New Ideas For a Memorable Christmas at Home

Special Sections:
- complete champagne Cookbook
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Mrs. Julio de Diego, charming collector of modern art, and one of the ten best dressed women in New York, entertains the Debutante Committee for the coming Colonial Ball at Madison Square Garden to raise funds for the restoration of George Washington’s Distillery.

Joan Smith will represent Massachusetts, Georgia Washington will represent Virginia, Joannelle Lafitte, Louisiana, and Andrea Jackson, South Carolina, in the tableau depicting their ancestors.

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“The Boy of Algiers is now wearing a fitted sheet as a dinner coat, and the Sultana of Tarawak has made quite a riotous romper out of a purple percale pillowcase.

“In Monte Carlo they used one of my green sheets to cover a casino table, which inspired the Duchess von Bourbon who is an ex-chambermaid, to double her bets and break the bank.”
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Ogden Nash, whose hilarious gymnastics in verse have delighted us for years, pleads to Santa Claus for a return of spacious living, on page 96. Humorist Nash's true love is verse, but he also is a song writer, theatre lyricist, and panelist on TV's weekly Masquerade Party. Robert C. Osborn, artist and cartoonist, lovingly limns both O. Nash and S. Claus in wonderfully zany illustrations for the Nash verses, page 96. He has studied and painted in Wisconsin, the Chicago Art Institute, Yale, and in Paris, Rome and Spain. Early inspirations: Cézanne, Christian mosaics, bull fights. He received the Legion of Merit for war drawings, has published five cartoon books, and is a nationally known illustrator. Richardson Wright's editorial How Still the Night! (page 90) appeared in 1945, the first Christmas after the war. Clipped and treasured by a generation of readers, it is affectionately reprinted for those who missed it. Mr. Wright, editor of H&G from 1914-1950 and a noted horticulturist, has written some 35 books. Composer, author, critic and radio commentator Deems Taylor begins our music portfolio with The Rising Sound of Music in Our Homes, page 121. His works include three grand operas, orchestral suites, choral and symphonic pieces, music for stage and screen. Yehudi Menuhin, master-virtuoso of the violin, has played to spellbound standing room for 25 years, in Europe, India, Japan, North and South America, Israel, Australia, New Zealand, the U. S. and South America. On page 122 he gives encouraging advice to amateurs on how to choose a musical instrument. Few American artists have captured the haunting color of the Southwest as has Peter Hurd. From his brush comes what playwright Paul Horgan calls "the pour and clash of light in his marvelous skies, the grand, arrested tumble of earth forms..." From Mr. Hurd's pen comes a painter's appreciation of his native New Mexico, on page 85. George Hickey III, architect of a new kind of traditional house (page 135), remodeled his grandparents' carriage house at the age of 16. His current record is over 40 houses in ten years. His aim: a balance of dignity and classicism, combined with modern materials and a livable indoor-outdoor plan. Of antiques he says: "they are at home in today's houses, particularly if the house has a suggestion of period detail." When scenic designer Bill Riva and his actress wife Maria apply their talents to yuletide decorations around the house, the result is fabulous. The Rivas' creations to surprise their sons on Christmas day are described on page 92. Myra Waldo, author of The Complete Champagne Cook Book, page 111, proves that the addition of this golden froth lifts party dishes to Lucullan heights. An unflagging traveler, she tasted her way around the globe to compile her Round-The-World Cook Book, published by Doubleday.
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Much of the holiday season belongs to children or is shared with the Glittering Christmas tree and the bethlehem gifts beneath it are magic symbols that stir wonder and excitement in the eyes of children. Yet there are pleasures of the season that are exclusively adult. Some are named The Mull, The Eggnog, The Bishop, The Negus—mouth-warming potions that induce warmth and good fellowship during the time between the birth of Christmas and the stroke of midnight on Twelfth Night. These traditional holiday drinks, invented by our ancestors in many lands, are among the particularly special rewards of being grown up.

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Opheila is the name of the black and white lamb shown here. A child will have many happy hours playing with it and reading the story of Opheila. Note the book with full color illustrations which comes with it. Lamb is 11" high and 7" wide. Give a set to your favorite youngster. $7.95 postpaid the set. Beverly Baker, HG12, Box 135, Darien, Conn.

A china candle which holds a concealed wax candle is unusual decoration. Shown here is a fine white china candle which is decorated with pastel flowers and gold lines. A metal spring automatically raises the wax candle as it burns. 9¼" high. $3.00 for one; $5.75 the pair. Postpaid. Order from Seth & Jef. Department HG12, New Marlborough, Mass.
A filigree bangle is high-style fashion. The beauties shown here are made of filigree aluminum finished in gilt. Made in Germany, they are exquisitely pierced and ornamented. A pair will make drama on a bare arm. The cost of one is unbelievably low. $1.00 ppd. Order from B. M. Lawrence Imports, HG12, 255 California Street, San Francisco.

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By PETER HURD

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If you take a map of New Mexico, set one point of a pair of dividers somewhere a little north of Silver City and swing a circle with a two hundred mile radius, you will encompass the part of the world I know most intimately and love best. Here is a terrain of wide variety in almost any terms. Within this circle are found climates that vary from the sub-tropical to the arctic-alpine, depending on altitude above sea level. As it is crossed by transcontinental highways and railroads, part of it—a relatively small part of it—is known to tourists. But the greatest part is remote from any road but the most primitive ones and known only to isolated ranchers, to a few forest rangers and prospectors. It is these lonely areas that have a constant and ever fresh appeal to me. This land and its people have jointly been the subject of the paintings and drawings which have occupied me for the greater part of my life. Here in these ensuing paragraphs, writing as I might make a sketch with a few broad strokes of charcoal, I will try to tell why.

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For here everything is drama. After the lyric exuberance of dawn the drama is now intensified; as the sunlight increases, beats fiercely down from overhead, objects become somber and austere. Shadows huddle beneath them, barely visible. This it seems to me is (Continued on page 163)
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Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. Luke 2
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How still the night! By RICHARDSON WRIGHT

One of these days we thriving, bustling, hurrying people of the West may learn the value of quiet, of what happens when we sit still. For many centuries the East has known that solitude and silence bring their own measures of enjoyment and healing. Their way of enjoying music, for example. We enjoy it while the music is playing; their richest moments are when it is over and they can think about it.

When first this was told me my mind flashed back to a picture I had seen in my own home. Seven children made daytime hours fairly strenuous for my mother. All of us put to bed and the house quieted down, she would go into her room and sit alone for a while. Once finding her there I asked, "What are you doing here all alone in the dark?" She answered, "Skip back to bed. This is my time. I'm luxuriating in silence."

During the past few years we have had little chance either to be alone or luxuriate in silence. Wars are fought by regimented men and women. They are crowded close together. Many newly inducted soldiers found this constant pressure of others hard to take. They never had a chance to be alone. There were rows and rows, too, of regimented men and women working away in Red Cross rooms and factories, fitting themselves into a pattern and a routine.

Scarcely had peace come than our economy was disrupted by strikes, by regimented efforts of men demanding to better their lot. They held conferences with other regimented men whose thinking and arguments were guided by preconceived and statistically-supported rules, euphemistically known as "the sound principles of business."

How many of them, soldiers, factory workers, Red Cross women, strikers and employers, how many of them knew the peace that comes after din, could sit still alone, be themselves and think what it was all about? Some may have sought it on a solitary walk. Many found at home. Home, if we respect each other, is one of the places where we should be able to throw off regimented thinking.

Now luxuriating in silence has a way of revealing many things to us. It shows where we've made mistakes, where our thinking and acts were wrong. It also has a compelling way of convincing us that we cannot, of ourselves, do it all alone. Nor can mere mobs of people marching and working shoulder to shoulder do it. There's got to be something else, something that doesn't come from us. What that dear child-ridden mother was seeking there alone in the dark was the rich and enveloping light and aid which came not from herself.

That, when we realize it, is what Christmas is all about. "Silent night, holy night," we sing. "Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse," we teach our children. The shepherds were sleeping. The din of day's work had fled. Not a lamb bleated nor a cow lowed. Silence, solitude. How still the night! Then the song of the angel proclaiming that help had come, that what we could not do of ourselves was to be done for us, that the promise of the ages was to be fulfilled, that to those of good will, peace was given.

Many times before and since then the world had heard proclamations of peace, but this was a different kind of peace: it passes human understanding. It was brought, not by a returning warrior resplendent and glowing from his conquests, but by a helpless Babe born in a lowly stable and cradled in a manger from which dumb beasts fed.

And yet, in His hand He held the orb of the world and was destined to release it from the clamor, confusion and evil ways that brought suffering. He gave peace that we might live in peace, that troubled men and women struggling through the dark night be brought to light. That solitary mother sitting there alone could be certain all those about her were well and cared for and whatever the next day brought forth she would be ready to cope with.

The strange fact about this peace the Christmas angel heralded is that we can't keep it unless we share it. We have to give it away to have it. That's what makes it past man's understanding here on earth. The best we can do is to symbolize it. Our Christmas gifts are symbols of that peace—if, of course, we are men of good will. Merely to exchange gifts because of social and commercial obligations only debases a heavenly endowment. Those who have no truly good will can never know truly good peace. So we wrap up our gifts in gay paper and tie them with giddy ribbons, because good will and peace are joyous.

This year, more than ever before, empty hands reach out to us from all the world. The appeals seem overwhelming. We must give widely and to the limit.

Writing cheques is rather a dull way to extend our charities, yet it, too, can be made gay and joyous. Go off by yourself to write them. Write them slowly—and as you sign your name, say, "I share my peace with you."
Ten times Christmas has come and gone since, at the end of World War II, Richardson Wright, then Editor-in-chief of this magazine, wrote the words on the opposite page. In those years, Americans have gladly given their plenty and their peace into the empty hands and the hungry hearts of a world wounded by war and still only half free.

In this season which the Christian world celebrates in recollection and in rededication, we reprint Mr. Wright's words for those who may not have read them; we believe that the values his words evoke are eternal ones.

Although the big guns are stilled throughout the world this Christmas, our personal need for stillness has never been greater. (The level of man-made noise now has reached a near-deafening peak which seriously threatens our physical well-being.) In the past ten busy years, Americans, rich as never before in leisure, have given too little time to solitude—to the silent replenishment of intellect and spirit without which human beings are only half alive.

The kind of faith that was born in the innocence of a stable and that has since been most fully nurtured in thoughtful solitude, is more widely sought in our land today than it was even in the peril of war. The reward the seekers after faith yearn for is the God-given peace that passes human understanding.

We seek also another kind of peace—a man-made peace among nations. It, too, rests on faith—faith in man. The progress we seem to have made in the past year towards temporal peace in our divided world rests significantly on the faith the leaders of one side are willing to place in the sincerity of those on the other.

On this Christmas of peace in our land, we would do well to think in the stillness of our homes about the uses of peace. For unlike divine peace which is an end in itself, human peace is a means to an end: a climate in which we may create something of value.

Throughout recorded time man, like other animals, has been compelled to devote most of his waking hours to the struggle for survival. We have worked for our living, and we have fought for our freedom. Now there is reason to hope that we may have entered a new era: an age of relative plenty and of relative peace in which there is leisure for the soul and mind that distinguish us as human beings.

Of course there has always been leisure in the world. Otherwise there would have been little or no civilization of enduring value. But historically we have thought of the "leisure class" as a small group with the resources and the time to appreciate, to support and to pursue the arts, science and philosophy. In America, at least, this is no longer the case. A provocative book published last fall, *Time for Living*, by George Soule, describes the challenge of our day this way:

"For the first time in the history of mankind there is well on the way not a civilization topped by a leisure class, but a civilization characterized by universal leisure..."

"Technology has mastered the art of saving time, but not the art of spending it..."

For the most part, home is where Americans spend their leisure. In a very real sense, it is therefore at the heart of our culture and of our civilization. It is a good place to seek answers to the challenge of our age.

We in America are rich indeed in opportunities for the worthy use of leisure. Ours is surely a time for splendor. If we can make a significant contribution to the sum of man's knowledge of his world and of himself; if we can quicken his awareness of beauty; enlarge his capacity to create beauty in words, in color, in line, in shape and in sound—and his ability to enjoy it—we shall deserve our fortune.

As a magazine devoted to the arts of living we believe that the value of a home depends in the end on the people and on the ideas that live in it. The materials, equipment, furnishings and gadgets that we put in our houses have lasting value only when they are made to serve our pursuit of knowledge or thought or beauty.

To further the pursuit, some time must be given over to thinking, to listening, to conversation and to learning in the home. Living should never become a solemn business, but to use up leisure in escape and amusement alone is to waste it. The noblest use of leisure is the creative: to write, to paint, to carve, to photograph, to compose, to weave, to plant—to make something of meaning and of beauty.

This year we Americans face an obligation to share with the world, not our plenty and our peace alone, but a new humanistic culture that may serve mankind at least as well as our technology.
A memorable Christmas at home

Shared joys within the home make Christmas memorable for children and adults.

Here is a Christmas tale about one young family who create a fabulous fantasy at their New York home to the delight of their children, their friends and even the passers-by.

For one particular day of the year, one particular buff-colored brick house on 95th Street, New York, becomes a wonderland. As far as the others are concerned, the red and gray and brown houses, they show no visible sign of Christmas. But Mr. and Mrs. William Riva and their two children, 7½-year-old Michael and 5½-year-old Peter, believe that Christmas is a season to be enjoyed and shared. Mr. Riva is a scenic designer, and his wife, actress Maria Riva, shares his enthusiasm for designing and creating their own fabulous Christmas decorating project. Before Christmas they concentrate on the tree, the living room, entrance door and windows; the day after Christmas, they decorate the rest of the house in preparation for New Year’s Eve. The tree itself remains up until February 2nd, Candlemas, the traditional day for winter greenery to come down.

In the neighborhood of 95th Street there is a delicatessen which sells, in addition to pickles and pumpernickel, big, beautiful trees at Christmastime. On the opposite page is a typical one. It is a 15-foot spruce which, with two feet removed from the trunk, reaches to the ceiling of the orange study in the Riva home. Raising and trimming it is a three-day labor of love.

Any bare spots among the branches of the tree are filled in by drilling a hole in the trunk and inserting an extra branch. Each branch is lightly weighted with a book tied on a string. Thin black fishing line (not wire) is tied from each branch to the trunk. When the books are removed, the branches spring back up, but as they begin to sag later, from the weight of the ornaments, the lines hold them in place. During the holidays, the water in the container at the foot of the tree is constantly refreshed, and the room is aired each night to cool off the tree after the lights are turned out.

The first ornaments are the lights. The Rivas are convinced that Christmas tree lights must be (a) all of one color and (b) concealed. They paint each bulb with fingernail enamel. For this gold, pink and silver tree, the bulbs were painted yellow. Red polish is equally effective for a warm, rosy glow. Any spot on the bulb that glares can easily be touched out with more polish. To avoid a sparse pinpoint effect, the Rivas use three dozen strings of lights, winding them round and round on the innermost parts of the branches.

The tree is divided visually into three sections and the ornaments graduated in size from small balls at the top to large balls at the bottom. The stepladder section is Mr. Riva’s province. Atop the tree goes a German star-sweeper, a perennial favorite as far back as either Mr. or Mrs. Riva can remember. The rest of the branches are hung with balls of silver, red and pink, toys from different countries, angels, candies and apples. Three or four fireballs filled with chemical extinguisher are included as a safeguard. The ornaments are tied deep into the branches, but they are not buried because there is so much light from within the tree. Each piece, from the tiniest trumpet to the largest, shiniest ball, is painstakingly tied on with a slip of ribbon instead of hung with a hook. Strands of beads festoon the tree, and extra-wide tinsel is draped over the branches as a finishing touch. New tinsel is purchased for the tree every year; the old tinsel, tarnished to a golden yellow, is used over again in progression from living room to outdoors.

In the European tradition, the tree is trimmed entirely in the European tradition,

Opposite: Tiny golden lights set the Christmas tree on fire with color.

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Otto Maya
Under the spell of Christmas, a child’s bedroom turns into an enchanted forest by adults and kept as a surprise for the children. Reflecting on his own childhood, Mr. Riva says, “My father was probably better at decorating a tree than I am. We never knew where our tree would be until Christmas day, but we knew it was somewhere in the house because we could smell it.” He is firmly convinced that his boys do not really want to know what the tree looks like until it is finished. They would just as soon not be around underfoot to be told, “don’t touch” and “look out.” Taking down the tree is another matter. Michael and Peter, like most children, love to sort things, and they are permitted to join in packing away the well-loved ornaments.

Although the tree is started three days before Christmas, the big push comes the night before Christmas Eve. Friends usually drop in, and it has become the custom to play a record of a famous play, in past seasons Fry’s *The Lady’s Not for Burning*, Shaw’s *Don Juan in Hell*. Step-ladder, ribbons and extra ornaments are available for anyone who has an urge to get into the act. On a console table at the other end of the study, the symbol of hospitality is a wicker cornucopia spilling over with candies, fruits, candied peel, nuts and cookies. The Rivás’ spirit of sharing extends outdoors as well. On the front stoop on 95th Street, they place a tray of refreshments for passers-by, a basket of cookies and paper cups filled with fruit juice.

Christmas morning belongs to the children. The unveiling of the tree and unwrapping the presents are big events. In addition to their new toys in gay wrapping, each boy has a special stuffed toy, one of the Lencci dolls, which is brought out to play with during Christmas season and then put away again until the following year. Michael’s lion and Peter’s fox have become old friends. Mr. and Mrs. Riva recall with mixed emotions the year the boys beat them to the presents. The clock had reached noon and all through the house it was quiet as a mouse. The parents arose with alarm, only to... (Continued on page 174)
I'll eat my split-level turkey
in the breezeway

By OGDEN NASH

A lady I know disapproves of the vulgarization
of Christmas, she believes that Christmas
should be governed purely by spiritual
and romantic laws,

She says all she wants for Christmas is no more
suggestive songs about Santa Claus.

Myself, I am more greedy if less cuddley,
And being of '02 vintage I am perforce greedy
fuddy-duddily,

So my own Christmas could be made glad
Less by the donation of anything new than just
by the return of a few things I once had.
Some people strive for gracious living;  
I have recurrent dreams of spacious living.  
Not that I believe retrogression to be the be-all and the end-all,  
Not that I wish to spend the holidays sitting in a Turkish corner smoking Sweet Caps and reading *Le Rouge et le Noir* by Stendhal,  
Nor do I long for a castle with a portcullis,  
But I would like a house with a porte-cochère so the guests wouldn’t get wet if it rained the evening of my party for Mr. John Foster Dulles.
Also, instead of an alcove I'd like a dining room that there wasn't any doubt of,
And a bathtub that you didn't have to send $7.98 to Wisconsin for a device that enables you to hoist yourself out of,
And if there is one thought at which every cockle of my heart perks up and warms,
It is that of an attic in which to pile old toys and magazines and fancy dress costumes and suitcases with the handle off and dressmaker's forms.
Above all, I'd like a house with lots of rooms all with doors that shut so that every member of the family could have a modicum of privacy,

Because I'm weary of all this efficient functional Lady Godivacy.

Please find me such a relic, dear Santa Claus, and when you've done it,

Please find me an old-fashioned cook and four old-fashioned maids at $8.00 a week and a genial wizard of a handyman to run it.
LAST-MINUTE GIFT GUIDE FOR ARMCHAIR SHOPPERS

Christmas comes all too soon when you are pursuing the perfect but elusive gift for everyone on your list. These pages will help you finish your shopping with a flourish in the comfort of your own armchair. You will find ideas for gifts that can be used at home, and taken abroad; gifts to make entertaining easier, a kitchen brighter, a party gayer.

The range is wide, the price is flexible (from $3 up) and the spirit of Christmas is part and parcel of every one of them.

CHAMPAGNE COOLER of heavy cut crystal from France is 9” high, and 7” in diameter. $125. Baccarat.

PORCELAIN SAUCEPANS in white with ivy design are ovenproof, 1 pint size, $12.75, 1 quart size, $18.50; 1½ quart $20.75. Bonwit Teller.

COIN HOLDERS for nickels and pennies, dimes and tokens are attached to key chains. Sterling, $8 each. Marshall Field.

MINIATURE CAMERA weighs 12 ounces, has rotating eye-piece finder, 14” to infinity focus. By Goerz of Vienna. Leather, $139.50. Gold-plated, $200. Marshall Field.

TRAVEL CLOCK fits in horseshoe case of red, green or navy calf or pigskin, is 2½” high. $36.50. Bonwit Teller.

FIRESIDE SET: poker, tongs, shovel, log hook is brass, wrought iron, 21” high. $35. Black, Starr & Gorham.

POHOCICLAIN SAUCEPANS in white with ivy design are ovenproof. 1 pint size, $12.75; 1 quart $18.35; 1¼ quart $20.75. Bonwit Teller.

CUT CRYSTAL DECANTER from Belgium holds ½ gallon. $28. At Lord & Taylor.


ASHTRAY AND CIGARETTE CONTAINER of Limoges with gold fleur-de-lis pattern would suit an end table. Tray, 4½” in diam.; cup, 3” high. $7 set. Bergdorf Goodman.
LIMOGES INK WELL has pattern and quill of gold, 3 3/4" in diameter. $9. Kaufmann's.

HERB JAR for window or terrace has 9 planting pockets. Blue, yellow or maroon. $8.50. Robinson Clay Prod.

SHISH-KEBAB SKEWERS for indoor-outdoor cooking are stainless steel with cherrywood handles, 17 1/2" long. Set of four in rack, $4.50. Carson Pirie Scott.

BRASS TEA KETTLE with alcohol-burner stand holds 8 cups, 6 1/2" in diam. $35. Bloomingdale's.

CHRISTMAS PACKAGED BOTTLES in foil wrap with cartoon, geometric, woodcut designs cost no more, look festive. Hiram Walker.

WALNUT CLOCK, gold face, by Elliott of London, has 8-day movement. 8" high, 5" wide. $105. Black, Starr & Gorham.

CRYSTAL DECANTER, has spigot top for pouring, $16.50. Spigot only, $5.50. Dunhill.

BROWNIE MOVIE CAMERA has 3-lens turret, takes standard, wide-angle, telephoto shots. $79.50. By Eastman.

BUTTER DISH in three parts has sterling top, base, removable black ceramic dish. Handle is green enamel on silver. 7" long. $25. By Towle.

TRAVELER'S PENCIL, chrome-plated, is topped by compass and map measure for kilometers, miles. Case clips to car visor. $3. Canadien & Buckley.

PORTABLE BRANDY STAND with six small snifters is good for terrace or indoor entertaining. Brass with peeled cane, 18" long. $18. Black, Starr & Gorham.

LIQUOR CASE has 12-ounce decanters for rye, bourbon or Scotch, 4 jiggers. In cowhide, $9. Kaufmann's.

BRASS CANDLE HOLDER with shield, German import. $15. Extra candles $2.50 each. Black, Starr & Gorham.

PEWTER WINE PITCHER, made in Switzerland, holds 1 1/2 qts. $65. Black, Starr & Gorham.

KITCHEN CANISTERS in pink or white enamel on steel have herb designs in natural colors. In 2-qt. size, $6, and 4-qt. size, $7. Neusteter's.

Prices approx. Include Fed. tax. Store addresses, p. 162
The art of gift wrapping

Gaily wrapped gifts under the Christmas tree are symbols of the season.

Here are dozens of ideas for designing memorable packages

At Christmas, creating the gift wrapping is almost as important as selecting the gift itself. It makes no difference whether the present is an expensive tribute or a dime-store remembrance; it is the way it is presented that makes a lasting impression. That breathtaking moment when the final package is placed beneath the tree and the Christmas lights turned on is the high point of the season. If you wish to be complimented for the individuality of your gift wrappings, start looking now for out-of-the-ordinary papers and ribbons. Don’t wait until Christmas Eve. Give yourself enough time to work out the designs, the color combinations and the finishing touches. Remember that gifts topped off with elaborate pompons or dusted with metallic glitter are apt to lose their magic when they are stacked under a tree. Contrive amusing motifs for your packages with colored paper, sticking tape, seals and labels or decorate with small ornaments that can be hung up on the tree afterward and used again season after season. One of the top secrets of the art of gift wrapping is a smooth, neat closing. Here is a way to seal the closing with tape that does not show: Fold a piece of tape, sticky side out, and place it, with the fold at the outer edge, between the wrapping paper ends to be joined. When you press it down, the doubled adhesive will hold, but the tape will be invisible. Rubber cement will solve the problem of sealing tissue paper packages. Another type of glue called Sobo, which comes in a handy plastic squeeze bottle at art stores, is excellent for sticking colored paper decorations on packages. With patience and imagination, anyone can make an art of gift wrapping. And like everything else about Christmas, the more you give of yourself, the more memorable your gift packages will be.

Creating a colorful package

Would you like to be able to wrap a gift that looks too pretty to open? Color is the key. Try a bright new shade of gift paper, such as deep fuchsia, electric blue or yellow-green. If you have a child’s toy to wrap, cover the box in fire-engine red paper and letter it like an outsize alphabet block with white masking tape. For a round box, use a striking green and white striped paper, pleating it into a pinwheel at the center. An uninteresting flat package can be covered in plain white paper and decorated with a brilliant Indian kite. There is no end to the variety of designs you can create with color and imagination. For more gift wrapping ideas, please turn the page.

All wrappings designed by Jerome Kuhl. Photo by Richard Jeffery
Dressing up a small package

Above
Fancy imported ribbons call attention to small packages. Wrap the ribbon once around the box and secure it with a dot of glue or a seal, or hang a small Swedish star or other ornament from it. Attach a tin whistle (danger signal) to a purse sized flacon of perfume or nest the flacon in a box of Christmas tree ornaments. Using materials from the stationers, invent motifs; sticking tape fashioned into an asterisk, small gummed labels applied like the markings on dice, legal seals pasted to plain paper. Metallic corrugated paper makes an inviting disguise for a bottle of cologne or a book; so does a miniature Swedish match box for a ring.

Below
Some presents are fun even before you unwrap them. Decorate a children's book with a paper pussy cat whose whiskers and tail were snipped from a ball of twine. Cut a musical instrument out of paper to decorate a record, a skillet and fried egg for a gourmet gift. swag and tassels to festoon a tin of biscuits, a pale blue reindeer with pine antlers for a Christmas touch. Advertisements from old magazines make quaint labels for the grown ups' packages, a Japanese airplane puzzle for a child's gift. Use self-adhesive transparent paper (Zipatone, available at art supply stores), sealing wax, straw stars, tape measure to create artistic whimsies.
Wrapping the odd-shaped gift

You can contrive artful disguises for gifts that are hard to wrap. Present garden tools in the palm of a gardening glove or wrapped in green tissue decorated with paper posies like a bouquet from the florist. Cover a large book or record album with marbleized paper to resemble a ledger. Convert a wastebasket into a drum. Wrap a bottle of wine either in white paper with a glass tied to its neck or in brown corrugated paper tied with orange ribbon. Toy nesting eggs are tantalizing containers for earrings. Hide an umbrella in a mailing tube. A ukulele? Put a ribbon on its neck and paste paper hands in playing position.

Decorative papers from different countries can transform boxes of all shapes. From Japan come brilliantly colored papers spattered with gold and printed papers in soft earth tones, magenta and striking combinations of brown or navy and black. Italian paper designs range from fine all-over figures in gold or silver to rococo motifs in subtle colors. England produces handsome book papers, including marbleized designs. Among the newest American papers are foils and velours of unusual depth of color, and tissues in decorator shades. A box wrapped in a travel poster or road map makes a conversation piece beneath the tree.
A season for rejoicing
all around the world

Each country celebrates Christmas in a different way. Each has its special music, foods and customs. Yet all share the immemorial spirit of the season; generosity and good will, open house and open heart, a welcome to everyone who crosses the threshold.

Christmas, the great festival of the world, has its roots deep in the past. This is the time of the winter solstice when the sun turns on its course and the days lengthen, promising the departure of winter and the renewal of light and life. This miracle man has celebrated since the beginning of time. The festivities of today are a blend of more than 4,000 years of ritual and belief, both pagan and Christian. When the Roman’s wild Saturnalia, the savage Nordic Yule and the Mithraic sun-worshipping ceremonies of the Persians were assimilated by the Christian church into the compassionate, family feast of Christmas, old traditions took on a new form. Christmas as we know it today is a patchwork of many observances, many centuries. The exchange of gifts, the Yule log, the hanging mistletoe bough and the cheerful clangor with which we speed the dark and dying year are all residues of ancient customs. Santa Claus derives from St. Nicholas, a 4th century bishop of Asia Minor. Carols stem from the carulla, a lively song and dance of 12th century Spain. The Christmas tree originated in 16th century Germany. The turkey is a native American.

Yet wherever Christmas is celebrated, in sunny, color-drenched Brazil or the white wastes of Iceland, its spirit is gentle and universal. This is the time for family feasts, for little children, for prayer and for gifts. Many European and Latin countries have chosen Christmas Eve as the occasion for the big dinner, preceded or followed by a church service or midnight mass (the French Reveillon and the Spanish Noche Buena are (Continued on the next page)

Opposite: The perchtenlauf, a centuries-old Austrian ritual

In Austria, near Bad Gastein, the peasants play hereditary roles in an ancient ceremony of the winter solstice, the perchtenlauf. The wicked perchten, dressed as animals and birds, are opposed by the good perchten, who wear towering flowered headdresses and ribbon-trimmed clothes. They engage in a mock battle, representing the defeat of winter and the hastening on of summer.
famous examples), Christmas Day is mainly for family celebrations; the following day (Boxing Day in England, St. Stephen’s Day in Ireland) is for visiting friends. In Holland, Belgium and Switzerland, lucky children receive their presents on St. Nicholas’ Day, December 6th, but Latin children may wait until January 6th to have their shoes filled by the Three Kings or, in Italy, an old woman called Befana, who missed accompanying the Magi on their Journey and has been trying to make amends ever since. Mexican boys and girls have an added delight, the piñata. This is a clay pot, filled with candies and gifts and covered with paper and tinsel to represent a lamb, chicken or baby burro. It is suspended from the ceiling, and blindfolded children take turns swinging at it with a stick until the piñata breaks and the good things shower down. Russian children enjoy a riotous ten-day Christmas with a tree, parties and presents distributed by white-gowned Grandfather Frost and his daughter the Snow Maiden.

It is hardly surprising that the Scandinavian countries, where winter is long and hard, like to extend their festive season. Sweden launches a month of Christmas on December 13th, the day of St. Lucia, an early Christian martyr. The youngest daughter of the house takes the part of Lucia, bringing her family coffee and freshly baked buns for breakfast in bed. Each town and city chooses a Lucia or Queen of Light. Dressed in white and crowned with a holly-and-candle wreath, she offers hospitality to visitors and heads a charity drive for the sick and needy. Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland and Iceland all follow the same hospitable pattern. Houses are swept and decorated with evergreens, the tree is readied for the Christmas Eve unveiling and a mound of Christmas foods prepared for the friendly season of open house. (In Denmark if you leave a friend’s house without eating you are said to have taken Christmas away.) The creatures of the air and the fields are not forgotten. On Christmas Eve, sheaves of grain are hoisted on poles for country birds; bread is put on window sills for their town cousins, and all farm animals get double rations. In certain country districts, a portion of the traditional Christmas Eve porridge (it contains a hidden almond that means a gift to the finder) is left in the barn for the Nisse or Christmas goblin, who replaces Santa Claus as the bringer of gifts to Norwegian and Danish children. January 6th sees the last gay festival (though the Christmas season often lasts until the 13th) with processions of Star boys singing carols in a re-enactment of the journey of the Wise Men. Processions and pageantry, simple ceremonies and old customs are woven into the pattern of Christmas around the world. In Zurich a mitred, white-bearded Saint Nicholas heads a children’s street parade. In Amsterdam, as Sinterklaas, he arrives by steamer on December 6th with his servant, the blackamoor Peter, and leads a cavalcade to the Royal Palace. There he greets the small princesses and gives them candy. High in the Andes, masked dancers celebrate in the streets on Christmas Day. Colombians disguise themselves and crowd the streets on Christmas Eve, meeting friends, guessing each other’s identity and exchanging gifts. The Mexicans hold posada parties on the nine nights preceding Christmas. Pilgrims with lighted candles act out the weary journey of Mary and Joseph, singing and begging for shelter outside their host’s house. Finally, they are admitted and the party begins. In Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic children in groups of three, representing the Wise Men, sing carols to the rhythm of guitars and maracas. English children, unaccompanied, play waits (an old name for strolling singers), piping carols in the frosty night air until they are given money and candies. In Southern Italy, the shepherds are the serenaders. They come down from the hills in their goatskin trousers to hail the Christ Child with the sweet, high music of flutes and pipes. One of the most tender of all Christmas Eve ceremonies is the Shepherds’ Mass in the tiny church of Les Baux, a French village. To the sound of tambourines, the peasants bring offerings to (Continued on page 174)
The complete Champagne cook book

Opposite:
A champagne buffet captures the spirit and sparkle of the holiday season

Why not have a champagne supper, reminiscent of Maxim's and the Gay Nineties, as the high spot of your holiday entertaining? Golden, frothy champagne is the inspiration for this buffet table setting. Decoration simulates vines with garlands of laurel leaves, gilded and stapled to ribbon, gold and blue Christmas ornaments bunched like grapes. Around the table are accents of glitter and gold: a brass candle-warmer casserole and coffee pot, gold-on-white china and flatware of golden alloy. For a champagne party, bottles chilled in the refrigerator for two hours will be just the right drinking temperature. When serving, fill the glasses about two-thirds full to release the delicate bouquet of the wine.

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The French fine art of cooking with champagne is making its debut in American kitchens. We introduce you to this new gastronomic experience with original recipes created for H&G by MYRA WALDO.

Champagne, the world's most famous wine, sparkles with festivity. It launches ships and marriages, heralds new lives and new years. It is famed as a drink for celebrations, but its quality as a table wine is often overlooked. Champagne is the only wine that can accompany any food at any time, the one wine that can be served successfully with every course of a meal. The problem of what to do with an unfinished bottle of champagne does not exist for the venturesome cook. For years the great French chefs have used it freely to concoct the kind of dishes an epicure dreams about. By simmering meat, fish, fowl or vegetable in champagne, or enriching them with a delicate champagne sauce, you can turn out food fit for the gods. Opened champagne will retain its effervescence for twenty-four hours if it is re-sealed and kept in the refrigerator. It can be used for cooking for a further one or two weeks, even after the bubbles have disappeared. Re-cork the bottle by paring the cork down with a sharp knife to make it fit, or re-cap with one of the standard gadgets for soda bottles. The thing you want to do is hold the flavor. Once champagne turns sour and vinegary it should be discarded; always taste critically before adding stored wine to food. Vintage, the familiar word most of us look for when buying wine, is applied only to French champagne which is made from grapes grown in a small area around Rheims and Epernay. The French make a distinction between vintage champagnes, which are mainly the product of one particular harvest and the less expensive non-vintage champagnes which are made from a blend of two or more years. In the United States, the domestic champagnes of California, New York State and Ohio are not classified by vintage (Californians claim that in their equable climate every year is the same; the French wine growers retort that although this may be true, California has never had a great year) but the main difference between imported and domestic champagnes is in the process of fermentation. All French champagne is matured in the bottle, a complicated process taking from six months to four years. Domestic champagnes, apart from some New York State brands, are fermented in bulk. Experts say that the larger the bottle, the better the wine. It follows that if you are shopping for a champagne party, it is wiser (and more impressive) to invest in magnums rather than the 25-ounce bottle. Afterward, lay aside what is left for a wonderful fondue or lobster farci and let champagne turn an ordinary meal into a tour de force.
Main Dishes

**TURKEY WITH DOM PERIGNON SAUCE**

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<th>1 tablespoon salt</th>
<th>1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper</th>
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<td>12-15 pound turkey, cleaned, washed and dried</td>
<td>4 tablespoons butter</td>
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<td>2 onions, sliced</td>
<td>1/2 teaspoon thyme</td>
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<td>1/2 teaspoon marjoram</td>
<td>2 tablespoons chopped parsley</td>
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<td>1 cup stock or canned consommé</td>
<td>2 cups champagne</td>
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<td>1 tablespoon flour</td>
<td>2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese</td>
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Combine the salt and pepper. Rub into the turkey thoroughly, inside and out. Place in a roasting pan and dot with 3 tablespoons of the butter. Roast in a 425° oven for 30 minutes. Combine the onions, thyme, marjoram, parsley and stock, and pour over the turkey. Reduce heat to 350° and roast for 30 minutes additional. Pour the champagne over the turkey. Roast for an additional 1½ hours or until the turkey is tender, basting very frequently. Remove the turkey to a platter. Pour off the gravy, and force it through a sieve. Melt the remaining butter in a saucepan. Add the flour, stirring until very smooth. Gradually add the gravy, stirring constantly until the boiling point. Cook over low heat for 5 minutes. Serve the gravy separately.

**FILLET OF BEEF AVENAY**

Serves 8

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<th>4-pound fillet of beef</th>
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<td>1/2 cup flour</td>
<td>1 cup beef stock or canned beef consommé</td>
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<td>3/4 cup champagne</td>
<td>2 tablespoons tomato paste</td>
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<td>1 teaspoon salt</td>
<td>1 tablespoon sautéed onions</td>
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<td>3/4 pound mushrooms, sliced</td>
<td>1 tablespoon salt</td>
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<td>1 truffle, chopped (optional)</td>
<td>2 tablespoons sweet sherry</td>
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Roast the fillet in a 400° oven, allowing 1 hour for rare, 1 hour and 10 minutes for medium, and 1 hour and 25 minutes for well-done. Melt 6 tablespoons of the butter in a saucepan. Add the flour, stirring until smooth and browned. Add the stock gradually, stirring steadily until the boiling point. Add the champagne, tomato paste and salt, and mix well together. Cover, and cook over low heat for 45 minutes. Melt the remaining butter in a skillet. Sauté the mushrooms in it for 5 minutes, stirring frequently. Add to the sauce, together with the truffle. Add sherry, and correct seasoning. Slice the fillet, and serve the sauce separately.

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Fish

**FILLETS OF SOLE, MARNE STYLE**

Serves 4

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<th>1 cup champagne</th>
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<td>2 tablespoons grated onion</td>
<td>1 bay leaf</td>
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<td>1/2 cup chopped mushrooms</td>
<td>2 teaspoons chopped parsley</td>
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<td>2 tablespoons heavy cream</td>
<td>2 teaspoons salt</td>
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<td>1/2 teaspoons pepper</td>
<td>4 fillets of sole</td>
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Combine the champagne, butter, onion, bay leaf, mushrooms and parsley in a saucepan. Bring to a boil, and cook until reduced to half. Add the cream. Remove the bay leaf. Sprinkle the salt and pepper on the fillets. Place in a buttered baking dish. Pour the sauce over them. Sprinkle the cheese on top. Bake in a 375° oven for 25 minutes.

**BUFFET SALMON**

Serves 8 to 10

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<th>1 quart champagne</th>
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<td>2 cups water</td>
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<td>2 cups heavy cream</td>
<td>1 pound shrimp, cooked and cleaned</td>
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Combine the champagne, water, celery, onion, salt, pepper, bay leaf, peppercorns and cloves in a saucepan. Bring to a boil. Wrap the salmon carefully in several turns of cheesecloth, and gently place in the saucepan. Cover, and cook over low heat for 1 hour. Remove the salmon and carefully unwrap it. Place on a platter and keep warm. Strain the stock, reserving 1 cup. Melt the butter in a saucepan. Add the flour, stirring until smooth. Gradually add the stock, stirring constantly until the boiling point. Cook over low heat for 5 minutes. Beat the egg yolks in a bowl. Gradually add the previous sauce, beating constantly to prevent curdling. Return the mixture to the saucepan. Add the shrimp. Reheat over very low heat, but do not allow to boil. Correct seasoning. Pour the sauce over the fish and serve. The fish may also be served cold.

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Sauces and Salad Dressings

**CHAMPAGNE BUTTER SAUCE**

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<th>1 cup champagne</th>
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<td>1 teaspoon grated onion</td>
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<td>3 peppercorns</td>
<td>3 egg yolks</td>
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<td>1/2 pound sweet butter, melted</td>
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Combine the champagne, lemon juice, onion, salt, tarragon, curry and peppercorns in a saucepan. Bring to a boil and cook over medium heat 5 minutes. Beat the egg yolks in a bowl; gradually add the champagne mixture, stirring constantly to prevent curdling. Add the butter gradually, beating constantly. It may not be necessary to add all the butter; use just enough to make the sauce have the consistency of heavy cream.) Return to low heat and cook, stirring constantly, for 2 minutes or until thickened. Force the mixture through a sieve; add the parsley.

Serve with meat, poultry or fish.

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Vegetables

**GREEN PEPPERS FARCI**

Serves 6

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<th>6 small green peppers</th>
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<td>1/2 pound mushrooms, sliced</td>
<td>3 tablespoons grated onion</td>
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<td>4 slices ham, shredded</td>
<td>2 tablespoons tomato paste</td>
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<td>4 tablespoons bread crumbs</td>
<td>3 tablespoons olive oil</td>
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<td>2 tablespoons flour</td>
<td>3/4 cup stock or canned consommé</td>
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Cut a 1-inch slice from the stem end of the peppers, remove seeds and membranes. Cover peppers with water; bring to a boil and cook for 5 minutes. Drain and cool. Melt the butter in a skillet; sauté the mushrooms and onion for 5 minutes. Add the ham and 1 tablespoon of the tomato paste. Cook over low heat 5 minutes. Add the bread crumbs and mix. Stuff the peppers with the mixture. Arrange the peppers, open side up, in an oiled baking dish. Sprinkle the olive oil over and around them. Bake in a 400° oven for 10 minutes. Mix the flour and stock together; mix the champagne and remaining tomato paste and combine with the previous

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Desserts

ZABAGLIONE AU CHAMPAGNE
Serves 4 to 6

6 egg yolks
1 cup powdered sugar
1 cup champagne

Beat the egg yolks with a wooden spoon; gradually add the sugar, beat­ ing until thick. Gradually add the champagne; place over boiling water and beat until thick and foamy. Serve at once, but the Zabaglione can be kept for a few minutes if the container is in warm water.

PINEAPPLE BORRACHO
Serves 6

1 pineapple
1/2 cup sliced strawberries
1 cup champagne
1/2 cup powdered sugar

Peel the pineapple carefully. Cut into thick slices and remove the cores. Place in a bowl. Place the strawberries and champagne over the pineapple and stir gently. Sprinkle with the powdered sugar. Chill for 4 hours.

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Drinks

CHAMPAGNE-VERMOUTH

For each drink:
2 ounces dry chilled champagne
2 ounces dry chilled vermouth
1 teaspoon Curacao
1 piece lemon rind
1 piece orange rind

Combine the champagne, vermouth and Curacao in a champagne glass. Garnish with the lemon and orange rind.

CHAMPAGNE CUP
Serves 12 to 18

3/4 cup cognac
1/2 cup maraschino (cherry) cordial
1/2 cup Triple Sec or Curacao
4 quarts champagne
4 quarts carbonated water
Fresh mint (optional)

Combine the cognac, maraschino and Triple Sec in a glass or pottery bowl. Chill for 2 hours. At the same time, chill the champagne and carbonated water in the coldest part of the refriger­ ator. Immediately before serving, add the champagne and carbonated water to the liquor mixture. Stir gently. Serve in cups, with a sprig of mint.

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COOKING WITH CHAMPAGNE turns a buffet supper into a festive occasion. Here Myra Waldo, author of the Complete Champagne Cook Book, sharpens the appetites of her guests by preparing Steak Verzany (see recipe on page 165) in a chafing dish at the table. Dominating the background is the Eiffel Tower of champagne bottles, a giant Nebuchadnezzar, presented to Miss Waldo during her recent gourmet tour of French vineyards (the only full bottle of its size in the U. S.).
PARTIES IN THE
AMERICAN TRADITION

A party in the gregarious American tradition means many things. It means gathering together the people you have wanted to see all year, but somehow never did. It means discharging a backlog of social obligations with one grand and glorious gesture. It means sparkling silver, flowers on the table and the welcoming glass of cheer. The most memorable parties always seem to be given at Christmastime. Houses and people look their best. Hosts and hostesses are on their mettle. Everyone tries to outdo everyone else in hospitality. The secret of a successful party is a good plan carried out to the last detail. From the decoration on the front door to the last demitasse, everything contributes to the special atmosphere that makes a party an event. During the holidays, guest lists are apt to mushroom, and the hostess who often finds herself entertaining en masse will take advantage of party aids designed to serve more than a handful of people. Capacious chafing dishes, triple food warmers and 20-cup coffee urns are boons when you are cooking for and serving large groups. Portable serving carts and self-contained bar units are convenient and keep traffic out of the kitchen. The purpose of these Christmas pages is to give you ideas that will make all your parties a success and every post-mortem a happy one.

Opposite:
A CHRISTMAS HORN OF PLENTY symbolizes the spirit of hospitality. Against a painted theatrical backdrop, the fruits of the field and the forest are arranged in a tempting display. Christmas callers can help themselves to apples, oranges, raisins, dates, almond cookies, nuts, toffee, chocolates and mints, spilling out of wicker cornucopias. There is a tiny crèche at the left, and at the right, candlesticks ringed with tinsel. Sprays of evergreen mixed with holly berries complete the setting. Home of Mr. and Mrs. William Riva.

OTTO MAYA
New serving pieces help the guests to help themselves

SERVING CHEST provides a handy bar where you need it. Deep shelves take bottles; lined drawers hold silver, tools. The folding top is covered with alcohol-and-waterproof Formica.

TRIPLE FOOD WARMER keeps vegetables hot for buffet meals, hors d'oeuvres for cocktails. Each Pyrex compartment holds 2 quarts. The warmer is Buenilum, works on AC/DC current.

SERVING CART in walnut and brass is topped by three removable Formica trays on which food or drinks can be brought in and handed around. Shallow space under trays holds linens, silver.

ITALIAN COFFEE MAKER with 20-cup capacity dispenses two cups of regular or espresso coffee simultaneously. Lever regulates flow. For AC/DC current, it has a thermostatic control.
FOUR-QUART CHAFING DISH that holds enough food for a dozen people does yeoman service over the holidays. Here it doubles as a bowl for hot punch, kept at serving temperature by the alcohol burner. Set on a heavy foil sunburst mat, it also serves as a centerpiece on a round buffet table. Photographed in the apartment of decorator Howard P. Rothberg, A.I.D.
HOW TO GIVE YOUR TABLES
THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

With a mint of imagination and a modicum of money you can create a memorable holiday party table.

Opposite:

TOP LEFT: For Christmas Day dinner, create a festive setting with a cheerful color scheme: red cloth, green napkins, blue Meissen china. Set topiary trees in white cachepots and decorate them with marzipan fruit, vivid wooden birds.

Variations: With a pastel cloth and napkins, use silver roses and paper butterflies in place of birds and fruit, or spray the trees with plastic snow and add a delicate drift of tinsel snow flakes.

TOP RIGHT: For a holiday party that centers around a punch bowl, garlands of lemon leaves and citrus fruit (preserved with clear and white plastic spray) on a blue cloth look appropriately cool and refreshing. Napkins repeat fruit colors.

Variations: Gilded leaves and fruit with polished nuts, a silver punch bowl. Or for a wassail party, wreaths of natural wheat, red apples, yellow pears, purple grapes and nuts on an orange or brown cloth, a rough stoneware punch bowl and plates, wicker baskets for sandwiches and nuts.

BOTTOM LEFT: For a buffet breakfast, choose gay, eye-opening harlequin colors. Make a simple centerpiece by painting bare branches white, setting them in a sturdy base and hanging them with vari-colored Christmas decorations. Pick up the colors in patterned napkins and solid-color china. A blue tablecloth makes a unifying background.

Variations: Hang the "tree" with paper cut-outs, Swedish wood ornaments or adapt the idea for a children's party by using candy canes, lollipops.

BOTTOM RIGHT: For the children, devise a gay Christmas party table with a red felt tablecloth ringed by snowman place mats cut from white oilcloth. Make paper scarves and hats (with jaunty lollipop feathers) and fold striped paper napkins for ties. Add gum drops for eyes and nose. Put a candy-tree favor beside each place.

Variations: Gingerbread-man place mats, cut from brown paper and dolled-up with sequins, a white cloth. Yellow oilcloth stars, a blue tablecloth.

LEFT: For a cocktail party, accent the shape of a circular table by stretching red ribbon across a pale gray cloth in a wheel-of-fortune pattern. For the centerpiece, pyramid white carnations in a three-tier epergne (imbred them in water-absorbent florists' preservative to keep them fresh) and knot red ribbons around the edges. Use red napkins, plates and dishes in silvery tones (such as the Kensington metalware shown here).

Variations: Gold tablecloth, blue ribbons, gilt roses. Wicker epergne filled with apples and ringed with Swedish straw stars; orange cloth.
FOR CHRISTMAS DINNER: THE GAY COLORS OF MARZIPAN TREES

FOR A HOLIDAY PARTY: A PUNCH BOWL RINGED WITH FRUIT

FOR A BUFFET BREAKFAST: A SETTING IN HARLEQUIN COLORS

FOR CHILDREN'S FUN: CHEERY SNOWMEN AND CANDY TREES
The rising sound of
Music in our homes
By DEEMS TAYLOR

Today the world's greatest music, reproduced with concert-hall fidelity is ours
for the flick of a switch, the turn of a dial. Thanks to the loudspeaker
in our living rooms, we are becoming a nation of music-lovers, a captive but contented audience
capable of reproducing brass instruments and the human voice, and that was about all. Then, in 1904, a young Irish
tenor named John McCormack recorded thirty-six Irish ballads for the Edison, Edison Bell, and Gramophone Com-
panies. After two years of study in Italy he returned, and in the years between 1906 and 1909 made over seventy
records, ranging from "Any Place is Heaven if You Are Near" to Brahms, Mozart, and Verdi. If not the first, he
was certainly one of the first to bring anything approaching "classical" music to the record-buying public.

During the ensuing decades recorded music leaned heavily to the vocal side, with orchestras being employed
chiefly to accompany singers and violin solos. A British critic, Arthur Clutton Brock, writing in 1925, had this to
say regarding the quality of orchestral recording: "Always with the gramophone we have to make allowances... There
are qualities of the orchestra that never survive on the gramophone: the sharpness of attack on the strings, the
clearness of their different parts and the full distinction between strings and wood. Pizzicato is usually unpleasant,
seeming to intrude between you and the rest of the music, while all the bass parts are apt to be a mere rumble."

Meanwhile, however, telephone and radio engineers were engaged in intensive acoustical research, coming up
to the surface now and then with such Benchley-like tidbits as: "A mathematical statement of the behavior of
mechanical and electrical systems discloses the existence of a remarkable analogy... (Continued on page 150)

Here begins a 10 page portfolio on The Sound Approach to Music at Home
The magical realm

Music is a world of self expression with which every human being should become acquainted.

Here is a celebrated artist's advice on choosing and learning to play a musical instrument

Undoubtedly the piano is the easiest instrument for the beginner. Perhaps it is because the eye can guide quite as much as the ear, the action is direct and unequivocal, a key struck is a note sounded, and, certainly for the beginner at least, neither pitch nor quality of sound is his responsibility.

Furthermore, seated, the player is not required to learn to the same degree as with the violin, for instance, how to balance his body or as with the voice how to control his breathing; in fact, face to face with his instrument, he can eye octave upon octave of serried ranks in quasi military formation, over which an automaton's domination and control can surely be achieved by patient, diligent and progressive effort.

In fact, no instrument has been so guilty of encouraging hosts upon hosts of the untalented to a greater or lesser degree of proficiency, regardless of their temperament, bodily shape and build.
You sink into a comfortable chair and twist a dial. Suddenly, your home is filled with great music—music that just yesterday, as history is reckoned, you could have heard only in the opera houses and auditoriums of a few of the world’s cities. Preserved in your record albums or on your tapes, it is yours for as long as you live—as the thoughts of the world’s thinkers are yours in the books that line your walls.

How does this music reach your home? What is the process? Suppose, for a moment, you are in a recording studio. You have a piano, a microphone and recording equipment. You strike the piano’s Middle A. What happens is much like what happens when you drop a pebble in a still pond. From the point where the pebble hit, concentric waves roll through the water until all the energy of the pebble’s fall is spent. When you strike the Middle A, whose strings are tuned to vibrate 440 times a second, concentric waves roll away through the atmosphere. They pass the microphone and beat on its sensing element 440 times a second. The microphone translates the mechanical energy of the waves into electrical pulses (cycles), which through the recording equipment are transmitted to a cutting stylus running in a blank groove on the record. The pulses make the stylus wiggle 440 times a second, and the wiggles engrave on the recording the wave form of Middle A. Under a microscope you could see the 440 undulations of the engraved line.

When you place the recording on a phonograph, the process is reversed. The stylus of the phonograph pickup, following the engraved line, wiggles 440 times a second, and its mechanical wiggles are translated into electrical pulses. The pulses are extremely weak when they leave the phonograph cartridge, but they are fed to a preamplifier for strengthening and then to an amplifier. The amplifier’s electrical output is connected to a loudspeaker where the electrical pulses are translated back into mechanical energy, this time called acoustic energy. They cause the loudspeaker cone to behave like a piston. It pulsates 440 times a second, and the pulsations cause sound waves, 440 of them a second, to emanate from the loudspeaker. In your home the tone Middle A, which you struck on the studio piano, is heard.

In radio broadcast and reception the identical process occurs, except that the 440 pulses of Middle A are impinged on the radio station’s carrier wave. The carrier wave reaches the antenna and tuner at your home and there, by a complicated electrical process, is discarded, but the 440 pulses a second are retained and fed to your amplifier. From it, they go to your loudspeaker which makes them audible. In your experiment you recorded or transmitted only the theoretically pure single tone, Middle A, but the same process can record or transmit great complexes of sound waves and their overtones (harmonics)—the glorious music that science has given your home.

In reproducing recorded music the physical limitations of the grooves in the master record make necessary a process called record equalization. If heavy bass tones were allowed to reach the cutting stylus running in the record groove, the stylus would swing violently enough to break through the groove’s walls. So, to prevent overcutting of the groove, the sound in the bass region is weakened and must be restored in reproduction to give the full richness. On the other hand, the treble tones are intensified in recording and must be deemphasized in reproduction. This modification of tonal balance to produce the proper bass and treble tone intensity as it existed in the “live” performance is the function of the device called the preamplifier-equalizer. It picks up the voltage from the phonograph cartridge and feeds it to the amplifier, the heart of the high fidelity system. The amplifier is a pumping center that feeds a perfect but weak signal from the preamplifier or radio tuner to the loudspeaker for transformation into sound waves. The volume is regulated by a control. The same amplifier and speaker system can be used for radio reception and record reproduction: the addition of a tuner transforms any high fidelity phonograph into a radio phonograph.

Your method of installing high fidelity apparatus will affect the quality of reproduction. The more cubic space you can devote to the speaker compartment, the better the result. All the panels of the compartment should be plywood, no less than 3/4” thick. The compartment should be lined with absorbent material; glass fiber batts are excellent. Attach the batt (always wear leather gloves to avoid annoying splinters) with its paper liner against the compartment walls and the glass fibers exposed for maximum effectiveness.

Any speaker system gives its best performance when it is installed in a corner of the room. A corner enclosure improves bass tones especially. The reason is simple: To create these low tones we must be able to cause substantial movement to the surrounding air. If you cup your hands to your mouth while speaking, your voice will carry a far greater distance. In effect, your cupped hands force the sound pressure of your voice to move primarily in the direction you want—straight ahead. Using a horn on the front of a loudspeaker or placing the loudspeaker in a corner does for the loudspeaker what your cupped hands do for your voice.

High fidelity equipment of good quality will give more than 20 years of service. The additional annual cost, computed against the annual cost of ordinary equipment, is very little, indeed. No other cultural investment will yield a richer or longer-enduring return.
SLEEK MAHOGANY CABINET on brass legs houses a hi-fi radio and phonograph. Doors fold back flush with sides of cabinet.

CHAIRSIDE CABINET designed for good listening puts hi-fi radio-phonograph at arm’s reach. Top is laminated plastic.

**Design for listening**

**FM RECEIVER**, as small as they come, is 7 1/2” x 5” x 5” high. It is available in black or colors.

**TABLE MODEL** tape recorder contains three speakers, amplifier, tape drawer.

**HI-FI PHONOGRAPH** with its own brass stand (separate) has three-speaker system.
SELF-CONTAINED HI-FI UNIT is large yet light on its feet. It is mounted on casters, has accordion-fold doors to save space.

MATCHING CABINETS for custom installations can be mounted on a wood base or brass legs. TV unit has plastic tambour front.

COMBINATION radio-phonograph and TV conceals controls under sliding panel.

TRAVELING RADIO combined with vanity case operates on AC, DC or batteries.

REMOTE CONTROL UNIT for TV has a speaker for individual listening.

PORTABLE TV (a table-model set on a wrought-iron cart) can be wheeled outdoors.
MAKE IT A CHRISTMAS WITH A SILVER LINING

For a Christmas gift that will bring lasting pleasure, give silver. The timeless beauty and durability of silver make it welcome to anyone at any time. The women on your list will be happy to have extra silver serving pieces. Men admire the solid good looks of silver bar tools and desk accessories. For a child, there is no more permanent gift than something in silver that can be used through many a lifetime. These silver gifts range from a napkin ring which costs only $3 to a Colonial coffee pot for $153. They have simple lines, in both modern and traditional designs, that suit any type of entertaining or decorating scheme.

HOUSE & GARDEN, DECEMBER, 1955
Opposite page:
Serving Pieces  Trio of simple silverplate pitchers, ½ pt., $12.50, 1 pt., $16.50, 1¼ pts., $22.50. Silverplate spaghetti (or salad) tongs, 9” long, $5.75, team with silver-and-glass cheese shaker, $6.50. Sterling coffee pot, Colonial design, holds 3 pts. 8½” high, $153. Chafing dish, heavily silverplated, has removable wood handle, $71.50. Sterling serving spoon and fork for chafing dish have 12” handles. “Old English” pattern, $21.45 a set. Matching 12” cake trowel, $17.60. George II design coffee pot with alcohol warmer holds 14 cups. Sheffield silverplate on copper, $75. Sterling buffet fork, 18” long, $19. Sterling pepper mill, 16” high, $77.50.

Top right:

Center right:
Silver for Children  Sterling muffineer for sugar can be used as a powder shaker, $30. Sterling set of child’s bowl, plate, cup, $92. Sterling tray and brush with nylon bristles, $6.50. Sterling napkin ring, 3½. Baby spoon and fork in sterling, traditional English pattern, $6.50 the set.

Below:
Bar and Party Accessories  Silverplate and glass pitcher with strainer spout for iced tea, martinis, holds 3¼ qts. $27.50. Silverplate copy of old English tankard with stirring device in cover holds 1 qt. $16. Sterling bottle stopper and pourer, $6.60. Sterling stopper for soda, expandable, $2.75. Sterling bottle stopper, removable handle for pouring, $8.75. Silverplate punch bowl, Paul Revere shape, holds 1½ gallons, $35. Warmer base with alcohol burner, $30 extra. Gallery tray with heat resistant dark Formica center, sterling sides is 12½” in diameter, $35. Silverplate bowls range from 8½” to 4½” in diameter. $9.25, $7.25, $5, $3.50, according to size. Golf club muddler, silverplate, $4.95. Sterling ice pick, $7, bottle opener, $9.50. Walnut and sterling muddler, $4.50. Hot beverage glass in silverplated holder, $6.50. For shopping information, see p. 162.

Prices approx. Include Fed. tax.
The care and feeding of house plants

If you are susceptible to the lure of house plants, your symptoms may be these: a tendency to slip a trowel in your pocket on an autumn walk and dig up and re-pot mosses, checkerberry plants, and wild asters; a winter nostalgia for spring flower carts; an incurable addiction to reading strange names of pot plants in catalogues from faraway places; a fondness for peering in at a neighbor’s window when “something new” begins to bloom; an eagerness to run to your plant box after a week end away; a restless green thumb through the winter solstice; abstraction, during a rubber of bridge or a whodunit, over the fortunes of a temperamental African-violet. Once you have succumbed to house plant enthusiasm, the only sensible treatment is to enjoy it to the hilt. For you are one of the millions of happy U. S. hobbyists devoted to the indoor pursuit of growing fresh, living greens and colorful gay flowers. You share, along with the Greeks and the Romans, and the pioneers who carried slips of geraniums, herbs and roses in Conestoga wagons across the Plains, a love of living things and the willingness to learn how to care for them indoors and out, all year round.

Given at least one window with a strong light, only a troglodyte can fail to grow house plants successfully. You may start modestly with a few random pots, a philodendron or a Boston fern, and aspire to the whole windowful of the 54 hardy, handsome plants pictured opposite. But the minute you take title to a geranium pot and give it a roof and a place in the sun, you are committed to acquire the combined skills of a creator, a plant doctor, a naturalist and an artist.

The value of a house plant, aside from the enjoyment it gives, is in what it can teach you. Just as a tree can split a rock, some plants defy wind and weather and grow tenaciously in any crevice where their roots can take hold. But when you bring a plant indoors, whether it came from a florist, a nursery, or your own garden, you must recreate as far as possible the same circumstances in which it previously thrived. If a number of house plants have earned the name temperamental, it is (Continued on page 171)

HOUSE & GARDEN’S CHOICE OF 54 PLANTS TO GROW INDOORS

TOP SHELF—LEFT TO RIGHT
Agave americana
Aechmea fulgens discolor
Aloe brevifolia
Haworthia fasciata
Aloe humilis
Vriesia splendens major
Cryptanthus zebrinus
Haworthia marginiflora
Crassula obliqua variegata
Vriesia magnifica
Cissus discolor

SECOND SHELF—LEFT TO RIGHT
Croton Apple Leaf
Agave caribaea
Pelargonium zonale (trailing)
Dracaena terminalis Baby Ti
Dyckia fosteriana
Sedum morganianum
Setcreasea Purple Heart
Hedera helix Silver Emblem
Cissus discolor
Episcia Purple Heart
Tetranema mexicanum
Philodendron cordatum (oxycardium)
Panica granatum nana (Pomegranate)
Schlumbergera bridgesi

THIRD SHELF—LEFT TO RIGHT
Philodendron cordatum
Pelargonium zonale
Peperomia hederifolia
Flea involucrata
Begonia Saxony (Angel Wing type)
Croton Apple Leaf
Cissus discolor
Begonia Richardsiana
Begonia Rex var. Merry Christmas
Hedera helix Merion Beauty
Abutilon megaspatumum variegatum
Pelargonium pelatum (ivy geranium)

WINDOW SILL TRAY—LEFT TO RIGHT
Saintpaulia Azure Beauty (double)
Sinningia speciosa (rear)
Jasminum grandiflorum
Saintpaulia Pink Cheese (rear)
Episcia Acajou
Scindapsus (Pothos) argyraeus
Saintpaulia Double Delight (rear)
Dieffenbachia hoffmannii
Philodendron soderstrom (rear)
Begonia Rex var. Can-can
Saintpaulia Dupont Blue (rear)
Gloxinia (Sinningia speciosa) hybrid
Calathea makoyana (rear)
Maranta masangeana
Episcia lilacina viridis (rear)
Episcia fulgida
Philodendron andreanum

PLANTS FROM JULIUS ROEHR'S CO. PHOTO: GRISBRY
The case for the traditional house

People who like traditional architecture are becoming aware that the amenities of yesterday are more enjoyable than ever when combined with the planning and products of today. It is thus that a new kind of traditional house has come into being. Its architecture is traditional but its materials and equipment are from today's assembly lines. It makes a suitable background for antiques and family heirlooms, but it is also an easy-to-keep house planned for informal living indoors and out. It is a house with a new architectural approach, for people who like to live with antiques and air conditioning and it expresses the special taste of its owners. Here are two good examples that show why the new kind of traditional house, while looking to the past, has a present and a future.

1 French Provincial house built around a front courtyard

TRADITIONAL FRENCH STYLING gives this new house a link with the past. It is exactly symmetrical, built of white stucco with slate gray trim and roof. The pierced brick wall screens the entrance courtyard and the main rooms from front drive and road.

Opposite: FLAGSTONE-PAVED TERRACE at rear is a modern outdoor living room four months of the year. You can step out to it from the living room (shuttered French doors), study, bar and kitchen-dining room, and step down from it to a shaded lawn. The graceful white wrought-iron furniture and half-circular terrace are in keeping with tradition.
The front courtyard is a completely private outdoor room.

This H-shaped house built around a courtyard is both practical and delightful. The courtyard is like an outdoor room with the sky for a ceiling. Light filters in through the openings in the pierced brick wall and through the foliage of the spreading elm tree. Pachysandra makes a cool green carpet (it flourishes in the shade), and flagstone paving makes an attractive border walk. The floor plan indicates the modern feeling of the whole house. All main rooms open to court or terrace. From the courtyard you can see through the living room to the terrace beyond (all three areas are used together for big summer parties), and from both bedrooms and living room you can enjoy a cross-court view. Notice that there are two front entrance foyers. It is not necessary to walk through the living room to enter either wing. Guest room has its own entrance.

COURTYARD is enclosed by the house on three sides and screened from road by brick wall across the front.

ARCHED DOORWAY to court has two doors, lock and bell; old French lamps flank it.

OWNERS: COLONEL & MRS. EDWARD R. FULLER
ARCHITECT: GEORGE HICKEY,
OF POLHEMUS AND COFFIN
LOCATION: EASTHAMPTON, N. Y.

HOUSE is 2,790 square feet, has few but luxuriously large rooms.
LIVING ROOM is in center of house, opened to court and terrace by three French doors on either side (see plan). Background is suitably formal for French antique furniture, pale gold rug and walls, cream and gold damask draperies. One sharp color accent is an emerald green loveseat. Door to foyer is balanced by recess with glass shelves.
Kitchen-dining room combines modern planning, traditional atmosphere
STUDY is from a house built in England about 1750: pine paneled walls, old English oil painting above fireplace; the TV set is built-in.

BAR, completely equipped from sink to storage shelves, adjoins the study and opens to the terrace. This kind of built-in convenience makes it easy to entertain indoors or out.

KITCHEN AND DINING ROOM can be two rooms or one; divider is an accordion wall, closed above, opened opposite, attached to a ceiling track. Kitchen has one wall of brick, wood cabinets, red tile floor, ceiling supported by beams from an old barn, built-in refrigerators, ovens, dishwasher. Dining table and chairs are French reproductions in cherry.
2 A happy union of practicality and formality

Sometimes the “prettiest house in the neighborhood” is also the one that functions best. This house, on the shore of Wisconsin’s Lake Mendota, is a good example. It is a shrimp-pink brick house, styled in the formal French tradition, with great refinement of detail: a high mansard roof, delicate white wrought-iron trim, a handsome double front door. Inside, there is the same careful attention to styling and detail (built-in storage cabinets, for example, are modern in function but embellished with traditional moldings) plus a high regard for the facts of life today. The floor plan, with master bedroom on the first floor, has many of the step-saving advantages of a one-story house. It has flexibility too, because the living room, dining room and porch open to each other (an expanse of some 50 feet) and to the rear terrace. Materials and equipment are thoroughly modern, and therefore upkeep and maintenance are reduced to a minimum. Result: the house is both a delight to look at and easy to live in, which sums up the case for the new kind of traditional house in America today.
Modern materials make housekeeping simple

Here is proof that a traditional house is enhanced both visually and functionally by modern materials and architectural details. Big windows in the form of traditional bays let in light, air and view. Modern materials include cork flooring in the entrance hall and rubber tile flooring and plastic countertops in the kitchen. Adjoining the master bedroom are two bath-dressing rooms with marble flooring, built-in countertop lavatories. The built-in cabinets between living room and dining room are traditional in design but function like a modern storage wall. On the living room side both have bookshelves; on the dining room side one is a storage cabinet for china and linen. There is a pass-through between the kitchen and porch.
KITCHEN has a dining L in a large, sunny bay window.

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EGG FLIP. An old time drink that has all but been forgotten is the egg flip—sometimes known as A Yard of Flannel. Here is a recipe from a 19th century book: "Boil a quart of ale in a tinned saucepan. Beat the yolks of 4 with the whites of 2 eggs. Add 4 tablespoons of brown sugar and a soupçon of nutmeg. Pour on this by degrees the hot ale, taking care to prevent mixture from curdling. Pour back and forward repeatedly, raising hand as high as possible. This produces the frothing and smoothness to the goodness of the drink.

BIMBO PUNCH. This grand old punch has strength and warmth. Cut 6 lemons in thin slices and steep in 1 1/2 quarts of cognac for 8 hours. Strain the cognac and add 1 pound of leaf sugar dissolved in 1 quart of boiling water. Chill the mixture and pour over a block of ice in a punch bowl. Add slices of lemon and orange.

CHAMPAGNE PUNCHES. Of course the most elegant holiday drink is champagne. Fine French champagne is delicious straight, but also makes delectable punches. Here is one to be served in large punch glasses with tiny spoons for fishing out the fruit. Select a large bowl that will fit into your refrigerator. Cut 1 small pineapple in cubes and put the fruit in the bowl (or use 2 packages of frozen pineapple); add 1 pint of fresh or frozen raspberries, 1 pint of fresh or frozen cherries, sections from 6 grapefruit, 1 1/2 pound of sugar, 1 pint of Benedictine and 1 fifth of cognac. Mix well, place in the refrigerator and chill thoroughly. When ready to serve, add a block of ice to the bowl. Ladle some of the fruit mixture into the bottom of each glass and then fill with iced champagne.

Here is a Christmas punch combining champagne with a variety of liquors. Chill 1 quart of strong tea, 1 fifth of Jamaican rum, 1 fifth of bourbon, 1 fifth of cognac, 1 pint of Grand Marnier, a big dash of Peychaud's orange bitters, 1 pint of pineapple chunks and their juice, 1 pint of orange juice and 1 1/2 pounds of sugar syrup (or 1 pound of sugar dissolved in water). Combine these chilled ingredients in a large chilled punch bowl. Add a block of ice and just before serving add 1 magnum or 2 fifths of chilled champagne. Serve in wine glasses or goblets.

For those who love the drama of flaming dishes, here is a flaming champagne punch. It must be served in a flameproof bowl—a silverplated or copper bowl is perfect—and should be kept hot on a table stove or hot plate. Heat the fruit from 1 package of frozen pineapple and put it in the hot bowl. Heat together 2 fifths of cognac and 2 fifths of champagne and pour over the pineapple. Then heat 1 cup of cognac in a brandy warmer, or small pan, ignite it and pour it while blazing into the punch mixture.

TOM AND JERRY. Of several ways to make this old favorite, here is one that is well liked. Beat the yolks of 12 eggs until thick and light. Gradually add 1 1/2 pound of granulated sugar and 1 teaspoon of grated nutmeg. Beat until very thick. Beat the egg whites until stiff and fold them into the batter. Chill the mixture until you are ready to serve. To serve, put a heaping tablespoon of the batter into a warm mug, add 1 1/2 jigger of Jamaica rum and 1 jigger of bourbon. Fill the mug with hot milk or water, dust top with grated nutmeg.

WASSAIL BOWL. There is no substitute for the traditional wassail bowl. This treat belongs especially to the Christmas season, and like the mistletoe, the plum pudding and the gayly decked tree it is symbolic of all the excitement the holiday season holds. In a large saucepan combine 1 1/2 cup water, 2 fifths sherry or Madeira, 2 cups sugar, 1 stick cinnamon, 3 allspice berries, 4 cloves, 1 teaspoon of ground ginger and 1 teaspoon of freshly grated nutmeg. Bring this mixture to a boil and blend. Remove from the fire and strain. Separate the yolks and whites of 6 eggs and beat the yolks until thick and light. Beat the whites until stiff and fold them into the yolks. Gradually add the hot spiced wine, stirring constantly. Then stir in 1 cup of cognac. Serve in a heated punch bowl and float 6 to 8 baked apples in the wassail.

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For book lovers this should be a good Christmas, because 1955 has produced some remarkable books. Herman Wouk, bless him, has given us Marjorie Morningstar (Double day). Although Marjorie Morgensen's progress from Central Park West to suburbia on the wings of romance will suffer from an inevitable comparison with The Caine Mutiny, it enlarges the picture of Mr. Wouk as a writer of formidable endowment. Too late for this column but certain to cause a stir is John O'Hara's first novel in six years, Ten North Frederick (Random House), with an original printing of 75,000 copies. And two Nobel winners have spoken—the late Thomas Mann for the last time in Confessions of Felix Krull, Confidence Man (Alfred A. Knopf), and William Faulkner in his re-worked domain to encompass the hypocritical ruthlessness of a Uriah Heep, model 1955 with chrome trim. A manner reminiscent of Marquand showed up in Hamilton Basso's The View from Pompey's Head (Double day): Sloan Wilson's The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit (Simon & Schuster) invaded Marquand territory while providing New York's Madison Avenue with a new catchphrase. Gretchen Finletter's The Dinner Party (Harper) drew the distaff side of the pattern of America's astonishing combination of success and suburbia.

In 1955 it has been demonstrated that the French—however noisy, wavering and chaotic their politics may be—are developing new writers as cool, as concise, as penetrating as any in the world. Mlle. Françoise Saigan's presumably tender 18 years attracted attention to Bonjour, Tristesse (Dutton), but her wistful embracement of love's sorrow exhibited far more achievement than mere precocity. Jacques Perret's The Honor of Gaston le Torch (Norton) was deft whimsy, and The Best Butler by Jean Dutourd (Simon & Schuster), exposing the diseased philosophy that it is every Frenchman's patriotic duty to profit from the nation's adversaries, accomplished the year's newest literary surgery. A distinguished contribution to letters came from Marguerite Yourcenar's pen when, in Hadrian's Memoirs (Farrar, Strauss & Young), she demonstrated that there is at least one historical novelist extant who can stand comparison with Plutarch. For a final fillip in a year of French success came The Notebooks of Major Thompson, by Pierre Daninos (Knopf). This Frenchman's account of a Blimpish Briton's discovery of France ("France is divided into 43,000,000 Frenchmen") is as sagacious as it is funny.

C. S. Forester's The Good Shepherd (Little, Brown) and Commander Edward L. Beach's Run Silent, Run Deep (Holt) made 1955 a memorable year for lovers of sea stories. Joyce Cary's admirers had Not Honour More (Harper). The mordant satire of The Loved One reappeared in Evelyn Waugh's Officers and Gentlemen (Little, Brown). Patrick Dennis's fictional recollection of a most remarkable relative, Auntie Mame (Stymeyer), has been consumbing thousands. Ivy Compton Burnett displayed in Mother & Son (Messner) the combination of brilliance and formalism that enthralls her purist admirers and exasperates others. Because of the success of The Naked and the Dead Norman Mailer's new novel, The Deer Park (Putnam), set drums beating; it turned out (as more than one misanthropic reader of The Naked had prophesied) to be an utterly pointless ex-
cursion through the bedrooms of Hollywood characters whose vices might enlighten a head shrinker but have no value to fiction. For those whose demand upon a novelist is that his book should be long and his characters multidimensional, the best-seller list offered Clements Danse's The Flower Girls (Norton), which follows interminably the doings of a British royal stage family, and Thomas B. Costain's The Fontaine, two volumes (Double-day) which carries a curious form of lottery and insurance through several families and generations to three continents and a violently unbelievable conclusion.

As was to be expected, the convulsions in Africa left their mark on 1955's books. For the blood-thirsty, Robert Ruark tore a dripping chunk out of Kenya's Ma Mau country and smeared it over his best-seller novel, Something of Value (Nobleday). The incredibly energetic John Gunther traveled 40,000 miles and took notes on conversations with 1,503 persons for the 952 pages of Inside Africa (Harper), finding British rule the best in colonial Africa and the South African mess hopeless of solution. Boer novelist Stuart Cloete's lifelong study of African problems gave his African Giant (Houghton Mifflin) an insight that no visiting journalist could hope for, a pessimism that will dismay those who think that schooling and an immediate franchise will end the dilemma.

The student of history and biography, too, has reason to thank 1955. The first volume of ex-President Harry S. Truman's memoirs, Year of Decisions (Double-day), not only provides unique material about monumental affairs but presents Mr. Truman as a man of great, if homely, charm, and of a forthright and patriotism (in the best sense) that cannot fail to impress the most vehement anti-New Dealer. One of the great personalities of modern times, George Gordon, Lord Byron, is revealed in a fascinating way in His Very Self and Voice (Macmillan), a collection from diaries, letters and writings of 150 men and women who actually knew the poet. Edmund Wilson's enthralled essay on the discovery of archaic manuscripts in caves near the Dead Sea has been expanded into a book, The Scrolls from the Dead Sea (Oxford University Press). Peter Quennell's Hogarth Progress (Viking) takes the reader on an eye-opening tour of 18th century London's slums while presenting a notable biography of an enduring but still underestimated painter. If Gaul's division, as a whole, into three parts did not alienate you forever from the glories of Rome, you can learn from Alfred Duggan's Julius Caesar (Knopf) why the wilv libertine in fact was the greatest Roman of them all. Students of Lincoln have the fourth and final volume of the late J. G. Randall's scholarly Lincoln the President (Dodd, Mead & Co.), this, subtitled Last Full Measure, completed by Richard N. Current. Rebecca West, one of the great journalists of our time, takes a searching look at the Nuremberg trials in A Train of Powder (Viking) and comes forth with some long-needed observations about the sadly bungled business.

There have been important contributions in 1955 to understanding of today's society. In The Public Philosophy (Atlantic-Little, Brown), Walter Lippmann, always thoughtful, urges caution upon those who preach that the ills of democracy can readily be cured by greater doses of democracy. George Soule in Time for Living (Viking) scrutinizes the radical technological and economic changes our society is undergoing, discusses the economists' conclusions about them and offers some powerful reflections of his own on what the future will bring us in industry, leisure, education and culture.

In a lighter, but controversial vein, Architecture, Ambition and Americans, by Wayne Andrews (Harper), looks at the architecture of our past and relates its taste to money, an expression of ambition's ability to over-balance common sense. The pious political creed that America's true strength comes from rural contact with the good earth is examined with interesting result in Cities in Recolt: Urban Life in America 1743-1776 by Carl Bridenbaugh (Knopf).

Finally, the year brought at least two notable accomplishments in poetry: Rolfe Humphries' translation of Ovid's Metamorphoses (Indiana University) and Robert Graves' Collected Poems (Double-day). The Humphries translation contains inspired homely touches that come immediately to the modern reader why Ovid has managed to survive the classroom and live through the ages.

Any Christmas list can do no more than skim the surface and recall to one reader the books that have pleased (or strongly displeased) him. But the range and quality, viewed even in narrow perspective, demonstrate that 1955 was, on the whole, a much better than average year for book lovers and that this Christmas can be made a happy one for them.

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CHOOSE SIDES

By IRVING KOLODIN

Whether your friends like opera or Astaire, ballet or blues, this review of records for Christmas will help you choose the gift that will give the most pleasure

Where the giving of recorded gifts is concerned, the precept governing successful giving in other areas applies here as well: give the recipient what he (or she) would not ordinarily buy for himself. Of course, if you know the inner recesses of his secret heart, and have divined—either by intuition, observation, or from a well-placed hint—what he would buy for himself, given the wherewithal, your problem is solved. All you need is the wherewithal.

But if you begin, as most have to, with the information that “Bob is a record lover” or “Jane is an opera fan,” and have to take it from there, some guidance may be in order. The store counters are laden with attractive merchandise, beguiling packages enclosing untold promises in entertainment. But the package may be all or nothing in the eventual judgment of the essential element: the record.

Two recent items in a related field are pertinent: Ravel’s Daphnis et Chloe and Tchaikovsky’s Sleeping Beauty. Both are the kind of scores to make a hi-fi fan’s heart do a handspring if he saw them under a Christmas tree. But remember: it’s the record he’s going to play, not the package. So I would advise Ernest Ansermet’s tingly presentation of the Ravel score on London 693, even though it lacks the pictures and the art work that accompany—in varying degree—the newer versions by Antal Dorati (Mercury 50048) and Charles Munch (RCA Victor LM 1893). In like measure, Anatole Fistoulari’s Sleeping Beauty (London, again LL 636-7) rather than Dorati (Mercury OL-3-103) or Robert Irving (RCA Victor LM 6034). By comparison with the other two, Fistoulari’s comes virtually naked (it is vended merely in a box), but your friend will count his blessings—in your name—many times over as he listens to it again and again. Note, too, that these particular gifts have a special plus: the Daphnis versions mentioned are those of the full score, with chorus, rather than the separate orchestral suites that have been popular so long; the Sleeping Beauty recordings likewise extensive.

Of course, in the instance of packaging with a purpose, other considerations prevail. I may modestly direct attention to a special de luxe package (which I had the honor of assembling for RCA Victor) now on the verge of its first Christmas. Titled Fifty Years of Great Operatic Singing, it comprises five LPs—one to a decade—covering the period from 1900 to 1950. It begins with Tamagno and Battistini, and ends with Warren and Pears. Along the way it offers characteristic examples of the art of Plancon, Caruso, Chaliapin, Farrar, Ponselle, Flagstad, Melchior, Tibbett—indeed, virtually every first rate operatic artist who recorded in that lengthy stretch of time for Victor, later RCA Victor: Björling, Steber, Leider, Raisa, Albanese—name them, we got ’em.

A canvass of dealers reveals that it ranks as an ideal gift item because, in a simple, non-commercial way, the contents were restricted to items otherwise unavailable. The converse is, however, eminently commercial: namely, if Bob or Jane doesn’t have this album, he doesn’t have anything in it. Simple as that. The handsome red and gold container is strictly Tiffany, as befits the contents; and there is a wealth of operatic information in the printed matter. The price is a ponderable $29.95; but it’s a lifetime present, believe me.

While with opera, it may be well to mention that there are lots of highly desirable gifts for much less money. If you are making the presentation blind, that is to say, without knowing exactly what or what not the recipient has in his collection, it’s a good rule to stay away from the standard repertory. Whether or not he has an up to date Aida or Bohème, don’t make up his mind by an arbitrary choice: he likes Fidelio, you like Milanov, let’s call the whole thing off. But if you choose an out of the way work of which there is only one version, you are flattering his culture and protecting your exposed flanks at the...
For the symphony enthusiast, the market is big, broad, and wide-open. I think at random, among issues of the year, of Toscanini's New World (Dvorak) on RCA LM 1778, Bruno Walter's Mahler No. 5 (Columbia SL 218), William Steinberg's Beethoven No. 5 (Capitol P 8292), and Von Karajan's Fantastique of Berlioz (Angel 35202) as pulse stoppers as well as eye-openers. Add to these Ormandy's version of Strauss's Ein Heldenleben on Columbia ML 48877 or the Fritz Reiner-Artur Rubinstein Brahms D Minor Concerto on RCA Victor LM 1031, and you have a range of possibilities to accommodate the most crotchety.

Another gambit, if newness is a danger, is nostalgia. The man who would reckon the Ormandy Heldenleben, for example, as an arbitrary imposition on his capacity for making a free choice among contemporary Heldenlebens might be touched by the tender of the famous old Don Quixote of Strauss as played by Emanuel Feuermann (as 'cello soloist) with the Philadelphia Orchestra. It is now available (Cadem 202) at a mere $1.98. Indeed, one could make up a flamboyant box of matter from such catalogues, embracing Stokowski's Sacre du Printemps (Cadem 110), Goossen's Tchaikovsky No. 2 (Cadem 185) and Karajan's Beethoven No. 9 (Entree EL 51) for less than the price of a newly recorded opera. Be sure you know your man, however: the implied flattry may seem penury if he reckons price above thoughtfulness.

If money buys much or little, depending how it is spent, in the classical area, it commands even more in the popular fields. Here is where ingenuity and a knowledge of a particular person's predilections may combine to produce a highly prized gift for not very much. The cheapest, but also the most arduous method, is to comb the displays of used record-dealer's stocks and come up with a rare Vocalion or Okeh 78 offering Teagarden-Armstrong-Biederbecke and Goodman in some combination even they have forgotten about. That will make a Christmas, but also, possibly, consume the Armistice Day Thanksgiving period.

Sunday manufacturers have foreseen this problem by assembling comparable material from their files (The Bessie Smith Story, Columbia ML 48877-10, Muggsy Spanier's Ragtimers, Commodore 20009, 20012, Artie Shaw Favorites, RCA Victor LPT 2000) or by creating new matter in the old vein. Of especial interest, during the last solstice or two, have been Columbia's omnibus issues of Louis Armstrong; No. CL 591, on which he delivers a dozen or so tunes by the illustrious W. C. Handy (St. Louis, Memphis and Yellow Dog Blues, among others), and CL 708, in which he honors the memory of "Fats" Waller with inspired renditions of Honeysuckle Rose, Blue Turning Grey, Ain't Misbehavin', etc.

Other files have been diligently combed by Decca for a sumptuous Crosby reissue of Old Masters (DX 152) which would cost a small fortune—even by Crosby, Del Mar standards—were they to be assembled on the open (which is to say, the closed) market. Boxed and smooth faced, they will give back a mirror of a happy Dad's face under whichever tree they may be found. In the up-to-date realm, Decca is also offering a Merman cavalcade, in which the effusive Ethel reviews her show business history with a will (also a hey-nonnny-no) in Decca 9028.

For those who are quietly celebrating this Christmas as a tenth anniversary of their release from sun tans and field jacket, RCA Victor has provided an ideal relaxer in a resplendent survey of the music performed by Major Glenn Miller's Army Air Force Band here and abroad during the hectic days of the war. Ray McKinley, Mel Powell, Zeke Zarchy, Johnny Desmond, Bernie Braven and Punniss Huckle were among the formidable jazzmen who joined a select contingent of (Continued on next page)

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Miller personnel (plus a string section screened from the top symphony orchestras of the land) in an ensemble never before heard on land or sea. Their performances (RCA LPT 6702) of matter ranging from Over There to Peggy the Pin Up Girl, Jake Box Saturday Night to Londonderry Air is the perfection of the Miller manner, unfortunately terminated by the maestro's death on another Christmas eve, A.D. 1944. This is another singular item in the sense that who doesn't have it who has none of it.

Those who are restricted by the aforementioned wherewithal to a simple, economic but nevertheless affectionate gesture are commended to such items, old and new, as The Best of Fred Astaire (on Epic LN 3137) in which the Old Master is heard in the inimitable original versions of Foggy Day in London, Cheek to Cheek, Let's Call the Whole Thing Off, etc., with accompaniments directed by such people as Johnny Green, Ray Noble, and Leo Reisman; Noel Coward in Las Vegas in which the slightly younger Old Master romps through virtually his whole repertory from Mad Dogs to Nina (Columbia ML 9388) or The Story of Charlie Christians (Columbia CL 652) in which that fabulous guitarist out of Oklahoma City who briefly adorned the Benny Goodman band of the early '40s en route to consummation and a leading part in the "bop" movement delivers some fervent moments musicals.

Such is the richness of the current recorded repertory that each of the foregoing is but one, literally, in a range of ten possibilities in each category mentioned. If you prefer Schéchen to Steinberg, Tony Martin to Ethel Merman, Joni James to Harry James or Dick Haymes, please substitute numbers at will.

between such quantities as mass and compliance (i.e. reciprocal stiffness) on the one hand and inductance and capacity on the other. For example, the kinetic energy of a particle of mass M. moving with velocity \(v\) is \(\frac{1}{2} MV^2\), while the electrical energy in an inductance \(L\) carrying a current \(I\) is \(\frac{1}{2} LI^2\).

Despite this weird verbiage the research bore fruit; for the year 1930 saw the introduction of electrical recording. Phonograph turntables could now be run by motors instead of clockwork, and clarity and accuracy of reception were vastly improved. The era of orchestral recording was upon us, to begin the musical education of the American public.

This educational process was tremendously advanced, not only by the phonograph, but by radio as well. Beginning in 1928, when CBS inaugurated its broadcasting of the New York Philharmonic-Symphony Sunday afternoon concerts, the broadcasters devoted an appreciable amount of time to programs of serious music. This took courage, for they had to combat the age-old superstition that the average American finds highbrow music a bore. Some time he undoubtedly did turn it; but as time wore on, tolerance succeeded boredom, and enjoyment succeeded tolerance.

Then the phonograph stepped in to complete his education. The recording companies had begun to issue albums containing recorded performances of entire orchestral works. If the listener found a given symphony or suite or concerto to his liking, he could buy it in album form and so play it over whenever he chose. However, the albums had their drawbacks—bulk and weight for one thing. For another, since the average album record, running at a speed of 78 RPM, could contain less than five minutes of music, a work of any greater length was subject to constant interruption while the platters were being turned over or changed. Even if the records were played on a machine equipped with an automatic changer (which occasionally went berserk and chewed up your favorite record), the interruptions were there just the same. Furthermore, the fidelity of the recording was still far from being perfect.

These challenges have been met. The long-playing record of today, running at less than half the speed of the old "78," can hold up to thirty minutes of music before
sound should precede the notes—that the hand-written note should preceed the printed. The instruction should, ideally, proceed more from the teacher's heart and mind than from any book or artificial aid.

Although there are general guides along the path and general principles to be observed, the truest factor of any good teaching must remain its utter readiness to solve new, specific and particular problems as they develop in relation to a particular pupil or difficulty.

The most wonderful training is the one which prepares the teacher for the unpredictable—so that with live mind and feeling heart he may guide his charge through the special personal maze which is peculiar to each one of us.

I feel that it is these very personal entanglements, mental and physical, which are specific to each one of us and represent our individual way of absorbing and transforming our environment that must determine our choice of instruments for the purpose of self-expression.

Whether we choose a drum because we are aggressive, primitive, or because we want to make ourselves known in the most categorial way possible (perhaps because we are otherwise too meek!), or whether we choose an instrument because it belongs to the group and we have the gregarious urge, or we choose the lonely solo of the violin (a voice in the wilderness), a pulsating, vibrating sound bespeaking deep and hidden urges, or we choose the unruled purity of the flute, we should obey an inner voice which guides us to a choice suitable to us both temperamentally and physically.

Of course, our changing environment is imposing its own criteria. Instruments requiring years of solitary confinement to master (as the violin), instruments made of wood (as the violin), instruments with no moving parts (as the violin) are somewhat in disfavor.

Perhaps too there are less young people born into those pressures—emotional, sociological and economic—which together make of the violin the chosen instrument of self-expression.

After all, the violinist's is an introspective world; it is as remote from the pistol-packing cowboy's and the martial as it is from the purely academic and scholarly Latin or history student's.

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Whether we choose a drum because we are aggressive, primitive, or because we want to make ourselves known in the most categorial way possible (perhaps because we are otherwise too meek!), or whether we choose an instrument because it belongs to the group and we have the gregarious urge, or we choose the lonely solo of the violin (a voice in the wilderness), a pulsating, vibrating sound bespeaking deep and hidden urges, or we choose the unruled purity of the flute, we should obey an inner voice which guides us to a choice suitable to us both temperamentally and physically.

Of course, our changing environment is imposing its own criteria. Instruments requiring years of solitary confinement to master (as the violin), instruments made of wood (as the violin), instruments with no moving parts (as the violin) are somewhat in disfavor.

Perhaps too there are less young people born into those pressures—emotional, sociological and economic—which together make of the violin the chosen instrument of self-expression.

After all, the violinist's is an introspective world; it is as remote from the pistol-packing cowboy's and the martial as it is from the purely academic and scholarly Latin or history student's.

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Motherless little Klaus never cries—though he's often sad-eyed and pensive. The six-year-old boy has known much misery ever since his family was forced to flee East Germany with only the clothes on their backs. After months of wandering, they found refuge in a West German village. Then his mother died.

Although Klaus misses his mother terribly, much of his listlessness is the result of malnutrition. Often, there is very little food in the primitive shed where he lives with his father. Recuperating from a serious operation, the father can earn only a few pennies a day doing odd jobs. He is fighting valiantly to keep Klaus and to bring him up to be a good citizen.

To take this sensitive, imaginative boy from his father would be too cruel. Klaus shows talent. He has no toys, so he sprawls on the ground and spends hours drawing pictures in the dust. He is fighting valiantly to be a truck driver, will be able to afford better living quarters and good nourishing food. Until then, you can help keep them together, help make Klaus' future secure.

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**MAGICAL REALM OF MUSIC**

It is the medical student and the abstract mathematician who show the greatest affinity for music. There are doctors' orchestras from Vienna to Chicago and Einstein was a violinist. Then, again, the violin has to be begun as a child and today the choice of a career is being steadily postponed to later years, as our elementary schooling of children is prolonged into adolescence and a vocation is, therefore, delayed.

Then, again, chamber music, which is the glory of string music, is no longer at home in the cramped apartment, the kitchenette or the shower where so much family life takes place, nor is there any place in the modern household where daddy's or mummy's music-making can be held sacrosanct. (This is not the case in my own house!)

...the old-fashioned music of the home is no longer a parental legacy. The process must be begun from scratch with the children. We hope they will grow into a society sufficiently stable and privileged with leisure, in which, as in the Austria, Hungary and Germany of the late nineteenth and early twentieth-century, the home, the family and the joys of chamber music will once again flourish.

To that end, I for one would want to encourage the study of string instruments particularly, as well as flute and oboe among our young people; to offer them in the violin qualities and values which will be more intimate and permanently rewarding than the noisy, blistering and blatant forms of our popular music. Where this latter music originates and before it reaches its economic and social pressures as they prolong into adolescence and a vocation is, therefore, delayed.

Where this latter music originates and before it reaches its postponed to later years, as our elementary schooling of children is prolonged into adolescence and a vocation is, therefore, delayed.

Upon the Jewish minority in the colder climate of Russia, by tradition intellectual and studious, repressed and inhibited, and amongst a passionate, persevering and unmechanized population we have the Jewish violinist—and, with a different temperament and in better economic circumstances, the Jewish pianist.

For these teachers are essential.

Indeed in the United States we can take pride in our great range of musical life: from jazz to the traditional Curtis and Juilliard Schools, from rock singer to lieder and typical nationalist, and from blues to Beethoven.

The only drawback to art in our country is the speed with which the various strata of our population move up in the accepted social ladder. It is a speed, born of numerical and mechanical multiplication, and out of proportion with the physiological rate of absorption or the cultural permeability of any given stratum. It would require a time measure slow enough to allow a response pattern to develop within the tissues, nerves, muscles and visera that this stratum to grasp generations of constant and similar pressures before original art forms or styles in music can be created.

But then, who will complain against this happy trend?

With the United States lives artistically in a year of organizing, classifying, accumulating data, tabulating, combining and choosing, rejecting and polishing, and reducing inadequately already existing art forms. This in itself is a historical process and a useful one. The treasures of the world are at our door, and we can hardly choose between the current forms. Undoubtedly, a few more Geneva conferences, and we will blossom out in Russian blouses, coolie caps, and dunce caps.

To return to music and in particular the violin, the choice of teacher is all-important. I still think my mother's original reasoning holds good—that is, a good first chair or second chair orchestral player of experience, and, if possible, a chamber music player, is a safe bet.

Of course, not all performers are by any means good teachers, yet a child's initiatory capacity is so great that a teacher who is currently engaged in a chamber music ensemble, or who holds down a responsible orchestral post under a...
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good conductor, and who is other-
wise of a sympathetic and willing
disposition, cannot help but impart
something valuable. *(see below)

An hour a day, well-spent, the
work directed by one who knows
what to work at and how, and how
not to waste time and effort, should
be sufficient at the beginning. With
all the school work that the normal
child must do in addition (a good
thing), this hour is worth more than
eight badly spent in blind drudgery.

* Acquaintance with great mu-
sic in other fields—vocal, sym-
phonic, operatic, etc. is also essen-
tial.

I am not referring to the child
with such overwhelming talent as
to demand an exclusive dedication
to his or her chosen path. With such
a child, pledged body and soul to a
personal destiny, as with a Newton,
Edison, Beethoven, Enesco, Nijin-
sky, or Van Gogh, the idea of a nice-
ly balanced, broad spectrum culture
falls apart at and everything possible
to serve the one goal of a greater
poem, painting or performance be-
comes the rule even should the
penalty exacted be the destruction,
the consuming of that sacrificial
life on the altar of its particular
deity. This is the “feu sacre.”

For this life, neither hours nor
pains either suffered or inflicted,
count—and who are we the benefi-
ciaries of succeeding generations
to question the validity of the or-
deals of Schumann the man, Beeth-
oven or Van Gogh?

I do not mean that a happy,
balanced nature and life are incom-
patible with the creative or execu-
tive capacity. On the contrary, they
most definitely are, both theoretic-
cally and often in practice. Among
the sages of India the creative life
is in fact reconciled with utter bliss
—though the major effort is di-
rected to the conquering of matter,
body and pain, and little would be
left for the construction of emo-
tionally powerful symphonies.

Above all, and but for these
exceptional cases, music should not
be studied as a vocation, as a pro-
fessional career, but simply be-
cause, in an enlightened civiliza-
tion, elegant, sophisticated and
leisured—just as it is practised in a
more unself-conscious way in the
simpler rustic civilizations in the
form of folk-music—it provides the
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A SPRAY OF TINY ORNAMENTS on a straw star is decorative over a mantelpiece or a door. Cut out cardboard as the backing for the star, cover it with gold foil and stick it on a Styrofoam disc as the base. Attach ornaments or gum drops to the star with flexible copper wires so that they will stir and shimmer in the air.

CANDY TREE in cellophane wrap tastes as good as it looks. Make a paper cone and frost it with stiff boiled icing. Penny candy, pressed into the icing before it sets, makes gay ornaments. Cover with cellophane and prop on a dowel stuck into Styrofoam balls (one at each end). Stand in flower pot encircled with pleated paper.

WREATH OF SILVER STARS flanked by sequinned candles in Mexican tin holders transforms a fireplace wall. To make the wreath, you need a wire form from the florist. Fill it in with ornaments or evergreens. Here, Mexican tin and silver paper stars are attached with snippets of wire.

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Kissing ball suspended from the ceiling will be a provocative ornament. Choose a place where there is a ceiling outlet so that you can lace the hall with tiny electric lights. Make a framework out of florist’s hoops in graduated sizes and hang a bunch of mistletoe in the center. Attach lights and conceal wiring with crepe paper and tinsel.

Topiary tree made of boxwood to decorate an entrance hall or dining room door. Cut 2" Styrofoam into graduated strips to form the shape of a tree. Cover each strip with sprigs of box, using ordinary hairpins, and attach to door with small nail at each end. Leave space between rows for small Christmas balls to be inserted with hairpins or wire. Use dowel for the tree trunk and Styrofoam covered with colored paper for the base.

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the most difficult time of day to paint. But in this very austerity and bleakness are contained elements of great appeal if not beauty. Now a windmill or a lonely shack looms in stark impressiveness. In the distance gray tones of azure, pearl and silver tremble over the slopes of the sierra. Seen from afar, the desert quivers like a sea and breaks into foam under the blaze of sun. Shifting cloud shadows like ink spots pattern its surface. One is aware poignantly of the face of our planet and of the deepening mystery of our presence on it.

Man’s occupancy of this region even now at times seems precarious. Yet human beings, The Basket makers, Sandia Man, Folsom Man, roved over this land many thousand years ago; so far as is known, man’s habitability has been an unbroken one ever since their time. But then, even as now, water was the determining factor.

To inhabitants of an arid land water inevitably has a wondrous and precious quality unknown elsewhere. For a painter there is added to this the visual marvel of water in all of its varied forms. The rainy season comes to us in July and August and then may be seen almost every day the exciting union of sky and earth. The first rain that depends like vaporous gauze from a cumulus cloud may be followed within an hour by the roaring crest of a chocolate colored torrent. And in contrast to the terror of flood water the intimate murmur of an ir- rigation acequia is a comforting sound that to me belongs with the beginning of my memory. How can water, a substance so commonplace elsewhere, seem so different here? Perhaps again it is the light of this region that, when reflected from it or mingled with it, completely transcends it. It may become pure quicksilver lying in pools on the desert floor after a rain or somber gold that fills a tank at dusk; another time it is a sheet of dull lead beneath an approaching norther.

What a fascinating proving ground this land has been for plants! Here nature has evolved hundreds of new genera, adapting them through the ages to conditions which would seem impossible. On our ranch at San Patricio, which has an average rainfall of sixteen inches, we have found tiny ferns and of the effects of light and vapor water inevitably has a wondrous

a window opening on the vastness of other galaxies below and beyond. We are involved for a time in a vivid dream of cosmos—a dark speck swinging with the glittering constellations.

If the effects of light and vapor and water seem infinite in their variety of mood, so too does the terrain. At the eastern edge of our imaginary circle is the Pecos Valley. Here on irrigated farm lands are landscapes that recall those mythical groves of Poussin’s paintings; and meadows that might have been painted by Constable or Inness. Beyond on all sides are the grazing plains. Westward in the foothills of the Sierra Blanca where we live, the landscape changes abruptly. Now the creosote bush whose witch hazel fragrance fills the desert air after a rain, yields to pifion trees—to the junipers and Apache plume. Still higher as the rainfall quota increases the plant life changes with every thousand feet of climb until beyond the forest in the treeless Alpine region above eleven thousand feet an entirely different flora and soil exist.

Further westward the terrain changes repeatedly. Extinct volcanoes alternate with the beds of forgotten oceans. In this austere and light drenched landscape the history of our planet is manifest; and in eroded mesas and canyons and cliffs of banded sandstone its very bones appear. At times we seem to be wanderers on the moon until suddenly the reassuring greenery of a valley appears. Or our road winds through round foothills textured with tawny grasses that make them look like old brocade. We move in and out of watered valleys with groves of cottonwood and live oak which seem to belong to some legendary land. There can be no such thing as monotony; all is variety, change, contrast.

The ethnological drama here has gone on for years and continues; the Pueblo tribes whose (Continued on next page)
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transcendent origin is believed to have occurred in a dark under-world; the warrior tribes of Nava-jos and Apaches now turned pastoral. Of the Indians themselves I know very little. They have almost never been my subjects perhaps, in part at least, because I have seen such quantities of dull paintings of Indians by white people—a surfeit of picturesque banality by individuals forever incapable of even beginning to understand them. I do know that there are at times beauty and a compelling emotion expressed in their dances. Their religion has become a further fusion of the Christian and Pagan and I have seen masked Buffalo and Deer dancers in the aisle of a Catholic Church dancing to the lifting music of a fiddle and gourd rattles.

Our neighbors, the Mescalero Apaches, like other tribes, are in a state of transition. They charge admission to their annual fiesta held near here early in July. Concessionaires operate stands where soft drinks, enchiladas and hamburgers are sold. A scratchy public address system plays recordings of Apache chants in the daytime while the dances rest. A tribal elder, wise-eyed with sun and age and with a face curiously Mongolian, addresses the crowd. He speaks into the microphone but the speech is in Apache.

Fifty years after Columbus sailed, Spanish soldiers and missionary priests began to explore this region. The descendants of the soldiers and of subsequent colonists from Spain still people the near, bare, adobe villages in the northern part of our region. Records show that these Seventeenth Century Colonists sought neither riches nor religion for civil freedom. Presently they were mostly soldiers and farmers whose chief incentive was no more than the granted right to use the title of hidalgo. It is interesting to note that here they found themselves in a land strikingly like Spain; probably physically more like southern Castille than anywhere else on our continent. Today one still sees those long Spanish faces with haunted eyes which by adding a pointed beard and a ruff could belong in a canvas by El Greco. Their Spanish retains an antique flavor; they speak with a slur reminiscent of Estremadura.

These people, called Spanish Americans, whose blood lines must include Gothic Spaniard, Moor and American Indian, have a strong appeal for me. Their legends, their songs, their faces are entangled in my earliest memories. They possess an ingenious cruelty of which they are barely aware and a fatalistic and cynical preoccupation with death. The wail of mourners at their funerals seems more histrionic than spontaneous. Though they are de- dicated to their religion, they seldom have true gaiety. Their best loved songs are long narrative corridos which treat of human frailty, disillusion and the ultimate tragedy of existence. With these people the surface is always deceptive. They are touched by American customs and ideas but only superficially; beneath this a deep and complex atavism prevails.

The Anglo-Americans of the region appear in my work as much as the Spanish Americans, but it is more difficult to write of the former because they fall into such diverse categories. The ones I like best to paint are those whose lives are spent under the sky; men whose clothing, skin and eyes are all conditioned by sun and wind. The ranchers in particular seem to me to develop occupational masks. As they age their faces are abraded by the elements as is the earth. If their world is a limited one it is one in which they move with knowledge and confidence. The horse still remains firmly a part of their lives. With trucks and jeeps mechanization is carried as far as possible, but horses continue in use with a status both symbolic and utilitarian. For the rancher is a confirmed romanticist who half believes the legend that clings to him. It is amusing to see leathery faced ranch hands in town on Saturday lined up at the ticket window preferring the improbable film fantasies of a non-existent West to any other Hollywood fare. As a group they cling to two traits born of frontier times: a strain of individualism in thinking and a high degree of self reliance. The loneliness of their lives has fostered their religion and of this loneliness is also born their wide and reckless hospitality.

Within the southern portion of our circle lies a part of Chihuahua and its largest city, Ciudad Juarez with 80,000 inhabitants. This border town, which is neither all Mexican nor all American but a fusion of both, holds a deep fascination for me. Prowling its streets and alleys the urban and the rural and the half-urban and the half-rural the one and the other, the mixed, the Mexican, the American and the Mexican-American blend in the thickened dozens of sketch books. This is a world in which almost everything is in contradistinction to what I have been describing.

Although the city never really sleeps, its pulse quickens at dusk. Then the long tangle of neon lights that line both sides of Avenida Juarez do late. Pedestrian traffic increases and becomes a steady flow across the International Bridge into Mexico. Avenida Juarez is a half-mile long strip of lurid cabarets, curio shops,
cafes and bars. How often in roaming this street and the narrow twisting side streets of Juarez have I wished for the cloak of darkness of fairy tales! Next best is a practiced inconspicuousness, an ability to find shadowy alleys from which to observe and draw without being noticed. Here are ravaged faces and faces of incredible beauty. Here are the faces of ecstasy and of sorrow; of cruelty and compassion; faces dreaming with the confused vision that music and drink excite in them. Here are the warts, warts and warts of worn-out creatures of love; faces lit by the harsh reflections of glass and polished table tops or inflamed with the light of neon signs. Here are people for whom tomorrow will mean a return to a life that is a desert of ashes.

I have described my country essentially from the point of view of a painter stressing its visual uniqueness and its sensuous appeal. It has of necessity been a one-sided account dealing with what has motivated my work through the years. If I have at times seemed agape at wonder at what I describe, it is because this very feeling of wonderment has been a principal force, urging me to paint. I have never lacked for subject matter, but rather have at times been confused by its plenitude and richness. Yet I believe subject matter in itself is of no vital consequence. For the stuff of great art has always been born of an inner vision and contemplation. In what form it emerges depends on the environment and individuality of the artist.

In an age of anarchy in painting I have been neither antagonist nor protagonist of any school. One reason is that I am far too busy (as well as indifferent) to bother with the learned discussions and arguments that fill the art journals. I gave up trying to read these when the feeling kept recurring that I had heard the same puerile nonsense thirty years ago. There is now a flourishing new school of double talk.

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**Main Dishes**

**STEAK IN VERZANY FASHION**

Serves 6

3/4 pound beef marrow, diced
4 tablespoons butter
1/2 cup chopped shallots or onion
1/2 teaspoon thyme
2/3 teaspoon minced garlic
1 cup champagne
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
2 teaspoons chopped parsley

Steak (Delmonico, porterhouse or sirloin) for 6

Pouch the beef marrow in salted water for 10 minutes; drain. Melt the butter in a saucepan. Add the shallots; cook over low heat for 5 minutes. Add the thyme, garlic, champagne, salt and pepper. Cook over medium heat until reduced to half. Add the parsley and marrow.

Broil the steak to desired degree of rareness; slice and pour sauce over it. Makes enough sauce for 6.

**BRAISED HAM IN CHAMPAGNE**

8-10 pound ham
6 cloves garlic
3 cloves garlic
2 stalks celery
1 teaspoon thyme
2 bay leaves
5 sprigs parsley
1 bottle champagne
1 cup sugar
3 tablespoons flour

Soak the ham in water to cover for 24 hours, changing the water at least 3 times. Drain and scrape. Place in a deep saucepan with fresh water to cover; bring to boil over high heat. Reduce heat to low. Place 2 cloves in each onion and add to the ham with the garlic, celery, thyme, bay leaves and parsley. Cook 3 hours. Drain ham, reserving 2 cups of the stock. Remove skin and as much fat as possible from the ham. Place in a roasting pan; pour the champagne and stock over it. Cover and roast in a 350° oven for 1 hour, basting frequently. Drain ham again, reserving the sauce. Sprinkle the sugar on the ham; place in a 500° oven until browned and glazed. Mix the flour with the sauce; cook over low heat, stirring constantly until the boiling point; cook 5 minutes. Carve the ham and serve with the sauce.

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Guinea Hen, Epernay Style
SERVES 2 TO 4

2 teaspoons salt
2 tablespoons butter
Salt pork (optional)
1 cup champagne
4 shallots or 1 onion, chopped
1 clove garlic, minced
Cognac

Mix the salt and pepper together and rub into the hens; wrap a slice of salt pork around each. Melt the butter in a Dutch oven or heavy saucepan and braise the hens in it. Add the onion, garlic and champagne. Cook over medium heat for 5 minutes. Add the salt and pepper. Continue cooking to desired degree of rareness. Serve sprinkled with parsley.

Holiday Fondue

1 clove garlic
2 tablespoons flour
1 pound Swiss cheese, grated
1 cup champagne
2 tablespoons Kirsch (a clear cherry brandy)
10 slices toast, cut into 1-inch strips

Rub an earthware casserole or chafing dish with the garlic, and then discard it. Sprinkle the flour on the cheese, toasting lightly. Pour the champagne into the casserole and cover over medium heat for 3 minutes. Add the

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Calves’ Liver A La Marne

SERVES 6

6 slices calves’ liver (about 3/4 inch thick)
1/2 cup flour
6 tablespoons butter
1 onion, grated
1 clove garlic, minced
1 cup champagne
2 tablespoons salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
2 tablespoons chopped parsley

Wash and dry the liver, dip into the flour, then melt the butter in a skillet; brown the liver in it on both sides. Add the onion, garlic and champagne. Cook over medium heat for 5 minutes. Add the salt and pepper. Continue cooking to desired degree of rareness. Serve sprinkled with parsley.

Guinea Hen, Epernay Style
SERVES 2 TO 4

2 teaspoons salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
2 guinea hens, Rock Cornish game hens or small broilers
2 slices salt pork (optional)
6 tablespoons butter
1 onion, sliced
1 cup champagne
1/2 pound small mushrooms
1 cup heavy cream

Mix the salt and pepper together and rub into the hens; wrap a slice of salt pork around each. Melt the butter in a Dutch oven or heavy saucepan and brown the hens in it. Add the onion and champagne; cover and cook over low heat for 45 minutes or until tender. Remove the hens and keep warm. Add the mushrooms and cream; cook over high heat for 10 minutes. Continue browning for an additional 5 minutes. Add the cognac, mixing it in. Add the chicken, and continue cooking to desired degree of rareness. Serve sprinkled with parsley.

POULET SAUTE

SERVES 4 TO 6

2 teaspoons salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1-4 pound chicken, disjointed
4 tablespoons butter
3 tablespoons cognac
4 shallots or 1 onion, chopped
1 cup champagne
1 tomato, peeled and chopped
1/2 teaspoon paprika
1/2 teaspoon tarragon
1 egg yolk
1/2 cup heavy cream

Combine the salt and pepper. Rub into the chicken. Melt the butter in a heavy saucepan or Dutch oven. Brown the chicken in it. Add the cognac, mix well. Add the shallots, champagne, tomato, paprika and tarragon. Cover, and cook over low heat for 1 1/2 hours or until tender. Beat the egg yolk and cream together in a bowl. Pour off most of the sauce from the chicken, and gradually add it to the egg yolk mixture, beating constantly to prevent curdling. Reheat, but do not allow to boil. Arrange the chicken on a platter. Pour the sauce over it. Serve with boiled potatoes and sautéed mushrooms.

SWISS STEAK CHAMPAGNOISE

SERVES 6

1/4 cup flour
1/2 tablespoons salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
4 pounds Swiss steak
4 tablespoons butter
2 onions, chopped
1 clove garlic, minced
1 cup champagne
1 teaspoon marjoram
1 bay leaf

Mix the flour, salt and pepper together. Pound into the steak thoroughly. Melt the butter in a Dutch oven, or heavy saucepan. Brown the steak in it on both sides. Add the onions and garlic. Continue browning for an additional 5 minutes. Add the champagne, marjoram and bay leaf. Cover, and cook over low heat for 2 hours, basting and turning the meat frequently. Correct seasoning.

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Fish

LOBSTER FARCI
Serves 8

2 cups water
2 cups champagne
1 onion, chopped
2 cloves garlic
2 stalks celery
1/2 teaspoon pickling spice
1 tablespoon salt
4 lobsters
2 cups mayonnaise
1/2 cup whipped cream
1 tablespoon paprika

Combine the water, champagne, onion, garlic, celery, pickling spice and salt in a large saucepan. Bring to a boil and cook over medium heat for 10 minutes. Add the lobsters. Cook for 25 minutes, turning them frequently. Let the lobsters cool in the courtbouillon (the liquid in which they were cooked) for 20 minutes. Remove the lobsters. Strain the liquid, reserving 1/2 cup of the courtbouillon. Split the lobsters carefully, and remove the meat, reserving the shells of the lobsters. Cut the meat into cubes, and chill in the refrigerator. Mix the mayonnaise with the reserved courtbouillon. Fold the whipped cream. Add to the lobsters with the caspers. Mix lightly but thoroughly. Stuff the lobster shells with the mixture, and sprinkle with the paprika.

BAKED LOBSTER AU CHAMPAGNE

3 (live) lobsters split
1/2 pound butter
1/2 cup water

Place the lobsters in a baking dish. Spread with the butter and pour the water around them. Bake in a 325° oven for 35 minutes, basting frequently. Meanwhile prepare the sauce:

4 tablespoons butter
2 carrots, diced
2 onions, chopped
1/2 pound ham, diced
1 bay leaf
1 teaspoon thyme
2 cups champagne
1/2 teaspoons salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Melt 2 tablespoons of the butter in a saucepan. Add the carrots, onions, ham, bay leaf, thyme, champagne, salt and pepper. Cook over medium heat for 20 minutes. Force through a sieve. Add the remaining butter; correct seasoning and pour over the lobster.

Note: The lobsters will serve 6. Frozen lobster tails may be used if desired, although the flavor will not be so delicate.

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mixture. Pour over the peppers. Reduce heat to 350° and bake for 45 minutes longer, basting frequently. Correct seasoning. Serve as an appetizer, or with roast meat or poultry.

CELERY WITH CHAMPAGNE
SAUCE
Serves 6
4 tablespoons butter
1 onion, chopped
1 carrot, sliced
¼ pound ham, sliced
¼ pound tongue, sliced
2 tablespoons chopped parsley
½ teaspoon tarragon
1 bay leaf
¼ cup champagne
½ cup stock or canned consommé
3 bunches celery
Melt the butter in a saucepan; add the onion, carrot, ham, tongue, parsley, tarragon, bay leaf, and stock. Bring to a boil, cover, and cook over low heat for 1 hour. Cut the leaves from the celery and remove the large outer stalks. Cut celery in half lengthwise. Add to the sauce; cover and cook over low heat for 15 minutes additional, or until the celery is tender. Correct seasoning and serve.

CHOUCRUTE AUX
CHAMPAGNE
Serves 6 to 10
2 pounds sauerkraut
3 apples, peeled and sliced
1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon sugar
1 bay leaf
2 tablespoons gelatin
2 cups champagne
1 cup cold water
4 egg yolks
5 egg whites
2 tablespoons Kirsch (clear cherry brandy)
½ cup heavy cream, whipped

Wash the sauerkraut twice in cold water. Drain very well. In a buttered casserole, arrange alternate layers of sauerkraut and apples. Sprinkle with the salt, pepper and add the cloves. Pour the champagne over it. Dot with the butter. Cover the casserole. Bake in a 300° oven for 1 hour, or until the sauerkraut is tender, and almost all the liquid absorbed. Particularly delicious when served with roast turkey or pork.

FESTIVE POTATOES
Serves 4 to 8
5 tablespoons butter
4 potatoes, peeled and sliced as thin as possible
2 onions, thinly sliced
2 teaspoons salt

Desserts
FRAYSES AUX CHAMPAGNE
Serves 6 to 8
4 cups strawberries, stems removed, washed and cleaned
¼ cup sugar
4 tablespoons Kirsch (clear cherry brandy)
1 cup champagne
2 cups whipped cream
¼ cup blanched toasted almonds, sliced thin

Place the strawberries in a bowl. Sprinkle with the sugar. Toss lightly but thoroughly. Add 2 tablespoons of the Kirsch and the champagne. Chill for 2 hours. Add the remaining Kirsch to the whipped cream. Mix the strawberries with the Kirsch in the bowl lightly, and divide among individual serving dishes. Cover with the whipped cream, and sprinkle almonds on top.

CHAMPAGNE MOUSSE
Serves 6 to 8
3 eggs
5 egg yolks
1 cup sugar
2 cups champagne
2 tablespoons gelatin
¼ cup cold water
5 egg whites
1 cup heavy cream, whipped
¼ cup blanched toasted almonds

Beat the eggs and egg yolks together; add the sugar, beating until thick and light. Gradually add the champagne. Place over hot water and cook, stirring constantly until thick and custardy. Cool for 10 minutes. Beat the egg whites until stiff but not dry; fold in the whipped cream. Combine with the champagne mixture, folding gently. Pour into a 23 quart mold or soufflé dish and chill for at least 4 hours. Sprinkle with the almonds and serve.

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MOLDED CHAMPAGNE DESSERT

Serves 6

2 tablespoons gelatin
1/2 cup cold water
1 cup pineapple juice
3 tablespoons cognac
2 cups champagne
1/4 cups canned fruit salad, well-drained

Soften the gelatin in the water; place over hot water and stir until dissolved.

Cool. Add the pineapple juice; chill for 30 minutes. Beat until thick and syrupy. Add the cognac, champagne and fruit. Mix well. Pour into a lightly oiled 1/2 to 2-quart mold. Chill until set, about 3 hours. Unmold carefully and serve with whipped cream.

Drinks

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2 teaspoons Cointreau or Triple Sec
2 teaspoons cognac
Champagne, chilled

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MARQUISE

Serves 20 to 24

1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup orange juice
1 cup port wine
3 cups chilled carbonated water
2 quarts chilled champagne

Dissolve the sugar in the orange juice; in a large glass or pottery pitcher. Add the port, and mix well together. Add the carbonated water and champagne.

Serve very gently. Serve in old-fashioned glasses.

CHAMPAGNE PUNCH

Serves about 25

1/4 cup cognac
1/4 cup Caragao
1/4 cup cherry brandy
1/2 cup lemon juice
4 tablespoons sugar
2 quarts champagne (chilled)
2 quarts carbonated water
Ice cubes
2 oranges, cut in half and sliced
24 maraschino cherries
1 cup strawberries, stems removed, washed and drained (optional)

Combine the cognac, Caragao, cherry brandy, lemon juice and sugar. Mix well. Pour into a bowl. Add the champagne, carbonated water, ice cubes, orange slices, cherries and strawberries. Stir very gently.

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because they have been expect-
ed to produce bright green leaves, bloom during their dormant spells, thrive in the soil and dust of cities, and endure drafts, adapt to steam heat, frosty winter pans, dry air or hot, humid dampness. Peretz wondered how to
remind you that every house plant
has nine lives, that house plants can
stand a lot of neglect and still sur-
prise you. You will not find a plant
enthusiast who will say, "Throw out
that old philodendron." Apples
more likely are they to say: "Why
don't you leave this thing with me
for a while and see what I can do
with it?"
To enjoy a house plant com-
pletely, you must rejoice in its fine
points and be patient with its foibles.
Perhaps the biggest indoor hazard to
plant health is lack of uniform moisture, or too much dry air.
Birds and flower boxes are closed in
winter and the heat turned on. To
become both a naturalist and
guardian of a house plant's constitu-
tion, you study its food, light and
water needs and learn how to mix the soil ingredients that suit it best.
To be a creator, you learn what to
take slips or make cuttings from a
parent plant and start the juniors
Growing in sand for a new group of
the family fill the middle shelves.
The moist air plants are on the bot-
tom shelf because they like the
humid atmosphere which the tray
can provide. Pebbles or vermiculite
in the tray will help to preserve
moisture without water-logging the
plants. You may prefer to put sau-
cers under the pots for more effec-
tive watering and to catch any
drips from shelves above. You
might also want to take one or more
plants from this ideal group to
different window locations, or spe-
cialize in several varieties of one
favorite genus or species. The
plants we selected exemplify vigor,
good form, lovely color and inter-
esting foliage—a great satisfaction
in itself when adjacent flowering
plants go into their periodic resting
spells. Some are relatively new,
and all are available through flor-
ists and nurseries. Whatever your
choice (and there are thousands of
other worthy house plants), here is
a guide to their care.
LIGHT
As a general rule, flowering plants
need sunny locations. Foliage or
"green" plants need less light.
Those grown chiefly for flowers
should be kept in a south, east or
west window. But even some of the
flowers that rival in size and beauty those
formerly grown only by florists.

TEMPERATURES
Grow house plants in a uniform
temperature of between 60-70 de-
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Plants like fresh air, but never cold drafts or an atmosphere that is too dry. Many are noticeably sensitive to gas and a collection in a kitchen window may not do well if you cook with manufactured gas. Reasonably moist or humid air, such as you yourself find comfortable indoors, is best for your plants.

WATER AND DRAINAGE

Take it easy on watering. Daily sprinkles merely dampen the surface, and what roots need is a thorough soaking now and then, or for cutting, make a soft ringy sound when tapped. This applies especially to geraniums. Keep plant leaves clean. The plant takes in water through its roots, moves it up through the stem, and breathes some of it out as vapor through the leaves. Since dusty leaves cannot breathe well, use a soft brush dipped in water to cleanse foliage. No plant should be given frigid water from a tap. The natural source is temperate rain water. You can approximate this by letting water stand in a pitcher until it is at room temperature. Ordinary porous clay pots with pieces of pot sherd or some pebbles placed over the hole are recommended for good drainage. Wick-fed pots are excellent for plants like cyclamen and African-violet that need lots of moderate but constant moisture.

POTTING AND RE-POTTING

Moving day for house plants that you have kept outdoors during the summer begins before the first frost. They ought to settle down indoors while it is still feasible to keep rooms well aired, and before the heat is turned on. When you take them in, prune and snip back any leggy summer growth. Reserve cuttings from some to start new plants. Take green, healthy leaves for cutting, make a cut as close to the main stem as possible and insert leaves in a bowl or large bulb pan filled with moist coarse sand. Vermiculite or peat and sand. This will increase your stockpile; often you will have enough newly rooted plants to give away to your neighbors. It's a good idea to keep pots clean and use only sterilized potting soil when you re-pot a house plant. And be wary of putting a small plant in a large pot. Contrariwise enough, a plant blooms more freely when its roots are confined to a small growing space. This condition is called "pot-bound." When roots are pot-bound (form a tight ball), the plant rushes into reproducing itself above the soil surface. When a plant becomes too confined, transplant it into a pot only one or two inches larger and continue the process as the plant matures. Repotting is done usually in late winter or early spring, and especially after flowering.

SOIL

Experiment as you go. Some plants thrive in a sandy, peat-rich soil. Others take to a substantial potting mixture of 1 part garden loam, 1 part leaf mold or peatmoss, 1 part dried cattle manure, to which has been added some sharp sand and a sprinkling of crushed charcoal to sweeten the mixture. Soil does tend to sour from lack of fresh air, heavy watering, or insufficient drainage. If crust forms on soil surface so that air and water cannot penetrate, loosen carefully with a kitchen fork. Add one 4-inch pot of bone meal to each bushel of soil mixture.

PLANT FOOD

Draw a careful line between nourishment and over-feeding. It is not necessary to feed a plant each time you water it. It needs food most during the growing season as new leaves and flowers appear. Thereafter, add a waterviable plant food at two-week intervals. During a plant's resting spell (after active growth) it will not need food but will need just enough water to keep roots from drying out. Soluble plant foods come in various forms: powder, tablets, granules and liquids. They are concentrates for the most part, and directions for diluting and application are on the container labels.

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