in this country is that no matter what the architect or designer does to reduce the cost of the structure, the land eats up the savings and then some. It doesn't make sense to us to build a $\$ 10,000$ house with almost an equal amount invested in the land. The $\$ 10,000$ custom house has gone the way of the 5 -cent candy bar and the nickel phone call.

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6 Just a small house to start with, my husband did all the work himself (except the heating and wiring). The new garage and living room come out either side, and between them, the new 18x29-foot terrace. 9

Mrs. Lars Christense Stafford Springs, Connectic:


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