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Music for moppets
10 famous musicians each choose 10 records for children

What music do children really like to hear? Should you play something fast and martial to hold the attention of a ten-year-old? Will a child too young to pronounce ‘Tchaikovsky’ enjoy listening to the Nutcracker Suite? House & Garden received the answers to these and many other questions when it asked ten famous musicians each to choose ten recordings for children from six to ten (the best years to develop a child’s taste for good music).

The composers selected closely follow the general pattern of adult listening. Beethoven is easily the favorite. Haydn, Mendelssohn, and Prokofiev are runners-up. Most of these musical authorities believe that children prefer music which tells stories they can understand. Erno Pinza tells his children about Peer Gynt’s adventures, about Tybalt and the Prince painting the Sultan. Helen Traubel thinks that Saint-Saëns’ Carnival of the Animals is very much like visiting the zoo. Bice Stevens’ eight-year-old son Nicky tries to draw his impressions of story-music on paper while he listens.

Six seems to be about the right age to begin to help children acquire a love of music. Jascha Heifetz believes that listening should go hand in hand with making music at the piano or with any other instrument in which the child shows an interest. First favorites seem to be the music which is already part of a child’s world; Anderson’s Fiddle Faddle because it is played in school orchestras, The Ride of the Valkyries and Siegfried’s Rhine Journey because they are familiar background music in movies, radio, or TV programs.

Folk music is rated high by several of the celebrities. Patrice Munsel thinks it should be as much a part of a child’s education as Anderson’s fairy tales. In general, the ten authorities agree that children usually react favorably to good music. Here are their individual selections, and the reasons for their choices.

NICHOLAS STEVENS, mezzo soprano, chooses compositions which tell definite stories in music terms for her five-year-old son, Nicky. “I can hold his attention while he listens by pointing out certain sections and effects which help paint mental pictures. When Nicky listens alone he can recapture these impressions, which he has even tried to draw on paper. I don’t know a definite story connected with Schumann’s Scorn of Tannhauser but used my imagination to paint a picture for Nicky which fits the gentle, reflective mood of the piece. I chose Mozart’s Little Night Music and the Rossini overtures because the music really bubbles. By knowing and learning to love Kern’s Showboat score, one of the finest examples of American semi-classical music, Nicky will eventually be able to distinguish between good and bad popular music. And I chose Carmen, not only because it is the work most often associated with me but because it is a perfect blend of music and story. Even without the story, the score is near folk music, with catchy melodies and captivating, exotic rhythms.”

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2. Rossini’s overtures (to Wilhelm Tell, Barber of Seville, etc.)
3. Chopin’s polonaises, waltzes, etc.
4. Bizet’s Carmen
5. Wagner’s Ride of the Valkyries
6. Dukas’ Sorcerer’s Apprentice
7. Richard Strauss’ waltzes from Der Rosenkavalier
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9. Jerome Kern’s excerpts from Showboat
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1. Copland’s El Salon Mexico
2. Ravel’s Mother Goose Suite
3. Beethoven’s Symphony No. 6 in F Major, Opus 68 (“Pastoral”)
4. Saint-Saëns’ Carnival of the Animals
5. Wagner’s Ride of the Valkyries
6. Wagner’s Siegfried’s Rhine Journey
7. Stravinsky’s Petrouchka
8. Humperdinck’s Hänsel and Gretel
9. Mendelssohn’s A Midsummer Night’s Dream
10. Haydn’s Toy Symphony

PATRICE MUNSEL, coloratura soprano, thinks it is easier for both the child and the uninitiated listener to comprehend music which can be visualized or dramatized. Ballet music, tone-poems, dances or incidental music achieve this best—whether they are waltzes by Strauss or Mendelssohn’s music to Shakespeare’s play. My favorite is also based on melodic and harmonic appeal. Music education courses pay too little attention to American folk songs. In Haydn’s ‘Clock’ symphony, the striking clock and the delightful story about the composer and his patron ought to amuse young listeners.

1. Haydn’s Symphony No. 101 in D Major (“Clock”)
2. Mendelssohn’s A Midsummer Night’s Dream
3. Brahms’ Hungarian Dances
4. Saint-Saëns’ Carnival of the Animals
5. Debussy’s Afternoon of a Faun
6. Johann Strauss’ waltzes (“Blue Danube,” “Tales from the Vienna Woods,” etc.)
7. Prokofiev’s Symphony in D Major, Opus 25, (“Classical”)
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That's Why We Started This Unusual Club And Made Some Surprising Discoveries About Children,Parents and Ourselves

BY BILL and CAROL WHITFIELD

Looking back, we're convinced the whole thing started the day we received that first birth announcement: "Mr. and Mrs. Paul Whitfield (Paul's our son) announce the birth of a daughter..." If you're a grandparent, you don't have to tell you the thrill we got from opening that envelope, or how suddenly we felt young all over again, or the kind of fuss we've made over "our new baby" ever since.

And— if you're a grandparent, you know the first thing our grandparents asked you when you come to visit them: What do you bring us? Where's our surprise?"

Sure, we spoil our grandchildren (we have three now), and we're going to keep right on spoiling them on birthdays and other anniversaries, and at Christmas, of course. And frankly, we're not a bit apologetic.

More than once, we've had the pleasure of watching our grandchildren open packages that came addressed personally to each of them, and it's hard to say whether we or they were more excited and happy.

And if you've ever received a "thank you" note from a child for a special gift, we'll bet you still have it, or wish you had!

How the Club Got Started

After we retired to California, we did a lot of thinking about the pleasure we get out of remembering our grandchildren on special occasions, and the problem of finding things that aren't too expensive but are worth giving.

The more we talked about it with friends, the more we felt that there is a real need for someone to search for children's gifts that would not only be fun to give and to receive, but would be useful or educational.

Starting with suggestions from friends and the gifts which seemed to have made our own grandchildren happiest, we looked at hundreds of things before starting to make our elections. Then we got a sort of informal panel together of some grandparents, a few parents, and one expectant parent (to help us make the final decisions).

Picking out gifts for grandchildren was the original idea behind the Grandparents' Club, and it's still the main purpose, although we've added some other interesting ideas.

Gifts for Parents

When our own children were new parents, they needed a great many new things around the house, but often were too busy to shop for them. Sometimes we surprised them with little gifts of things for their home, and our efforts always were very much appreciated.

So we decided to make that another service of the Grandparents' Club, and we've researched the market for useful household items and have discovered quite a number of interesting things.

Club Discounts and 10-Day Trial Privileges

As the Club grows, we expect to be able, by quantity buying, to offer substantial discounts to our members on more and more things. Actually, though, this isn't the main purpose of the Club.

One of the interesting things about the way the Grandparents' Club works is the 10-day trial plan. In the column at the right, for example, are a few of the things that you, as a member, can send for, look over and try for 10 days before deciding whether or not you want to buy.

To try any of the things offered by the Club on this page or in the Club Magazine, you don't send any money, you don't make any deposit, and you don't pay the postman anything. All you do is say "send it," and we send it. You try it for 10 days, and if you decide you don't want it you send it back and don't owe anybody anything, not even an explanation.

Sounds as though the Club would lose money that way, but we've discovered that most people are more honest than they're given credit for.

Getting things on 10-day trial isn't the purpose of the Club, either, although it's a privilege extended to all members.

What is the Purpose of the Club?

We think we've told you pretty well here how we feel about being grandparents: we believe it's more fun than anything else except, possibly, being grandchildren.

Moreover, we feel that we can be of real service to other grandparents, and we may as well admit that the idea of doing something useful is the main reason for our starting the Club.

If you feel the way we do about being grandparents, we'd like to hear from you.

Welcome Package for New Members

We've even put together a Welcome Package for new members. Don't expect anything fancy: You'll get a Membership Card, the Grandparents' Certificate (on parchment paper suitably framed), and a copy of the Club Magazine with information about birthstones, what names mean (a handy list if you're called on for suggested baby names) and whatever else happens to look worth printing when we make it up each time. There's also a card for you to fill out with birthdays and other important anniversaries you don't want to forget. We keep these cards on file for you and remind you of each event in advance.

To join and get the Welcome Package, just send us your name and address and enclose $1. This dollar pays the cost of printing the magazine and other Club expenses. If, after you receive your package, you decide not to be a Member, just send it back and we'll return your dollar with no hard feelings. At the same time, if you want any of the things shown on this page sent to you on approval, just check them in the coupon. But you don't have to try or buy anything now or ever to be a member.

Members Pay No Dues or Fees

By the way, there are no dues or fees for members, either. If you send in your application now and decide you want to stay in the Club when you receive your Welcome Package, you're a member for life.

To hope to hear from you today! Write: Grandparents' Club, Dept. GP-12, Whitfield House, Box T-1, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California.

Note: this exclusive Club is open only to grandparents and prospective grandparents. If you're not a grandparent, why not give a membership to someone who is?

Incidentally, if you'd like to have anything on this page without joining the Club, your order will be accepted.

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9. Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite
10. Rodgers' Soliloquy to our Armed Forces

EGO PIZZI, bass-baritone, also chooses music which tells stories children can understand. 'I have told my children about the Princess pacifying the Sultan, about Peer Gynt's adventures or Tyli pranks—just where the music fits into the drama and what it tries to portray. I don't think Richard Strauss' music is too sophisticated for children. As they follow the musical story, they are becoming accustomed to modern musical sounds. La Vie Parisienne with its cancan and other dance rhythms has an infectiousness which opens up listening doors to such pieces as Bolero and the dances from Prince Igor. I chose The Moldau suite and the Arabesque Suite because both are based on folk dances and folk tunes, and The Barber of Seville and La Bohème for their immediate appeal in both music and story. If La Bohème is unequalled for melodic wealth and romantic appeal, the champagne-like wit of The Barber is in its way matchless, too.'

1. Rossini's The Barber of Seville
2. Grieg's Peer Gynt Suite
3. Bizet's Arabesque Suite
4. Rimsky-Korsakov's Scheherazade
5. Smetana's The Moldau
6. Offenbach's La Vie Parisienne
7. Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite
8. Richard Strauss' Tyli Eulenspiegel
9. Puccini's La Bohème
10. Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf

WILFRED PELETIER, conductor of the New York Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra's Young People's Concerts, has used his selections often with children from six to ten. 'Much depends on his home life generally, but a child usually reacts favorably to good music. As you can see, I use only the most melodious music.'

1. Bach's Cantata No. 78 ('Sleepers Awake') arranged by Stokowski
2. Brahms' Hungarian Dances
3. Copland's Rodeo
4. Dvořák's Slavic Dances
5. Handel's Water Music
6. Haydn's Symphony No. 94 in G Major ('Surprise')
7. Beethoven's Turkish March or German Dances
8. Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf
9. Ravel's Pavane pour une infante défunte
10. Virgil Thomson's Acadian Songs and Dances

JASCHA HEIFETZ, violinist, feels strongly that 'listening should be supplemented by some form of active participation in making music at the piano, or with any other instrument in which the child shows an interest. I have not listed any popular music, but I am not opposed to it, as long as a child has what might be called a balanced musical diet.'

1. Stravinsky's Petrouchka
2. Dukas' The Sorcerer's Apprentice
3. Ravel's Boléro
4. Milhaud's Le Boeuf sur le toit
5. Prokofiev's Symphony in D Major, Opus 25 ('Classical')
6. Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite
7. Rimsky-Korsakov's Scheherazade
8. Bizet's Carmen
9. Verdi's Aida
10. Beethoven's Symphony No. 5 in C Minor, Opus 67

DIMITRI MITROPOLOUS, music director of the New York Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra, believes ... 'for the education of a child, that there is more in these pure musically abstract works than in any of the romantic period, or any music which tries to describe anything physical or metaphysical.'

1. Mozart's Symphony No. 40 in G Minor, K. 550
2. Mozart's The Magic Flute
3. Rossini's Barber of Seville
4. Beethoven's Symphony No. 5 in C Minor, Opus 67
5. Beethoven's Concerto for Violin and Orchestra in D Major, Opus 61
6. Beethoven's Concerto for Piano and Orchestra in C Minor, No. 3, Opus 37
7. Haydn's Symphony No. 104 in D Minor, Opus 103 ('London')
8. Haydn's Symphony No. 100 in G Major ('Military')
9. Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 3 in A Minor, Opus 56 ('Scottish')
10. Bizet's Carmen

EUGENE LIST, pianist, and CARROLL CLENN, violinist, who perform as a team, limited their selections to violin and piano music. They believe that shorter forms are more practical as introductions to good music. Mr. List thinks that children 'like a certain amount of flash.' When Miss Glenn uses Anderson's Fiddle-Faddle as an encore, it's always a favorite because children have already established an identification with it from school orchestras; it's already a part of their world. 'If you tell them that the 13th Paganini Caprice with its descending chromatic line, a glissando, is like going down in an elevator, they love it. In Bach's Partita in E Major, they like to listen for the dance movements (gavotte, bourree, minuet and gigue) and the sound of the violin alone often intrigues them.'

Piano
1. Beethoven's Turkish March
2. Debussy's Children's Corner
3. Schumann's Scenes from Childhood
4. Chopin's Polonaise in A Flat
5. Rachmaninoff's Concerto No. 2 for Piano and Orchestra

Violin
1. Rimsky-Korsakov's Flight of the Bumblebee
2. Tchaikovsky's Capriccio Italien
3. leroy Anderson's Fiddle-Faddle
4. Bach's Partita in E Major
5. Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto (begin with last movement for 6-year-olds)

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In the summer of 1947, I was lecturing in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, the atomic city. It was a brand new city, then. The clay had not yet dried in the streets, the paint was fresh on the houses. Everything was new. The people had been assembled, 35,000 of them, from all over America. Yet this brand new city, without tradition or attics, with no graveyard to remember the past, already had a music center; a fine orchestra made up of professional players but of amateurs only, a glee club, a dramatic club, and a club whose members assembled once a week to hear a carefully arranged program of the world's finest music. From records, interspersed with serious and stimulating comment on the music.

During my little talk (I spoke on what was going on, musically, in America) I mentioned the Metropolitan Opera and its widespread activities. Later, a man got up in the audience. "The Met means little to us here," he said. "We hear it over the air, of course, but few of us ever get to New York and the Met can't come our way. If we want opera, we have to do it ourselves. Here, with our own facilities, our own orchestra and chorus and singers, on our own small stage, with our own scenery and costumes."

In a recent survey, Opera News, the official magazine of the Metropolitan Opera Guild, lists more than two hundred organizations in America which actively produce opera. Only a few of these producers are professional companies. The overwhelming majority are workshops, music clubs, summer camps, college operas, civic groups of enthusiasts, who combine their efforts in ever-expanding adventures in opera.

They have the talent, the drive, the imagination, and the satisfaction of seeing their efforts supported by the public. And, most important, a new literature, suitable for their facilities, their voices and their pocketbooks, is in the making. Our own composers and writers are at last waking up to the wonderful opportunities, both artistic and financial, provided by the musical theatre.

Down-in-the-Valley, by the late composer Kurt Weill, was the first popular operatic success in America. Originally tried out in the summer of 1948 at the opera workshop of Indiana University in Bloomington, with students singing most of the solos and choruses, students playing in the orchestra, painting the scenery and operating the lights, it established a new trend in America's musical development. What the enthusiastic amateurs in Bloomington could do soon became a challenge to thousands of others. During the past few years Down-in-the-Valley has become the initiation to opera of no less than 800 different groups in America who produced it with their own local talent and facilities. It can be performed almost without costumes, without big, professional voices, with only a hint of scenery. So can Gian-Carlo Menotti's The Telephone or his Christmas classic Amahl and the Night Visitors, which is heard in hundreds of churches, colleges and workshops throughout the land. Mark Twain's immortal story of the Jumping Frog has been made into a popular folk opera by young composer Lukas Foss. William Schuman has made an opera out of Casey at the Bat, Menotti's The Medium, available to opera lovers on records, as are all of Menotti's operas, has suddenly brought forward scores of Americancontemporary operas. The world's finest music from records, interspersed with serious and stimulating comment on the music.

This is a new, exciting departure in America's changing musical life. Maybe it is no accident that all this happened now, at the dawn of the television age. Already opera has become an essential part of television. The Metropolitan Opera, via the popular Omnibus program, has brought especially prepared versions of Puccini's La Bohème and Johann Strauss' Die Fledermusen to many who had never seen an opera before. An increasing number of local television stations bring opera from college and workshop stages to the homes of Americans all over the land. The NBC Television Opera Theatre has become an important fixture in our musical sky. In short, opera has arrived in America's living room and Americans like it.
Discovering
our modern composers

There have always been some music lovers who have felt that modern music lacked melody, that it was full of horrible dissonance, that it was disintegrated. For example, one critic in Boston took a modernist to task and said that his Symphony was 'mathematical music evolved with difficulty from an insensitive brain.' Another Boston critic regarded the composer as a 'modern of the moderns' and his Symphony as a 'remarkable expression of the inner life of this anxious, introverted, over-earnest age.' Many members of the audience in Symphony Hall agreed that 'such unpalatable sounds should not be foisted upon a public.' The composer in question was young, talented modernist named Johannes Brahms. That was a century ago!

But Brahms was not the only one accused of such noisemaking. Beeethoven was considered bizarre and his Symphony accused of being 'in search of ear-rending dissonances, torturous modulations, sharp contortions of melody and rhythm...'. And considering the way we now look upon the music of César Franck, it is a little shocking to realize that when his Third Symphony was first presented the critics deplored 'the breaking of the machinery... with no greater emotion than would be evoked by a mathematical demonstration at the blackboard.'

All this leads one to ask: just what is modern music? In searching for an adequate answer one must conclude that it is contemporary music which is still unfamiliar. When one realizes that Palestrina, Bach, Brahms, Schumann, and all the others now sanctified in our musical heaven were once rampant modernists, it makes one a little cautious about following new trends.

While familiarity may breed contempt, it is necessary to breed favorites. Until a work is heard a number of times it may sound as alien to our ears as Chinese might to a Frenchman or English to a Turk. Because it seems alien, many concertgoers refuse to listen, and object to the works being played. This has been going on since music was invented. Every season some works bring howls of protest and some listeners draw themselves up disdainfully and march out of the concert halls. Because of this, both conductors and concert managers move cautiously in presenting new works.

It is largely through radio, TV, and long-playing records that new contemporary music is becoming known. For these productions, contemporary music seems the best and most logical kind to choose: first, it is association-free and secondly, it is new. Viewers of Omnibus, the foundation's TV program, hear some of the best of contemporary music each week without so much as a mention of it. Last season nearly every program contained fragments of Henry Cowell, Leonard Bern-
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MODERN COMPOSERS

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trains, traffic, street sounds, and an endless lot of noises, recorded on tape and then snipped and superimposed to form musical compositions. Our Ameri- can equivalents, a whom we might call "tape-schmalzists" are principally John Cage and the two Columbia University experimenters, Otto Laening and Vladimir Ussarhovsky.

It was Varèse who literally raised the roofs back in the Twenties. Gongs, drums, cymbals—everything that can be whacked and sounded—policeman sirens and road drills added to the cacophony. When Leopold Stokowski performed Varèse with the Philadelphia Orches- tra, the Board and many subscribers rebelled. Since then this strong, vital music has been rediscovered and Varèse has become a favorite of the hi-fi enthusiasts who play his Ionisation to test their equipment. He seems entirely in place in a world of tweeters and woofers.

Quite independently, Henry Cowell began experiments of his own because he needed new ways to express his ideas. To catch the surge and roar of the ocean, he tried pressing down a whole mass of keys on the piano. He used his forearms, he tried a ruler covered with cloth, then he tried using his fists. These masses of tone were called tone clusters. He then began to experiment with the strings of the piano. He produced some spine-tingling effects by drawing his hands and finger nails along the piano wires.

Cowell's innovations and his in- fluence on many composers who have adapted his tone clusters, Bartok, Schoenberg and Riegger among them, have been striking, but few concerti- goers have actually known any of his works. Thanks to long-playing records, Cowell's music is now available. Circle has issued two 12" records of his piano music packaged with a miniature disc containing Cowell's own program notes; Mercury has just issued a release of his Symphony No. 6" conducted by Howard Hanson, and the American Record- ing Society, his Symphony No. 7.

One of Cowell's disciples, John Cage, has gone many steps further, adding bits of wire, nuts, bolts, rubber erasers, pieces of wood, and other "kitchen" equipment. A set of his Sonatas and Interludes for Prepared Piano has been recorded by Dial Records. They have a curious tranquili- zing effect that evokes Chinese wind chimes or the fabled Aeolian harp.

Like Cage, Lou Harrison has also used quite remarkable combinations to achieve his startling results. In the early 1940's, Harrison wrote a series of can- ticles for percussion orchestra. In addi- tion to all the usual percussion instru- ments, he requires such non-musical additions as plumbers' pipes, auto- mobile tire-drums, and an empty whisky case. It is true that such instru- ments are quite unorthodox, but so were such things as temple bells, gongs, rattles, and cymbals in the orchestra of Mozart. Quite Oriental in feeling is Lou Harrison's Suite for Solo Piano and Solo Violin with Orchestra, which has been recorded by Leopold Stokowski and his orchestra with Mario and Ana- kid Ajemian as soloists. It is to be re- leased shortly by RCA Victor and col- lectors should watch for it. Two other recordings of Harrison are available: on Columbia, a 10" record with The Concerto for Harp and a Suite for Strings; on the Esoteric label, a delicately evocative score, The Only Jealousy of Emer.

Combining the music of the Near East or Armenia with music of the early plainsong tradition, Alan Hovhan- ness has developed some of the most easy-to-listen-to contemporary music. One of its most striking qualities is its unquestioned sincerity. It is not music that begins with a theory and ends with music, but rather it is music that naively starts with inspiration, and emerges with flavorful simplicity.

Several new recordings of Hovhan- ness have been released: a Concerto for Orchestra, subtitled Arenauks, conducted by Howard Hanson and recorded by Mercury; A Suite for Harpichord, Flute, Oboe and Cello, recorded by New Editions, played by Sylvia Mar- lowe and the Harpichord Quartet. This fascinating record contains a long- 87ish Toccata by John Lessard, a de- lightful Sonata by Virgil Thomson, and another of less interest by Vittorio Rusti. Recorded a few years back is a long -playing disc by Diale, which includes not only Hovhaness' Piano Concerto, but several other characteristic works as well. It is already a collectors' item.

Two of the most powerful, vital, and striking of our contemporaries are Roger Sessions and Wallingford Rieg- ger. Riegger's early music is conven- tional in the Germanic romantic vein, but from the early Twenties it is atonal. He does not follow Schoenberg but he has arrived at similar conclusions and procedures in a similar manner. No un- orthodox instruments need be em- ployed, but many of his works have a bit of sound that sets them in a class apart. While more aggressive personalities have managed to have their works per- formed, Riegger has quietly continued to compose and today composers are beginning to discover him. Record col- lectors, too, for several of his works have been issued and are being re- leased. Among the principal works to come are the Symphony No. III, re- corded for Columbia, and two works recorded in Berlin by the splendid RIAS Orchestra for Remington: the Rhapsody and Music for Orchestra. Available now is the nosily brilliant New Dance, recorded by Merco-Cincinnati with Hovhaness' Concerto for Orches- tra on one side and Cowell's Symphony II on the other; and his Quartet No. II, opus 43 issued by Columbia. Roger Sessions is more of a Stravinskian. Sev- eral of his works are splendidly re- recorded: The Black Masters, by the American Recording Society and by Columbia, his Symphony No. II with Mitropoulos and the New York Phil- harmonic-Symphony, and his Duo for Violin and Piano.

Of the younger generation of com- posers, there are those who are near- watching. Their names may be new to many record-collectors who have not heard their works in concerts, although all have received quite impressive per- (Continued on page 103)
performances: Norman Dello Joio, Roger Goeb, Elliott Carter, Ulysses Kay, Peggy Granville-Hicks, and Ben Weber. A Concerto for Harp and Orchestra by Dello Joio is one of the most agreeable works for this combination in all contemporary literature. Elliott Carter, whose name is just beginning to appear in record catalogues, is introduced joyfully by his Holiday Overture recorded by Remington.

His Cello Sonata and Piano Sonata has been recorded by the American Recording Society in admiral performances. Carter Harmon in the New York Times wrote: 'One of the C's (Copland, Carter, Cowell) whose star is rising is Elliott Carter... Mr. Carter is not a derivative composer. His music seems not only entirely his own, but also uncompromisingly hewn from fresh timbre. It gives little sensuous pleasure, but almost always speaks with strength and leaves the listener with the sense of an important experience.'

Leonid Stokowski, a tireless performer of modern music, has just recorded symphonies by Roger Goeb and Ben Weber for RCA Victor. Both symphonies are important works of our times; the recordings are stunning, and the works satisfyingly original. Goeb is an intense and prolific composer who is relatively unknown, but this performance of his Symphony should place him in the roster of significant names in American music. More Goeb works are following: The American Recording Society has released a set of unusually beautiful Prairie Songs for Woodwinds along with Ben Weber's Concert Arias After Solomon and Howard Swanson's Seven Songs.

OLIVER DANIEL
CBS Radio Producer-Director

Editor's note: Here is a list of contemporary American composers, and long-playing records of their works.

ATHOLL, GEORGE
Symphony No. 5 (1945) "SPA"

BARDI, GEORGE
Quartet, 1944 "Contemporary"

BARBER, SAMUEL
Adagio for strings "Mercury"
Symphony No. 1; Dover Beach; Songs "Classic London"
Symphony No. 2 "Contemporary"

BEREZOWSKY, NICOLAI
Suites for Wind Quartet, Opus II "Classic"

BENNETT, LEONARD
Age of Anxiety "Columbia"

BOWLES, PAUL
Concerto for 2 pianos, winds, percussion "Columbia"
Symphony No. 2 "Columbia"

BRETTON, ELDEN
Quintet, Sonatinas "Contemporary"

CAGE, JOHN
Quartet "Dial"
Sonatas and Interludes "Dial"

CARTER, ELLIOTT
Holiday Overture "Remington"

COPLAND, AARON
Appalachian Spring "Columbia"
Billy the Kid "Columbia"
El Salón México "Columbia"

COWELL, HENRY
Symphony No. 4 "Mercury Circle"
Piano Works

DARROW, NORMAN
Concerto for Harp and Orchestra "Columbia"
Triumph of St. Joan "Columbia"

DIAMOND, DAVID
Music for Romances and Juliet "Columbia"

GRANVILLE-HICKS, PEGGY
Gymnopedies 1, II, III "Remington"

GOEB, ROGER
Symphony No. 3 "Victor"

HANSON, HOWARD
Concerto for piano, opus 36 "Columbia"
Symphony No. 2, the 'Romantic' "Columbia"

HARRISON, LOU
Suites: Cello & Harp; String Quartet "Columbia"
Suites for piano & violin with orchestra "Dial"

HOUck, ALAN
Concerto for piano & orchestra "Dial"

KAY, ELLEN
Concerto for Orchestra "Remington"

KOMIS, ELLIS
Chamber concertos; String quartet "Columbia"

LOCKWOOD, NORMAND
Concerto for organ & brass "Remington"

MENOTTI, GIAN-CARLO
Amahl and the Night Visitors "Victor"
The Consul "Decca"
The Medium "Columbia"
The Telephone "Columbia"

MORE, DOUGLAS
Quintet for clarinet & strings "Columbia"

REGGERS, WALLINGFORD
Symphony No. 3 "Columbia"
New Dance "Mercury"
Quartet No. 2, Opus 43 "Columbia"
Rhapsody: Music for Orchestra "Remington"

BUDWALL, DAVE
Shenandoah "Remington"

SCHUMAN, WILLIAM
Jug and Jug "Mercury"
Symphony for Strings "Capitol"
Symphony No. 3 "Columbia"
Undertow "Mercury"

STEVS, Halsey
Symphony No. 3 "Remington"

THOMPSON, RANDALL
Testament of Freedom "Mercury"

THOMSON, VIRGIL
Capital, Capitals "Columbia"
Stabat Mater "Columbia"
Five Portraits "Columbia"
Louisiana Story "Columbia"
The Plow that Broke the Plains "Decca"

WEBER, BEN
Symphony on poems of Blake "Victor"

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The wise traveler to Peru will pack his suitcase in two sections: one with warm-weather clothes and one with cold-weather clothes. This beguilingly exotic country is stretched over the Andes and to travel any distance at all in it involves going either up or down, and frequently both. You can descend from chilly highlands to the tropics in a few hours. Contrast is commonplace so far as climate is concerned, and in other fields too. There are the remains of Indian civilizations that existed centuries before Pocahontas was a pup and glitteringly modern office buildings. There are Paris-dressed women in Lima whose drawing rooms reflect their annual pilgrimages to the French capital, and many-skirted Indian women in tan felt hats, up in the mountains, whose weekly pilgrimages are no further than the nearest town with a market. There are airplanes to take you from modern metropolis to ancient village, and trains of llamas with tassels on their ears. There are swarms of archeologists digging up evidence of prehistoric civilizations, and modern pioneers opening up the untamed jungle east of the Andes to establish a new civilization. There is desert and verdant plain, Coca Cola and Esso stations in the most unlikely places.

Limeños, as the inhabitants of the capital are called, add contrast to their lives during the winter months by riding up the mountain to Chosica for lunch. In this way they can enjoy the sunshine by getting above the clouds that hover over their city from April through December. They also prohibit vehicles on their most famous street, Jiron de la Union, during certain hours so that they can walk in it. They go to the theater at 6:45, calling the performance at that hour a vermouth, begin their cocktail parties at seven and sit down to dinner from 9:30 to 10:30. They are not great night clubbers, but they are great conversationalists. Behind griddled windows and in flower-filled patios they weave elaborate conversational webs of fact and fiction. They are still talking about an eighteen-century actress, La Perricholi, who was the mistress of a Spanish viceroy. During the October Fair and in December and January they go to the bullfights in the Plaza de Toros Monumental; on Sunday afternoons they watch the races at their spectacular Hipodromo de San Felipe. They attend plays, ballets and concerts at the Teatro Segura. From October through May they take advantage of the ocean at such resorts as Ancon, Chorillos, La Herradura, La Punta and Miraflores. They play golf and watch the polo matches at the San Isidoro Country Club. And so can you.

The Grace Line, which serves the west coast of South America, will take you to Callao, Lima's port, from New York via the oceans, while Panagra (Pan American-Grace Airways) and Braniff International Airways will take you to Lima via the air. Once there, here are a few of the things you can see and do in the capital and in other parts of the country, LIMA AND ENVIRONS. Despite earthquakes and man-made changes Lima still possesses a considerable display of colonial architecture. Some of the notable examples are: the Palace of the Marqués de Torre Tagle (now used by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs), a voluptuous conglomeration of enclosed wooden balconies, ornately carved interior walls and Spanish tiles; La Merced church and monastery with an exquisite baroque façade; the Cathedral, particularly remarkable for the wood carving of the choir stalls; San Pedro church, a lavish museum of ecclesiastical colonial art; San Francisco church with an altar-facade executed between 1669 and 1674 that is Lima's most beautiful seventeenth-century church exterior. La Nazarenas church, rebuilt in the eighteenth century in the French rococo style; Jesus Maria church, whose towering carved altar is completely covered with pure gold. In suburban Lima you will find the Quinta de Pena, popularly thought of as La Perricholi's house, although her status there seems to have been that of a frequent guest. The owner was Pedro Carrillo de Albornoz, Conde de Montemar y Montecibano.

Besides looking at buildings, you may shop for silver along the Jiron de la Union; inspect Peru's pre-Columbian and Inca art-crafts in the Museo Nacional de Antropologia y Arqueologia; watch soccer football in the Estadion Nacional; sit in the Plaza de Armas and watch the Limeños pass by; drive out to the beautiful olive grove in San Isidro, down to the sea to visit the beach resorts, or out to the ruins of Pachacama and Ancon. You may buy records of Peruvian music at the Radio Union and sample local food at the Gran Hotel Bolivar, Gran Hotel Maury, Chez Victor, Hotel Crillon, the Country Club, La Cabana, La Cabanita, Café Leon and El Trocadero. (Continued on page 107)
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Huacayco
HUACAYCO is the Andes is worth visiting if only for two reasons: its Sunday market and the trip on the Ferrocarril Central del Peru, without doubt the greatest train trip in the world. The train leaves Lima daily except Sunday at 7 a.m. and arrives at Huacayco 6 p.m. In your route you don't know whether you are coming or going, because the train goes forward part of the time and backs up part of the time. There are two dozen zigzags, more than 60 tunnels, so many bridges spanning deep abysses and a plethora of mountain scenery. Oxygen tanks are available for those who need them.

Sunday market on Huacayco's Calle Real is a gala, multi-colored affair in which the costumes of the Indians vie with their merchandise. Bare-footed women wearing layers of skirts in every conceivable color offer white to buy to the embroidered sleeves and the literary insinuation of Bavarian needlework, rugs, wool skirts, hand-plated lariats of black, brown, and white, horsehair, belts, carvings of carved and painted wooden llamas, hand-decorated gourds, blankets, hand-made pottery, imported aluminum cooking utensils, silver jewelry, decorated baskets, shoes, fruits, vegetables and flowers. Hotel: Hotel Huacayco.

Cuzco
Cuzco sits in a valley of the Andes like an exotic three-decker sandwich. Its bottom layer is composed of ancient Inca walls, many of which have survived earthquakes that toppled later buildings. Its second layer consists of the Spanish colonial buildings that were frequently built right on top of the Inca foundations. Its third includes more recent structures. You will want to see the church of La Merced and its adjoining monastery; Cuzco cathedral; the Plaza de Armas with, of all things, a statue of a North American Indian; San Blas church with the remains of the finest pulpit carved during the colonial era; the monastery of Santo Domingo in and around which can be seen parts of the Inca Temple of the Sun; Santa Clara church and convent with its elaborate interior, including mirrors and gold leaf. Outside of Cuzco is the Inca Bath, Kenco amphitheater and, towering over all, the hilltop fortress of Sacsahuaman, primitive man's greatest achievement in the Western Hemisphere, a building feat compared to which the erection of the pyramids was child's play.

Cuzco is reached by air from Lima in two hours. Take the Faucon line. During the dry season you may drive from Lima in four days through beautiful scenery on an unpaved road. The way of spine-tingling curves, climbs and descents. Hotel: Hotel Cuzco.

Machu Picchu
You can see remarkable Spanish colonial architecture in other Latin American countries besides Peru. You can see extraordinary Indian ruins in Mexico and Yucatan. But nowhere else in the world can you see anything like Machu Picchu, a mountain-top city whose origin is shrouded in mystery as its enigmatic stones are shrouded in Andean mists.

You journey to Machu Picchu from Cuzco on the Cuzco-Santa Ana Railroad. It is possible to do the whole thing in one day, but it means leaving at 6 a.m. The regular train leaves Cuzco at 8 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, arriving at Machu Picchu station in mid-afternoon. To reach Machu Picchu Lodge and the ruins of a mile straight up above the station, you have a choice of locomotion: truck, station wagon, male, horse or your own feet. The timid will do well to avoid the truck. Once at the Lodge, where reservations should be made in advance, the inspection of the fabulous city is easy. Built as it is on a narrow ridge of an Andean cordiller, it contains of necessity many stairways and terraces, including steeply graded terraced gardens on which the inhabitants presumably grew some of their food. Steps descend to dungeons, to rooms that may have been tombs, they ascend to sacred plazas, to fountains, baths and to an ancient sundial. If dazzled by the spectacular nature of the city and its setting, one is also haunted by the thought of the patience, labor, time and money that must have been used up in transporting materials to this almost inaccessible spot and in carving and polishing the huge stones so that they fit perfectly without benefit of mortar. Machu Picchu was a heroic challenge to its creators, it is a challenge to today's historians and archeologists who still do not know who those creators were, and it is a challenge to the imagination of the traveler who will miss one of the most remarkable experiences of his life if he leaves Peru without seeing it.

Lake Titicaca
Machu Picchu is an incomparable thrill. Lake Titicaca is sheer delight. Lying partly in Peru and partly in Bolivia, it is the highest navigable lake in the world, and it sparkles like the syllables of its name. It contains more than thirty islands, of which the largest is Isla del Sol, and in its great depths of more than a thousand feet swim numerous fish, including the delicious bogue and trout. Photographs of Lake Titicaca invariably show an Indian riding on it in his balsa made of totora reeds. But you will not see as many of these as you might think, because the totora reed is disappearing. You will tour the lake on steamers straight out of Gilbert and Sullivan. Your base of operations will be Puno, reached by train from Cuzco or Arequipa. In the vicinity you can visit archeological remains of ancient peoples, notably the numerous and unique chullpas, slab-like stone towers that extended into the dead. In and all there are some beautiful colonial churches in the mestizo style in which the indigenous influences triumphed over the European. Hotel: Hotel Puno.

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ON THE COVER: A room with a heart as big as Christmas. Its focus is on music, for what is Christmas without music? In this issue, we round up parties and presents, trees and trimmings, music and magic. In short, all of the things that make Christmas merry throughout the house. The Christmas tree on the cover (a redolent pine tree hung with miniature musical instruments, gold-foil stars) was designed by Lord & Taylor. Antique pine fireplace and mantel, courtesy Edwin Jackson. Crystal candleholders, Baccarat & Porthault. Matrise brush and ink drawing, The Pineapple, Curt Valentin Gallery. Photograph by Haanel Gordon.
Christmas is a state of heart

Ballad singer Burl Ives sings a song about a little boy who planted a lollipop stick in his backyard, watered it well, and watched it carefully. Then one day the little boy rose to find a very lovely sight: a tree all full of lollipops had grown in the dark of the night. That this extravagant claim is fact and not fantasy is proved beyond peradventure by the picture opposite. For Christmas is the time when the impossible comes true, a time when tenderness blankets the world. There is new warmth in the heart, a new bond between family and friends. Because every parent wants to make Christmas for his child as completely wonderful as his own best memories, nothing is too much trouble. The child, he reasons, will learn soon enough what the world is like, but for one day let him believe it is a great golden tent filled with those things that put stars in his eyes. So we shop and decorate and wrap and address, all in the name of the little Child Whose gift to the world needs no wrapping.

Each of us has within him the power to spread That Gift. We can fill the blood bank, clothe the poor, help the blind, comfort friends in hospitals, forget personal grievances. For Christmas is a state of heart and love is the greatest gift of all.

ALBERT KORNFELD
Editor-in-chief
The buffet party

is part and parcel of the American scene

Here and on the next 6 pages are 11 easy menus for
buffet parties during the holidays

No less than seven years ago HOUSE & GARDEN spearheaded the idea of the buffet party. Today, we’re even more convinced that the buffet form of entertaining is best suited to American manners, American houses, and American tastes. When we first stated our credo we wrote: ‘A buffet supper is one of the simplest and one of the most attractive kinds of party. People move about freely, serving themselves.’ To this we added a word of caution: ‘Although the buffet is basically informal, it requires of the hostess particular skill,’ and we went on to describe the now-familiar stratagems to keep service smooth. For sponsoring this idea, we were humorously chided by The New Yorker which said:

“Now that the White House is reviving the custom of giving diplomatic dinners and receptions after a seven-year hiatus, we herewith issue a word, or two words, of warning to the White House: no buffets. We do so in the fear that a buffet bloc may gain the ear of Mr. Truman, who sometimes appears to be an impressionable type. That would be fraught with danger, as we realized while reading an authoritative article in a recent issue of House & Garden, which is precisely the kind of publication that might be expected to spearhead such a bloc. ‘Without the hostess’s guiding touch,’ according to that publication, ‘people are apt to be stranded. Like leaves caught by a gust of wind, four people who are utterly incompatible will settle down, hopelessly, at the same table.’ Translating these percentages into terms of (Continued on the next page)
The strange thing is that what seemed funny seven years ago seems absolutely natural now. Buffet meals made such an unpretentious entrance that nobody really noticed them until they had become part and parcel of everyone's life. Today, you encounter buffet lunches and dinners all the way from Bar Harbor to Burlingame. They have nothing to do with the size of the house or exchequer of the hostess. Everybody seems to have found out that besides being more practical, they are much more fun.

Since buffet parties invaded the American scene, a number of changes have taken place which have made them easier to stage. Take the menus. At first, the buffet menu was almost exactly like the conventional wedding breakfast. It usually consisted of a cup of clear soup; a cold dish such as chicken salad or a hot dish such as lobster Newburgh; ice cream, cookies and black coffee. A true caterer's meal and indeed often the product of same! The buffet menus given on these pages are a far cry from the old pattern. Today's hostesses have learned about casserole cooking, new kinds of breads, more imaginative drinks. They serve buffet meals in any room of the house. Some of the most attractive informal meals are set in a living room in front of a roaring fire, on a patio or in a recreation room. Table settings are more varied, ranging from the colored pinwheel cloth on page 112 to the smooth, bare table-top set for hungry skiers on page 117. Best of all are the new table cookers and food warmers. They're so handsome, many a one serves as a conversation piece. They work too, keeping their contents either cold or hot. Many of them plug in and can be used to cook right at the table. For ideas about on-the-spot party cooking, see page 118.

All in all, an evolution has come about in entertaining. Does it mean that our standards have lowered or that we are slipping? Not at all. People still want to live well. They still like good food, good wine, good conversation. Informal entertaining does not mean that parties have become casual with all elegance lost. Buffet parties are occasions worth dressing for, and are worthy of your best silver, linens and china. Just because guests help themselves from a buffet table does not necessarily mean that they must eat their chicken on the knee. They can be seated with compatible tablemates at small card tables to enjoy their meal, the men serving the ladies or each guest serving himself.

 Invite people who play instruments for an evening of music after dinner

SERVE
Turkey salad
Cheese bread
Baba au rhum with hot currants
Coffee

If your friends would rather play than sing, invite each guest to bring his instrument to a home musical. Keep the overall scene simple so there's room for scores. Decorations might be oversized French Christmas balls strung from the valance. A round cocktail table (by Erwin-Lambeth) holds music stands during the concert, is spacious enough for making a flaming dessert and coffee later.
Entertain friends at a tape-recording party

Buy extra copies of your favorite Christmas play and let each guest record his part around a table set up in the study or a quiet corner of the living room. Between acts, serve hot hors d'oeuvres (which you can keep warm on a radiant-heated tray) and punch from a mahogany cellarette (by Weiman).

SERVE
Creamed chipped beef
Biscuits with herb butter
Hot Tom and Jerry

Give teen-agers a grilled supper and a phonograph dance

If you turn over the game room (or the run of any room), the high-school crowd will have a wonderful time with dance tunes and a record player. Let them have the fun of grilling their own cheeseburgers right at the table. Maple table, bench for record player (by Whitney) have water-resistant finish.

SERVE
Cheeseburgers
Potato frits
Cole slaw
Roasted apples and cookies

The parties which we have worked out for you on these pages cover 11 different occasions that might arise during the Twelve Days of Christmas (December 25 to January 6). All of them are keyed to our philosophy of more guests, less courses, less service. In calendar sequence, there is first a children's party at which they trim their own tiny tree with delightful and partly edible nonsense. Then there's the small supper on Christmas Eve before the last wrapping stint. There are two kinds of musical parties; two others for teen-agers, one a dancing evening, one a hot buffet after winter sports. An afternoon of Canasta, bridge or Scrabble has its inning, too. And there's New Year's Eve with a party so festive that we think it should be labeled, 'Do not open 'til midnight.' There's also an open-house party with eggnog and the things to eat with it. And for cruise-bound travelers we've blueprinted a bon voyage party, too. Finally, there's a Twelfth-night supper in which to celebrate with mixed emotions the fact that the Christmas season is over.
Set the scene for a traditional open house around a punch bowl

SERVE
Eggnog
Turkey sandwiches
Salted nuts
Sponge-cake fingers
Coffee

Make an eggnog party your biggest party of the season. If you move a commodious table to an out-of-traffic spot, guests can serve themselves. Decorations might be a pale blue tree of butterflies and trinkets and two candles. Cherry dining table which extends to 30" with two leaves is by Old Colony.

Plan an intimate supper on Christmas Eve

SERVE
Oyster stew
Green salad and pâté
Cold Mackintosh apples
Toasted walnuts
Coffee

Invite a few friends from midnight service for steaming hot stew which you cook or heat at the sideboard. Set places at a table (from Rway) but let your guests serve themselves. Repeat a gold and green theme in ropes of Christmas balls entwined in the chandelier. Create a centerpiece of presents.

People and parties are taking to the buffet

Buffet supper is served in hall. At left, Mrs. C. Griffith Warfield and William R. Scott, Jr. Above, Mrs. Walter Hoving, Mrs. Alison Bisgood and Gilbert-W. Kahn serve themselves at candle-lit supper table.

Mrs. Gilbert W. Kahn, left, Archibald McG. Foster, Mrs. Warfield, Miss Isabel Leighton, dine at small tables.
SERVE
Veal goulash
Poppy-seed noodles
Mixed green salad
Farmer’s Bishop punch
Coffee

Prepare a supper in the recreation room after a day of outdoor sports. Skiers might hang up pine boughs brought back from the woods to decorate the walls. Keep the Farmer’s Bishop punch piping hot in a big copper bucket. Maple table (by Conant Ball) can be set for buffet service or extended to seat a crowd.

SERVE
Buttered popcorn
Gingerbread men
Molasses milkshake

A tree that is easy to trim makes this party fun. For it, the small guests will need lots of popcorn, lollipops, and gingerbread men (some are sure to be eaten) and ribbons to tie them onto the tree. Table (by Ritts) raises or lowers to the right height. Stools with plastic seats tuck under table when not in use.
Give a bon voyage buffet for holiday travelers

Surprise sailing friends with a buffet supper and a drum heaped high with gifts.

Long black marble-topped table (by LaVerne Originals) fits into the hall, leaving room for guests to serve themselves.

Serve
Buttered spaghetti
Minced clam sauce
Romaine salad, sauce al Verde
Quatre Mendiants (fruits, nuts)

Invite friends for a Scrabble party

For an evening of Scrabble, you might entertain at a game table (by Willow & Reed) on the sunporch. Give the setting a tinsel touch, such as shiny Christmas tree balls wired to a sunburst mirror.

Serve
Cheese fondue
Babka
Coffee
Kirschwasser

You can cook a buffet dinner at the table

Just as buffet meals have become part and parcel of everyone's life, so has cooking them in full view of the guests. The setting (opposite) shows how smoothly such a feat can come off. You see the host and hostess (they're not isolated in the kitchen), and you can sense their composure. Automatic chefs, now so good-looking that they fit into a party as compatibly as a silver wine cooler or a chafing dish, have taken over the meal. Beef is roasting in a Broil-Quik electric rotisserie on the serving cart; vegetables are cooking on the broiler tray below. A timer will signal when the roast is done. These modern electric servants permit you to serve wherever the mood dictates: in the living room or recreation room. If you plan such a party for the Twelfth-night of Christmas (the sixth of January is the traditional night for taking down decorations), guests can linger over cocktails or start on the tinsel and baubles while turtle soup simmers in an electric cooker (by West Bend). Later they will fill their soup bowls piping hot from the cooker instead of a tureen. On the second shelf of the cart, coffee stays hot in an electric Coffematic percolator.

White plates and mugs (Lyric pattern by Stangl) were created especially for buffet entertaining. The stainless steel flatware (Delvynware pattern by Clement) has green-and-black-striped china handles. (Additional photos shown on page 194.)

Write to H&G Reader Service for recipes of Christmas buffet parties.

Shopping information for party portfolio on page 196.
The art of Christmas

By creating your own gifts and ornaments,
you can capture the true spirit of this merry season.

The art of Christmas is the art of taking pains. It's the individual touch you give to the packages you wrap, the cookies you bake, the tree you trim that makes Christmas memorable. Today, many people miss the old-fashioned fun of improvising surprises for family and friends. But if you start now, you and your children can have the fun of creating some of your own gifts and ornaments. What's more, by shopping now for greenery and glitter, you will have the pick of the crop. If your spirit is willing but your imagination is weak, here is a spate of ideas to inspire you.

Why not change the look of your Christmas tree this year? You might tie on Christmas-tree balls with strips of bright felt, use yards of inexpensive cotton ball fringe dyed a brilliant color, or decorate your tree like the story-book tree on page 111, with lollipops and sugarplums. Let the children decorate small, individual trees for their rooms. There are new varieties shown on the next two pages, hung with everything from bells to butterflies.

If you make plans now, you can create some amusing touches for the buffet parties you're bound to give this season. Trays or tables can be painted in candy colors (see opposite). Why not make a tablecloth of candy-striped chintz, felt, or tarlatan? For trimming, baste on ribbon stripes, tassel fringe, or even tinsel. While you're about it, bells sewn on cocktail napkins add a bright touch. You might serve cocktails or liquor in three-ounce carafes wound with red or green raffia to identify the contents.

Your children, whose visions are filled with sugarplums and Santa Claus, will enjoy a few down-to-earth moments with a cookie cutter, a paint brush, or a pair of scissors. They can help to decorate the table for family Christmas dinner by making the place cards, stringing marzipan candy on waxed thread to use as a garland for a centerpiece, or painting symbols of the season on inexpensive tumblers. They can tie little bundles of evergreens for gift wrappings. They can make doll houses out of orange crates, puppets out of papier-mâché and felt, as gifts for hospitalized children.

One of the best ways to say Merry Christmas when you go calling is to take along some product of your own cooking done up in a container that's useful in the kitchen. A cruet of your best salad dressings, a small apothecary jar of salted nuts, a tin mold filled with assorted cookies make excellent gifts. If you live in the country, you might share with your city friends home-grown vegetables from your freezer or evergreens gathered from the woods. Allowing time, you can run up an apron of glazed chintz trimmed in ball fringe, or of red organdy with pockets made of Christmas handkerchiefs, accented with sequins.

Taking some of these tips, you and your family will recapture all the fun of taffy-pull days and have twice as much to show for it. On Christmas Eve when the tree comes to life and presents come out of hiding, the entire family will enjoy the fruits of time well spent capturing the spirit of the season.

On the next two pages, 19 ways to say Merry Christmas in your home.
Top row: left to right: Lacquer clusters of miniature fruit from a milliner's workroom decorate a boxwood tree; this one is made by Helen Cole, Inc. Make a garland of evergreens to loop and tie with red oilcloth bows over your doorway, as Mr. and Mrs. Enoch G. Megrue have done above the portico of their Colonial house in New Canaan, Connecticut. Combine gauzy taffeta ruffles, whimsical birds, and tinsel pompons for a ballerina tree in a young girl's bedroom; this one is by Helen Cole, Inc.

Center row: Hang a Mexican tin mirror, strewn with painted tin flowers, to greet Christmas callers in your entrance hall; 18" x 12", at Lord & Taylor. Accent a tree or mantelpiece with an angelic felt doll which swings on a star suspended on a gold cord; 4" high, Lord & Taylor. Paint small, folding tables in gay colors for your buffet parties. These, 18" x 25" x 20½", are available 'in the raw,' by Howe, at B. Altman & Co.

Bottom row: Make a table tree of wire mesh, spray it gold for spangle and stud it with thimble-sized bells and baubles; 24" high, Helen Cole, Inc. As a change from traditional evergreens, create an unusual door wreath by combining fruit, nuts, and pine cones (gilded and otherwise), like this one by Mrs. Norman Livermore, Marin County, California. Give a lift to your holiday decorations with a balloon made of papier mâché which carries a wicker basket of candy canes; 10", 12", and 14" sizes at Victoria Tree.
Top row, left to right: Animate your own Christmas tree with carved figures like these Neapolitan angels which Mrs. Howell H. Howard uses each year on her tree. Make a two-dimensional tree of wood and pin up decorated cookies such as these, made from traditional German molds; this tree 24” high, at Souppen. Hang a stirring chandelier made of a Christmas ball, with crystal necklace and sequin-dusted finial, 18” high, at W & J Sloane.

Center row: Spray a small tree cerulean blue and festoon it with butterflies made of buckram and sprinkled with sequins; this one 40” high, to order, Helen Cole, Inc. Dress up a chandelier with Christmas balls, birds, red candles, as Marian Stephenson Patmore has done with an Empire crystal chandelier in her New York studio-apartment. Use a silvered wire and tinsel tree with battery in base to light up porch or patio, by Helen Cole, at W & J Sloane.

Bottom row: Flock a tree pink and use sweetheart roses, forget-me-nots, and baby’s-breath as fillip, by Helen Cole. Combine turquoise-colored fruit and bell-trimmed ribbon for a jingling doorpiece; this one is ready-made at Lord & Taylor. Invert a champagne glass over a brandy snifter and you have the makings of an ornament which can be decorated inside and out with silver balls, pink and red flowers; designed by Robert Stevenson; 15½” high, at Alman’s. Cross the border, in your mind’s eye, for a Mexican tree based on a vivid angel and pleated fans of silver paper; 14” high, at Victoria Tree.
Brass compote for fireside gatherings holds generous supply of fruits, nuts, dates, or gingerbread Santas. Useful as a centerpiece. Diameter 12". By Syracuse Ornamental. $11.95. From Strawbridge & Clothier, Philadelphia.

"Mayflower" butter dish for friends with Early American tastes has an immaculately simple design in sterling silver plate. Handle is in the shape of a cow. Glass lining keeps butter fresh. Reed & Barton. $12.95, Plummer's.

Map reader and pigskin case is a practical 'through the windshield' gift for travelers. Reading instrument computes distance, measures map areas. With magnifier, pencil, and credit-card envelope. $12.50, Abercrombie & Fitch.

The present with a future is a gift of confidence in the State of the Union. This year Mr. and Mrs. House & Garden can wrap U.S. Savings Bonds in attractive, colored gift folders. Bonds at any bank, or Treasury Dept.

Venetian glass punch bowl set is made to order for eggnog parties, or that traditional potion known as 'Fish House Punch'. A warming gift for young couples with young incomes. 2-quart bowl, ladle and 6 glasses, $49.95. At Macy's N. Y.

Last-minute shoppers’ guide to the right gift

If you are one of those who has let Christmas catch you unprepared, pull up a chair and start in on your list right away. The gifts here and on the next six pages will save you many a last-minute perplexity, give a lift to your holiday spirits, and help you beat the postman around the clock. Out of hundreds of appealing gifts, we have sorted and sifted, edited and chosen a variety that are gay, whimsical, practical and sentimental. For new or nearly-marrieds you'll find relish trays, glassware, martini pitchers and ice buckets for their first 'at home'. A brandy warmer, a pair of onyx-and-gold cuff links, and poultry shears to tackle the turkey, will please hosts. There are handsome travel guides and map readers in leather cases; copper kettles, salad bowls, 'Second Helping' recipe files, salt and pepper mills to satisfy the most finicky. For the Compleat Anglers and Nimrods in your life there's a new type of fishing rod, and a brace of hand-carved snipe to decorate a library table. An all-purpose food mixer with automatic timer that rings a bell when batters are ready is a boon to any budding hostess; likewise fold-away tables that store easily; covered entree dishes to keep food hot. You'll find gifts for weight-watchers, flower arrangers, puzzle-and-game fans; gifts for traditionally-minded couples and meticulous moderns. There are silver dishes, compotes for hothouse fruits or gingerbread Santas; tea and demi-tasse sets, crystal vases, and a Venetian punch bowl for eggnog or Fish House Punch parties. There is even a dog collar for the mastiff or puppy on your hearth, and a concert guitar to help make mellow music on Christmas morning.

Prices approx. Include Fed. tax. Stores in N. Y. unless otherwise noted. Store list, p. 207. All gift photos by Grigsby.
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1. Salad bowl of crackled glass adds zest to a bridge luncheon, is a boon to calorie counters. Large size, 10" in diameter, $3.75. Individual bowls, 5 1/2", $1.10. Both sizes available in olive green or clear crystal. Hellenic Arts.

2. Cuff links have a perennial appeal. This easy-to-insert pair are designed in 14K gold and set with black onyx. Or you can also have them set in lapis, in moss jade, carnelian, and tiger's eye. $48. William B. Riley, Beverly Hills.

3. Copper kettle trio with pure tin linings is a welcome gift for pantry shelves, picnics, or pot-au-feu. The 1 1/2 pt. size $6.95; 1 qt. $8.95; 2 qts. $10.95. Kettles are Italian imports by Victor Savarese. From Wanamaker's, N. Y.

4. Decanter-coaster of white tile with fish design in black on white, also comes with potpourri of fish colors in royal blue, yellow, red, green on white. 6" sterling rim. Coaster doubles as ash tray, $10. By Revere Silversmiths.

5. Poultry shears with Formica handles, stainless steel blades, lend a helping hand to hosts who tackle the turkey. $10. A side partner-carver's aid anchors the bird, $10. By Robeson Cutlery Co. At B. Altman Co.

6. Glass brandy warmers now ride down the Yuletide table on a two-wheeled miniature fire department carriage containing an alcohol burner. This bright conversation piece comes in brass and chrome. $15.50. Dunhill.


8. Butterfly tray, designed for casual serving, has colorful wings and real ferns pressed under a glass cover, on unspun Japanese silk. A pleasant gift for teatime in the country. The tray frame is mahogany, $15. Bloomingdale's.

9. Turquoise cat keeps whimsical company with a decorative ceramic group of 'Charade Gems' including a nasturtium lion, black horse, purple deer. Trimings are copper wire, jewelled features. 8". $5 ea. Dorothy Lerner, Phila.

10. Wood scoop chair, with comfortably contoured lines, gives large-scale use in small room space. Design by Milo Baughman. Birch or maple frame; 24" leather back and seat. By Murray Furniture. $75. Gimbel's, New York.
11. **Earrings**, for a lady who likes to sparkle, come in a fan-shaped, sea shell form. Rhinestones on gold add a touch of glitter for special occasions and holiday nights. Earrings, $10. This is an original design from Alla Kent.

12. **Straw pigeons** carry a message of good will from your house; are bound to please those who like the hand-crafted look of straw. This ornamental feathered friend will settle down anywhere. $5 at Penthouse Gallery.

13. **'Foreign Travel Guide'** is a useful ion voyage gift of helpful tips on currency, French, Spanish, Italian, German lexicons. In green, red, tan, blue, black calfskin, 6½” wide. Complete with diary, pencil. $22.50 at Mark Cross.

14. **Paper cutter**, ruler, letter opener combination is an ingeniously designed token for the junior or senior executives in your life. Desk gift, in sterling silver, is 12” long. $15. By Samuel Kirk & Son, Inc., Baltimore, Md.

15. **Wastebasket** of French tole has a commodious 15” diameter, is 11” high. In red finish with painted lyre and torch motif, it has decorative appeal for friends with period room schemes. $35 at Saks Guest and Gift Shop.


17. **Opaline urns**, reminiscent of old drinking goblets, make an attractive gift to fill with house grapes or after-dinner mints. Urns are milk-white and are banded for contrast. Each urn costs $29.95. At Macy’s New York.


19. **Swiss paper**, touched with gold in various designs, decorates a crossword puzzle board for game fans. Equally useful to jot down notes. Board has a clip, pencil holder. By Leah Curtiss. $6.95. Mediterranean Shop.

20. **‘Second Helping’ recipe file** of hide and Italian paper has index cards, pen, calorie chart, glue dispenser. $17.50. Flower arrangement book has slide lock, gloves, wire, pruner, shears, knife, $29.95. Both at Mark Cross.
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1. Concert guitar with 12-frets fingerboard, nylon strings, makes a mellow-toned gift for serious strummers. $100. Schirmer's.

2. 'Galegag' anemometer is a portable weather bureau for sailing friends; indicates wind velocity, generates its own power, has 36' wire. $69.50. At Abercrombie & Fitch.

3. Party tables that fold to 1" for easy storage are a hostess' best friend. Tops are non-warping, lacquered redwood chip finish, on black, wrought-iron legs. Lap-size height. Two tables, for $7.95. At Junet Lauiks.

4. Candlesticks, traditional as watch night, will light up family faces around the table. This spiral design by Fisher, is sterling silver, has an alry balance. Price $20 a pair. From Marmod, Jaccard, King, St. Louis.

5. An Italian ceramic pitcher, 12" high, will hold sprays of Christmas greens, springtime bouquets, or can be used as a milk jug. The glazed surface has a sea motif dotted with small boats. $16.50. At Saks Fifth Ave.

6. Leather 'Watch dog' collars for all sizes of mastiff or puppy, in shades of red, blue, gold, green, silver, and white. Collars have a built-in compass to guide both masters and their pets. $15. At Hammacher Schlemmer.

7. 'Town and Country' umbrella with interchangeable handles is a rainy-day gift for commuters. Umbrellas in red, green, black, wine, navy, brown. $12.95. Lord & Taylor.

8. 'Colony' doorknob, for traditional doorways, spells welcome to guests. Decorated with a rose pattern on white enamel (one of 12 designs). Knob is easy to install. By Yale & Towne. $4.95. At Bergdorf Goodman.

9. Sweater blouse from Austria, in black-and-white stripe can be stored in transparent plasticized fabric case, bound in midnight blue or pastel moire. Case $9.95. Schoenfeld Linens. Sweater $25, at Gunther JaeckeL

10. Copper food container, of Italian design, holds 2 qts. of hot-cold food, it is a useful gift for dining-kitchens. Brass handles; 7½" by 7½", $39.50. From Lord & Taylor.

11. Fishing rod for the Compleat Angler can be used for bay and fresh water fishing. Collapsible, Fiberglas rod and 38" metal case weigh 11 oz. $18.95. Hammacher Schlemmer.

12. 'Young Horseman' is an exact reproduction of a Greek marble of the 4th century B.C. Makes a handsome plaque or table accessory. 18" tall. $8.50. Museum Pieces.
13. **Pitchers** for a collector of fine glass are gift imports from France, inspired by old Etruscan designs. The 9¼" size, $22. The 7½" size, $20. At Baccarat & Porthault.

14. **'Monkey see, monkey do**' is a puckish toy of teakwood and oak, 6" tall with a 10" span. By Kay Bojesen. $8. Georg Jensen.

15. **Portable magazine rack** made of polished brass doubles its gift uses as a bottle storage rack or snack bar dispenser. $105. Without glass shelves (top and bottom), $97.50. The cart is 34" high. Doris Dessauer.

16. A Leerdam vase makes a decorative addition to modern rooms. Designed by Willem Heesen, the vase is cone-shaped, has a crystal clarity, is 11" high. A perfect container for cut flowers or greens. $14. At Bonnier's.

17. A wall **plaque** of a clown adds a note of gay buffoonery to modern interiors. His costume comes in red, green, yellow, blue. Tile plaque 18" by 6"; from Bucks County Smithy. $17.50. At W & J Sloane, N. Y.

18. **Pillbox bracelet** makes a pretty and practical reminder to take those vitamins on schedule. Gold-plated band fits into envelope-shaped box. By Claire McCardell. $10. At Lord & Taylor.

19. **Green leaf dessert plates**, to hold Christmas fruits, ices or plum pudding, are a charming gift for hostesses with a week-end houseful. Plates have geranium leaf borders. $24 a dozen. At Saks Fifth Avenue.

20. **All-purpose food mixer** has built-in thumb control timer that rings when batters and mixings are ready. Timer can be set up to 12 min. Mixer with timer, 2 bowls, $43.50. Juicer $4.50. By General Mills. Macy's N. Y.

21. **Boutonnière pin** of Ruby and gold is opulent as a Victorian stickpin, long enough to fasten a holiday corsage or to pin a flower on a lapel. Mark under 'Sentiment' on your Christmas gift list. $45. At Schlumberger.

22. **Ship's bell** for 'calling all hands' is suitable for gardens, terraces, patios; ringing tone summons children at mealtime. About 12" tall, with bronze bracket. $80. Greatrex.

23. **Candelabra** to please meticulous moderns is a slender three-branch wall sconce of brass, 11" wide. An original design by Tommi Parzinger. $90. At W & J Sloane, N. Y.

24. **Wall mirror** to greet well-wishers is 48" high, 14" wide in a black wrought-iron frame. Side, base shelves are white opaque glass. By Paul McGobb. $56. At L. S. Ayres.
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2. Walnut meat tray has two sections to hold cold ham, chicken or turkey leftovers. The brass carrier handles and separate server are bound with raffia. An ideal gift for buffets. Tray, $16. Server, $5. At Georg Jensen.

3. Shoe shine kit is good looking enough to entice school-agers into trying the contents. Made in England, the leather kit holds two polishes, two brushes, fastens with a metal clasp. $3 at City of Paris, San Francisco.

4. Tumblers for the cup that cheers come in a new, crackled pattern, for timely entertainment. Dozen highball glasses, $10.80, old-fashions, $9.60, double old-fashions, $12. Made by Imperial Glass, Bellaire, Ohio.

5. Silver-plate entrée dish is a boon to hostesses. Handle removes from cover so both sections can be used as vegetable dishes. 'Melon' pattern by Community. With divider, $51. Without, $47.50. J. L. Hudson, Detroit.

6. Relish tray for pickles, olives, salted nuts is 14" long, has four scoop compartments to simplify serving. Franciscan earthenware in tan, green, brown. Tray, $4.35. Scoops, $1.40. By Gladding-McBean, Los Angeles.

7. Luxury boxes to brighten dressing tables come in turquoise velvet, are studded with pearls, shells, gold thread trim. $25. In pink velvet with shell, gold thread trim, $36. By Betty Burket at Henri Bendel.

8. Place mat, napkin sets have a gay, Portuguese-inspired motif in red, green or gold on pure linen to please provincial tastes. Four place mats, 4 napkins, $4.98. By Paragon Art Linens, Wanamaker's, Phila.

9. Checkbook cover of solid gold is one bright answer to what to do with that Christmas check. Cover opens like a book, it has spring hinges to hold checks tightly; room for initials or name. $160. At Cartier.

10. Lighter and cigarette holder of polished brass go hand in hand with desk accessories, make companion pieces for a library table. Lighter, holder by Richards-Morgen than, $12.80. At Hammacher Schlemmer.
11. **Silver bowl and cover** will serve as a bride’s starter piece for table settings, keep dishes warm for lazy evenings at home. Diameter, 5½"; height 2½". By Gorham. $27.50. At Black, Starr & Gorham.

12. **Plates and cups** will do yeoman service in front of TV screen on holiday nights. This set in smart black and white has a cockerel motif. Plates are 10½" in diameter. Sets are $36 a doz. At W & J Sloane, New York.

13. **Sound-recording tape** will preserve the gaiety of your Christmas parties for nostalgic playbacks. 'Library Pack' album stores in a bookcase. The 5" reel size is $9.95. The 7" reel is $14.95. At Liberty Music Shop.

14. **Brass shell table accessory** stands on a starfish, will please crustacean-minded friends. Shell is handmade and imported from Italy; 3" high, 7½" wide. Useful as a bonbonniere. $32.50. From Lord & Taylor.

15. **Man-size sweater** for frosty days, or to pull on after skiing, has a snug turtleneck, well-fitted cuffs, graduated stripes on the neckline and sleeves. In several two-color combinations, $40. Dominique France.

16. **Scale** for hospitality dispenses fruits and nuts (or Christmas candies) from balanced holders. The white metal scale has a pedestal base, is 26½" tall, and makes an unusual centerpiece. $35 at Rich's, Atlanta.

17. **Knives** designed for contemporary couples make a fine point of the fruit and cheese course. 'Vogue' handles are plastic, blades are vanadium steel. Set of six, $15. From Charles Bridgell, At Hammacher Schlemmer.

18. **Ice bucket** of durable, lightweight aluminum has a self-banded trim, and hammered finish. The bucket makes a welcome bar accessory for new or nearly marrieds. 115-cube capacity. $12.98. Macy's New York.

19. **Free-form salad bowl and servers** are hand-hewn in Haiti, out of light-colored obechi wood. About 12" in diameter, the bowl is $20, will please invertebrate salad-tossers. Servers are $4.50. The set is at Georg Jensen.

20. **Hand-carved snipe** will gladden the eye of any armchair Nimrod on your gift list. This decorative pair is made out of chestnut, in two sizes: 11½" and 13" high. $18.50 each. At A. B. Closson Jr. Co., Minneapolis, Minn.
Here begins a 12-page portfolio on how to enjoy music all through your house with high-fidelity, radio-phonographs, television, tape recorders, and musical instruments.

Music

all through the house

Thanks to television, to radio, to high-fidelity, and to better recordings, America is becoming a nation of first-nighters who are really stay-at-homes. Like the name of a popular television program, you are there when it happens. Your front row seat is in your own home. Flicking a dial is your ticket to the opera or symphony. A high-fidelity recording is your invitation to a concert by Heifetz or an evening with Edith Piaf. Something similar to the third dimension is making these rich rewards possible. Seeking to increase our enjoyment of sight and sound experiences, we are eliminating the restrictions of the box, whether it is a television set or a record player. Sound now has a tendency to fill a room—you don’t need to sit next to a set to hear it. Television images are in better perspective than they were several years ago. More screens are wider, pictures bigger than life. These improvements are changing our way of life. Last year we spent 2 billion dollars for television, 300 million for radios, 200 million for phonographs, 145 million for records. We bought more musical instruments, took more music lessons. We talked about music and listened to it in many places. We filled our homes with masterpieces and folksongs, with jazz and Broadway musical comedies. This was as true in Connecticut as in California. Wherever you live, the new theatre is your home. And the sounds you hear in it are the rich, full sounds of concert hall, opera house, and studio.

OPPOSITE:

TV set swivels to face either living room or hall. Here, small fry watch it from stairs. Setting by Dana O’Clare, decorating consultant for Zenith.
What do they mean when they talk about hi-fi?

The intelligent homeowner’s guide to high-fidelity by Deems Taylor

At age four I was a recording artist. What’s more, I can prove it, for I still have the record. It is a cardboard cylinder about an inch in diameter and six inches long, coated with some sort of black stuff. One lowered a needle, talked or sang into a funnel, cranking vigorously. Then, reversing the process, one lowered the funnel instead of the needle, and cranked again. Years later I had the cylinder recording transferred to a disc record (and a very expensive disc it was. They had to build a special machine to play the cylinder). And sure enough, against what sounded like a heavy tropical downpour, one could dimly hear my voice raised in song.

Even in those days of my youth, however, there was better recording than that. Some of my more aged readers will probably recall the fat little wax cylinders put out by the Edison Company, largely devoted to Sousa marches and comic monologues. Meanwhile, Emile Berliner had invented the disc record and his greatly improved gramophone, and the cylinder recordings gradually faded out.

But recordings, even on discs, remained comparatively crude for years, up to the middle Twenties. There was no such thing as volume control, for instance. When a singer wanted to be recorded softly he backed away from the ‘horn.’ To sound louder he came closer. There were no real violins in the studio orchestras. What passed for fiddles were weird contraptions consisting of a backbone, a bridge, and a gadget at the end that looked like the bell of a saxophone. The dynamic range of a finished record was extremely limited. It could play neither very softly nor very loudly.

Equally limited was the frequency or tone range, going as it did from about 100 to 4,000 cps. (More about cps in a moment.) As a result, baritones were likely to sound like tenors singing in the wrong register, while the sopranos were lucky if they didn’t sound like a squeaky piece of chalk on a blackboard. The advent of electrical recording in 1925 marked an enormous improvement in records. For the first time they had a real bass and a much wider frequency range.

Let me explain those so-called frequencies. When a given note of the scale is struck or played on a musical instrument, or sung by the human voice, it sets up a series of atmospheric vibrations which convey the resultant sound to your ears. These vibrations, or cycles as they’re usually called, vary greatly in speed—ranging from 20 cycles per second (there’s your cps) for the lower-toned instruments to 15,000 cps for the piccolo. In addition to its fundamental vibrations, a musical tone consists of secondary vibrations known as harmonics, or overtones. These are the vibrations that give individuality to tones of the various instruments—that bring out the distinction between a violin and a trumpet, for example, when both are playing the same note. If these overtones were screened out, you wouldn’t be able to tell one instrument from another. Yet screen them out, to a certain extent, is precisely what many records and players do. Even as late as 1935 the frequency range of the average record and player extended no higher than 5,000 cps.

Let’s see how important those extra high frequencies are. There is just one orchestral instrument that is faithfully reproduced at a ‘ceiling’ frequency of 5,000 cps. Want to bet? The kettledrum. Here are the upper frequency limits of certain instruments and voices: A soprano, 10,000 cps; trombone and French horn, about 8,000; cymbals, 14,000; clarinet, 14,500; cello, violin, oboe, flute, triangle, piccolo, 15,000 and over.

And that’s where high fidelity (hi-fi to you) came in. In the Forties, after (Continued on next page)
Hi-fi is no longer high-brow. Today, thanks to already-assembled radio-phonograph units, you can enjoy high-fidelity in any room of your home.

A compact design for custom hi-fi units (AM-FM radio tuner, amplifier, record player, speaker), this cabinet has birch finish, leather door pulls, Pandanus panel over speaker. Designed by Florence Knoll.

The interior of this Early American piece was altered to hold TV, speaker, radio, records, and record player. Designed by Don Sheets for Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Picker’s Connecticut house.

Storage wall in the living room of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Moses’ New Orleans house holds radio, record player, books, and records numbered to correspond with a master index. Architects: Curtis & Davis.
Here are six ideas for creating your own theatre at home

(Continued) World War II, English Decca produced its first records—full frequency range recordings—which, for the first time, gave the purchaser of a record a chance to hear the sound of voices and instruments reproduced with reasonable accuracy. Later, Columbia brought out the long-playing record, which, due to its slow speed, could play nearly thirty minutes of music on one side, thus doing away with breaks in continuity that plagued the old-style records. RCA-Victor followed suit, as did Decca and others, so that the long-playing record today has within it the possibility of bringing you virtually uninterrupted performances of musical works with uncanny fidelity.

But granted the potentialities of the long-playing record, there must also be a playback instrument that will turn those potentialities into reality. The modern high-fidelity reproducing assembly is the answer. Suppose we cast a hasty glance at its component parts.

First, the full frequency, long-playing record itself. It is made of plastic material and is marked 'unbreakable.' This isn't literally true. If you threw it across the room, or hit it with a hammer, you could at least damage it; but it is certainly less brittle than the old-fashioned shellac record. On each of its sides there is a continuous spiral groove about 1/300 of an inch wide. The groove is not perfectly even, but undulates; and those microscopic undulations are literally a record of the music that you will hear.

The record-playing equipment is very important. Here your choice lies between an automatic changer and a single-play turntable such as broadcasting stations use. Both have their advantages. The automatic changer permits the convenience of playing a series of records without marked interruption. The single-play turntable offers simpler and more rugged construction. Practically speaking, there is no perceptible difference in the music produced by either. But be sure that the changer or turntable you select is designed for use with high-fidelity equipment. It must be operated in a perfectly level position, and should be insulated from the mounting board by springs or rubber cushions. If it isn't level, or if it varies in speed, you get 'wow.' If you want to know what 'wow' means, put an old warped record on the machine. What comes out will be 'wow.'

Next come the tone... (Continued on page 174)
A room within a room is created for television

In this rectangular living room the television cabinet is placed on a table-bench (both are made of hazel nut) against a long wall adjacent to the fireplace. Sofas are grouped in an L around a cocktail table, for conversation or TV.

Basic cabinets line up for hi-fi

These cabinets, each 25" x 20 1/2" x 39 1/2", are custom designed to fit individual hi-fidelity equipment. Shown left to right: grilled cabinet for speaker; TV, record shelf; tuner, amplifier, record changer. Limed oak or mahogany.

Television-storage unit is ideal for a dining area

Space-saving idea for a combination living-dining room, this cabinet not only holds TV but stores records, liquor, etc., behind sliding tambour doors. There is a top compartment in which to install a radio and record player as well.

Here's a new slant on listening

The speakers are in the slanted sides of this marble-topped Italian Provincial cabinet, perfect for a traditional room planned for music and musing. Doors of center section open to reveal a television set, radio, and record player.

Television is relaxing in a bed-sitting room

A combination bed-sitting room is a good place to enjoy television in peace and privacy. Here the TV unit is placed in a walnut cabinet with sliding doors, tubular brass legs. Contour chaise longue and coffee table complete the grouping.

Shopping information for music portfolio, page 196.
Here are 8 ingenious ways to fit ready-made TV and music units into your own rooms.

**Television on a swivel platform puts a corner to work**

In a young man's room, a typical table-model TV swivels to any viewing position. It is placed on top of a corner unit which could house a high-fidelity speaker for the small record player. Storage units for clothes, games, etc., are along adjacent walls.

**Radio-phonograph rolls up beside sofa, saves space**

A right-hand companion, this chairside radio-phonograph takes the position of an end table. It is not only easy to operate at arm's length, but a good investment for young marrieds who have combination living-dining rooms with little wall space.

**Music-TV console blends with Provincial living room**

TV, radio, and record player combined in one cabinet that harmonizes with the background of a room give the effect of retreating into the wall like built-in units. In this room, a French Provincial console blends with the wood paneling.

**Table-TV wheels around to face any part of room**

On a table fitted with casters, a compact TV unit adapts to any viewing position. In this one-room apartment, it is lined up with cabinets which divide kitchen-dining and living areas. Or you might roll it under a countertop when it's not in use.
Modern TV cabinet on casters faces living room or patio

A simple, movable TV set on wheels is placed so that it can be seen from a sofa in the living room or turned around in front of the plate-glass window for patio viewing. Window area is curtained by woven wood-slat blind to prevent reflections at night.

Typical table-model TV is recessed in paneled wall

The TV screen (any standard table model) takes the place of a painting on pine-paneled wall in a traditional living room-study. For comfortable viewing, sofa stretches out in front; chairs pull up to hunt table for snacks with the show. At W & J Sloane, N.Y.

Radio, TV, record player fit sections of a room-divider

A partial partition between sitting and dining areas of a recreation room is doubly useful as a music wall. Modern table-model TV, small radio, and record turntable are placed in the shelf space. There is room to spare for extra speakers, books, record albums.

A hi-fi-study is built around ready-made equipment

Along one wall a writing shelf is built out on each side of a high-fidelity radio-phonograph. Shelves above accommodate books, records, and a tape recorder for sounds worth saving (see page 140). This is an ingenious way to equip a small room for leisure hours.
In Mr. and Mrs. Robert Osborn's Connecticut house, designed by architect Edward Barnes, the piano is centered midway between the dining room, right, and the living room, far left. Here Mrs. Osborn, an enthusiastic pianist, accompanies her cartoonist husband, who plays the flute.

Before you decide on a piano, learn to judge it from the inside out

The standard depth of touch, which you can test by depressing a key slowly, is about 3/8" but depression can be regulated for individual preference, to feel deeper or more shallow.

Weighting keys compensates for variation in length between black and white keys, assures uniformity of touch full length of scale. Here, a lead weight is inserted in bottom of black key.

Voicing a piano for the room where it will be played is essential. You should have this done when the piano arrives, checked when piano is regulated or when tone begins to sound tinny.
If you are investing in a piano, you should have no reservations about exploring the inner sanctum of strings, soundboard, bridge, pin block and hammers. While you cannot expect to develop a working knowledge of the 12,000 internal parts of a piano, there are a number of points which indicate the quality of performance you can expect from the instrument.

Since preference of style is an individual matter, the aim of this article is to answer only questions about what makes a piano tick, so that you can choose the one that best suits your requirements. The following are basic points you should look into when you select a piano.

What is good tone?
Tone is something on which even experts disagree. The type of sound you yourself are able to create affects the sound your ears enjoy. If you have a powerful voice, chances are that you will like a piano with a full, resounding bass. If you talk quietly, you will probably enjoy a mellow, sweet-toned piano. A good general rule is to pick a tone that is pleasing to you and your ear, and this tone should please you throughout the entire scale.

What is the difference between a console and a spinet, a spinet and a grand, etc.? There are two major types of piano: the vertical piano and the horizontal, or grand, piano. In a vertical piano (variously called spinet, spinet-console, console, studio upright, upright, and cabinet grand), the strings run diagonally up and down and the piano plate is in an upright or vertical position. In a horizontal piano (commonly called a grand) the strings and plate are parallel to the floor. Vertical pianos run from about 36" in height (floor to top) to more than 46", and usually require less than 2' x 5' of floor space. Horizontal pianos run from about 57" to 60" in width, 4'4" to over 9' in depth (from keyboard to tail). Floor space, wall space and the furnishings of your room should help you decide what style piano you will choose.

What is touch?
Touch is a general term describing the reaction of the key to the finger, not only in depth but also... (Con't on page 174)
Two summers ago, the Russell T. Lund family of Minneapolis took a ten-pound portable recording machine and batteries with them on a tour of Europe. They're still enjoying that vacation, because they came back with recorded hoots of the Queen Mary leaving port, the song of the gondolier who poled them through the canals of Venice, the squawks of Paris taxicabs, the cries of the Swiss yodelers who performed for them at an inn high in the Alps, the first-hand story told by a group of refugees who escaped from the Communist zone to freedom in the West, and the songs of German students who sang of the Lorelei as they passed the famous rock on a boat trip down the Rhine. On tape, the Lunds have a fascinating souvenir of their journey, and one which shows how far recording has come since the days, less than five years ago, when a tape recorder was a party gadget, used to record the play-time conversations of the unwary and played back to the participants. The tape recorder now seems destined to become the fourth member of the home entertainment quartet, a trinity which already includes the radio, the phonograph and TV.

Family use of the tape recorder (for which the price ranges roughly from $100 to $1,000) as a means of maintaining a kind of aural snapshot album is increasing as the number of tape recorders in use nears the million mark. The Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner, family carol singing, the wedding ceremony or reception, a child's birthday party, a commencement exercise, an important anniversary, are only a few of the events in our lives that tape
helps to keep green in the memory. Before starting such an album of your own, you might like to hear how a professional tackles the problem, in Edward R. Murrow's three-volume series on records called 'I Can Hear It Now.' These recapture memorable moments in recent history, via the voices of such participants as Sir Winston Churchill, FDR, Hitler and Stalin, and spectacular news stories like the explosion of the Hindenburg at Lakehurst, New Jersey. If Junior's first adequate performance of a Chopin polonaise at the piano, or mother's talk to the Garden Club on 'When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloomed' are hardly in that class, the chances are such souvenirs will eventually mean as much (or more) to you.

A further home use is the preparation of a sound track to accompany home movies or a series of first-class still slides. Music, or practically any sound effect you can imagine, can easily be dubbed in along with the recorded explanation, and for this type of recording the possibilities are endless, limited only by your own imagination. The amplified noise of the vacuum cleaner can be dubbed in as the sound of the station-wagon motor turning over on a frosty morning, the whir of the washing machine or dishwasher for the sound of Niagara Falls, the buzz of an electric blender for conversation at a party. One company provides a tape especially engineered for this purpose. If a home movie or series of slides is devoted to a particular trip, like a summer vacation, it's a good idea to run the pictures off at home and record the family comments while the impressions are still fresh in everybody's mind. There's always the chance that 5-year-old Janet will say something funnier than she realizes. If she doesn't, you can erase it and start over.

Hundreds of tape-recording enthusiasts stand by each weekend for ABC's regular broadcasts of the Metropolitan Opera, Toscanini and the NBC Symphony, and the Sunday afternoon series over CBS which broadcasts the New York Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra from coast-to-coast. These, with an occasional half-hour transcription of 'The Telephone Hour' or 'The Voice of Firestone' provide the serious listener with a musical smörgåsbord in the course of a single season. If these won't suffice, he can retape the programs of the non-commercial National Association of Educational Broadcasters, available on tape over nearly 100 stations, with full-length continuous broadcasts of programs by the BBC, Radio Difusion Française, the Canadian Broadcasting Company, and many worthwhile musical and dramatic programs the N.A.E.B. has itself produced with the help of funds from the Ford Foundation and other sources.

Tape recordings are in use on our ships at sea, especially in the merchant marine, where the ship's loudspeaking system carries entertainment all over the vessel. A heavy swell makes the use of any ordinary disc impossible, but with tape the music continues to go 'round and 'round. The regular navy carries taped religious services for ships which don't have chaplains. The S.S. United States plays (Continued on page 178)
Home is where you have the best time

We Americans are fast becoming a nation of stay-at-homes, for the good reason that home is where we now have the best time. We are likely to prefer our terraces to the country club, our living rooms to a night club. We would rather give parties at home, and we are giving them more often and with less effort than ever before. Reason: in addition to such boons to home entertaining as the TV, radio and record player, today's households have such dependable helpers as the freezer, dishwasher, disposer, and the entire gamut of plug-in servants. Two such houses, carefully planned for easy hospitality, are shown on these and the following pages. Many a gala party has been given in each, but what is more important, their owners are glad (and prepared) to have friends drop in at any time.
In a contemporary house:
modern lighting for parties

Like most creative people who have a sense of the dramatic, artist Jon Whitcomb is a good host and one who sets the stage well. His house in Darien, Connecticut, has all the necessary props, plus a few non-essentials which certainly add to the fun. (The lighting includes uplights and downlights, dim lights and spot lights and even colored lights.) It is also a house ready at all times for guests, in spite of the fact that Mr. Whitcomb works at home, frequently far into the night to meet magazine cover deadlines. The present house, built around a small week-end cottage, has a plan carefully tailored to the owner's work-and-play kind of life. Guests can be put up over-

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In the living-dining room, there is good music, good lighting, plenty of space for guests to move around.

(Continued) night. A party can be going on in the playroom, living room, or adjoining terrace, without in any way disturbing the quiet isolation of Mr. Whitcomb's studio. For a hospitable man with an unpredictable work schedule, such an arrangement is absolutely necessary.

To stage-set the house for parties is an easy matter. Outside, there are portable floodlights to play up a corner of the terrace, or black out a flowering shrub past its prime. In the living-dining room, there are spotlights in the ceiling above the dining table, pink and white lights in the bar recess, a blue spotlight above the piano keyboard, another spot above the radio-record player. The exceptional studio lighting is a necessity for Mr. Whitcomb's work and a glamour asset for parties. In both living room and studio, there are master switches to control the lighting patterns, and rheostats to regulate brightness.

The main entertaining area is the huge, L-shaped living-dining room. (See floor plan.) Glass window-walls in the L bring the adjoining terrace
right inside. At one end of the living room is a music center with grand piano and organ. At the opposite end is the fireplace, flanked by two sofas. Next to the fireplace is a built-in radio-record player. Built into another wall, behind sliding doors, is the bar sink and shelves for glasses and liquor bottles, the latter stored horizontally, each in a cardboard mailing tube. The bar proper, of chestnut with black plastic top, is on rollers so it can be moved easily. The flooring is beige rubber tile except in this area, which is marked off by black tile. The bar and fireplace walls are bleached chestnut; wall behind organ is chestnut paneling, holds bookshelves.

The downstairs playroom is gay and rugged, and obviously belongs to an artist. Mr. Whitcomb’s collection of art by well-known illustrators is all around you. One wall is of pegboard painted red; the sofa is upholstered in bright green felt.

When it is used for entertaining, the studio has strictly professional music and sound effects. The high-fidelity (Continued on the next page)
IN A CONTEMPORARY HOUSE continued

(Continued) music system has a tone of concert-hall caliber, with speakers placed so music can be enjoyed both in the studio and on the adjoining screened porch. The movie projector is set into a mirrored wall recess, and the screen pulls down over the window-wall opposite.

But the studio is mainly Mr. Whitcomb’s place to work, and as such is a complete unit with adjoining secretary’s office. It opens to the porch and to a secluded terrace where he likes to step out for a break on working days, and to his own bedroom and bath-dressing room. On week ends when three bedrooms are needed for guests, Mr. Whitcomb sleeps in his studio on a pull-out bed which serves as a couch by day.

One guest room and bath is located on the main floor, the other on the lower level next to the playroom. These are furnished to double as sitting rooms, with sofas, television, and comfortable reading and writing spots. Since they are frequently used by models, the bathrooms are carefully lighted for making-up. One has a pink-and-red color scheme: three walls are papered in a small, geometric red-and-white pattern, and the fourth covered in pink pegboard; the flooring is red-and-white marbleized asphalt tile.

Throughout the house are evidences of the owner’s three strongest beliefs about how to make a house livable: (1) music of superb tone; (2) furniture on rollers, so it can be easily rearranged; (3) lighting for mood and for fun as well as for working. Mr. Whitcomb also is a great believer in flexibility, and sees no reason why rooms shouldn’t adapt themselves to their owners’ changing moods. After all, it’s no trouble to push an eight-foot sofa if it’s on rollers, and a whole room may take on a new look if you simply change a bouquet of flowers and turn a colored spotlight on it.
In studio, rheostats control brightness of the ceiling lights.

Mr. Whitcomb’s studio, terrace and bedroom are quietly isolated on upper level of house.

Owner’s terrace is a pleasant spot for relaxation, lunch on a sunny day.

A storage wall is built around the sofa-bed in mirrored recess.

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In a traditional house:
modern planning for parties

What makes a house interesting is the story it has to tell about its owners. In the case of Mr. and Mrs. Anson C. Lowitz, that story is one of a lively interest in people. Their family hobby is genealogy, traced back to 'an unknown relative' whose picture hangs in the study. Their house in Greenwich, Connecticut, is authentically Early American. But genealogy and mellow pine paneling by no means indicate dusty archives and museum atmosphere. Actually the Lowitz' house, originally built in 1740, has been remodeled to suit the living needs of a thoroughly gregarious, modern family. Every nail and hinge, every floor board and brick is old; but every inch of the house is dedicated to comfort and easy hospitality. It works so well, in fact, that when Mr. and Mrs. Lowitz' daughter and son-in-law come for a week end, two different parties for two different generations can go on simultaneously.

There are many reasons why the house makes entertaining so easy. It has three complete party areas: on the first floor, an unusually good arrangement of living room and study; on the lower level, a big playroom, and next to (Continued on page 205)
Dining room has old chestnut wainscoting; door opens to back stairs and garage

Kitchen cabinets are old pine, equipment is modern

Study opens to living room, or can be closed off for conversation. Behind paneled walls, built-ins. Above, as extra dining room; right, for after-dinner liqueurs.

Downstairs bar opens to playroom and to terrace. Doorway came from an old house.

Television set and record shelves are built into fireplace wall of living room.

Powder room is between guest bedroom and bath; in facing wall, guest closet.
This city apartment entertains like a custom-built house

It is one thing to build a house to fit the habits of a specific family, and quite another matter to achieve this kind of individuality in a city apartment. What is extraordinary about Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Mann’s apartment in Philadelphia is how well it adapts to their way of living. Everywhere there is evidence of the two consuming loves that Mr. and Mrs. Mann share with their four growing daughters: music and hospitality. The latter may run the gamut of late supper for artists at Robin Hood Dell, Philadelphia’s outdoor concert center (of which Mr. Mann is president), to sit-down dinners for as many as 18 guests. Because entertaining and storage facilities are exceptionally well planned (as you can see on this page) giving parties on any scale is easy and enjoyable. And regardless of what kind of party is in progress, there is always music. This is not unusual since each member of the family plays the piano and Mrs. Mann is an accomplished singer. Recorded music and taped recordings of the family’s own performances are piped through the rooms by a high-fidelity system in the library.

High-fidelity installation for this music-loving family is built into one library wall. Music or taped recordings of the family’s performances can be piped through other rooms.

Breakfast in Mrs. Mann’s pale turquoise bed-sitting room, left, is a pleasant way to start the day. Small Directoire table has a fruitwood base and marble top. Venetian secretary, above, serves both for writing and television. Decorated by Melanie Kahane.

Paneled wall of dining room conceals linens, silver, table accessories, and trays for buffet entertaining.
Two teen-aged daughters sleep in a pretty pink and white bedroom in twin beds of lacy wrought iron.

Breakfast room, above, has pass-through to pantry, soda bar. Wrought-iron chairs are antique Italian. Dining room, right, which takes its color scheme from a Modigliani painting, is equipped to carry off a dinner party for 18 or a large-scale buffet. Behind panels are compartments for table accessories. The oval ceiling repeats the design of terrazzo floor.
Screen covered in felt to match walls and studded with upholstery tacks is a striking room-divider.

Felt is colorful for floor cushions and roll-up mat

Unpainted chest upholstered in felt, accented with brass, has Japanese look

Single-sized bed, framed in felt-covered plywood, makes a handsome sofa.

Shelves lined in blue felt set off china.

Checkerboard of felt squares is glued to circular felt-covered top for a game table.
How to decorate with **Felt**

Here is a fabric which has the color range of a rainbow, does not fray or ravel when you cut it and is so flexible you can shape it to any decorative purpose.

Felt, an age-old fabric that kept Asiatic tribes warm long before weaving was invented, has a new future as bright as the colors in which it is made today. It is destined to play a larger role in decoration. Its characteristic warmth and softness give felt a personality unlike any other fabric. And because of the wide range of shades, vibrant as a sunset or delicate as a rainbow, it can bring new life to any color scheme. Felt is a pressed fabric made of all wool or a mixture of wool and other fibers. It is remarkably easy to work with. Unlike woven textiles, felt does not fray or ravel when you cut it. This means that you can cut it like paper dolls in any direction; furthermore, you don’t have to hem it. The fact that most felt is 72” wide enables you to stretch your decorating dollar in new directions. You can glue felt (with casein glue) directly onto a table top, screen, chest, or inside a china cupboard. You can design cut-outs to paste on accent pillows or the top of a game table. A springy, flexible material, felt can be molded over the corners of chair seats, sofas, or cushions. Brushing and vacuuming will keep it well-groomed. As a general rule, felt should not be washed, but dry cleaned. This is because all felts are at least 20% wool, which has a natural tendency to curl up when it is exposed to soap and water. It is this trait that makes wool particularly suited to felting, a process which, instead of spinning fibers into a yarn, builds them up in layers and then forces them to interlock into a solid mass which is subsequently shrunk, rolled, and pounded to the desired thickness and texture. The finished product is so resilient and flexible you can cut, glue, and shape it to your taste. Here we show you eight ways to be your own decorator with felt. Each capitalizes on the clear, brilliant colors and the smooth, matte finish that make felt one of the most effective and versatile fabrics in decoration. For more details about the do-it-yourself ideas illustrated here, write to House & Garden’s Reader Service.
North Africa

The Roman ruins of Leptis Magna, opposite, on Libya's Mediterranean coast are eloquent if fragmented testimony to an ancient glory. They lie not far from Tripoli, whose spick-and-span, dazzling whiteness testifies to a more recent and specious glory, that of Mussolini. The colonial aspect of Libya is typical of all North Africa from the Egyptian frontier to the western border of Morocco. The Barbary Coast of our forefathers has nearly always been a provincial outpost. It was a vague hinterland for the seaborne commercial empire of the Carthaginians. It was a Roman province. It was a causeway between the two great centers of the Arab Empire, Cordova and Baghdad, the capitals of the Western and Eastern Caliphates. When one capital collapsed the corridor became a blind alley and so it remained until our times. However, from the traveler's point of view it is one of the most fascinating blind alleys on the face of the earth. The interaction of Eastern and Western cultures has produced a bizarre hodgepodge of architecture and social custom—one that American tourists have found increasingly tantalizing since World War II and the emergence from Hollywood of a film titled *Casablanca*. For the average visitor, unharassed by spy rings or secret police, the excitement derives largely from the sights of the native quarters.  

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Italy

Ringed by hills, dominated by the great vaulted cupola of the Duomo, Florence is a mecca to all those interested in the arts of the Italian Middle Ages and Renaissance. The city of the Medicis, of Dante and Machiavelli, Giotto and Michelangelo, it symbolizes the current beauty and the historical depth of the Italian scene.  

(More about Florence and Italy, page 168)
Everyone interested in Florida will enjoy this excellent guide to its flowers and foliage
by H. Harold Hume, Dean Emeritus of Florida's College of Agriculture

Nature, aided by the warm Gulf Stream and a long growing season, planted Florida with a lavish hand. Four distinct elements can be recognized in its abundant flora. The largest group includes the live-oak, southern magnolia, long-leaf pine and pond cypress which belong as well to other parts of the southern United States, particularly from Virginia southward and westward to the Mississippi. There has been a liberal invasion of plants from the Caribbean islands, mostly limited in their northward excursion to the southern parts of Florida. Of these, royal palm, mahogany, and golden-dewdrop are spectacular examples. As though to offset this encroachment from the tropics, plants such as hepatica, mandrake, tulip-tree and red maple have moved in from northern sections, some of them flourishing well down into the state but most plentiful in the western part. The fourth group, represented by Florida yew, dune holly, scrub plum and pigny fringetree, is peculiarly Floridian, and not known to occur naturally elsewhere. These contributions from ages past account for the diverse and fascinating plant life of the state today, clothing marshes, swamps, hollows, hills, and dunes in colorful abundance. More than 3,500 flowering plants are native. Among them and of particular garden interest are 24 species of goldenrod, 16 sunflowers, 15 hollies, 27 oaks, 9 pines and 5 magnolias.

Many native plants are now growing in Florida gardens. To a large extent they are there because they are part of the original or native growth that covered the ground long before it was cultivated. They are part of the vegetation primeval, and they lend an air of grace and beauty to the land they adorn. Here is a great live-oak with wide-spread branches, a specimen that has weathered the storms of centuries, there a fine, dense clump of saw-palmetto, lower in stature but quite as old. In another spot is a group of cabbage palms, their plumed heads rustling in the breeze many feet above the ground; a prized dogwood or plum in an open stretch, white with zephyranthes when they bloom in early spring. Scarcely any piece of ground was bare originally: it was covered by native plants adapted to the location. In many instances, unfortunately, the original plants were cleared away completely, valuable materials were destroyed and the owner had to face the problems of replanting and nurturing plants, exotics usually, often less adapted and no more beautiful than those displaced. In such cases, the sensible thing always has been to make (Continued on page 209)
Screened from the sun, this walled terrace creates a tranquil mood.

Center of repose in Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fowler’s Palm Beach patio is a placid pool set in the midst of an octagonal grass border. Ringed with fragrant-flowered Spanish jessamine, water lilies float on its surface. Mrs. Fowler, a prodigious reader, likes to sit and read under the shade of a tropical ficus tree. Green plantings are a keynote of the patio. Branching along the terrace wall is a fan palm. Right, foreground, a tree-climbing nephthytis vine.

A sheltered, outdoor patio room leads to an open lawn.

U. S. Ambassador to Cuba and Mrs. Arthur Gardner’s Palm Beach patio is designed around southern Florida’s spectacular sea-grape tree. Its white flowers are followed by purple fruits hanging in grape-like clusters among tawny, red-veined leaves. For contrasting texture, the fish-tail palm in white pottery tub, right foreground, sends long, jagged leaves across the sea-grape branches. Smaller exotic plants around the patio include salmon-pink begonias, imposing Monstera deliciosa, and varieties of scented lilies. Accents of green foliage against the patio columns are evergreen Podocarpus shrubs that bear plum-colored fruit.
Sub-tropical greens outline an entrance walk; coral bougainvillea accents a loggia roof

Mr. and Mrs. Claude K. Boettcher's Palm Beach garden is planted around their pool, loggia and patio, with a rich variety of tropical trees, potted palms, feathery leafage, flowers and fruits. Creeping fig (Ficus pumila), covers white gateposts at right, leading to a traditional garden. Borders of soft green foliage edge a brick path, sun-screened by tall trees, flowering shrubs. Spiky-leaved sheaths intermingle with flashes of flower colors, and exemplify Floridian plant life at its best. Below, a native coral-rock terrace spreads from the loggia to the swimming pool. Bougainvillea vines are trained in upright forms to climb loggia pillars and spread over roof at either side. This variety of bougainvillea bears coral colored flowers of an unusual shade, depth and brilliance.
Four blue-and-white striped pavilions surround the pool, their forecourts planted with background hedges of evergreen ligustrum. The pavilions, pitched like bright tents, serve as a wind-break against the Atlantic breezes. Terrace surrounding pool is paved with native coral rock.

On the ocean side, combers roll in towards the pavilion facing the sea wall. The blue, textured mat and canvas-covered furniture defy fogs and salt air. A canvas wind-screen unrolls for siestas during the mid-day heat.

In the living room pavilion, an arrangement of tropical lilies, crisp chrysanthemums brings an outdoor freshness to the pleasant mélange of contemporary and period furnishings.
Four pavilions, surrounding a pool,
create an oasis of privacy by the sea

Through Mrs. James Donahue's Palm Beach swimming court blows an air of freshness and serenity born of sea, sand and tropical foliage. Four pavilions spread their wings around the pool terrace where tables are set for informal meals. One pavilion is a ladies' dressing room, one a men's dressing room. A third pavilion for entertaining has a bar, facilities for games and for cooking. The fourth pavilion, a living room done in yellows, off-whites, and pastel greens, has a pleasant atmosphere of comfort. Between the pavilions are open areas that look out to sea. Ligustrum hedges make a green contrast against white walls. Here the outdoor way of life is expressed in its most engaging form, since guests move easily from sun to shade, from swimming to games, from conversation to dining.

Lunch tables are drawn up informally on the coral-rock terrace. Chairs have durable webbing of marine blue. Tablecloth has gay red and blue pattern.
Everybody loves an open fireplace

Here are 14 examples of good fireplaces for modern and traditional houses.

Not so long ago it wasn't difficult to recognize a fireplace when you saw one. There it was at the center of your living room wall, neatly framed in brick or stone, with a mantel jutting out above it. Today, its appearance is no longer routine. Georgian, Colonial and other time-tested period types are still in high favor (see our examples on pages 179, 186) but new houses have developed new fireplace forms with considerable variety in design and construction. The projecting corner fireplace lets you watch the fire from front or side; the two-way fireplace, built as a room-divider, can be enjoyed from two rooms (see picture on facing page). There are also engaging, sculpture-like fireplaces in molded plaster, in brick or steel, built in the center of a room. Others are placed high on a wall with the hearth framed like a picture; still others project into the room on three sides and have wide ledges to sit on. Whatever its form, the fireplace is still a popular feature for any room, modern or traditional. This is true even in this era of air conditioning and automatic heat. It is due to the fact that a hearth is not so much heat-warming as it is heart-warming.

Even if you do not expect a fireplace to heat your house, as it had to in the past, you should know the essentials of its construction. In brief,

No kiosk this nor sentry box but a brand-new architectural fireplace form. Its triangular shape reaches from floor to ceiling, is made of steel and rests on a triangular island of flagstone in the center of living-dining room. It gives off heat from three sides instead of only one, radiates warmth. Architect, William Beckett.
they are: (1) **Fireplace opening and fire-chamber.** These both need skillful proportioning to work well. Generally, the height of the opening should be two-thirds to three-quarters its width. The depth of the chamber should be one-half to two-thirds of the height of the opening. If it is too shallow, sparks will fly and the fireplace will smoke. If it is too deep or large, the fire chamber won’t warm up and throw out heat. The chamber should be lined with fire brick laid in fire clay. (2) **Fireplace throat and damper.** The throat helps connect fire chamber and chimney. It should match the width of the fireplace opening, yet be only one-fifth to one-fourth of its area in size. It should be close to the fireplace opening and include an adjustable damper to control the air that makes the fireplace work. (3) **Smoke chamber.** Above throat and damper is a smoke chamber. Its base is the damper and an adjoining smoke shelf. Together, they can prevent heat escaping upward or soot falling downward, and stop down-drafts that make the fireplace smoke. (4) **Flue.** The flue makes the fire burn by pulling air up through fireplace chamber, throat and smoke chamber. Its size is most important and should be one-tenth to one-twelfth of the area of the fireplace opening, no smaller. It should be lined with fire clay for safe operation.

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Two-faced fireplace opens onto both a living room and a study. Brick fireplace chimney serves as a ceiling-high divider between the two rooms but fireplace opening is equally accessible from either side and dancing firelight can be viewed from either room. Hearth is brick, too. Chimney has no mantel on either side. Architect, George W. W. Brewster.
The plumbing and wiring ABC's of your house

The basics of good plumbing and wiring are explained here in 12 steps for maintenance-wise homeowners who want to keep their houses in first class running order.

1. Plumber has fitted together sections of cast-iron soil pipe. Next, shredded hemp oakum is packed in space around inside rim of bell into which pipe fits. A yarning tool is used to work in hemp, help protect hands.

2. After oakum has packed space two-thirds full, remaining space in bell rim is filled with molten lead. Plumber heats it on gasoline-powered stove, pours melted lead slowly from dipper to avoid spills or air bubbles forming.

3. Under watchful guidance of plumber, amateur assists in pounding down hardened lead with a calking iron. Series of light blows all the way around bell rim makes an efficient calking job without driving lead too hard in any one spot. This method will result in a completely waterproof pipe-joint.

7. Plumbing fixtures like metal shower stall unit, above, were shipped knocked down, and assembled. Sides interlock by flanges. Drain pipe will fit in base. Each corner joint is waterproof.

8. Electrician advised on plan of wiring system according to lighting needs, power for small appliances and heavy duty equipment. He marked wall studs where wires were to run. Amateur assisted by drilling through studs with quarter-inch electric drill.

9. Flexible, metal- armored cable, used for interior wiring, is being pushed through holes drilled in studs, as marked by the electrician. This type of cable can be pulled around obstructions and bent to follow curves. Armor covering prevents electrical fire danger.
There are many jobs beyond the skill of amateurs, as Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ian Fischman discovered when they remodeled their Connecticut house. But like other young homeowners, they learned how to capitalize on lack of experience, to understand the hidden assets of their house, by working side by side with their contractor on plumbing and wiring installations. Having an expert to advise them and to do the more complicated jobs, our Week-end Builders served as helpers. In the process they picked up a number of useful pointers towards good home maintenance. They learned that durable, well-installed plumbing takes good planning in advance. That a well-planned, housewide wiring system must be worked out from room to room, lamp by lamp, outlet by outlet, if it is to improve general livability and make each room efficient and inviting. They learned the difference between investing in quality materials, rather than aiming at so-called 'bargains.' By working with their contractor on the plan of water pipes, plumbing and electric wiring of their house, they handled and assembled fixtures, leaving the fitting and connecting to experts.

In this process the Week-end Builders became familiar with special tools needed for each job, and to assist in the simpler mechanical aspects of each problem. If you allow the time, as they did, to brief yourself on these practical skills, you will soon be able to foresee danger signals from leaky taps, blown fuses, faulty wiring; to do minor repairs and save money on outside help. You will be able to make stop-gap repairs until an expert arrives.

This month we show you the processes that make up a plumbing and wiring system based on an integrated plan. Various units of plumbing fixtures such as metal (Continued on page 176)

4 Lengths of hard copper water pipe are cut with a special wheeled cutter. Amateur turns adjusting screw until wheel scores rings around pipe. Each turn tightens wheel to make clean cut through pipe.

5 Plumber next demonstrates importance of cleaning pipe section ends thoroughly with pad of steel wool. This removes dirt, grease or metal filings. He shows amateur how to apply a coat of flux to make solder adhere better to pipe.

6 Copper 'T' fitting has been slipped over clean, flux-coated pipe end. Fitting will extend other sections at right angles, or vertically. Plumber heats fitting and pipe end with fuel torch. At right temperature, solder will be drawn into space under fitting, to make joint water-tight.

10 Directed by electrician, amateur helper learns how to fasten metal boxes which will house switches and convenience outlets at points selected by electrician. Box is nailed in place through the metal flange.

11 Electrician fastens armored cable in place with a set of clamps built into interior of box. Making all the actual electrical connections, he explains how wires are connected inside cable to switch, or to other wires which, when hooked up, complete the circuit and provide current.

12 After outlets for ceiling fixtures are nailed in place, fixtures are temporarily fastened in position so that homeowners can check position of light before wiring and installation are completed.
Here are tables designed for your decorating dreams...equally at home in manor house or modest cottage. Whichever you choose, wherever you use them, they testify to your eye for beauty...your sense of value. You can identify them in stores by the hang tag and Brandt seal.

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North Africa is accessible to Americans by both ship and plane. If you choose the former, you have the pleasure of taking the southern route, disembarking at Gibraltar, and entering the Dark Continent at Tangier. The distance seems strangely short at night when the blue Pillars of Hercules loom across a channel narrow enough to be seen. This is the view you get from Tangier’s Riff Hotel, along with the curve of Crescent Beach and the lights of a freebooting town which flourishes without benefit of income tax or customs. As a result, Tangier has attracted irregulars from all over and seethes with odd and fascinating enterprises.

If you plan a stay of any length in Tangier, it is wise to make friends with a beggar. This might seem easily done, but it is also important that the beggar like you and can count on a reasonable daily take-off. He will then conduct you to one of the two markets, the large or the small soojo and see that you are charged 70 cents and not $7 for some ordinary purchase. Here you will see real Riffs, members of a once-dangerous tribe, whose main activity today seems to be walking miles from the country with heavy loads to harem for their weekly supply of coal and grain. Tangier, incidentally, is quite a place to shop, for in this free port whiskey costs about $2 a bottle and old Arab jewelry, balanced on a gold scale, is sold by weight regardless of workmanship. In obscure places of business, French and Spanish fabrics are sold for what is commonly called a song.

Like most European cities in North Africa, Tangier is divided into a native quarter (medina) and a European section. But the boundaries are by no means enforced, with Arabs and Europeans rubbing shoulders in every street. On an eminence called The Mountain, villas luxuriate in fabulous gardens, for this fortunate meridian is one of the world’s great centers of oriental goods. Calla lilies and irises have the status of weeds. The museum of the cazab section is well worth a visit as an example of traditional Arab dwellings. The rooms are small, walls and ceilings are literally curtained of lace-plaster masterpieces of carving. Moorish arches openings into patios give a cool, pavilion-like feeling and always you have the impression of dripping water and a garden. In the alleys around these patios, the Arabs eat, sleep, and receive their guests, sitting at low brass tables, washing their hands in a common bowl, and eating from a common dish. A good Arab guide can arrange for you the unique experience of drinking green mint tea with orange-flower water in an authentic Moorish house. The women of the party will be received by the women, the men by the men. If you do not speak Arabic, the party will probably be somewhat silent and constrained, but can be amusing nevertheless.

Entering through an obscure door in a tortuous alley, you will be led across tiled floors to the master bedroom, where the other rooms, usually given over to an open court and can be divided from it by drawing thin curtains between arches. You are likely to find low benches covered with Oriental rugs around the walls and a canopied bed set in an alcove. A servant brings in the tea tray and the host pours the sweet drink into tall glasses.

In Tangier the climate is mild all year round although a tearing wind is the rule until nightfall. In winter, visitors enjoy swimming at palm-lined Crescent beach and its adjacent Grotto of Hercules.

Southwest of Tangier in French Morocco is Casablanca, a city made up of 450,000 natives and 200,000 Europeans. Dazzlingly white, it is in a sense a boom town where 16-story buildings rise overnight and where the El Mansour Hotel rivals any in America for modern comforts. Outside of the town, where the Atlantic laps the western shore, there’s a flourishing business in beaches, most of them known as “clubs.” Each of these consists of a small restaurant, bath houses, an artificially created beach (turfed green are not up to scratch) and a strong sea wall jutting far out into the ocean to create an almost natural pool of ever-changing salt water. In summer, the whole of Casablanca appears to swarm here and such is the popularity of sea bathing that whole suburbs are growing out in this direction. The city walls, the whole of the city walls appears to swarm over each glass. This is the orange-tumblers and shakes a silver oil can over each glass. This is the orange-flower water, a favorite flavoring.

Casablanca has grown so fast that its old medina can no longer contain its population and a new one is being constructed. Between the old and the new runs a boulevard the shops of which are filled with tempting articles of leather, brass, and other typically Moroccan materials. One spot not to be missed is the Sultan’s palace which you can visit (if he is not in residence) by the simple medium of crossing the gate-keeper’s hand with a bit of silver. The gardens are particularly lovely. There is a move from Casablanca as that the whole medina appears to swarm over each glass. This is the orange-tumblers and shakes a silver oil can over each glass. This is the orange-flower water, a favorite flavoring.

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Tunis at first glance is like any other provincial French city: one main avenue with trees in the center. But black irises, strange lilies, and other exotic flowers are in abundance. Little streets weave away from the Avenue Jules Ferry and finally lead the traveler to the walled Arab section, Tunisian souks are real shops in a labyrinth of narrow streets, completely covered by grass and straw roofs. Here you may watch the Arabs cleaning wool, shrinking, dying, combing it until a fel is born of the softest wool. At another store there is an old Arab who with a few words of English and French (and a faith poster advertising the fact that he was part of the Philadelphia Exhibition of 1926) will let you try the perfumes he has made for the Bey and his harems. Some light and flowery, some heady and strong, they are pure oil containing no alcohol, with a base of musk or ambergris. At a rug seller's, you sip coffee while looking at rugs (A government-sponsored project supplies natives with wool to produce the deep-piled Kairouan rugs.)

The architectural pièce de résistance of Tunis is the museum, known as the Musée du Bardo. It is a magnificent structure, light and airy, with rooms of classic Arab design in carved plaster. It houses a great collection of Roman mosaics, ancient Egyptian tiles, and pottery.

Carthage provides the imaginative tourist with a glimpse of ancient glories. Now much of it is merely grass with an occasional mound to mark an amphitheater. On a high hill stands the Cathedral of St. Louis, commemorating the death of France's great king in the war of the Saintes. The baths of Carthage were uncovered by hundreds of little rugs where sheoless men sit and meditate. The atmosphere is one of great calm, in sharp contrast to the noises of the medina.

Europeans Algiers is luxurious and very French. The shops are chic, the boulevards tree-lined, the automobile horns quite unbearable. From the municipal Casino to the sidewalk cafes, the resemblance to the Riviera is striking. The bay is one of the most beautiful along the Mediterranean.

For the historically inclined, there is a wealth of Roman ruins nearby in setting more spectacular than that by the sea in Sicily and Paestum although Agrigento may approach them. Drive west along the Côte Turquoise—a breathtaking experience—and you come to the Tomb of the Roman Christian. The Tomb is an enormous circular structure set on a high hill with a magnificent view of mountains and plains on one side and sea on the other. Farther west along the coast, at Tipasa, is a ruined Roman town which was evidently once an important seaport. Today, the isolated ruins rise unexpectedly from a tangle of wild flowers and herbs.

Cherchel, not far from Tipasa, is a small town, an outpost of the French army and the home of Arab women who show but one eye to the tourist. A small museum, the Musée de Carthage, contains objects from nearby ruins, and there is a good restaurant. Inland and east from Cherchel you cross the valley, pass the Roman Christian tomb again, to reach the Gorge of the Monkeys, which is to Algiers what the Bronx Zoo is to New York. Parents flock there with their children on Sundays to sip orange or tangerine soda and watch the animals.

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PIEDMONT and the AOSTA VALLEY

Piedmont means foot of the mountains, and so this region is. In Italy its northwestern corner, it is framed by the Alps and the upper valley of that famous river, the Po. The Aosta Valley is, in turn, in the northwestern corner of Piedmont, but the name covers not only adjacent mountain peaks, but several lateral valleys of the Dora Baltea. Mountains, of course, attract resorts, and the Aosta Valley has its share, including ski spots such as Courmayeur, Gressoney St. Jean, Gressoney-La Tri- nit, Valtournanche and Breuil Cervinia. There is also a spa for those unhappy about their gastric juices: Saint Vincent. Turin is the main city of Piedmont. Since the 18th century some of its citizens have been busy making etchings and weaving tapestries, but Turin owes its importance to agriculture and industry. They make many of those low-slung, hillowsy Italian cars there, also beautiful typewriters. You can eat white truffles and visit the châteaux on the western shore of Lake Maggiore, Stresa, the Borromean Islands and Pallanza.

Lombardy

This large territory is bounded by Switzerland in the north, the Po in the south, Lake Maggiori in the west, and Lake Garda and the Minicio River in the east. Lakes, with attendant resorts, abound, and there are also hilly districts in Valtellina and Valsesia. Turin is the biggest city, solidly grounded in commerce, industry, and agriculture. They make silk there, also some of the best contemporary Italian furniture. The Milanese style prevails in their cooking and produce delicious minestrones, risotto alla Milanese and osso bucco. The best wines come from Valtellina, cheeses are abundant.

VENETO

Venetia comprises almost the whole of the eastern shore of Lake Garda, the plains bounded by the Po and the sea, the eastern section of the Dolomites, the Carnic Alps chain between the Innsbruck-Austrian frontier and the southern plain. Its greatest glory is Venice, and if you don't know what to expect there you must lead a frightfully insular existence; it has been a tourist favorite since the 18th century. You can combine a seaside with a mountain holiday in these parts, thanks to the proximity of the Lido at Venice and Cortina d'Ampezzo in the Dolomites. You can also savor the arts in one of the Italian regions where they have flourished most. Among the coast the Byzantine and the Romanesque: at Padua where Giottos justly famous frescoes decorate the Scrovegni Chapel, and at Verona with its Romanesque basilica of St. Zeno, Cathedral, Scaliger tombs, Basilica of St. Anastasia, Piazza delle Erbe, Piazza dei Signori, Palace of the Doges and the Lido. Vicenza is practically synonymous with Palladio, among whose classically-inspired buildings you will find the basilica of the Certosa, the Olympic Theater, the Chiericati Palace, the Palazzo Porto and the Scrovegni. Venetian souvenirs are adaptable paper mache dolls and the local wines have a charm of their own.

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AREQUIPA

Arequipa, south of Cuzco, is a white city in a green setting, dominated by a majestic volcano, El Misti. It has its Plaza de Armas, as does every self-respecting Peruvian city. It also has a cathedral. The architectural specialty is the local white sillar of which many of the buildings are constructed, and which is easily carved when freshly quarried. Examples of sillar carving may be seen on the Gibbo-Richelts House, the Yriberry House, the Williams House, San Agustín church, Santo Domingo church, the Municipal Theatre, the Mint, and particularly on La Compania church. From September to November vendors sell broad bread rolls for the celebration of All Saints' Day, and there are silver, copper, fine woods and leather goods for sale in the shops.
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Margherita Ligure. The Maritime Alps and the Apennines protect this region from the cold northern winds, the sea breezes, and the summer heat; and the juxtaposition of terraced olive groves above tiny harbors is piquant. Genoa is the principal city. The local cooking is herbacious and olive-based, and the mushrooms are delicious.

Emilia-Romagna

Emilia was named after the Roman Consul Marcus Emilius Lepidus who built the famous Via Emilia between Rimini and Fidenza. Coupled with Romagna, they are in the Po valley, a belt of towns section, it forms a triangle bounded in the north by the Po, by the Apennines in the south and by the Adriatic in the east. It is this geographical feature which gives the chief center a location, a city of towns and brick buildings. From it routes lead to Ravenna, notable for its Byzantine churches and mosaics, and to the spacious beaches of the Adriatic coast at Rimini, Cattolica, and the holiday resorts of Sorrento, Naples and Salerno, and needless to say, the Frascati vintages.

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mo.

Umbria

Umbria is the only region not touched by the sea, being hemmed in

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Shown above: Hallicrafters Super Deluxe Hi-Fi Model 1622 Maple. Also available, Model 1621 Mahogany.

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in speed of response and general feel of the key under the fingers. The standard depth is about 3% of an inch, but depth can be regulated to individual taste so keys feel heavier or lighter. What is 'lost motion'? Lost motion is a lapse between the time you touch the key and the time the hammer inside the piano reacts. The reaction should be immediate. For a quick test, sweep your hand lightly across a group of white keys; if any of the hammers of the keys you contact remains motionless, there is 'lost motion' in the piano. A well-engineered action presupposes that there is no lost motion.

Repetition: how should you test it? A pianist should be able to play as fast as your fingers can go, and if it is repeating properly it will. A good test is to take two adjoining notes and trill them; play them one right after the other repeatedly to see if they will repeat as fast as you can play.

How does weighting the keys affect the way they work? Weighting contributes to uniformity of touch throughout the keyboard. It makes up for the difference in length between black and white keys, and the difference in weight of the hammers and dampers, so that each moves up and down on its pin pivot point with ease and regularity.

What should you look for in a piano's finish? The finish is more than skin deep; it seals the wood from moisture and consequently from warping. The traditional dull lacquer and fully hand-rubbed finish is standard throughout the piano industry, so much so that it is referred to as a piano finish. The type of wood in the piano also affects the durability of the finish. American walnut, mahogany, birch, maple, oak, and fruitwood, cut with the grain running the long way of the board, are among the lasting woods. Woods with conspicuous markings cut across the board, in some cases forming patterns, cannot be expected to stand up as well. Finishes which stain the natural wood a darker color are more durable color-wise than those in which the wood has been bleached lighter than its natural color.

What should you look for in sides and hardware? Standardized sides and the simplest hardware are widely used in cheaper factory-made pianos. For $800 and upward, you can expect custom-finishing. This may consist of in

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lay or grooves and angle cuts that can be cut and finished by machines. The point is to examine a piano from all sides, and notice how it is made.

What is the soundboard and what types are there? The soundboard sustains and amplifies the tones made by the strings. There are two main types of soundboard. The classic type consists of solid strips of wood glued edgewise and then seasoned. The second type is of laminated plywood, usually three-ply hardwood cemented by water-proof resin glues.

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What parts of the piano determine how long it will stay in tune? The pin block most directly determines how long a piano will stay in tune. Lift up the lid of any vertical and you'll see that the strings wind around metal tuning pins inserted through but not touching a metal plate. These support some 17 to 20 tons' pull from the strings. They pass through holes in the metal plate and into the pin block, or 'wrest plank.'

What should you look for in a piano plate? The plate, whether it is in a horizontal position (in a grand piano) or in a vertical position (in an upright) should not yield even a thousandth of an inch. If it does, it will change the tension of the strings and throw the whole scale out of tune. The most rigid plate is made of cast iron, and should be available in even a low-priced piano.

Is there much difference in piano hammers? There is a distinct and important difference in piano hammers both in quality of material (felt) and quality of workmanship. The hammer is a vital part of the piano action because it determines the tone quality of the piano, and, therefore, should be an important point of research to the potential buyer.

What type of action should you buy? In grand pianos, actions are all built on the same mechanical principle. With the exception of a couple of firms who make their own actions, the actions of grands are manufactured by one or two leading makers and are therefore basically identical. In vertical pianos you have a choice between two types of action: drop action and direct blow action. Direct blow action is usually used in pianos 39" high or more. Drop action, having 38 connections, is harder to remove than direct blow action, which is aided by only four nails. Drop action is compressed, which means that there is more power to transmit the blow you deliver through the keys; this is better suited to today's smaller models of vertical piano.

What should you know about piano strings? You can discard any recommendation of a piano on the merit of its strings. To be sure, during wartime there are more string makers, the strings, regardless of the piano they are destined for. Some manufacturers still make their own because no string-maker can supply the quality of workmanship they require. While the wire is the same, the care of winding is vital.

How does the bridge affect the tone of the piano? When the hammer strikes a string, the vibration pulses to the end of the string through the bridge and into the soundboard, since the bottom of the bridge is glued to the soundboard. If the string hits the bridge and then after the pin on the bridge, some of the vibration will be killed. Actually there are two bridges, one for the main part of the middle register and the treble section, another for the bass section or, roughly, the last 24 or 30 keys on the left of the keyboard. You can see the bridges if you remove the bottom frame, the board under the keyboard of the upright piano, or lift the top of a grand. There is a vast difference in the construction of bridges used by various piano manufacturers. Authorities consider a bridge capped with quarter-sawn rock maple to be more satisfactory than the standard solid wood bridge.

Should you insist on ivory keys? The difference between keys made of ivory and those made of a good grade plastic is slight, so the choice is really up to your individual taste. Some people like the way in which ivory keys mellow; other prefer the clean look of plastic. Ivory has tactile quality which cannot be denied, and while plastic keys look fine and last a long time, they do not have the cool, soft touch of natural bone ivory.

How often should a piano be tuned? Every change of season, after the change—spring, summer, fall and winter. If you have it tuned only twice a year, the tuning should be given after you've turned off your heat in the spring, and again after you've turned the heat on in the fall. Whether or not a piano is played, it must be kept in running condition so that the pressure is not thrown out of alignment by changes in atmosphere and temperature.

Where should a piano be placed? Since sudden changes in temperature can injure both finish and the instrument itself, the piano should be placed either on an inside wall or on an outside wall which is well insulated. Keep it away from open windows and heating units, particularly fireplaces. Direct rays of the sun are harmful to the finish, so if the only available space you have is by a window, draw the blinds against direct sunlight.

Will humidity hurt the piano? An excess of either wet or dry air will cause damage because wood swells on absorbing moisture and shrinks when it loses it. Contraction and expansion can loosen tuning pins, crack soundboards (except the laminated plywood variety), and cause venters separation and warping.

What is the best way to clean piano keys? Both ivory and plastic keys can be cleaned with a slightly dampened soft cloth. If they are particularly dirty, (Continued on page 176)

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shower stall sections, are shipped knocked down, and ready to assemble. The sides interlock with the top and bottom by a system of flanges, and corner joints are waterproof. With the guidance of a plumber, pipe sections are shown being fitted together in understandable steps.

Into spaces around soil pipe sections, oakum, a loosely twisted, shredded hemp fiber impregnated with pine tar, is packed with a yarning tool. This special tool has an offset handle to keep knuckles from hitting against pipes. After the space is two-thirds full of oakum, molten lead is heated by the plumber and poured directly into the bell (or larger end of sections into which pipes are slipped). A calking iron is used to pound down and compress the lead, just as the yarning tool was applied to the hemp. The reason for calking around pipes is to make joints completely waterproof. Even old houses, like that of the week-end builders, are inclined to settle and perhaps move the pipes a little.

The water pipes in the Fischman house are of hard copper and various lengths had to be cut to fit the system. This was done with a special wheeled cutter. The plumber fits this tool around the pipe, turns the adjusting screw until the hardened wheel scores a ring around the pipe. Such a tool makes a neat, clean cut through the pipe, leaving no jagged edges or metal filings. After the water pipe ends have been thoroughly cleaned, copper fittings must be soldered to pipes with a compressed fuel torch. This results in permanent, water-tight joints throughout the plumbing system.

The wiring system should be worked out according to requirements of the Board of Fire Underwriters. Outlets should be located where most needed for lighting, or for general purpose equipment. This includes circuits for lamps, armchair reading, clear focal lights for bathrooms, pinpoint spots for shaving, circuits for running a radio and other small appliances. Heavy duty appliances such as a furnace, range, hot water heater, washer, dryer, each requires a separate circuit.

In other words, the wiring system you require must be adequate to carry the load of all electrical fixtures: lamps and ceiling lights, appliances and controls. The week-end builders planned and purchased lighting fixtures in advance to have them on hand when the ceiling and wall outlets were installed. In this way they could check and make certain that outlets were placed in exact spots needed.

Your electrical contractor will plan the wiring and advise as to equipment needed, and the number of service conductors and circuits sufficient to deliver full power at focal points. He will make all the actual electrical connections, but can explain the step-by-step procedure needed for a first-class installation. Wires often have a top-quality finish, and are used for interior wiring, are pushed through the holes, pulled around obstructions and directed to the various outlets. The armor covering prevents electrical fire danger and serves as a buffer against insects or rodents who may chew into the wire insulation.

Our amateur builders assisted in other phases of the wiring job by nailing metal boxes to house switches and convenience outlets. The electrician then wired the boxes inside the box to complete the electrical circuit. Ceiling and wall fixtures were temporarily fastened in place so the position of each light could be checked. The electrician also advised about outdoor fixtures which had special, weatherproof sockets designed to withstand moisture and cold weather temperature.

Write to H&G Reader Service for Week-end Builder's Data Sheet. Following is a list of the building materials used by the week-end builders.

Lighting fixtures: Lightolier.
Compressed fuel torch: Prepo by Pressure Products Corporation.
Pressurized propane fixtures: by Sears Roebuck & Co.

Bathroom walls: Beauty Bond by Formica.

Hand tools: by Stanley Tools.
Electrical cable, switches, water heater: by Sears Roebuck & Co.

Radiant glass heating panel: by Berko Electric Manufacturing Corporation.
Quarter inch electric drill: by Stanley Electric Tools.

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put a little mild white soap (not detergent) in the water. If you have ivory keys, leave them uncovered during day-light hours because prolonged darkness yellows them.

Why do people worry about moths in a piano? There is a lot of wool felt in a piano, which can attract moths. For this reason, a piano should be cleaned and fumigated by a reliable piano man about once every two years. This even holds true for pianos with hammered labeled ‘moth-proof.'

How do you keep the case of the piano clean? Normally, a piano finish does not require polish beyond going over it with a soft, clean, untreated dust cloth. Fingerprints on the case can be removed with a cloth slightly moistened, followed by wiping with a dry cloth. Always wipe with the grain of the wood. You can use a top-quality chamomile, dampened slightly, to rub off a piano, but you should wipe the entire surface with a soft dry cloth afterward so that no moisture spots remain.

How often should a piano be regulated? Any piano should be regulated at least every three years, and more often if it is used professionally. If you are about it, you might as well have a thorough job done, including ‘voicing' which adjusts the tone if it has begun to sound sharp or tinny.

EMIL E. BROOKIECK
Fabulous foods for Christmas

This column is an argument for gifts that will be used and enjoyed, in other words, of food. Our U.S. industries plus a world-wide import business have trained the palates of the nation with extraordinary delicacies well out of the run of daily meal-planning. Often the person 'who has everything' will be enchanted by some small item whose name and flavor recapture the charm of last summer's trip abroad. And again, those on a limited budget will be glad to be able to offer a gourmet luxury.

Our personal choice for the most welcome to any Christmas present would be a half-gallon of the best imported olive oil, say the Nissaun which costs $4.50 at Maison Glass, or a big chunk of stracchino Parmesan cheese, $2.90 a pound at Lamanna, or their infinitely luxurious white truffles at $2.50. Someone else might prefer a really outstanding $2.50 and $2.50 per pound of their Trilburn's 26 varieties which range from mild, sweet, aromatic, and red-hot, at $2.50 the jar; and along with it hard-to-find poppy seed from their Japanese counterpart kroepoek, $1.50 and $1.15. Unusual and glamorous is champagne jelly with the bubbles built in, as stocked by Martin's Fruit Shop at $1.45 the jar. Here also is the new giant German asparagus, edible down its full six inches of white stem, plus a jar of Hollandaise, $3.25 and 85 cents respectively. Another wonderful full-course food gift is Poll's new shish-kebab, each package containing two portions impaled and broiled on wood skewers, a real gourmet buy at $1.25 a piece. Or how about the fish-shaped nut-flour cake with the brandy-cake filling which Robert Day-Dean sells for $2 each under the name of Dean's Delight? Or a Haselnuessorte or a Baumkuchen from Geiger's ($3.30 complete and $3 a pound respectively), either of them worthy of pre-war Gerster's Konditorei in Vienna?

Some of the new food gifts are not only delectable but also much too beautiful to eat. Heading this group are Altman's mixed Italian vegetables for appetizers; stuffed pearl onion-salad. Master-craftsmen have made out of everything from finocchio to pearl onions, they are arranged with fantasy but precision in tall, handsome glass houses, from a modest cottage at $4 to something almost big enough to crawl into at $35. You can also delight any child with French lollipops which again look like masterpieces of precious inlay at the modest price of 10 cents a piece at the Allerton Fruit Shop. More grownup appetites will also find here Plisson bags holding candied white and yellow carambolas, candied pink lilacs and, most lovely of all, a whole of childhood memories, candied violets, each bag $1.

A whole ham makes one of the most dazzling of Christmas presents and a lasting one too. Vendome has probably the best Virginias in town. An average-sized one, cooked and sugared, runs from $18 to $25. Old Denmark's Westphalian hams figure between $11.95 and $21.95. Lamanna's incomparable Italian prosciutto between $3 and $3.50 a pound. Macy's has whole cooked Dutch hams, an 11-pounder marked at $15.96; Nyborg & Nelson's a Danish ham between $30 and $15. When it comes to pork products, you can't beat northern countries. A new line of Hempel Danish foods which Charles carries has outstanding inexpensive pork and veal sausages in casings so tender they melt in your mouth, price 98 cents, also cocktail sausages at $1.05, Hempel's shishkabobs (49 cents) bring us to another popular category in Christmas giving.

First, there is the smorgasbord as produced by Bloomingdale's, a wonder-box of 13 items including mussels, shrimps, herring in wine, cod roe, pâté, caviar, salmon paste, cheese, flat-bread, and so on which sells for the amazing price of $6.90. Over at Nyborg & Nelson's, you can make your own selection, choosing among sprats, the best smoked uncanned caviar in town, herring in dill sauce, and a fascinating array of crispbreads. Half a dozen items might set you back about $5. This shop also carries the famous Swedish hash-browning for 85 cents a largish can. Give this fish mousse with a tin of lobster Newburgh ($1.39 at Charles) which should be thinned out as sauce for it and you have a course fit for a Scandinavian king. Then there's that perennial delicacy, smoked salmon, which Old Denmark undertakes to send anywhere in refrigerated one-pound bags for $2.90 the pound. Include with this a chunk of Norse black bread and suggest them both as accompaniment for the driest martins. Wynne & Trenor offers you fresh-smoked brook trout from Colorado, each one the potential heart of an aspic dish, for $1.25 apiece. Their asparges from the Great Lakes serves a similar but more luxurious purpose at $6 per. Here you can also get deviled crab for six, plus aluminum shells to cook it in and a jar of sauce, for $1.50. Maison Glass has canned coutilles St. Jacques plus four scallop shells to cook it in for $2.10. As for the new King of the Sea shop, they undertake to ship in dry ice a whole, bristling Dungeness crab large enough to serve two for $3. Add to it their excellent mustard mayonnaise dressing for 90 cents and the gift is complete. And bear in mind their canned soups: chowders $1, bouillabaisse $1.50, and lobster bisque $1.50, all of them in quart jars. If you are a terrapin fan (which is even more costly than being a caviar connoisseur) you can get it at Ellen Grey's for $2.50 a quart. For caviar itself (those big gray

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taped music for the entertainment of the
passengers, as do four of American
Export's liners on the Mediterranean
run, National Airlines has installed it as
an extra service on the New York-
Miami-to-Cuba flights; it's also a possi-
BILITY for future train travel.

The courtroom use of tape is some-
what circumscribed by a factor which
accounts for its acceptance elsewhere:
the ease with which it can be edited.
By deleting a negative from one sen-
tence on tape, your witness can be made
to say exactly the opposite of what he
intended. There are occasions, however,
when home-made tape has been ad-
mitted as legal evidence. A New York
apartment-dweller recently proved that
his neighbors were a noisy nuisance by
recording on tape the sounds which
floated in his open windows.

In addition to its obvious uses in
the teaching of music and languages
and in the instruction of the blind (the
University of Pennsylvania, for exam-
ple, maintains a tape library of mate-
rial not available on Braille or pho-
notograph recordings), tape is also use-
ful in bringing such affairs as church
services into the homes of elderly
people and invalids. The entire six-day
convention of Jehovah's Witnesses last
summer in Yankee Stadium, eleven
two-hour programs of music and sermons,
was tape-recorded and copied
10,796 times on nearly 13,000,000 feet
of magnetic tape. A tape-recording
enthusiast in Piedmont, Missouri, tapes
six different religious services in his
town, and sends them to invalids and
shut-ins. And in tiny Rensselaerville,
New York (pop. 150), for example, the
Presbyterian Church has no regular
pastor, but in the summer plays host to
a series of distinguished speakers such as
Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, President of
the National Conference of Christians
and Jews and President of World Broth-
erhood; Dr. Henry Noble Maclean,
President Emeritus of Vassar; and Dr.
Nathan A. Perlman, Rabbi of Congre-
sation Emanu-El in New York. All
these addresses are recorded on tape
and are available for neighboring min-
isters, teachers, or anybody else who
wishes to borrow them.

Like any other hobby, tape has its
famous fans. What FDR was to stamp
collecting or President Eisenhower
is to golf, Queen Elizabeth and the Duke
of Edinburgh are to tape recording. When
affairs of state, or service in the
British Navy, separated Prince Philip
from his wife, the royal couple ex-
changed tape recordings of bedtime
stories at the rate of five or six a week.
During the Prince's extended stay in Malta
before Queen Elizabeth's Coronation, he
regularly made recordings espe-
cially for his son, Prince Charles, who
replied in kind with his own perform-
ance of nursery rhymes.

In Chicago with the national com-
pany of Guys and Dolls, the singing
actress Pamela Britton, who was on-
tage at the time, made a bedtime, bed-
time story tape for her small daughter.
Other enthusiasts have organized
themselves into clubs, some with worldwide
connections. One member of the Voice-
sendence Club, at 1634 North Mango
Avenue, Chicago, 39, boasts that her
dog in Noel, Virginia, has exchanged

barks with a pup in Wisconsin, and
will do his tricks at the command of
a master in England. Tape-Respond-
cents, International, at 3882 22nd Street,
San Francisco, and the Voice-of-Edin-
burgh, Box 9211 in Dallas are other American
organizations, and from Geneva, Swit-
zerland, comes news of a new pastime
called "Sound Hunters." According to
Fredy Weber, Swiss-born General Secre-
tary of the International Sound-
Hunters Federation, this outfit has
members in Switzerland, France, Bel-
gium, Germany, and Austria. All of
them are interested in unusual varia-
tions of customary sounds, as in bus-
street noises, the hum of factories, the
clank of trains, the murmuring of hem-
locks, the whoosh of the ocean, the
chattering of birds, even a proposal of
love on a park bench, "overheard" by an
instrument some six hundred feet
away. According to The Omaha
( Nebraska) World Herald, a Paris
amateur was recording bird songs in the
Bois de Boulogne when his machine
picked up the whispers of two men
plotting a crime. The sound-hunter
turned the tape over to Paris police, and
the gendarmes were standing by when the
criminals arrived at the scene to
commit their crime.

Nearly everybody knows that when
he asks his telephone operator for
the weather or the time, the answer is
tape-recorded. Record enthusiasts know
that most commercial records are
made from tape, which has made possi-
ble the spot recordings of such events as
the famous "V-D Day Festival" perfor-
mance by Pablo Casals. But few listeners
listening to records at home realize
the extent to which tape recording has
broadened the horizons of professional
performers and led to improvement of
their artistry, Marian Anderson, for
example, lived and studied in Germany
for about a year, spoke and under-
stood the language reasonably well.
Yet she never adds any of the lieder of
Schumann, Schubert or Hugo Wolf to
her programs until she has first re-
corded them, and then sends them to
a friend whose native language is
German, for criticism of her diction.
Even coloratura is the case of Maro and
Anahid Ajemian, violin and piano duo
who have performed widely in concert
and on records for six seasons. Pianist
Maro, younger of the two sisters, lives
in Berkeley, California, six months of
every year, and violinist Anahid head-
quarters are in New York, but by
cost-to-coast exchange of recorded
tapes, the sisters rehearse their reperti-
ory, sent in by airmail, 3,000 miles.

Whether tape is used for calling
the numbers in home square dances,
preparing a sound track for a chil-
ren's marionette show, recording a
family concert, making a copy of a
collector's item in a friend's record
collection, or taking a favorite opera
off the air, tape enthusiasts who have
recorded a sound worth saving are
merely carrying to the present the
ordinary conditions tape simply doesn't
wear out. It can easily be erased and
replaced at the owner's whim, but in
the meantime it can survive thousands
of playings with undiminished fidelity.

Or, as the marriage ceremony puts it,
"to have and to hold..."
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Fireplace opening is raised above floor and heavy black marble molding surrounds it like a picture frame. Firelight can be watched at eye level when seated. Metal mesh draws across opening to prevent flying sparks. Architect is Barton A. Schutt.

Copper hood overhangs width of sandstone fireplace and extends to ceiling. It helps disperse warmth through room, like convector radiator, when fire is lighted. Ledge beside hearth is useful for resting logs or for seating guests at large parties. Architect, John Ridley.

Fireplace front, set flush in plaster wall, is of German silver. An antique from an old English house, it is handsomely embossed in a modillion and filigree design and includes a grate for coal. Architect, Walter Durham.

Enamcelled steel hood covers fireplace opening and flue opening. Height and breadth of hood are large to suit size of large, skylighted room. Porcelain enamel surface is easily wiped clean of dust. Chimney is free standing in room. Architect is Carl Koch. Continued on page 186

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bouquets that are virtually saltless) there's nothing like Vendome's at $32 the gift.

This year, there's good news in the hors d'oeuvres line. Maison Glass, among others, carries the prettiest little little midget pickled corn at $1. At Gim- bell's you can buy pickled celery and carrot sticks for 99 cents and fresh vine leaves for $4. For $1.65, you can buy at Hicks the new English Ullini cases which are bite-size cola-on-sets ready to be crisped and filled with anything from the delicious pate made by the Baccara Restaurant ($2.00 for 8 ounces) to one of the six fish pastes which Macy's offers so attractively boxed for $3. Soupeon has a fabulous line of spreads made up fresh and in pretty crocks. We particularly enjoy the cheddar and smoked Irish bacon ($2.25), the herring, white wine, and sour cream ($2.75), and the French vinaigrette mixture ($2.25). They also handle the Green Mountain mushrooms put up in what amounts to a wonderful French dressing. $2.75 the jar. To try called Noack now put out for only $2.10 a delicious galantine made in a long cylinder which slices into convenient cocktail-cracker size. Then there's the Noz-Bake sandwich, an offering of four cans containing respectively frankfurters, meatballs, salami, and pate de foie gras, the whole for $2.50. Hicks has all of these. The inventive Poll once a year makes a delicacy called goose giblet, a kind of carnivorous potato chip made of crisped goose skin and very, very savory. Try also their Sea Island shrimps or cocktail beef served with Poll's new garlic-flavored dressing called Pelle-noise. And finally, down in Palm Beach a shop called Au Bon Goût runs up something called Flying Saucers at 60 cents each: big cartwheels of Syrian flatbread which need only to be buttered, toasted, and flavored with your favorite herb salt to make a sensational new appetizer.

Big shops have hit upon a new idea this year: to add to their food packages some object which will take a permanent place in your house. A number of Macy's gift baskets contain pottery figurines and some foods are served in a wooden lazy Susan. A blue-and-white Wedgwood tin holds $2-worth of Huntley & Palmer biscuits. Altman's offers two wine vinegars in a rustic, green glass, double crust for $3.75. Soupeon's cocktail trays with canape spreads in French pottery are a very fine gift at $17.95. At Hamburger Schlenmer's you will find a House of Herbs painted on wood, $12.10 a delighful card of aged English marmalade, a pound for $2.60. The Allerton Fruit Shop has mandarines of lemon, lime, and ginger. Frankfurters from 60 to 75 cents each. Bloomindales offers tangerine marmalade from Florida at 50 cents and the flavorful line of Charting Cross preserves. Try Charles for honeys: Maine blue-berry, Pyrenees, English heather and so on, prices from 75 cents to $2.95. Here also is the old New Orleans cherry pralines at $1.40. Another idea is to give bases for exotic desserts, such as preserved mango, guava, papaya, coconut, spiced tangerines, and passion fruit nectar, individually priced between 60 cents and $1.50 at Martin's. For traditionalists, there are the classic French desserts neatly bottled for you in the form of crispes Suzette and babas au rhum, $1.70 and $1.35 at Maison Glass. The best and most unusual black fruit cake is made by Mrs. Delphine Berry who packs it in a whole crystallized, bitter grapefruit shell. You can get it at the Woman's Exchange for $2.20 a pound. Rarest treat of all is at Lanmania's where they have imported for $1.45 each those great discs of almonds and citrus and heaven knows what called pastille di Siena, a specialty hard to find even in Italy. They also carry the best of all nougats, Motta's barone, 18 for $1.65.

Still another category of food gifts, and an extremely lively one, is the meal-in-one gift basket. Vendome puts out one of the best consisting of petite marmite soup, duck bigarade, wild rice, red currant jelly, and banana bread, $9.00, accompanied by a wonderful little tete-a-tete dinner. The Berkshire Game Farm makes a big thing of its gamebird meals. One consists of a whole duck roasted with morel mushrooms, accompanied by wild rice, preceded by black bean soup, and topped off by wine jelly made of old burgundy, all served in silver. Another delicious onion soup, offers as main course white African guineas with wild rice, and for dessert French croquembouche in

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If you give a choice book, your Christmas gift is almost certain to please. What's best about book-giving is that there's something special to be found for everyone on your list. Among the books to be discovered under the tree this year will be biographies, autobiography, memoirs, and novels. They have been majestic as Winston Churchill's Triumph and Tragedy (Houghton Mifflin, $6.10), the sixth and last volume of his great history of World War II, and lively as Alva Johnson's The Legend of Miners (Farrar, Straus & Young, $3.75). Between them, the variety is huge. Carl Sandburg's Always the Young Strangers (Harcourt, Brace, $5.00) is the poet-historian's tender, graphic evocation of his childhood and youth. Robert E. Sherwood is on record as deeming it the best of all American autobiography, Marchette Chute's Ben Jonson of Westminster (Dutton, $4.50) is a period re-creation as brilliant as her Shakespeare of London. In A Spirit of St. Louis ( Scribner, $5.00) Charles Lindbergh relives the great flight to Paris, one of history's flawless undertakings. Hesketh Pearson's The Man Who smoked a nec­ dotal portrait of that sardonic painter and wit. Louis Hall Tharp, remembered for The Peabody Sisters of Salem, goes on with the story in Untold Victory (Little, Brown, $5.00), a double biography of Horace Mann and Mary Peabody. John A. Garraty defends a much-criticized statesman of the last generation in Henry Cabot Lodge (Knopf, $6.00).

The year has been rich, too, in biography of essentially literary interest. In Lelia (Harper, $5.00) André Maurois tells the story of George Sand and her world. Justin O'Brien's Portrait of André Gide (Knopf, $6.00) is a close-up of the late French master. A great American novelist's first twenties—ten years, and a new interpretation of them, are in Leon Edel's Henry James: The Untitled Years (Lippincott, $4.00), and there is much new light on another, younger American artist in E. K. Brown's Willa Cather: A Critical Biography (Knopf, $4.00). Charles Dickens: His Tragedy and Triumph (Simon & Schuster, 2 vols., $10.00), by Edgar Johnson, is a monumental, definitive work. Reginald Pound's Arnold Bennett (Harcourt, Brace, $5.75) is the first full-length study of the author of The Old Wives' Tale, and a portrait of the Edwardian-Georgian literary world as well. Bennett, and many others, appears in Somerset Maugham's The Fugitive Mood (Doubleday, $3.00), random essays, portraits, opinions. Some of the sprightliest literary critical writing this season is in Gilbert Highet's People, Places and Books (Oxford, $3.50), chosen from his radio talks. The Letters of Sherwood Anderson (Harcourt, Brace, $6.00) are an important American writer's story in his own words. Sinclair Lewis' still large public will find some of his liveliest writing in a miscellany called The Men from Main Street (Random, $3.75), comprising essays, letters, reviews and other incidental pieces.

The theatre fans, veterans who live in the past and contemporary play-goers, will also find a crowded shelf. Eleanor Ruggles' The Prince of Players (Norton, $4.50) gloriously brings back Edwin Booth, while Fanny Brice lives again in The Fabulous Fanny, by Norman Karkov (Knopf, $1.95), and a peerless comedian and wit in Our Will Rogers, by Homer Cry (Duell, Sloan & Pearce—Little, Brown, $3.75). Deems Taylor presents his outstanding writing-producing team of this age in Some Enchanted Evenings: The Story of Rodgers and Hammerstein (Harper, $3.95), while Lloyd Shera, informally back through the years in Curtain Time: A History of the American Theatre (Random, $5.00). Just the Other Day (McGraw-Hill, $4.00) is the reminiscences of Ward Morehouse, Broadway stage reporter, and Alicia Markova (Hermitage, $3.95) is Anton Dolin's story of his evocative life and art. Irving Kolodin tells The Story of the Metropolitan Opera (Knopf, $7.50) candidly and access­ ionally. A long-term standby, The Best Plays of the Broadway season, appears this year in new format and edited by Louis Kronenberger (Dodd, Moos, $4.50), and has a rival in Theatre 52, edited by John Chapman (Random, $5.00). Both are exceptionally valuable, of course, to the out-of-towner who doesn't get to Broadway often but who wants to keep up.
dren (Little, Brown, $3). A prodigal sampling of America’s best-known living writer is in The Hemingway Reader (Scribner, $5), edited by Charles Poore.

The arm chair traveler is invited to go mountain climbing in Maurice Herzog’s Annapurna (Dutton, $5), undersea in The Silent World, by J. Y. Comeret and Frédéric Dumas (Harper, $4), across the United States by car in George R. Stewart’s words-and-pictures U.S. 40 (Houghton Mifflin, $5), to Europe with Ludwig Bemelmans and his daughter in Father, Dear Father (Viking, $3.50). The traveler planning to get out of the chair and actually go has a practical counselor in David Dodge’s The Poor Man’s Guide to Europe (Random, $2.95).

The rewards of another kind of travel, into the far and near past, await him in Will Durant’s The Renaissance (Simon & Schuster, $7.50), Vol. 5 in the magnificent Story of Civilization Series; Dorothy Canfield Fisher’s The Vermont Tradition (Little, Brown, $4.50), a lively chronicle of our 19th-century business buccaneers; Columbia Historical Portrait of New York (Doubleday, $21), 900 pictures of New York City from its beginnings, with running commentary; and (pure nostalgia, this one), A Pictorial History of the Automobile (Viking, $7.50).

The art book of the year? Almost certainly it is André Malraux’ The Voices of Silence (Doubleday, $25), a condensation of his three-volume Psychology of Art, fifteen illustrations in color, 450 in black and white. On a less munificent scale is the new ‘Taste of our Time’ series, beginning with volumes of Gauguin, Van Gogh, Toulouse-Lautrec, with each more than fifty color plates (Skira, $4.20); and the Pocket Library of Great Art series, profusely illustrated with color and black-and-white reproductions, with volumes of Degas, El Greco, Toulouse-Lautrec, Renoir, Matisse, Cézanne, Botticelli, French Impressionists, Dufy, Van Gogh, Utrillo, and Rembrandt (Abrams, $5).

And, finally, the books that fall into no special group: the Columbia-Viking Desk Encyclopedia (Viking, $7.50), a condensation of the famous Columbia Encyclopedia; House & Garden’s New Complete Guide to Interior Decoration, an encyclopedia of home decorating (Simon & Schuster, $10); The Juggler of Our Lady (Holt, $2.50), a charming retelling of the legend, marking the arrival of a new young artist in the Bemelmans-Thurber tradition; Howard Taubman’s How to Build a Record Library (Haworth, $1.50), authoritative tips for the long-playing-record-conscious public. . . Quite a lot of books, all in all, to go under quite a lot of trees.

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**Wood mantel, in Georgian design, matches pine woodwork.** This type of fireplace can be readily built around prefabricated steel form in sketch above. Ready-made unit has correctly proportioned fireplace and due so fireplace draws well and won't smoke.

**Farmhouse fireplace** is both high and wide, forms brick-paved alcove in room. Settles or chairs can be pulled close to fire, logs can be piled without disorder in room. Panels over mantel are Pennsylvania Dutch decoration. Architect, Walter K. Durham.

**Free-standing fireplace, in center of modern, one-story house disperses warmth all around it. Circular in shape, fireplace tapers up to round chimney, is built of red brick. Opening, outlined by brick arch, faces living room. Architect, Wendell H. Lovett.**

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Taking up music

Many American adults are Hamlets who are loathe to make up their minds to take up a musical instrument. They flirt with the idea of learning to play the piano, organ, guitar, or violin, but are discouraged by the notion that it would require years of practice and self-denial before they could play a tune. Yet look at the number of adults who learn to be Sunday painters. They derive a great deal of satisfaction from a creative hobby which gives purpose to their leisure hours. There is every reason to encourage a similar movement in music. Like painting a picture, playing a musical instrument has its quick rewards.

There are short cuts to mastering easy tunes. In time, you can investigate rhythms and harmonies of more than one country and century. You can enjoy music in solitary moments, but it can also make new friends for you. So don't put off till tomorrow what you can learn to play today. Here are four good instruments on which to make a start.

The piano: study in black and white. The piano is one of the best musical instruments for adult beginners because the tones are all there on the keys, and you don't have to trust to a 'good ear.' The register of sounds is complete. Another attraction is the wide range of literature available for the piano. These simple arrangements of almost any music you might want to play.

Instead of struggling with tedious exercises, you can spend the first weeks playing recognizable melodies. Special arrangements of pieces, designed by those who teach adults, contain the elements of practice. There is a new visual aid, the 'note-tutor,' which cuts time in learning to read the bass and treble clefs. You can learn to visualize basic chords and, within three to five months, play regional folk tunes and dances, simplified famous songs, Gilbert and Sullivan operettas, themes from familiar classics and grand opera.

Practicing (at least three-quarters of an hour every day) is the cornerstone of progress at the piano. In return for your investment of time, the piano is an excellent traveling companion for anyone.

The fiddle family: partners in time. The rise of community string bands in this country has ushered in a new musical era and a renewed enthusiasm for the stringed instruments: the violin, fiddle, a perfectly acceptable English term applied to the whole string family, viola, violincello, and bass viol.

The last two are particularly recommended for musical Come-Latitudes since adult hands can be disciplined to their technical demands in a fairly short time. To master the stringed instruments, you must have both patience and time to practice, but no more than it takes to perfect a golf game. The fiddle itself is as individual a possession as a man's dog. Being made of wood, no two violins are identical; each has its particular voice, responsiveness to the bow, distinctive feel in the hands, etc. Craftsmen spend their lives in an effort to perfect the art of matching, combining, graduating, and finishing these delicate hollow boxes of maple and spruce.

For a musical evening at home, a trio or quartet of stringed instruments is unequalled. In the days when Bach and Beethoven were writing chamber music practically everyone could play a string instrument. During the High and 17th centuries in England, it was considered a prime social grace. In those days of leisure, families joined in making music evenings, 'cheets of viols,'

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AN OPEN FIREPLACE  continued from page 186

Typical corner fireplace is open on one long side and one short side so view of fire can be enjoyed from various angles. Raised hearth lifts fire above floor level, is easy to keep in order. Architects are Bolton White and Jack Hermann.

New types of fireplaces which are open on two, three or even four sides are particularly in need of fireplace curtain. These metal, mesh fire screens pull open or closed like draperies and prevent ashes or embers blowing into a room when a draft is created by an open door. Screens come in various sizes and finishes.

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were provided for the use of guests, and a violin was kept in the reception room for visitors. Even barbers maintained a supply of instruments to keep their customers amused while waiting their turn in the chair. Today, the cycle is turning back to sociable evenings at home with music. There is no doubt that a bright new era in string music is shaping up in the U.S.A.

GILBERT R. WALLER

The organ: satisfaction from the start. To play the organ is to feel as if you have an orchestra at your fingertips. At one time educators believed that three or four years' piano training was necessary before taking up the organ. Today's teaching methods have proved that people without previous musical experience can learn to play a simple tune in a very few minutes. Anyone who has played a musical instrument will be impressed with the way an organ amplifies the music he has been accustomed to playing. Organ music also collaborates well with a piano or with an electric guitar.

The treasury of music written for the organ ranges from the brilliant organ positions of Bach, whom Albert Schweitzer calls a "lone painter in the language of sound," to simplified arrangements of melodies both sacred and popular. Since the organ is adaptable to each individual's taste in music, it is ideal for family use. The touch of the fingers brings rewarding thrills and a feeling of accomplishment.

One of man's oldest instruments, the organ can be traced back to the Pan-pipe. But it is from relics (pottery and coins) of the 2nd century B.C. that we derive the earliest actual date of the primitive organ. In ancient times, the organ was a family entertainment. Later it became the instrument of exalted music. Today, it is once again at home in the home.

The electronic organ is compact (most models require less wall space than a vertical piano). Some are self-contained units. They have built-in keyboards to save space in small rooms, but extra speakers are available which can be installed in large rooms for additional volume. The fact that these organs are relatively light in weight enables you to move them from wall to wall, room to room. You can enjoy rich, full music or (by means of simple tone controls) soft, whispering melodies. Love of organ music is international; the instrument can be found everywhere from a palace in Europe to the New England farmhouse of a country squire who plays concerts over the telephone to shut-ins.

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Down by the lake is a favorite place for cocktails or outdoor cooking in summer. Electric outlets for plugging in a coffee pot or grill make entertaining easy; old school seats with arm rests are both practical and picturesque.

Colonial archway separates the small, trellis-shaded terrace from living terrace which opens from downstairs playroom, bar and kitchen.

Living room fireplace wall has mellow old pine paneling of original house built in 1740. Behind cabinets at left are television set and record storage shelves. Two doors at right (one is open, one closed) lead to the study.

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Solid pine door, with bookshelves hung on back, closes off downstairs powder room from study. Such built-ins are as suitable in old houses as they are in new ones.

In the study, two evidences of the owners' many hobbies: genealogy and stamp collecting. Pictures are of Mr. and Mrs. Lowitz' families; pine desk once belonged to first postmaster at Brattleboro. On desk, a rare old pyramid spice box.

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Waffle-grill and chafing dish turn out whole meals at the table. Try ham à la king over cornmeal waffles, hot lemon sauce over ginger-bread waffles. Cook-a-Matic, with interchangeable grids for waffles or grilling, $29.95. Landers, Frary & Clark, New Britain, Conn. Brass electric chafing dish, $29.95. Tricolator Co., Newark, N. J.

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Low cocktail table, imported marble top with brushed brass legs. Cellarette has two storage compartments for bottles. Top of mahogany cellarate opens and elevates for serving and storage of glasses, has brass legs and pulls. Both pieces are from "Sequence group" by The Weinman Co.
Contemporary "Easy chair" by Jens Risom.
Christmas tree trimmed with striped chintz, Staples-Smith.

Accessories on table:
Enamel ash tray and Lenoxian cigarette box with white onyx top, at America House, N. Y.
Fireplace accessories:
Mantel, Italian andiron of green brass, and tool set (four-piece) with stand, all Edwin Jackson, N. Y.
Painting: 'Still Life with Pitcher' by Braque, F. A. R. Gallery, N. Y.
On cellarate:
Punch bowl and cups, fruit design, Warren Ceramics.
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Tree, Japanese butterfly decorations, Victoria Tree, N. Y. • "Classic Fashion" by Reed & Barton. Colorfast napkins by John Matonk. • "Park狺e" wine glasses, Stuart crystal, at Bloomingdale’s, N. Y. • Portuguese leaf salad bowl, at Soupcon. Fornasetti plates at Bloomingdale’s. Sitterle serving spoon, fork, Soupcon. Brass bun and food warmer, 2 qt., walnut wood handles, with alcohol burner on tray; two brass covered dishes, all from Vincent Lippe. Brass sauce warmer and ladle; tall, Italian salt and pepper mills, both at Bloomingdale’s.

"Globe-Ware" ice bucket, black porcelain enamel with brass trim, one gallon capacity. Keeps food hot or cold, Fischer Marks.

"Bon Voyage container" with champagne, Sherry Wine & Spirits Co.

Top right:

Rattan game table has 33" square burl top. Cane-backed chairs have loose foam rubber cushions; 39" long server, ribbed glass top, birch shelf; ribbed glass top end table; daisyed with foam rubber mattress, kapok-filled pillow and bolster. Mattress cover zips on and off. All pieces have rattan frames, designed by Tommi Parzinger for Willow & Reed.

"Scrabbie" word game, deluxe edition, red leatherette box, racks with peg counters and ivory-plastic tiles. Ham- macher Schlemmer, N. Y.

Brass ash trays, at Bloomingdale’s. "Flax Nap" napkins, Leacock & Co. "Classic Fashion" sterling flatware, scal-

loped gallery tray, Reed & Barton.

Presto automatic coffee maker with "keep hot" control, AC, by National Presto Industries, Inc. "Vonda" Haviland china, at Bloomingdale’s.

Brass cigarette box; white lamp, brass trim, white shade, at Bloomingdale’s. Tin sunburst wall hanging, matchstick bamboo curtains, at Bloomingdale’s.

Cooking at the table

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Accessories:

Pineapple cheese, Phil Alpert’s Cheeses of All Nations.

White salad plates, "Blue Fire" pattern, at Bonniers, N. Y.

"Lyric" mugs, earthenware, by Stangl. Tall wooden salt and pepper mills (top shelf) from Italy, at Bloomingdale’s, N. Y.

White platter of earthenware, by Car-

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- White savonette, 'Blue Fire' pattern at Bonnies, N. Y.
- Lyric earthenware, black and white with brown carving, by Stangl.
- Delbyware Clement flatware; china handles are green and black on white, at Bloomingdale's, N. Y.

In background:
- Round table has white travertine top; black wrought iron frame. Glass top has wrought iron frame; black Carrara, bottom shelf, both by Paul McCobb Design Assoc.
- Wall sconces; Import Mirror & Wall Accessories.

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In background:
- Sofa upholstered in 'Talioe' textured material and walnut table, from 'Hasting's Square Group' designed by William Pahlmann for the Grand Rapids Bookcase & Chair Co.
- Brass ash tray, leather and 'Terry' tile cigarette box, black-column lamp with brass trim. All furniture, lamps and accessories at W & J Sloane, N. Y.
- 'Nobility' rayon carpeting, by Cabin Crafts.

Cabbages & Roses' an Everglade chintz for curtains, by Everlast Fabrics. Upper left: Crescent-shaped tables in clear light Danish beech or dark finished teak with slender metal legs. Tables can be combined free-form, round (51" across) or end and coffee tables; can also be nested and stacked. Designed by Peter Hvidt and Molgard Nielsen. Danish open arm loveseat (54"); and chair, in beech with walnut finish. All by John Stuart, Inc.

Equipment cabinet (far right) has mountings for tuner, amplifier, record changer (on sliding shelf) and record storage space. Center cabinet has mountings for TV chassis, record storage shelf below. Speaker cabinet (left) has grilles at top and bottom. All cabinets are in limed oak, custom designed for high fidelity installation. Each cabinet measures 591/2" x 25" w. x 201/2" d. Units by Angle Genese Corp.

Glass buffet wagon with brass reef handles; top shelf holds two brass vacuum ice buckets (2 qts.), by Maxwell-Phillips.

"Chippendale" Stuart crystal champagne glasses, by Royal Worcester.

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it a bar which opens to the rear terrace; and below this, a lawn which slopes down to a small lake. The first-floor kitchen, whose cupboards and drawers were built of pine from an old barn, has streamlined organization and equipment. There is also an auxiliary kitchen downstairs, whose location solves the problem of cooking for a crowd of young people without disturbing the first-floor kitchen. Down by the lake, where many a clambake and steak supper have been given, there are electric outlets for plugging in a coffee pot or grill.

Winter and summer, the downstairs playroom is a gathering-spot. In the winter, skaters come up from the lake to warm their toes before the great open fireplace, eat popcorn and apples, and drink hot buttered rum. In the summer, there are parties on the adjoining terrace, or down by the lake where old school seats with armrests are perfect for relaxing with a tall, cool drink.

The first-floor living room, dining room and study are used for less casual parties. The dining room has a warm, cheerful air, thanks to chestnut wainscoting, a collection of old glass in a pine cupboard, a 1740 grandfather's clock, an old map of Long Island. The living room and study are separated by double doors, so the study can be closed off in nearly sound-proof isolation, or opened up as a part of the living room. The study is sometimes used for dining by the younger generation, who may later join in a party for their parents and older friends. The study is also headquarters for several family hobbies. For example, stamp-collecting is appropriately worked on at the desk which once belonged to the first postmaster at Brattleboro.

Since the Lowitzes like to have house guests, they have seen to it that there are comfortable accommodations for them. The downstairs playroom area can double as a complete apartment. There are two guest bedrooms upstairs, and the former servants' quarters above the garage have been converted into guest rooms.

Living in an old house, say Mr. and Mrs. Lowitz, suits their taste and has a feeling of permanence. If it is skillfully remodeled, it also makes for easy accessibility. Where, they ask, is the brand-new storage wall that does a better job than mellow wood-paneled walls with built-in cupboards, cabinets and a television set?

Additional photos of the Lowitz house on page 192.

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You'll notice when you're looking at a record collection that the vertical dividers are recessed or scalloped in the center so that it's easy to take out records but keep them clean. This detail will be obvious to the home carpenter.

If you're particularly fussy, you can replace the envelopes in which the single records come from the storage boxes with heavier cardboard envelopes or magazine ones, but albums provide their own protection and long-playing records are now well packaged.

Dust, heat, and wear are the enemies of records. Records play best when they're clean. How can you keep them clean? First by keeping them in a place where they aren't exposed to dust. Here are two suggestions for keeping your records clean:

1. Use a record player, know your modern record's general condition, speaking, keep a light pick-up. You know that reproduction is no better than the needle and that a worn needle can cause valuable records (just as a cracked record can damage valuable records) to be ruined. So keep records clean. The better the needle, the better the reproduction.

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use to some extent of those plants already in place and supplement them with other plants, native or exotic, to round out the garden picture.

Plants are used in many ways in the making of all gardens. They cover the ground in open spaces, they are used in foundation plantings about buildings, they are planted in shrubbery and herbaceous borders. Hedges, screens and windbreaks are made with them; they are grown as specimens for beauty and accent, and are placed to provide shade, a prime requisite in warm climates. For all purposes there are suitable native plants, many of them growing here and there in gardens, but because of their adaptability and beauty many of them merit more frequent and generous use.

For lawns and ground covers

The perfect grass for making a lawn in Florida is yet to be found but there is a native grass, widely used and quite satisfactory when given intelligent care and attention. It is Saint Augustine grass, well adapted to the garden picture, sun and shade. It requires moisture, organic matter and fertilizer, all in generous amounts, but given these, with insect control, fine lawns can be made. It does not produce seeds: lawns of Saint Augustine grass are established with cuttings. There are other native plants that are satisfactory as ground covers (if you can get the yard lawn to grassed areas). One of these is Lippia, a creeping or running verbena-like plant, common to the coastal plains of Florida. It has a purplish cast and white flowers in terminal heads or spikes. Apparently it does best in soils where lime is present, and it is a summer-flowering species. In autumn the French mulberry (Callicarpa) enlivens the garden with its clustered dark violet fruits (occasionally pure white). Virginia-willow (Itea) grows on the shores of lakes and rivers but it can be grown successfully on drier lands. It produces an abundance of white or pinkish colored, scented blooms in narrow racemes. Summer-sweet (Clethra) with white or occasionally pink flowers, delightfully scented, is a summer-flowering plant of great value, native not only in Florida but northward into Maine. The native, oak-leaf hydrangea flowers in spring. It does not tolerate water-logged conditions about its roots. The sparkleberry (Vaccinium) is of unusual beauty and value, with flowers red, white or pink.

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seemingly. It is almost evergreen. Lantana camara, a West Indian evergreen shrub that has come into Florida, is very dependable. There are a number of garden forms with yellow, orange, lavender and white flowers, blooming throughout the summer. In northern sections it is sometimes frozen back to the ground, but comes back readily from the roots. Mountain laurel (Kalmia) is a beautiful shrub or small tree, native to western parts of Florida and grows well in the northern counties. It ranks as one of the finest American woody plants. Tarflower (Begonia), an azalea relative, is a choice evergreen shrub, with large, white, pink-tipped flowers in summer, found here and there through peninsular Florida. It requires good drainage. Duranta, from the West Indies, is particularly worthwhile for its loose racemes of blue flowers and gold- en fruits. Garberia, an inhabitant of dunes and well-drained scrub lands, is a striking evergreen composite of great value though rarely cultivated. Its rose-purple flowers form dense flat-topped heads, are followed by seeds produced in a conspicuous brown pappus. Among hollies, the yaupon is frequently grown in gardens for its small glossy leaves, and brilliant red fruits persisting through the winter. It makes a large shrub but is easily kept lower by judicious pruning and is useful as a hedge plant. Another holly relative, is a choice evergreen shrub, with large, glossy green leaves, and brilliant red fruits, persisting through the winter. It makes compact clumps from underground stems, usually reaching a height of 4 to 6 feet. Wax-myrtles (Myrica) of several species are excellent shrubs for hedges and windbreaks. One of them, Myrica pumila, a dwarf, makes a good ground cover.

Deciduous trees

Those trees that shed their leaves late in autumn and are leafless until early spring have distinct value because they provide winter shade and allow sunshine to come into the house in winter. Several deciduous trees are common in Florida gardens. One of the best is the sweetgum (Liquidambar), familiar to moist locations. In autumn, it changes yellow, gold or purple before the leaves drop and the new leaves are a very pleasing green as they emerge in spring. The swamp chestnut oak is a noble tree, often branching to a forty foot width, as broad as it is high. Red maples, usually with three-pointed leaves instead of five, brighten the landscape in spring with their flowers and seeds. The tuliptree (Liriodendron) is native as far south as the central part of the state. Its leaves are deeply notched; the unusual tulip-like flowers arc greenish-white with orange at the base.

Evergreen trees

Broad-leaved evergreen trees are abundant in Florida. Perhaps the most attractive of all is the black-anthous (Pfaffia), a native or southern magnolia (M. grandiflora), with large, glossy green leaves and pure white scented blossoms, some- times 10 inches across. Also good is its relative the sweet bay with smaller flowers, and leaves that are silvery gray beneath. American holly, now available from nurseries in varieties, is one of the finest natives and the Dahoon grows farthest south of any red-fruited evergreen holly. The laurel oak is a very common street and garden tree in the northern parts of the state. It is always a question whether it should be classed as deciduous or evergreen; within a very short time, 10 days or so after it loses its old leaves, it gets a new green mantle. The great live oak (Quercus) is an outstanding tree of which there are fine specimens in many north Florida gardens. Cherry laurel (Prunus), lobolly bay (Cor doxia), redbay (Persea) must also be listed among the best. In fact south Florida, the tetraxyria, boxleaf Eugenia, Grisette-tree and many others are valuable evergreen materials.

Flowering trees

Conspicuous among the smaller trees that bloom in gardens in the spring and add much to natural landscapes in northerly sections are the flowering dogwood (Cornus), redbud (Cercis), plum (Prunus), crabapple (Malus), Florida ilicium, and the frippetree (Chionanthus). Some of these extend well down into the state. There is a white-flowered redbud from Missouri that is quite at home but dogwood specimens from more northerly sections are worthless in the peninsula.

Palms

Most of the dozen or so native palms are to be found somewhere in gardens throughout the state, but only a few are commonly planted. Most important is the cabbage palm (Sabal), the state tree of Florida, found as a native throughout the state except in a few western counties. It sometimes forms palm forests, particularly in the Hali fax country, and is much planted in gardens and as a street tree. The Florida royal palm (Roystonea) is a prized ornamental tree characteristic of the southern sections. The saw palmetto (Serenoa) grows in clumps and often has been left in gardens when the land was cleared. Cuban-palm (Prautoria), adapted only to southern gardens, forms beautiful clumps of slender trunks up to 25 feet high.

Vines and flowering plants

Of vines, several kinds make exceptionally good garden plants. Yellow jasmine (Gelsemium) blooms early, is evergreen with yellow, sweet-scented flowers. Rosebay pea (Althaea) is grown for its bright-colored black and scarlet seeds. Among the deciduous vines, native grapes, Virginia creeper, American wisteria with purple flowers are widely used. There is a wealth of annual and perennial flowering plants for herbaceous borders. Sunflower, blazing star, spiderwort, and hibiscus, ruellia, solidago, salvia and many more are fine plants that adapt well to Florida gardens.
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