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An old disc box from Germany has a romantic drawing on inside of lid. Disc plays "Silent Night"; other discs are also available. 10½" by 11½" by 7" high. $75. From Rita Ford.

A trio of butterflies flutters over red roses while music plays in this imaginative whimsy from Japan. Yellow tin flowerpot is 4½" across. Over-all height, 11¼". $7.50. From Sponholz.

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**Miniature music box** is only 4" high, including the tiny angel singing to the baby in the carriage. Plays Brahms' "Lullaby" as you wind. From West Germany. $7. Lillian McCoy Gifts.

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As an offering for your host, or as a last-minute gift for almost anyone on your list, wines and spirits are always in order.

And, in this year's lavish wraps, they are ready for immediate giving.

A BOTTLE OF LIQUEUR, to serve after dinner or to use in preparing gourmet desserts, will delight the adventurous hostess. Some of the great liqueurs in Christmas dress, left to right: Cherry Heering, Grand Marnier, Cointreau, Benedictine (in box with spire design), Creme de Menthe (in Hiram Walker's Christmas tree box), Drambuie, DuBouchett Fruit Cordial (with the fruit-filled snifters) and Tia Maria.

A GIFT OF CHAMPAGNE is a party in itself. You can choose from a variety of sizes or buy the smaller ones in multiple in packs—a festive offering for the young marrieds on your Christmas list. From left: a magnum of Great Western, Moët in a gay gift box, two bottles of Veuve Clicquot-Ponsardin in a carrying case; a pack of six splits of Lanson; Christian Brothers trio of splits in a transparent box.
A BOTTLE OF SCOTCH will be hailed with delight even by non-Scotch drinkers, since almost every family likes to have some on hand for guests—especially men guests. Left to right: Johnnie Walker, Haig & Haig Pinch, King William IV, Old Smuggler, Vat 69 (on its side), Grant’s and Ballantine’s.

GIN OR VODKA is a natural choice for friends who are partisans of the martini or the gimlet—or for anyone who keeps a well-stocked bar. From left: Smirnoff Vodka, Seagram’s Golden Gin, Wolfschmidt’s Vodka, Gordon’s Gin (lying on its side) and Samovar Vodka.

BOURBONS AND BLENDS—top favorites in many parts of the country—are always appreciated by large-party givers. In Christmas regalia are Seven Crowns, Canada Dry, Early Times Bourbon (with early locomotives), Lord Calvert, Antique Kentucky Bourbon, Seagram’s VO (tilted) and Canadian Club.

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Antiques & Questions & Answers by Thomas H. Ormsbee

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Mirrored sconces like yours are American, made chiefly in Connecticut about 1800-1825. Originals are now rare and expensive. Judging by their good condition, yours are probably careful reproductions made about 1930-1940.

Can you tell the age of my china hen with the mark S&S on it? A.P.—LaPorte, Tex.
Your hen-on-nest was made by Shaw & Sons, Sandford, England. This firm was in business from 1893 to 1919 and specialized in the design of hen dishes.

This framed handkerchief is of orange-yellow cloth with the Declaration of Independence and signatures of the signers printed in dark red. Can you tell its origin?
C.B.B.—Mishawaka, Ind.

Such handkerchiefs date between 1810 and 1826 and were probably made in Scotland for the American market. They are well-known to antiquarians but none has been found bearing printer’s name.

What is the probable age of this carved rocker? The chair back is seamed down the middle and each side is one piece.
L.H.R.—Detroit Lakes, Minn.

Belter of New York City, and a few other cabinetmakers, made rockers of this type. C. 1860, of laminated rosewood.

Will you tell me what you can about my sugar bowl and creamer with the enclosed mark on each piece? J.T.—Clarion, Iowa
They were made at the porcelain factory of Birkner & Maisel, Tettau, Bavaria, Germany, in business from 1879 to 1902.

My sewing table was bought in Wiesbaden, Germany, in 1956. I was told it was of the Biedermeier period. What was this period?
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A battery operated carving knife has replaced muscles in the meat-slicing department. This cordless ElectriCarver has a serrated stainless steel blade that makes 7,200 cutting movements a minute—plus a stainless steel slicing blade. The entire set is housed in a hardwood cutting board. Burgess Viltrocrafters, Inc., Grayslake, Ill.

Window news: a decorative brass curtain rod is available for the first time as a traverse fixture. Non-tarnishable, the 1" rod in four adjustable lengths will take either ring or slide pulls. Kirsch Co., Sturgis, Mich.

A dry-cleaning machine—closely resembling a combination washer-dryer—is now being used in a few coin-operated laundries. Said to save from 83 to 86 a load, the new machine will clean an 8-pound batch of clothes in about 50 minutes. Whirlpool Corp., St. Joseph, Mich.

Zip-top, frozen-juice containers, now in the testing stage, may become a kitchen convenience in the near future. Made of laminated aluminum foil and paperboard, these cans are rigid and lightweight. Another interesting possibility: Zip-top cans soon may be used for beverages dispensed by vending machines—smooth top edge turns can into tumbler. Aluminum Company of America, Pittsburgh, Pa., United Shoe Machinery Corp., Providence, R. I.

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BY HELEN V. TOOKER

EDITOR'S NOTE: Some years ago Miss Tooker stopped off in Puerto Rico en route—she thought—to South America. But she was so captivated by the island that she ended her trip right there, and after returning to the states, decided to make Puerto Rico her permanent home. She writes for one of the island's newspapers, and she is currently working on a novel.

I n the old days—before World War II—one arrived in Puerto Rico by ship. Some passengers, eager for their first glimpse of the island, would be on deck long before sun-up. Standing at the bow, with the sound of the dark waves all around them, they would see far ahead only a single bracelet of bright, spaced lights strung across the blackness of sea and sky.

Then, as the sky lightened, outlines of coast and mountains would take form, and the ship, with engines slowed, would move past the headland from which the great fortress, El Castillo de San Felipe del Morro, has for centuries guarded the entrance to the harbor of San Juan. The vessel would proceed past the white walls of La Fortaleza, official residence of the governors of Puerto Rico from early Spanish times to the present day, and past the rose-colored U. S. Customs House to dock at Piler No. 1 which juts out from the lower side of the little steep-streeted city of Old San Juan.

Nowadays, almost everyone arrives by air. They may come at night, passing quickly above El Morro and the old city. Out toward Santurce, part of greater San Juan, they see thousands of lights blinking and sparkling below them in restless scintillation and glimmering high along the hills. Visitors who arrive by day see a spreading, closely built city huddled on the north by the blue-green water of the Atlantic, with the green lushness of land stretching southward to the distant mountain divide.

The plane slants downward, makes its landing, and the passengers troop into the beautiful International Airport, past patios planted with tropical shrubs and trees. While they are awaiting their baggage they sample a frozen daiquirí provided by Rums of Puerto Rico.

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modern architecture of the Caribe-Hilton and La Concha is provided by the old city of San Juan which lies between the Atlantic and the harbor. The Spanish-colonial masonry buildings with their narrow balconies stand in solid lines along sidewalks that are sometimes only wide enough for two persons to walk abreast.

Old beauty restored

Old San Juan is reversing the trend of the rest of the city and Puerto Rico in general. While other parts of the island are becoming more modern, Old San Juan is returning, architecturally, to its older days. This is as it should be, because the city is unique. Nowhere else in the western hemisphere has such a large aggregate of Spanish-colonial buildings been preserved as within the massive frame of the old city’s walls and facades. True, there are some tall modern structures and many plate-glass windows have replaced traditional facades along the principal business streets. But the intrusion of the new is now under control.

The old city has always been the center of government, finance and commerce for Puerto Rico, and until the first decade of the century it was also a place of fine residences. Then families began moving to the country and the residential areas deteriorated into slums. The popular sentiment was that the old houses should be replaced by modern buildings. But there were always some people who insisted that the houses could be restored to their original dignity and beauty and used for residences, guest houses and fine shops. These people kept on talk-
or people—a treatment that might well be adapted to stateside houses. You can buy such tiles at the headquarters of the Institute of Culture. (If you would rather use them for tabletops you can have wrought-iron frames made for them at Hernandez Enterprises.)

One of the first truly authentic restorations and one which the visitor will want to see on two counts is the Casa del Libro, or rare book museum. Its collection contains nearly 200 incunabula—books printed in the fifteenth century—as well as a manuscript signed by King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella.

Old San Juan is not only the site of an adventure in urban restoration, but also the most concentrated shopping district in all Puerto Rico. There, at Timi’s, you can buy tortoise-shell articles so polished that the shell captures a jewel-like glow, and you can see the work being done on the premises. You can also see work in process at the Puerto Rican Pottery Shop, just outside the old city. This attractive pottery is deeply incised and heavily textured, with a mat glaze. The pitchers and mugs are particularly popular (85 cents to $1.50 each piece) and there are also ashtrays, casserole and tall lamps with hand-woven straw shades.

The handwork for which Puerto Rico is most famous of course is the drawnwork and fine embroidery. You can buy it in all forms, from handkerchiefs and blouses to formal tablecloths, at the shop operated by the Notre Dame Convent.

Back in Old San Juan is the gay shop of Martha Sleeper who designs and makes dresses. Her latest creation is the San Juan Cooler, a design that just happened: she suffered from prickly heat, she says, and wanted something loose to wear. The dress has a tiny puffed sleeve, but otherwise falls free and full from an off-shoulder neckline. Mrs. Sleeper took some to New York, and wore one, with hat, gloves and high-heeled shoes, on Fifth Avenue. Result: she received twenty-eight orders in six days.

On Cristo Street in Old San Juan the open doors of Casa Cavanagh show a display room bright with silks and cottons, baskets and other merchandise brought from distant lands. This shop also sells many items designed and made in Puerto Rico. Attractive table mats of coarse white cloth are printed with a stylized design of sugar cane in bloom. If you like to relax in an old-fashioned hammock, there are some beauties woven by the country people in bright color combinations, for $14.95. Hammocks, incidentally, have been made in Puerto Rico since the first Arawak Indians arrived there about 1,500 years ago.

Both Casa Cavanagh and Martha Sleeper’s shop are in old buildings which have been restored under the supervision of the Institute of Culture.

Across the street from Casa Cavanagh is Don Roberto’s shop. Don Roberto has concentrated on things that reflect the native culture of Puerto Rico. First are the santos. In the early years of the Spanish Conquest it was difficult for the country people to obtain religious images from Spain so they began to carve small images from wood and paint them in rich colors. Don Roberto has an excellent collection of antique santos, ranging in price from $40 to $385, depending on size and quality. He also has native musical instruments and native cooking and serving utensils. Among these are beautifully polished coffee cups fashioned from coconut shells.

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How to improve on an old-fashioned Christmas

We all strive to recapture the Christmases of our childhood—the remembered magic of lights on snow, the resplendence of familiar rooms transformed by decorations, the excitement of guessing the contents of mysterious packages. We like to revive the delights of Christmases long gone: the jingle-bell jollity of Currier & Ives' ubiquitous prints, the pungency of Bob Cratchett's goose, the festive warmth of the Yule log and the wassail bowl, the merry music of "the singers in the quire." A good part of this issue of H&G is devoted to fresh means of recreating the joys of an old-fashioned Christmas. But for Christmas 1960, we would add one more suggestion:

Invite one person, preferably two, whose home is in another part of the world to share the glow and sparkle of your house in its holiday dress and to take part in your family festivities. (If no one you know fits the description, get in touch with your nearest university, teaching hospital or branch office of the Institute of International Education—but don't wait until the last minute.) Though your guests more likely than not will speak English, they will respond happily to your efforts to speak a few phrases of their language (memorized before they arrive). Though Christmas and its symbols may be no part of their tradition, they will respond inevitably to its universal spirit.

H&G believes that opening our homes to strangers in our land and sharing with them our traditions is the most effective way we can help—this Christmas—to fulfill the prophecy of peace on earth.
Make Christmas
an outdoor
festival of light

When we decorate our houses and gardens with light at Christmas, we are unconsciously observing one of the oldest and most enduring rituals known to man. At this time of the winter solstice when the sun turns on its course and the days stretch toward spring, light in its varied forms of fire and flame, sun and star, is a symbol of faith in the renewal of life on earth, a belief celebrated from time immemorial all over the world. In its close kinship with nature, light is an essential part of the outdoor scene at Christmas, for when the stark landscape of winter is transformed by glowing warmth and color or a leafless hedge suddenly bursts with flowers of light, the meaning goes deeper than mere decoration. The most effective outdoor lighting is attuned to its setting rather than superimposed upon it. Since a garden presents a much larger canvas than the cozy scale of a living room, the secret of outdoor lighting lies in picking out and enhancing natural high lights—a tree, a lawn, a hedge or an entrance—rather than distributing bunches of lights haphazardly from gate to rooftop. Whether you want your garden to take on a welcoming aspect for visitors or to provide a spectacular view from indoors, you will find that one big, simple treatment is always the easiest, the most effective and the most economical. And you can compose it with the same light strings you would put around a Christmas tree or mantel, provided they are weatherproof. The varied effects on the following five pages were created with H&G’s 1960 Christmas Lights which include three basic types: tiny pinpoint flower lights in a range of colors, clear star-shaped lights and globular orange lights which were specially designed for Christmas in sunny climates and would also be suitable for year-round use anywhere.

Light, “first of the painters,” brings color to a black-and-white world of snow and bare, skeleton branches. A waterfall of blue and green lights spilling over a rough fence makes a dramatic termination for a sweep of driveway.

Strings of tiny pinpoint lights are massed closely to intensify their sparkle. Concentrated in one spot, shimmering lights are equally effective whether seen from outdoors or indoors. Photographed at the Berkshire Garden Center.
Night-blooming flowers of light kindle a garden frozen by winter, beaming a bright promise of warmth and hospitality. A bare barberry hedge and leafless bushes behind a white picket fence spring to glowing life at dusk.

Pink and red flower lights on hedge (a more natural decoration than lights strung along a fence) and yellow lights in bushes reflect warmth on snow. They are reinforced by lanterns and hidden spotlights that are focused on brick façade of the house.
A star-spangled tree dusted with soft-falling snow stands like a joyous sentinel to herald the family festival of Christmas. The living tree, framed by frosty window panes, leaps into luminous view as darkness falls.

Tiny flower lights twined from top to bottom of a symmetrical evergreen make a scintillating background for traditional star-shaped lights in key with the red flocked wallpaper and wicker furniture indoors. Home of William J. Dooley, Sharon, Conn.
Pathways of light draw the eye, direct the foot

1. To point the way to the entrance, colored lights festoon trees around a house and the doorway is curtained with straight-hanging strings of clean lights which emphasize architectural detail. 2. To turn a woody garden corner into a fairy-tale vista, star lights are hung from branches as though they had fallen there; pinpoint lights hidden in foliage at ground level shine through like fireflies. 3. To paint a picture with light outside a window wall, patterns of varying colors built up on several levels are carefully balanced. Markers of clear lights on lawn gleam through snow; azalea bushes and tree in center of row at far side are picked out with strings of clear lights; planting on upper level is ringed with colored lights and clumps of trees in corners are spotlighted. 4. To pick out planting, bushes are wreathed with colored lights. More strings buried in the snow mark off boundary of driveway with a soft glow. Lighted tree beyond can be seen in color, page 95. 5. To guide footsteps after dark, clear pinpoint lights are strung through wire loops edging path, remaining visible even through snow. 6. To extend an unmistakable invitation to the house beyond, the trees around an archway in a garden fence are decked with clear lights and glittering foil ornaments (more about these on page 100) and the bushes on the other side of the arch are swathed in pastel lights that range from soft yellow to pink.

In a region that never sees snow, make-believe oranges ripen at dusk; their glowing golden lamps cast an aura of enchantment around a party table. Oranges, traditional Christmas fruit, have a lambent hue that suits warm climates.

Orange lights strung over a tree’s lowest branches glow above a party punch table, creating an intimate, warmly-lit bower for evening festivities. A similar nonseasonal effect could be achieved with strings of flower lights or star lights.

For stores carrying H&G’s Christmas Lights, see page 160

HOUSE & GARDEN, DECEMBER, 1960
"We tried
to skip
Christmas"

If you have ever tried to streamline Christmas, you will appreciate the quandary of this modern couple who have tried their best to cut it down to size.

BY HAL BORLAND

If we didn’t live here in the Berkshires, it probably would have been easier to skip Christmas. This, of course, is Christmas-card country, where even nature puts on decorations and celebrates. But I am not a Yankee; I am only a Yankee-in-law, and I was disillusioned about Santa Claus at the age of five. And Barbara, my Yankee wife, says she is not really a sentimental type. So we resolved three times to forget all the fuss and bother of the Christmas holidays.

One Christmas we were in the California desert where the biggest and greenest growing things were Joshua trees. A Joshua tree looks like a porcupine on stilts and is as friendly as a truculent porcupine. We said, “Nobody can make Christmas here.” So we mailed a handful of cards, sent the essential token gifts, and decided to forget all the fuss and bother of the Christmas holidays.

A few winters later we were in Florida, settled in a cypress cabin on a bass lake to fish and write till April. The cabin was surrounded by palmettos and December was like a wet October at home. Again we said, “No use trying. We’ll skip Christmas this year.” And again we went to town and came back with “just a few trinkets.” I refused even to try to decorate a palmetto; but Barbara, old-line Yankee that she is, was way ahead of me. She had bought several rolls of green Scotch tape and she outlined a miniature pine on the biggest window. So I taped the tiny red and blue balls on it, put the gold star at the tip, and we hung a big red bow on the front door, with bells on it. We had made Christmas again. But it made us so homesick we packed up and headed north the next week, to our own snowbound New England farm.

The last time we tried to skip Christmas was the year we were called to Colorado on an urgent mission in mid-December. It was Christmas week before we could head for home, and with a blizzard chasing us the chances were about even that we would be snowbound somewhere along the way. “This time,” we said, “Christmas will just have to get along without us.”

Then, the first afternoon, as we hurried across the plains of eastern Colorado and western Kansas, lights began to twinkle in the early dusk. First they appeared in a distant ranch house, then in another, then in the cluster of houses in a little crossroad town. Red and blue and green lights, on trees and wreaths, swirled around telephone poles, gleaming in store windows. And all that evening and into the night the lights kept winking at us, challenging us. We drove late, later than we had planned, putting the miles behind.

The next day, all across Missouri and lower Illinois, the insistence of Christmas was around us. Wreaths in windows, tall, proud community trees in courthouse squares, stars and angels and colorful creches in churchyards, Santa Clauses on street corners. And, as dusk came on again, the festive lights blossomed from horizon to horizon. We drove late again that night. To keep ahead of the storm, we said.

The fringe of the storm caught up with us the third day. Swirling snow gave new dimensions to the lights and decorations, added real, glistening icicles to the outdoor trees. It also added real, glistening ice to the roads and made slow going. I wondered if we wouldn’t be wise to stop and wait for the storm to pass and the roads to clear. But we kept going.

Finally Barbara asked, “Where are we?” I said, “Pennsylvania.” “How much farther is it, how much longer?” I said, “Another twelve hours, at least.” She looked at a towering, twinkling tree in a public square and said, “Let’s try.”

On across Pennsylvania and into New Jersey, the night was full of festive lights. Then northward and into our own hill country. At last, well past midnight, we came to our own rural valley. We drove up the country road and it was like driving right into an old-fashioned
Christmas card. The mountainside, dark with pine and hemlock, was decked with starlit snow. The fields were all soft drifts and reflected glow. The roofs of our own buildings glistened and the giant Norway spruce beside the house was gently burdened with frosty white. Over the hilltop to the east the sky was luminous with reflected light from the village.

That one moment was worth the whole trip. We had come home for Christmas.

The next day, even before we unpacked, we went up the mountain and brought back a tree and armloads of greens. We fetched strings of lights from the attic, and boxes of balls, gilded cones, giant candles, gay ribbons. By dusk we, too, were a part of Christmas.

Never again did we try to be blasé. It is no use. We are trapped in our own traditions. We cherish those traditions, even as our fathers cherished them.

But we do try to keep Christmas simple. Each year we say, "This time we'll keep it modest, restrained, just a simple country Christmas." A modest tree, for example, with only a few lights and nothing but silver balls, or maybe all blue. No big candles which drip colored wax on the window sills. No straggly, homemade wreaths. No boughs, which belong on 10-foot mantels in old Colonial houses. No drooping swags of evergreen creeper. Simple, chaste, dignified. That is the plan.

So, come Christmas week, we go out to gather just a few greens on our own mountainside. First the tree, a white pine since we have white pine woods that need thinning. We find the perfect tree; cut it. And find another that is more perfect. And decide that both of them are too small, so cut a third one. Then, because hemlock boughs are so beautiful, we cut a few, just a few, armloads. Beyond the hemlocks are the ground cedar and running pine, the creepers. We'll need a few strands of those, a few rods. Oh, and partridgeberry, with its glossy green leaves and lovely red berries. And, before we turn back, we see the pasture cedar trees, loaded with purple berries. Cedar, with berries, adds just the touch to a wreath. And home we come, laden like pack mules, dragging our perfect trees, all three of them, behind us.

Then the decorating. It's very simple, with a plan. Except that ours is a house-sized house, not a hotel. And there are all those greens. And in the attic are not one or two strings of lights, but close to a dozen; not one or two boxes of colored balls, but close to a score. January after January we stow them, in plain sight, and December after December they go into hiding until we have bought more. Lights, and balls, and tin angels, and glass birds, and bells, and gilded cones. And ribbon, bolts of ribbon, miles of it.  

(Continued on page 164)
For the fourth year in a row

H & G has designed an enchanting collection

of lustrous Christmas decorations:

**Fantasies in foil**

to spangle your house inside and out

Christmas is one time of the year when you can afford to indulge your fancy for brilliant colors and imaginative decorative effects, since the more your rooms sparkle with life the merrier your festivities will be. To brighten your house this Christmas, H & G presents an array of fanciful decorations designed specially for us by George Holt. Made of gleaming, extra-heavy foil (they live happily outdoors, too) in an exciting range of colors, these many-faceted decorations with their shining surfaces capture all the surrounding light and throw it back in bright, glinting sparkles that transform the quietest room into a blaze of Christmas gaiety. Though not all the decorations were originally intended to resemble specific objects (foil curls into unexpected shapes when cut), many are reminiscent of such entrancing forms as snowflakes, stars, a peacock and a lantern. There is also an unusual elliptical design, an angel, a diamond pendant and a curly candle holder. All eight are excitingly versatile since you can hang them in shimmering streamers, or singly, as in the glowing room on our cover. You can scatter them on a door, wall or window, lavish them on a party table or sprinkle a few on a Christmas tree or a swag of greens. And since all the designs are equally compatible with both contemporary and traditional styles, you can mix them effectively with other long-cherished Christmas ornaments. The foil bends easily so you might also experiment with changing contours to suit your fancy—squashing, curling, lengthening the shapes. But watch your fingers while working with these decorations. The foil is heavy so that the shapes will stay crisply in place and their edges are therefore somewhat sharp. Whatever scheme you create, these dancing decorations will shout out a joyous “Merry Christmas” to all arrivals and give your whole house a festive warmth.

**A candlelit evening with Christmas enchantment**

A pyramid of tiny candles lends magic to a Christmas Eve dinner party. Plump votive lights are planted in red and gold candle holders, ranged around a tower of assorted, felt-covered boxes and perched on its different levels. On mantel are more candles—this time in green and gold holders—some standing on green felt-wrapped cube boxes, others balanced on empty, upturned holders. Hanging on the wall above them: two green and gold stars, a gold snowflake. Since each candle flame is reflected by the gleaming petals of the holders and spread into a bright golden glow, only a minimum of additional light is needed to stage a romantic supper. (In this case, a stately electric wall sconce fills the bill nicely.) Other light-reflecting table accessories: Franciscan “Cameo” china; Gorham “Old English Tipt” sterling flatware; Pasco Bavarian Mousseline wine goblets; bright pink and green sisal place mats designed by Elaine Barrymore in the shape of Christmas ornaments.

*Shopping information, page 162*

PHOTOGRAPHED BY JEFFERY AT A NEW YORK CITY HOUSE REDECORATED BY JOHN AND EARLINE BRICE WITH FABRICS OF CELANESE FIBERS
Seven ways to deck your house with Christmas sparkle

You can use H&G's eight sparkling foil decorations sparingly or in profusion to create a variety of dazzling effects that will flood your rooms with Christmas radiance:

1. Streamers of alternating stars and diamond pendants make a splash against a white-curtained living room window. Ornaments are strung together with lengths of transparent nylon fishing line (or you could use gold cord for a brighter effect) tacked to top of window and framed with long folds of brilliant green satin ribbon topped with giant snowflakes.

2. Hovering snowflakes add a festive touch to a luncheon table. Large snowflakes are suspended from ceiling on pieces of nylon fishing line (tacks hold lines in place), smaller snowflakes are gummed to window with transparent tape. Table topping: silvery angels wrapped around silver candlesticks.

3. Whimsical trimming for a terrace: sparkling blue lanterns strung at different heights from an overhead trellis. The colorful lanterns make vivid accents against the snow, provide a gay link with the tiny garden house lighted for Christmas.

4. A front door studded with multi-colored ornaments attached to felt-covered plaques says a warm welcome to all comers. Plaques are made of stiff cardboard (here cut to accent the bold curves of the Victorian molding) and covered with felt in H&G's Empire Green. Ornaments are wired to plaques, the lot attached to the door with fine, tiny-headed brads. Other cheerful accents: colored lanterns tied together
with gold cord hung on both sides of the door: a tiny pine tree sprinkled with shimmering snowflakes, its tub wrapped with red felt. 5. Bold frosting for a fireplace: a thick garland of fragrant pine spangled with dozens of tiny, colored stars and fastened in the center with an enormous snowflake. More brilliant stars and diamond pendants join forces with traditional, colored Christmas balls to deck the branches of the tree. 6. Swags of bright red felt hung with decorations parade up a spiral staircase, filling a contemporary entrance hall with happy Christmas spirit. Strips of felt are tied in bows to banister, strings of assorted ornaments are fastened to banister underneath each bow. Other splashes of glitter: a scattering of stars and snowflakes on the white walls, a tall apothecary jar brimming with tiny stars and teamed with a package-laden scale on an oak chest. A cluster of vivid stars highlights a sheaf of pine branches in a tall jar standing on the herringbone oak floor under the staircase. A brilliantly covered table with mugs of mulled wine and a plate of traditional fruitcake awaits the arrival of carol singers. 7. A giant sunburst of angels adds a bold splash of glittering color to the white wall over a contemporary fireplace: ten angels (in blue and green to tie in with the color scheme of the room) and a large green star are wired to a 5-inch center of Styrofoam and hung on wall. Four stars accent curve of fireplace; a cluster of blue and green stars rings the cup of the antique turned-wood candle holder.
Opposite page:

From the one group of basic materials you can create a marvelous variety of individual wrappings—all easy to make:

1. Star-topped Christmas tree, mounted on wrap of glazed paper, is made of layers of shredded tissue held in place by the strip of black paper that makes the trunk. Star is a Fool’s Gold sticker.

2. Full-blown rose decks a simply wrapped gift. Petals are folds of tissue; leaves are cut from single tissue; stem is a twist from Tag and Twist package.

3. Outsize, two-dimensional tree ornament dramatizes a plain wrap of glazed paper. To make ornament, tissue is cut into a teardrop, topped with sunbursts of contrasting tissue and decorated with gold seals.

4. A burst of color makes something special of a small gift. Several sheets of tissue in varying colors are gathered together and caught with a gold cord.

5. Roman stripes of folded tissue make a gay wrap that needs no further adornment. Box is first covered with glazed paper, then folds of tissue are wrapped around package and pasted at the back.

6. Gleaming fish and rippling water bring excitement to a package destined, perhaps, for an amateur mariner. Ripples are scraps of tissue (formed by tearing rather than cutting) pasted on plain underwrap. Fish come ready-made in Fool’s Gold assortment.

7. Splashy pompons finish a large package wrapped first in tissue, then banded diagonally with broad ribbons of glazed paper. Pompons are built up layer by layer from tight folds of tissue cut into petal shapes, then unfolded—an old kindergarten trick.

8. Military ribbons distinguish a wrapping of black paper that makes the trunk. Star is a Fool’s Gold sticker.

9. A parade of sunburst stickers embellishes a gift of wine which is neatly wrapped in a Wine Bag in less than 30 seconds.

10. Genial clown turns out to be a Color-Bag dressed up with simple decorations. Face is a burst of color made from Fool’s Gold sticker.

11. A Color-Bag bulging with goodies. Head is ball wrapped in pink tissue, capped with glazed paper cone. Quick brush strokes, the cruder the better, make features.

12. A Wine Bag decked with a paper medalion and crowned with a tissue pouf provides regal treatment for a very special bottle of wine. To make pouf, strips of tissue cut into points are rolled, stuffed into bag.

13. Tropical fish that makes a mirthful gift of wine is cut from single tissue; stem is a twist from Tag and Twist package.

THE COMPLETE WARDROBE OF WRAPPINGS

All the materials arrayed below the brightly wrapped gifts on the opposite page were designed by East House Enterprises and include:

WINE BAGS (on shelf): a set includes eight bags in eight colors, all 17 inches long.

COLOR-BAGS: a package contains eight bags in different colors, assorted sizes.

GLAZED PAPERS AND COLORED TISSUES (emerging from pink bag): both come in rolls in three different color ranges—pink to purple, turquoise to midnight blue, orange through yellow to green—so that three different rolls give you a total of eighteen colors. A roll of glazed papers contains six sheets, 26 inches by 30 inches; a roll of tissues, thirty-six sheets, 20 inches by 30 inches.

FOOL’S GOLD: two different assortments of embossed gold-paper stickers come in packages of sixteen pieces each.

PARTY BAGS: a package contains seven bags, 10 inches long; all pink or all blue.

TAG AND TWIST: a package contains six gift tags and, for attaching them, four fuzzy pipe-cleaner twists in three color ranges coordinated with colors of papers.

An imaginative, individual, just-for-you wrapping makes almost any gift, from a cake of soap to a jade figurine, seem doubly expressive of the giver’s thoughtfulness and good wishes. But you don’t have to fuss over intricate folds or concoct elaborate embellishments to wrap your gifts effectively. Even if you have never managed to tie a presentable bow, all you need to turn out a splendid array of distinctively wrapped gifts is a rainbow assortment of bags and two kinds of paper, plus a little treasury of gold stickers. The papers in the gift-wrap wardrobe suggested by H&G come in eighteen luscious colors all of which go wonderfully together. Even a random combination of colors and textures will make the simplest wrapping spectacular; and all the materials are obligingly easy to work with. The basic wrap for boxes and other simple shapes is a lustrous glazed paper so pliable that trim corners seem to form automatically. Since the glazed surface will not crack when you crease it, you can easily afford to make a few mistakes. To embellish the packages, you can make fanciful ornaments from the colored tissue paper that comes in the same range of colors—using fold-and-cut techniques as simple as those you learned in kindergarten. The tissue has a special crispness so that whatever you make with it will keep its shape and not go limp, and in each roll you will find a sheet of instructions. For your odd-shaped, hard-to-wrap gifts, the wardrobe includes glazed paper bags in three sizes, one of which is long enough for a bottle of wine. And for your crowning touches, there is Fool’s Gold—seals and medallions, lions and butterflies and other gold-paper treasures. Since none of the papers in the collection are patterned with mistletoe or other motifs that mark them for Christmas only, an ample supply will provide you with year-round gift wrappings—and give you the makings of party decorations, too.

TOM YEE

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Four separate wings make room for every kind of activity in this house that abounds with lively children.

Bedrooms for the three Walling girls make up one wing of the house. Here, they have the fun of dormitory living plus the privacy of rooms of their own. They also feel close to their parents, who sleep in another wing, since an intercom, placed just above each girl’s pillow, can be adjusted, if necessary, to carry every sound to the Wallings’ bedroom.

The carpeted hall outside the girls’ bedrooms is their dressing area where each has her own clothes closet complete with built-in drawers and Andrea and Wendee have dressing tables, backed by full-length mirrors. (In them you can see reflected the folding wood doors of the closets.) At the end of the hall is the girls’ bathroom which overlooks a garden and can be closed off by folding doors. Since every wing of the house has a hall like this, storage space is abundant.

Our children, three dogs and one cat can turn an ordinary house into something resembling a five-ring circus—especially when the youngsters range from lower grade-schoolers to teen-agers, with all the different interests that such a range implies. But when architect Lampert Walling designed a house for his own family in Minneapolis, his children’s needs were naturally uppermost in his mind, so the orderly plan that emerged included separate rooms for all the young Wallings and generous play space without stinting the general living areas. The house is built in four wings—two for bedrooms, one for family living, one for garage and utilities—radiating like the arms of a windmill from a central area for entertaining. (See plan, page 112.) They add up to 3,378 square feet of living space plus 746 square feet for the garage—which may sound expensive. But the house was built in 1957 for $16 a square foot. Material and labor costs were held down by the simple modular construction: exterior wall panels of plywood or glass and interior panels of sheetrock or mirror, all cut to the same 36-inch width, were installed between 4-inch posts. Standardized built-ins saved more money. As a result, it proved practicable to include all the delightful extras that make the house a happy one for children—and adults as well.

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The children use their bedrooms for study and quiet play.
One end of the Wallings' own bedroom, right, is a pleasant study where Mr. and Mrs. Walling spend the evening when Andrea is entertaining her teenage friends in the living room. At other times, Mrs. Walling and the girls gather here to watch TV while the men of the house cheer their favorite TV gunslingers in the family room. Mr. Walling designed the major furnishings including the bed at the other end of the room, right, using such simple components as angle-iron supports, kitchen cabinets and drawers, vinyl-covered table- and countertop. Bed, chest at foot and night tables all rest on a single angle-iron frame. (See sketch, below, far right.) To the left of the bed is a partition which separates the bedroom from the Wallings' bathroom. Mirrors over the lavatory reflect the garden outside.

Both bedroom and bath open off the dressing hall, below right; folding doors close off bathroom.

Wendee's bedroom, opposite page, all in pink and white, has the feminine prettiness dear to a 10-year-old's heart. She spends hours in her room reading—usually with her dog George curled up at her feet—or dressing dolls with Phoebe. All the children's beds are the same design: a mattress plus white vinyl-covered table tops placed on a single angle-iron frame. A trundle bed stored underneath rolls out to accommodate an overnight guest.

Wright's room, opposite page, takes its theme from one of his many hobbies: the guns which he made, himself, from kits. His room with its dressing area and bath is in the wing with his parents' room. Later, when Wright has left the family nest, Mr. Walling can use this room as a study.

The hall outside Wright's bedroom is a well-organized storage area with storage boxes on shelves, built-in kitchen-cabinet drawers—stained mahogany to match the folding doors—and hanging space. Folding door at far end of hall screens off the Wallings' dressing area and bath.

The parents' bedroom is like a second living room.
The family room is designed for a score of varied activities.

A double counter divides the family room and kitchen. On one side is the breakfast bar, above; on the kitchen side, left, is a long work counter with a range in the center, a control panel for small appliances at one end. Range—like refrigerator and freezer facing each other at far end of kitchen—looks built-in, is actually free-standing type that can easily be removed when Mrs. Walling wants a newer model. Against far wall are washer and dryer; folding doors in family room conceal toy storage.
The breakfast bar contributes to all the many activities that go on in the family room. The children eat their lunches and afternoon snacks here, and on Sunday nights the whole family lines up at the bar for an informal supper. When Andrea gives an impromptu party for her high-school crowd, or when the other children have their birthday parties, the bar becomes a buffet and Mr. and Mrs. Walling sometimes bring friends here for a drink. The folding door pulls across the bar to shut off the kitchen. When the youngsters give slumber parties in the family room (guests sleep on trundle beds or in sleeping bags) late snacks at the bar are part of the special party treat.

The family room is a true playroom where children and pets can romp with little restraint. Phoebe and Wendee spread out their paints here when Wright is not working on his model train, suspended overhead.

While Phoebe and Wendee play on the swings and slide outside the family room, Mrs. Walling can keep an eye on them from the kitchen. Family-kitchen wing is at the right; at left is master bedroom wing.

Wright's model railroad is mounted on a board which lowers from the ceiling by means of four miniature blocks and tackles. In this way, the train is always ready to run but takes up no space when not in use.

The flower room, which children pass through coming from playground, doubles as a mud room. Laboratory, like those in the bathroom has basin of type used in chemical laboratories, set in a vinyl-topped counter.

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At the heart of the house is a garden room that is also the Wallings’ party center.

The four-wing plan of the Wallings’ house spreads out from the central garden room which is also the main entrance foyer. From parking area, a walk leads past gravel court to front door, or you can enter garden room from garage. The three other wings also open into central planted area adjoined by dining room, living room and music room, where the Wallings have entertained as many as 150 guests at once. Since children will eventually leave home, Mr. Walling designed plan so their rooms can later be converted to other uses.
At front of house is a small trellised courtyard with family-room wing on left and garage wing on right. The evenly spaced posts and single-size panels that make up the walls clearly reveal the modular structure which not only cut costs, but also helped to make the unusual plan possible.

The music room expands the central garden room for big parties. Phoebe, who has just started piano lessons, practices here for hours.

The garden room is bathed in light from the three rooms around it, the glass wall at front and clerestory strip near ceiling. Mosaic tile floor, tough enough for heavy traffic, also makes good dance floor for Andrea's teen-age parties. Music comes from stereo speakers overhead.

The living room, beyond line of posts at back of the garden room, opens on the other side to an outdoor court and terrace. At right of living room is a large fireplace.

The main entrance with its double doors opens directly into the garden room. Flowers in the planted bed are changed with the seasons. At Christmas, poinsettias are added, and tiny lights are strung on tall branches.

For building data, see page 160
The value of having the right door

Wisely selected doors can do a great deal more for your house than provide security and privacy and hide the contents of your closets. The right door can save space where space is at a premium. A door can admit extra daylight into a room where there are not enough windows. A well-chosen door can help to carry out an architectural theme or serve as the architectural high light of a house facade or a room. Today you can buy doors ready-made in a prodigious variety of designs, materials and sizes. Here, and on page 165, are examples of how the right door can fill a specific architectural need.

FACTS ABOUT DOORS

- Where do you buy them?
  Either through your builder, or directly from a building supply dealer.

- How wide should a door be?
  No less than 3' wide for exterior doors and for the door from kitchen to dining room. For bedrooms and studies a width of 2' 8" (3' is better). For a bath a width of 2' is all you really need. For closets, use common sense. Extra wide doors are heavy to move; too many small doors get in the way.

- What makes a door stick?
  The house may have settled unevenly so that the door frame is out of line. The door itself may have been fitted too tightly to allow for swelling in damp weather. Solution: Plane edges of door.

- Why will some doors not stay shut?
  When wood has dried out (a common condition in very old houses) door and frame shrink away from each other and door latch misses the catch in the frame so that the slightest draft makes the door swing open. Solution: a new latch.

- To carry out a decorative theme use doors of the same design throughout the house. This new French Provincial door, 3' 6" wide, accents a glassed-in entry here, may also be used for almost any standard opening since it comes in eleven different widths from 1' 6". Panels may be scored or smooth, as you prefer; wood can be painted or stained. Simpson.

- To save space in a small entrance hall, try two narrow doors, 1' 4" wide, for the coat closet, instead of one large door. Swing-open space will be less, and the fully opened doors will cover less wall space. This pair in Georgian style is made of ponderosa pine and can be painted or stained. Morgan.
To match a wood paneled wall, you no longer need a door custom-made of carefully selected woods. Ideally grained veneers, prefinished for easy upkeep, are available in both plywood paneling and flush doors. Woods include mahogany (used here), cherry, walnut, and other decorative woods. Simpson.

A To bring more light into a dark kitchen use an exterior Dutch door with glass paneled top. Where privacy is more important than continual light, a solid-top Dutch door can aid ventilation. Both tops and bottoms come in several designs, all in Colonial style. This door is made of ponderosa pine. Curtis.

To open up the wall of a traditional house you can install sliding glass doors with a traditional flavor. These wood framed doors are reinforced with steel for extra strength. To ease cleaning and painting, each door has one large pane of glass with removable muntins in diamond pattern. Pella.

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Three designers demonstrate the delightfulness of Changeable rooms

It is only natural, when you set about a decorating project, to look forward to the moment when all the pictures will be hung, every lamp will have its proper shade and the last ashtray will be in place—when your room, in short, will be perfect. But to remain that way can easily be a room's undoing, for, as a philosopher observed 2,000 years ago, "no pleasure endures unseasoned by variety." Even the most perfectly decorated room will prove more delightful to live in if you make changes now and then within the framework of the basic decorating plan.

One designer who believes the perfect interior should reflect the changing moods and activities of the people who live in it is Russel Wright. In his own home, opposite page, Mr. Wright experiments continually with change. He changes decorative themes with the season. He shifts the furniture in his living room to provide a change of view. On the inspiration of the moment he moves a vase or a figurine from here to there, where he can see it in a new light, a new perspective. Other designers vary their rooms in a different manner. Ferris Megarity of B. Altman & Co. changes the mood of his living room according to three different plans worked out in advance (see pages 118-119), much as a woman might plan the transformation of a basic dress into several different costumes. Designer Michael Taylor creates a variety of color effects for one room (see page 120) merely by changing important color accents. You can also ring changes in your rooms in innumerable small ways, some of which H&G has sketched on page 121.

The changeable room, of course, brings up the question of where to keep whatever you are not using at the moment. But this problem is not insurmountable if you confine your change-offs to objects that take easily to storage. Shape is a better criterion than size or weight. Pictures or screens that fold flat can be tucked into the back of a closet. A tall slender brass lamp or a narrow rug that rolls up compactly may consume less space than a large fragile globular vase. You may also be able to work "the enchanting miracles of change" by the simple device of moving a few things from one room to another where you will use them in a different way and eliminate the whole problem of storage.

You can change a room with THE SEASONS

AT CHRISTMAS TIME Russel Wright arranges his living-dining room so that attention is directed toward fireplace, top right, and with pictures and accessories he creates a warm, traditionally American mood. On chimney breast hangs a large Audubon print of an American wild turkey; in front of hearth stands Early American tripod candelabrum and antique brass bucket, filled at this season with kindling wood. Sofa, opposite page, top, is placed against long wall facing hearth and beside it hangs patchwork quilt. Christmas tree is given place of honor in front of partition that screens door to kitchen. See-through curtains of wide mesh net hang a window wall since Mr. Wright always includes garden as part of room's decoration. At this time of year, strings of lights in trees sparkle like snowflakes and the holiday scene indoors is watched over by a Baroque wooden angel.

IN EARLY AUTUMN Mr. Wright transforms his living room with the many beautiful things he has collected during his trips to the Far East for the U. S. State Department's International Cooperation Administration. Over fireplace, right center, hangs an elephant's necklace. Brass bucket now holds marigolds; stone head of Buddha sits among plants on chimney shelf. Sofa faces window, opposite page, bottom left, where vibrantly colored Indian saris are draped from curtain rods. Behind sofa: a five-fold Japanese screen. In garden: Japanese lanterns, an Indian brass samovar on a brass table.

IN THE SPRING the Easter theme pervades both garden and living room. Chimney, right bottom, is decked with heart-shaped wreath of ferns and violets, and a huge straw nest filled with cardboard candy-box eggs sits in grate. Sofa is moved back against long wall, opposite page, bottom right; above it: a contemporary painting. On coffee table: a pyramid of Easter eggs; in front of partition: a composition of hanging Easter baskets. Forsythia in garden brightens indoors as well as outdoors; paper rooster dangles from tree.

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THE SCENE HAS A TRADITIONAL AMERICAN FLAVOR AT CHRISTMAS

ORIENTAL TREASURES SET THE THEME FOR AUTUMN

EASTER MOTIFS PREDOMINATE IN THE SPRING

Continued
A COOL, CRISP LOOK IS ESPECIALLY INVITING IN SUMMER

A GAY, LIGHTHEARTED MOOD GOES

You can plan a series of changes to alter THE MOOD of a room

Some people enjoy planning far more than spontaneous experiment. They like to work out the decoration of a room as a whole, just as a painter plans the composition of a picture. But change does not rule out planning—nor vice versa. Ferris Megarity changes the mood of his living room two or three times a year. But the varying effects he achieves, above and opposite page, are all planned in advance so that he can switch from one to another as easily as a musician runs through his repertoire.

Mr. Megarity’s changes depend for the most part on accessories that can be stored in a cupboard when not in use or packed flat against the wall of a closet. All the largest elements in the room remain constant—the furniture, its arrangement, the colors of the upholstery, the curtains, the plant in the corner. He changes the lamp on the chest by the sofa, but uses the same white lampshade with three different bases (a lampshade is considerably bulkier to store than a more or less cylindrical lamp). The rug is changed, too, but this presents no great problem since all Mr. Megarity’s rugs are comparatively small (the largest is 6 feet by 9 feet) and like all rugs they thrive on vacations at the cleaners.
A group of black and white accessories is the basis of the first plan, opposite page, which gives the room a cool, crisp look. A felt-lined zebra skin goes on the floor. A zebra-striped pillow (covered with one of HaG's Safari patterns in needlepoint) accents the armchair, and a white ceramic lamp and a blackamoor vase are placed on the chest by the sofa. Over the sofa, Mr. Megarity hangs a large painting in black and white with splashes of yellow that seem intensified by proximity to the yellow upholstered chairs and the yellow sofa pillow. This scheme is completed by the large yellow lacquer tray which remains on the coffee table and holds cigarette box and ashtrays when it is not being used to serve drinks. A flowered rug in the style of French needlepoint is the keynote of the second plan, above left, which creates a gay, light-hearted mood. With this, Mr. Megarity uses an antique globe lamp and a yellow lustre bowl for flowers, and over one end of the sofa he hangs an eighteenth-century primitive portrait of a very demure young lady. The surprise element in this change is the group of accessories in Bristol Blue glass that make a clear sharp color accent against the green of the sofa. The sofa pillow this time is covered with pale blue silk trimmed with French ribbon—as demure as the lady above it.

An antique Japanese screen dominates Mr. Megarity's third plan, above right, and establishes a mood of elegance and richness. The browns and beiges of the screen bring out the rich wood tones of the chest by the sofa and are repeated, along with yellows and greens, in a contemporary Japanese rug. The Waterford crystal decanter and glasses, the silver tray and the other silver or crystal accessories all contribute elegant sparkle. The sofa pillows—one covered in black velvet, one in leopard-pattern needlepoint (another of the designs from HaG's Safari group)—help emphasize the atmosphere of luxury and richness.

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How to modify a color scheme with a change of COLOR ACCENTS

One of the surest ways to vary the flavor of a room is to alter the color emphasis, and the simplest, swiftest way to do that is to change the pillow and cushion covers. Few people appreciate the effectiveness of this strategy as much, however, as Michael Taylor who decorated the living room above and right and supplied it with a wardrobe of pillows and cushions—five sets in all, upholstered in different colors and fabrics. (One set plus slipcovers would serve as well, and slipcovers consume almost no storage space.)

In its basic dress, above, the room is quietly elegant. Walls, rug and upholstery in varying shades of off-white compose a background especially flattering to the handsome pair of Coromandel screens that contribute the only pattern in the room. Bright color accents are supplied by an eighteenth-century faience cabbage bowl, a malachite cigarette box, a bunch of faience grapes and the ottoman frame with its malachite finish. The sofas are covered with Belgian linen velour (which is like very fine corduroy made of linen instead of cotton) and the ottoman and cushions of the black-lacquered armchairs are upholstered in white glove leather.

For all its simplicity, a change in the color and texture of two sofa pillows and two chair cushions changes the whole color effect of the room. The yellow Belgian linen, which makes its appearance as a rule in the spring, introduces a gay informal flavor. Blue Belgian linen looks cool in the summer and makes the off-whites look whiter. The blue cushions are usually followed by the basic white, and in late autumn the white is replaced by green silk velvet that emphasizes the green accessories and suggests the crispness of evergreens in the snow. After Christmas green gives way to the cheery warmth of rosy pink velvet.

GREEN DRAMATIZES THE GREEN ACCESSORIES
H&G suggests several LITTLE WAYS
in which you can vary your rooms

Easiest of all to bring about is the small but significant change that wakes up your senses by giving your eyes a fresh treat. It might be as simple as moving a cherished accessory from one spot to another, adding some small decoration of little intrinsic value or bringing into the limelight a good-looking, useful object usually kept in hiding. For instance:

- On the top of a small chest like the one beside Mr. Megarity’s sofa (see page 118) you might have a pair of small antique pewter candlesticks, a big pottery bowl, a pretty box, an old white ironstone saucer, perhaps a few books. For a change: Move all of these things to the coffee table—except for one candlestick which goes into the cupboard for a rest. Pack the bowl with short-stemmed greens. Fill the box with cigarettes. Use the saucer as an ashtray. Move to the top of the chest whatever was on the coffee table.

Or pack those things away with the single candlestick and grace the chest with an entirely different arrangement: a pair of handsome decanters, a long narrow porcelain dish you haven’t seen for a while, your favorite house plant.

- Another time: Take a little extra care with decorations for a holiday and reward yourself by enjoying them longer. The greens, the mistletoe and the tinsel will have to go by Twelfth Night, but a glistening bouquet of Christmas tree balls, a pair of origami angels or a Mexican tin star might brighten the scene until Washington’s Birthday.

- Center one large picture over your sofa—and when you are ready for a change, hang a smaller picture (or a clock) on the same hook, then surround it with a group of still smaller pictures so arranged that they will fit within the perimeter of the large picture which you have temporarily retired. (When you put the large picture back on its original hook, it will cover the additional nail holes.)

- Plan a switch of floor coverings for your entrance hall. For winter: a small patterned rug or runner, maybe an oriental, and, to stand in one corner of the hall, a tall vase with a large arrangement of dried flowers and grasses. For summer: a runner of sisal or straw and to go with that, a trio of tall growing plants. Long narrow rugs are simple to roll up and stow away on a shelf or in a corner of a closet.

- Make a point of having more bookshelves than you need for books so you can afford to leave a few ample spaces for other things you love to look at—objects you can rearrange without a major rearrangement of the books. On one shelf you might leave a space in the center and use it for a while as a showcase for a collection of chessmen and an old playing card. For a change: Push all the books to one end of the shelf and use the rest to display a collection of shells or stones—or three pretty demitasses and saucers on little racks.

- If you have a round lamp table, endow it with a wardrobe of floor-length covers in different fabrics, different colors. Rotate them to accent one by one the other colors in the room.

- Reserve a special place on the family room wall for your child’s latest artwork. Have a simple frame made of natural wood with a removable hack plus a series of paper or cardboard mats in different colors. Since most juvenile masterpieces are on the same size paper, the one frame will fit them all and the proper mat will flatter the colors.

- Let a good-looking piece of party paraphernalia come out of the kitchen and be strictly ornamental for a while—a souffle dish or a copper caserole, a tureen or a pretty salad bowl. Fill them with fruit or flowers or pile them with match books in a rainbow of solid colors (but no print).

- Give all eyes a treat with an enticing composition of real fruit. (Buy it underripe and don’t feel guilty if your decoration is never eaten.) Plan for color rather than gustatory variety. For instance: blue and green plums piled on a wicker epergne and topped with blue and green grapes ... a pyramid of yellow apples on a wooden plate—the chinks filled in with walnuts ... two dozen big lemons in a copper bowl, or a hoard of brilliant limes in a bowl of pure white china.

- Hang a lightweight mobile from the top of a tall doorway and change it according to your whim. It might be something disposable like Mr. Wright’s paper rooster (see page 117) or a paper kite. It might be a cluster of cardboard eggs at Easter time, a trio of little paper lanterns of different sizes for Fourth of July, a bunch of dried corn and gourds for Thanksgiving.
BEGONIAS
new forms
new colors
new ways
to use them

By Bernice Brilmayer
You don't need to make a horticultural safari in order to penetrate the inner recesses of the begonia world. What you do need is a willingness to be selective and the ability to distinguish the trees from the forest. And if there seem to be few horizons in this almost too luxuriant realm, at least there are certain landmarks. Learn what these are and there will be no limit to the pleasure begonias can give you. It will be more than horticultural, for there are few plants in the entire kingdom that are more adaptable to decorative use in the house, not to mention greenhouse and garden, than begonias. You choose begonias to suit your taste according to their most notable characteristics (the same characteristics, incidentally, by which you can identify the main begonia types when you see them). When you seek textural effect, for example, you will find surfaces that are bold, delicate, pebbly, corrugated, waffled or smooth. Is it a particular type of growth you are looking for? These plants will do anything—dangle, sprawl, creep, climb as well as grow straight, spread wide, arch or go slantwise. Leaves may be shaped like dinner plates or crescents, arrows, wings or feathers. And as for colors, almost any hue or shade except gentian blue may be found within the incredible range of begonia leaves, stems and flowers. When you get down to cases let your invention be the mother of a specific begonia's usefulness. Set a rex variety to glow on a pewter platter. Place a finger-leaf variety beside the fireplace, a plain "pond lily" type as foil for a carved figure. Put a miniature on the coffee table. Mass a dozen begonias at the base of a big window or arrange them on a sill (use several varieties or half a dozen of a kind). Pyramid a sampling of primadonnas on a plant stand; spotlight one under a bell jar. Strive for harmony of course, but avoid monotony. Contrast leaf shapes, forms and colors, but with due regard for scale and proportion.

Buy a few plants and make a start—with combinations that please you. Ring changes as you learn more about types and varieties. Time enough then to complete your pleasure in begonias by learning to grow them well.

For special emphasis, above, or to spotlight one dramatic feature in a decorative scheme, place a favorite specimen under a bell jar. Here the rex variety Ember gets the first call over Curly Silver Lake. For casual effect, right, a pair of 18-inch iron figures give scale to a "floor arrangement" of tall President Carnot and pink coccinea, graceful Mrs. Fred Scripps, and the small, sprightly rex Dew Drop. For decorative display, opposite, choose your varieties with care, so that colors, forms and textures harmonize without sacrifice of outstanding characteristics. Every plant should be well grown and either maintained in faultless condition or replaced. On the green cast-iron plant stand (one-of-a-kind, from Doris Dessauer, Inc.) is a collection of new and choice rex begonia varieties: top, Crimson Glow; second tier, Old Faithful and Donnell; lower tier, left to right, American Beauty, Dew Drop, Captain Nemo. On the floor, clockwise from far left, Mikado, Mamie, Zebra, Lavender Glow and Merry Christmas await placement. All these plants, as well as the species and varieties on the next two pages were grown and groomed for H&G by the author, whose new book, "All About Begonias" (Doubleday, $4.95) was published last month.
Many a summertime gardener keeps his prize border ablaze with tuberous begonias—just as his wife probably brightens her kitchen with cheerful pots of the familiar wax or rosebud varieties. Chances are, however, that neither one has more than a speaking acquaintance with the many other differing types that contain the hundreds of species and varieties in the full begonia roster. On pages 122 and 123 and opposite are some of the very newest and best forms and colors among the rex varieties. Representatives of six other important types, left, include: 1. Shippy’s Garland, a basket begonia with many pendulous branches, small pointed leaves, pink flowers. 2. One of the numerous oddities of the tribe, the piggyback (leaf-on-leaf) species, Begonia hispida cucullata, its green leaf stems bearing white hairs. 3. B. metallic, hairy plant with purple-veined, olive-green leaves. 4. The variegated calla-lily begonia. 5. One of the prettiest of the rhizomatous group, Maphil. 6. Snowdrop, a fine double flowering *semperflorens* type with very dark leaves. For full details about these and many other types, species and varieties, as well as practical points on propagation, care and use, turn to page 169.

**New light on the king of begonias**

*Rex begonias,* pretty enough when in flower, achieve their most spectacular effectiveness with the shape, color and texture of their leaves. In no other begonia group will you find such opulent color, such intricate and diverse patterns, so lavish an assortment of leaf texture and venation. And each year’s new crop of hybrids is more brilliant than the last. The taffeta iridescence of Can-can made news a few years ago and is still popular. The angular outlines of Merry Christmas (preceding page) have a contemporary look. The lush velvet sheen of Mikado is classic. Dew Drop was one of the first dwarfs and helped start the current swing to miniatures, which provide most color in smallest space. The hybrids, *opposite,* chosen at the whim of H&G’s bemused and bedazzled photographer from a specially grown collection of the “best” fifty: *top four,* Dew Drop, Scarlet O’Hara, Curly Fireflish, American Beauty; *next four,* Donnell, Mikado, Crimson Glow, Captain Nemo; *center pair,* Bertha McGregor, Venetian Red; *bottom three,* Fire Opal, Zebra, Ember.
How to build

A tree-trim collection

that will give your Christmas tree new magnificence every year

Among the special delights of Christmas week is unwrapping the tree trimmings you packed away twelve months before. The sight of each forgotten treasure conjures up magical memories of Christmases past to enhance the glow of Christmas present. When all your lights and baubles are on the tree, you may find that the total effect is somewhat less magical. But H&G's plan for building a tree-trim collection assures you the means of creating an enchanting and distinctive Christmas tree every year—as well as all the fun of discovering and acquiring, of preserving and remembering. Here is the program:

Each year you concentrate on a theme—perhaps a traditional tree to be decked only with old-fashioned ornaments; or a special color scheme of one or two hues; or a national flavor to be carried out with decorations picked up on a trip abroad. The first year you acquire, or select from what you have, a supply of ornaments in key with your theme. To these you add one other type of decoration which you make yourself. The next year you repeat some of the trimmings of the year before, add a supply of new ones to carry out a new theme and top them off with another creation of your own. Opposite, and on the next two pages, are three trees that show how the plan might work over three Christmases, and below is a box specially designed by H&G to house your tree-trim collection. Within a few years, as your collection grows, you will have a rich and varied store of ornaments (not merely a random assortment), from which you can pick out two or three types each year to combine in a new way. There is no need to feel you must load every Christmas tree with every decoration you own. But you may well want to use every year a few cherished favorites—an antique German angel, perhaps, a flock of carved wood birds from Sweden, a crystal star—as recurrent motifs to accent your changing themes and preserve a family tradition. For instructions for make-it-yourself decorations on this and the next two pages write H&G Reader Service.

Traditional decorations trim the tree

the first year

Familiar, old-fashioned decorations like those that deck this Christmas tree in the living room of Mr. and Mrs. Donald K. Stevenson Jr. might be the starter of a tree-trim collection you could expand year by year. Balls in brilliant reds, blues, greens and silver are teamed with strings of tiny, pink flower lights and chains of red, pink and silver beads. The gay extra that you can make yourself: hanging swirls of gleaming Tie-Tie ribbons which stay in place when moistened and pressed together. Other traditional garnishes: the silvery spire perched at the treetop with a ruff of bright pink ribbon, a flock of old-fashioned German ornaments (vivid birds, tiny musical instruments, clusters of fruit) and a sprinkling of antique Christmas cards.

To start your collection:
- antique Christmas card, German ornaments, and colored balls
- swirls of ribbon

H&G's CHRISTMAS DECOR CHEST to preserve your tree-trim collection from year to year is made of sturdy cardboard (in either red or white) which you can decorate, or not, as you please. The chest comes in separate pieces which you can assemble in a twinkling and measures 27" by 12" by 12" high, a size that will fit neatly on a closet shelf. There are two removable trays with compartments for colored balls and a roomy, open section in the bottom to hold strings of lights, tinsel, bulky ornaments.

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Continued
Contemporary ornaments establish the theme for another year

New additions:
- snowflake lights,
- white Styrofoam balls,
- notary seal chains

As a change from the profusion of brilliant colors on the traditional tree, the second year's tree glistens with trimmings of snowy white. A scattering of the vivid balls and German ornaments of the year before is dominated by new acquisitions—a host of white Styrofoam balls in assorted sizes. Another second-year investment: two sets of lacy snowflake lights (one large, one small) to give the tree's branches a delicate shimmer.

The make-it-yourself project: notary seal chains (pairs of the bright paper seals gummed together along a piece of wool yarn) to circle the tree from top to toe with little splashes of color. Christmas cards of contemporary design scattered among the branches add more gay patches of color and help to fill out the tree.
Treasures acquired on your travels suggest a third theme

The newcomers:
Swedish straw wreaths,
Italian ricotta baskets,
toothpick stars

During a European vacation you might add to your tree-trim collection delightful finds such as the huge wood-shave stars, straw wreaths and carved wood birds from Sweden, and the bell-shaped ricotta baskets from Italy that give a distinctive flavor to this third-year tree. For color, half-a-dozen gleaming, expandable foil ornaments have been introduced (each is a deep, glowing hue on one side, gold on the other side); and the red, pink and silver beads that decked the first-year tree are back again, this time looped in clusters tied with ribbons. For the home-crafted touch: a galaxy of stars and other geometric shapes designed by Mary Volkert to be made with toothpicks. These go especially well with the natural wood and reed tones of the European decorations, but another year you might spray the stars with bright paints.
everyone agrees that the first point to consider when choosing music and television equipment is the quality of its performance. so many exciting technical advances have been made over the past few years that you will find today's equipment produces a richer, more sparkling sound and a clearer, steadier picture than ever before. to match these looking and listening refinements, the cabinets that house music equipment have also been drastically revamped. today you can buy a complete hi-fi or stereo system, or tv, in a cabinet that is actually a handsome piece of furniture and will fit in beautifully with all the rest of the furniture in your room. many of the new cabinets, in fact, have been designed by leading furniture designers—in some cases to match other pieces in their collections. several cabinets also double for other purposes: some have drawers or shelves that will give you extra storage space; others are finished on the back so that they can be used as room dividers. and you will find new cabinets in a welcome variety of shapes and sizes. for a room in which floor space is restricted, there are tall, slim models, like the high-rising armoire, opposite page. for a spacious room with a long sweep of wall, there are long, low designs like the credenza, below, or the hunt-board buffet on page 133.
SOUND AND STYLE MERGE HAPPILY IN NEW CABINETS

Quatrefoil cutouts make a demure pattern on the doors of a contemporary walnut TV cabinet that duplicates the design of Henredon Circa '60 furniture collection. Pleasantly scaled cabinet (40½ inches long, 32⅞ inches high) encloses RCA Victor 23-inch TV, might be the nucleus of an attractive composition of furniture and decorative objects at one end of a living room. Remote control for TV. The compact cabinet (28½ inches wide, 39¾ inches high), with simple lines, can be tucked neatly into a small space—a point worth noting for a one-room apartment where you do not want a set that dominates the room. Padded doors conceal the screen.

Early American maple cabinet, left, designed to match Heywood-Wakefield Old Colony furniture surrounds Sylvania 23-inch, reflection-free TV. The compact cabinet (28½ inches wide, 39¾ inches high), with simple lines, can be tucked neatly into a small space—a point worth noting for a one-room apartment where you do not want a set that dominates the room. Padded doors conceal the screen.

Diamond parquetry doors of walnut cabinet executed by Fancher Furniture open to reveal Ampex "Signature" music system consisting of a stereo tape recorder, stereo AM-FM radio and a four-speed record player. Extra-long, 64-inch cabinet might be stationed in a dining room to perform additional role as a sideboard.
A hunt board of butternut veneers conceals Capehart stereo AM-FM radio and phonograph. The 90-inch long table, which belongs to the Tomlinson Pavane collection, was ingeniously converted so that turntable, radio tuner and all controls may be reached by opening drop-front doors, while the top surface is free to display magazines, or a collection, or to be set up as a buffet for parties. Speakers face out from both ends. Forged iron base has solid pecan stretchers.

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Lobsters for Christmas

Kitchen and living room become one for a New England holiday supper

The essence of the old-fashioned Christmas that most of us dream of is a great hearth with a roaring fire and every generation of the family gathered round. And this is the scene that materializes in the Lloyd Warings' home in Rockport, Mass. when the Warings give their annual lobster supper. Like parties all over the country that precede or follow some community Christmas event such as a carol sing or a school play, the Warings' party is almost as informal as a strictly spontaneous affair. It takes place on the evening of the Rockport festival—a parade and pageant in which the whole town joins. After the pageant, the Warings—all three generations of them—return to the warmth of the living room hearth, while Mrs. Waring arranges the lobster buffet in the adjoining kitchen. On great pewter trays she heaps the scarlet lobsters, as brilliantly festive as holly berries or Christmas candles, and surrounds them with beds of glistening seaweed. In Rockport, of course, lobsters are as much a part of daily life as corn is in Iowa; but they can also be enjoyed in other parts of the country as a spectacular change from the usual holiday fare of turkey or ham. (You can order live lobsters, by mail, have them shipped fresh from sea to you.) Mrs. Waring uses the family dining table in the kitchen as a buffet—a natural choice, since the party dining table, in the living room, is only a few steps away. In this house, the kitchen and living room, with the great chimney wall between them, work as one—very much like the keeping room of an early New England house. The result is an atmosphere rich with tradition and a plan well-adapted to modern, informal parties.

On the living room hearth
the children cook hamburgers

While the grown-ups help themselves to lobster in the kitchen (reached through open doorway at far end of hearth), the Waring grandchildren cluster round the broad ledge of the hearth to enjoy their favorite fare—hamburgers. They cook them in the long-handled iron skillet, use an old toasting rack for warming buns—a happy application of Mrs. Waring's Early Americana to new, modern uses. Architect George Cameron, who designed the Warings' house, recaptured the warmth and friendliness of the American tradition in a host of ways—right down to his use of old paving bricks for the hearth. The pine beams of the ceiling and door frame were hand-hewn; the paneling of the walls was joined with beaded strips in manner of early carpentry.
The kitchen is the serving center for the grown-ups

Because of the way the kitchen and living room work together—and because of the simple yet hearty menu—service at the Warings' Christmas pageant party is delightfully easy. Diners move freely through the wide doorway, above, to help themselves at the kitchen table, then carry their steaming plates to the dining table in the living room, just a few steps away. From there, the Warings' sons and daughters can keep an eye on their children, busy with hamburgers at the hearth. The cooking center, left, built into the back of the chimney wall, carries the atmosphere of the living room hearth into the kitchen. A modern surface cooking unit is set into a stone slab that tops the counter-high brick wall. The wall oven is built into the chimney itself. Old bricks were used here, too. Their roughened, lime-whitened surfaces once enclosed old Boston houses built in the early 1800's. The pale yellow refrigerator stands at the far end of the chimney wall. Along opposite wall (see plan, opposite page) is the food preparation area, with counters topped in green Formica to match green vinyl floor covering.
A friend of mine, in clearing out his old family home in New England, found several unlabeled bottles in a cobwebbed corner of the wine cellar. He remembered his father telling him some twenty years ago that these unlabeled bottles were all that remained of a supply of rum his grandfather had put in shortly before the War between the States.

In the old tradition, this Boston gentleman had ordered each year a goodly supply of New England rum. In those days to be without rum in the cellar was as unthinkable as being without salt and pepper in the kitchen.

Recently I sat in my friend's New York apartment sipping the 100-year-old rum. Of course rum does not age in the bottle, but as we poured the golden liquid, we felt that it somehow linked us with the gracious life of our ancestors.

**A rum for everyone**

Today rum is returning to its rightful place as a general favorite. We are rediscovering what the Colonials knew—that, of all liquors, rum is the most versatile. It can be light, medium or heavy; it can be alcoholic as being without salt and pepper in the kitchen.

You can drink rum straight, on-the-rocks, in a highball, in a rum old-fashioned or rum sour. For warm days rum appears in a daiquiri, a rum collins, rum-and-tonic, planter's punch, old-fashioned mint julep or combined with any citrus juice. In winter rum warms you, in a spicy hot toddy or hot buttered rum. Rum combines with other liquors or flavorings to make punches, eggnogs, and Tom and Jerrys for festive occasions.

Rum was the favorite tipple from Boston to Charleston, the standard drink in the old Southern taverns and in the elegant Philadelphia town house. It was also the commonplace drink in the taverns on the post roads and byways.

Southerners were great rum drinkers from the start, many plantation owners had come from Barbados and Jamaica to grow rice and indigo in the hot marsh-lands of the Carolinas. Southern hospitality demanded the presence of the big silver punchbowl filled with a good hearty rum punch, and at Yuletide with a rich creamy eggnog. On hot summer days, southerners chased the heat with the original mint julep, made not with bourbon, but with rum.

In the colder climate of the northern colonies, popular rum punches were supplemented with many sorts of warming rum drinks. In addition to taking rum straight, northerners drank it in hot groggs, hot toddies, and even mixed it with beer for a truly potent concoction.

One of these rum-beer mixtures, known as "flip," was among the most popular of Colonial drinks. Made with molasses, beer and rum, it was heated and stirred with a red hot poker called a "log-gerhead." On cold winter evenings the men often sat before the fire consuming mug after mug of flip. Sometimes, well warned with the drink, the tipplers might get into arguments about political differences with the mother country, England. If the argument grew as heated as the flip, the contestants were apt to grab the loggerheads to emphasize their views. Thus arose the expression "to be at loggerheads."

**RICH RUM EGGNOG**

| 1/2 dozen eggs | 1 1/2 pounds of brown sugar |
| 4 ounces of medium Jamaica rum | 1/4 cup of chopped fresh mint leaves |
| 1/2 cup freshly squeezed lime juice | 1 large bowl each of allspice, cinnamon and clove |

Blend the rum and sugar and let it stand for 2 hours. Beat the egg yolks until frothy and add the flavored rum gradually. Stir constantly. Let this mixture stand about 3 hours.

Whip the cream until stiff and fold into the rum mixture. Re-frigerate the eggnog for 2 hours. When ready to serve, heap into a large bowl and place the bowl in another bowl filled with ice. Dust with nutmeg.

**TOM AND JERRY**

| 1 dozen eggs | 1/2 pound of brown sugar |
| 4 ounces of Jamaica rum | 1 tablespoon each of allspice, cinnamon and clove |

Separate the egg and beat the egg whites separately. Beat the sugar and spices into the yolks and slowly add the rum, stirring constantly. Fold in whites and heat mixture in a large bowl.

To serve, put a ladle of the mixture into each mug; add 2 ounces of rum and fill the mug with boiling water. Stir vigorously until foamy; dust with nutmeg.

**MINTED RUM PUNCH**

| 1 quart of strong tea | 2 fists of light rum |
| 1 pint of heavy Jamaican rum | 1 cup freshly squeezed lime juice |
| 1/2 cup of sugar (or more, to taste) | 1/2 cup of chopped fresh mint leaves |
| 2 chilled bottles of French champagne |

Dissolve the sugar in the tea and add this to the rum and lime juice. Pour over a large block of ice in a punch bowl. Just before serving, add champagne and stir in mint leaves. Decorate with mint sprays.

Curiously, people who are turning to rum today as a novelty are in fact reviving a tradition as old as America itself. Gentlemen of the old school, like my friend's grandfather, usually ordered rum for household use in barrels and cases. From pre-Revolutionary days, winter evenings meant hot rum toddies or hot buttered rum.

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Rum was so popular that workmen demanded, and received, rations of it while on the job. In 1737, the men constructing a new meeting house in a Massachusetts village consumed 69 gallons in a single week. A visitor to Philadelphia in 1744 reported that he was given rum punch before and during lunch, enjoyed rum ted.
HOUSE & GARDEN'S
Ham Cook Book
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...on your table

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Three notable incidents in mankind's gastronomic past were the first sip of the fermented juice of the grape, the discovery that milk could be curdled and solidified to make cheese and the invention of smoked and cured meat.

Ham, noblest of the cured meats, must have been known for thousands of years inasmuch as ancient Chinese recipes call for it. In much of Europe, ham smoked and hung in the chimney is traditional peasant fare, which explains why so many hearty regional recipes are based on that meat. Our own hams have a venerable past. In colonial Virginia and Maryland each manor had its smokehouse where the head of the family presided, applying his special formula to the curing process.

Salt, sugar and smoke are the basic ingredients for curing ham but variations, plus special flavorings, definitely affect the taste. Hams may be cured with smoke from apple or hickory wood, or from sassafras. The quality of the pig and its feeding have profound effects on the meat—witness hams from the artichoke-fed pigs of Missouri, the peanut-fed pigs of the South and pepper-cured hams from the peach-fed pigs of the Shenandoah Valley. With all these variables at work, it's no wonder that the hams of the world are so different, ranging from the mild, pale-pink hams of Paris, Prague, Denmark and parts of our own Middle West to the rich, red hams of Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee.

In a special class are fine raw hams from Westphalia, the Black Forest, Bayonne in France, and Ardennes in Belgium.

Truly ham is a most versatile invention and one to feast on in its many forms and flavors.

General Instructions for Cooking Hams

AGED HAMS: These are hams that have been cured, smoked and hung for one to seven years. As they age, they dry out and some mold forms. Do not expect a fine aged ham to be a beautiful sight before it is cooked. It needs a good scrubbing and long soaking. Before the war I used to get fine 7-year-old hams from Kentucky. These took at least three days' soaking.

First, scrub the ham thoroughly with a stiff brush. Use plenty of soap and hot water. Yes, I mean soap. But of course you will avoid the perfume detergents. Use plain, unperfumed household soap. Rinse the ham well and put it in a kettle with water to cover. Soak it overnight, or longer if necessary.

To cook, drain the ham and cover it with fresh water. Bring to a boil, lower the heat and cook gently. The water should not be actually boiling, but there should be some rippling on the surface. There are two methods for timing the boiling process. You may weigh the ham after it has soaked and cook it for 20 minutes per pound. Remove it from the liquid and let it cool. Or, you may simply cook it for 2½ hours and let it cool in the liquid.

After the ham has cooled, remove the skin and place the ham in a roasting pan, fat side up. Add your favorite glaze and bake in a 300° oven until well-glazed and heated through. This will take about 45 minutes to 1 hour.

I find the traditional method of studding the ham with cloves and adding a liberal amount of brown sugar a little overpowering for my taste buds. A fine-flavored ham should not be drowned with too much spice and sweet. I suggest a more simple glaze. Try rubbing the ham with a little brown sugar or honey mixed with dry mustard and baste it during the baking with Madeira, sherry, rum or cognac. One of the best hams I ever prepared was soaked in Jamaican rum, rubbed lightly with brown sugar and mustard and basted with Jamaican rum. It was superb.

COUNTRY HAMS: Regional hams are produced by small smokehouses here and there across the country. The hams are usually heavily smoked and rich. Some must be soaked and boiled; others are partly cooked; some are ready-to-eat. Cooking instructions come with each ham.

TENDERIZED AND READY-TO-EAT HAMS. Producers of tenderized hams state that they are ready-to-eat, but I find them much tastier if they are baked and basted. Some of these hams are quite wet. If the ham seems too damp, pierce it with a fork several times as it bakes to release the excess liquid. Bake at 300° for 10 minutes per pound. Then take the ham from the oven and cut off the rind. Add your glaze and continue baking for another 10 to 15 minutes. I find that basting these hams with sherry, Madeira or cider while they are baking gives them an exceptionally fine flavor.

CANNED HAMS: Canned hams come in various weights—from 2 to 12 or 14 pounds. They are boned, cooked and ready-to-eat. Usually, they are simply sliced and served cold for sandwiches or cold plates, but they can be served hot. Glaze them and bake for 7 to 8 minutes per pound in a 300° oven, basting with any of the liquids suggested above.

Since a canned ham is boneless, it is not as attractive on the platter as a regular ham. Give it the added touch of an elaborate garnish. Or, bake it in a crust. (See recipe on page 140.)
Suggestions for Glazes

Ham with pickled peach glaze
Rub the ham with a little mustard and baste it as it bakes with the juice from a large can of pickled peaches mixed with the can juices. Remove the ham to a platter. Heat the peaches in the broiler. Skim the fat from the pan juices and add % cup of seedless raisins. Surround the ham with the pickled peaches and serve the sauce separately.

Ham with champagne sauce
Rub the ham with a little brown sugar and mustard and baste it with champagne as it bakes. Remove the ham to a platter. Skim the fat from the pan juices and cook the juices down for a few minutes. Serve this sauce separately.

Ham with paprika crust
Bake the ham plain. About 20 minutes before it is done, remove it from the oven. Mix 1 tablespoon of mustard, 2 tablespoons of paprika and 1 1/2 cups of fine dry bread crumbs with enough fat from the pan to bind. Spread this paste over the top of the ham and finish cooking.

Cold ham with apricot glaze
(a: shown on the book cover)
Rub the fat with a little mustard and bake the ham plain. Remove it from the oven and arrange on a platter. Melt 1 pint of apricot jam and put it through a fine sieve. Cook down the sieved jam and add 2 tablespoons of cognac. Cool slightly and spread as a glaze over the cool ham.

Variation: Substitute grape jelly for apricot.

What to Serve with Ham

In general, the smoky, salty flavor of ham does not go well with red or white still wines. On the other hand, champagne seems to enhance the flavor of ham, and its crisp quality is an excellent foil for the rich meat. A young, fruity rosé wine is also a good choice for ham; or try the sparkling ciders from England or France.

Never serve highly seasoned pickled fruits with your ham if you are serving a fine champagne. Such condiments overwhelm the taste of the delicate wine. You may, however, serve the pickled accompaniments with a rosé.

Beer is the natural choice with some ham dishes. For example: boiled ham with vegetables, ham with cabbage, or cold ham with salad. If you serve imported raw hams for hors d’oeuvre and many hors d’oeuvre ham dishes are especially friendly to chilled white wines and young reds. When choosing wines for ham, do not select the “greats.” Serve simple gulping wines.

Accompaniments for Baked Ham

GARNITURES:
1. Artichoke bottoms stuffed with a pilaf made with wild rice
2. Spinach timbales
3. Purée of green peas
4. Tomatoes filled with spinach soufflé

SAUCES:
1. A selection of fine mustards
2. Hot mustard sauce: Prepare a cream sauce with the pan juices and flavor it to taste with dry mustard, Dijon mustard and French’s mustard.
3. Horse-radish sauce: Mix whipped cream or sour cream with horse-radish to taste.
5. Cumberland sauce: Melt 1 glass of currant jelly and add 4 tablespoons of molten butter, 2 teaspoons of prepared mustard, 1/2 teaspoon of dry mustard. Blend. Stir in 1/4 cup of port wine.

HORS D’OEUVRE

Many of the famous European hams and also some American hams are great delicacies for the hors d’oeuvre table. The most popular way to serve them is in thin, thin slices with coarsely ground black pepper and thin slices of good bread and sweet butter. Look for the following:

Prosciutto: Italian ham. The finest variety comes from Parma and is known as Jambon de Parma or Parma ham. Prosciutto is now in the United States and if you can’t find the import, the American version is very satisfactory. Sliced paper thin, it is delicious with the simple addition of freshly ground black pepper. Arranged over slices of melon it makes an excellent first course. It is also remarkably good with other fruits, such as fresh figs, pears, pineapple, apples.

Or wrap strips of prosciutto around thin Italian bread sticks for a cocktail snack.

Jambon d’Ardennes: A Belgian import that is similar to Italian hams. It, too, is served thinly sliced with coarse black pepper, and like prosciutto it is excellent with fruit.

Jambon de Bayonne: A French regional ham that is made in the Pays Basque. Great French restaurants keep this ham on a ham rack ready to be sliced into thin slices and served as a first course with the usual black pepper. It has an unusual, rather intense flavor, and the bits and pieces left from the ham are often added to rogouts and soups.

Jambon de Morvan: another regional French ham. It is eaten plain with pepper and also added to rogouts.

Jambon de Toulouse: A French ham that is dried and salted, but not smoked. It is served raw with black pepper, added to rogouts and often sliced, poached and served hot with a sauce.

Jamon Serrano: A famous Spanish ham which has been aged by burying in the ground for at least a year. The flavor and texture are unique. Jamon Serrano is shipped in tins and available at good specialty shops. You may serve it plain or with fruit.

Westphalian ham: An old favorite from Germany that resembles Parma ham from Italy. There is also an American-made Westphalian ham on the market. Both are excellent served in thin slices for hors d’oeuvre, or added to a vegetable salad or potato salad for a first course. I enjoy Westphalian ham with melon and other fruits.

Black Forest ham: A German ham that is hot-smoked and black on the outside. Its intensely smoky flavor makes it a fine cocktail snack. It is also good served with other hearty charcuterie on a cold-meat platter.

Lachschenk: A German smoked meat which is not made from the ham of the pig, but from the loin, rolled and cured. Thin slices of Lachschenk, sliced into hors d’oeuvre and often served as a vegetable salad, or sprinkled on fresh melon, are very appetizing.

Smithfield ham: The American classic from Virginia. Serve thinly sliced as a cocktail snack. It is also delicious with melon or fresh figs. A whole baked Smithfield ham is a wonderful main dish for a large cocktail party.

Hot Ham and Cheese Balls
2 cups ground cooked ham
2 cups fine toasted bread crumbs
1 cup grated Parmesan cheese
4 eggs, beaten
1 minced onion
4 tablespoons chopped parsley

Fat for deep frying

Combine the ground ham with 1 1/2 cups of the bread crumbs, the cheese, eggs, onion and parsley. Roll into small balls and roll them in the rest of the bread crumbs until evenly coated.

Heat fat in a deep fryer to 360° and fry the ham balls until crisp and hot through. Serve on toothpicks with any or all of the following sauces for dunking: hot mustard sauce; horseradish and sour cream; puréed or finely chopped chutney; tap sauce (a spicy sauce imported from India); or an old-fashioned homemade relish or chili sauce.

Ham Cornucopias in Port Aspic

Slice boiled ham or canned ham into thin uniform pieces. Roll each piece into a cornucopia. Put puree of foil gras in a pastry tube and stuff each cornucopia. Top each one with a thin slice of truffle. (See illustration of techniques opposite.) Arrange the stuffed cornucopias in a shallow serving dish or platter, placing them in a fan-shaped pattern, a rosette pattern, or any decorative pattern that you wish. Melt port wine jelly and cool it until half solid. Spoon a little of the jelly over the cornucopias and chill until firm; add more jelly and chill again. Continue until the cornucopias are completely glazed.

Deviled Ham Spread
2 cups finely chopped or ground cooked ham
1/2 cup chopped nuts (cashews or pecans)
Mayonnaise

Blend the ham and nuts and add enough mayonnaise to bind. To serve, place a mound of the ham spread in the center of a large plate or platter and surround it with toast fingers. Or make tiny sandwiches of the spread.

Variations:
1. Blend the ground ham with chopped chutney to taste and bind with mayonnaise.
2. Blend the ground ham with chopped sweet pickle to taste and bind with mayonnaise.
3. Season the ham with Dijon mustard to taste and bind with mayonnaise.

Ham Pâté
1/4 pound pork liver
4 eggs
1/4 pound ground pork with fat
1 pound ground cooked ham
2 garlic cloves, ground
1 medium sized onion, ground
1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 tablespoon ground ginger
1/4 cup cognac
1/4 cup Madeira
4 thick slices tongue or cooked ham
1/2 pound very thinly sliced salt pork

Cut the pork liver into thin strips and grind it fine. Mix it with the 4 eggs. Or put half the strips of pork liver into an electric blender with 2 eggs and blend; repeat with 2 more eggs and the rest of the liver.

Mix the liver blend with the ground pork and ground ham. Add the garlic, onion, pepper, spices, cognac and Madeira and mix thoroughly.
Halve chilled slices of boiled ham. Roll around thumb in cone.

Line a tin cornucopia mold with the rolled ham wrapped around your thumb.

Insert second mold inside first in order to flatten ham; make it hold shape.

With scissors, nip off excess ham and fat hanging over edges of the molds.

Fill pastry bag with softened foie gras; pipe it into cornucopias.

Cut round of truffle slightly smaller than mold, pat on foie gras. Chill.

Run point of knife around edge of mold to loosen cornucopia. Turn out on dish.

Arrange ham cornucopias in rosette pattern. Spoon port aspic over them.
Ham Slices Arloise

2 ham slices, 2” thick
1 pound mushrooms
6 tablespoons butter
2½ cup parsley of jote gras or good liver pâté
1 cup Madeira
Slice the mushrooms and sauté them in the butter. Arrange the ham slices in a baking dish and spread them with the pâté. Top with some of the mushrooms and surround with the rest. Add ½ cup of Madeira to the pan and place in a 350° oven. Bake for 10 minutes and then pour the rest of the Madeira over the ham. Bake another 10 minutes and baste. Bake 10 more minutes and test for doneness. If not yet done, cook 5-8 minutes more.
Serve with a barley casserole with almonds added and a good green salad, Champagne is the perfect drink. Serves 6.

LUNCHEON DISHES

Italian Ham and Eggs

For each serving allow:
2 thin slices toast
2 thin slices lightly sautéed ham
2 poached eggs
1/2 cup sauce Mornay (see House & Garden’s Sauce Cook Book)
Grated Parmesan cheese
Place the toast on a flame-proof dish. Top each piece with a slice of ham and a poached egg. Cover with sauce Mornay and sprinkle with grated Parmesan. Run under the broiler to glaze.

Jambon Persillé

Boil a small ham in half water and half Alsatian wine until tender. Remove it from the broth and cool. Cut into uneven dice.
Prepare an aspic with the liquor in which the ham was cooked. Chop a lavish amount of parsley. You will want at least half as much parsley as you have ham. Arrange the ham mixed with the parsley in a mold and cover with the aspic. Place a double layer of foil over the top and weight the ham down with canned goods until it is thoroughly cooled. Serve in thin slices. Serves 10-12.

Ham Salad

2½ cups cubed cooked ham
1/2 cup chopped celery
1/2 cup chopped scallions
1/2 cup chopped sweet pickle or chutney
Mayonnaise flavored with Dijon mustard
Remoulade
Hard-cooked eggs, finely chopped parsley
Cut the ham into neat cubes and remove all fat and gristle. Combine with the celery, scallions, pickle and bread with the mustard mayonnaise. Heap on a bed of remoulade, surround with hard-cooked eggs and garnish with a sprinkling of chopped parsley. Serves 6.

Cold Ham Platters

Arrange neat slices of cold ham with slices of cold chicken, turkey or tongue on a shallow platter. Cover with a port or sherry aspic.

Ham Balls, Sweet and Sour

2 pounds ground ham (left-over ham is excellent)
1 pound ground veal
1 teaspoon mustard
2 tablespoons finely chopped onion
Dry bread crumbs
1/2 cup very heavy cream sauce
Fat for deep frying
Flour
3 well-beaten eggs
1 cup honey
3/4 cup wine vinegar
2 tablespoons soy sauce
3/4 cup water
1 cup of Chinese mixed ginger fruits (available in Chinese food shops)
Mix the ground meats, mustard, chopped onion, 2 cups of bread crumbs and the cream sauce. Form into balls and chill thoroughly.
Heat fat in a deep fryer to 360°. Dip the meat balls into flour, then into the beaten eggs and finally into the crumbs. Fry until nicely browned and drain on absorbent paper.
Combine the honey, vinegar, soy sauce and water and bring to the boiling point. Lower the heat; simmer for 5 minutes. Add the ginger fruits and heat through. Serve the ham balls with the sauce poured around them. Serves 6.

WHOLE COOKED HAMS

Baked Country Ham, Sauce à la Crème

Whole ham, 10-12 pounds
1 pint white wine
Granulated sugar
Select a good country ham and read the directions for preparing it. If it does not need boiling first, remove skin with a sharp knife and place ham in a large roasting pan. Add the white wine, cover the pan and bake in a 350° oven for 2½ to 3 hours. If the ham must be soaked and boiled first, take the saucepan from the fire and stir in the well-beaten eggs.
In a skillet, put butter and oil, half-and-half, to a depth of ½”. Heat until bubbly. Drop the spinach by spoonfuls into the hot fat and cook on each side until nicely browned. This will take about 3/4 minutes per side. Serve hot with the ham and Sauce à la Crème.

Left-over Ham, Sauce à la Crème

Cut left-over ham into thin slices and heat in a little white wine. Arrange the slices on a platter and pour Sauce à la Crème over them. Serve with galette potatoes and brocolli purée.

Country Ham in Crème

Whole country ham
1 carrot
1 onion stuck with 2 cloves
2 bay leaves
1 cup wine vinegar
Pantry—double the amount needed for a two-crust pie
Brown sugar
Fresly ground black pepper
Pinch or two ground clove
Pinch or two ground cinnamon
Dry mustard or Dijon mustard
Fine-dry bread crumbs
1 egg yolk
1 glass Madeira
Soak and scrub the ham according to directions. When ready to boil, cover the ham with fresh cold water and add the carrot, onion stuck with cloves, bay leaves and wine vinegar. Follow directions for boiling aged ham.
While the ham is cooking, prepare your favorite pastry dough. Regular pie pastry is excellent, or you may use a puff pastry for a truly elegant crust. Put the pastry in the refrigerator to chill.
When the ham is cooked and cooled, remove the skin and trim off all excess fat. Rub the surface with brown sugar, black pepper, a little ground clove and cinnamon, and sprinkle with dry mustard or spread with Dijon. Sprinkle dry bread crumbs over all and press them in well.
Roll out the crust until it is large enough to cover top and sides of the ham, reserving a few snippets for decorations from the snippets of dough, cut designs; leaves, flowers, or whatever appeals to you. Cut a hole in the top center of the dough. Arrange the dough designs on the top sauce and continue stirring and cooking over hot water until the sauce is thickened. Do not let it boil or it will curdle. Add the butter and seasonings and blend well. Fold in a little chopped parsley and serve with the baked ham.

Spinach Puffs

2 pounds spinach
4 tablespoons butter
3 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 tablespoon flour
3 eggs, well-beaten
Butter
Oil
Wash the spinach well and blanch it in boiling water. Drain and plunge into cold water. Drain again, thoroughly, and dry it very fine. Dry out the spinach by placing it in a pan over a brisk flame and tossing it well with a wooden spoon until the moisture has evaporated.
Melt the butter in a saucepan and add the spinach. Season with salt and pepper and sprinkle with flour. Blend with a wooden spoon. Take the saucepan from the fire and stir in the well-beaten eggs.
In a skillet, put butter and oil, half-and-half, to a depth of ½”. Heat until bubbly. Drop the spinach by spoonfuls into the hot fat and cook on each side until nicely browned. This will take about 3/4 minutes per side. Serve the ham and Spinach Puffs.

Sauce à la Crème

1/2 cup wine vinegar
6-6 shallots, finely chopped
2 tablespoons chopped fresh tarragon or 1/2 teaspoon dried tarragon
1/2 cup broth or consommé
3 tablespoons ham broth
1/4 cup heavy cream
3 egg yolks
2 tablespoons butter
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
Chopped parsley
Put the vinegar, shallots and tarragon in a pan and cook rapidly until reduced to one-half volume. Transfer it to a double boiler and add the broth, ham broth and cream. Heat through over hot water. Beat the egg yolks and add a little of the hot liquid to them. Stir this mixture into the
of the ham, gluing them to the crust with a little cold water.

Beat the egg yolk with a little water and brush lightly over all. Bake the ham in a 300° oven for 1 ¼ to 1 ½ hours. If necessary, raise the heat a little toward the end of the baking to brown the crust well. Remove the ham from the oven and place it on a platter. Pour a glass of Madeira into the hole in the top of the crust.

Serve with a Madeira sauce (see recipe for Jambon Braisé au Mâître) and chopped spinach blended with sautéed mushrooms. This elegant ham calls for a fine champagne.

**Ready-to-eat Ham in Crust**

**Whole ready-to-eat ham**
1 pint sherry or Madeira
Mustard
Granulated sugar
Freshly ground black pepper
Ground cinnamon
Ground clove
Fine dry bread crumbs
Pastry

Remove the skin and excess fat and place the ham fat side down in a roasting pan. Add a pint of sherry or Madeira, cover the pan and bake in a 350° oven for 1 ½ hours. Remove from the oven and let stand until cool. Spread the ham with mustard and sprinkle with granulated sugar. Add a little black pepper, ground cinnamon and ground clove. Press in the bread crumbs.

Cover with pastry, decorate and bake, following directions for Country Ham in Crust.

**Jambon Braisé au Mâître**

12-14 pound ham (ready-to-eat, country ham or aged ham that has previously been boiled)
2 tablespoons granulated sugar
2 tablespoons prepared mustard (Dijon)
Madeira wine
1 ½ cups brown sauce or Franco-American beef gravy
2 trifles, finely chopped

Skin the ham and rub the fat with the sugar and mustard. Place the ham in a large roasting pan and over it pour 1 pint of Madeira. Cover with a lid or foil and bake in a 350° oven. Allow 10 minutes per pound for a ready-to-eat ham. If you are using a previously boiled ham, bake it no more than 1 ½ hours.

Combine ¾ cup of liquid from the pan in which the ham was baked with ¾ cup of Madeira and 1 ½ cups of brown sauce. Bring to a boil, lower the heat and simmer for 4 minutes. Add the trifles and simmer another minute or so.

Serve the ham with the Madeira sauce and puréed yams or thin slices of sautéed cornmeal mush or polenta. No drink complements this elegant ham more perfectly than a fine French champagne.

**Variations:** You may make this dish with a rich, rather sweet sherry, with port, with Jamaica rum or cognac.

**Kentucky Baked Ham**

**Whole Kentucky ham, aged**
Flour and water paste
Brown or granulated sugar
Dry mustard
Freshly ground black pepper

Aged Kentucky hams are hard to come by, but if you can get one, you have a rare treat in store.

Soak and scrub the ham according to directions. Boil gently, allowing 20 minutes per pound.

When it has cooked and is cool enough to handle, remove the skin and excess fat. Prepare a fairly stiff flour and water paste and cover the ham with this. Bake in a 300° oven for 2 hours.

Remove the crust and sprinkle the ham with a little brown or granulated sugar. Sprinkle lightly with dry mustard and add freshly ground black pepper rather liberally. Raise the oven temperature to 450° and return the ham to the oven to glaze.

Serve with a good mustard sauce or a variety of fine mustards. Kale or mustard greens and potatoes boiled in their jackets are traditional with this ham. To drink, choose beer or a good English cider.

**Kentucky Ham, Cold**

**Whole aged Kentucky ham**
2 tablespoons dry mustard
Wine vinegar
1 egg yolk
Fine dry bread crumbs
Granulated sugar
1 cup sherry

Soak, wash and boil the ham according to directions. When cool enough to handle, remove the skin and excess fat. Mix the dry mustard with enough white vinegar to make a paste and spread this on the ham. Beat the egg yolk with a little water and brush over the top of the ham. Sprinkle with bread crumbs and granulated sugar. Place the ham in a roasting pan and add the sherry. Bake in a 400° oven for ½ hour, basting every 8 minutes with the sherry and pan juices. Use additional sherry if necessary.

Let the ham cool but do not chill it. Carve in paper-thin slices and serve with potatoes Anna, and a string bean salad dressed with sour cream and dill and garnished with rings of red Italian onions. With this delectable combination, drink a good Tavel rosé or an Almaden Grenache rosé.

**Boiled Ham and Cabbage**

One half ham, or shoulder ham, or picnic ham
1 onion stuck with 2 cloves
1 bay leaf
½ cup wine vinegar
1 teaspoon mustard seed
4-6 carrots, peeled
4-6 turnips, peeled
1 small to medium-sized head cabbage

Place the ham in a kettle with water to cover and add the onion stuck with cloves, the bay leaf, vinegar and mustard seed. Bring to a boil, lower the heat and simmer for about 18 minutes per pound; or follow any special directions that come with your ham.

Forty minutes before the ham is done, add the carrots and turnips. Halve the vegetables if they are large.

Meanwhile, wash the cabbage and cut it into quarters or sixths. Cook in boiling, salted water until it is just done, but still crisp. Drain well, add plenty of butter and season to taste with salt and freshly ground black pepper.

Serve the ham, carrots, turnips and cabbage with boiled potatoes, cornbread, pickles and a variety of mustards. This hearty peasant dish calls for good cold beer.

If there is any ham left over, serve it the next day with a bubble-and-squeak. This is made by hashing the left-over vegetables and sautéing them in ham fat.

Save the ham broth; it can be used as stock for a delicious pea or lentil soup.
Ham Glazed with Aspic

10-12 pound country ham, ready-to-eat or previously boiled
1 pint sherry
Aspic jelly, chauldroid sauce (see House & Garden's Aspic Cook Book)
Truffles

Place the ham, with skin on, in a roasting pan and add the sherry. Cover and bake in a 350° oven, allowing 10 minutes per pound for a ready-to-eat ham, or 1 1/2 hours for a ham that has been previously boiled.

Allow the ham to cool and carefully remove the skin and trim the excess fat. The surface should be a thin layer of perfectly smooth white fat. Stir chauldroid sauce over ice until on point of setting, then carefully coat surface of ham with sauce. Put in refrigerator to set.

Chill part of the aspic very firm and leave the rest in a semi-jellied state, about the consistency of egg white. Cut thin slices of truffle and, using a truffle cutter, shape them into interesting patterns. Attach the truffle shapes to the ham with a truffle culler, shape into interesting patterns.

Trim off the skin and excess fat. With a very sharp knife, cut out a large section at the top of the ham, removing the choice part of the meat. You need a bowl-shaped hollow in the ham. Fill this with foie gras or liver pâté. Glaze with the aspic and chill.

Cut the ham you have removed from the center into even, thin slices. Arrange these around the stuffed ham and top each with a decorative piece of truffle. Cover with aspic and garnish with tiny mounds of chopped aspic. Add a paper frill to the shank bone. Serve each guest a slice of ham and a spoonful of foie gras.

**FRIED HAM**

**Ham and Eggs**

Good fried ham and eggs is a classic American dish. Unfortunately, it is seldom prepared with the care it deserves. To begin with, the ham should be cut medium thick—about 3/8" to 1/2" thick. The eggs should be very fresh.

Sauté the ham slowly in a little ham fat. Into the skill in which the ham was cooked, pour some heavy cream—about 1/2 cup for 2 ham slices. Cook the cream down with the pan juices and season to taste with salt and plenty of freshly ground black pepper. Pour this sauce over the eggs.

Serve with crisp fried potatoes.

**Fried Ham with Red Gravy**

Fry the ham slices as above. When browned on both sides remove it to a hot platter and add 1/2-1% cup of cold water to the pan. Cook this down with the pan juices until the sauce turns red. Pour over the ham slice. (Some Southern cooks use black coffee in place of water.)

For a list of where to send for aged, country and imported hams, write to H&G Reader Service.

**Ham Stuffed with Foie Gras**

10-12 pound ham
1 pint Madeira
Foie gras or liver pâté
Aspic jelly (see House & Garden's Aspic Cook Book) flavored with Madeira
Truffles

Follow directions for Ham Glazed with Aspic, baking the ham with Madeira instead of sherry. Trim off the skin and excess fat. With a very sharp knife, cut out a large section at the top of the ham, removing the choice part of the meat. You need a bowl-shaped hollow in the ham. Fill this with foie gras or liver pâté. Glaze with the aspic and chill.

Carefully and quickly spoon aspic on the point of setting over the surface, again pouring from side of spoon so ham is evenly coated with aspic.

Coat surface of cooked ham with chauldroid sauce on point of setting, pouring from side of spoon so surface is coated evenly and rapidly.

Stamp out truffle rounds and crescents with small, circular cutter. Decorate ham with crescents down sides, overlapping rounds down center.

Arrange chilled ham on platter, border with chopped set aspic. Fold sheet of white paper in half, snip folded edge, tape into frill for bone.
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such as the country people used to use. They sell for 90 cents apiece and can be used for small salads and fruits, too.

One of the largest collections of the work of Puerto Rican artists is also to be found in this shop. There are water colors and oil paintings and a wide variety of prints—woodblocks, serigraphs and linoleum cuts. Prices start at a few dollars. (You can buy Puerto Rican paintings at the Campeche Gallery, too, or directly from the artists.

Graphic arts constitute the leading art expression in Puerto Rico today and the Puerto Rican work has received wide recognition. The prints cover such a broad range, from realistic to the most abstract, that any one should be able to find something he likes without any concession in quality. The print-making has developed within the last ten years and the same artists who are now making prints have become known the world over for their posters. Not long ago Puerto Rico was well represented in an exhibition of posters at the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto, although the work of only a few Puerto Rican artists had been submitted.

The Institute of Culture is selling posters for $1.50 each. They are printed on good paper by the silk-screen process and are numbered and signed by the artists. The clear strong colors of these posters should make a big splash on playroom or a bar wall. Before you leave Puerto Rico, be sure to drive "out on the island" into the mountains, which are lush and dramatic, with wide deep valleys dropping away from the roadsides. Ponce, on the southern coast, beside the Caribbean Sea, has a fine new hotel, the Ponce Intercontinental, perched on a hill above the city, with a magnificent view as well as a swimming pool.

Puerto Rico today is bustling but peaceful, quite untouched by the political turbulence in Cuba, a thousand miles to the west. And everywhere you go you will encounter the famous friendliness of Puerto Ricans. If you ask your questions with a smile, conversation will follow, even though the English may be faulty. Visitors have often reported with gratitude that the Puerto Rican from whom they asked a direction did not stop with a verbal explanation. He was happy to go out of his way to conduct them personally to wherever they wanted to go.

ADDRESS BOOK

Here are some of the shops where you can buy Puerto Rican art, handcrafts and other products of native design.

SAN JUAN
Galería Antillas—Caribe Hilton Hotel
Notre Dame Industrial School—256 Ponce de Leon Avenue (embroidery)
Puerto Rican Pottery—42 Paseo de Cordón

OLD SAN JUAN
Timi's Tortoise Shell Originals—200 Tetuan Street
Instituto de Puerto Rican Culture—Ponce de Leon Avenue & Plaza Colon (tiles, posters)
Casa Cavanagh—202 Cristo Street (decorative accessories, hammocks)
Don Roberto—205 Cristo Street (santos)
Martha Sleeper Creations, Inc.—106 Fortaleza Street (dresses)
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How to choose and use

**ROTISSERIES**

To enhance flavor and save time

"Rotissing" today can be very nearly carefree—both for the chef and the diner. Once the meat or poultry is fastened into place on the revolving spit and timer set, the rotisserie will take over with only an occasional basting. All rotisseries cook by infra-red radiation—usually from an element in the top of the appliance. The intense heat sears the rotating meat or poultry, browns the outside and seals in juices and flavor. This same degree of heat is excellent for broiling, too, and most rotisseries come with an adjustable broiling pan.

Quartz-filled top of the Radiant Queen rotisserie-broiler gives meats, fish and poultry the same wonderful zesty flavor you get by cooking with charcoal. It is smokeless, odorless and spatter-free, though completely open to the air. This rotisserie has a two-hour timer and an adjustable broiling rack. Height, 12½"; width, 17"; depth, 10½". $89.95. Hammacher-Schlemmer.

**Built-in style** NuTone electric rotisserie and barbecue grill is a self-contained unit, available with a motor-driven spit and cover, ready to set into a kitchen countertop. The case has a brushed-chrome finish; the stainless steel cover has a large window through which air can circulate. Width, 20"; depth, 21"; height, 15½". Barbecue $129.95. Rotisserie $34.95. Kitchen and Bath, Inc.

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Extra capacity of Roto-Broil Fleetwood 500 will accommodate a 27-pound turkey on its revolving spit. This rotisserie broiler has push-button heating controls and a dial that adjusts to five different temperature levels. Top lifts up to reveal grill which can be used while rotisserie is operating. Glass doors enable cook to check progress. Width, 22⅜"; depth, 15⅛"; height, 16¾". $89.95. Stern's.

Front-to-back rotating spit in this Ritz Black Angus Newport rotisserie-broiler keeps width of machine at a minimum—an advantage where kitchen counter space is limited. Rotisserie is triple-chrome plated, has adjustable broiler, two-hour timer. Width, 17¾"; depth, 17"; height, 12". $59.95. Macy's.

A four-hour timer on the heavy duty spit of the Nesco Gourmet rotisserie controls the cooking of a 15-pound turkey or 20-pound roast without your constant supervision. This roomy rotisserie-grill has an adjustable broiling tray and a grilling top hidden under the lid. Width, 22"; depth, 12¾"; height, 13¾". $49.95. Gimbel's.

Free flow of air beneath and above the removable glass door of the General Electric rotisserie-broiler keeps moisture from accumulating, ensures meats and poultry that are brown and crusty outside, juicy inside. Two work-saving features; a three-hour automatic timer and a reflector that fits between heating unit and top and slides out for easy cleaning. Case is made of chrome-plated steel. Width, 20¾"; depth, 11½"; height, 12½". $54.95. Macy's.

For store addresses see page 162.
MUSIC TO PLEASE YOUR EYE

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New music cabinets save valuable space in small rooms

Tambour doors of contemporary walnut cabinet designed to go with Drexel Declaration group roll back to uncover Motorola 23-inch TV. These space-saving doors are a boon in small quarters since you do not need to allow room for swing-open hinged doors. Here, cabinet, 43½ inches wide, fits neatly between two doors of built-in cupboards. Slim legs give the cabinet light look. Height: 31 inches.

Italian Provincial cherry veneer cabinet enclosing stereo phonograph by Stromberg Carlson may be teamed with a separate, matching speaker, 17¾ inches high, that can be used as a chairsidetable. Record changer and controls are mounted on white plates. Space in front of controls (see sketch, right) is for future installation of a radio tuner. Length: 40 inches.
Grilled doors can be clipped onto front of slim. General Electric tabletop TV, transforming it into a trim cabinet when not in use. Other notable features: 19-inch screen, swivel base for easy alterations of position, plastic feet to protect tabletop. Walnut, cherry or blond oak finish.

25 x 12 1/2 inches wide by 12 3/4 inches deep.

Sliding panel top of Magnavox Concert Hall stereophonic radio-phonograph conserves wall space. In a low-ceilinged room, you could tuck set neatly under wall-hung shelves or hang a painting above it since there is no lift-up top to interfere when the set is in use. Walnut finish. 30 1/2 inches high.

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Oblong cabinet that encloses new Ionovac speaker can be placed vertically or horizontally on a bookshelf or mounted on a base and used as a chairside table. Speaker incorporates new invention for reproducing high frequencies without distortion. 30 inches wide. Four wood finishes.

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RUM—AN ALL-SEASONS
AMERICAN FAVORITE
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Drinks at a tavern in mid-afternoon, was offered rum straight before dinner, rum punch and Madeira during dinner, rum punch and liqueurs with the ladies after dinner, and wine and rum punch until bedtime. He also noticed that the punch bowls were large enough for a goose to swim in.

After the Revolution and through the nineteenth century, rum continued to be an important household item on the Eastern seaboard. Even during my childhood in the early part of the present century, rum was often accepted as a proper drink for ladies when other liquors might have been frowned on. Tea-time in our house was a ritual that revolved around what we called Russian tea. The tea tray held, besides the hot steaming teapot, a plate of lemon wedges, a bowl of loaf sugar, a glass of cinnamon sticks and a decanter of fine rum. Each lady's potion was prepared to suit her taste, and as my mother and her friends sipped the hot rummy brew, the late afternoon hours were spun out in gay companionship. If there was gossip, it was moderated by the mellowness that comes with gentle tipping.

Another favorite of the early nineteen hundreds was Viennese tea before each performance. She insisted that she had to have it to warm and soothe her vocal cords.

Rum in cooking

Rum has always been a wonderful addition to the kitchen. It has long been known as a necessary ingredient in some of the classic desserts, such as Rhum Baba; it goes into cakes, pie fillings and flavors dessert sauces. Rum and chocolate in sweets make an ideal combination, and rum toffy is an old English favorite. Use rum for flowering desserts, especially fruits. Broiled bananas, peaches or apricots flamed with rum are delicious. And, for an unusual treat, try marinating ham in rum and then basting it with rum as it bakes. Or marinate duck in rum and baste with rum and orange juice during roasting.

Geography of rum

Unlike some liquors, rum comes from many places and offers remarkable variety in taste, consistency and color. Here is a special list of rums to look for:

1. PUERTO RICAN These include a wide range: light and delicate rums for daiquiris, collins and general summer drinking; medium rums for all-purpose use; an interesting 151 proof Don Q rum for heady hot drinks in winter and for cooking; and a new and delicious brandy-type rum, Don Q Eldorado. This last is dry, yet rich and smooth—a brilliant choice for after-dinner sipping and excellent for flaming fine dishes.

2. HAITIAN From Haiti come the famous Barbancourt rums. The 5-star is a good medium rum, excellent for mixed drinks and punches. One of my great favorites is the Barbancourt Special Reserve, an elegant liqueur rum, delicate in flavor, Drink it as you would a fine brandy.

3. JAMAICAN These have long had a reputation among rum drinkers and are noted for their pungent flavor. Most are shipped in the barrel to London and aged on London docks. Mellow and smooth, Jamaican rums come light, medium and dark. The heavy, dark types are good choices for hot drinks and punches, and make a fine ingredient in the kitchen.

4. DEMERARA This special type of rum from British Guiana is heavy, dark and rummy and comes at 86 proof and 151 proof. Use it in toddies, hot buttered rums and some punches. The 151 proof Demerara has a heavy sale in northern Canada where lumbermen and fur trappers find it a great solace during sub-zero winter weather.

5. MARTINIQUE From the French West Indies Island comes the delectable Rhum Negrita, a favorite in France, where over a million cases are sold yearly. It is a brandy-type rum, fruity but dryish with a rich aroma. Serve it as an after-dinner drink and use it to flame dessert dishes.

6. NEW ENGLAND Rum is still made in New England. It is noted for its rummy-taste and is especially suited to typical New England winter drinks which are hot buttered rums and hot toddies.
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### CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Where to buy H&G’s Christmas Lights, Fantasies in Foil and Christmas Décor Chest

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**Building data**

**Foundation:** Concrete block—Oscar Robert Company. **Exterior Walls:** 7/8” plywood panels 36” wide x 93” high—S. S. Plywood Corporation. Panels set between redwood-faced wood posts, 4” x 4”—Georgia-Pacific Corporation and Simpson Logging Company. **Roof:** Built-up composition of building paper, tar and gravel over 7/8” plywood. Framework, 2” x 12” joints on 16” centers. **Insulation:** Exterior walls and roof: 2½” glass fiber—Owens Corning Fiberglas Corporation. **Interior walls:** Bal- sam Wool—Wood Conversion Company. **Doors:** Interior; hollow core mahogany filled with glass fiber insulation and reinforced with steel angles, custom built. Folding doors; “Pella”—Rolscreen Company. **Garage Door:** 7/8” plywood hollow core filled with glass fiber insulation, custom built. **Windows:** Wood frame fixed glass panels; casement type louver sash for ventilation. **Glass:** Insulating type, “Thermopane”—Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Co, Fireplace: Common brick, vitreous tile flues. Cast-iron damper—Adams Company. **Interior Walls:** 36” wide x 93” high panels of ½” gypsum wallboard—U. S. Gypsum Company.

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**Seven ways to decorate**

1. Decorations arranged on Celanese sheer white Fortison ninon curtains.
3. Victorian ceramic reindeer, about 12" long, $60. At Doris Dessauer, 210 E. 38th St., New York, N. Y.
4. Ovate Danish crystal plate, purple 21" x 27", $27.95. At Bloomingdale's, 743 Lexington Ave., New York, N. Y.
5. Victorian ceramic tinsel tree, about 9" high, $30. At Van Keppel-Green of Chicago, 161 E. 57th St., Chicago, Ill.
6. Alpajurra wool rug, from Spain, 3' x 5', $52.50. At Woodward & Lothrop, Washington, D. C.

**Flatware**

- “Old English Tipt” 6-pc. place setting, $42.50. By Gorham.
- Pasco Bavarian stemware, Monstelme line “Wonderful” goblets, $17.50 ea.
- Napkins, hemstitched linen, 18" sq., $1 ea. Placemats, 17" x 14" ovals, $2.90 ea. At Bloomingdale's, 743 Lexington Ave., New York, N. Y.

**Tree decoration information**


- **Music boxes**

Books

- Pages 16, 17: Rita Ford, Inc., 907 Third Ave.
- Tina & Selma, Inc., 1048 Lexington Ave., New York, N. Y.
- Lillian McCoy Gifts, 1115 Third Ave.
- Sponholz, 770 Madison Ave.

**Furniture from JAMESTOWN**

- Italian orange punch set, $65. At John Beistle, Beverly Hills, Calif.
- Rattan “Core-Tan” rocker-lounger, $70; rocker, $45; armchair, $40. By Tropi-Cal.

**Christmas ornaments**

- Decorations designed by George Bolt for House & Garden: blue, cerise, gold, green, red, silver, and two-color combinations. Giant star, $3.50; medium, $3; miniature, $2.75. Large snowflake, $4.50; fancy medium, $3.

**Table of the month**

- Francisca “Cameo” china: 5-pc. place setting, $23.95. By Gladding-McBean.
DECEMBER, 1960

Tree collection

Page 126: Tie-Tie Satintone ribbon, made of parallel rayon threads which become adherent when moistened. Width ranges from 1/2" to 1 1/4" in bolts of 20' to 220' 25c to $1.95 a bolt. For instructions on how to make these and other ornaments, send 25c to Chicago Fan & Threader, 2300 Logan Blvd., Chicago 47, Ill.. for booklet. "Tie-Tie Gift Wrapping Magic."

H&G Christmas Décor Chest, made of heavy cardboard, 27 1/4" x 17 1/2" deep; red. $3.95. De luxe model, white and red, includes gold tape and stars for decorating, $5.50. For store addresses please turn to page 160.

Metal ornaments, imported by Frankel Associates, and Max Eckardt & Sons; plain and decorated balls, birds, musical instruments, clusters of fruits. Available at stores throughout the country.


Folding fan Christmas card, $1 ea. At Designed for Living, 131 E. 57th St., New York.

Antique German Christmas cards. At A. L. Brandon, 215 E. 59th St., N. Y.

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Snowflake lights: string of 10, large, $6; string of 35, small, $8. By Silvestri Art Mfg. Co. For store addresses please turn to page 160.


Styrofoam balls, available at most variety stores; Woolworth's.

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Towelpick ornaments designed by Mary Volkert. For information on how to make these ornaments, write to House & Garden's Reader Service. Straw wreaths, $2 ea.; wood-shave star, 87.50. Birds, hand painted, hand carved wood; large, $6. small, $3.25. At Swinburne Accessories, 227 Main St., M. Rives, N. Y.


Music

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Dining table, Tosca cherry finish, 62" diam., extends to 76"; $238. Hostess chair, 41" h., 22" w., 20" d. $86. By Fancher Furniture Co.

Fireplace wall: "Decobrick," 2-1/2 ft. panels of 12 bricks (with wallpaper backing), white or random red. $1.69 a panel. By Entrec Products Corp.

Floor: Antico Bevelique vinyl in terra-cotta hexagons with white feature striping.

Page 131, right:

Grommes high fidelity components in stereoscopic crenedza by Union-National; brushed antique white finish, gray striping, trophy decorations; 90" x 16", 27" h., $1,524.60; without components, crenedza is $593.

Page 132, top:

RCA "Cherbourg" TV console, in cabinet from Henredon's Circa '60 collection; solid walnut and veneer; "Wireless Wizard" remote control; 20 1/2" x 19 3/4", $325, $990.

Center:

Sylvania TV console in cabinet by Heywood-Wakefield; solid rock maple; 28" x 15 1/4", 39 3/4" h., $505.

Bottom:

Ampex "Signature" home music system in walnut cabinet by Fancher; 64" x 20", 33" h., $2,600.

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Capehart stereophonic AM-FM radio-phonograph with 6-speaker system, in cabinet by Tomlinson, from their Pavane Assembly; butternut veneer surfaces, forged iron base. 90" x 19", 32" h., $1,495.

Page 154, top:

Motorola TV console in walnut cabinet from Drexel's Declaration series. 43 1/4" x 20", 31" h., $500.

Bottom:

Stromberg-Carlson stereophonic phonograph in Italian Provincial cabinet, cherry veneer finish; 40" x 18", 31" h., $345. Matching speaker, 12" x 11 3/4", $175, $84.95.

Page 155, top:

Magnavox "Concert Hall" stereophonic radio-phonograph in hand-rubbed American walnut finish cabinet; 45 1/2" x 18", 30" h., $399.50.

Center:

General Electric table model TV; walnut, cherry or blonde oak finish; 23 1/4" x 12 1/2", 17" h. With clip-on doors, $239; without doors, $229.

Bottom:

Bosnac high fidelity speaker system; 30" x 13", 14" h., $225; 8" legs, $15 extra. Light walnut, cherry, blond finishes; also unfinished.

Frozen food

The kitchen is equipped with refrigerator-freezer, gas range and home freezer by Norge. Formica countertops, white.


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Tupperware plastic bowls and containers; varying sizes, colors.

Freezer knife, stainless steel "Freeze-Cut," $2.95. At Bloomingdale's, 743 Lexington Ave., New York.

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We tried to skip Christmas
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And big, festive candles.

We decorate. And, somewhere along the way, one of us stops and asks, "What happened to the plan?" A pause, then a laugh, then the answer—always the same answer. "What plan?"

We decorate, and when we have finished we go from room to room, out onto the porch, out to the road, and we look. There is the tree in the window facing the road, loaded with balls and birds and angels and stars, every color in the spectrum, decked with at least six strings of lights. There is the big, straggly wreath on the front door, with the huge red bow and the familiar string of little brass bells. There are the swags of creeper on the bookcases. Somewhere, there are the boughs. On the window sills are the big candles, dripping red and green wax. There is the chipped pottery Santa Claus, holding the tall red candle, that "the plan" has banished from the library table regularly every year since 1948.

We look, and we admire, and Barbara whispers, "It’s lovely! It’s just the way we planned!"

Christmas comes and we get in the car and tour the countryside, to see the lights and decorations, and go through the village and maybe stop and join the Carol Singing. We come home the long way and put the car away and stand and look at the house, ablaze with every light we own, and we are content. We are home for Christmas, our simple country Christmas.

On Christmas morning, before breakfast, we open gifts in front of the fire, the tree ablaze with lights. There are phone calls to and from distant friends and family. Eventually there is a degree of feasting; and if it is reminiscent of Thanksgiving we remember that this, too, is a day for thanks. Thanks for love and hope and faith, for the whole great, enduring tradition. And, unless the weather is impossibly bad, there is a walk on the mountainside to see the world in its own holiday dress, Our world.

Such is our Christmas. Old-fashioned, of course. What other kind of Christmas is there? I suppose one might say that it adds up to our own tradition, personal and yet universal. Even the times when we thought we could skip Christmas are a part of our tradition.

So is our annual resolution to keep it simple. This year, by the plan calls for no swags, no boughs, no candles on the window sills, no Santa Claus on the library table. Absolutely. And no decorations on the tree, no balls, no lights. Just the perfect tree, its green symbolism ungarished. Won't that be beautiful?

Frankly, I don’t know. But I do know that I will never find out.

Editor’s Note: Among the solemn commentaries on the state of the nation and the state of the world to be found on the editorial page of “The New York Times” there appears every Sunday a far more soothing, more serene dissertation on the state of nature. The anonymous author of this pastoral is Hal Borland. He also writes fiction, sometimes in collaboration with his wife, Barbara Dodge Borland, sometimes alone. His latest novel, “The Seventh Winter,” was published earlier this year.

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“Scotch” brand freezer tape; 7” w., roll of 90’, 98c. Pyrex refrigerator containers, set of four, $3.95.

Cake and pie pans, Wear-Ever aluminum: heart, 7” diam., 2 for 35c; loaf pans, 8½” x 4½”, 4 for 35c; pie plate, 10” diam., 4 for 35c; cake containers, 8” diam., 4 for 29c.

Freecare paper, “Color Freez,” 20” x 240”; blue, yellow, red; box of 3 rolls, $1. By Memphis Converting.

Boston:
Carrying container, “Iceless Icebox,” of Alcoa aluminum foil; 15” x 11” x 7”, can be folded flat; 82 ea., ppd. 3 for $5.50. F & M Products Corp., Box 337, Bala-Cynwyd, Pa.

Frozen food containers with lids; 12 pints, under $1; 8 quarts, under $1. By Dixie Cup Co.

Saran Wrap, 12” and 18” sizes; each under 50c.


Frozn food containers, “Vapocan,” of waxed paper board, sealed with plastic lids: 1 pint, 10 for 69c; 1½ pints, 10 for 79c; quart, 10 for 89c; lids, sold separately, 10 for 55c. By Container Corp. of America.

KFP freezer paper bonded to Good year Plofilm, 18” x 100’, $1.69-$1.89 a roll. By KVP Sutherland Paper Co.

Rotisseries
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Gimbels, Broadway & 33rd Street, New York, N. Y.
Hamacher Schlemmer, 145 E. 57th St., New York, N. Y.
Kitchen & Bath, Roosevelt Field Shopping Center, Garden City, N. Y.
Macy’s, Broadway & 34th St., New York, N. Y.
Stern’s, 41 W. 42nd St., New York.
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Here are three more examples of doors well designed to serve specific purposes

For easy access to the terrace of a traditional house, a pair of French doors may be more appropriate architecturally than sliding doors. When both French doors are open, there is ample space to move furniture in and out easily. And the glass panes encased in the ponderosa pine frames will admit additional light to supplement that coming in through regular windows. Rimco.

For closets, prefinished metal doors come complete with hardware (knobs and top and bottom sliding tracks). These doors will never warp, swell or sag if installed properly. They are light-weight, easy to operate and will fit openings up to 6' wide. Truscon.

For floor to ceiling storage, louvered doors of ponderosa pine, 8' tall, can make every inch of space easily accessible. Such doors may also cost less to install since the top of the door frame may be attached to the ceiling joists of an 8' high ceiling, eliminating the wall needed between ceiling and top of a standard 6'8" door. Morgan.

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SHELL GARDEN MAKINGS consist of $8 worth of dime store pot plants and a few big handsome sea shells, with a bowl of moist sphagnum moss on the side. Among suitable plants: small succulents, English ivies, aluminum plant, chlorophytum, hart's-tongue, maidenhair and similar ferns and symposium.

SHELL SPECTACULAR is made by ringing in an Aechmea orlandiana as the central feature. This one was bought from a florist for $4, will thrive in this situation if its center is kept supplied with water. As airy foil to the massive funnel shape, a maidenhair fern was set in the moss.
Our second annual recommendation for a Christmas present you can make and give to the gardener who has everything. Plus timely notes for all practitioners.

**SUCCULENT GROUP** is hard to manage, and may well be hard to maintain for more than a few months without great care. Here gravelly soil, *above*, was mixed with moss to provide substrate for normal drainage. Soil was dribbled in by finger and packed with pencil.

**DWARF JADE PLANT**, *above*, with variegated leaves was too tempting at $1.98 to pass up. Its natural shape dictated the arrangement. It is set off by tiny rosettes of houseleeks (*sedum*) on surface of gritty moss and upright *Crassula perforata*, with oddly “skewered” grayish green leaves.

**GRACEFUL FERN** such as heart-leaved English ivy emerging from tapered point completes an arrangement that should, with care, last for many months. Insertion of fern requires light touch so that tender new fronds always emerging from the crown will not be damaged. Ivy will last indefinitely and fern can be easily replaced if needed.

**PLANTING TECHNIQUE** consists mostly of unplucking the plants without injuring either roots or crown. After tapping whole root mass free from inverted pot, you squeeze and “tease” soil from roots preparatory to re-wrapping them in packet of moist sphagnum of proper size and shape for insertion where desired in shell.

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simple feras, English ivies, chlorophytum, bromeliads (though only a good florist is likely to carry these), and such succulents as echeverias, houseleeks and crassulas. It is a good idea to buy two or three times as many plants as you think you will need, allowing two or three plants per shell.

The first step is to pack the inner coils of your shells with moist sphagnum. And the sphagnum is best prepared for use by letting it absorb all the water it will take up overnight, then squeezing from it all free water and allowing the moss to stand, in a dish or a polyethylene bag, for another day or so to ensure preservation of moisture. Push the moss evenly into the shell openings (see below) and keep pushing until the whole coiled shell interior seems to be entirely but not too firmly packed to easy finger depth. Now select the plants you want (or think you want—there may be some trial and error here) to put into your shell. Tap them free of their pots (bottom page 167). Into the remaining shell space work the chosen plants successively, with small wads of moist moss among and around the roots. Firm the crowns well, but do not stifle them with moss—and do not manhandle the stems once the plants have been formed into place. Do all your manipulating to create the foliage effects you want before you complete the packing. And be sure you know how the shell is going to rest before you insert the plants. There will be no drips if you keep the moss moist, not wet, and if you take the shell in your hand and turn the opening upward when you add water—sparingly, with a bulb syringe, every week or so. Only two things more: Add a few spoonfuls of dilute liquid fertilizer every three or four weeks—and don’t expect your shell garden to last forever.

**PREPARING SHELL TO RECEIVE PLANTS** is a slow process, since big wads of sphagnum moss would jam before reaching inner coils of shell such as this. Insert moss bit-by-bit with finger tips until it is firm but not actually jam-packed. Allow room to put moss-wrapped roots in place without ramming or burying them.

**FLAMBOYANT PLANTING** is dominated by green-and-white-leaved chlorophytum, which produces a succession of white runners bearing new leaf clusters at their tips. Ripple-leaved peperomia Little Fantasy nestles beside one of the many attractive English ivy forms.

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SEA SHELL GARDENS continued

SIMPLEST SHELL GARDENS are usually the most successful. Here Manda's Crested form of English ivy partners a small plant of Saxifraga sarmentosum, variously called strawberry begonia (it is neither strawberry nor begonia) and mother-of-thousands—a truly descriptive name. This arrangement, prior to being photographed, had grown vigorously on a window ledge in poor light for three months.

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How to know, grow and increase them

Begonias are generally easy to grow and available in endless variety. The only trouble is that too many people don't know it. To help you find your way around, here is a classification system based on superficial, not botanical, characteristics—the way most growers think of begonias and the way most catalogues list them:

Excluding the summer-flowering tuberous hybrids grown mostly in gardens and winter-flowering tuberous types limited mainly to florists' gift plants, there are four types that are fairly homogeneous and two other classes that accommodate the overflow. (It is also possible to single out a number of dangling begonias and make up a class of basket varieties. But the truth is that almost all types are effective in hanging baskets or brackets, so this classification is often omitted.) In each group there are miniatures and giants—varied colors, patterns, and shapes of leaves, and varying types of flowers and growing habit.

Semperflorens or "wax" begonias are entirely different. The tapering leaves are wing-shaped, the stems resemble bamboo, and the large flowers drip in branching clusters at intervals and from the tips. Grown outdoors in California, some angel wings are only getting a good start when they top 4 feet; they may even be used for hedges. But pruning and pinching will keep the same varieties compact and within bounds, indoors. There are dwarfs in this group, too.

Orange Rubra is one of the most spectacular and free-flowering angel wings of medium height. The leaves are polished, fresh grass green, occasionally dotted with silver circles. Even a small plant will produce enormous clusters of glowing salmon-orange flowers so heavy the young branch is pulled down by the weight. Pinafore is another recent introduction. The leaves are leathery and deep red, fluted on the edge; the flowers are rosy pink.

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BEGONIAS

Hirsute or hairy-leaved begonias have foliage of all shapes that may be sparsely sprinkled with whiskers or upholstered with fine velvet. Usually the flowers sport a beard of the same or contrasting color on the outside. This group includes hairy-leaved types with an upright and branching habit. (There are hairy leaves in other groups, too.)

A favorite old-timer is B. schaffii or B. hagenana which many people know by sight but not by name. The large leavespointing sharply downward shimmer under a coat of white silky hairs. According to the light in which the plant is grown the effect may be silver-on-green or pinkish buff. Heavy clusters of huge white flowers have pink beards. Macrocarpa pabescens is actually a plummy variety of an angel wing species. The tapering leaves are camel’s-hair soft and silky, forest green on top and usually cupped to show the ruby-red lining beneath. With back lighting the effect is ethereal.

Other upright and branching begonias include a fascinating miscellany. A small group of semi-tuberous species and hybrids called “maple leaf” begonias are evergreen or nearly so. Of these, B. dregelii is delicate and airy, with maple-shaped leaves variously tinted bronze or maroon. Its varieties macbethiana and richardiana are even smaller-leaved. Dancing Girl is an excellent oddity in this class. It gives the general appearance of an angel-wing begonia, but its habit is more compact and it is not truly cane-stemmed. Although the leaves are in general wing-shaped, no two are exactly alike in shape, contour, or pattern. They may be plain, spotted or streaked with silver and crinkled, ruffled or toothed on the edge. The flowers are white.

These four types of begonias are all fibrous-rooted. The next two groups are rhizomatous, with gnarled, thick, on-the-ground (not under it) stem-like roots, or root-like stems, that serve as a storage house for food. Rhizomes may snake over the soil or ascend. They have “eyes” — scars from lost flower- and leaf-stem ends — that usually send roots downward into the soil and send up new growth into the air.

Rhizomatous begonias usually flower in early spring, although hybridists are working on new varieties that give a repeat performance in summer. The flowers hover in airy clusters on top of tall, perpendicular stems that extend far above the leaves. Many begonias also have finger or star-shaped leaves. Some are “pond-lily” leaves — round and flat. Textures vary from glossy smooth to rough and p ebble, even blistered.

B. erythrophylla, or B. jessoii, is often called the beet-bee begonia for the blood-red lining under its leaves. There is a helix or spiraled variety that goes by the name of corkscrew begonia, and a crinkly-leaved variety called lettuce-leaf. Joe Hayden, the “black begonia,” is a majestie specimen with large, green-black, star-shaped leaves accent ed by a creamy spot at the stem end, quite bright red underneath. Red flower buds open white. A smaller version is offered as Joe Hayden Jr. Rex begonias are mostly rhizomatous, although there are a few upright and branching varieties to confuse the issue. They are grown for their brilliantly colored and exotically patterned foliage, which usually obscures the translucent flowers. Today’s rexes (see page 125) are extremely complicated hybrids, remote descendants of one original Begonia Rex.

Odd and rare begonias (a cataloguer’s group) include marvels outside other classifications plus woods that collector’s items that are either hard to grow or hard to find. The epiphyt (air growing) B. herbacea has light
green, silver-spotted leaves shaped like a long, slim, tapering sword. The silver-splashed, green-black leaves of B. lubbersi are pointed at both ends, the stem attached near the center. Delicate and precious B. crispula has corded-silk, gray-green leaves hugging tight to the soil. General cultural rules, because of the widely varying characteristics and growing habits of this motley plant family, must be adapted to each plant’s particular idiosyncrasies. This is a matter of common sense. Succulent stems naturally grow on the dry side; varieties grown for their succulent stems must be adapted to each plant's rules, because of the widely varying characteristics and growing habits of this motley plant family, must be adapted to each plant’s particular idiosyncrasies. This is a matter of common sense. Succulent stems naturally grow on the dry side; varieties grown for their succulent stems must be adapted to each plant's rules, because of the widely varying characteristics and growing habits of this motley plant family, must be adapted to each plant’s particular idiosyncrasies. This is a matter of common sense. Succulent stems naturally grow on the dry side; varieties grown for their succulent stems must be adapted to each plant’s rules, because of the widely varying characteristics and growing habits of this motley plant family, must be adapted to each plant’s particular idiosyncrasies. This is a matter of common sense. Succulent stems naturally grow on the dry side; varieties grown for their succulent stems must be adapted to each plant’s rules, because of the widely varying characteristics and growing habits of this motley plant family, must be adapted to each plant’s particular idiosyncrasies. This is a matter of common sense. Succulent stems naturally grow on the dry side; varieties grown for their succulent stems must be adapted to each plant’s rules, because of the widely varying characteristics and growing habits of this motley plant family, must be adapted to each plant’s particular idiosyncrasies. This is a matter of common sense. Succulent stems naturally grow on the dry side; varieties grown for their succulent stems must be adapted to each plant’s rules, because of the widely varying characteristics and growing habits of this motley plant family, must be adapted to each plant’s particular idiosyncrasies. This is a matter of common sense. Succulent stems naturally grow on the dry side; varieties grown for their succulent stems must be adapted to each plant’s rules, because of the widely varying characteristics and growing habits of this motley plant family, must be adapted to each plant’s particular idiosyncrasies. This is a matter of common sense. Succulent stems naturally grow on the dry side; varieties grown for their succulent stems must be adapted to each plant’s rules, because of the widely varying characteristics and growing habits of this motley plant family, must be adapted to each plant’s particular idiosyncrasies. This is a matter of common sense.

This is important: begonias are not "shade plants." The only sun they resent is midsummer's hottest. In winter, early spring and late fall they need all the sun they can get. Because they are grown for their flowers, wax and angel-wing begonias need the most sun; the foliage rexes need the least.

Also important: some begonias—mainly the rexes and a few rhizomatous varieties—are subject to varying degrees of winter dormancy. If a few or all of the leaves drop off, yet the rhizome feels firm to the touch, hold back water and hold off on food until fresh growth appears in early spring.

Temperature is not crucial for begonias. They're generally happy (at night) in winter at about 65° to 70°, give or take five degrees. The semperflorens will "grow the coolest"; the rexes and some of the tropical species like more warmth.

Except for some of the delicacies, most begonias can do without extra humidity indoors, but they join most other house plants in doing better when relative humidity is 50 per cent or higher. Humidifying arrangements range from growing a group of plants together or setting pots on trays of moist pebbles to operating an electric humidifier at intervals during the day.

Watering needs depend on the plant, the weather, the pot, and the soil in the pot. There is no set daily or weekly schedule. Restrain is safer than over-watering. Dried-out, wilted begonias will revive quickly when the pot is soaked to the rim in water. But rot caused by over-watering can't be cured. Angel wings will drop their lower leaves in a hurry if they're kept too moist. Hairly leaves will wilt. Semperflorens will rot from the bottom up. The best rule is to let the soil dry out completely, and then soak it thoroughly all the way through.

Any light, porous, slightly acid potting soil suits begonias. For the rexes and tender tropica l s, add an extra ration of organic matter such as leaf mold or manure (well rotted or dehydrated) and, perhaps, a generous half-teaspoonful of bone meal per 3-inch pot. Fertilize begonias when they are growing actively, never when ailing or resting after bloom.

There are a number of complete house plant fertilizers that may be used—strictly according to package directions.

Sanitation (removing dead leaves and flowers, keeping pots and plants clean) and regular use of house plant insecticides and fungicides will prevent the intrusions of common enemies like aphis, mealybug, cyclamen and red spider mites or mildew during humid summer weather.

Notes on propagation

There is no reason why you shouldn't buy your begonias from florists or specialists, enjoy them for their decorative value, and discard them like a bouquet when they languish. Or you can limit your interest to a few favorite varieties, growing them bigger and better each year. But it's also fun to propagate your own plants—to root leaves and cuttings shared by other gardeners, to renov your old plants and to rescue ailing ones. In short, it is fun to grow begonias as well as look at them.

Of the many methods of propagating plants, there is none that

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Semperflorens cuttings make from branching stems make bushy plants. Left, least desirable; center, good; right, best.

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won't work for one begonia or another. The only way you can acquire some of the new or rare species (and some hybrids) is to grow them from powder-fine seeds sown on sterile medium and kept warm and humid until and after germination. Venerable plants can usually be increased and benefited by division of the crown or roots. Varieties that lean lax branches toward the soil can usually be propagated by layering—pinning down the branch at a node or leaf joint, then severing it when it has made roots.

**Ways to make cuttings**

All types of upright and branching begonias are easily propagated by stem cuttings. Stems, with lower leaves removed, are inserted in the rooting medium one or two nodes deep; one or more leaves are left on the stem above. Cuttings of succulent semperflorens will usually root in water. They will also root in a medium like sand or perlite but should be kept on the dry side while rooting and for several weeks after potting. (Hair-leaved varieties also root best when kept fairly dry.)

Rhizome (root-stalk) cuttings from rex and non-rex varieties may be of any length as long as there are at least two eyes above and two eyes below the surface of the rooting medium—the top to make new growth, the bottom to make roots. Rhizome tips may make more attractive plants faster, but sectional cuts do equally well in the long run. Rhizome pieces an inch or so long from horizontal or procumbent varieties are laid horizontally half in and half out of the propagating medium. Pieces from erect varieties are set at an angle with the bottom two eyes in the medium, the others above it.

Leaf cuttings are the most fun of all, because they frequently pop up with surprises. The general rules, subject to all kinds of exceptions, are these: Leaves of rhizomatous begonias and some of the odd and rare varieties (trial will tell you which) are cut with about 2 inches of stem that is then either sunk a half-inch in the propagating medium or inserted in water. Roots that appear at the end of the stem are followed by small plants in the same place. African-violet style (see page 170). Leaves of rex begonias and some varieties with partial rex ancestry are cut with shorter stems—even a half-inch or less—that are buried in the rooting medium so that the leaf stands up at an angle. After roots are formed, the new plant develops and emerges from the point where stem joins leaf. But rhizomatous begonias not even remotely related to a rex will produce plants in typical rex fashion, and rex leaves frequently choose to make plants at either end of the stem, or even at both ends.

Rex and some rhizomatous leaves can be cut into pie-slice wedges, with a section of a main vein running through each to the point. If this point is inserted, with the wedge nearly upright, a half-inch deep in the propagating medium, the new plant will appear at the base after roots have formed. The old method of slitting main veins at intervals and laying whole leaves flat against the propagating medium so that new plants will grow up from the slits is trickier and slower unless conditions are carefully controlled.

**Spontaneous “combustion”**

Some begonias—notably rexes and some of the odd or rare types—will voluntarily propagate themselves without any assistance at all. “Viviparous” plants may flourish on leaves, at the stem ends, while these are attached to living plants. Phyllomaniaca, and its mutant, Templini, and piggyback rex, *B. kipidae cayenitana* grow adventitious plants along or between the veins on the leaf. *B. manicata*, with its varieties, and Paul Briant produce new plants up and down and all along the rhizomes or stems. Beat that for prodigality if you can!
NOTES FOR
DECEMBER GARDENERS

The seasonal round keeps you outdoors about a fourth of the month, comfortably indoors for the remainder

First weekend

Rose ritual. If 30,000,000 rose bushes are grown every year (don't use if the figure seems too round), and if half of them are planted in regions where some kind of fall or winter protective measures is required to carry them safely over till spring, then the year-end rose routine is important business. For most temperate-zone gardeners this routine may be divided into two parts: sanitation and protection.

Rose sanitation is important because most of the severeills that afflict roses (the worst: black spot and stem canker) extend their malevolent influence from one season to the next. So fall spraying against disease is essential—right up to freezing time. Careful growers seldom find this much of a problem, since rose bushes that have stayed healthy right through the period of September and October bloom are likely to remain so until snow flies. For neglected bushes, however, late-season spraying is essential. Skip that and you may as well plan starting over again next year.

Rose protection, in all but the coldest areas, consists in protecting the crown and lower stems of the bushes from violent changes in temperature as well as from extreme cold. It is from the lower part of the season's "wood" that next year's productive new shoots will come. So for most regions, a soil mound (to 6 or 8 inches high) about the plant base will suffice. Experience with really severe winters seldom finds this much of a problem, since rose bushes that have stayed healthy right through the period of September and October bloom are likely to remain so until snow flies. For neglected bushes, however, late-season spraying is essential. Skip that and you may as well plan starting over again next year.

Second weekend

Same routine—indoors. It is a lamentable fact that sanitation and protection are sometimes even more important to the welfare of house plants than to their outdoor kin. A number of factors lead to trouble for indoor plants. For one, some florists run a slack ship, so the plants you buy may come to you already infested or infected. Again, plants that have been summering in your outdoor garden are quite likely to bring outdoor pests and diseases inside with them at season's end. And the crowding of pot plants that almost inevitably accompanies indoor gardening makes contamination of clean plants by infected ones easy. Finally, the high temperatures at which most house plants are grown helps create a favorable climate for the incubation and spread of insects and bacteria.

Sanitation problems in the house will be simplified if you rigorously quarantine all incoming plants, however briefly, when you bring them in. Stop by the kitchen sink, pick off all dead or sickly leaves, wash the pots with old sponge, syringe the whole plant with tepid water in which a little ordinary detergent has been dissolved (but not enough to kick up a suds). This is the time to treat the plants for all the things you can see—and, in doing so, for many troubles that are not yet visible. Your routine will be eased later if you realize that such things as aphids and mealy bugs (the latter, especially, the black cats of house gardeners) can be dealt with by the water-detergent-syringe combination as well as by

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most commercial aerosol sprays designed for the purpose. It all comes down to this: Most important insurance for the health of house plants is anticipatory care by the gardener. Everything happens faster and with greater impact indoors than outdoors, and the house-bound horticulturalist must act accordingly.

Accent on bulbs. Indoor gardening with bulbous plants (technically, that means plants commonly grown from bulbs and has nothing to do with the shape or appearance of the plants) can be a happy specialization for a number of reasons. For one thing you can start at the beginning of the indoor season and stop at the end without fussing about summer problems. For another, there is a neat and tidy aspect to bulb gardening that life with ordinary plants and their messy, proliferating roots too often lacks. For a third, most people have no proper idea of the great variety of bulbs they can buy seasonally for indoor pot culture.

Hardy spring bulbs—daffodils, hyacinths, tulips, Dutch Iris to name but a few—make handsome house plants. And, of course, they have a place on every late winter window sill that cannot be as well filled by other plants. But there is a considerable group of plants seldom seen in cold-climate gardens that bring rich color and variety to heated houses—and do so more quickly and easily. The best way to find out what they are is to obtain the catalogues of specialists. (HaG can help you with sources.) But three dependable kinds that may last indefinitely are worth noting:

*Vertheimia viridifolia* is a fist-size bulb that sends up some of the handsomest rippled, spear-shaped leaves you are likely to find anywhere. The dish-mop flowers that follow the leaves can be ignored or cut off (although some people like it); the foliage is the thing. Bulbs die down in spring and summer, grow the next fall again.

*Clivia miniata* is a long-lived evergreen plant that fans great arching strap-like leaves transversely from a big bulb. The clustered spires of cheery orange trumpets are produced yearly if you keep the plant growing—and pot-bound.

*Amaryllis* is a variable feast, sometimes known as hippeastrum in the form we refer to here. In general, there are two kinds, similar in appearance but differing in performance: Dutch and African. The latter develop more quickly, may bloom in three or four weeks. Both can be rested and grown again in succeeding years—and in the same pots. Colors range from red to orange to pink to white.

Herb seasoning. One of the nicest Christmas remembrances one gardener can give another is the 1961 edition of A Herb a Week, a literate, practical calendar-guide to the best and most attractive herbs, how to grow and use them. (The Tool Shed Herb Garden, Salem Center, N. Y., $1.)

Third weekend

Vertical house plants. Geotropic laws require that some plants go up, and hence may be called vertical. What we refer to here are the plants that ingenious gardeners train flat against walls and windows instead of just up in the air directly above a pot. Every indoor gardener is familiar, perhaps too familiar, with the common philodendrons, with English ivy, grape ivy, and the variant kangaroo vine. Fewer people have enjoyed the twining elegance of *Hoya carnosa*, the wax plant, with its lovely flower umbels, or passion-flowers, in a variety of colors ranging from red to orange to pink to white. Bulbs die down in spring and summer, grow the next fall again.

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