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Motto for these times. Put this in your hat, hand or paste it up over your kitchen sink: "Sperror optimum, nos parentus contra pessimum, semper res culinaris puras teneantes."—Hope for the best, prepare for the worst and always keep the dishes washed.

Place names. Good news and bad, more rationing draws our horizons closer to us, we learn to adjust our living to changed circumstances—and still it is a joy to find that Kansas has a town named Pretty Plains, West Virginia a Pansy, North Carolina a Cash Corner, near Old Lyme, Connecticut, there is a Johnny Cake Hill and that the sovereign state of Pennsylvania contains both a Virginville and a Molltown.

Best meals. A group of ardent gourmets were sitting around the other day discussing the meals they most enjoy. They were men and women who had eaten magnificently in a dozen or so foreign lands and most of our own centers of sectional gastronomy, they had lapped up bouillabaisse on its native Marseilles health and waded in the abundance of Russian caviar.

They had drunk Châteauneuf-du-Pape in the vineyards of Niýlis and sherry in Jerez and the rosined wines in Athens and beer in Munich. And what were their most enjoyable meals? Those snatched from the icebox after arriving at home from the theatre or a party, the choice? Cold turkey and a bottle (of champagne that really shouldn't be a party. The choice? Cold turkey and a bottle (of champagne that really shouldn't have been opened, but saved for a more propitious occasion.

Relaxation. Several pages of this Mid-summer issue are devoted to relaxation. We have tried to cover many phases of it, yet we realize the futility of attempting to present them all. Each of us has his own idea of relaxation. To some it resolves into a semi-coma state of doing nothing. Others find relaxation by constantly passing from work to hobbies or changing the kinds of work.

Real gardeners, for instance, rarely relax in the growing seasons. Their relaxation comes in Winter when they dream and plan what they're going to do next year. From early Spring to late Autumn they go from heavy work to light, halting between jobs to admire the beauty or the urgent green growth about them.

GREEN IS ESSENTIAL

O heart, be comforted by Summer's green.
Green of the hillside, green of the quiet tree.
There is no darkness that could not have been
Transmuted into light. All things will be
In the end as in the beginning... green again.
Green was the hue of the primeval earth,
Green sky wept forth its easy, tranquil rain,
The Dream took form and flowered into birth.
The swamp, the jungle, and the sea... all these
Are timeless wonders of enduring shade.
Too calm, too deep, for man's complexities.
Gold, silver, black and gray all change and fade
But earth, forever turning toward the dawn,
Spreads her eternal green upon the lawn.
—Prudence K. Gearey.

WARNING

Who buys a country house is wise
To use his heart, and not his eyes.
For with the deed, he takes the hosts
Of free and queer and friendly ghosts
Who keep the rooms, and climb the stair.
They tell if he is welcome there.
The old, blind windows speak before
He sets his hand upon the door.
Let him consult the roof, to know
The way of wind, and rain, and snow.
The swallows in the chimney grate,
The beams, are quite articulate.
At midnight. For a careful house.
From the oldest ghost, to the smallest mouse,
Takes him on trial. They have their ways
Of telling, if he goes or stays.
In silent step, and soundless wing.
He hears the jury whispering.
—Biance Bradbury.

Sleep. Continuing this rumination on how to relax, we eventually come to the supreme relaxation—sleep. And sleep presupposes a bed and a bed brings us to the decision we have made, having now slept away 160,600 hours of our life, that the length of the bed has much to do with proper relaxation.

Comfortable mattress, yes; cool sheets, yes; pillows not too hard or too soft, by all means; a lamp to read by, certainly; but the one essential to complete relaxation in bed is the realization that you have two feet of space beyond your own two feet. Two feet clearance so that when you stretch you stretch all the way without the abrupt and unyielding solidity of a footboard.

Isaiah to youth. A trainload of young soldiers shot past us as we waited at a suburban station, car after car of them. And there came into mind those promises to youth Isaiah made: "They shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint."

Eating fruit. Now that we are hidden by the Government not only to raise more of our own vegetables but also to make fruit a common home crop, it is well to thumb over the pages of Sir William Temple's ancient work on gardening. Away back in the year 1685 that eminent authority wrote this brilliant eulogy of growing and eating fruit:

"That which makes the cares of gardening more necessary, or at least excusable, is that all men eat fruit that can get it... Now whoever will be sure to eat good fruit, must do it out of a garden of his own; for besides the choice so necessary in the sorts, the soil, and so many other circumstances that go to compose a good garden, or produce good fruits, there is something very nice in gathering them, and chusing the best even from the same tree."
Modern designer Raymond Loewy lives in a house 200 years old

Armed with a charter and plenty of straight-shooting men, Captain John Sands took possession of this piece of Long Island, N.Y., more than 200 years ago. His original home has been changed and changed again; but the spirit that went into its building is still fresh and lives today in the hands of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Loewy (see page 18).
Interesting people at home

New decorative ideas for your house
are found in the homes of the famous men and women shown on the following pages.

Some people are born interesting: the Dionne Quintuplets, for example, or any Prince of Wales. But most interesting people make themselves so. They are original. They are the ones who find a new way to make a silk purse out of a sow’s ear. They are the ones to whom we introduce you in this issue.

Most of the homes into which we are taking you are quite small; there are several three- and four-room apartments. All of them, without exception, are full of smart new tricks for every amateur decorator who has the ambition to be long on ideas if only because she is short on cash. For you who have to move from one place to another and can decorate only for the minute, for you who are about to be married but don’t know how he is going to cadge leave enough to spend time on the details of decoration, we present the homes of the famous and the ingenious, the interesting people.

Home behind the Washington façade

On this grand tour of introductions we take you first to Washington, to the nervous intensity of a world center, where most men work seven days a week. Here are some of those who seem so distant when they appear in the headlines but turn out to be quite simple and ordinary people at home. Here is Leon Henderson, chubby, fierce administrator in public, setting out from his little lakeside cottage at Annapolis for a moonlight picnic in the canoe. (The family motor launch is out of service this year because of the gasoline shortage.) Thurman Arnold, it turns out, is vaguely troubled in his spare moments by a smooth and delicate cow who likes roses—to eat, thorns and all.

Even Supreme Court Justices are affected by wartime shortages, in spite of their fabled remoteness from Washington’s daily bustling. The Douglas children are now preparing a blackout room. Their mother takes to riding on the bus. Here is Justice Jackson dusting off a surrey and feeding his horse apples instead of sugar.

From out-of-the-ordinary Hollywood

From the Hollywood movie colony we picked two couples who are out of the ordinary by daring to be ordinary in a land full of pose and make-believe. Joan Fontaine and her husband Brian Aherne are not only successful actors but talented individuals. Yet they are content to live in a small house which makes up in charm what it lacks in size. They realize that in times such as these a house of this type is probably more restful inasmuch as it presents no great problems of upkeep and housekeeping.

Artists’ and writers’ corner

Artists and writers, being sensitive to their surroundings, tend to take particular trouble with their decoration. They are in general also ingenious, and individual in their tastes. Who but Ludwig Bemelmans would have thought of combining objects of such diverse ancestry, objects rescued from Ecuador, the Tyrol, France, and the Hearst Collection? Yet the result is spirited and unified, because the creator’s personality is over all.

Who but Bernard Lamotte could have so successfully recreated the simple green charm of a French café garden? And then so brashly placed it side by side with the lowering shadows of Radio City? Maybe it is the result of fifteen years in Paris that enabled Van Day Truex to give such style to a single room with a little bright-colored felt and trimming and a great deal of taste.

The Raymond Loewys’ house in the country is first of all interesting for the way it demonstrates that a modern industrial designer, noted for his streamlined, mass-produced shapes, immediately appreciates the honest simple beauty of an old Colonial house. Within that house are all the mementos of a hundred trips, to Europe, to South America and through North America. There are fire engine models and musical boxes with moving waves and a turning windmill. There are penny banks and a French house made (some 30 years ago) entirely of sugar. They come from all places and all periods, yet because they were chosen by two people of catholic taste, they complement each other the more effectively for their diversity.

Ideas from behind the scenes

There is one group whose names are not so generally known as their works: the Broadway stage designers. Yet these men display as much taste and ingenuity in the decoration of their own apartments as they do in the mounting of a new show. Harry Horner, for example, has put to use in his own apartment many of those tricks which were first devised for lightning-quick scene changes. These he has adapted to his purpose in such a way that one room may be made to do the work of two.

Like so many others, these men are now voluntarily turning their talents to war work. In this case it means sharpening their knowledge of camouflage technique, so that they can better serve their country when the call comes.
The Robert Jacksons live in the foothills of Virginia in a pleasant old Colonial house flanked by ancient hickory trees.

More than ever important for men in public life, pressed daily by increasing demands, is the rest and refuge which each citizen finds in his home. For Robert Houghwout Jackson and his family “Hickory Hill”, the spacious house below, fulfills this need.

Situated just over the district line, only a few miles from the chambers of the Supreme Court, the dwelling has been skillfully remodeled. The original building was erected only a few years after the Civil War by the Walters family and occupied by them for the first fifty years of its existence. And it was they who named it for the stately old hickory trees which line the driveway.

Originally a thriving dairy farm on a five-hundred-acre tract, the place is now reduced to six acres. It is large enough, however, for lovely formal gardens of box and evergreen and for a cool green sweep of lawn all around. The thick walls of the original dwelling keep the house refreshingly cool in the hottest reaches of the Washington Summer.

The Jackson stables once held six horses, now shelter only one other horse besides Renée (shown at left with the Justice). Both horses will be used this Fall to supplement gasoline rations. Now that Washington is their permanent abode the Jacksons have imported from their former home in Jamestown, N. Y., a trap, training cart and buggy, which may prove useful come Winter.
The William Douglasses live on a Maryland hillside in a pleasant red brick house, framed by columned porches and old box

Silent Spring, Maryland, just on the outskirts of Washington has the twin advantages of open country meadows and suburban convenience. Here, on a rising crest of hillside, stands the spacious red brick house occupied by William Orville Douglas and his family. Set on a small knoll to catch the Summer breezes, it has an inviting entranceway with a glimpse beyond of open fields.

Inside are cool, high-ceilinged rooms branching off the central hallway. The decoration is a pleasant mélange of Eighteenth Century English and Colonial American which gives the whole a distinctive personal quality. The furniture is mostly mahogany, leavened with accent pieces of old pine or walnut.

Like many another American family, the Douglasses share a large portion of their leisure with the children—at badminton, they make a family foursome, and at parchesi on the cool side porch. Young Bill's hobby is baseball with his father. Young Mildred's is raising Plymouth Rock chickens, which won the pet contest at her school; two roosters and four hens, Joseph and Josephine, Dracula and Draculette, Ella and Lucy, whose combined output is one egg a day.

For wartime, they have converted the Justice's study with heavy paper into a blackout room, and abandoned the car—except for the Justice's daily trip to Court—for the nearby busline.
The homes of Washington’s experts

Thurman W. Arnold

The Assistant United States Attorney General, economist, author, ex-mayor and professor, lives with his wife and his terrier, Edward McDuff, in a rambling old farmhouse twined with wisteria and roses, at McLean, Virginia. Mrs. Arnold oversees their Victory garden, weeds the lily beds, restrains Angelica, the heifer, from eating roses. Caught by gas rationing far from a bus line, they hoard their three gallons to pilot him to town.

Leon Henderson

From his duties as Price Administrator, the man whose job is stemming inflation must relax occasionally. This he does on weekends at his summer camp on the Maryland shore, near Annapolis. At left, Leons Sr. and Jr. drag the canoe down for a paddle—the gasoline launch is shelved this year in favor of canoe and sailboat. The Hendersons have two Victory gardens—left below, the eldest daughter, Beebe, hoes the one the children started.
are as varied as their careers

It is to the pleasant Georgetown home shown here that Archibald MacLeish, Librarian of Congress and government information expert, repairs when the long Washington day is done. Inside the house, good modern paintings, prize antiques, fine old Colonial mantels like the one above. Outside and beyond, a terrace and up-sloping garden planted with vines and rambler roses. Mrs. MacLeish does a war job, too—Red Cross, nine to five.

Archibald MacLeish

Hero of World War I, Colonel William J. Donovan is Presidential troubleshooter and information expert on World War II. Col. Donovan and his wife live in the pleasant yellow brick dwelling, at right. Its high, cool ceilings and spacious rooms are typical of many old Georgetown houses. But its decoration within, a free mixture of French Provincial, Spanish, and 18th Century pieces, shows an individual taste.

Col. William J. Donovan
Raymond Clapper

In a streamlined modern house, perched high on a craggy Washington hillside, the noted newspaper columnist lives with his family.

Broadcasting by direct wire from his study.

WASHINGTON is crammed with interesting houses—old ones of faded brick, new ones of brick and stone. But of Modern, forthright and functional, there has been very little. That is, until the Raymond Clappers began to visualize the sort of place that would fit their busy lives.

A striking modern house, unique and highly personal, is the result of that quest. For in allowing architect Alfred Kastner and decorator Genevieve Hendricks to work together from the early blueprint stages, the owners got exactly what they want, a house that suits them to a T.

There are two studies both reserved for Mr. Clapper—one the booklined paneled room (at top) where he reads and relaxes, and another secret one stacked with clippings, newspapers, files and battered typewriters where he can disappear to concentrate.

Broad rooms, high ceilings, and an abundance of windows give a feeling of spaciousness and take full advantage of the broad private lawns and garden behind the house. In the living room at left: mirror panels, windows to the ceiling, a soft scheme of beige, cool blue and coral. The furniture is all in light bleached or pickled woods. Chinese modern accessories.
H.V. Kaltenborn
News specialist at home in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Radio's longest-run commentator (21 years) has led himself a busy life. He was the first man to give a blow-by-blow commentary on a battle direct from the field. He has interviewed Gandhi and Hitler, and served as a traveling salesman for stereopticons. He has been captured by Chinese bandits and tutored Vincent Astor. Yet in between times he is apt to retire to his home in Brooklyn Heights, to settle down with a book in his hand, a radio at his elbow, and at least two dachshunds around his feet.
Colonial with cosmopolitan detail

Against fine Colonial paneling, the Loewys set decorative objects collected on travels through North and South America, France, England. A Marie Laurencin painting above the fireplace suggested the pastel color scheme.
Raymond Loewy, industrial designer, in a Colonial home on Long Island, N. Y., has adapted the pattern of daily life to fit the exigencies of wartime.

Before the war the Loewys used this sprawling old house on Sands Point only in Spring and Fall. The rest of the year would be divided between their château near Paris, their villa on the French Riviera. Now the villa is closed, the château occupied by the Germans. So old Captain John Sands' house is now the Loewys' year-round home for the duration.

The three cars are now reserved for essential trips. For other errands Mr. Loewy and Théo the houseboy have motorcycles; each other member of the family has a bicycle. There are children in the house now. British refugee children of Ashley Havinden, English advertising artist.

Mrs. Loewy cuts through the humdrum of suburban life with such dizzy pleasures as her tree house, an original anniversary present from her husband. And Mr. Loewy turns from styling everything from lipsticks to locomotives to secret war work for the U. S. Government.

Coffee and liqueurs are served on the lawn in the speckled shade of a small locust grove. These may be the descendants of trees planted here by Captain Sands in the 18th Century.

Gourmets will recognize this dining room, with its low-sloped ceiling, for the Loewys' cuisine is widely famed. The white china dogs on the mantel were a gift from the painter Segonzac.
Ludwig Bemelmans, noted illustrator and author of "Hotel Splendide", lives in this New York apartment.

Balzac wrote in a dressing gown and supported himself with endless cups of black coffee. Schiller did his best when his feet were stuck in a tub of cold water which he kept under his desk. William Faulkner can write only when rain drums on his roof. Now here, on these two pages, is Ludwig Bemelmans, who walks up and down these rooms as a prelude to writing—with a thin cane in his hand—talking to his wife, his daughter, two dogs and a cat.

The furnishings are almost biographical in scope; they are ancient and modern, they come from Ecuador, from Paris, from the Tyrol and Montana. The general impression of these rooms above Gramercy Park is half castle, half peasant cottage, but all Bemelmans. This is obviously the birthplace of those quizzical pieces which appear in The New Yorker and Vogue—dealing with head hunters and head waiters, with pixie children and impish adults of the author's inimitable brand.

Leopardskin for upholstery, French posters for pictures in the Bemelmans' living room—a freehand mixture of antiques and amusing loot from their travels. Painted swags adorn the base of the sofa; real ones of ivory satin, the windows. Highspot: gilt birdcage with cherry satin base.

Bemelmans family on leopard sofa. Mimi, the wife; Barbara, the daughter; Toots, the poodle; Tinkel, the Yorkshire; and Cat, the cat.

For dining, a banquette tufted in green mohair. White walls, patterned in shrimp pink, black. Carved wood chandelier of Jonah and whale.

More whimsy in the living room (opposite): Confederate War poster, extended by Mr. Bemelmans; zebra rug; chair with epaulettes.

In the dining room, one wall is brick, painted shrimp pink; another carries a mural of N. Y. skyline painted by children.

His walnut desk opens from top like a phonograph, stands in living room (opposite) to remind author to work.
Grace Moore

Her gaily remodeled farmhouse, her serious farm
on a rolling Connecticut hillside

In Far Away Meadows, their five-hundred-acre farm near Sandy Hook, Connecticut, Grace Moore and her husband, Valentin Parera, now live the year 'round. This is home, a place to rest and relax from the many demands life makes on a world-famous singer. A place to farm idyllically, to raise chickens, pigs, and vegetables for Victory. A place to prove that oats can double for gasoline, contentment for adventure.

Yellow cabbage roses, mint-green stripes, fuchsia cushions—Miss Moore's own idea for brightening the Victorian parlor, in the old part of the house. Nice whimsy: double footstool in needle-point.

An early maple cupboard weathered to honey tones holds the dining room collection of fine white china and milk glass. On the walls, Colonial hunting paper, curtains of yellow India print.

The separate guest cottage, like the main house, is low-ceilinged and invitingly Colonial. Witness its cheerful chintzes and pine paneling, its open hearth and old hooked scatter rugs.
Besides the Victory vegetable garden and acres of vital farm crops, Far Away Meadows boasts well-kept flower beds in which Miss Moore takes a careful hand, when there's time. Other means of relaxation are the swimming pool (above) and nearby tennis courts which the owners share every Summer weekend with grateful guests from the sweltering city.

The beamed ceilings and wide floor planks of the entrance hall are as charming today as when first hewn (1740). Scheme: soft greens, yellows. Prouder of their new red barn (see cover) than of anything else, the Pareras have yet done a splendid remodeling job—keeping the pleasant Colonial character of the house while adding the new second wing (at top).
They teach homemaking

Countess Julie Sparre and Mrs. Johan Bull teach old traditions to new homemakers in their own house near Stowe, Vt.

In Norway, they explain, when times grow hard and things outside are going very badly, life at home must be better and a little gayer than ever. There will be more comfort and pleasure, instead of less, to offset the worry and strain, and the credit for working this wonder belongs to the homemakers. Theirs is a rich and varied role, and apparently they play it to the hilt, pulling in their belts and expanding their famous hospitality to meet the times.

Obviously the ability to make such homes would stand us in good stead right now so Countess Sparre and Mrs. Johan Bull have opened their home at West Hill in Stowe, Vt., to teach American girls what they know about making the most of this biggest job. Their knowledge couldn’t be more complete for they were both brought up within the strong traditions of Norwegian homes; Countess Sparre is the daughter of the late surgeon, Dr. J. Barth of Oslo, and Mrs. Bull is the wife of the well-known artist now serving the Norwegian Government in Exile. They have been living in town and country here in America for about twenty years so they are thoroughly familiar with the pattern of our life and customs. Moreover they practice what they preach, and beautifully.

Because they set such store by practice, there are just nine girls at a time for a three months’ course and the girls learn by doing all the different steps in housekeeping. Taking turns, at first under guidance and later with full responsibility, they soon acquire the necessary skills. But the spirit which takes them out of the ordinary good housekeeper class is learned through living in the gay, comfortable atmosphere of West Hill.

The girls study the fine points of planning, buying, budgeting and cooking, but they also learn when it is more important to whip through the housework in a hurry and spend the whole day outdoors. There’s no better place to learn this, for the countryside at Stowe is perfection for skiers, walkers, riders and relaxers. And the Norwegians have a system for staying out all day and serving dinner just the same; they start wonderful stews and casseroles on the stove and then pop them into a hay-filled box to simmer away while they’re gone.

All the details of opening and closing a house, caring for silver, linen, furniture and rugs are stressed as they should be, but there’s also firsthand instruction in refinishing furniture, rubbing down floors, laying fires, repacking faucets, changing fuses, mending and turning shirts and other housewifely arts.

After the rules for formal entertaining have been mastered the girls are encouraged to improvise—serving suppers single-handed, parties on a shoe-string, quick lunches for a multitude, a small dinner before the fire. Here they develop the imagination and ability to cope with all manner of restrictions—rationed food, no servants, limited budgets, or whatever comes next.

The relation of a full home life to the community is also practiced rather than preached at West Hill, for all girls have the chance to work with local First Aid, Nutrition and Defense services, attend old-fashioned Town Meetings and watch democracy in operation in the typical New England village of Stowe.

COUNTESS SPARRE ENJOYS TEA AT HOME

MRS. BULL PACKS THEIR "HAY-COOKER"

NORWEGIAN HOSPITALITY IN VERMONT

TRADITIONAL RAISED HEARTH AT WEST HILL
A farmer goes to war

June Hamilton Rhodes, famed press agent, and her husband, Arthur Regis, own this dairy farm in Sergeantsville, New Jersey.

Lush pastures surround the extensive barns and old stone farm house hidden in the trees at right, above; and though the place still looks like a thriving dairy farm, war has caused the abandonment of large-scale farming. Mrs. Regis, a close friend of Eleanor Roosevelt, has collaborated with her on several projects. As June Hamilton Rhodes, public relations expert, she has publicized successfully such industries as velvet, orchids; finds restful contrast in country life.
New York apartment of Stanton Griffis

The Chairman of New York's Madison Square Garden lives high above the city

Ten minutes away from Broadway is the penthouse apartment of Stanton Griffis, whose interests as chairman of Paramount Pictures as well as of Madison Square Garden are closely connected with the entertainment world.

Spacious as a penthouse should be, the dwelling commands a superb view of the twinkling lights of Manhattan and its decoration throughout is planned to include this natural asset as part of the scheme. Focal point of the apartment is the duplex living room opposite, with a modern scheme of gold, gray and black. It was the focal point, also, when these pictures were taken of a cocktail party—packed with celebrities of New York and Hollywood—given for the benefit of Navy Relief. (Mr. Griffis is chairman of Navy Relief Special Events.)

*Gertrude Lawrence* talks the party over with Mr. Griffis, Sydney Bernstein, and her husband, Lieut. Richard Aldrich. Scene: the private study (shown again below).

**Champions of the ring**, hand-blocked on linen, upholster pillows, furniture in Mr. Griffis' study. Scheme: natural, blue, Chinese red.

*Cool green and gray* for the Griffis bedroom, with cheerful accents of yellow. Couch in natural linen carries design of leaves.
Cool gray walls and broad mirrors further the effect of space in the two-story living room of Mr. Griffis's apartment—even though it is filled here with guests at the party for Navy Relief. Furniture is modern, upholstered in tones of clear yellow, green and coral. A black carpet echoes the black and gold of the duplex draperies. Accents, lacquer, metal.

Opera star Helen Gleason liked the rollicking tunes of the strolling accordionist. Caught in the spirit of the party, she entertained guests with impromptu songs.

Bold blue and white stripes frame the towers of Manhattan as seen from the dining room, on a balcony overlooking the room at top. Here, a cold buffet for the guests of the Navy party.
CAMOUFLEURS
IN THE MAKING

On these four pages we show
famous young Broadway stage designers
now learning camouflage technique
Stewart Chaney sets his own stage

His New York apartment is furnished with pieces from his first Broadway success; his spare time occupied now with camouflage.

Pulitzer prize winner of the 1935 season was "The Old Maid" by Zoë Akins. It was also Stewart Chaney's first Broadway success as a designer. Now beside the fireplace in his apartment (right) stands the solemn black horsehair armchair in which Helen Mencken once lolled. And another, simpler chair (right, below) from the same production serves for inspiration at a desk by the window.

Designers ponder camouflage

In a scene-painting loft west of Broadway, four members of the Camouflage Society of Professional Stage Designers create a camouflage plan (here darkened by censorship) for a vulnerable Atlantic Coast area.

On the left is Samuel Leve, designer of Maurice Evans' record-breaking "Macbeth". Next is Stewart Chaney, designer of the perennial "Life with Father". Mordecai Gorelik, next, is renowned for his Group Theatre work. And Carl Kent, assistant to Harry Horner, another member of the group (see page 30), is already known for his decorations at the Stage Door Canteen, a club for service men.

Ex-members of the group, Donald Oenslager (see page 31), Jo Mielziner and Tom Lea, are now in the Army.
Harry Horner uses stage tricks to create more usable space in a small New York apartment.

Harry Horner is a most successful designer for the theatre (his score last season: five big Broadway shows, one movie). He is also a crack pianist, he has a vast collection of classical Victrola records; and his wife is a skilled maker of costume dolls.

To accommodate all these activities in a small Manhattan apartment, Horner has applied the taste and ingenuity of an experienced stage designer to the problem of making one room do the work of two. By the use of "breakaway" furniture, designed originally for lightning scene changes, the bedroom is quickly transformed into a sitting room, the dining room into a reception room.

Drama may be convenient, and inexpensive, too. In the living room (right), above a very long sofa—designed to break into separate units for small parties—are some of Mrs. Horner's dolls in a brightly lit showcase.

The dining foyer (above) is quickly convertible to an office. The glass block partition is the same as that which Mr. Horner used for one of the sets in last season's hit, "Lady in the Dark".
Stage designer's penthouse

A sheltered rooftop garden opens off the New York apartment of Donald Oenslager, now a captain in the Camouflage Division of the U. S. Army

HIGH above Central Park, sheltered by glass wind screens from high winds, the Donald Oenslagers' garden surrounds their apartment on two sides. The ground is brought up to window-sill level, thus increasing the intimate relation between rooms and flowers.

Mrs. Oenslager looks out from the living room (below) whose walls of vital blue and carpet of dull gold repeat the colors in the lovely Chinese screen at the right. Happily combined in this livable room are treasures brought from many lands.
President of the Parsons School of Design,
Van Day Truex decorates his small New York apartment
with dignity, drawings and taste

Sky blue felt and black fringe for curtains and edgings,
little gilt armchairs covered with wine red felt, a black
and white Mexican serape on the floor, and artificial
flowers in mirror-backed shadow boxes—these are typical
of the ordinary materials here transformed by sophisti-
cated good taste into high style decoration. The wash
drawings, by Mr. Truex, in pink marbleized frames above
the fireplace are souvenirs of 15 years spent in Paris.
In a one-room penthouse in New York City, Bernard Lamotte lives, paints and entertains his cosmopolitan friends at luncheon parties. When painting he keeps his telephone in a suitcase shut in a closet where it won't disturb him. Above, he and the well head he has built on his terrace are silhouetted against the gigantic honeycomb of Radio City.

Lounging in the doorway, artist Lamotte superintends the preparation of a typical French luncheon by Claiborne, his colored house man. Objects, brought from Paris or, grotesque and beautiful, picked up in his Tahitian wanderings, mingle with his own work in the orderly disorder of his penthouse studio.

Studded with coins, carved with the names of the great and the near great, this home-made wooden table is a favorite gathering place for those friends of the artist who are drawn together by nostalgic memories of bôîtes like Le Lapin Agile in Montmartre, or such cafes as Les Deux Magots on the Left Bank.

Everyone who eats here leaves ten cents for Claiborne, who then carves the guest's name on the table top. At the left, Mr. Lamotte entertains Marlene Dietrich, her husband Rudolf Sieber, Jean Gabin, fashion photographer Horst, and other friends on his terrace.

Painter's boîte

Bernard Lamotte, French illustrator of Saint-Exupéry's "Flight to Arras", brings a bit of Montmartre to a New York studio.
Wrapped around the Hitchcocks' little story-and-a-half house is a lush confusion of green planting which fits in well with the small scale of the house itself. White painted brick and gray-brown shingles, small-paned windows and deep-set porches, all give variety of texture and continue that intimate relationship between house and garden which is first established by a wide, rambling plan.

Up among the rafters, the master bedroom is exceedingly simple, but the deep-cut dormers and tall shadowy angles of the ceiling give it great originality.

Good food and drink are essential to Hitchcock contentment. The big, open dining room looks onto the garden. Furniture is 19th Century mahogany, in a rich mellow color. Paneled walls add friendliness and warmth.
Movie director Alfred Hitchcock and his family defy Hollywood tradition by living in a small, simple house with not even a swimming pool.

Alfred Hitchcock, cherubic director of suspenseful horror movies, has never taken kindly to the conventional movie star residence. "What I want," he says, "is a home. All I need is a snug little house with a good kitchen, and the devil with a swimming pool."

Hitchcock's tastes are simple in everything but food and travel. Thick steaks and long, unusual trips are his favorite indulgences. In his own home he likes to find big open fires and deep, softly sprung sofas and chairs which will treat his 250 lbs. with tenderness.

All the Hitchcock family work for a living. Mrs. Hitchcock, under her maiden name of Alma Reville, writes continuity for her husband's pictures. Their daughter Patricia, besides mimicking her father's portly mannerisms to perfection, is already established as a Broadway actress by a very long part in last season's "Solitaire". To busy, creative people such as these a simple house and a cool, sheltered garden are essential to effective relaxation from their demanding work.

From floor to ceiling, photos of movie stars paper Pat Hitchcock's private den. Present favorites, Bob Hope and John Charles Thomas, have been moved in with General MacArthur to the heroes' gallery in her bedroom.

Mrs. Hitchcock and her daughter Pat set the table for an informal lunch party on the small, sheltered patio. The Hitchcocks' parties are usually just as unpretentious as their house.
Joan Fontaine and Brian Aherne

Whether in their house at Beverly Hills or on their 160-acre vegetable farm at Indio, the Ahernes are devoting every spare minute to war work.

Members of the backbone of the Beverly Hills cinema community, Joan Fontaine and her husband, Brian Aherne, both of British stock, divide their time between screen and war work. They are determined to make their 160-acre vegetable and stock farm at Indio, California, pull its weight in this country's victory effort.

Miss Fontaine, the fragile, sensitive, somewhat neurotic wife in such movies as "Rebecca" and "Suspicion" (for which she received her "Oscar"), in private life gets right down to earth and dirt farming as you can see from the pictures on these pages. This is quite in line with her part as the normal English girl in "This Above All" and as carefree Tessa in Margaret Kennedy's "The Constant Nymph"—even to the engaging pigtails.

Mr. Aherne, an enthusiastic amateur pilot as is his wife, devotes a large part of his free time to work for the Civil Air Patrol in his area. He has made long tours through Canada selling war bonds and consistently gives time to radio appeals for the war effort in this country.

Backed by a large scale map of southern California, formerly used for planning airplane trips, Mr. Aherne works on a problem for the Civil Air Patrol, in which he is very active.

Versatility distinguishes Miss Fontaine on the screen and in private life. Here, every hair in place, she is the poised woman of the world in contrast to the tousled hoyden in pigtails at left.
Bucolic delights: perched on the corral rail in levis, cowboy boots, Joan tenders a handful of hay to the farm horse her husband has led up. The Ahernes take this business of farming seriously, intend to raise quantities of vegetables for Victory, spend all their weekends on their 160-acre vegetable farm near Indio to which they used to fly before war grounded their plane.

Her visits to the Orient, where she was born, have perhaps unconsciously influenced Miss Fontaine's choice of decoration in her bedroom which is simple, almost austere. The Aherne house was decorated by Rex Evans.

Brian, Joan and a farmhand discuss some of the problems of keeping 160 acres in a high state of cultivation for best possible crop production.
Close-ups of Thomas Mann

The celebrated author's new home in Los Angeles, California, provides a comfortable haven for work and relaxation.

Thomas Mann, philosopher, family man

Mann's strenuous routine of reading, writing and relaxing centers around the library (above). 18th Century furniture, gay chintz and shelves of books provide a setting for study.

The view and the climate dictated the plan of the Manns' modern home overlooking the green slopes of the Pacific Palisades. Here architect J. R. Davidson has effectively combined indoor and outdoor living areas. The living room opens through large glass doors onto the broad brick terrace designed for comfort and relaxation. And in the same manner upstairs bedrooms open on a balcony.

Family forum: Mrs. Mann, the novelist and two of his six children, Erika and Monika on the terrace of their California home. Today Mr. Mann serves the country of his adoption as an assistant to the Library of Congress; Erika is making her own name as a writer; Monika is recuperating as a survivor from the torpedoed City of Benares.
The author of "Of Human Bondage" fled from his estate on the French Riviera to this typical American home in the Carolinas.

With comfort at his fingertips, the eminent British novelist relaxes in the living room of his new home, built for him by his publisher, Nelson B. Doubleday, on the latter's estate at Yemasee, S. C. The fireplace wall is paneled in Carolina pine; other walls are plain; tables are 18th Century pieces; armchairs have bold textured patterns.

Privileged guest is novelist Glenway Wescott, one of the few allowed to penetrate the solitude which envelopes the Maugham menage. Above he breakfasts with Maugham.

Carolina compromise, Maugham's new home is a far cry from Villa Mauresque, his pre-war home at Cap Ferrat on the Riviera. It is a sharp but welcome contrast to the urbane atmosphere of his former home.

The white clapboard house is an adaptation of the typical one-story Bermuda type. Adjacent to this main structure are two small cottages: one for the servants; the other, a super-private study for the author.
Executive on vacation

Harvey E. Morrison relaxes with friends in a cottage set among the tall pines on the shores of Lake George, N.Y.

All the essentials of a fisherman’s vacation are included in this miniature estate stretching down from the white clapboard house on the rock to the shore of Lake George. There is a boathouse for the motor launch “Herren”; and when the hungry fishermen return, their creels full, there is an outdoor fireplace (left) waiting to broil the catch.

China miniatures, Mr. Morrison’s collecting hobby, ranged below the dining room window, stand out, like the boldly patterned wallpaper and china, against blonde oak.

Gaily striped wallpapers (by Imperial) throughout the house are combined with deep upholstered sofas and armchairs to encourage the telling of tall, fishy stories.
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Towels and sheets in House & Garden Colors.

Bottom: Wamsutta's Supercale pillowcases, hemstitched, in a soft shade of Santa Fe Sage with a neat round monogram in white. Next at left, Supercale hemstitched sheets in Teton Turquoise, monogrammed in white. Top right, Augusta Peach Supercale sheets, featherstitched in white with a matching monogram. All these come in blue, green, rose-pink, orchid, ecru, dusty rose and pink. Not all colors at all stores but you're sure to find something to please you.

Lower right: Springfield's 100% wool blankets in Augusta Peach, Santa Fe Sage; also available in blue, dusty rose, cedar, green and white. All above are obtainable at leading stores throughout the country.

Above the turquoise sheets are Martex "Criss Cross" towels in Augusta Peach, monogrammed in Cuban Mango, $21 a dozen. Next, luxuriously large Martex "Princess" towels in white with a monogram in Amazon Green, $27 a dozen.

For the man of the house, the Sea Island Sand hand towels, center right, in Martex "Doric" pattern with a Santos Brown monogram, stunning in its simplicity, $9 a dozen. Prices do not include monograms. All towels at Altman's.

Leisure is going to be our most precious commodity for some time to come, rationed more carefully than sugar, preserved more tenderly than tires. War work of all kinds, superimposed on already busy days, leaves little time for relaxation, and yet this is something we must have in order to go on working efficiently. It's neither sensible nor patriotic to do so much that one does nothing well. Even England found that seven days' work and no play made John Bull a dull workman.

So organize your leisure as carefully as you do your work; make every precious moment count. Even a short pause, enjoyed to the hilt, will send you forth refreshed for tomorrow's labors.

On the following pages we give you our Summer recipes for getting the most out of relaxing. There's something for every taste: the quiet half hour in your room before dinner; the enjoyment of music, not lessened by keeping your hands busy (and your conscience quiet) with knitting or mending; simple games with your children; the incomparable pleasures of friendship, realized afresh when you're more than ever dependent upon each other and can't dash about in search of a good time. Finally, work in the garden, restful to the true gardener who, no matter how weary, would rather wrestle with weeds than sit down comfortably and brood over the headway they're making.

You'll notice that the thread which runs through all these ideas is that of a change of pace. If you've been working sitting still all day it may be more restful to mow the lawn than to go on sitting, and vice versa.

This is not to say that relaxation consists entirely of one kind of work after another. If you're going to relax, do a good job of it. When you come home tired with only an hour to spare, devote half of it to a good old-fashioned soak in the tub. This is emphatically not the time to scramble through a quick shower in order to make out tomorrow's menus. Get up five minutes earlier and do this when you're rested. After your bath lie down for fifteen minutes. Feel the kinks come out of your neck and shoulders, the ache out of your back. Try to cultivate the country doctor's ability to snatch catnaps; it's an invaluable gift.

And when you do go to bed, make sure it's the most comfortable bed possible for you: a mattress just soft enough, a pillow of the right size; smooth sheets, light but warm blankets; and don't omit the few frills which do so much for feminine morale.

Opposite and on the next four pages you will find suggestions for making your moments of complete rest more satisfying. During August about 60 stores will display similar things. Turn to page 78 to find the name of the cooperating store in your vicinity.

These are changing days on the home front as well as abroad. Due to priorities and curtailment of production for civilian use, some of the merchandise shown in this issue may have been withdrawn from sale, or prices may have been changed, since going to press.
On the scrub team

Colors, textures, scents all line up to play their part in making your bathroom an attractive and soothing place in which to relax

Today most of us feel like Alice. We have to run very fast just to stay in the same place. All kinds of war work on top of the increasing complications of living use every ounce of energy we possess. But in order to work you've got to rest too, so the trick is to make every minute of relaxation count. That half hour spent soaking in the tub isn't wasted. It rests tired nerves and muscles, sends you forth with renewed vigor for your many activities.

Take time to relax in your bath; don't be a clock watcher. The rushing which saves five or ten minutes uses up more nervous energy than it's worth and slows you down later on. Be a sybarite. Pamper yourself with spicy bath essences, dry yourself on thick, colorful towels, please your eyes with big monograms. These are little luxuries but they give you a big lift when you need it most.

Victorian scroll and posy monogram, left, on mat. 2 bath towels, 2 wash cloths; in pastels with contrasting monogram, $13. Linen fingertip and guest towels, rose, blue, green or gold, appliquéd hands; $8 and $14 a dozen. Sachets, $4. All at Wm. Coulson & Sons.

In masculine mood, right, a sturdy bath rug in brown and beige. Also in pastel shades. By Waite, $7.49. No bathroom is too small for this small-scaled scale. It's by Detecto, will fit in a tiny space. $3.71. Both may be found at R. H. Macy & Co.

Monogram for moderns, left on ribbed bath mat, $6.50; towel, $4.25; wash cloth, 95c; in blue, gray, yellow, brown, green, peach; Mossè. Linen guest towels with margardie appliqués; all white or gray with pastel appliqués; $3 each at Marghab, Georg Jensen.

Fine birds, fine feathers

1 Nice for a country house is this swan-patterned bath set by Dunee. Bath towel, hand towel and wash cloth come in blue, pink, turquoise, green or peach with white. They are reversible. Sure-Fit's plume-design shower curtain of Krasoid comes in peach, blue, green, white, orchid or yellow. "Water Lily" dusting powder, $1.50; toilet water, $1.50; and "Enchanté" bath essence, $3.50; all Helena Rubinstein.

Add a gay touch

2 Take away the too antiseptic look of an all-white bathroom with Kleineit's flowered chintz shower curtain in white, green, blue, yellow or pink; $7.95. B. Altman has this. Use the same chintz for curtains and for a petticoat on a corner shelf with mirror. For a seat, the Pearl-Wick bench hamper, white with green or peach lid, $4.99, at Gimbel Bros. On the floor an all-cotton floral Delta rug, $5.50, W. & J. Sloane.

Dealer's choice in towels


Sprays and flowers

4 Morning-glories twine around this Marshall Field bath set in ivory and other pastels. Bath towel, $1.00; hand towel, 99c; wash cloth, 99c; at Bloomingdale's. Delicate sprays of white flowers on a translucent Para shower curtain coated with Vinylite. Comes in green, blue, rose, maize, peach or white with 13 plastic hooks, $6.95; McCrery's. Helena Rubinstein's refreshing "Country" dusting powder, $3, and toilet water, $3.95.
Provincial Colonial

This fringed, dot-tufted bedspread would be charming in a low-ceilinged room on a maple four-poster. It is Brockman & Schloss' "Carolina Hobnail" in all white, $5.95 at Bloomingdale's. Pearce's "Victory" blanket, 30% wool, 20% rayon, in wide color range, $10.90. Pacific Mills' hemstitched white percale sheets, 72" by 108", $2.19 each; and pillowcases, 89c each. All at Stern Brothers.

For a country house

Old-fashioned garden flowers, wide knotted fringe on this "Rose Point" spread by Cabin Crafts in palest imaginable gray; $19.95. Light but warm, Fieldcrest "Celamar" blanket, 50% Celanese Lanese spun rayon, 25% wool and 25% cotton, comes in all pastels; $6.95. Both at Bloomingdale's. Fieldcrest white "Duracale" hemstitched sheets, 72" by 108", $2.39 each; and pillowcases, 74c each; McCreery.

Chinese influence

Perhaps the chinoiseries brought back by the captain of a clipper ship inspired the original of this all-white "Betsy Ross" bedspread by Blue Ridge. It is $35 and may be found at Gimbel's. Kenwood Mills' "Duration" blanket is 75% wool, 25% cotton and comes in yellow, green, rose, blue, peach or cedar; $10.95 at Lord & Taylor. Monogrammed, hemstitched white percale sheets by Utica & Mohawk, at Bloomingdale's.

Federal period

Perfect for a mahogany sleigh bed, this white woven spread embodies typical American motifs. It is Bates' "Martha Washington"; $20.98, Macy's. Monogrammed and scalloped percale sheets by Bates, 72" by 108", $3.95 each; pillowcases, $1.25 each; in white with monogram and scallops in pastels; Rich's, Atlanta. Chatham's "Sutton" blanket, 25% wool, 50% rayon, 25% cotton; in pastels; $5.95, Robert Keith, Kansas City.

To bed—to bed

Utterly relaxed in surroundings planned for your comfort, ready for the hours of sleep you must have to fit you for a busy tomorrow

Pursuing our favorite thought for this month—that since you work hard when you work, when you rest you should rest completely—we suggest these inducements to total relaxation. Your bedroom is your refuge from a demanding world. There you can enjoy with a clear conscience the feminine fripperies which every woman needs as an antidote to the grim effort we are all making.

So slip between cool percale sheets, pull up a fluffy blanket if it's chilly, and protect this treasure with a pretty blanket cover. Perhaps a new bedspread will revivify both your room and you. In any event, make the utmost of your all-too-few hours of rest.

Bowsknots and bands, right, appliqued on a rayon crepe blanket cover. In peach, pale blue, or egg-shell. Single, $7.49; double, $9.49; Wm. Coulson. Lebanon's "Superflex" blanket in rosedust, blue, green, cherrywood, $11.50. Baby pillowcase of embroidered pastel linen; $10.75, Leron.

Bedroom essential, left: a blanket cover, like this one of eyelet batiste in all pastel colors, $9.50. Antique ivory linen and organdy baby pillowcase, $4.75. Both at Mossé. "Victoria" down and wool comforter in pastels and dark colors; $24.75, Lanaday Shop.

Flower-sprinkled, wool-filled comforter, at right, in white, tea-rose or blue rayon crepe, $19.50, Grande Maison de Blanc. Tufted spread with contrasting grape cluster design, in a wide range of pastels with white. It is J. & C. Bedspreads' "New Orleans", $17.

Daisy eyelet cotton tray set, left, in rose, blue, yellow or burgundy on white, $7.75, Mossé. For your dressing table, margandie 3-piece set in gray with pink, turquoise, $13, Marghab at Georg Jensen. On your chaise, a cashmere and wool throw in pastels, $22.50, at Grande Maison de Blanc.
Shut out the world, pull in the latch string, take your ease and emerge completely refreshed.

Restful reading
Make a restful ritual of reading your mail instead of flipping through it perched on the edge of a chair. Set the stage for relaxation with a comfortable chaise longue like this one from Hale Bedding; Ferguson's mahogany step-end table; a deep-piled rug, Klearflax "Shaggar", and Imperial's feminine "Ribbon Lattice" wallpaper.

Everything for your convenience: lamp and shade, $18.95, Lord & Taylor; RCA Victor radio, $16.95, Liberty Music Shops; Wedgwood box and ashtray, $11.50, Altman's. In a Kensington crystal bowl, $16, Black, Starr & Gorham, Ariston dated roses.

Bedside library
If you're an inveterate bedtime browser one book won't be enough; you'll want all your favorites within reach. Tuck them in a wall shelf like this painted Provincial one by Peter Hunt, $27.95; flank it with his painted trays, $1, each; Macy's. Kling's fine Early American maple bed and stands. Imperial's geometric wallpaper. Cabin Crafts quaint bedside rug, $1.5, at Macy's.

Karpen's spring and mattress. Fieldcrest Duracale sheets, $2.39 each. McCreery's. White dimity blanket cover, $39.50, pillowcases, $19.50 each, negligée, gown, Léron.

Cool, summery bedroom
Lots of white spiced with red, red roses for a cool country bedroom. Instead of a conventional chaise longue, a group, nice for breakfast or tea à deux, of two heart-shaped slipper chairs by Selig, a low mahogany table and a tier stand by Ferguson.

Imperial's rose spray wallpaper; Cochran's "Milady Rose" carpet; crisp white ruffled organdy curtains, Bartmann & Bixer. Ariston dated roses in a low Kensington crystal bowl, $20, Black, Starr & Gorham. Frozen Dover D'œuvres in Reed & Barton's sterling cake plate; their sterling "Fragrance" teaspoons and tongs on tea tray.

For more about these rooms turn to page 78.
Summery bedroom, bright with roses
Turning the tables to best advantage
With only a minute to spare

Even the smallest chink of the day can easily hold fruitful yet relaxing occupations

It may be the slim half-hour between returning from Red Cross headquarters and an early dinner that you have to spare, it may be only a fifteen minute interval between domestic duties and your life outside. In any event, this is the time to make each smallest leisure minute count—in the job of relaxation that will help to keep you fit.

For some this is best accomplished by being alone in a quiet room, with a good book, no interruptions. Others (somehow these are quite often mothers with a large and lively brood) get a tremendous amount of work done and find time for play too by filling in all the chinks in their busy days with an assortment of easily picked up and dropped occupations; restful because of their very variety.

If you too belong to the pick it up and drop it school, you'll want all the tools of your various trades at your fingertips where you can work on them and yet keep them tidy. A basket of mending is at home in any except the most stiff and formal room. Knitting is a perfect picker-upper—you can even do it without rudeness while talking to an unexpected guest, if it's right there. These interruptable timesavers are perfect when the children want you to play a sudden game of dominoes, or go out to see their vegetable gardens.

Letter-writing, that lost art of the more leisured 18th and 19th Centuries, is bound to undergo a renaissance. War has separated lovers, husbands and wives, mothers and sons. The tenuous link of fragile paper and ink must be strengthened by thoughtfulness in order to carry its burden of affection over so many miles. The brief, “Dear John: It was wonderful to hear from you . . . so glad everything’s going well . . . the children and I are all flourishing and miss you . . . . Love, Mary” sort of thing is no longer adequate.

Family customs have also gone by the boards. It’s not feasible, (on rationed gas and thinning tires, to drive twenty-five or thirty miles on Sunday so that the grandparents may admire Joan’s new tooth and Peter’s prowess with a baseball. Progress must be reported at long range, with winged words, and even helped out by snapshots.

Think of the fun our grandchildren will have, turning over yellowed pages in some attic (will there be attics?) of the future if we take the trouble now to write with imagination and insight of the world we live in and of the humble occurrences of our daily lives.

Going to the movies will also be out (see gas; tires; above in favor of quiet evenings over a backgammon board or with the satisfyingly zany delight of a jigsaw puzzle; or even in more strenuous vein with darts or indoor bowls.

Music will be seriously listened to, not turned on as an unheeded accompaniment to conversation. News broadcasts, with their mention of faraway lands (formerly only names on a map but now suddenly the center of your universe) will be a vital part of the evening. The real enjoyment of good music which can only come from playing some much-loved concerto over and over again will make the phonograph an increasing joy. If you are lucky enough to be able to have both these delights in one, as in the Magnavox radio-phonograph on page 54, so much the better.
Rediscover the genuine joys of

It's fun to write to the men in the service. And it's a red-letter day for them when the mail comes in.

All the family news really comes from Mother. He looks forward to her letters; proudly displays them to his friends if she chooses stationery like the new papers at left. These, priced from $2.15 to $5.25 according to style, and the mother-of-pearl pen, $2.00, at Dempsey & Carroll. Sheffield inkwell and tray, $5.50, and antique letter box, $40.00; Alice Marks. Floral china AES lamp, $10.95; B. Altman, Princeton China's ivory-colored cigarette box, ashtray, $3.00; Bloomingdale. Twinface clock, $19.50; Georg Jensen. Stationery on these pages; Z. & W. M. Crane.

Masculine-looking envelopes or neat airmailers announce a letter from Father, brother or roommate. The paper is conservative too. Army paper, far left, comes with gold insignia on white; next, a tailored informal style with lined envelopes. On desk, heavy white note and airmail papers. Priced from $1.50 to $4.75 per box. Georg Jensen has them, as well as the amber leather desk set, $54.75 for pieces shown; Parker desk pen, $12.50; Seth Thomas clock, $11.00. Paperweight, Steuben's crystal dolphin, $14.00. Spiral glass cylinder lamp, $27.50 at W. & J. Sloane.

Any letter would be exciting on the dreamy pastel papers or dramatically contrasted ones that reflect the personality of the lady of violets. These sophisticated papers range from $1.90 to $6.90 a box at Dempsey & Carroll where you'll also find the handsome mother-of-pearl pen. Keepnews' violet-decorated desk set, $38 at Ovington's for pieces shown. McCrery sells the china AES lamp for $3.95. Crystal cornucopias, $5.00 each. Steuben. Violets, Ariston Dated flowers. Desks, Kittinger. All stationery prices here and opposite without monogram or address.
A prompt answer for her navy beau, whose paper, top right, wears silver insignia. All stationery, Z. & W. M. Crane at Black, Starr & Gorham. Prices, $4.40 to $10 per box. Lamp, $11.50; W. & J. Sloane. Desk pad and holder, $5.50; Alice Marks. Princeton China urn, $2; Bloomingdale. Ariston Dated roses. "House 'n Garden" Frock; Bamberger's, Newark. Desk; Kittinger.
With a Minute to Spare

Sharpen your wits, soothe your soul

Take a letter. Lapboard with linoleum top, clip for sliding papers; under $1.50, at Macy. Eaton's new stationery, "Flight Bond", enough for forty letters, $1 at Altman.

Revel in music: Marek Weber's tangos, Hazel Scott's blues, Eddy Duchin's nostalgic Cole Porter album. Portable electric phonograph, $64.50. All, Haynes-Griffin.

Follow the news with GE's portable radio that operates with or without current, $30, Haynes-Griffin. Rand-McNally's "Cosmopolitan World" map, mounted, $10.15.

Van Gogh as a jigsaw puzzle. Put together his "Bridge at Arles" or one of your other favorite old masters; Macy has them at $1.37 each, the gin-rummy table, $6.98.

Pocket pastimes: easy to carry yourself, good idea for his spare minutes at camp; poker dice, 94c; cribbage, $3.49; 3-way backgammon-chess-checkers, $5.98, Macy.

Swing, symphony or news come to you, as you like, on this striking combination phonograph and radio, Magnavox "Contemporary". Automatic record changer, plenty of storage space. You might use it to learn a language—studying first with your Lingua-phone records, listening later to language broadcasts. Photographed at W. & J. Sloane.
Play a strategy game, such as "Go", whose canny maneuvers have a deadly parallel in the Pacific area now. Originating in China, it was adopted by the Japs as a national pastime, became a favorite of the war lords, whose naval strategy today is uncommonly like that of "Go". Harpered by few written rules, the game is a contest of quick thinking, lightning moves, check and countercheck, encircling gambits to stymie the enemy. About $5, Macy.


Beer and skittles, restful combined or singly. Stoneware beer cooler, $7.50; mugs, $1.25 ea.: Hammacher Schlemmer. Indoor bowling game, $7.95, Schwarz.

Poker darts, entertaining pick-me-up to quicken your eye, improve your aim. The soft wooden board carries bowling-dart game on reverse side; $1.98, R. H. Macy.

Cooling potions for the late afternoon, served from Peter Hunt's jumbo knife box. $15. Fostoria's "American" glasses, about $5 a dozen. All at Macy. Recipes on page 72.
Backyard buffet in garden hues
Stay at home, enjoy your friends

Nor rationing nor dimout can destroy the urge
to share good food and talk with others

To share pleasure is to double it. And chances are you'll be seeing your cronies much as usual in this busiest of busy times. More, perhaps, for the Summer nomad is vanished and all of us are tethered close to home by the shortening spate of tires and gasoline.

Unless you live smack in the heart of the city, it becomes a problem for your guests to appear on the scene at all. This means that (1) you will see more of neighbors, wondering why you hadn't done so before, and (2) when your remoter friends do arrive, you'll have the answer to make it quite worth their while.

You will discover a number of home truths that somehow never seemed important before: parties of scrambled ages can be both amusing and relaxing—there is not such disparity of tastes between the generations as you had thought. With a little advance planning, less service can provide a better effect for two guests or twenty. A dollop of imagination is better than caviar.

If you live in the country and cope, as do most, with the Servant Problem, invite your city friends out for a Working Weekend. Probably with the gardener gone to the wars and the hired man off to the factory, there are innumerable chores to be done. Nothing makes a city tenderfoot feel so much like Abe Lincoln as the good old custom of splitting rails—and there comes your Winter wood supply. Weeding the garden or digging in its sun-baked earth is a not-too-arduous task for your frustrated green-thumbed friends who are normally confined to potted geraniums in town. Supply them with jeans and sun hats to wear, plenty of good simple food to eat, cooling potions skilfully mixed and let the charm of the bees and the crickets go the rest of the way to guarantee a success.

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Work out one entertaining formula that suits your household and learn to run it off with the minimum of trouble. Plan it forehandedly—from the apéritif that precedes the meal to the games or music that comes after. Then put your formula into motion, relax and enjoy your friends.

Leafy green, deep aubergine

for a fresh buffet scheme

Everyone who has even so much as a pocket handkerchief of soil has planted vegetables for Victory this year. And everyone who has ever nursed even a radish from seedhood to rotund, crimson perfection has the urge to call in everyone to admire. So when your vegetables are at their height, give an outdoor, buffet luncheon in their honor.

In garden mood, delicate floral motifs grace the "Inaugural" pattern State House sterling silver. See detail at left. Their "Vogue" knife and fork come just between dinner and luncheon ones in size.

Pottery rabbit and leaf dishes, $25 each; melon dish, $10; pedestal leaf dishes, $3 each; large leaf plate, $8.50; green and white linen napkins, $24 a dozen; all at Carole Stupell, Ltd.

Maroon-bordered ivory Lenox plates are $70 a dozen at Plummer. Tomato juice, freshly pressed, of course, from your own abundant crop, wait appetizingly in a "Teardrop" pitcher, $1.50, with matching glasses, $8.30 a dozen, by Duncan & Miller; Altman.

Supporting all these good things are Molla's "Aquamist" wrought-iron table and console with reed border. Both may be found at Hammacher Schlemmer.

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Outdoor effect

August calls for al fresco meals whether it be on a city terrace or a country porch

Cocktails on the terrace in the late afternoon are the perfect recipe for relaxation and relief from blistering mid-Summer heat.

Such brief moments of leisure are highlighted when you have attractive outdoor furniture, like this Tête-à-Tête group. The wrought-iron table is painted canary yellow, with a Velvex glass top, two chairs have woven rope seats and backs. (Also comes in white.) The unit by Ficks Reed, $75 at Carole Stupell, Ltd.

Glassware is by Libbey. Cocktail pitcher, $15; tidbit jar at left, $15, at right, $12.50; ashtrays, $18 doz.; globe cigarette holder, $4; 14” plate, $15; cocktail glasses in “American Prestige” pattern, $27 doz. Linen napkins by Marghab, 89 doz., All, Georg Jensen.


For a bucolic buffet set the table with red and white checked mats decorated with barnyard animals; 9-pc. set $2.50 at Lord & Taylor. Peter Hunt's wooden dory bailer, grand for potato chips, $2.97. Dip in his cookie firkin for super homemade brownies, $7.97. Both, Macy. For milk or beer, brown Throckmorton pottery jug and mugs, with musical notes. Jug, $5, mugs, $12 doz.; Carson Pirie Scott.

For a woodland cabin, or to bring the memory of tangy pine forests to your city penthouse, choose this Brown County Pottery in cream and brown for informal entertaining. Large oval dish with black-eyed susans, $7.50; the deep bowl with pine needles, acorns, $2.75; matching 11” plate, $4; hot plate stand with deer, $1.25. Hand-blocked Wallach linen mat set, deer and pines; 17-pc., $10.50, Bitter & Loud.
For Summer dining under the stars consider these cheerful, light-hearted accessories

Snowy milk glass on a sky-blue tablecloth will give the lie to a soaring thermometer. Superficial covered camel dishes form the centerpiece on this table, set with Westmoreland glass, for open air dining. Camel dishes, 90c ea.; graceful candlesticks, Sandwich reproductions, $1.79 pr.; swan cigarette holder, 39c; open salt dishes, 15c ea.; pepper shakers, 35c ea.; square plates with open work borders, 81c ea.; water goblets, wine glasses, sherbet glasses, 69c ea. All are at Reit’s.

Alvin sterling silver flatware in “Chapel Bells” pattern. White moulded Emkay candles give a festive appearance to the table. Dinkel-spiel sky-blue tablecloth with magnolia border, $1.98, napkins, 29c ea., Abraham & Straus.

The Victorian wire settee has a dusty rose seat cushion, white tufting. There are matching chairs, not shown. The Mayhew Shop.

A shore dinner to go straight to a fisherman’s heart might be served up on these English earthenware plates with fish decoration. Plates $7.50 doz. at Black. Starr & Gorham. The coral-colored fishnet place mat is one of set of 8, price $12.50. Yellow and green beer mugs, $15 doz. Set of 12 napkins, $18. All, Saks-Fifth Avenue. Overton pecan wood server, three compartments, $3, individual server, $1, Sterns.

Pastoral plates on your table in town will do a lot to offset the fact that your breezes come over the roof tops instead of across a country meadow. Wedgwood service in “Cornflower” pattern, 12” platter, $8.00; 10” dinner plates, $22.50 doz.; 8” covered casserole dish, $18.25: Ovington’s. Fostoria glasses in “Holly” pattern, $1.25 each, Stern’s. Wallach’s 16-piece peasant luncheon set, $13.95 at Lord & Taylor.
For one guest or twenty

Here are fillips to brighten vacation tables and lighten Summer entertaining

For afternoon, tea or punch

A cup of tea (far left) is the Englishman's panacea. Make it yours from Castleton's "Carlton" china. Tea pot, $16.50; sugar bowl, $10.50; cream jug, $7.75; cups, saucers, $3.50 doz.; plates, $4.25 doz.; Marshall Field, Chicago. Cloth, 6 napkins, $5.50 at McCutcheon.

For serving fruit punches (left) a clear crystal bowl is always festive. Imperial's bowl with ladle, in "Candlewick" pattern, with eight glasses, is $8.50 for the set; plate, $2.50; at Gimbel's.

For simple Summer suppers

Deck your table (far left) with colorful flowered Syracuse china in "Bombay" pattern when friends drop by for supper. Dinner plates are $14.95 doz.; vegetable dish, $1.75 ea.; sauce boat, $5.15; 14" platter, $5.60; at Ovington's. 17-pc. linen set, $21.50, at McCutcheon.


For formal luncheons, dinners

Fruits and flowers (far left) decorate Spode's "Reynolds" pattern. Coffee pot, $13.50; luncheon plates, $29.40 doz.; cups and saucers, $33.60 doz.; small bowls, $23.40 doz.; jug, $9; McCrerry. Mat set, 17-pc., $3.50, McCutcheon.

For dinner (left), "Spike" pattern crystal by Sharpe. Water goblets, champagne, claret, sherry glasses, $12 doz.; fingerbowls, plates, luncheon plates, $16.20 doz.; Altman. Quaker Lace mat, $1.10, Bloomingdale.

(More accessories on page 83)
Speed your weekend guests on their homeward trek with a late Sunday luncheon outdoors. It will fortify them for the rigors of whatever form of locomotion they are condemned to.

The Chinese Modern influence has overflowed the house and reached the terrace in this interesting furniture of wrought-iron to simulate natural bamboo. Chairs have pink leather seats; table is glass-topped, Molla, Inc. Continuing the Oriental feeling, the Haviland china in "Crimson Cambridge" pattern displays a Chinese tree motif; dinner plates, $22 a dozen; butter plates, $14 a dozen; Ovington's. They stand on natural bamboo mats with bands of crimson and green, $2.95 for 10; Fallani & Cohn's crimson linen napkins, $5.25 a dozen; McCutcheon.

Sculptural scrolls give distinction to Wallace's "Stradivari" pattern in sterling; see detail above. Crystal goblets and claret glasses, Cambridge's "Tempo" pattern, $12 a dozen, Stern's. More Chinese touches: porcelain spoons for cigarettes, $1 each; vases, $10 each; Rich's, Atlanta. Ronson's "Perisphere" lighter, $7.50, Altman's. Dress, Bergdorf-Goodman.
I t was easy enough to see that the value of refrigerators would soar just as soon as their production was stopped, by order of the War Production Board. We knew they would grow scarce and increasingly valuable, and they did. But it wasn't so obvious that refrigerators would quickly outstrip their own high scarcity-value because of the even more severe scarcity of tires and gasoline.

A paradox maybe, but perfectly easy to grasp, for the less a woman uses a car the more she depends on the refrigerator. The less trips to market, the more food will be stored and the longer it must be kept fresh in the refrigerator. No matter how it's planned, the success of a rationed pattern for housekeeping will depend pretty much on the refrigerator, that shiny white wonder which can't be replaced, in whole or part, no matter what. Priceless is really a low guess at the value of refrigerators today.

Since this treasure is mechanical, the only way to keep it is to use it. Use it to advantage, making the most of every feature and running it efficiently. For this you will want to brush up on the rules for refrigerators, not only what they need but what they do, and why. So from manufacturers and researchers we have collected the very latest advice on using refrigerators today. It's the last word applying to all different makes of refrigerators and the kind of advice that is pleasant to take for it shows you what a lot you should expect in service, as well as the care you must give to this prize.

As a nutrition-conscious nation we have learned to memorize vitamins, count up calories and follow faithfully that Daily Food Pattern. But our best balanced plans will fall far short of the dinner table unless food is properly stored and cooked. There's been so much talk about cooking that the rules are familiar by now, but the importance of proper food storage has just recently been proved.

Milk with its calcium and vitamin A is one food that we've long known must be kept in the refrigerator. This goes for canned milk too, after it's been opened.

Fresh vegetables, we now know, lose their vitamin content very rapidly after being picked, especially if they are exposed to room temperature and dry air. The best way to keep these vitamin losses at a minimum is to store vegetables, covered, at low temperatures. (Winter root vegetables are the exception.) If your vegetable compartment gets overcrowded use moisture proof bags, but remember that wilted vegetables may be revived in appearance but never in vitamin content.

Oranges, grapefruit and such will hold their own vitamin C at room temperature. Chill them before serving.

Fresh lean meat, rich in B minerals and protein, should be stored where it is very cold and quite humid, in the meat compartment, or covered in the coldest part of the box.

Eggs, high in vitamins A, D, should be covered and refrigerated to prevent a loss of moisture and food value through the shell. Butter and fortified margarine if tightly covered can be kept at low temperatures for very long periods with no measurable loss of vitamin A.
WHERE to put it? The inevitable question now that you're faced with the problem of stowing several days' marketing in the same refrigerator that used to seem crowded with the food for one day, and hopelessly jammed over week-ends. The solution is to plan, in general and detail. Stop just "putting things away" and start filing them in place according to the following system.

Before you begin on a new load of groceries clear your box of those assorted left-overs. If you can't use them, throw them out, sooner instead of later. They can sabotage your system. Remember you want to arrange the food so the air can circulate freely to preserve food and run the box efficiently.

Inside the freezing unit, where the ice trays are, you store your quick-frozen foods. If your freezing unit has no storage space, remove one or two ice trays and make room for them. It's worth doing with less ice to have plenty of frozen foods to last between marketings.

If you have a special meat compartment directly under the freezing unit you will naturally use it as such. If not, store steaks, chops and other flat cuts in the defrosting tray and roasts on a plate. Cover these lightly with waxed paper.

The covered vegetable compartment is bound to be crowded if you've bought enough greenery for several days. So take it out and pack it carefully, in the order of use, with freshly washed and de-topped vegetables.

Store your surplus butter and such at the back of the shelves and use those nested glass containers and transparent covers so you can see what you've got.

NOW that you can't be driving to the store to get the ice-cream just before dinner, and the store isn't delivering it on schedule either, you'll find it's worth while to make your own in the refrigerator. If you've tried it before without luck don't count it out until you've tried it once more, this way.

First of all use a good tested recipe so you can be sure of the proportions—a frozen creamy mixture is not necessarily ice cream. Most recipes include egg white or whipped cream to give a light fluffy texture. Whip the egg white stiff but not dry, the cream to the consistency of soft custard.

Wet the bottom of the freezing tray and turn the cold control to the coldest setting. Stir or heat the ice cream once or twice while freezing. When it is frozen, reset the control to normal and if possible cover the ice cream with wax paper and let it stand in the tray to "mellow" for a day before serving.

BECAUSE it's not easy to break the habit of taking a good refrigerator for granted, you will probably need a set of hard and fast rules to start you giving it the care it deserves, the care it must have if it's to see your family through.

To begin with be sure that the refrigerator is placed so that it can operate without a handicap. It should be as far as is practical away from the hot spots—the stove, heating pipes, registers and strong sunlight. There must be at least 2\(\frac{1}{2}\) inches of free space behind it and 6 to 12 inches above it. The more the better all around since circulating air carries off heat.

Set yourself a regular time for defrosting; you'd better make it the day before your major marketing. The rules say to defrost when the ice on the freezing unit is \(\frac{1}{4}\) inch thick, but under the heavy-duty conditions of today this will surely be about once a week and a regular date is easier to remember; you can even mark it on the calendar. While you defrost take everything out of the box and wash the interior, including the shelves and the freezing unit, inside and out, with warm water and baking soda (1 teaspoon to 3 quarts of water). Remember to empty the ice trays, wash and refill them with fresh water.

For the outside of the box use plain soap and water, no abrasives. Next use the hand-brush attachment of your vacuum cleaner to remove the dust and lint which gather on the fins and coils at the back of the refrigerator. Also clean carefully beneath and behind the box. If yours is an "open type" unit, oil the motor twice a year with a light grade motor oil.

Make it a rule to cool foods to room temperature before putting them in the refrigerator. Try to take out everything you will need for a meal at one time; you'll probably never do it but it's the best way to cut down on the times you open the door. Wipe up spilled foods immediately as food acids may damage the finish. Never use can openers and such to pry ice-trays loose, for if you should slip and puncture the freezing unit you'd have trouble which might not be fixable. Guard the gasket round the door, wiping off food or grease immediately and avoiding stretching and scuffing. The gasket's made of rubber.
Even editors work in Victory Gardens
VICTORY GARDEN HARVEST SHOWS

Gardeners are independent people with forthright ideas of their own. Months before the Government changed the name of its emergency financing from Defense Bonds to War Bonds, gardeners went the whole way at one leap—a week after Pearl Harbor their Defense Gardens had become Victory Gardens.

This presumption of victory is in line with the blind faith that leads gardeners to sow seed—dead-looking seed that they tuck into the brown earth—with certainty and assurance that it will spring to life. Every garden ever made was a Victory Garden. In expansive eras of peace and the grim, restricted years of war alike, the purpose of gardening is to win a victory. Come wind and lashing rain and scorching sun, come plant pests and diseases innumerable, come merciless drought and unheralded frost, still, somehow these are surmounted until victory is attained. The crop is the victory.

Today more gardeners and many who never gardened before are demonstrating their certain belief in victory by the crops they are raising. We are shouldering our particular part of the national war effort and sharing in every ounce of lease-lend food that goes overseas to our Allies. And when those crops are ripe and ready for the harvesting, what more natural, more gardenerish, than that we gather with our neighboring gardeners to display the victories we have won!

The idea of holding Victory Garden Harvest Shows throughout the rest of this year came as a logical result of planting Victory Gardens. Sprung from the fertile brain of a New York newspaperman, J. W. Johnston, his suggestion found an overwhelming reply. A local committee, representing horticultural interests, was formed and within a few weeks, when seed had scarcely begun to touch earth, a National Committee was assembled, machinery began to hum.

Because I can’t resist furthering any interest that will induce more people to labor on their own land, I accepted the national chairmanship. A wire to Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard brought his acceptance as Honorary Chairman.

Now holding harvest shows in Autumn is no new idea.

Garden clubs throughout the land and the great horticultural societies and the trade have always sponsored them. They are part of the pleasant amenities of gardening; they spread its gospel and make for good neighborhood spirit.

In hundreds of towns Fall shows had already been planned by Federated Garden Clubs, the Garden Clubs of America, and in cities by the horticultural societies. It has required real sacrifice on the part of these organizations to change their plans to fit into this new patriotic purpose.

The kernel of the Victory Garden Harvest Show, which makes it different from accustomed procedure, is that (1) it is to be conducted with a minimum of expense—stickers instead of ribbons and money prizes and simple staging instead of costly efforts; (2) everyone in the neighborhood is urged to send something whether he is a club member or not; (3) 85% of the admission money is to be used for the benefit of America’s armed forces and the emergency needs of their families. An admirable contribution.

The Department of Agriculture is sending out to its 5,000 county agents the pamphlet containing suggestions for giving Victory Garden Harvest Shows which the National Committee has prepared. Wherever possible, these agents will lend a hand.

Since the various crops of flowers, fruits and vegetables which make up the ideal Victory Garden do not reach maturity and desirable showing state in all parts of the country at the same time, Victory Garden Harvest Shows will be running through both this Summer and Autumn.

Some garden clubs are making their shows into house-to-house visits, where the individual owner’s harvest of flowers, vegetables, fruits and home canned supplies will be displayed. Pilgrimages to gardens come under the head of Victory Garden Harvest Shows too. Indeed, any method whereby the idea of harvest, of a gardener’s victory, can be turned to the benefit of America’s armed forces and the emergency needs of their families is acceptable. Information may be obtained from Victory Garden Harvest Shows at 230 West 41st Street, New York, N. Y.

As I have been hoeing my vegetable rows these past few weeks (for even editors try to practice what they preach) the vision of Victory Garden Harvest Shows—thousands of them—has been unfolding. Big shows have their place, but most of all I like to think of them in crossroad towns and hamlets. The schoolhouse, the town hall, the fire house, the church basement. John Doe’s three best ears of corn on a paper plate. Mrs. Doe’s best jars of apple butter and snapbeans in proud array. Jimmie Doe’s finest dahlias in a milk bottle and Joannie Doe’s perfect Fall-bearing strawberries and apples. The town florist lends a hand, and the general store that sells seeds and implements, and a nearby nursery, and the 4-H boys and girls show their farming prowess.

Comfortable and poor, well-known and obscure, white and colored, Protestant, Catholic and Jew, trained gardener and beginner, businessman and housewife, young and old, all have an equal chance to show and enjoy these victories. Victory Garden Harvest Shows of the people, by the people, for the people—people who are determined that the right to work their own plots of land undisturbed shall not perish from the earth.

RICHARDSON WRIGHT
How to make a lasting lawn

Is your lawn infested with crab grass and your house with guests? On these gassless weekends give a crab grass party. Stretch strings 3 feet apart up the lawn and deposit a guest in each section. Provide them with old kitchen knives and instructions on how to root up this lawn pest. No one can have a drink until he has cleaned his patch and reached the bar at the end. Great sport for reducers. And you solve one of the most annoying Summer lawn problems.

Late Summer is the best time to take these six essential steps

Test your soil. Since a lawn is a permanent planting, it requires careful and complete preparation. You must learn the nature of your soil—its acidity content and its texture. To find its chemical state use a soil tester set, as shown, following the directions on set. To find its texture—whether or not it needs leafmold—take a slice 6" deep and put in milk bottle with water. Shake and let settle. Rich soil will show dark on top and poor lighter on bottom. A large proportion of poor soil indicates need for manure, leafmold or peat moss, which you add in preparing soil.

Spread manure. Grass roots will grow deeper than most of us think—if there is food down there for them to find. And in penetrating deeper the roots reach cooler and damper areas, which will better sustain the surface growth in droughts. Lack ing manure, use leafmold and a complete fertilizer. Spread enrichment evenly. If the soil is clayey, break down its stiffness with sand and leafmold. If too sandy, leafmold or peat moss will form sponges to hold moisture that otherwise would drain away. Autumn is the best time to do this lawn work—best for the new grass and for you on poor ground. By turning under the manure quite deep you avoid sowing a crop of weed seeds. Deep digging also mixes the various soil textures so that a uniform condition exists all the way down. Dig down not less than the depth of the spade and clout the rough clods you raise.

Dig under enrichment. All too many desirable lawn areas near new houses contain builder's debris—old bits of plaster and wood. These must be dug out and discarded. Also, if the fill is mainly hard pan and otherwise poor soil, you'll have to invest in top soil. Good lawns can't be made and then cross-sow, so that there is a complete coverage. Rape the seed in lightly and then press down with a roller. If rainless days follow, sprinkle the lawn with the finest spray available. Of course you will avoid walking on newly seeded lawns until a uniform growth appears.

Prepare the top soil. While digging you will throw out all largish rocks and in raking the top layer will take out most of the small ones. You will also have a chance, in breaking down the clumps left from digging, to fill in the obvious hollows. Avoid low spots in lawns. Finally this last refinement gives a chance to work in peat moss to hold top moisture and, if your soil tester showed its need, lime. Rake lengthwise and crosswise. You are making a seed bed for very small seed and therefore this soil surface must be very fine. If too rough, the seeds are lost and wasted.

Sow seed. Procure the right kind of seed for the location of your lawn. If it is shaded, special mixtures are available for this condition and for others. Don't save on the price of seed—get the best procur able. Select a windless day, sow the seed low to the ground. Sow in one direction and then cross-sow, so that there is a complete coverage. Rape the seed in lightly and then press down with a roller. If rainless days follow, sprinkle the lawn with the finest spray available. Of course you will avoid walking on newly seeded lawns until a uniform growth appears.

Raise blades. In most sections of the country late Summer is the best time to make a lawn. The usual rabble of Summer weeds do not appear and the few that venture forth can be hand weeded. For the first cutting, when the new grass is about 3" high, raise the mower blades so that you only nip off the top of the growth, letting the clippings fall where they will. Made early enough and with ground well prepared, the grass roots will have penetrated the soil and anchored the plants before the first hard frost. Then by the following Spring you have a real lawn.
Try miniature evergreens

Aren't we too prosaic about making our gardens? In India they assured a tree's thriving by having the soil pressed round its roots by barefooted virgins. We know a garden where champagne was opened and each of the guests poured a few drops before drinking long life to Cedrus libani. If you are making a rock garden, why not lay its first stone with ceremony—invite the neighbors and let everyone help set the stone?

As a class, rock garden plants are Spring bloomers, but rock gardens may be attractive throughout the year. They seldom are, but they may be. Dwarf evergreen trees and shrubs combined with evergreen ground covers is the answer.

While all of the trees and shrubs herein recommended for rock garden use are really dwarf when compared with the type trees from which they came, a tree that at maturity reaches a height of ten feet is too large when mature for any rock garden. But it may be a slow grower and if bought in small sizes, say about twelve inches, it may not outgrow its location for six or eight years.

This should be kept in mind for it gives us a much greater list from which to choose suitable material than if we were to confine our selections to those that are known to be permanent miniatures.

Let us take up these little trees, species by species, and examine more thoroughly those that are the most useful for our purpose—the adornment of medium to large rock gardens.

When I attempt to evaluate ornamental evergreen trees, the genus that invariably comes first to mind is the yew. Taxus cuspidata nana, the dwarf Japanese yew, is a little gem and should not be confused with the more common Taxus cuspidata. It is of an artistic, irregular form and its coarse leaves of very dark green give it a sturdy appearance.

Another yew variety is Taxus cuspidata densa. This one is more dense and even more slow growing than the variety above described.

T. cuspidata fastigiata aurea is indeed an imposing name for a very dwarf tree. It is of upright growth with dense up-growing branches and coarse foliage which appears first a soft yellow color but becomes yellowish green as it ages.

Next to the yews, in my estimation, come the spruces. In this group are several varieties of the Norway spruce—

Picea excelsa maxwellii, P. excelsa nidi- formis, P. excelsa pygmaea, P. excelsa re- monti, P. excelsa chunbrasiliiana and P. excelsa procumbens. All of these are slow growing, very dwarf, very dense, none of them likely to ever outgrow its place in the garden.

Another very remarkable little tree is Picea glauca conica, the dwarf Alberta spruce. This one is of upright growth, of smooth formal lines with soft fine foliage.

There are not many really dwarf arborvitaes but one is outstanding and you may plant it with the assurance that it will ever remain a true miniature. It is known as "Little Gem". Its foliage is about the same as that of the regular American arborvitae, but its form is that of a low rounded mound.

I would like to report on the junipers from actual experience, but must admit that I have had indifferent success with the low forms that I have tried. The one exception is J. horizontalis plumosa, a beauty that for me grows only about sixteen inches high but spreads so widely that the average rock garden could not accommodate more than one or two. It has the pointed type of leaves which take on a purplish tint in Winter. There are others of this same form but all seem to have the same spreading growth.

A pretty little tree form known as J. excelsa stricta has grown in my garden for the past five years and while it is not a really dwarf tree it has not yet outgrown its location. It is a dense cone-shaped form with soft silvery green foliage. The Winters here in central New York are a bit rough on the foliage. But if you live a few hundred miles farther south than I do, it would be worth while to give it a trial.

J. sabina is one of the prettiest junipers in both form and foliage. It is an upright spreading bush type, eventually reaching three feet.

The retinisporas, sometimes spelled retinospora, (Continued on page 82)
There is not a pleasanter annual in the horticultural world today than the renaissance of the scented pelargonium (geranium) which found its way three centuries ago from South Africa to England through the Navy fleet and captains of Dutch trading ships. The name derives from pelargos, a stork, in allusion to a beak of the fruit which resembles a stork’s bill.

In 1753 Linnaeus wrote of twenty species under the genus geranium. Thirty-four years later in France, L’Heritier founded the genus pelargonium and transferred many of the Linnaean species.

The zonal class, conspicuous for its brilliant full flower heads, found greatest favor for a very long time. Then hybridists found means to produce variegated-leaved pelargoniums, such as golden tricolor, silver tricolor, bronze or bicolor and others.

The height of the fever was in the early 19th Century, some time in the happiest years of Queen Victoria’s reign. Garden history repeated its habit of evolution. Society weakened in its admiration and support of the colorful budding sorts and turned to the quieter survivals of the type.

Here we show plans for a garden of geraniums. This garden should be planned now. In the Fall, drifts of tulips are planted as shown below. The tulip bed with its gay edging of pansies and English daisies provides early color.

Nellie B. Allen plans a garden border to feature Spring color followed by fragrant foliage and continuous bloom throughout the Summer

Summer fragrance is primarily the goal in this border. Form in the variations of growth, as it divides, lengthens, or heightens space, is second in value. Color is the third factor, but it should have equal importance in veiling the companionship of green or glaucous leaves and subtle flowers into a balanced vista of softest tones.

There is such charm in the geranium class that we suggest on the opposite page a garden of them to follow the tulips.

In each hybrid’s leafage there is a quiet green of background for the small delicate umbel of florets that most often hold to white, dull lilac, soft pink and, rarely, red. All flowers of the sweet-leaved geranium are small with five petals. The two upper ones are penciled in tiny darker lines.

Since the foliage of these hybrids is all much the same, even if the choicest among the varieties are used, there is no challenge in introducing the several aromatics and sweet herbs between the geranium groups, as all have their lineage from the same hot, dry regions. Rosemary (Dew of Heaven) came from...
Southern Europe and Asia Minor. Native lavender sprang from the sun-drenched lands of the Mediterranean, but transplanted proved its perfection in the moist air of Micham, England. Both plants act as accents and are placed in the border’s front edge where lovers of fragrance, as they pass, can draw the delicious branchlets through their hands.

At the back line strength calls for the three old roses. Provence, old pink moss and damask, to mingle their sweetest breath with the pungence of the sweet briars and the bewitching incense odor of boxwood in the hedge. Southernwood has much grace and diversity to fortify the corners. At the left corner of the border sweet basil, var. lettuce leaf, lends nice contrast of color and provides good background for geranium crispum Prince Rupert, whose perpendicular stems with curled leaves of gray-white resemble the shape of a wee Irish yew. The two mints each contribute in full measure by their unusual character of leafage. Rotundifolia variegated has round curled gray leaves marked with white blotches or occasionally all white leaves. Crispa, a full bush of pretty grayness, in very curled leaves, has spikes of lavender flowers.

Old favorites, too, reappear. If nosegays are to come from the border, lemon verbena must be among the deliciousness. A wisp of lavender, lemon verbena, moss rose, Dr. Livingston geranium and mignonette could entrance a thousand noses. The front edge of the border flows in drifts of the gray-white geranium, Mme. Salleroi, mignonette and Royal Fragrance heliotrope.

The two boxwoods in the front line, selected for the most casual irregular form, will add gaiety to the low growing plants and the “fragrance of eternity” will strengthen in the passerby the sense of mystical memory, or rare incense of the ages.

Sweet briar roses “of refined beauty, tender and decided color, fragrant leaves, sweet combinations to the sense of sight and smell”, combined with boxwood, hedge the back line of the border, to be held in control by definitely timed pruning.

In the arrangement of the border every consideration has been given to a realization of security and to the success of the sweet-leaved geraniums. In good stocky plants from four inch pots they can be transplanted into the border by June first, or late in May, or even earlier in warm climates.

The border should have eastern and southern exposures in full sun until late afternoon, with no trees near to shade. The ideal location is near the house where open windows can welcome the fragrance, and the house will protect the geraniums from the wind and rain. Again, where space need not be considered, the border, which is fifty feet in length, can be repeated in a fragrant path with a flagged walk of five feet between. A garden prospect is always governed by relation in its location, but in this case the path should lead intimately to the house. It might end with entrance to the south side terrace.

Rosemary will flourish if potted each autumn and protected in a cool greenhouse. A good garden loam, lightK fertilized and leavened with humus, is required for the tulips and, slightly revived, the same soil will be good for the geraniums with a certainty of drainage. With the flowering of the tulips past, the bulbs are lifted and layered in the service garden to ripen off, so the border affords a timely date for the sweet-leaved occupants and is equal to the succession of the two joys of a real gardener’s heart—color and fragrance.
August Gardener's Calendar

1. August with its sultry days affords the gardener one real chance to sit down and relax and enjoy the fruits of his labor. Things do need doing, though.

2. Weeds don't stop growing in spite of restful days. They seem to thrive on them. So keep after them. They're easier to get out while still small.

3. A good lazy day job is cutting off dead flower heads. Each flower has one purpose in life—to set seed. If you allow them to do it they'll stop blooming.

4. On really hot days you can always sit in the shade and make up your Fall bulb order. The catalogs are pouring in now and the order should go off early.

5. Try to visualize where each group of bulbs will go. There are lots of ways to use them and a bulb for every garden spot. And the Americans are growing good bulbs.

6. While sitting under that same tree you can tarry longer if you start making plans for next year's garden. Jot down each thought and every plant that needs moving.

7. Watering needs to be done. This really can be a lazy man's job if done right. No need to water unless it is thorough. This means setting the sprinkler and letting it run.

8. When finished with the hose, hang it up under cover. Be sure all the water is drained out. Hoses are made of rubber and can't be replaced very easily these days.

9. A good sitting down job is taking the crab grass out of the lawn. Mark off a spot and take your time digging it. Don't try the whole lawn at once. Take it easy.

10. Real relaxation isn't just sitting quietly but rather getting away from things. Getting one's hands into the soil. There are lots of jobs this month requiring this.

11. Oriental poppies are dormant now and just right for transplanting and dividing. Dig them up, separate the roots and replant. Each small piece of root will grow.

12. Pansy seed for next year's plants should be sown now. Start in the frame and transplant when ready. Carry over in the frame and plant out next Spring.

13. Perennials, too, should be started from seed now. Sizable plants by Fall will winter in the open if covered. Others stay in cold frame until Spring.

14. Evergreens are dormant this month and are in best shape for transplanting. One caution is to give them plenty of water right up until the ground freezes.

15. The lawn falls into the scheme of hot weather and doesn't grow quite as fast. But it does need cutting. Set the lawn mower high for greenest lawns.

16. Rose gardens need just as much care during hot weather as in any other growing period. Regular spraying, dusting, cultivation and watering make for best Fall bloom.

17. Spend one afternoon going over the garden paths. Take out all weeds and make the edges neat. Raise all flagstones which have worked down into the ground.

18. Not very good hot weather work but at least the time is available now for little construction jobs. Perhaps mending the fence or building a new trellis or two.

19. Bugs are the most serious problem of sultry weather. You have to keep after them for they put the lively rabbit to shame. Spray regularly and often, hand pick, too.

20. It's time to start sowing radishes and lettuce again. Also other succession crops can be sown. A late crop of peas can go in now for Fall picking.

21. Keep the vegetable garden free of weeds, insects and in general order. Don't waste any food. Can your extras and if you still have too much give it away.

22. Cultivation is an important item to keep the garden going all Summer. This loosening of the soil provides air for the roots and sets up a mulch to hold moisture.

23. The end of August is the real time to start a lawn in most sections of the country. The weather at this time is ideal growing weather and starts a lawn that will last.

24. Plant food is a good thing to keep most plants in good growth. Too much, though, will make them weak. Always water the food in well to prevent burning plants.

25. Berry bushes should be mulched. All old canes on which fruit was borne should be cut to the ground. New shoots will grow by Fall ready to bear next year's crop.

26. Strawberries can be transplanted at this time. Set out runners or buy potted plants. Give new plants plenty of water and keep shaded for a few days.

27. When you have finished cutting the lawn, don't fall exhausted. Rather, spend another hour trimming the edges. It makes all the difference in the world.

28. If you didn't get your iris separated right after blooming there is still time. Be sure to dust the rhizomes with sulphur before replanting them.

29. Dahlias will give the largest blooms if they are disbudded. They need plenty of water when setting buds. Remove nozzle from hose and let it run at their roots.

30. Dahlia borers can ruin a good plant in short order. Watch for tiny holes in the plant stalks and at first signs cut out the culprit with a sharp knife.

31. Better not work the shrubbery border again. Late cultivation forces new growth which doesn't have the chance to harden up for Winter weather.

A well planned garden has a continuous parade of color throughout the Summer. Make a note of any dull spots now so they may be changed next year.
SERVICE CLUBHOUSES

Three rooms from one of the comfortable centers for service men maintained by the U. S. O.

It's a far cry from the drab recreation huts of the last war to these comfortable club rooms. And the men appreciate and use them; the cheerful upholstery is usually invisible beneath a covering of khaki or navy blue figures.

These pictures were taken at Fort Dix but they are typical of the standard clubhouses which the U. S. O. is maintaining at the large army camps and naval bases.

Don't think that the flowers are photographers' "props". The local Garden Club keeps the service clubhouses generously supplied. Glimpses of the livable main lounge, the writing and music room and the well-stocked library are shown below.

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Summer will supply you at least a few carefree moments—herewith lifts to improve upon them

Even a war Summer has intervals of leisure, even the busiest days will find you spending more hours at home than of old. Important now to make the most of these, lodge them fast in memory, share them with friends.

To draw out the few lingering moments before a Summer luncheon and stimulate good talk, consider one of the growing crop of American vermouths. Serve it forth—dry or sweet as you like, or a mixture of half and half, chilled, with a thin twist of lemon peel for a fillip. Or invest it in a Bamboo, cooling moderate apéritif, half to three quarters dry sherry to one of vermouth. Again, either dry or sweet.

Celebrate the late afternoon with a dry wine cooler, or cobbler—mildly stimulating, pleasantly inspiring, made with one of America’s own. And plan for the shank of the evening, when there is time to sit and leisurely sip, a Collins, concocted of heady Jamaica rum and tender mint.

Vermouth frappé is a globe trotter’s apéritif that should transplant here to advantage. For it, use your old Martini pitcher, plenty of ice, stir vigorously. Make it with the sweet or dry, or equal portions of each. Serve well-chilled (but minus ice), with a twist of lemon. Here, Engel & Krudwig’s sweet vermouth. Ice bucket, Carole Stupell; America House napkins; tray, from R. H. Macy.

Meet the Bamboo, a tropical refresher, compounded of sherry and vermouth, again sweet or dry to your taste. Other ingredients: a lemon peel shaving, a hearty chill, a dash of Angostura. You might, as we have, try three parts of Great Western sherry to one of vermouth from Sherry Wine & Spirits Co. Peter Hunt box, tin tray, R. H. Macy. Cocktail glasses, Hammacher Schlemmer.
White wine and soda, light and refreshing, is a favorite Summer drink. It has the bubbly lift of champagne, comfortably little cost. Fill each glass about half full of any light, white wine; add ice cubes, soda; top with mint. Here, Engel & Krudwig's chablis. Blond rattan tray, corkscrew, tall glasses, Hammacher Schlemmer. Gay, hand-blocked linen napkins, from America House.

Rhine wine cobbler, ambrosial pick-me-up, fragrant with garden mint and the subtle bouquet of the wine. Make it with honey to taste, instead of sugar, using this as the first ingredient so it will dissolve thoroughly. Add a dash of soda, the wine—about four ounces or so—cracked ice, and mint sprigs. Taylor's N. Y. State Rhine wine; honey pot, Hammacher; napkins, Saks-Fifth.

Collins of Jamaica rum is heady and uplifting. As a change of pace, make it in wide, deep mugs to allow the aroma of rum and mint full play. Dissolve a teaspoon of sugar, juice of one lemon, or lime, a jigger of rum, fill with cracked ice, soda. Here, Myers's fragrant Jamaica rum, "Planters Punch" brand. The white mugs, from Carole Stupell, Ltd. Wallach napkins, Saks-5th Ave.

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Wood stands in for rubber: Slotted sink rack, not affected by water or grease. Hang up to dry after each using to prevent waterlogging. Foldable, neat for storage. Brightly colored knob trimming adds gay note in the kitchen, 95c. Hand-rubbed cherry-wood spoons: slotted, 70c; plain, 60c. From Hammacher.

Enamel skillets instead of stainless steel. "Neverbreak" porcelain enamel skillets have virtues all their own. They're guaranteed not to rust, warp or break with ordinary kitchen use. They don't absorb grease or odors; clean like china. Sizes range from 6" to 11", prices from 60c to $1.50 at Lewis & Conger. 
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Plastics for fruit: Dazey Superjuicer in colorful plastic is designed to get more juice out of fruit—new type reamer has sunken top to accommodate fruit core. Cleans easily, 2.49 at Lewis & Conger. Plastic grater saves finger-scraping: grates food to the very end, 24c. Corer, 26c. At R. H. Macy's.

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A wide field

There are chapters and pictures to suit every taste, from the wide gracious borders and vistas of The Gardener's Four Seasons to the funny trifles garden and the gaudy "wire garden" with white-painted steel mesh fence, canopy and even pool and paving which could—at the time of writing—be purchased "ready made.

The masses of autumnal chrysanthemums which appear framed in colored-picket fencing to illustrate A Garden of Good Companions, gives the home worker a realization of what can be done with the newer, harder chrysanthemums in the way of color blending and massing. The smallest of "back yards" could have a show like this in October, given an earnest gardener and a collection of Korean and other chrysanthemums and a few delightful hardy asters.

Nor does the text confine itself to descriptions of the illustrated gardens. There are "shorts" on all sorts of garden practice—cuttings, seedlings, cold frames, tools and what have you.

CEANOTHUS, by Maunsell Van Rensselaer and Howard E. McMinn, Illus. 396 pages. Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, Santa Barbara, Calif.

This impressive work published by the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden is in two distinct parts. The first, entitled Ceanothus for Gardens, Parks and Roadsides is by Maunsell Van Rensselaer and the second, A Systematic Study of the Genus Ceanothus, by Howard E. McMinn, both of the Garden.

In the preface by Major General Lassiter, President of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, we learn that Professor McMinn has been making a taxonomic and horticultural study of the Californian species of Ceanothus (wild lilacs or backbush) since 1918. In 1920 he published a report on his findings. His key to all known species and natural varieties of ceanothus contained in the present treatise is the first to be prepared since 1897 when only 36 species and 13 varieties were recognized.

Northeastern varieties

The only species of this remarkable genus occurring in the Northeastern United States are C. americanus and C. glabraturn, commonly known as New Jersey and Island New Jersey Tea. These quite insignificant wild shrubs are different indeed from the showy colored and white species of the West.

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Darwin, Breeder, Cottage, Hybrids, which are included in the Border, will give a major picture in pastel colors, with sufficient minor accents of brilliant colors to prevent any possible monotony.

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are very interesting and many are really beautiful, particularly the plumy varieties with the fine silvery foliage.

Note that the retinisporas are not a botanical genus of trees. They are the juvenile or baby forms of rhododendron species and sometimes arborvitae, which when propagated seem to become a fixed type. While these trees may have small leaves when they approach maturity, their foliage during their earlier life is of the narrow pointed kind and is very soft and plumy.

On my list there remain only the pines and I can speak from experience of only two of these. There are dwarf pines in plenty, but none seem to be really small dwarfs. Pinus mugho mugho, or P. montana mugho, the low variety of the P. montana species is an excellent subject, good for many years of the use we have in mind. There is another variety known as P. mugho compacta which should be good and well worth investigating.

For a striking accent If you happen to have a high spot near one end of your garden you may see the need here of something striking, artistic and rugged of line. If so, nothing could be more suitable than a low specimen of P. densiflora umbraculifera, the "umbrella pine". This one has a visible trunk, but it is short and thin and its branches spread out in an umbrella-shaped head. The foliage is long and in dense tufts.

These little conifers must be properly placed in order that their value may be realized to the fullest extent. Only a few general rules can be given. Rock gardens differ so much in size and purpose my vote goes for small evergreen types require California sunshine.

Connoisseur is a notable contribution to horticultural literature on native North American flora. It is interesting and painstakingly prepared by men who have spent years in studying the genus, and is beautifully illustrated by photographs and line drawings. Botanists and horticulturists alike will add it to their libraries.


Northerners like this reviewer read with envy Miss Lawrence's meaty book on year-round bloom in gardens of the Middle South. Residents of that section may learn from a study of the volume much that they never knew or have forgotten. For the author realizes the full and impresses upon the reader the possibilities for Winter as well as Spring, Summer and Autumn blossoming in the mild climate of Virginia and the Carolinas. She tells of daffodils and other bulbs blooming in February; of shrubs which flower before they break into leaf and others which form a bed of shrubs, star magnolia, flowering almond and Cypripedium japonica.

But even before February, in the heart of Winter Miss Lawrence speaks of Winter aconite, the Christmas rose and the Roman hyacinths, violets, pansies and early shrubs which burst into bloom on warm days in January. Such is the land of mild climate and here is no wonder we envy it—be we whose growing season is all too short even in the mildest year.

Summer-flowering bulbs

For the warmer months and for high Summer, flowers which can stand on their own feet in an emergency are recommended—day lilies, tiger lilies, amaryllis, veronicas, phlox and bergamot. Many of the Summer-flowering bulbs are especially adapted to this climate through there are some wild shrubs—Cape-jasmines, azaleas, hydrangeas, Gondolias and others. Autumn in the Middle South is not so different from our own in garden color and plant material, except that the changing leaf pageant is not cut down in mid-October by one perverse night of killing frost. In closing Miss Lawrence says:

"Any night now frost may blacken the last crotonias, zinnias, marguerites and chrysanthemums. But, when the dead branches have been cleared away, there will still be the green of the ivy, the grey of santolina, and the bright fruit of the firethorn. Already sweet violets are in bloom and before long there will be buds on the paper white narcissus and the Algerian iris."

Written on November 14th, this brings home to less fortunate gardeners the shortness of Winter in the Middle South.

A number of charts, lists and tables are appended in the best modern manner to facilitate the reader in selecting plant material and using it wisely.

These are changing days on the home front as well as abroad. Due to priorities and curtailment of production for civilian use, some of the merchandise shown in this issue may have been withdrawn from sale.
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FOR ONE GUEST OR TWENTY

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One lump, not two, is patriotic now, but the pleasant rite of tea-drinking continues. Pour from this Minton china teapot in "York" pattern. Teapot, $9.50; sugar bowl, $7; pitcher, $3.50; cups and saucers, $40 doz.; large plates, $48 doz.; small plates, $42 doz.; Ovington's. Mat set, 17-pc., $75; Altman.

For a committee luncheon of hot soup, salad, this Royal Doulton service is gay and summery. The floral "Chatsworth" pattern is yellow, brown, green. Bouillon cups and saucers, $79.50 doz.; luncheon plates, $55 doz.; dinner plates, $65 doz.; platter, $7.98; Stern's. Fallani & Cohn 17-pc. mat set, $45; Altman.

A bold bouquet of Summer flowers enlivens the creamy pink of this American Limoges earthenware in "Sharon" pattern, perfect for cheerful country tables. Cups and saucers, $42 doz.; pie plates, $2.75 doz.; dinner plates, $4.20 doz.; serving dish, 50c; B. Altman. Mat set, 17-piece, $8.50; McCutcheon's.

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LOOKING AROUND

ROCKEFELLER CENTER, New York City (p. 64)—in the shadow of the echoing RCA Building you can still get down to earth for a moment. This is a place to stroll and to see, with choice of fresh green vegetables which rival even the choicest in size: carrots, radishes, garlic, broccoli, carrots, radish, sweet corn, and many more favorites in beautiful baskets and will be harvested and replaced as the season goes on.

THE CLOISTERS (p. 67)—Fort Tryon Park, New York City; 101st Ave. at 189th St., and 104th Ave. at 191st St., New York City; 87th Ave. at 190th St., New York City; 94th Ave. at 191st St., New York City. A tranquil abode, the hermitage, 80 acres of gardens, hedges, and old trees, preserves, offers special exhibits and tours of the Cloisters museum house. Over 100,000 flowers are displayed on Oct. 10, 100 pressed varieties of rare and common herbs as well as pot-plants and cut flowers.

NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN (p. 68)—East of 200th St., north of 107th Ave., New York City; Conservatories and buildings open daily, 10-4, free. The 99-acre garden is set to keep cool as a watermelon shouting along the quiet foot-paths of the garden. The summer planting and vivid coloring of the huge longing brooks are built to one day take your attention and hold you to get there! You can watch the blossoms and leaves set the closest part of the garden ablaze with color. The Rose Garden, Wisteria, and other flowers which are being tested here.

WASHINGTON'S MUSEUM & GARDENS (p. 69)—The garden at Mount Vernon is well worth taking notes on, too.

MUSEUMS

MUSEUM OF MODERN ART (p. 70)—11 West 53rd Street, New York City; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., free. Guided tours daily 7:30, 10:30, 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 2:30, 3:30, 4, 5. Entrance fee, 10 cents. The regular hours are from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The American Wing—were copied in water-colors along with a list of available pieces. A map of the American Wing, showing actual interiors. Send 10 cents to Imperial Furniture Co., Dept. HG-86, 210 W. Fillmore St., Chicago, Illinois. A NEW IDEA IN DECORATION (p. 72)—is the Alexander C. Scott theory of blending the color backgrounds of their own houses. And in an accompanying booklet, Clara Dudley and Hilda B. Arsenault discuss many of these questions. Alexander Scott & Sons Carpet Co., Dept. HG-62, 265 Fifth Ave., N. Y. C.

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