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CHRISTMAS AUTHOIRS. In this issue five distinguished ladies give us their recollections of Christmas in various decades and various lands, to the accompaniment of Pierre Brissaud's characteristic drawings.

Mrs. William R. Massie is the children of Rose Hill, one of Virginia's most beautiful houses, which crowns its hill near Charlottesville; her hospitality and her gardens are equally famous. The Grand Duchess Marie is, as everyone knows, a cousin of the late Czar. She has lived in New York for some years, a woman of great charm and good taste.

Mrs. Winthrop Chanler is an American woman whose childhood was spent in Rome. They lived in the Odescalchi palace, and Brissaud has drawn one of Bernini's magnificent rooms as the background for the Christmas of these American children. Mrs. Chanler's book, "Roman Spring," tells of her childhood. A second book, "Autumn in the Valley," is now appearing in the Atlantic Monthly.

Miss Caroline King Duer was for many years Associate Editor of Vogue. She was the author of Vogue's Book of Etiquette. Her family has been well known in New York since before the Revolution, and no one knows better than she the traditions of Old York.

Eva Le Gallienne, actress and impresario, spent most of her childhood in Paris, and we had originally asked her to write of Christmas in that city. But her happiest holidays she tells us were when visiting the family of her Danish mother, and it is of Copenhagen that she wished to write.

EVERLASTING WOOD. Some of us, when we look at wooden houses, have a notion that wood is relatively short-lived. The experience of Japanese builders proves the contrary. Some of the old wooden temple structures have lasted more than a thousand years.

The Japanese have a highly developed appreciation of the beauty of natural wood. Since their own forests supply woods of interesting color and grain, they rarely paint the wooden members of their houses. Their colors are natural colors, as contrasted with the vermilions and other tints with which the Chinese paint their houses.

FUNCTIONALISM VS. CHARM. One of these days some bright modernist designer will find the exact point where functionalism ceases and charm begins. In other eras charm overlaid design like a pleasant cloud. The insistence that functionalism can convey charm is putting too much of a burden on that excellent and serviceable theory of design.

FOUNDERS' HOMES. Not any later than the September issue House & Garden coined the phrase "Founders' Colonial" to apply to the furniture used in the houses of the Founding Fathers of this country between 1775 and 1810. Now appears Nancy McClelland's Furnishing the Colonial and Federal House, a scholarly and helpful study of American furnishing from the 17th Century to the threshold of the 19th. Not only are the tastes and customs of the past set down, but their modern equivalents, and how they can be applied to reproductions of Founders' Homes today. The book is abundantly illustrated. With this in hand one could scarcely be wrong in recreating the original American atmosphere in one's home.

GARDEN WEEKS. If your notebook is handy, jot down the fact that in April the Garden Club of Virginia will have its eighth annual tour of houses and gardens; and (2) from March 28th to April 4th Natchez will put on its best bib and tucker for those who would explore its old places. Natchez in Springtime is something never to be forgotten. For Virginia information write Mrs. T. S. Wheelwright, Centralia, Va., and for Natchez, Mrs. S. A. Boater, of the Natchez Garden Club, Natchez, Miss.

SALAD-VESUVIAN. Mounteith, a city of highly civilized people, has its own manner of serving salad. It comes with the roast, on a half-moon dish, and you kinda reach over and get it. You don't help yourself out of a big bowl—you're helped, and usually the lettuce is shredded. We haven't seen those half-moon dishes in operation for a dog's age. Now, in California they serve salad for an opening course, and Easterners bring it in toward the end of the meal.

TRUE ALUMINUM. We rise to a point of order and, receiving the privileges of the floor, announce that the article Red Wine Dishes in our October issue was wrong in inferring that harmful results might follow the use of aluminum cooking utensils in executing the recipes which the author set forth. Unquestioned medical authorities, we have since discovered, agree that aluminum and all its compounds have the peculiar faculty of passing through the human system without a trace of them being absorbed by the tissues, so this metal could not harm you if it wanted to!
CHRISTMAS IN VIRGINIA
ALL my life, Christmas has been ushered in at midnight, not with the jingle of sleigh-bells, the slither of falling snow, but with the snap and sputter of fireworks out on the lawn. To a Northerner, fireworks mean only one thing—the Glorious Fourth; to a Southerner, they mean Christmas, and Christmas only. All through the day they crackle and at night the prize rockets are set off to cleave their glittering arcs against the winter sky. For, with our mild seasons, a "white Christmas" is almost unknown; so our children make Christmas bright with fire.

The charming scene that Mr. Brissaud has drawn, in the costumes of the 'Nineties, comes midway in the procession of my Christmas memories. It conjures up a happier picture than the Christmases of my early childhood, in the days of the rehabilitation after the Civil War. For in those days poverty stalked abroad; finances were strained to the breaking-point; and, although everyone tried valiantly to make Christmas-time as gay and open-handed as ever, the preparations were necessarily meagre.

But as time went on, trees, parties and receptions were gradually reinstated as an integral part of the Christmas holidays. Once more neighbors exchanged visits; once more the inevitable bowl of eggnog appeared, sometimes made by the host—from a precious recipe handed down through the years—sometimes, alas, by the cook. (Or, worse still, an ambitious but inexperienced chatelaine.)

Again the mistress and her kitchen staff started weeks ahead to prepare the supplies—succulent fruit-cakes, spicy mince pies, blanc manges, quivering jellies, fat turkeys, glistening hams, sausages—enough to feed an army. Again the great houses were decked with evergreen garlands, without and within, and wreaths were hung in every window—as they had been before, as they are still today. Then and now, the darkies arrive early on Christmas singing spirituals, and hover, beaming, in the background to await their gifts—for every smallest pickaninny will be remembered. This has been Christmas ever since I can recall.
The Christmas of my childhood was white and dazzling; it was crisp with frost and silent with snow; the world seen through the patterns of rime on the window panes, was a fantastic world of icicles.

Indoors, in the snug rooms of our nursery, life for my brother and me lost its everyday reality and was full of excitement and anticipation. Our excitement and anticipation began long before the holidays and reached their climax on Christmas Eve when they became almost unbearable. Driving out through the city or into the villages we would see the many preparations for the feast: the bustle of people, the children going from house to house in holiday clothes, the carnival of the animals, as you have probably seen it in Petrouschka—the strong bodies of young peasants topped by fantastic masks of the goat, the stork, the boar.

During the last week before Christmas the house itself seemed to assume a different and thrilling atmosphere. A room in my father’s big house had been closed off and behind its locked doors mysterious activities were in progress, activities which were kept secret from us. It was the same thing every year and every year we were consumed by the same curiosity. At last evening came. Together with my father we went to the house chapel for vespers and for a whole long hour we had to keep still and be attentive. But even that ordeal came to an end. And now we found ourselves in front of the closed doors. By that time we reached a state of absolute frenzy. In response to an order by my father the doors were thrown open. Beyond, in the center of the room, stood an immense Christmas tree ablaze with lights. It was a new miracle each time. The shock of the first impression was so overwhelming that we were incapable of moving. My father then would break the spell and laughingly push us towards the Christmas tree. The rest of the evening was drowned in a haze of pure rapture, in overflowing gratitude towards everybody and the world at large.
“GLAEDELIG JUL!” Whenever I think of Christmas I think of a Danish Christmas. It may of course be merely that childhood Christmases are immeasurably superior to grown-up Christmases, for my Danish experiences all date from my childhood. Still I think that nowhere in the world are Christmases so jolly, so gay and so solemn as in Copenhagen.

One Christmas I especially remember, was blessed with the ideal weather for such an occasion: crisp and clear, with enough crunchy snow to make the man-made tinsel look tarnished, so bright and sparkling were the crystals underfoot and on all the trees. The real festivities take place on Christmas Eve. We were invited to dinner at my mother’s dear brother’s house, Uncle Kai. Darling little “Bet”, my grandmother, was the most feted guest, then Mother and Uncle Kai and Auntie Tuttle, and my two little cousins, Gerda and Mogens.

Dinner started with “Risengrod”, a sort of rice porridge, and the excitement was great over this, as somewhere in the porridge was an almond, and the lucky one who found it in his plate won a prize, usually a delicious fruit made of marzipan.

The pièce de résistance was the roast goose, stuffed with prunes and apples and decorated with little Danish flags. This always brought forth great applause. After the meal, Uncle Kai opened the big double doors into the drawing room, and there stood the Tree shimmering with silver stars. But before touching, or even remotely peering at anything, the Ceremony of the Tree had to be gone through. The entire household joined hands, old Ingeborg, the cook, was hauled out of the kitchen, in tears of joy (for no Danish Christmas is complete without tears), and we danced round the Tree singing.

Dear, sweet, warm people! How strange it is that Scandinavians are usually thought cold and a little dreary. They are so gay, so generous, so human.

Some day I hope to have another Christmas in Copenhagen—but, alas, it will be peopled mostly with ghosts, gentle ghosts, and not too sad. And I shall, strangely enough, be a “Grown-up”. And most likely shall find myself in tears.
THE Christmas tree stood tall and well-garnished in the high-
studded ball room which was our nursery world, play room-
dining room-schoolroom. We were proud of our tree; had we not
been busy for weeks cutting and pasting silver and gold paper into
chains, covering walnuts and pine-cones with gold leaf and silver
leaf, folding and snipping colored tissue-paper into ingenious bags
that looked like nets when duly weighted with sugar-plums?

Santa Claus did not come to Rome. We were told that American
children believed he brought the toys, and that in Germany it was
the Christ-child who brought them, while in Rome it was the Befana
(a corruption of Epifania) who in the shape of a fat old woman, half
scare-crow, half figure of fun, would be found seated by the hearth
with presents in one hand and a rod in the other to distribute rewards
and punishments. With these various legends to choose from we
never doubted that it was Mamma and no other who provided the
bounty.

Rome was alive with its own Christmas spirit. The first sign of
it was given some time in Advent by the pifferari, the shaggy shep-
derds who came in from the campagna playing their bagpipes in the
streets to herald the glad event with rustic strains. Then there were
the wonderful cribs or presepi to be seen in all the Churches, elab-
orate presentments of the stable in Bethlehem. The one at the SS. Apos-
toli, the Church opposite from where we lived, filled two rooms with a rich
perspective of mountains and pastures; all in fairy-tale scale, capti-
vating to a child. In the foreground we saw the stable and the Holy Child
lying in a manger with Mary and Joseph. At Twelfthnight the Three
Kings appeared on the scene bearing their gifts, and for the Romans this
was the time for making presents.

The Ara Coeli crib was of all the most renowned. There the Holy Child
was no less than the miraculous Santo Bambino in person, swaddled
in votive jewels, the darling of the Romans.

Our Christmas was filled with happy images whose memory en-
dured and was perhaps the most precious of all our gifts.
CHRISTMAS festivities in New York, in the early 70's, were conducted in a manner rather dignified than hilarious. We had no young guests. We had no tree. There was for us children the excitement of well-filled stockings, of many presents, and a foregathering of amusing elders at a midday meal.

Mine was a town-wintering family, but on so great an occasion as Christmas the family gathered either at Hauxhurst, my grandfather's country place in New Jersey, on the first spur of the Palisades, or else at my great-grandfather's place, Highwood, which was a little farther north, about opposite Forty-second Street.

Our day began with as early an excursion as she would bear to my mother's room for our stockings, with which we returned to bed. Then came an enforced waiting till the elders' breakfast hour of nine o'clock when we found all our larger presents displayed on a three-tiered side-table in the dining room; then a drive to church with our father and mother, and one of our unmarried aunts; a return (pink with churchly heat and hymn-singing) to find our uncles and their wives arrived or arriving; then Christmas luncheon, full of jokes that we laughed at and fortunately could not understand.

At the evening meal we were only allowed to come in at dessert-time to say good night and watch the youngest of us walk proudly the length of the cleared mahogany dining-table, from end to end, while my father and the old butler held the candelabra out of the way. This was a nightly custom, the origin of which I have never discovered.

So domestic a Christmas was essentially Victorian . . . something like it was usual in all old New York families. Decorous rather than decorative, perhaps, but we liked it like that. Both Hauxhurst and Highwood have long since been pulled down, but both had seen generations grow up in them, and houses of that sort hold, as long as they live, an atmosphere of kindly tolerance for the young.
FESTIVE BOARD
WHITE, blue and silver enrich the preparations for a festive Christmas dinner. Spread a cloth of pure white linen damask on the table, with matching self-striped napkins from R. H. Macy & Company. Ribbons of royal blue outline a silver runner which forms the background for glittering trees, swags and bows, also of sparkling silver: W. & J. Sloane. Sterling flatware (close-up at lower right) is Reed & Barton’s new “Sonata” design. Plain Antique candlesticks add warmth and cheer to the holiday scene, and like the flatware, may be purchased through the Brand-Chatillon Company.

Place plates are Spode’s silver and blue striped earthenware (center, right) and come from Wm. H. Plummer. As a complement to the brilliant centerpiece, remaining courses feature “Columbia”, a white pattern with silver bands (center, left). Created by Oneida Ltd.; sold by John Wanamaker.

Unpolished cut glasses (lower left) introduce Cataract Sharpe’s delicate “Spinet” motif. They are obtainable in a variety of sizes for beverages, highballs and table use at R. H. Macy & Company. Furniture is by courtesy of Albert Grosfeld.
Between these great achievements of the Gothic Era and in England and on the Continent will remember the great circular window that fills the west wall of the nave. It is referred to as the Rose.

Splendid examples are found at Canterbury, Peterborough and Lincoln Cathedrals, and Cheltenham Church, in England. On the Continent they became more common. Some French cathedrals have three circular windows—one for the nave and one for each transept. The earlier types, dating from the 13th Century, show simple tracery. Later Rose windows grew so elaborate and complicated that the tracery is scarcely to be recognized.

Where the tracery is simple and radiates from a central point, they are often known as Wheel or Catherine windows, to symbolize the spiked wheel on which Catherine of Alexandria was tortured, so legend says, in the early days of Christianity. This simple tracery is invariably seen in the “pierced” windows of the early Christian era. The glass and stone used weigh more than one might think; and the first windows, radiating from a central point, could not be of a very open design—it was a risk to make the stone supports too thin. They were really circles of stone pierced to admit small panes of glass.

Still another name is Marigold window. Cathedral architects drew their inspiration from flower petals in designing the mullions. This design was a logical development of the early pierced tracery. Architects had discovered that Gothic arches, when properly braced, would support each other with a mutual give-and-take of stress and strain. Applying this principle to the Rose window, they could build up a veritable flower of radiating arches, forming an intricate, open design, the large interstices filled with glowing glass. The windows were dedicated to the Virgin and the universal concept of the nobility of motherhood. To many devout believers one of the appellations of the Virgin is the Mystic Rose.

Wherever found, the Rose window dominates its end of the nave, and in it is concentrated all the beauty that pattern and richly tinted glass can give. Also, since the Rose window faces west, its glory is best revealed in late afternoon, in the valiant light of the sun before it sinks below the horizon. Then the colors are clear and shining, and to one who stands inside in the dim shadows the whole window is revealed with the dazzling splendor of a magnificent jewel fashioned from the whole world—the sapphire of the sea, the emerald of young grass in Spring, the gold of Autumn leaf, the rubies of ripe fruit, and the amethysts of dusk.

Between these great achievements of the Gothic Era and the simple home window at this time of year there may not appear to be the slightest connection. And yet to those who see with eyes accustomed to penetrating both light and darkness the two may not be so far apart. Both are symbols of belief. Both attained their exalted positions only after long struggles. And both look out upon a world that today, seemingly, would threaten their existence.

Many, many years of battling upward had to pass before both a church and a home ceased being a fortress. In the beginning, such windows as they had were mere slits high up in the wall, far above the reach of foes. The safety of the home and those who dwelt in it had constantly to be defended. In the history of the window, in its gradually increased size and slow lowering down to the positions we know today, is written a vast chapter of civilization. Centuries passed before a cathedral dared to fill the whole end of a nave with a Rose and a house flung out its casements where its owners chose.

In those beginning days a man’s home was his castle, isolated, barred and grim. Today a man’s home is part of a community, a segment, colorful or plain, in the patterned mosaic of men and women and children who live and work side by side in peace. Today the window can be looked into as easily by the passerby as it can be looked out of by those who live within. It is the symbol of one of the fundamental beliefs of civilization.

The post decades have seen the windows shot out of many a church and cathedral, and many a house put up its bars. Those who look out from the stone safety of their homes in this country today cannot help but wonder what people in other lands see from their windows and with what scant security they dare look out from them in these closing days of the year. Easy enough to shrug and say, “It can’t happen here.”

Just as the Rose window is a symbol of faith, so is the window of a home. In its simple panes blooms as fair a rose of belief as ever blossomed in a cathedral wall. When one is darkened, the other, too, will lose its glory. To those who now look out, secure and happy, from their windows, the day may come when they will be forced to defend their faith forthrightly and with determination. There haven’t been many candles lighted in windows of Russian homes these past twenty Christmases. There probably won’t be many wreaths hung up in Spain.

As a Rose window is most glorious when it is lighted from without, so the window of a house shines most brilliantly when it is lighted from within. One has to be inside the church to enjoy the Rose. One can be outside the home and catch glimpses of its joy. For that reason the window plays such an important part in Christmas. More and more we share our Christmas goodwill with those outside. The tree in the window, the candle against the pane, the wreath on the sash are also for those who pass by sadly or gaily in the dark.

For the star that is Christmas lights a path we all can understand because we all tread it. All of us seek peace, security, contentment. Our faith may be faltering or great; we may come gallantly along the path to attainment or struggle uphill all the way. Eventually we find that which we seek in something so simple we may have overlooked it. In the light from that Christmas star, whether it shines through the myriad glass of a Rose window or from a humble pane, there is no overlooking the thing we seek, for at the end of the path we shall find it. And in its presence we may rest.
The Christ child stood at Mary's knee,
His hair was like a crown
And all the flowers looked up at him,
And all the stars looked down.

G. K. CHESTERTON
A decorative Banyan tree
heads this group of
Miss Elizabeth Hooper's paintings.

The palm-shaded
swimming pool of the
Robert Blair residence.
Brenner & Fatio, architects.

The main entrance to
Mr. and Mrs. Grover Lenings' villa presents this tropical
effect. Brenner & Fatio, architects.
Abundant color and light feature Mr. J. K. Mangels's Palm Beach residence designed by Remick & Fabio.


One of the colorful window groupings in Mr. P. H. P. Trelaghynesse's Villa.
Punctuating the crisp white background of this modern dining room are gunmetal mirror panels framed in soft lights.

Gunmetal satin chairs and gold accents on table and console are new notes. It was designed by Macy's Decorating Shop.
to feed the winter fireplace

Fireplace flames have been vibrant centers for real homes since fire was discovered. However distant the present fireplaces with heat-hurling mechanisms may be from the reflecting sides of a cave, words need never be uttered when flames jubilate and dominate a room. Mores at the hearthsides are apt to become genial despite door inhibitions. Even without the cup that electrifies, unpremeditated confidences may follow the soothing stimulus of the fire-dancing.

Apparently the crackling fire is in chief demand, for noisy Oak is most easily obtainable in most fuel markets which sell wood for the fireplace. Or are sparks expected because of the fascinating fire-screens? Fireplace appurtenances of brass or copper or iron or other material control sputtering fuel and recalcitrant flame-samies, but the logs themselves, willing and honest, will offer whatever sort of fire the hearth prefers.

Some woods which seem intent upon sounds are either the most frequently sought or the most readily accessible. Oak is available from here to there in one species or another, and Paper Birch is sure to be demanded for its chalky bark. How reminiscent of foaming waters and frothing clouds above fragrant forests! White Birch is articulate with the voices of enfolding snows.

Superior fireplace fuel is Apple wood. Silent, steady heat from gnarled Apple, remnant of a fallen orchard which blossoms again in the fireplace, is the epitome of comfort. The form of the branches or even twigs and chips is held in oyster-white ashes, perfect in original form until disturbed.

Sleek, satin-sheathed Beech, white fibers chastely ornamenting formal surroundings, offers heat dependable, and light enough for a Lincoln. Maple and Elm give generously of their heat units, but release few sparks. The hard Maple of many talents is widely praised, and the well-liked Elm releases its calories less reluctantly than it accumulated them, yet as majestically.

Backlogs of Hickory, White Ash or Chestnut may be in council with the steel-hard Apple, handsome Beech and firm Maple. Fine old monarchs, happily holding the heat until some giddier woods catch the evanescence.

The White Birch, Betula papyrifera (not the "Old-field" B. populifolia which is also a white-barked Birch but an insult to a fuel dealer), is not only smart in the wood-basket or carved wood-box. It is perfect for the first firing after the kindling has set bright example. Birch bark instantly absorbs the spirit of the occasion and communicates it to the coarse-grained fibers beneath, laughing at its own jokes as long as there is a coal to flicker. The wood-chest may contain the silvery tousled chunks of Yellow Birch, too, with useful fuel qualities. Birch fires expect to be frequently replenished but their flames command respect. They do not have the wanderlust of the snarling Oak, but both contain tannic acid in super-abundance.

Tannic acid contributes to the rich fragrances in the deep, growing forests, but concentrated in firepits it is as wayward as a Spring wind. Maple and Elm are not guiltless, but they are less erratic.

For jolly little piles beside the hearth the wave-ridged, deep-grooved American Hornbeam with its "Blue-Beech" bark and its Beech-like heartwood is hot as a fuel and mysterious in its household rôle. Aromatic Sassafras with its sketchy tailoring and irresistible aroma, sweet without being sugary, holds its light ashes in the same form as the sticks and also hints of Apple with its flames. The wood of Speckled Alder, its bark almost lentil-filled as that of Cherry, is luxuriously yellow and exciting for secondary use. To name our fuels from the wood-chest or the heaps upon the tile is to feel even deeper kinship with the sparkling warmth.

Many a wood sends forth perfume which permeates like incense. The Norway Pine, rich in resin, is pungent as may be without the wealth of stifling smoke which rolls from several of its kin. Juggernauts like White Pine are too powerful, their sudden heat too intense, their retreat correspondingly depressing. Norway (Red Pine) chips are thrilling for kindling. The touch of a match, the race for light, the overwhelming of the abrupt heat cause excitement for a long moment, then satisfaction. Fagots of hardwood, crible above the Norway Pine chips, and, finally, against the sturdy backlog, the fuel which is to bring forth the flames of the evening.

Backlogs of the slow-to-burn; flames from the snapping Oak or the steadier and equally heat-filled hardwoods; mud flares from Black Cherry or jesting ones from fuel trimmed from our very own trees-for-shade, East, West, North or South. Kindling and fagots and firewood, flamewood and wood for its spice.

Most fireplace wood is cut in 30-inch lengths. In some of the larger cities only 4-foot lengths are available and the owner of a compact firepit must make other cuts.

A cord contains 1,000 pounds or less according to the nature of the material itself and the length of time it has seasoned. Some fire-builders favor wood which has seasoned for two years. Others scoff at this. Although the wood burns quickly it has no stamina. Three or four months may prove to be sufficient time for seasoning, after which certain woods will burn with maximum heat. This heat is variable since moisture content is not stable, even in a given species. The size of fibers and the manner of growth may also differ in a single sort. Wood may absorb moisture after it has been dried, but when properly stored in sheltered bins it is soon ready to put its best flames forward.

Tree lovers know that wood must be cut before it perishes from insect injuries, languishes from ravages of fungi or decays from old age which it cannot equally endure. However sad it is to watch trees transformed to smoke, the wood has had its glory and is changed to plumy gases which in turn will be absorbed by air and earth and given back to bark and bough and hole if Man does not tout his destructive prowess too prominently.

There are many practical considerations as to the heating value of wood. Hood's comparisons of certain woods with coal will interest the practical engineer who expects his fireplace to heat corners as well as hearts. The heat from one cord of dry Oak, according to Gottlieb's analyses, equals that from 1,700 pounds of anthracite coal. One and one-half cords of seasoned Spruce or Birch equal 2,300 pounds of bituminous coal. One and three-quarters cords of Poplar, Pine or Cottonwood equal 2,800 pounds of sub-bituminous or (Continued on page 88)
Gay sparkling Christmas gifts are these, which not only shine in themselves, but are destined to reflect the glamour of their future surroundings. A cock or two, for instance, would make a masterpiece of a living room mantel. Give a pair of the wine coolers, like the one shown above, to the lady who takes pride in her dining room. Any of the vases will make dependable table accents, while the decanters are bound to perform wonders with heretofore bare sideboards. Occasional pieces of silver, always a welcomed gift, will provide a lustrous finish, whatever the setting. All are gifts with a truly Christmas spirit.

For information regarding the sources, turn to page 97. Merry Christmas!
WHY NOT”, asks Shaw, “have a bit of romance in business when it costs nothing?” So, evidently, think those who are reviving the ancient business of the herbalists, or dealers in medicinal and culinary herbs and simples. Starting not so many years ago in England with The Herb Farm and its shops, and Culpepper House with its several thriving branches, interest in the industry has spread across the Atlantic, and herb farms and herb shops, even herb tea rooms, are springing up in our towns and about our countryside in rather surprising numbers. And apparently the enthusiasts who are recalling to life this very old industry are finding it, in the words of Cowper, “a business with an income at its heels”. But there is infinitely more than income to be had of it.

To make the rounds of some of these establishments is an enlightening and altogether delightful experience. One steps out of the hustling and bewildered present into the more spacious past and, after contact with old-time simplicities and homely customs, inhaling the fragrances of an older day which may, happily, still be of the present, finally emerges with an unaccountably quieted spirit, treading a gentler rhythm, aware as Henry Beston has it, of “beauty and that unfolding content and occupation which is one of the lamps of peace”. We have had a part for the moment in something ancient which has yet remained sweet and wholesome, have acquired a richer sense of history and an infinitely more tender feeling for earth and its kindly products.

When the photographer and I set forth to see what some of these new herbalists were about we had no idea what we were going to find. We were just interested. We returned filled with respect at the knowledge displayed by these 20th Century pioneers in a new-old industry, and at the scientific thoroughness they are bringing to bear upon their undertakings.

We went first to Washington and made our way directly to The Cottage Herb Garden which is within the Close of the National Cathedral, Mount St. Albans. He who travels in a short article must reach his destination speedily, so it is with regret that we pass swiftly through the beautiful gardens that surround the Cathedral, the design and carrying out of which are the work of Mrs. Florence Bratenahl. The Cottage Herb Garden was also conceived and brought to being by the genius of Mrs. Bratenahl, and is under the care of All Hallows Guild, the Garden Guild of Washington Cathedral.

Approaching a picturesque building near the Norman Gate of the Bishop's Garden one is attracted by a little walled-in garden, the wall planted with sweet herbs, and entering the gate finds oneself in the quaintest setting. There are rows and rows of little plants in pots (herbs and Ivy from Canterbury and such) which visitors may carry away with them in memory of this enchanting spot. To the right is a patch of ground devoted to herbs named in the Bible, with Jonah's Gourd rampant among them, and another section to the herbs mentioned by Shakespeare. And then before one is the porch of the little semi-circular shop which occupies a corner of the Ivy-chad Baptistry. The porch is hung with drying herbs and set with little pots, and through the open door a rare fragrance reaches out to greet the visitor. But before one

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enters attention is called to the reproduction of a primitive drying shed close under the walls of the Baptistery.

The tiny shop is about as picturesque a spot as could well be imagined. It is presided over by Miss Elizabeth Ellicott Poe who, as you enter, takes the lid from a jar of scented herbs and gives you a whiff to put you in the right frame of mind for what you are about to enjoy. The ceiling of the narrow shop is hung with sweet herbs and the walls are lined with shelves. Upon the shelves are all manner of delightful things: jars of different sizes containing dried or powdered herbs for various uses, roseherbs and culinary herbs; and one corner is devoted to the making of herb teas, where the little containers are labelled Camomile, Sage, Peppermint, and the like, all complete with a squat brown pot for brewing the teas, and even a faggot of Sassafras bark.

There are bathing bags of sweet herbs done up in wash satin that may be used to scent the bath and then hung up and dried and used again, there are tiny sachets for the pocketbook (presumably to make one’s spending sweet); there are square packets of crackling Vetiver or Cus Cus roots to place among linen, jars of an especially delicious Garden Bouquet Potpourri, jars of honey made from the flowers of herbs, delightful old prints and all the books concerned with herbs and their use and culture. There is also a corner devoted to the preferences of children where peppermint sticks may be had, as well as lemon and lime drops, horehound drops, honey patties and the like. In one corner is an old closed Franklin stove with an iron pot upon it and Miss Poe told me that in Winter the shop is steamy with the fragrance of brewing herbs.

In connection with The Cottage Herb Garden are a greenhouse and a propagating house whence comes the supply of plants for the little pots and for the Hortulus, or garden enclosed, which is the heart of one of the large Boxwood gardens within the Close. In the greenhouse I first saw that ancient herb known as Fat Hen, Shoemaker’s Heels, or Good King Henry, Chenopodium Bonus-Henricus, of which Evelyn says, “The Tops may be eaten as Sparagus or sodden in Pottage, and as a very salubrious Esculent”. But adds “’tis insipid enough”. Here too I first learned the deliciousness of Ambrosia, both fresh and dried, and when we left, so reluctantly, this time-haunted spot, Miss Poe gave me a nosegay of all the sweet herbs in the garden which I carried along with me and kept fresh for many days. A charming gesture. More than fifty thousand visitors have enjoyed The Cottage Herb Garden this summer, and surely all who go there must vow to go again—and soon.

Turning northwards we made our way to The Herb Farm, Hacklebarney Road, Chester, New Jersey, which is on the estate and under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kay. The Herb Farm offers an impressive demonstration in the scientific growing, drying and curing of herbs, and their manufacture into blends for use in cookery. Here order and beauty and practical usage go hand in hand; the best of the old methods have been retained and the most up-to-date and authentic of the new adopted. We saw first the great sunlit room with its long tables in which the stripping of the herbs is carried on. (Continued on page 99)
AT THE COTTAGE HERB GARDEN, NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

LABORATORY AT THE HERB FARM
A delightful little book entitled "La Nuit de Noel," Monseigneur Chabot, erstwhile Cure of Pithiviers tells us of the ancient and, I have no doubt, still current Christmas customs, superstitions and traditions of the peasants of France. The sacredness of Christmas is exemplified and glorified by the different local customs in the different provinces, but everywhere the family reunion spirit is paramount. All celebration centers around the Midnight Mass, preceded by a Gros Souper (fast meal) or followed by a revillon (feast meal). Family, servants and pets all gather together in the big kitchen-dining-room to partake of the traditional meal and to take part in the Christmas rituals peculiar to their own particular province.

In the Auvergne, before sitting down to the meal, the oldest member of the family lights a great big candle, makes the sign of the cross, puts out the flame, passes the candle on to his oldest son who in turn, rises, lights it, makes the sign of the cross, puts out the flame then passes it on to his wife. Each person present does the same, in order of their age. The baby of the family then lights the candle, makes the sign of the cross and places the candle, still lighted, in the middle of the table in the center of a tremendous loaf of Christmas bread. The candle burns throughout the entire meal and is then extinguished, not to be lighted again until New Year's morning, when it is kept burning all day while visitors call.

Dinner over, they visit the Crèche, sing songs, then go to midnight mass. Some peasants believe that the animals represented in the Crèche talk to each other at midnight; but you must never try to hear what they are saying, for if you do you are sure to die almost immediately if not sooner.

In Brittany when the peasants come home from midnight mass all the animals on the farm are given double rations of food.

Menus for the Christmas meal vary greatly according to the different localities. For instance, in Marseille eels and a sauce known as a raito might be served. In Orleans the revillon would consist of pork in all forms, Bouidins (blood sausages) and crêpinettes (flat sausages). In the Béarn the feast might consist of cabbage soup, roast duck, fresh sausages, pâte de foie gras; whereas in Provence they would have a gros souper consisting of eels or codfish, snails, cardonets, celery, fourgasse, confitures, dried fruits, nuts, a big bocal or jar of grapes or cherries preserved in alcohol or Cognac, pan calendre, followed by plenty of vinault (mulled red wine).

Reading all this in Monseigneur's little book, I remembered having once visited a museum in France in which one of the rooms represented the kitchen-dining-room of a
wealthy peasant in an ancient agricultural farm-house in Provence. The room was completely furnished with authentic furniture and utensils of the period, the table set ready for the gros souper. There were three tablecloths and three candles in pewter candlesticks symbolizing the Holy Trinity; white octagon china; sturdy tumblers; a big-headed nail by each plate, to pull the snails out of their shells; a roll by each plate; a big brown shiny jug for the wine; wheat growing in two little saucers symbolizing fertility of the future; a Rose of Jericho by way of floral decoration. On a side table were laid out the desserts and Christmas bread with its sprig of Holly for good luck.

THE CEREMONY OF THE GROS SOUPER

The different members of the family, domestics, to say nothing of livestock in the way of dog and pet magpie, were most realistically represented in life-sized waxwork figures made by the sculptor Férigoule; the figures represented the moment when, before sitting down to eat the gros souper, the grandfather is blessing the Yule-log by sprinkling it with wine.

All this I am able to describe minutely, having recently had the good fortune to run across a copy of Vie à la Campagne containing a marvelous photograph of this selfsame room, together with a description of the meal the peasants would consume.

What a grand idea it would be, thought I, to reproduce this Christmas meal, table and all. I did, but I regret to say that lovely as the table was, the menu had a few disappointing moments in it, or maybe we just aren’t quite French enough. Any way it was fun and here is how I did it.

Starting at the beginning, the three tablecloths were easy. I happened to have three red ones which proved appropriate and very gay. Also, believe it or not, we happen to own a set of china exactly like the ones in the picture, but where, oh where, to find the wheat? I finally found some in an artificial plant shop in the form of sheafs. They were expensive but perfectly lovely, so I bought two. The fact that they wouldn’t be actually growing had to be overlooked. The Rose of Jericho was a great problem. After looking hopefully through Rose catalogues, with no luck, I resorted to the encyclopedia, only to find that it isn’t a Rose at all, but a strange little plant that grows in the deserts of Arabia. Soon after it blooms, it shrivels up and dies in the shape of a ball. It is known as the Resurrection plant, because when it comes in contact with water again it opens up immediately and the seeds rolled up inside of it germinate very quickly; hence the idea of the Yule-log.

Now for the menu. The idea of eels as appetizers I discarded, but added a few bread crumbs. I liked everything about that they are listed in many seed catalogues as Cardoons, but never found them except the snails, but many people love them. I had a terrible time finding out what cardons were, and then discovered that they are listed in many seed catalogues as Cardoons, but nobody apparently has ever heard of them.

I did finally locate some, however, in an Italian grocery shop: great big gawky, spiky, green things vaguely resembling overgrown Swiss chard or celery with a strong flavor of artichoke. They are definitely a new taste sensation and cooked as per either recipe given below are most delicious and certainly something new. The celery we ate raw; it’s always good.

Now for the desserts. As far as I can make out a fougasse is a focaccia or a galette and a galette is puff-paste cut in circles, marked with criss-cross lines, pointed with egg and baked to a golden brown. Eaten with any good home-made jam they are simply scrumptious. Recipe below. Dried fruits, nuts and raisins are known in France as mendicants when served together. I served them in individual little baskets lined with green leaves. The big bocah of cherries I was able to duplicate exactly, having put some up in Cognac early in the summer. They are preserved raw with their stems on, and are passed with the after-dinner coffee.

The Pan calendo de Noël is evidently a first cousin to the Italian panetoni procurable in most Italian Neighborhoods. If you should want to make it yourself, my recipe below may not be authentic, but it’s good. The vin cuit is nothing more nor less than mulled red wine.

BRANDADE OF SALT CODFISH FOR EIGHT

Soak 2 pounds of salt codfish in plenty of cold water for twelve hours, changing the water frequently. Drain and put it on to cook in cold water to cover well, and bring it ever so gently to a bare simmer. Reduce the heat even more, cover and continue to simmer for about an hour. In the meantime peel and boil until cooked 2 good sized potatoes. When the fish is done, drain it well and pick it over carefully, removing bones and any discolored pieces there may be. Now cut a fresh piece of garlic in two and rub it well over the inside surface of a large heavy enamel pan. Drain the potatoes and put them through the ricer into this pan, and add the fish, broken into pieces.

Now with a wooden potato masher or spoon work the two together vigorously until well mixed, then add gradually, drop by drop, beating all the while, 1 cup of lukewarm olive oil. Now place the pan on a very low flame and heat constantly while it heats, then work into it another ¼ cup of olive oil and about 1 ¼ cups of cream, into which you have grated the rind of 1 lemon and which you have heated to the scalding point. Season to taste with salt and plenty of freshly ground black pepper, and when hot and very light and fluffy pile it in a mound on a hot platter. Sprinkle over it ¼ cup of chopped green pitted olives heated in a little olive oil, but well drained; and garnish the edge with whole pitted olives also heated in the same manner.

SNAILS FOR EIGHT

Snails may be bought in cans, cooked and ready to be stuffed into shells sold separately especially for this purpose. First prepare a few fresh bread- (Continued on page 88)
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ENTRANCE VIEW
EXPLICIT in the home of Robert L. Davison, Director of Housing Research of the John B. Pierce Foundation, is the spirit of inquiry and investigation. In arriving at a solution of the problem of planning a small, economical country house, Mr. Davison and his collaborator, Mr. John Callender, have left no question of design, orientation and construction unexplored. Among the significant results, we point especially to these: The second floor is planned off center in relation to the ground floor, placing the staircase conveniently at the side of the first floor, conveniently in the center of the second; providing, also, a roof over the porch and garage and a terrace over the living room. The house is precisely oriented with the wide expanse of living room windows facing somewhat west of south, a simple device which provides the rooms with quantities of sunlight and solar heat in winter yet minimizes these factors in summer. Construction, based on extensive research pointing toward a system of prefabrication, fundamentally comprises the fastening of strong, horizontal panels to widely spaced supporting columns. Fireplaces are equipped with flues which transfer to all rooms of the house heat which would otherwise largely be wasted. A sound deadening material is applied to the living room ceiling.
GARDEN IN SEATTLE. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Greer's garden in Seattle, Washington, gains year-round effectiveness by a generous use of evergreens, both needle-bearing and broad-leaved, with which flowering plants are blended in a carefully planned scheme. Either as a whole or in detail it is one of those too-rare gardens which combine successful massing and adequate display of specimen plants. These characteristics are especially evident in the large photograph above, giving a close-up view of the waterfall and pool which show on a much smaller scale in the right center of the picture at the bottom of the page.

Among the evergreens used are low-growing Junipers, dwarf Pines and Spruces, Kalmias, Heathers, and Daphnes. The herbaceous list includes Japanese Iris and Forget-me-nots along the stream, Daffodils and Perns.
IN considering annuals for the Mid-South it is important to find out where they come from, as those from climates similar to ours are most likely to do well for us. Since heat and drought are our two main problems, we should look for plants that have been conditioned to these difficulties in their native habitats.

Among the California wildflowers, California Poppies, Phacelia and Nemophila have proved to be good annuals for the Mid-South. Godetia is unsatisfactory. Coming nearer home, we have success with the Texas Blue Bonnet and Drummond Phlox from Texas and, from the southeastern states, with Calliopsis and the annual Rudbeckias.

Most of the annuals from southern Europe do well for us. For soft colors we look to Larkspur, Snap-dragon, Scabiosa, Calendula, Nigella, Silene, Statice and Matthiola. Mexico provides us with our brilliant Marigolds, Zinnias, Tithonias, Ageratums, Cosmos, Nasturtiums and Humemnannias. South American annuals are good material for southern gardens, with the exception of those from the mountainous countries. Salpiglossis, a native of Chile, is very beautiful in northern gardens, but is a failure in the mountainous South. And we do not have much success with Heliotrope, which is a native of Peru. Nicotiana, one of our best annuals, is from Brazil, as is Portulaca (indispensable for blooming in spite of heat and drought). Our dependable Petunia is from southern South America. Browallia (from Colombia) and Cleome (from Tropical America) will also endure our Summers.

SOUTH Africa would seem to be a likely source for annuals for the Mid-South, but it has not proved so. With the exception of Anchusa capensis, South African annuals do very poorly for us. Nemesis are poor, and Lobelias to be successful at all must be planted very early, and even then will not do well unless we have the exception of those from the mountainous countries. Salpiglossis, a native of Chile, is very beautiful in northern gardens, but is a failure in the mountainous South. And we do not have much success with Heliotrope, which is a native of Peru. Nicotiana, one of our best annuals, is from Brazil, as is Portulaca (indispensable for blooming in spite of heat and drought). Our dependable Petunia is from southern South America. Browallia (from Colombia) and Cleome (from Tropical America) will also endure our Summers.

THE best thing that has happened to southern gardens in many years is the introduction of Crotaalaria, a green marunce crop from the tropics. Two varieties can be bought at the local seed stores. C. spec- tabilis is a tall plant, growing to five or six feet, much branched, and with fresh grey-green foliage and long, erect racemes of yellow papilionaceous flowers. Striking in form and foliage, it is interesting in the border even before it blooms. C. retusa is similar, but smaller, and the flowers are marked with a dark red-brown. There is also a white form. Crotalaria is an especially good hot weather plant because its leaves stay fresh and crisp all Summer.

To keep a garden continually in bloom over a long period it is necessary to plant lavishly some of the common and easily grown annuals, such as Larkspur, Ageratum, Coreopsis and Cleome. If they are allowed to seed themselves they become pests, but pests are sometimes of value. Ageratum comes up so thickly that it chokes out everything else unless it is continually weeded out, but there are always little plants to transplant to bare spots in the flower beds.

Every year when Calliopsis comes up in all of the beds I leave a few plants in each place. I like a flower that is all over the garden when it blooms. I like the monotony for a short time, and in a carefully planned color scheme it is delightful to find an accidental harmony where a dark red Calliopsis has come up of its own accord beside Liatium umbelatum, or the unexpected discord of red and yellow with the coral spikes of Pentstemon barbatus. Calliopsis grows so quickly that it does not hurt the permanent plants if it is pulled up soon as its brief period of bloom is over.

Cleome, which flourishes in every farm yard, can be used effectively in a more sophisticated setting. With the pink Phlox, Millie Hoboken, and Zinnias—some frankly magenta, and a few of a very dark purple—it will bloom all Summer, and still be blooming in the fall with Physostegia Vivid, and a fresh supply of Zinnias. The exquisite white form is very desirable but difficult to obtain, as the variety usually sold as white is not a pure white. Cleome is a good foliage plant. Its large, dark green, five-lobed leaves make an interesting pattern. The flowers fade in the mid- (Continued on page 94)
Here they are—dramatic modern and lush 18th Century side by side in well-decorated dining rooms. Above, sharp contrasts—white Cellophane curtains against midnight walls, off-white satin on chairs, white rug on black linoleum. Furniture is rosewood and sycamore. The view is achieved by photo-murals outside the window. Virginia Conner, of Bello, decorator. Chinese paper, white, green, and rose red on silver inspired the Queen Anne room with walnut furniture. Curtains and carpet, green; chair seats, red; Alice Rand, decorator. Both rooms may be seen at Grosfeld House.
FULL OF DECORATING IDEAS

Below you will see a new trend in decoration—modernized Baroque. In this highly stylized treatment for a foyer the dado is dark sage green, upper walls light grayed-green with shell and seaweed motifs in white. The Baroque console of stripped pine stands between chairs covered in ivory velvet. While the room at right has traditional furniture, its color is modern. Chinese painted paper, white on navy-blue, is used with a blue dado and white trim. Curtains are white satin; the Moroccan rug, navy and white. John Gerald, decorator, for Altman's Progress House.
If you doubt that elegance in decoration has really arrived, study these rooms in Sloane's newly decorated House of Years. Both the living room here, and the bedroom opposite, are furnished mainly with fine antiques which have been combined with luscious fabrics and set against modern backgrounds. Walls in the living room are Mocha gray, the doors oyster white and blue with gray mouldings. The group above shows an English adaptation of a Venetian sofa in blue and white matelasse. At its left are two Sheraton pieces. At the other end stand an 18th Century mahogany table, and wing chair in white, blue and grey chintz. Regency chairs are in the bay which is hung in ivory damask and striped gauze glass curtains. Ross Stewart, designer
Walls of the bedroom are papered with a wreath-and-fan silver paper which has soft greens and yellows in the design. The beautiful Baroque mirrored bed is upholstered in eggshell quilted taffeta, with a bedspread of the same material. This is flanked by antique pine consoles that serve as night tables. Pale green damask hangings frame the dressing alcove which is covered in eggshell quilted taffeta. Curtains here are peach taffeta and natural silk gauze. The dressing table skirt is made of turquoise and white striped taffeta and the slipper chair is upholstered in peach quilted silk. A sun-tan carpet completes the scheme.
On the care of Gift Plants

Perhaps the best known, and certainly the showiest, of our traditional Christmas plants is the Poinsettia, a native of Mexico which is now available in both pink and white as well as the usual red. To keep it at its best, give it a sunny window, but guard it carefully against the slightest chill. The ideal temperature for it is from 65 to 70 degrees, and the soil in the pot should be kept as close to “slightly damp” as possible. When the leaves fall, cut back nearly to the soil level, and repot. It is difficult, however, to handle a Poinsettia so it looks right the second year.

Azaleas are excellent gift plants at this season, and available in a variety of flower colors and forms; Rutherfordiana and Hinodigiri are two of the best types. All of them like ample watering, plenty of light and a reasonably cool spot near a window. After the blossoms fall, which may not be for several weeks, give an Azalea a still warmer place and water both soil and foliage frequently so as to counteract the dryness of the room and help the plant to make the new growth which will be essential to its future well-being. When Spring is well advanced, set the plant outdoors in shade.

Africa, India and other tropical countries give us the various species of Pandanus, of which the striped-leaf type (Veitchii) is sketched here. They are essentially graceful foliage plants, and well adapted to house conditions. If given sunlight and regular ample watering. About once a week the leaves should be cleaned with a soft cloth or bit of sponge dipped in cool, clear water. This will remove accumulated dust and, by cleansing the pores of the leaves, maintain their natural function as the “breathing” part of the plant. Support the leaves with one hand while doing this.

Christmas Heather gives the impression of a flower that is very hardy, and for this reason many people are inclined to pay no particular attention to watering it. Actually, though, Heather is one of those indoor plants which need a great deal of water. Be sure, though, that you do not allow any water to stand around the base of its pot, or the needle-like foliage will begin to drop and the tiny countless flowers will begin to shrivel. In other words, these notably decorative plants like plenty to drink, but they quickly resent being obliged to wallow in it.

Camellias are always welcome, alike for their blossoms and for their rich green foliage. The coolest part of the house is a Camellia’s preference—best of all a window without a nearby radiator so that the coolness of the glass will help the plant retain and gradually develop its buds. While in bloom, water moderately at regular intervals, but guard against so much moisture that the buds begin to drop before they have a chance to open. Light spraying of leaves and buds with clear, cool water will help combat the harmful influence of too-dry air.
This Christmas mantel is given an Italian air with a Della Robbia plaque framed in greens and Pine cones. On the shelf are candles and an arrangement of real fruits. Designed by John Gerald of Altman's.

Light your holiday doorway with a torch-flare placed in a Classic iron urn from the Fiske Iron Co. Then hang a pendant of green boughs and Christmas balls on either side. Designed by Harry Richardson.

Your fireplace makes an ideal setting for a crèche. The figures against blue Cellophane are illuminated by lights in the chimney. Joseph Mullen, designer. Crèche after 13th Century designs: Robert Robbins.

This view of a spangled midnight sky seen through sheer curtains is nothing more than blue Cellophane dotted with silver stars. It is tacked outside the window and bordered with lights. By Joseph Mullen.

Holidays... open house... parties... a time to deck your rooms in gala dress, to devise glittery settings for this most festive season of the year. To this end House & Garden puts on its Christmas thinking cap and shows five ways of decorating your house without using conventional Mistletoe or Holly. Here they are, for fireplace, overmantel, window and door. Each is easy to carry out with a little ingenuity.

Quite the most important is the overmantel treatment illustrated on the opposite page, designed and executed by John Gerald of B. Altman & Co. Here a fine reproduction of a stripped pine Georgian mantel is crowned with a handsome swag and pendants of real fruits and leaves in the manner of a Grinling Gibbons carving. The fruits, charmingly combined and grouped, are strung on cords and attached to nails concealed by the real pineapples forming effective finials. The mantel and accessories: Wm. H. Jackson. Furniture, rug and mirror: Altman's.
Not only comfortable but definitely inspiring is this neatly planned room for the boy of 6 to 16 years. The very efficient desk, large enough for the most intricate mechanical diversions, has a removable cork top sturdy enough to withstand even the ravages of thumbtacks. Overhead a cornice has concealed lights which shine on youthful works of art hung in practical removable frames. The large leather-upholstered guest couch conceals beneath its mattress a most opportune secret drawer. Across the room, shelves hold toys that can be covered with the roll-top doors whenever neatness dictates. Designed by June Platt.
Long neglected as a room for stray toys and walls of quaintly flowered paper, the nursery finally steps into a rôle of its own. Now it combines the imagination of youth with the dignity of a well-planned grown-up room. Study is made concerning the needs of growing children; colors and designs are planned to keep them interested. This combination may do much toward making our present day hopefuls the geniuses of tomorrow.

The children in the picture below play in a colorful room designed by Childhood, Inc. A mural of Mother Goose motifs painted in bright reds, blues and greens enlivens the alcove. White walls have a French blue dado, chartreuse border, and white stars. Floor ruby linoleum; chair seats red permatex.
Here are two views of a very charming room decorated for
the Misses Katrina and Sarane Hickox of Old Westbury, Long
Island. Pale hydrangea blue walls are deftly combined with the
bright green of the plain chintz curtains and a blue-green rug. A
gay chintz on the beds and chaise longue is patterned in blue-
green ivy leaves, while the white painted furniture has a spirited
decoration of narrow bands of ivy. Twin beds hung in sheer or-
gandy are trimmed with green and white ball fringe. This very attrac-
tive bedroom was decorated by Diane Tate and Marion Hall, Inc.
In this convenient combination of baby’s and nurse’s room for a city apartment, lively murals in blue, silver and coral brighten white walls. Weave and texture of the blue carpet are repeated in the blue and white material on the nurse’s couch. The blue border of the organdy-covered crib matches the furniture trim.

Washable white linen curtains have sprightly figures in vividly colored crayons. Indirect lighting is concealed behind curtains, and in built-in shelves holding toys. By Virginia Connor of Bello, Inc., for Mrs. Carl E. Schuster. Wall painted by Ferdinand Vitelli.
Three extraordinarily pleasant wines that I would be delighted to receive would be, in ascending order of joy, 1929 Clos le Mont, Vouvray; Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Spätlese Growth Düneweg, and Château Leoville Poyferré, 1929.

The first of the three is a most charming and light summer wine for an al fresco luncheon with trout au bleu.

The second is almost perfect with broiled young lobster.

The last is agreeably adapted to a Chateaubriand Bernaise.

None of these wines is a sufficient drain on the purse to detract from the joy of serving and drinking.

I would like first of all some Champagne, which I propose giving my friends on Christmas Day before we sit down to table. As a sociable—let alone a festive—wine, there is nothing like Champagne; it is the best of appetizers, but like most things that are best it is also dearest. So we shall have a glass of Champagne in place of cocktails or Sherry, and we shall keep on with it with the fish, being, of course, duly grateful to the donor all the time.

The next wine that I would suggest must be Claret, the best tune for the turkey to dance to. Not necessarily one of the great Château Clarets of a rare vintage but good, honest, sound red wine from Bordeaux, old enough to slip pleasantly down the throat, yet young enough to retain some of its natural acidity which splits up fats and moves on dangerous loiterers below the belt.

Lastly, please let me have a bottle of real Douro Port to enjoy at leisure on such an auspicious day, whilst cracking fresh nuts and old jokes. A red Port, of course, and of a good year.

I'd suggest a good ’29 Chablis for the fish, say Grand Chablis Vaudesir; Château Mouton Rothschild 1929, which is about as good a Bordeaux as I have found at the price, for the meat; and Château Climens ’29 to go with a hazelnut soufflé.

Christmas comes but once a year, and if I were to give the present, I would like to make a sacrifice in order to include the following:

One bottle of Château Ausone, 1904. A perfectly magnificent red Bordeaux (St. Emillion) of a truly great year.

One bottle Charmes-Chambertin 1915, a lovely red Burgundy.

One bottle of Johannisberger Cabinet Auslese 1929, Gold Seal, the finest wine of the entire vintage of Germany.

With the Ausone, green turtle soup and a small rack of lamb.

With the Chambertin, a duck “aux oranges”, by all means.

And with the Johannisberger, a luncheon of eggs scrambled with truffles and a plain lamb chop, rather rare than medium.

G. SELMER FOUGNER
What three kinds of food would I most like to receive for Christmas? Collectively speaking, some fresh herbs, a variety of wines and liqueurs for cooking, and some French groceries.

To be more specific, the herbs consist of Tarragon, Chives and Chervil, preferably growing in pots, and a basket of Shallots.

The variety of wines and liqueurs to consist of several bottles of white and red wine (imported) and a bottle each of Sherry, Madeira, Cognac, Kirsch, Port, Tokay, Caracao and Cointreau.

By way of imported groceries—I have a longing for a few cans of truffles, and pâté de foie gras, some crème de marrons vanillé, a big bag of flageolet, some champagne biscuits (pink) and a huge cornucopia of dragées and pralines mixed.

If I must be reasonable, however, the ultimate choice would be a bunch of Tarragon, a bottle of Kirsch and the dragées.

An order for Glace de Viande—that accessory indispensable to my cooking, even to a hamburger—whenever my supply runs low.

A constant and generous supply of French Thyme—fresh, of course. Who can cook a sauté without it?

And half-a-dozen jars of those delicious fresh seeded Dates preserved in brandy syrup to “dress up” the desserts that otherwise remain always the same.

If I were to wake up Christmas morning and find under the Christmas tree a basket containing the three kinds of food I should like best to receive, that wonderful basket would contain:

A smoked turkey, which they do so well in Virginia, and than which there is nothing finer for Christmas.

A fine large Christmas plum pudding, packed in an attractive china bowl.

A magnum of Champagne—preferably Perrier-Jouët, English Curée, 1929.

If Champagne does not fill the bill (as in your letter you asked for three kinds of food), I would substitute for it a pâté de foie gras from Strasbourg or Toulouse—but I think the selection of the first three as a gift would make for a gay and merry Christmas, don’t you?

Generally I do not cry for the moon, but if I could get Mangoes all year round, I would purr ecstatically. Lacking fresh Mangoes in Winter, I’d probably be satisfied with them canned.

Then I’d like a whole collection of biscuits, for one of these days I want to give a private Sherry-tasting and serve a different kind of biscuit with each type of Sherry.

Also I’d like a Coeur de Crème cheese in a little heart-shaped French basket. The cheese eaten, we’d serve Cherries in the basket!
Christmas, 1936—to be remembered for its welcome return to the finer things of life, to be greeted as it deserves, with gifts of importance, symbols of a revived appreciation of intrinsic beauty. Here are the season’s choice, the fifty gifts that our editors have selected for you and have actually made available in stores throughout the country. These are the gifts that you will find on display and on sale exclusively in one store in your own city if it is listed in the group of forty-one on page 87. We bring you gifts so distinctive that they will point up even the house that has everything. In perfect accord with current decorative trends, they include glittering crystal, bleached woods, blond leather, Chippendale and Sheraton designs, luxurious satins that speak of the new elegance, accessories that contribute to today’s effortless entertaining. There are amusing novelties for problem people; original designs by contemporary craftsmen for fastidious friends. Impressive but not expensive, these gifts will surprise you with their unpretentious prices.
Faggots—Scented to make fragrant the Yule fire. In a cheerful basket, with Cellophane and Holly, redolent of Christmas. 17” long. About $4. Qui Salt Co.


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Towel—Give several to brighten a kitchen or serve at a bar. Pure linen, hand-printed design in red and black. Size 17” x 32”. About 60 cents each. From R. H. Macy.

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Covered Lantern—Mexican tin and glass, ideal for a porch, uses kerosene or candle, or may be wired for electricity. 12” high over all. About $3. Bonwit Teller.

Highball Spoons—Hand-carved of natural wood, this Mexican craft brings rugged contrast to civilized drinking. Average length 7 1/2”. About $1 a dozen. Gerard.

Bar Apron—The man who likes to play bartender will relish this apron with its nostalgic design in bold colors. Of heavy duck, 36” x 36”. About $1.25. R. H. Macy Co.

Log Lugger—For hauling from woodpile to fireplace, a sturdy carrier of rust-colored canvas with metal rings. Packed in a log-like box. About $2.25. Lord & Taylor.

Scoop—Serve your guests with popcorn or potato chips or small hot rolls in this informal shovel of Mexican tin with hammered decoration. About $1. Bonwit Teller.

12 Horse—An irresistible Persian steed of noble character. A hand-made ceramic, in brown or white, with or without spots. 8" tall. About $5. John Wanamaker.

13 Decanter—A very special design in Baccarat crystal, with cut and polished decoration, modern in simplicity, distinctive in shape. About $9. From B. Altman.

14 Duck—This amusing Persian ceramic, subtly colored, is receptive to small flowers, which tuck into its back. 5" high, 6½" long. About $2. From John Wanamaker.


17 Decorative Jar—To hold flowers, a plant, or stand alone, signed ceramic by Waylande Gregory. Smoke-gray glazed porcelain, white design. About $10. B. Altman.

18 Ash Tray—Fine crystal, the season’s favorite, cut and polished. The 3½" square top is indented to rest cigarettes, depth 2". About $2. Hammacher, Schlemmer.

19 Seafood Dish—Glass fish, for caviar or other seafood, with fitted bowl for crushed ice. Give one or, to be grand, a set. About $1 complete. Lewis & Conger.

20 Plate—Textured glass, made and initialled by Maurice Heaton. May be used singly or in sets as service plates. 11½" diameter. About $5. From John Wanamaker.
Salad Set—Bowl of redwood burl, generously deep, polished outside, natural inside, 10" diameter. Matching fork and spoon. About $12 complete. From Gerard.

Bell—Crystal table bell with a clear calling note and clean-cut lines. Its simple design makes it a decorative addition to any type of table. About $4. Carole Stupell.

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Tray—A Russel Wright tray of brushed aluminum with blond rattan handles, light to carry. The upturned sides make for safety. 13" x 20". Under $7. B. Altman.

Punch Bowl—Fill the cheering cup at holiday time and for long after with a bowl of hand-rubbed aluminum. About $25 complete. Hammacher, Schlemmer.

Syrup Set—An attribute to flapjacks and waffles, pear-shaped syrup jug of lustrous pewter, hinged cover, separate tray. About $3.50. From Lewis & Conger.


Comale—Mexican frying pan, flame-proof, for colorful stoveto-table service, 8" diameter. Give two or more. About 50 cents each. From Hammacher, Schlemmer.

SEE PAGE 87 FOR THE SHOP NEAREST YOU THAT HAS THESE GIFTS
31 Lamps—Dressing table lamps with crystal columns, chromium bases, shades of smoked Clair-de-lune with silver kid. 18" over all. About $15 a pair. W. & J. Sloane.

32 Electric Mirror—A man will bless it while shaving, a woman while making up. Light shines up through the frosted glass rectangle. Under $7. Lewis and Conger.

33 Vase—This simple glass vase, with its classic lines, is adaptable to many rooms and all sorts of flowers. Good in pairs. 6½" high. About $2. From B. Altman & Co.

34 Bottle—What could be more luxurious than to fill this nine-inch decanter for the bathroom shelf? Colonial design, of blown glass. About $2. John Wanamaker.


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38 Tray Set—for breakfast in bed, cloth and napkins of white linen, embroidered in blue, rose or green. 20" x 14". Napkins 11" square. About $3 a set. R. H. Macy.


Vase—So hard to find, a tall, well-proportioned crystal vase for holding long-stemmed flowers. Raised rings add interest. 16" high. About $6.50. From R. H. Macy.


Mirror—Combining two decorative trends, Chippendale design and blond wood, finished to simulate carved pickled pine. 24" x 40". Around $35. Lord & Taylor.


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Fruit Set—Royal Copenhagen bowl in yellow. Plates have four fruit motifs. Bowl 12 3/4"; plates 8" diameter. Bowl about $12, plates about $2 each. Georg Jensen.


Table—Delicate in scale, Sheraton in design, an oval coffee table of fine workmanship. Dark natural or bleached mahogany. About $25. From W. & J. Sloane.

notes for December

I n a sense, the term Fall planting is a bit misleading, for it would seem to indicate that with the end of Autumn all such operations must cease. Such is not necessarily the case, for the determining factor is not the calendar, but rather the condition of the ground. Most kinds of plants suited to Fall planting can be set out safely as long as the ground remains unfrozen, which not infrequently means far into December. The later they go into the ground, however, the more important becomes the Winter mulch applied after the ground does freeze, for the simple reason that the plants will have had scant time to establish their roots and so withstand the heaving to which unprotected ground is subject.

So, if your tree, shrub, Rose and even perennial and bulb planting has not yet been completed, do not despair. If the weather gods are kind, you may have a week or two left for work that will be richly rewarded next Spring.

T he time has come to give a final cleaning to all the gardening tools and so protect their metal parts with oil or paint that there will be no rusting during the Winter. Also, such cutting implements as scythes, sickles and mowers should be sharpened and repaired. But keep the pruning tools handy and usable, for they will be called upon off and on all Winter. Which reminds us, for some reason or other, that dormant tree spraying to destroy scale insects is now in order. Do it thoroughly, and by preference on a warmish, quiet day.

If yours is one of those houses in which most indoor plants simply cannot stand the dryness of the artificial heating season, you might try three species which are just about death-proof: Crassula, Stapelia and several kinds of Bromeliads, which belong to the Pineapple family. The first one of this trinity is a sort of miniature tree with thick, oval, glossy green leaves and modernistic form. The second is a succulent which suggests a bushy, spreading Cactus without real spines. And the third has long, odd-looking leaves rising in a spreading cluster and so formed that they catch and hold water applied to them from above and apply it to the life requirements of the plant. All are interesting and unusual.

While this page is customarily devoted to actual gardening operations, there comes a time when not enough of these are practicable to keep one interested. Let it be suggested, then, that the arrival of real Winter weather be taken as the signal to start a campaign of balanced garden book reading. After all, there are more ways to learn good gardening than through bitter trial and error.

As we look back over the American gardening field of recent years—and especially of the year now drawing to a close—we cannot but be impressed by the growth of the knowledge that the best plants are the cheapest in the end. Perhaps we have learned the lesson of demanding our “money’s worth” in plant material as in other things. At any rate, gardeners in this country have awakened to the fact that trees and shrubs and vines and perennials and seeds of the better grades are the ones to buy. This is no more than applied common-sense, but the realization on the part of the customers that mere price is not the main factor is a long forward step. Having taken it, we can be sure there will be no regrets, for good plants well grown are sure to pay the best dividends of real gardening satisfaction. Which, after all, is what we’re all after.
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CHRISTMAS DINNER BELLS

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Put 1 pound of sweet butter into a bowl and work it with the hands until it is the consistency of putty, soft and pliable, and squeeze it to extract any water there may be in it. Now put 4 cups, or 1 pound, of flour in a bowl with 1 teaspoon of salt. With the fingers, work into this lightly 2 tablespoons of the butter, and then add gradually 1/2 cups of ice-water, still using your hands to mix it. Knead it lightly until it makes a smooth ball. Toss onto a lightly floured table and roll it out to about three eighths of an inch thick in a rectangular shape about fifteen inches by twenty inches. Place the dough horizontally in front of you, shape the butter into a slab about six by twelve inches, lay it perpendicularly in front of you, then peel off or pull off the thin outer skin and strings as you would prepare rhubarb. Now put them temporarily in warm water containing more lemon juice, while you make the following sauce in which they are to be cooked slowly for another hour and a half.

Cook 1 tablespoon of chopped onion in 1 tablespoon of butter without browning; then add 1 tablespoon of flour, cook together a minute or two and then add gradually 4 cups of boiling water. Salt and pepper to taste and add 1 small piece of bay leaf, some parsley and 1 whole carrot. Add the cardoons, well drained, and simmer gently for the above stated time. When done, drain well, place in hot dish and pour over them some cream sauce. This is made by melting 2 tablespoons of butter and cooking in it, without browning, for three minutes 3 tablespoons of flour, and adding gradually 2 cups of thin hot cream. Cook in double boiler a while, then season to taste with salt and freshly ground pepper.

Another method of serving these is to proceed exactly as above, only instead of pouring cream sauce on them, lay them hollow side up in a buttered Pyrex dish, and stuff them with equal quantities of freshly grated pepper and soft bread crumbs. Moisten with a little cream and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Dot well with butter and bake in moderate oven until lightly browned.

SUGAR BUNGS OR GALETTE FOR EIGHT

Place on ice to chill thoroughly. Then roll the pastry out once more until about three-eighths of an inch thick, then cut as many circles as you can out of it with a three inch cookie cutter. Place on a cookie sheet so that they do not touch (Continued on page 90)
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CHRISTMAS BREAD FOR EIGHT

Soften 1 fresh yeast cake in % cup of warm water, and stir into it enough sifted flour to make a stiff paste. Toss onto a lightly floured board and knead thoroughly until smooth. Put it into a buttered bowl, cover with a cloth and put into a warm place (about 70° F.) to rise until it has doubled its bulk. This is known as "setting the sponge." In the meantime sift 4 cups of flour with 1 generous teaspoon of salt and 1 heaping tablespoon of sugar. Cream 1/2 cups of butter. Beat 4 whole brown eggs and beat them into the butter. Now stir the flour gradually into the egg and butter mixture, using a heavy wooden spoon, and beat vigorously until a smooth paste is formed. Then add 4 more brown eggs, one at a time, continuing the beating with the spoon until very smooth and perfectly mixed. When the sponge has doubled its size, make a hole in the egg mixture and drop the sponge into it. Fold the egg dough over to cover it and continue beating until well blended together and smooth. Place the dough in a big buttered bowl, sprinkle lightly with flour and put the surface down smooth and flat. Cover with a cloth and put in warm place to rise until twice its bulk (70° F.).

When risen, beat again with the wooden spoon until it is reduced to its original bulk. Sprinkle with flour again lightly, put it out smooth and flat, cover and let it rise again. In the meantime prepare 1/2 cup of lightly floured scalded raisins, 1/4 cup of chopped candied orange peel and the same quantity of lemon peel and 1/4 cup of chopped blanched almonds (all lightly floured). When the dough has doubled its size again, divide it into two equal parts. Into one half of it work in the floured fruits, then put the mixture into a buttered bowl. Put the plain part into a separate buttered bowl. Cover with plates and place in refrigerator for several hours.

When completely chilled, toss the plain dough onto a floured board and put it out into a flat circle about an inch thick, then put into the center of this two thirds of the fruited dough and fold the plain dough around it to cover it. Then put the smooth side up, into a copiously buttered round sponge cake tin. Poke a deep hole in the center, make a pear shaped piece of the rest of the fruited dough and drop it small end down into the hole. Now brush the whole surface with the yolk of 1 egg mixed with a little milk and a few gashes around the middle of the dough with scissors or a sharp knife, put in warm place to rise to twice its size. Bake in moderate oven about one hour and a quarter. Turn out immediately onto cake rack to cool. Slice, tasted lightly, buttered and eaten while hot, this bread is delicious for tea at four, or for breakfast with cafe au lait.

MUSTED RED WINE FOR EIGHT

For this any good claret may be used, but made with a Côté Rôtie or a Château Neuf de Pape it would be even better. Boil 2 cups of water with 1 cup of granulated sugar, 4 sticks of broken stick cinnamon and 4 cloves, for five minutes. Then add 2 lemons cut very thin, and cover and let stand until you are ready to use them. Then add 6 glasses of claret and heat gradually, but do not allow it to boil. Put it into a brown jug, if you have one, and serve it very hot. If the wine spoon placed in each glass will prevent it from cracking when the hot wine is poured into it.

EPICUREAN CHRISTMAS

There is always a certain thrill and excitement in finding by one's place at the breakfast table a letter from Richardson Wright, and I must confess that last Thursday morning when I found such a note, prepped against the table between the hot biscuits and the honey, I was both curious and pleased. I sift the envelope expertly with my fruit knife, extracted the letter, took one hasty glance at its contents and then regrettably postponemented a careful perusal for the serious business of pouring the coffee for charming members of my household.

That first hasty peep brought with it a quick glow of anticipation. I confessed to my son, who had taken due note of my elation, that I was about to receive a present, a glorious holiday greeting from those mysterious, reclusive relatives that, as one clergyman Taft, stretch their cobwebbed labyrinths literally far miles beneath the cremelated towers, the dank and death-traveling mausoleums, the cracking drawbridges of Casa Wright—a gurgling, glowing gift, too fit for kings; a message of hope and cheer for a heart overcast with regret for falling leaves and approaching Winter.

Well, I finished my task as a host, then soaked the steaming surface of my own ample cupful of the heart's blood of coffee-beans grown four thousand feet high on a rocky peak in Guatemala, and given to me by Eddie.

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Epicurean Christmas

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Lewis who comes bearing gifts instead of writing deceptive letters, and then I eagerly began a careful personal of your esteemed communication.

Of course I must explain to you that the face is the mirror of the soul, and my face is like that, and as I read my face began abruptly to slip down into my lap and my son, interrupting his regular proceeding of dropping whole spoonfuls of cereal on the front of his jacket, said, "What’s the matter, Dad?" And I replied, "Sherlock, I am just in the process of descending from the empyrean to the academic. I am not the recipient of a gargling, glowing gift, too fit for kings, etc., etc. I am merely an ordinary member of very dull society at the wrong end of a questionnaire."

"What gift," says you, "of wine would I like to receive from a slightly imperious friend, to mark the exaltation of the holidays and to register its personality upon the pleasant mark of friendship?"

The whole piece of business baffles and frightens me, and I’ll tell you why. For my friend had a Caspar Milne-toast complex, a nightmare, that no amount of soft warmth of blankets could dispel, of some generous but misguided friend shipping me a taste-case (and that’s the way they often ship it) of wine from the so-called sunny slopes of California. I would not, and never shall, know how to cope with it, and there I lie and shudder until the rose-fingered Aurora rises from Tihbien’s sufficient couch.

In brief, as I’m sure you wanted me to be, I have sent a little note to my visously red-nosed Santa Claus that Dan Wrinkrupf will send me a bottle of Steinwein, Langenbach 1929, which is the perfect companion to a bit of turkey breast sauteed in butter the day after the desired thing was received; that Freddy Wildman would loosen up and slip into my stocking a Musigny de Vogue 1929, the only wine that could be served with Greta Garbo on the streets of Little Italy until you have Mustardo di Cremona . . . with bits of tart cherry, citron and lemon peel that fell into the mustard pot to a beautiful death.

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I hope, however, that this rich and generous friend will manage to include some other wines of which I am very fond, such as the beautiful Rhine wines, both red and white, shipped by Chapoutier & Cie., with the accent on red Cote Rotie and Hermitage 1923, and white Hermitage, Clo de Meure-de-Larzague 1923. Also Chateau Yquem or Chateau Suduiraut to be used with dessert. The year, 1920, 1923, 1924, 1926 or 1929, JULIAN STREET

Bringing me, Santa Claus, a Virginia ham, cured not less than two years, and cooked to a melting pink under a blanket of cloves and brown sugar. And to the side, please, a tray of mustards, something like this:

A terrine of finest Dijon, the Grey-Poupon brand, hot as all Burgundy; another of the Maille des 3 Herbes Vertes; a jar of the sweet Bahama mustard that people are just discovering; and please tamp up and down the streets of Little Italy until you have Mustardo di Cremona . . . with bits of tart cherry, citron and lemon peel that fell into the mustard pot to a beautiful death.

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This brilliant color photograph by Bracchi-Bourgeau on page 47 is not just a pretty picture. All the little porcelain Madonnas in this rose window are ready and waiting to grace your Christmas house. 1. White and gold Baroque designs; Gerard. 2. A colored Venetian figure also from Gerard. 3. Blue-veiled Madonna: W. & J. Shaw. 4. "Madonna of the grapes", from the Baroque group in Salzburg: Alfred Orlik. Next, four Lerci designs. 5. This lovely crowned Madonna comes from Shaw. 6. Terra cotta and black plaque: Gerard. 7. "Madonna of the Resurrection": Shaw. 8. A cleverly veiled head from Shaw. 9. This stately crowned Madonna is Venetian porcelain from Altman's.

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white-throated flowers, or all white flowers—the latter being less attractive. Nemophila is particularly desirable because one of the few annuals to bloom in the early Spring. If sown in the Fall, or allowed to seed itself, it will bloom in April. The pale blue form, which is the best, may be started with Mysotis alpestris, Cowslips, Arabis, Violas, the pastel Tulips and Intermediate Iris. California Poppies will also bloom in April if sown early in the Fall.

In the Fall a southern garden is rejuvenated after the long Summer, and it should be planted with late-blooming annuals. Those susceptible to frost, such as Tithonia and the Klokodyke Cosmos, planted farther north with the hope of "a fairer Summer and a later Fall than in these parts a man is apt to see," will bloom two or three months for us before they are caught. Last year the vermillion, orange, pale yellow and light blue of Tithonia, Marigolds, Crotalaria and Tagetes made a striking combination in a long border. But Tithonia grows to twelve or fifteen feet here, and it is out of scale in a border eight or ten feet wide. I am going to put it at the foot of the garden where it will have the protection of the fence. It needs to be planted against a wall or other structure where the shallow roots are not adequate for its height and spread, and it is apt to be blown over in the Autumn storms even if it is well staked. Tithonia is a gay annual vine for late Summer and Fall bloom in the rock garden or on a low wall. The flowers are a rich yellow with dark brown throats. They will seed themselves and come up again year after year.

When and how to plant the seed is an important consideration in dealing with annuals. Seedlings of some sorts can be bought from nurserymen, but for the most part they are better sown where they are to grow; and some, such as Poppies of all kinds, Hunnemannia, Phacelia, Crotalaria, Lupine and Nemophila must be sown where they are to grow; and some, such as Poppies of all kinds, Hunnemannia, Phacelia, Crotalaria, Lupine and Nemophila must be sown where they are to grow; and some, such as Poppies of all kinds, Hunnemannia, Phacelia, Crotalaria, Lupine and Nemophila must be sown where they are to grow; and some, such as Poppies of all kinds, Hunnemannia, Phacelia, Crotalaria, Lupine and Nemophila must be sown where they are to grow; and some, such as Poppies of all kinds, Hunnemannia, Phacelia, Crotalaria, Lupine and Nemophila must be sown where they are to grow; and some, such as Poppies of all kinds, Hunnemannia, Phacelia, Crotalaria, Lupine and Nemophila must be sown where they are to grow; and some, such as Poppies of all kinds, Hunnemannia, Phacelia, Crotalaria, Lupine and Nemophila must be sown where they are to grow; and some, such as Poppies of all kinds, Hunnemannia, Phacelia, Crotalaria, Lupine and Nemophila must be sown where they are to grow.

Torenia should be planted in March or April. Phacelia and Nemophila will bloom within six weeks of the time they come up. They must be sown where they are to bloom, but they need to be sown in fine soil. The seeds of Hunnemannia and Crotalaria have a thick coat and should be scarified before planting; otherwise they may not germinate. Tithonia should be planted last of April so that it will begin to bloom in August.

Certain cultural points must be kept in mind if one is to succeed with annuals. As a whole, they are sun lovers. A few, such as Torenia, Nemesis, Nemophila and Nicotiana prefer light shade. As a whole annuals like a slightly acid soil, but Phacelia, Tithonia and Hunnemannia need lime, and they should be planted in poor soil. Nemesis and Tithonia prefer light soil. Torenia likes a rich, light soil, since we have such a long blooming season, I usually sow Alysum, Drummond Phlox, Bowvella, Zinnias
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and Marigolds three times so that there will be a fresh supply when the first batch dries up or blooms out. I sow them in April, June, and again in July. Crotalaria should be sown in April and early in June. Torenia keeps reseeding itself all summer. Numerous little plants come up around the big plants whenever it rains.

It is a common fallacy that annuals are a great deal of trouble, and hence to be avoided, while perennials practically take care of themselves, and should almost entirely fill the borders. It is true that the border should be planted around perennials, but annuals must be relied upon for delicate color schemes and for quick effects. All gardens are subject to the uncertainties of the weather, but southern gardens are particularly so, and annuals are necessary to repair the damages. When gardens are ruin by a month of dry weather in the early Spring, nothing can be done about it for that season.

But DroughtPhlox can be resown if drought kills the first seedlings. And annuals, important to all gardens, are indispensable to those in the South where we expect to find blooms for nine or ten months.

TOASTMASTER

A mong the twenty-four cooking gadgets for the bride which we showed in our October issue was this thoroughly pleasing ensemble for hot toast tastefully served. We welcome this opportunity of saying that it was designed and styled by Joseph Siedel and Ruth Gerth—not saying that it was designed and styled by Norman Helge Hess, as we inadvertently stated when first illustrating it.

GLAMOR

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AIRLUX (above) is a grand gift clock. Rich white or mottledonyx case, as you wish, with cream-colored dial, gold-finish bezel and hands. $12.50

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Hereotofore in describing the reproductions in House & Garden's series of flower prints, the honors have been accorded the artist. In this instance, showing a Begonia print from Thornton's "Temple of Flora," the editor overshadows the individual artist who was Philip Reinagle, A. R. A. Several artists contributed to that volume but the idea and the financial responsibility was shouldered by Dr. Thornton.

Robert John Thornton, M. D. came by his diversions naturally. His father, Bonwell Thornton, was a physician who gave up his medical practice to follow the less exact and less remunerative pursuit of literature and editing.

His son, born 1758, showed an early bent for science. It is said that at school he collected natural history objects and started a small garden and menagerie. At 15 he went up to Cambridge (or does one go down to Cambridge?) where he started studying for the church. Evidently his vocation was not along spiritual lines, for he switched to medicine. Though he walked the hospital wards and for a short time was lecturer in Medical Botany at Guy's Hospital, London, he apparently did not take his M. D. degree until St. Andrew's gave it to him in 1815. Meanwhile, although his practice was lucrative, he abandoned it to plunge into writing and editing.

Today he is mostly remembered for his "Temple of Flora." This was an imperial folio issued in parts beginning 1797. It evidently was the third section of a huge undertaking on the Sexual System of Linnaeus. An advertisement of 1797 reveals that Dr. Thornton was charging one guinea each for a section to contain two color plates with accompanying letter press by himself. Costs mounting up, the price rose to 25 guineas a section until the whole work cost 40 guineas. Thornton induced several well-known artists and engravers to draw the plates, which are distinguished by the picturesque landscape background given each plant. Most of the text was written by Thornton and published as a book in 1807. The supply of botanical plates proved greater than the demand. Moreover he issued no uniform sets. No two collections were the same. Thornton sent to each subscriber what he thought he would like! A mixture of engraving processes were used, some are mezzotints hand finished, some aquatints, some stipple—all expensive.

By 1811, nearly ruined, Thornton applied for an Act of Parliament giving him permission to organize a lottery of his botanical works. This being granted, it was advertised as the Royal Botanical Lottery under the patronage of George III. There were 20,000 tickets at two guineas each, and 10,000 prizes of a total value exceeding 77,000 pounds. The lottery, however, does not seem to have helped Dr. Thornton very much financially. In spite of his very numerous other publications, medical, political and botanical. Dr. Thornton died in 1837 almost penniless. There are three editions of the large folio and numerous editions of the small folio of the "Temple of Flora."
and many other operations performed. There we saw the numerous tools used in the various processes—the big cutters and choppers, the pebble mill, for grinding fine the tougher materials, the sifters of many sizes and kinds, the scales, the apparatus for fumigating the herbs, the glass still, the great churn used in mixing the blends for various purposes.

The old books say that herbs should be dried in the shade so that the sun will not harm their virtue. But at The Herb Farm they are dried in the pitch dark and under this treatment the cut and powdered products not only keep their virtue intact but their beauty, fresh color and their pristine flavor. The fresh herbs are laid upon shelves made of copper wire screening so that there is a free circulation of air. Beneath each wire shelf is one of thin wood to catch the bounty of such as dry very fine and sift down through the screening. The room is heated by a small furnace and a system of fans and screening. The room is heated by a small furnace and a system of fans for circulation. Be­neath each wire shelf is one of thin wood to catch the bounty of such as dry very fine and sift down through the screening. The room is heated by a small furnace and a system of fans for circulation.

The chief concern of The Herb Farm up to date is in making blends of herbs for use in various kinds of cookery. To be had in different sized glass jars with tight screw tops are powdered blends for Poultry Stuffing, for Omelettes, for use in various kinds of cookery. To

Tarragon seasoning is uplifting in soups and gravies (try a Heilin bag of. salads, a herb bouquet for stews, sauces, and other cooking herbs which are as flavorful and as bright in color as the fresh leaves. Besides these gastronomic aids The Herb Farm offers Lavender as sweet as any I have ever sniffed, an excellent and soothing eye lotion, and among other things a fragrant healing salve for chapped lips, dry cuticle or roughened skin.

When we saw The Herb Garden at Huntington Station, Long Island, it was in process of being moved to larger quarters. There was, however, an herb room, where are sold numerous blends of herbs for various purposes and very good Tarragon and Herb Vinegars. There is a nice little shaker set to be had containing bottles with perforated tops labeled Italian Bouquet Curry Powder, Bouquet Vinaigre, Bouquet

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Poisonous, Bouquet Aroma, and the like. The Herb Garden offers the largest collection of Sweet-leaved Geraniums that I know of anywhere, and they have the rare Sacred Dittany of Crete or "Righte Dittany," Origanum dictamnus, a very old medicinal herb.

Editor's Note: As a sort of postscript to Mrs. Wilder's foregoing article Mr. Thomas Kernan has prepared for us the following list of not only these herbs that have a definite use in the kitchen. Numerous others were considered essential in the herb garden of a hundred years ago, for their real or fancied—usually fancied—use in medicine. They are perfectly obtainable today, but there is for pot in cakes and candy, unless one is a botanist, and likes to roll their lovely names over the tongue. But there is a very real point to growing the kitchen herbs. Not only do they add their savory distinction to the dish, but they permit the cook to use much less salt. Now, the excess use of salt is the secret vice of American cooking. Many doctors believe that the amazing amount of heart and artery trouble that is middle-aged Americal in part is due to this cause. European cooks season with fresh herbs, rather than with condiments, and this is perhaps why old people in Europe are on the whole so much more sprightly and able than here. It is why, when you return from a long stay abroad, the food seems suddenly tasteless, and you sprit it with large quantities of salt. The following list gives most of the herbs suitable to our temperate climate that are good for the household use.

All of them have fairly good garden habit. Angelica—biennial. Stems are candied or powdered; finely powdered it is used as a substitute for quinine. Basil—annual. Used principally in beef soup or spaghetti sauce. Two leaves to each person to be served. There are several varieties, with little difference between them. Caraway—biennial. Worth raising as a flavoring of many vegetables. The orange and yellow flowers are dried and ground as a substitute for the Crocus saffron. For the average herb garden it is as satisfactory. Sage—perennial. Excellent for stuffings and in cooking pork.

Summer Savory—annual. Nice when mixed in salads, or cooked in with green vegetables. Plants brought up Winter Savory—perennial. Similar to Summer Savory, but a little coarser. For the Crocus saffron. For the average herb garden it is as satisfactory. Spearmint—annual. More of the Sweet Peppers are vegetables, but Capsicum annuum, the Pimento, is properly classed as an herb. These are small and hot. Dried and ground, a variety grown in Hungary makes paprika. Saffron—2 varieties. The Saffron of classic literature is a flower Collins. The orange-colored pistols are the flavoring as well as the dye. As this is very expensive, many people use an annual, Carthamus tinctorius, whose scarlet-colored flowers are dried and ground as a substitute for the Crocus saffron. For the average herb garden it is as satisfactory. Sage—perennial. Excellent for stuffings and in cooking pork.

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What will your trip to Florida and the West Indies be like? Will you stick to the main street to see the side-walk cafés, the Cathedral, and the Castle, or will you wander off to discover for yourself the real charm of the Islands? If your eyes are open, you will find on every hand interesting decorative ideas that can adapt this same charm to your own house and garden.

In the combinations of architecture you will see the influence of Frenchman, Spaniard and Englishman who once clashed for possession of the Indies. You'll see old houses of square cut stones shaped by a hundred hands and an overseer's whip, interiors high-panelled in satinwood, ancient mahogany tables of a size and style unknown in our century. Everywhere are thumbprints of a vivid past that will give depth to your picture of the country, and you will come home brim full of old world ideas that are new, and must be tried out in your own home.

1. This combination gate house on a Jamaican plantation shows the crude colonial adaptation of Palladio's elegant arch.

2. White deep-sea coral branches on a bracket against a red coral wall in this Barbados house. Try this on your porch or hallway where you need a sharp bit of contrast.

3. The Berbice chair—a "natural" for comfort—made from a few boards and a piece of canvas. The arms are extended, with sockets at the ends to hold the heels. Undignified but comfortable. For Gentlemen only.

4. The wide verandas of the Guadeloupe sugar planter's house give us a tip on how to utilize the vagrant breezes in hot weather.

5. This friendly Moorish arch between two Florida homes offers tempting possibilities to the inventive genius of the gardener, suggesting trained vines or espaliered shrubs.

6. An ingenious combination of the second story entrance and the tall pillars of colonial architecture, from Good Hope, an eighteenth century plantation.
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