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Antiques
Questions & Answers
By Thomas H. Ormsbee

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During a season when friends are certain to be dropping in most any time, it is a good idea to keep some refreshments set up permanently on the dining room buffet. Of course, you can’t keep a bowl of eggnog indefinitely, but you certainly can have a selection of good sherries and dubonnet (in fact, they are a refreshing relief in the midst of a week of rich festivities). With these, we like to offer delicate Dutch biscuits and mixed nuts. Guests who stop in during the evening particularly seem to welcome a fine Madeira and some English biscuits such as Huntley & Palmer’s whole-wheat biscuits or Tunbridge-Wells wafers. From the way these simple goodies disappear, you would conclude people were pretty surfeited on the ubiquitous fruitcake.

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When I went to Sally Brown’s linen shower a few days ago, I couldn’t help coveting a set of luncheon place mats and napkins her aunt from Tennessee had sent her. I was even bold enough to find out specifically that they had come from Frances Wright, 1516 Union Street in Memphis. These mats were white linen, embroidered all over with courageously colorful flowers. Napkins were edged with the same posies. Very gay and beautifully made, they would certainly bring spring into the dining room all year-round.

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The notes of a happy housekeeper

BY MARY ELIZABETH FALTER

Now that the great day is almost here, I’m glad I stuck to my last New Year’s resolution and did the Christmas planning and some of the shopping through the year. I kept a little notebook of gift ideas that suggested themselves as the months went by, and now I have already collected something for just about everyone.

The children are never a problem—in fact, their lists almost need to be indexed by mid-October. But the older members of the family and the few friends we remember at Christmas are something else again. Most of them have everything they want and have sort of grown beyond the whole idea. My mother always says she wants a slip, a new pair of earrings and a subscription to the Saturday Review. Year after year it’s the same modest little list that I find strangely deflating. It’s not that I think Christmas should be lavish—anything but. I just feel it’s nice for a change to think of something really smashing, for her and my other near and dear, that will be remembered for a long time. For example:

My sister Jean has the same problem that I do: We can’t make a simple ladylike household repair because our husbands are so fussy about anyone using their tools. If Jean wants to hang a picture or I want to tighten a screw on a doorplate, we have to wait for our men to come home, or else sneak the right tool from the workbench (and remember to put it back). Jean was complaining loudly the other day that she had been trying to remember to ask Bill to put up a curtain rod for a month, and every time she thought of it he was at the office. So I decided to give her a private tool kit for her own. I found one at the hardware store which is especially designed for women—in fact, it’s called the Lady Fingers Tool Compact. It is an attractive yellow plastic box with a clear top that shows the tools, which are made of black Bakelite and chrome. There is a hammer, screwdriver, Phillips screwdriver, awl, pliers and a tape measure. The tool section lifts up to expose nine neat compartments that hold a collection of tacks, nails, staples and screws. Now Jean will have everything she needs to put up that curtain rod.

Mother has the afternoon rest habit, and last year when I spent a weekend with her, I saw her get out a rather mangy looking automobile robe and go off with her book, murmuring something apologetic about the drafts. So I put down “afghan” by her name. I saw a dreamy one the other day—thick, soft mohair, light as a feather, in a warm and cheering shade of soft peach. This will look pretty in Mother’s bedroom or the living room and should be a delight to nestle under for a quiet hour.

For our very special friends I ordered evergreen bonsai trees. I picked them out at a nearby nursery at the end of summer when the selection was good, and won’t bring them home until just before Christmas. Before giving them, we plan to trim each tree with tiny Christmas ornaments. This will be fun—we have amassed an assortment of miniature balls, beads, bits of gilded lace, colorful hard candies and little angels to go on the tops. For Tom’s aunt, who is one of our favorite people, we’ll include some tiny presents under the tree. Sally is in charge of this project, and she has been collecting and wrapping things since early fall. Her cache includes a pair of tiny needlepoint scissors, a pillbox, a roll of stamps, tapestry needles and the pièce de résistance—a Spanish porcelain snail.

Tom was really crestfallen when our ancient blender recently gave up the struggle. It was one of the first models that came out, so no wonder it is finally beyond repair. Mother has the afternoon rest habit, and last year when I spent a weekend with her, I saw her get out a rather mangy looking automobile robe and go off with her book, murmuring something apologetic about the drafts. So I put down “afghan” by her name. I saw a dreamy one the other day—thick, soft mohair, light as a feather, in a warm and cheering shade of soft peach. This will look pretty in Mother’s bedroom or the living room and should be a delight to nestle under for a quiet hour.

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Although news, as a rule, is made with the speed of light, the metamorphosis of the theatre organ into a homebody (and it is news indeed) has taken almost thirty years to come to a boil. The story goes back to the period roughly between 1918 and 1935, when a unique kind of musical history was being made in England and the United States—not in concert halls, but in movie palaces, those vast hippodromes rich with plush and gilt and the thunder of their “mighty” organs. The organs were mighty because they had to be: the films were silent, and Miss Pickford and Mr. Fairbanks might have seemed less glamorous shadows had it not been for the gentleman at the organ’s console, creating with his hands and feet a background score that today is achieved and recorded by nothing less than a symphony orchestra.

In the proper hands, those huge organs (they often cost a quarter of a million dollars) could do anything. Anyone old enough to have seen Douglas Fairbanks in “The Thief of Bagdad” and to have heard it accompanied by an expert will remember the glissandi that helped the hero wriggle over rooftops, the staccato blasts that kept him hopping in fiery caravans, the rush of musical wind as he rode the winged horse and the sexy swirl of what sounded like a spray (heaven knows how this was done) as he romped with the mermaids in their grotto. These organs could laugh and talk and careen in one breath and Get the Mounties There on Time in the next. They could, depending on the amount of money you want to invest in them, be anything that has more to do with rhythm than liturgy. You can beat drums, for instance, and at the same time, if the combination appeals to you, play a ravishing little tune on the vox humana. Depending on the model, you can have up to three different kinds of harp sound: deep, conventional and one called a chrysoglott—a kind of crystalline tinkle. The glockenspiel stop is at hand, as are the banjo, light and full vibratos, slow and fast tremolos. And when the mood is on you, you can indulge in such wonderful caviar as

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THE THEATRE ORGAN

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the rumble of thunder, the honk of an automobile horn, the zing of a door bell and the boom of a bass drum. If such diversions seem a bit exotic, remember that they have been made possible only to give you more pleasure—more "fun", if that's your word. It's a particularly good one to apply to a theatre organ.

Tests, costs and appeal

But fun aside, an electric theatre organ, like any other organ, must pass the standard tests to be worth its salt. ("How to Buy an Organ" in the October, 1963 issue of "H&G" will put you straight on the requirements.) Most of the major organ manufacturers are producing theatre organs for the home (a few who are not, plan to), and for a top-notch instrument you can spend anything from about $5,000 to $12,000. There are less expensive models, and although they are apt to lack the 61-note manuals and 32-note pedal claviers demanded by a professional musician, as far as "effects" are concerned they are surprisingly versatile. The smaller organs also have a definite appeal to people who might shy away from a big concert organ because they feel that sacred music belongs in a church and passacaglias in a concert hall. This is only a matter of opinion, but it is enough to determine the choice of an organ. A small theatre organ with its bells and drums can be a very gay instrument and, to certain families, as homely as a hearth—a musical lodestone to gather around and sing at and play the daylight's out of. Hence, and understandably, its popularity.

In any event, whatever organ you choose, don't worry about space. If you have room for a small grand piano somewhere in your house, you have room for a theatre organ. The average width is about 5 feet, the average depth—including bench and pedals—about 4 feet. The collective bulk adds up to a big, fat, very deep upright piano. To look at, a theatre organ is somewhat more dazzling than a conventional home model, probably because of the horseshoe-shaped console and the availability of white and gold finishes (should they be your cup of tea) and, in one instance, brocade, rather than wood, used to cover certain of the inner workings. If you like a simpler look, however, there are plenty of cabinets in the traditional woods, sans brocade. But all theatre organs are brocaded with enough stops to produce an approximation of every man's idea of musical euphoria. A theatre organ, remember, spells both music and utilitv.

HAPPY HOUSEKEEPER

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kinds of cooking, as well as for Tom's famous milk shakes, I got him a new one for one of his Christmas presents. I looked over all the makes the other day and picked out the Rival, a sturdy and well-designed blender with a heavy base. The mixing container is made of unbreakable plastic and is fully marked for quick measurements. The cap with a pouring lip lifts out of the cover and leaves an opening through which you can add ingredients while the blender is running. Directions say the Rival will make perfect mayonnaise. That's my department, but Tom will enjoy the results.

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- Slender tripod planter with a polished chrome finish, stands 52 inches tall. The top container is commodious enough—10 inches wide—to hold a flourishing Boston fern; more compact plants such as begonias could form a base of greenery at the bottom. Habitat Inc.*

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An antique Chinese jardiniere—circa 1790—could handle a major decorative assignment, would make a worthy home for a carefully planned garden-in-a-nutshell (see H&G September 1964). Of red lacquered wood and one-of-a-kind, it is 29 inches high with cover, has a brass liner, 11 inches deep. Jansen Shop. $1,850.

Chinoiserie brass tub on a black-stained teak stand would make a handsome planter for brilliant and glossy accents such as crotons and aphelandra. The tub is 26 inches in diameter, 11 inches deep; the eight-legged stand folds flat, is 25 inches high. Luten-Clarey-Stern.

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Going places, finding things in Madrid

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by Patricia K. Brooks

EDITOR’S NOTE: Mrs. Brooks admits that she is lucky to have two loves—art and travel—that combine so readily. On their worldwide travels, she and her husband seek out contemporary and classical art and spend much of their time in museums and galleries.

Madrid is an elusive city that escapes easy categorizing. I suspect this is because there are so many Madrilds. If you sit at one of the smart sidewalk cafés on the Gran Via sipping a late afternoon Tio Pepe and watching the shopping parade of elegant Spanish women (and for real elegance they are hard to match), you feel that you are smack in the center of a very fashionable twentieth-century city.

Yet just a few winding streets away you find yourself in the seventeenth-century Madrid of the Plaza Mayor, that absolutely perfect pink square built as an open theatre for Philip III. The plaza is surrounded by arcades and overlooked by balconies—one choice seat from which spectators have had a rather heady view of history in the making, from the public beheading of Rodrigo Calderon for sorcery to the canonization of St. Ignatius Loyola. Tournaments and bullfights, horse races and fiestas, religious dramas and autos-da-fé, mass uprisings and coronations haunt this magnificent square. Shadows of the past are everywhere.

Nearby, through the labyrinthine passages that still echo the seventeenth century, you suddenly burst upon the eighteenth-century Palacio Real, the six-story neoclassic colossal built by the displaced and homesick young French king, Philip V. To me the most fascinating building in the entire palace complex is the Royal Armory, where suits of armor of Spain’s rulers for 400 years are preserved in a “living” procession. This is no musty, dusty museum, but an exhilarating panorama of knights in battle readiness, some on foot, but most on horseback (even the horses are in full armored regalia), with their lances at the ready. I would never have suspected that suits of metal, imaginatively displayed, could so

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ing could be spent in the Velázquez rooms alone, soaking up Spanish history through his Hapsburg royal portraits. Philip IV's encouragement of Velázquez resulted in that prolific artist's numerous contributions to the Prado's enormous Spanish collection. (Among Velázquez' many court portraits, he did more than forty of the King, which averaged out to more than one portrait a year of that vain and jaded monarch.) When you come to the Goya rooms, you will recognize in his nineteenth-century drawings and etchings of Madrid some of the same tortured narrow streets of today, the same hidden passageways. Even more fascinating are Goya's portraits of the decadent Bourbon court. One wonders if Queen Maria Luisa could have failed to see the satire in Goya's portrait of her.

It may be part of the ever-present Spanish irony that one of the greatest treasure troves of Madrid is the Convent of the Barefoot Nuns, founded in the seventeenth century by Doña Juana de Austria, daughter of Charles V. Later, other ladies of the royal families retired to the convent to devote themselves to meditation and a spiritual life. Invariably though, they brought with them, as gifts to the convent, some of the most exquisite and ornate of earthly treasures—paintings, sculpture, regal accoutrements. Although cloistered nuns still live in the convent, visitors may view the collection on prescribed days at certain hours. It is well worth adjusting your schedule to theirs.

The Museum of Decorative Arts on Calle de Montalban houses the traditional crafts of Spain. If you are as intrigued as I by the majolica pottery, glass, antique silver, leatherwork, hand-caned wooden chests and tables, you will find small specialty shops for these in Madrid. The National Archaeological Museum, for all its emphasis on Iberian antiquities, also contains some choice Byzantine, Romanesque and Renaissance art.

If you care to see what all the excitement in Spanish contemporary art is about, you should drop by the city's major galleries—Nehbi, Bisca, and the newly opened, ultra-chic Galeria Juana Mordó. The exhibitions change every few weeks, and you will find the work of such non-objective painters as Feito, Tapies, Cano, Nuria, Millares, Lucio, Saura, Mompó and Zobel. There is much more liveliness in the galleries than in the somewhat moribund Museum of Modern Art. The galleries remain open until 8:30 or 9:00 P.M., and evening is the prime time for gallerying.

Art, if you are inclined to the contemporary, is one of the city's best buys. You can still buy a large abstract painting for much less than you would pay for the same artist's work on New York's 57th Street. And if you are willing to gamble on unknowns, the prices are downright cheap.

Madrid, in general, is no longer the city of fabulous bargains it once was. The haute couture establishment where a custom-made woolen suit cost me $20 ten years ago now charges $50 for a cotton dress. Even so, there are buys in Madrid, and it remains a most exciting city in which to shop.

The easy accessibility of the Gran Via beckons the tourist, but many Spanish women prefer the smaller boutiques and subtler chicness of Calle Serrano. There you will find small specialty shops for fine leather (although the greatest for all-round quality and variety, from stunningly tailored suede suits to tiny fringes of cash, is Loewe's on the Gran Via), cosmetics, lingerie, gifts. Leading French perfumers have licensed Spanish companies to manufacture perfume under their labels; as a result, in Madrid you can buy some of the best French names at a fraction of the Paris price.

The antique and silver shops along Calle San Jerónimo are worth a morning's browsing, but don't expect to find any rare Romanesque sculpture for a song as you might have a few years ago. Antique dealers—and sophisticated Spaniards—have combed the area thoroughly, and prices for such prizes are often astronomical, particularly when you add shipping costs.

The inveterate shopper should spend a Sunday morning at the Rastro, Madrid's flea market. Most of the worthwhile buys are in the arcade shops. Prices may be slightly higher than in the stalls along the street, but the shops are reliable and will deliver purchases to your hotel, so you needn't lug a valuable, breakable

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room: Fabergé’s
new Bedtime Perfume in any
of four ravishing scents—
“Tigresse,” “Woodhue,”
“Flamebeau,” or “Aphrodisia.”
Blue velvet and gold
picture frame (she might
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Don’t forget a posy like,
say, a Colorado Carnation.

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**Around**

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into the living room... The lights dancing in the fire
that you stare into, musing on Christmases past, after the
last package is wrapped, the last long letter is in the mail...
The radiance of candlelit faces around the supper table Christmas Eve...
The illumination on the book as the head of the house reads aloud "A Christmas Carol"...
The sparkle of the stars as you brave the cold en route to midnight service...
The star that hangs over the creche... The star at the top of the tree awaiting your return home...
The first rays of Christmas dawn, the dawn that comes a few minutes earlier than it did
the week before... The light in the eyes of an early rising two-year-old beholding the glory
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H&G believes there is no better way to keep Christmas than to welcome the light in all its many forms—
to revel in it, praise it and share its glow with everyone who walks your way.
As artless and appealing as a rollicking carol are H&G's Christmas decorations for 1964. Made entirely of paper, they are as lighthearted as they are lightweight, easy to handle and versatile. You can use them individually or in combinations to embellish doors and windows, dress up party tables, trim the Christmas tree or light a blaze of color as in the room on our cover. You can even employ them with impunity to festoon a chimney breast because they are flameproof as Christmas decorations should always be.

Tailoring the garlands and panels to individual needs could hardly be simpler since you can snip off the exact length you want with scissors, or join two short lengths with a twist of wire (thus putting every scrap to good use). And the basic simplicity of the designs takes very well to individual accents—golden baubles, streaming crimson ribbons, sprigs of fresh greenery, fake fruits, flowers and birds.

The choice of colors begins with the traditional red and green. But since Christmas, like any folk festival, welcomes all the gay bright hues in the spectrum, we have added four from H&G's 1964 palette—Tiger Lily, Cyclamen, Citrus Green, Bristol Blue. You can take advantage of these to give extra holiday impact to the colors in your furnishings and table settings, and since H&G colors know no season, the decorations in these hues will be apropos for parties the year-round. But unlike many enticing party accessories, the paper fantasies consume no storage space to speak of since everything folds as flat as a board.

The tools and supplies you will need are few and simple, but it may be wise to pay a visit to the hardware store beforehand. At the top of your shopping list put paste-on Jiffy hangers. Add: small wire nails, rubber cement or casein glue, masking tape, a spool of fine wire. A lightweight hammer and scissors will complete your kit. Once all is on hand, you will discover with delight that a light tap fastens a paper swag in place, a swirl of wire secures a garland to a chandelier. Swiftly, low key is transposed into high key, your room is swathed in color and warm with the Christmas glow.

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- Garland drop: a series of graduated topiary shapes, the fattest 8 inches across, the whole 30 inches long

Gala frame of garlands and garland drops is the holiday stand-in for curtains at the windows of Miss Dona Guimarães' living room, and a lacework panel decks the wall between. Garland drops are wired to the overhead garland, and finished with gilded cornice tiebacks made of greens and pine cones. The supper table centerpiece, a length of garland, is studded with gilded glass ornaments glued into place. On the table: "Grandeur" Heirloom Sterling; Oxford Bone China in "Maldon" pattern; Georgian goblets and wine glasses by Fostoria; "Magic Lantern" brass candlesticks by Dansk Designs.
CHRISTMAS GARDEN OF NEVER-NEVER PLANTS
blooms in a white iron stand beside a window wall. Honeycomb balls form some of the plants, boxwood the others; all have dowel stems planted in clay pots. Lacework panels hung from the ceiling with masking tape make the trellis. Interior design by Leona Kahn.

Dazzling Backdrop for a Party Punch Bowl,
Left, is composed of lacework panels framed with fat garlands, all suspended from the ceiling with masking tape. Far redder in impact than a single shade of red is the combination of Christmas red, Cyclamen, Tiger Lily. The felt tablecloth is overlaid in a fashion with lacework panels weighted at the corners with giant-size (16-inch) honeycomb balls. Punchbowl set, trays and forks by Osmolska Ltd., “Mayfair White” Oxford Bone China.

Jubilant Cluster of Honeycomb Balls
festively tasseled with yarn, opposite page, fills panel hallway with Christmas color. Balls of all three sizes, hung individually, are attached to the ceiling beam with masking tape, and the joinings hidden from view by a tiny valance made of strips of lacework paneling. A similar cluster could brighten a deep stairwell, particularly if the ceiling is a lofty one. Furniture and accessories from Doris De Sauer.
FESTIVE FROSTING continued

LAVISH FESTOONS CROWNING THE TABLE, opposite page, give a naively joyful air to a rather stately dining room (a bit like a grand lady enjoying an ice cream cone). The lacework panels are taped to a strip of ceiling behind the overcurtains. Each festoon, opposite page, right, is made of two garland drops of contrasting color, opened only halfway and wired together. The place mats, too, are paper (see page 170)—two at each place with alternating colors on top. "Colonial Eagle" sterling by The Gorham Silver Co.; Ceralene Limoges China from Bloomingdale's. Gift wraps and ribbon by Tie-Tie. Interior design by Erica Lemle.

FANTASY FOREST ON THE BUFFET makes the centerpiece for a carol-sing supper. Both the honeycomb balls and the garland drops (sections cut off the ends, or whole drops with only the ends unfolded) are mounted on dowel stems which are firmly rooted in an unobtrusive platform of dark green Styrofoam. As light as air, the whole arrangement can be transferred after the party to a reserved spot on the dining room sideboard. Just for the holidays, white curtains are tied back to frame paper curtains of lacework. On the table: Syracuse China in "Fascination" pattern; silver by Oneida Ltd.; candlesticks by Dansk Designs Inc.; "Glamour" iced tea glasses by Fostoria Glass Co.
CASCADE OF GARLANDS STREAMING FROM THE RAIL generates holiday excitement in a stair hall. Plump bouquets of plastic mistletoe and mushrooms conceal the ties that hold the garlands to the banister. The garland drop is suspended from the chandelier, but in another hall, it might hang from the upstairs railing. The colors were cannily chosen: red to say Christmas, Citrus to blend with wallpaper and carpet. Interior design by Erica Lemle.

SPLENDID SPLASHES ON THE CHRISTMAS TREE, opposite page, left, are effected by 12-inch honeycomb balls. For a tree like this one, with close-set boughs and thick needles, their big scale is especially effective (conventional balls would be lost among branches). Combined with ropes of gold tinsel and white papier-mâché birds from Mexico, the balls create a Della Robbia in the round, sophisticated yet marvelously practical, since every ornament is unbreakable. (Parents of small children and owners of waggy-tailed pets, please note.) Interior design by Erica Lemle.

GLORIOUS CROWN FOR A CHILDREN’S PARTY ballooning down through a chandelier, opposite page, right, is composed of 12-inch and 18-inch balls. Some of the balls are wired together, then to the chandelier; others are suspended from the ceiling with masking tape. Peppermint canes hook over the chandelier’s rim; ribbon candy, giant lollipops and pint-size gifts dangle enticingly, and a take-it-home stocking is tied to each chair. Furniture and chandelier from Doris Dessauers. Gift wraps, ribbon by Tie-Tie.

For shopping information, please turn to page 192.
Winning designs from our Christmas contest of 1963

THE MOST INVITING DOOR

Two years ago, H&G's Christmas tree competition brought forth a series of firs and spruces so resplendent, so singularly personal, that we waited with no patience at all for 1963's Most Inviting Doors to arrive, be judged and presented. Here are the winners—the first prize, the ten runners-up, and a special prize for some very young contestants—all chosen for their ingenuity, their artful use of simple materials and the cordial way they say "Come in." The doors run a vivid gamut from one of classic elegance to a fantasy to delight a child—and A. A. Milne. We are happy to pass on to you all the do-it-yourself secrets.

FIRST PRIZE: THE MOST INVITING DOOR OF ALL

Regal as a door to a Palladian villa, Mr. John G. Goetz's prize winner opens not in Vicenza, but Rochester, N. Y., and was chosen as best of breed because its dramatic good looks were achieved so simply. A kind of architectural slipcover, it is inexpensive, very easy to copy and no more trouble to store than a card table. Plated tin jelly molds spotted in a hardware store gave Mr. Goetz the idea of a door studded with bosses. For the background, he covered a piece of wallboard, the exact size of the door, with incisant red felt. Then, measuring carefully, he devised a stencil with cardboard cutouts—three rounds, eight half-rounds, four quarter-rounds, eight octagons, five strips and three long ones. These he laid on the felt (see pattern, left) and sprayed the exposed design with gold paint. The molds were gilded and glued to the felt, and the board was nailed to the door. An overhead swag and two boxwood trees framed the red with emerald, and a mat of red carpet played its traditional role of welcomer.

DRAWINGS BY KASPER
PHOTOGRAPH BY FOTIADIS

GIANT ORNAMENT WITH A FAIRY-TALE PANORAMA

The Duncan, Okla., door of Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Arnold Jr., wore a great Christmas ball designed much in the manner of the marvelous old Easter eggs one peeped into to behold a little tableau. Mrs. Arnold built the 47-inch-long ornament with glued paper applied to chicken wire and cardboard molded into shape around a hatbox core. A mirror glued to the bottom of the hatbox is a backdrop for a winter scene of trees, snowbanks, a gingerbread cottage and, flying through the air on wires, Santa and the immortal deer (all ten-cent-store finds). The hanger base was cut from an oatmeal box, the ribbon and conical pendant made from cardboard. Bright with red fluorescent paint, the ornament is spotlighted at night to become a lodestar people walk up from the street to admire—a gesture the Arnolds like very much indeed.

CELLINI WREATH OF GEORGIA CORN HUSK

The wreath Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Singletary hang on their Dawson, Ga., front door every Christmas looks like the work of a Renaissance goldsmith—so elegant you would never know it was made of good old corn husks. The Singletarys soaked the husks in water until they were pliable, then tore them into 2-inch-wide strips which they folded into 3-inch loops. These they clustered in groups of five which they wired together with florist's picks and stuck into a Styrofoam base until it was completely paved. Anemone-like "flowers" were made of the base of the husks and inserted to form a pattern. The wreath was then gilded and hung with a velvet bow—proof that the humblest material can achieve distinction.
1. A MADONNA FOR ALL NATIONS

A family affair, Dr. and Mrs. Merle E. Yordy’s Christmas welcome in Fairview, N. M., is painted each year with tempera on their winter storm door—a wonderful canvas of glass, easily washed off come January. Last years, Mrs. Yordy and her two children—Martha, 10, and Mel, 7—got out their brushes and painted a “stained glass” window with “Peace to the World” as its theme. Children of various countries, arm-in-arm and in national dress, were grouped at top and bottom of a tableau of Madonna and Child set off with panels of multicolored “stained glass,” leading and all. An armature of chicken wire around the door was filled with evergreens, lights and tiny flags of all nations to frame the painting which a hall light turns very convincingly into stained glass at night. By day or night, the Yordys’ message to their Fairview neighbors is unmistakable.

2. FOR THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS, AN ESPALIERED PEAR TREE

Lacking only a partridge, Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Cahill’s espaliered pear tree in Reading, Mass., was a joint effort: Mr. Cahill built the dowel frame, Mrs. Cahill “grew” the tree. Main trunk was made of 1 1/2-inch dowel with horizontal branches of 1/2-inch dowel and vertical boughs of 7/16-inch dowel—all interlaced through holes drilled in both trunk and horizontal branches. Princess pine—25 feet of it—was wired to the frame for foliage, then brought to bloom with artificial pears (“Get the rosy-cheeked ones!” says Mrs. Cahill), wired first to green velvet leaves and then to the tree. Tub, a 4 1/2-by-10-inch cardboard florist’s pot, was cut in half, gilded, “planted” and secured with the tree to the door. What a pleasant welcome—both for partridge and people.

3. GILDED GUARD FOR CHRISTOPHER ROBIN—AND ALICE

Some distance from Buckingham Palace, Mr. and Mrs. Earl W. Moon Jr.’s Atlanta, Ga., front door is guarded at Christmas time by a stalwart sentry, complete with sentry box. (The local children call it the “Guard House.”) The body of this Milne-ish watchdog was cut from 2-inch Styrofoam and dressed in red, black, white and pink felt with a line glitter of gold braid, fringe and buttons. His peaked shelter was built of 1/2-inch plywood sprayed red and green and trimmed with self-adhesive metal tape. Mounted on a screen door, soldier and box swing back and forth with ease. And just to keep things on a dress parade level, the sentry is flanked on each side by great sprays of pine decked with boutonnieres of balls, gilded drumsticks and satin bows. At night, the sentry is lit with spotlights hidden in a pair of gilded drums placed at the edge of the little porch.

4. CROWN RACK FOR THE THREE KINGS

As though the Magi were just around the corner, Mr. and Mrs. George G. Templeton’s Peekskill, N. Y., door wore their crowns (or reasonable facsimiles thereof) throughout the 1963 holidays. The base of the crown rack was plywood, cut to fit the door and covered in red velvet. Half-circles of curved wood molding formed the base of the crowns which were cut from heavy cardboard in traditional shapes, gilded, then studded with jewels (fake, but opulent), spiked with fancy hatpins and stuffed with velvet and satin to form turban-like headpieces. Three-dimensional plastic letters spelled out Noel, and the entire door was framed in a thick border of pine boughs lashed down with ropes of gold beads.
5. A TRINITY OF CHRISTMAS STARS

Three great fantastic stars studded Mrs. Vernette Kline’s Plant City, Fla. door which is painted, the year-round, Persian orange. Hung in each of the three panels like spiked flowers, the stars were made in two layers, each formed of eight pieces of poster cardboard, cut, folded and stapled into three-pointed sections, then assembled into eight-pointed stars and glued one on another. Base star was 15 inches in diameter, top star, about 13 inches. Mrs. Kline painted each star white and, to cover rough edges and intensify the three-dimensional quality, sprayed them with Christmas “snow” — the kind that comes in cans. To frame the door, Mrs. Kline made a garland of pine cones and twigs, magnolia leaves and poinsettia palm (very Floridian touch), and sprayed it here and there with touches of gilt and bits of white flocking. Caution! This charming treatment for a climate-of-Eden door might be somewhat of a risk in Maine.

6. ONE OF THE HEAVENLY HOST

The angel heralding glad tidings on the Mahlen Schmidts’ front door in Stockton, Calif., was a labor of love — and plaster of Paris. For background, the first step was a sunburst of dowels rayed out from a Styrofoam base. Atop went a fat bouquet of tissue-paper roses which was hung with a swag of cheesecloth, first saturated in plaster of Paris, then draped. The entire montage was gilded and, for good measure, the roses were sprinkled with gold glitter. Then came the angel with a framework of wire and bamboo for a body, a robe of cheesecloth draped in plaster of Paris and draped as it dried, and a plaster-coated Styrofoam head with yarn hair, dipped in plaster and curled into ringlets. Trumpet and wings were made of heavy silver foil; blue Bristol board stars, touched with gold glitter, were attached here and there with wire to keep the angel heaven-borne.

7. A HOME-GROWN GARLAND WITH DELLA ROBBIA CHARM

Gourds grown in Mrs. F. Eugene Sandford’s Louisville, Ky., garden — “Common everyday dried ones,” she calls them — made the bright festoon she hung on her door last year to let the neighbors know the holidays were at hand. Her directions are so succinct they deserve quoting: “Take about thirty gourds (you can buy them, I grew mine) of various shapes and sizes; screw in small metal eyes at stem ends. Paint Chinese red. Tie with raffia to a brass link picture chain. The chain provides a flexibility which is desirable for a pendant decoration, and the wind can’t blow it askew for long. Arrange the gourds so the large ones begin at the top and the small ones taper off at the bottom. Attach chain to door on knocker or nail, and surmount with crisscrossed branches of magnolia or other large, shiny, evergreen leaves. Floodlight at night.” Good advice to all festooners!

8. AN EVERGREEN ESCUTCHEON FOR EVERY PANEL

Musing on the matter of a holiday dress for her five-panel front door, Mrs. Bernard Nevins of Springfield, Ill., hit on the idea of five little permanent (as such things go) panel insets to spell Yule. She cut cardboard rectangles to fit as snugly as possible into the panels, covered them with bright red foil, then stapled to them clusters of satin ribbon, plastic evergreen sprigs, holly leaves and berries. The insets fit so perfectly that one big thumbstick in each keeps them securely anchored. When the decorations are stored, each inset is numbered on the back so it can return, next year, to its own panel. No new tack holes, no wrong inset in wrong panel and no mistaking, ever, Mrs. Nevins’ permanent welcome.

SPECIAL PRIZE: A GRADE SCHOOL’S ENCHANTING HARVEST OF YOUNG IDEAS

Last year, inspired by HāG’s Most Inviting Door contest, the entire student body of Roosevelt School in Bakersfield, Calif., fell to and bedecked the doors of their respective classrooms with the glee of inspired elves. The result was a kaleidoscopic delight — so refreshing HāG decided it called for a special prize. Above are four of the bright young ideas, chosen — as were the grown-up doors — for their ingenuity. The stocking was a first-grader’s creation; the snowman and bevy of faces — each a self-portrait — came from second-grade classes, and the “Trojan” reindeer (an adaptation of a Steinberg whimsey) took the wit of fourth-grade oldsters to conjure up. Editors’ note: The prize was an all-grades tape recorder.
As a Scorpio child I was born dangerously close to Christmas. November in Britain is a bad month at best. It needs more than heat and food and healthy exercise to expel the fogs: It needs presents. And owing to my parents' lack of consideration in arranging for me to be born just then, it looked as though I might receive very few. I was born, too, in a bad year. As soon as I was old enough to appreciate presents, there was a war, and presents stopped altogether or at best became very odd. For the Christmas of 1913 I was given a taxi with a real meter to it, which ticked up extravagantly twice around the nursery table. But by 1915, I was getting things like a field hospital, complete with a miniature operating theatre, rolls of bandages, an assortment of amputated limbs which could be fitted to dolls of different rank. I was thought to be old enough to face reality.

To this day, early emphasis on presents has colored my view of Christmas. When people speak sadly of the materialism which has corrupted what should simply be the Feast of the Nativity, I wonder if they are not also Scorpio children, brought up under the shadow of apprehension. Not that in fact I did badly. My mother, normally the least demanding of people, was a tigress when it came to promoting her children. One year she even got my father to give me a giraffe, in spite of the fact that he had already given it to the zoo. Amelia was its name, and I was taken to visit it Sundays, explaining to other little boys that my father had brought it back from Africa. With its long, long neck, mournful eyes and uneasy carriage, it looked very much like an Edwardian hostess. Years later I met a woman who told me how touched she had been by my telling her that Amelia pined away during the week because she would only eat from my hand. I am glad to say I had forgotten telling her this, for in reality Amelia was a stolid beast, whose only interest in zoo life was eating copiously and often.

We were a London family, and, therefore, much dependent on relatives with houses in the country. My father, being Welsh, was barely on speaking terms with most of his own family, so my mother once again had to exert herself on our behalf. I remember a Christmas in Scotland, staying with my Great Aunt Mary, who had lately returned from being Viceroy of India, and was already known to her collaterals as Imperial Polly, owing to a habit of command.

Aunt Mary was a believer in tradition. We had our fingers burned by snapdragon, we tended yule logs until our cheeks flamed, one of my cousins was dressed up as Father Christmas to distribute presents and I was so frightened that I had to be put to bed. And then there was the splendid presence of Aunt Mary herself, coming up to my room clad in what looked to me like all the jewels of Golconda. I believe vicereines were not supposed to accept presents from respectful maharajas. Aunt Mary, who seems to have liked maharajas, responded to the rules by making her daughters send back what was addressed to them, but keeping her own, so as not to imperil the Raj.

English country house Christmases are always said to be among the chief ornaments of the festival, although I am not sure that they come up to the German original from which their ritual has largely been taken. There is no English hymn so touching as "Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht," no snow so crystalline, no pines so scented, as those of Central Europe. True, there is no ceremony in Central Europe so sacred as that of the Boxing Day meet of the hounds, when cherry brandy is the order of the day, and sporting vicars hobnob with contralto ladies in bowler hats.

For many years we spent family Christmases in Kent in a moated castle which had belonged to Anne Boleyn's father and been brought to modern ways by the first Lord Astor. Faced with the need to enlarge a house with a moat on four sides, his architect had evolved the idea of a Tudor Village nestling under the castle walls, complete with market square, guildhall, tiny interconnected streets containing the spare bedrooms and enormous back premises. By some accident the design had come out less Tudor than Swiss, and the peculiarity of the house was made all the greater by a large artificial lake, flanked by a classical loggia and approached through vast formal gardens filled with Roman sculpture.

It was the perfect house for Christmas. There might be a score of grownups and a considerable sprinkling of children. Once, I remember, James Barrie and A. P. Herbert were staying and took it in turns to tell us a never-ending ghost story evening after evening, involving all the people in the house. There were carefully planned
raids on other houses around, for this was still the period of practical jokes, which only came to an end when Lord Faringdon at a birthday party literally set the Thames on fire by covering the surface with petrol and causing great devastation among the small craft which happened to be afloat.

Our aims were simple: We wanted to climb into some neighboring house after dark and paint a mustache with burnt cork on the Gainsborough. Indoors, waiting for the great day, we roller-skated in the cellars until the chef complained that we were disturbing his concentration. Then suddenly the day was there: preluded by church (very Low, the clergyman bright with military medals pinned to his cassock), leading towards a tremendous succession of meals, but really built around the giving of presents in the great hall.

Colored paper, brilliant string, helpful people filling wastepaper baskets with debris, children getting out of hand and fathers slinking off to the library for a large whisky are much the same the world over. Why they remain touching at Christmas time is that they bear witness to the indestructibility of the day. Whatever chimes with Christmas becomes sacred. Dingley Dell, Scrooge, the Three Kings, Gian Carlo Menotti, Lord Astor, the Prince Consort (who started it all), Bethlehem itself—each take their places in an enormous fresco, winding through the centuries like the Benozzo Gozzoli frescoes in the Palazzo Riccardi in Florence: a fresco of places and people joined by the fact that they all pay tribute to December 25.

Christmas can even survive the tropics. Once when I spent it in Rio, my companion summed up the weather dactylically as "typical tropical": that is to say, it rained incessantly, with an occasional electric storm to set a flashbulb glow on the jacarandas. At the opposite pole of feeling, I have spent Christmas in the Midland Hotel at Manchester, England, stumbling through the smoky fog in order to attend the opening of a celebrated production of "Helen," with sets by Oliver Messel. Somehow, both occasions were recognizably Christmas, I think, because the heart needs its festivals ever so often, needs the glow of giving and getting a present.

Just where the Nativity stands in all this I am not quite sure. I have noticed in Europe that my Jewish friends celebrate Christmas with more gusto than anybody. The hand of a British nanny can sometimes he detected in this, but I believe it is still more because at least one day of general good will in the year is an emotional necessity. People are fundamentally kind: their undoubted beastliness to one another arises from the pressures of society, from thoughtlessness, from sloth, rather than from an innate wish to hurt, or so at least I like to think. Rousseau thought as much, so did half the idealist philosophers of the world.

The Christian implications of December 25, vast as they are, have therefore been transcended by something in which everyone can share: the festival of kindness. The present is its symbol, presenting its universal ritual. I do not see anything very shocking in this. After all, the Nativity only has meaning for a minority of the world's inhabitants, whereas a festival of generosity and hope holds a message for everyone.

The really lucky ones are those who can combine both responses. I would not forego the memory of a Christmas at Solesmes, the great Benedictine abbey in the middle of France. There had been a sudden frost, and the trees were sheathed in ice, shining zircon blue above the fresh snow which, for once, replaced the normal Christmas mud. Sounds carried a long way on the still air, and Solesmes is the home of Gregorian plain chant, so that one walked through the cold right into the glory of the Middle Ages.

Yet I am not sure that the return home, to the tree in the library, the children, the colored paper, yes and the foie gras, did not represent something equally potent. For a few hours we all liked one another rather more. And when I look back over fifty Christmases, I find that the present I have most enjoyed giving and getting is that single brief warm glow.
INNOCENT MERRIMENT
that would charm a laugh from Scrooge

"Amusements" is the curatorial epithet for an extraordinary collection of metal, ceramic and needlecrafted objects now on exhibit at the Museum of Contemporary Crafts in New York City. Generically, these things are toys. Some are for children, others are so sophisticated that no adult fond of witty whimsy could resist them. They are all the work of serious craftsmen who occasionally digress from serious pursuits and let their funny bones take over. The toys range in price from very little to quite a lot, and any of them may be bought—the sources are listed on page 192. The exhibit will run through January 17.

Sixteen invitations to smile, or chortle, the amusements begin.
left, with 1 "Mountain Climbers"—silver, gold, ivory and wood stable by Earl Krentzin.

2 Vividly patterned tortoise of unglazed clay by Lucy M. Lewis. 3 "Three Men and a Car ≠ Two"—cast silver sculpture, 4½ inches high, by Brent Kington. 4 Ancient galley sailing through a carved sea, a mechanical sculpture by William Acorsi. 5 Stuffed, lion-headed centaur of fabric and yarn by Marilyn Neuhart. 6 Ceramic "animals," quite out of this world, by Robert Maxwell. 7 Salamanders of unglazed clay with boldly striped backs, by Lucy M. Lewis.
15 “King” of knitted wool, a noble creature maned like a lion. A good 22-inch armful of doll—or, for a little boy, a nice medieval switch from the old teddy bear, by Sonja Pimentel. 16 Painted wood angel, 9 inches high, quite obviously from a surrealist Heaven, by Holly Carpenter.

8 “Pies and Whistles,” silver and ebony mobile, 16½ inches high and a tour de force of craftsmanship and pixilated wit, by Earl Krentzin. 9 “Warring Warriors,” a sculptured duo of cast silver—probably renegades from Camelot—by Brent Kington. 10 Cast-aluminum cat, 6 inches high, and a grimalkin for all seasons, by Don Drumm. 11 Hand puppet—a horse of shocking pink felt with a black yarn mane, and, on an articulate hand, a great little talker, by Virginia Tiffany. 12 Furry little gnome with braided arms and legs and a felt nose. Beneath his drollness and fur is a bean bag. By Virginia Tiffany. 13 Ceramic non-vertebrate with a non-Grecian nose and a Hans Brinker haircut, by Robert Maxwell. 14 “Tin Can Bird”—part tin can, part adroitly welded metal, and altogether a delight. 10½ inches high, by Don Drumm.
JOHN HUSTON'S
BEST OF ALL WORLDS

By Naomi Barry

The John Huston Touch—you recognize it, you don't define it—is on every movie he makes. The Touch is just as evident, just as inescapable, on his home where he lives with his wife and teen-age son and daughter. Every corner of St. Clerans, his 100-acre estate in the west of Ireland, a few miles inland from the seaport town of Galway, is marked a John Huston Production. His domain—like his work—is the many-faceted portrait of the man. It proclaims a personality that is vital, exuberant, grandiose, cultivated, intelligent and mocking.

"If I have a philosophy, it is unconscious," he says, disclosing nothing about himself. He immediately flows on to reveal a great deal about the man and the director, who is one of the most original characters in the whole world of cinema.

"I try to make films which are very different, one from the other," he continues. "When I was making 'The African Queen,' the monkeys of the jungle came to look at us. They gathered under the trees which surrounded our raft and for whole days they watched us shoot, fascinated, silent, unnoticed, forgetting even to swing at the end of their tails. They were an ideal public because they didn't accuse me of philosophizing, they didn't ask me about Bogart and they supplied by their silence the most intelligent act that anybody can expect from a public."

This same iconoclastic attitude toward the Great God Public is vividly expressed in his domestic ambiance by a brightly polychromed iron figure of Polichinelle (discovered rusting in the Paris Flea Market) which sits merrily in the middle of the formal courtyard of the aristocratic stables of St. Clerans. It is as if Huston had chosen this puckish personage for a star position on his property to laugh at the whole baronial GHQ he has created for himself in the pastoral Irish countryside.

Early this year, Huston became a naturalized citizen of Eire, a return to the country of his great-grandparents. Here in the midst of green acres, with thoroughbred horses grazing on the lawns, he enjoys a self-directed splendor worthy of a movie spectacular. Not even the legendary Powerscourt family in their heyday, with all their Cromwellian privileges, lived in a style approximating this modern Renaissance man.

The principal building is an early Georgian mansion, built of hand-hewn blocks of the local gray granite. Stone lions and classical columns flank the main entrance. They are part of the eighteenth-century grandeur that came with the place. The façade remains what it (Continued)
was. Inside, the house was practically gutted, then reshaped to the image and needs of the new master with the help of Michael Scott, the Dublin architect of the recently rebuilt Abbey Theater.

Hospitality hits you the minute you walk into the ceremonial entrance hall floored with black Galway marble, patterned with the white markings of fossilized shells. In the inner hall beyond, an unexpected and enormous oak desk, standing island-free of the right wall, has been set up as a bar. Bottles of everything stand waiting and ready.

The two stylish pets of the house greet every guest. Seamus, the Irish wolfhound, not yet full grown, is already the proportions of a healthy heifer. He is ten times the size of his inseparable companion, Chou Chou, a small and perky Tzu, a Tibetan breed of dog with long silky hair that made its first appearance in the West only six years ago.

As you move from room to room, the picture of Huston takes on form. He has made movies all over the world and obviously every location has been a rich experience. Much of it he has brought home with him in the form of paintings, furniture, fabrics, bibelots. He owns all the posters Toulouse-Lautrec made for the Moulin Rouge. A celebrated collection of Aztec and pre-Columbian art is displayed in a gallery room of its own. Books are all over (so are thoughtfully placed boxes of Kleenex). Japanese screens, African sculpture, statues of Indian and Chinese deities, a superb wooden Christ, eighteenth-century furniture, baroque candelabra, chests of oriental materials, one of the famous paintings of water lilies by Claude Monet—all mingle happily, linked by the fact that they were chosen by a man with enough positive taste to buy what he likes.

Huston was captivated by a small design he once saw in Japan and had it made up into a black-and-white wallpaper for his dining room. Each small section of the paper was hand-painted in Japan and the whole lot fitted together when it arrived at St. Clerans. In one of the guest rooms is a majestic bed that belonged to Napoleon. But Huston's own (Continued)
elaborately carved four-poster is far more resplendent and striking.

His dressing room alone is big enough to have been used as a bedroom. The closets are glass-doored so that he can see at a glance whether he is after a handwoven Donegal tweed jacket or an eighteenth-century embroidered satin waistcoat. The hatboxes from Motsch in Paris are neatly pyramided. The clothes are filed in perfect order.

Costumes for Huston’s sporting life are systematically arranged in another room, adjacent to a sportsman’s lounge where the walls are decorated with mounted heads of animals from Africa. Here he keeps his paraphernalia for riding, hunting, fishing and sailing. He is mad about horses and when at home serves as master of the local hunt, the Galway Blazers. He is equally fond of sailing in Galway Bay.

Huston sees no incompatibility between Old World luxury and New World comfort. For instance, he is a man who finds bathrooms conducive to relaxation, thinking and creativity. Consequently, for every bedroom, he ordered a spacious bathroom that can serve as a study and a sanctuary. The tubs are set well out of the way in alcoves. There are built-in bookshelves, well stocked with books. The deep armchairs are covered with absorbent terry cloth inviting you to settle after a bath, to read or muse.

On the ground floor there is an authentic Japanese bath, walled with rice-paper screens, where guests can wash under a shower, steam in a sunken pool and contemplate a Japanese still-life composition of sand and polished stones in a pit.

“It’s very popular after hunting,” remarked Miss Betty O’Kelly—a superintendent of the eighteen horses on the estate—as casually as if a Japanese community bath were a normal aspect of life in ultra-conservative Galway. Actually, (Continued)
this exoticism is the subject of animated talk all over the land.

Huston's insistence on the best of all worlds has made St. Clerans the most warmly heated house in Ireland, a country which has not yet come around to accepting central heating. Nonetheless, nearly every room has a giant fireplace for the esthetic pleasure of a fragrant peat fire.

Shannon International Airport is only an hour's drive from St. Clerans, which means that the house is conveniently close to major airport cities around the globe. Huston goes and comes like a tornado. Each return from Rome, Paris, New York or wherever galvanizes the estate into a hive of activity. He moves as general of a colorful troupe, made up of writers, actors, friends, artists. Eighteen to twenty people can be bedded of a night. In addition to the guest rooms in the main house, another series of guest rooms has been arranged in the lofts over the handsome stables.

To keep such an establishment in order requires a permanent staff of six—a cook, a butler and a houseboy with three cleanup boys under him—not counting the secretary and Miss O'Kelly. When the squire and his retinue are in residence, the cook moves into high gear: cakes for tea, hors d'oeuvres for cocktails, lavish menus for lunch and dinner.

Whether the gatherings are large or small, the rooms of St. Clerans are full of conversation and discussion. Projects are hatched and ideas are exchanged. Work is interspersed with hard play. During these hectic days and weeks, this "peaceful" estate in rural Ireland hums with as much activity as it must have centuries ago when a great house in the country was a complete social center, a small town in itself.

Every room in John Huston's house bears the stamp of his visual wit and love of luxury. In the upstairs sitting room, top and center right, a table top with trompe l'oeil playing cards and a Victorian chandelier shaped like a bunch of thistles play tongue-in-cheek counterpoint to precious porcelains, a French Gothic carved wood Christ. The hall leading to this room is guarded by painted and carved Mexican statues of voluptuous mermaids, center left. In one of the bedrooms, right, a prim Victorian bedstead of brass and wrought iron is teamed with curtains and bedspread made from shimmering antique silk embroideries from India. Mr. Huston's bedroom, opposite page, has a snug splendor that a potentate might envy: flocked wallpaper, an eighteenth-century Venetian canopy bed, Louis XV mirror. His bathroom and dressing room, left, are just as luxurious. Armchairs in the mahogany-paneled bathroom are covered with terry cloth. In the dressing room is a collection of shoes Mr. Huston has worn while making such movies as "Moby Dick."
We lavish our decorative talents on the Christmas tree, outdoing ourselves with lights, ornaments and tinsel, balancing breathlessly on the top of the ladder to fix the spire or the star at the crown. But the base is apt to be given short shrift—a swaddling of old sheeting, perhaps, or a crepe-paper skirt. HG&G believes the star of our holiday show deserves more imaginative treatment, so in collaboration with the Studio of Binney & Smith, Inc., we have designed three types of decorative Christmas tree bases, opposite page: a jeweled crown, a fanciful ring of houses (three versions of these) and a storybook sleigh. You can make any of them yourself in a few hours, either from an ordinary hatbox or from a large corrugated cardboard carton. And you can conceal low-wattage lighting in them to dramatize your tree.

The crown-shaped base, opposite page, top, is made from a hatbox 14 inches in diameter. You start by removing the lid and gluing it, top side up, to the bottom of the box to raise it a bit from the floor. Next, cut triangular pieces, evenly spaced, from around the top edge of the box and cut out octagonal openings in the side. Then take another hatbox lid (or construct one of cardboard) slightly smaller than the box you are working with and cover the top with aluminum foil. Punch four or five holes in it and insert clip-on sockets, base down, for 15-watt light bulbs. Run an ordinary extension cord around the underside of the lid and clip each socket to the cord at any point that is convenient. Set the lid rim-down inside the hatbox and place your tree stand on it.

The second type of base—the polygonal rings of house façades—can be made in various sizes, various styles. Our three versions, opposite page, are all composed of corrugated cardboard—one long sheet scored in panels and angled to form the ring, or individual panels hinged with tape. The smallest, 1 below, and center left, opposite page, is a six-sided block of Venetian palazzos. To make it, cut or score six cardboard panels, 6 1/2 by 13 1/2 inches (or larger if you wish), and tape or angle them into a ring. Stand it upright on a sheet of cardboard and draw an outline of the ring, or individual panels hinged with tape. Then draw a second line 2 inches outside the first. Between the two lines, sketch six 2-inch tabs, evenly spaced, and cut the tabs out around the inner hexagon. Fit the tabs into slots cut 4 1/2 inches from the bottom of the standing hexagon. Pile some blocks under the platform to give it solid support before you place the Christmas tree in its stand upon it.

The Alpine village, 2 below, and center right, opposite page, is constructed similarly, but in this case there are two rings. The outer one consists of eleven houses, 9 inches high to their rooftops; the inner ring, into which the tabbed platform is fitted, is an octagonal grove of 14-inch-high fir trees. A string of 15-watt light bulbs clipped to the tabs will light both the windows of the houses and the tops of the trees.

The sixteen-sided ring of town houses, lower left, opposite page, is taller—about 22 inches, by 26 inches in diameter—and the platform goes on top. (Insert the tabs in slots cut just below the roof line.) This version is suitable for a small, lightweight tree that needs elevation, or to conceal the tub in which a live tree is planted. (Cut a hole in the center of the platform and a slit from center to circumference so that you can fit the platform around the tree trunk before inserting the tabs in the house façades.) A single light bulb under the platform will illuminate the windows of the house.

Our third and most ambitious base is the sleigh, 3 below, and opposite page. It could either support a tree or serve as a stand-in for a tree and be heaped with gifts. To make it, you will need two large pieces of corrugated cardboard 36 by 24 inches for the sleigh sides; a piece 36 by 22 inches for the floor; a 26-inch square for the front; and a piece 20 by 16 inches for the back. The precise dimensions are less important than the approximate shape and relative proportions.

Draw the outline of the sleigh sides and runners on the two large 36-by-24-inch pieces of cardboard and cut out.

To make the floor, take the 36-by-22-inch piece, score it 8 inches from each end and fold down. (These front and back flaps help support the sleigh, but do not show from the side.) Score a line 2 inches in from each side of the center section; reverse the cardboard and do the same on the underside; then cut tabs in these 2-inch margins. Cut slots in the sides of the sleigh, 7 inches up from the bottom, to correspond with the tabs. Assemble floor and side pieces and secure with brass spread fasteners.

Score the 20-inch-square front piece in half and fold up to form a right angle. Score lines 1 inch in from three of the sides, fold and attach to the sides and floor of the sleigh with brass spread fasteners. You will have to cut and miter these 1-inch folds where they meet at the right angle—see below. Score the 26-by-16-inch backrest 1 inch in from the long sides and fold. Attach to sides of sleigh with brass spread fasteners.

For instructions on how to color and decorate tree bases, turn to page 200.
With scissors and stapler little hands can create magnificent

BAUBLES OF PAPER

The tree, opposite page, is 8 feet tall with wide interstices between branches to allow plenty of room for ornaments. With the exception of a few sprigs of yarn, every inch of the decorations is paper: tissue, Origami paper (from Japanese stores) and construction paper (from any art store). The gamut of ideas could only have come from a child's imagination: baroque festoons made of strips held in coil by staples; birds, fans, prisms, snowflakes and torn-paper faces and torsos of what gleefully pass for angels.

Paper art is as old and as universal as paper itself. The Japanese have been folding paper into fantasies for centuries. In Poland, paper cutouts have the vitality and strength of wood carvings. And in Mexico, the decorative manipulation of paper has reached a peak that can only be called wild and wonderful. The art fascinates children. With only a little instruction and a little more encouragement, 6-year-old fingers can turn out forms that are not only ingenious but beautiful. Surely the month or so before Christmas is a made-to-order time to give this happy talent full play.

Every year, spirited sessions of paper cutting are held at the James Stevens' Balinese Shop in Pasadena, Calif. Parents come to shop for gifts and automatically shoo their children upstairs where they fall to at a mountain of colored papers and make ornaments for a waiting Christmas tree. Here they are, right, raply at work. Some of their ornaments were borrowed last year for a splendid tree, opposite page, a kind of juvenile Pasadena enterprise which included the work of first-grade students in a local school where paper art is as popular as hanging upside down on the monkey bar. Two "oldsters" were also represented: one, 13, made the tree's tip-top star, and another, 14, turned out the Matisse-like base. Such a tree, of course, is strictly a child's world, but paper art, per se, is not. For adults who have developed the dexterity they knew as children, some ideas on paper's potential begin on page 153.
Give a dexterous child an idea or two and just watch what he can do. For example:

1. Three-finned hanging ornament made of three 8-inch squares of construction paper, folded diagonally. Paste one triangular half of one square to one half of another, so folds meet. Then paste third square to the free halves of the first two. Design is made of thick white twine soaked in white glue and arranged, ad-lib, on fins. Pompon is shredded paper.

2. Torn-paper angels of varicolored construction paper—very easy and great fun. If he likes, the child can assemble his bits and pieces in a heavenly collage and paint in his angels' features.

3. Snowflake—made of a 6-inch square folded twice, diagonally. A fanciful design is drawn on, cut out, and when square is unfolded, makes a snowflake.

4. Stylized Christmas tree made of graduated squares of construction paper folded into triangles and pasted together.

5. A pretty conceit dreamed up by a first-grade child and made of 1-inch strips of construction paper in varied colors. Much simpler than it looks, the scroll is 12½ inches long, held together with nothing but staples, and as stylish as ornaments come.
Shepherd is made of a paper lamp shade (easy way to get ready-made ruching and fluting) with a few paper cutout additions. Both star and sheep are made from scratch, of Strathmore paper. Group designed by Ellen Sheridan.

Creche, with its Holy Family, star and angel, is designed to hang on a wall. Both the figures and the stable are made of paper folded in five different ways based on classic Origami folds. Designed by John Nordquist.

Talented adults soon discover that certain aspects of paper folding and cutting demand the kind of concentration that a contractor devotes to a blueprint. But, like playing good bridge, practice goes a long way toward perfection, and to an aficionado, the pleasure far outweighs the taking of pains. For example, the shepherd with his star and sheep, left, and the crèche, below, although not at all simple to construct, are charming things to have about the house during the holidays. The crèche is designed to hang on a wall, but the shepherd’s group offers more latitude. It could be part of an under-the-tree crèche or worked into a table centerpiece. A row of shepherds, each with a sheep, could march across a mantel or a window ledge like a parade of lesser Magi, and the sheep with their caracul curls could be herded into a flock and put out to pasture on the wall of a child’s bedroom. A few stars to light the scene will do no harm, and since both sheep and stars are flat-backed, they can be pasted anywhere. Detailed instructions for making the shepherd’s group, the crèche and the gold foil ornaments on the next page may be obtained by sending 50 cents (please, no stamps) to House & Garden, Department CO, Box 1910, Grand Central Station, New York, N. Y. 10017. A very useful book to keep at hand, not only at Christmas, but the year-round, is Pauline Johnson’s fine easy-to-follow handbook, “Creating With Paper.”
The pendants bedecking the brick wall and the peacocks sweeping through the chandelier, opposite page, hold their shape mainly through the strength of the interlaced strips of foil. The pendant, left, because it is 4 feet long and structurally complex, is stapled here and there to step up the endurance. But the ingeniously plaited bird, below, requires neither glue nor staples for stability. Both the ornaments were designed by Ellen Sheridan and John Nordquist. (Should you have difficulty finding the Duplex foil, see page 192 for shopping information.)

The exotic pendants and the peacocks in the party setting, opposite page, were inspired by the extraordinary ornaments plaited of palm fronds and carried in the streets in Mexico on Palm Sunday. Only the material is changed. In place of palm, a difficult medium, we have used heavy Duplex foil—gold on both sides so that the ornaments, however viewed, are consistently "solid" gold. They are fairly complicated to make, but not nearly as formidable as they may look, and anyone with a flair for working with paper should find them a provocative challenge. What you do with them is a matter of fancy. You could be extravagant (and diligent), as in the dining room, opposite page, and turn a brick wall into a Cellini showcase, or simply hang one impressive 4-footer as a mobile. Reduced in size, both the pendants and the birds make dashing tree ornaments. Two pendants, king-size, could flank a doorway like sculptured columns, or—depending on the size and shape of your windows—be hung like lanterns, to light, in a flameless way, a guest to your door. Nothing, certainly, could be more gala than a chandelier jeweled with golden peacocks. (Reminder: You can send for instructions as stated on page 153.)
SUMMER PLANTS FOR YEAR-ROUND WINDOWS

Whatever the season, it is always fair weather indoors. So there is nothing to keep you from planning an indoor garden for year-round effect—and year-round variety. In fact a seasonless effect indoors is actually easier to accomplish than a comparable planting outdoors would be. In addition, it offers you a flesh-and-blood garden for twelve months a year right in your living room (apartment and town-house dwellers please note).

The means are simple. First, grow indoors, the year around, some of your favorite plants that are commonly grown only in outdoor gardens. Second, keep inside, straight through the year, the best of the showpieces that you have been accustomed to putting out behind the garage during the summer months. Third, use the familiar house plant varieties as fillers and accents wherever and whenever they will provide a needed lift.

If you have been attempting to create attractive plant windows, only to have them become depressed areas, even outright plant slums, it may be that you have been hoodwinked by some of the mistaken clichés of indoor gardening. Here are some to forget: that house plants are at their best only in winter; that your choices are limited to plants that are tropical in origin or not hardy outdoors in cold weather; that when spring comes in the window, house plants must go out; that once you have arrived at a satisfactory arrangement, you should never change it. No cliché is more ridiculous than the last. You can (it is certainly more fun) change your windows morning and afternoon if you like. And sometimes you should. In the plant window, opposite page, the plants are arranged one way, at one end of the window. All the way across the same window, on the next two pages, the same plants along with others are arranged quite differently.

The basic array of big pot and tub plants produces foliage or flowers or both, year after year, seemingly without attention. The liberal seasoning of less imposing plants from shrub borders and flower beds adds, in these surroundings, a pleasant air of surprise. And the sun plants, a type familiar to both garden and window sill, acquire new beauty because of the company they keep. On the next two pages and in Gardener’s Month (page 194), landscape architect James Fanning explains specifically how the effects were accomplished and how similar year-round windows can be planned and cared for.

All the key plants in the Westchester County, N. Y., plant gallery, opposite page, have been flourishing and flowering in one arrangement or another for several years and show no signs of needing an outdoor vacation. Schefflera at the far left and podocarpus are the evergreen mainstays. The handsome bougainvillaea, at the right of the arrangement, seems to bloom almost all the time. Surprisingly, perhaps, rhododendrons (beyond the marguerites) thrive over winter in ordinary clay pots and flower in early spring. Petunias, of course, will bloom indefinitely if their fading flowers are picked. Aphelandra’s zebra leaves (in the right-hand corner) are as pretty as any flower and last indefinitely. Its own yellow flowers are a bonus.

A single accent plant, right, may make an all-year garden at a small-scale window. The bamboo (botanically, Phyllostachys aurea) is particularly appropriate to this tall, narrow strip window. Occasionally it changes places with one or another plant from the big window, opposite page.
The foundation plants of this all-season window are mostly such familiar kinds of schefflera, podocarpus, Pittosporum, Bougainvillaea and Hibiscus. Each of these—and many others in the same category—has its own requirements, of course, but all share the advantage of being perfectly content to stay in one place year in and year out. Some, such as Bougainvillaea and Hibiscus, bloom sporadically the year round; others, like Podocarpus and Schefflera, provide only the continuous display of leaves that is the real background of every plant collection, indoors and out. These are strengthened and given added interest by a few plants that we think of primarily as belonging outdoors: Astilbe, Hosta, Rugosa holly and Carolina Rhododendrons, for instance. They will thrive under the same care as the more usual permanent house plants and all but the holly will give the added fillip of blossoms. Holly, and the bamboo on page 157, will produce fresh new growth almost as attractive as any flowers.

The function of this basic group of plants is, quite simply, to be there all the time, to provide summery green against a background of snow outdoors and, at the opposite end of the seasonal scale, to bring the coolness of outdoor greenery into the house in summer. Furthermore, they act as the background for the brief-season, but more colorful, plants. Marguerites, clivia, hosta and astilbe are real conversation pieces when they
are grown indoors (although some of them are well-known in perennial borders outdoors). Petunias and patience plant, as used here, are as effective as they would be in their familiar places in the garden. They may be bought from a florist as needed or raised quickly from seeds or cuttings. After reaching their spectacular peak of bloom, and before they lose their form and color, they may be either cut back and renewed or discarded without a second thought. (For other comparable plants, see Gardener's Month, page 194.) In essence, this plant window, big as it is, always has its best foot forward.

The long window is dominated by one or more pots of each of the following species, in blossom or simply in leaf: 1 Podocarpus. A yew-like tropical evergreen that is everybody's indoor mainstay among tub plants. Basically it is a major filler or background specimen. 2 Bougainvillaea. The brilliant floral bracts are not only long lasting but appear in appreciable but random quantity almost the year round. 3 Ilex rugosa. One of several rather uncommon Japanese hollies, especially well suited to bushy pot growth. Small, starchy, glossy leaves. Needs little if any regular sun. 4 Petunia. Well-known as a ubiquitous bedding plant, it is a fine window plant, too. 5 Marguerite. A familiar "daisy" in both white and yellow forms, with finely cut chrysanthemum foliage, it is an invaluable pot plant for big windows. 6 Rhododendron. This is R. carolinianum, but there are a dozen that would do as well indoors. 7 Patience plant. Almost as familiar as the petunia, unexcelled in good light or bad for practically continuous flowering. 8 Hosta. This lance-leaved perennial, variety "Honeybells," takes kindly to pot culture. At the opposite end of the window it appears with spires of nodding florets. 9 Astilbe. An all but indispensable summer-border plant with its foaming white or pink spires, it is perfectly at home indoors year round, even when dormant. 10 Schefflera. One of the few truly great house plants, in both small sizes and large—but only for bold foliage effects. 11 Pittosporum (with the accent on the "tos"). One of the most important foundation evergreens in the South and West, it is also a matchless indoor green. 12 Coleus. There are more hues to choose from than there were colors in Joseph's coat. In 6-inch pots these tropical shade plants are serviceable accent-fillers indoors. 13 Camellia. One of the glossiest of evergreens, with superb flowers of great richness and variety. A fine house and tub plant (it may reach a dozen feet) that does best in a cool northeast window. 14 Clivia. Its great straplike leaf fan is evergreen. Its single winter flower spike bears a rosette of orange trumpets. 15 Hibiscus. Its forms and varieties are legion. Although seemingly delicate, it is a sturdy as well as dramatic plant, may bloom intermittently almost all year.
Music is as inseparable a part of Christmas as Santa Claus, the Christmas tree and plum pudding—and older, as an orthodox mode of celebration, than any of them. Unfortunately only a tiny part of the great literature of motets, cantatas and other sublime Christmas music is regularly heard in our churches, and the poignant noels and carols, so popular in the nineteenth century, have become jaded shadows of what they used to be. In their place a canned and amplified “White Christmas” is regularly plopped into the helpless ears of people who stand in elevators, sit in cocktail lounges, wait in railroad stations and shop in supermarkets.

A day or two after Thanksgiving when I have heard the first strains of “I’m dreaming...” for the fifth time in twelve hours, I know the choice I face. I can either sit and cry, thinking of what I will have to listen to during the remainder of the season, or I can lie down on my foam-rubber couch—pretending it is a velvet chaise—and indulge in a lavish fantasy. In my dream I forsake family and friends, cancel the order for the goose, burn the shopping list and travel across ocean and continents listening to the world’s most glorious music in what to me are the most inspiring settings.

Within thirty seconds I am leaning back in a DC3 headed for London where a friend from Cambridge is waiting to drive me to the university. It is the evening of the first Sunday in Advent (this year, November 29) and King’s College Chapel is starting the liturgical year with a service to which all members of the university are invited. The chapel is lit only by candles, and the minister and choir, attended only by candle bearers, enter through the west door. The procession continues to move, throughout the service, from west to east—from darkness to light. This is not a Mass, but a traditional service of lessons, prayers, carols and hymns with accompanying music written by a wide range of western composers from Palestrina to Ralph Vaughan Williams. Despite the variety in musical idioms, the effect is uniformly sacred and very moving. (You can hear it reproduced in a stereophonic recording—“A Procession with Carols,” London OS25205—in which the sound in the chapel is first introduced on the far left, moves into position just left of center, passes and is heard at right.)

The next morning back in London I take the boat-train, cross the Channel and head for Paris. From there in a rented Peugeot I drive to Vienna—at a leisurely pace since I’m not due there until December 6. My destination is the Chapel of the Imperial Palace, where at 9:30 every Sunday morning from the beginning of September until the middle of June, the Vienna Choir Boys sing the Mass. The history and patronage of this group are curious: formed by the Holy Roman Emperor Maximilian I in 1498, it has flourished and continued to rise in prestige—and in popularity: this past year the youngsters even appeared on the Perry Como Show. According to impresario Sol Hurok, “They sing like angels but eat like horses.” I have never had dinner with them, but their type of voice—high, thin, boyish and pure—seems particularly well suited to the music of the Christmas season. (You can judge for yourself: listen to them—“The Wiener Sangerknaben”—singing carols in German on the recording “Christmas in Austria,” Capitol T10164.)

Fresh-faced and very, very professional,
Vienna’s famous choir boys perform at Saint Stephen’s
Neither time nor money can be weighed seriously in a worthy fantasy. So a commercial airliner, serving a champagne dinner, transfers me pleasantly from Vienna to Boston. From the airport I taxi to the other Cambridge, in hopes of hearing E. Power Biggs play Louis Claude Daquin’s twelve “Noëls pour l’Orgue” on the glorious new instrument built by Z. A. Florentop in Holland, which has recently been installed in Harvard’s Busch-Reisinger Museum. Back in the eighteenth century all Paris flocked to hear Daquin play these elegant pieces at Christmas, and as I listen to them, the Busch-Reisinger is suddenly transformed into a courtly Louis Quinze drawing room embellished with roses and dolphins and arabesques. The music displays a grace and delicacy seldom heard in the current organ repertoire. The charm of the themes and the increasingly complex nature of their manipulation is stunning to hear. (E. Power Biggs has recorded all twelve noëls on a single L.P.: Columbia MLS567 or MS6167.)

Having regaled myself with “the playing of the merry organ” as well as “sweet singing in the quire,” I hop the Eastern shuttle to New York where all echoes of aristocratic delicacy are quickly silenced. New York is the city of Organized Music and Organized Christmas and, during the month of December, is probably the world’s center of Organized Christmas Music. Last year within a single week Handel’s “Messiah” was presented in its entirety seven times in the city’s two major concert halls alone, and every year Thomas Scherman conducts a performance of “L’Enfance du Christ,” Berlioz only work that is religious in spirit and tone, yet non-liturgical. (The Schwann Long Playing Record Catalogue lists almost a dozen recordings of the first and two performances of the second.) But neither work, just now, is on my fantasy schedule. I hail a Fifth Avenue bus, No. 5, ride right past Philharmonic Hall and jog up Riverside Drive to Fort Tryon Park, there, in the Fuenteudena Chapel of the Cloisters, the New York Pro Musica has been performing medieval music dramas every Christmas season for the past several years. Both the twelfth-century “Play of Daniel” and the thirteenth-century “Play of Herod” had been completely neglected until Noah Greenberg and his musicians brought them back to life in 1955. And the Romanesque hall with its stone walls and vaultings, its veritable twelfth-century French doors and Spanish frescoes, provides an appropriate setting that is unique in the U. S. Both of these medieval works retain some relationship to the liturgy, but myth and fable have been interwoven with the Old and New Testament stories. Ancient musical instruments contribute immeasurably to the exotic quality of the sound that sustains the atmosphere of drama and mystery. It is impossible to realize that the Seventh Avenue IRT subway station is just down the hill. (If you are beyond reach of both subway and bus, close your eyes and imagine the Abbey de Saint-Germain Mons, let led by Dom Joseph Gajard, in “Gregorian Chant, Christmas,” London 5217.)

Iter the recessional, I speed back to Paris and, taking advantage of the time difference, return by fast jet to New York. Having worn the same ever-fresh Chanel suit since November 28, I have nothing to declare at customs, so I scoot out of the terminal and climb into a Carey Cadillac (even in the best of all possible fantasies, you can’t hope for a taxi in New York on Christmas Eve). Thus comfortably ensconced, I fish out of the zippered pocket of my handbag the two quarters I laid by when last in New York for the specific purpose of buying a ticket to Alexander Schneider’s Christmas Eve midnight concert at Carnegie Hall, a building which is to New York what the Abbey at Solesmes is to modern France. Under Mr. Schneider’s direction, a true chamber orchestra plays Bach, Vivaldi and works of other baroque composers, and the music sounds magnificent in that beautiful old house.

By the end of the concert, I am tired (even in my disembodied state). I go to a quiet hotel and sleep late. The first event on my Christmas Day agenda—Tchaikovsky’s “Nutcracker Suite”—does not begin until 2:30 in the afternoon. This lovely work, choreographed by George Balanchine and performed annually by the New York City Ballet at the City Center, is one of the more delightful traditions in that often off-beat musical city. The lush romantic orchestra brings me remarkably close to my own world—the world of the twentieth century. (This same orchestra, Robert Irving conducting, has made a recording of the “Nutcracker Suite” that is my favorite: Kapp 5007.)

With “Waltz of the Flowers” humming in my head, I walk to Rockefeller Center, order dinner at the English Cafe and watch the skaters, the tree and the glass buildings sparkle in the night. Then back to the hotel where I turn on the TV to watch and listen to a contemporary work specially commissioned for this contemporary medium: Gian-Carlo Menotti’s opera, “Amahl and the Night Visitors” which NBC-TV has presented every Christmas since 1951. The shock of the sound is not great, for Menotti is a gentle composer and there is enough old-fashioned Italian lyricism in the music to permit me to remain—a few more minutes—with my eyes closed. (“Amahl and the Night Visitors” has been recorded by the original cast on Victor LM1701 and by the new cast on Victor stereo LSE2762.)

It’s Christmas night and I should be home. But having never in reality left it, I am there, albeit with my eyes closed still. The kitchen is clean, the children in bed, husband recuperating, grandparents happy, bicycles assembled, wrappings away! Stacked neatly under the tree are the Christmas records I’ve chosen with the help of the December Schwann: Britten’s “Ceremony of Carols,” J. S. Bach’s “Christmas Oratorio,” Heinrich Schütz “Christmas Oratorio” and Corelli’s “Christmas” Concerto Grosso Opus No. 8.

Then I open my eyes and turn on the radio—enraptured at the prospect of “Rudolph the . . . .” Instead, I hear “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” from Bach’s Cantata No. 147—an expression of deep religious fervor. Christmas music can be glorious—even in the real world.

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Now that skiing has become a truly international sport, skiers' lives have much in common wherever the tows run—in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy, Verbier or Gstaad, Switzerland, in Squaw Valley or Sugar Bowl, Calif. Once in from the slopes, California skiers concentrate most of their living and entertaining around the generous hearths in rooms that are fascinating for their European fantasy and their American common sense. Brilliantly colored linens from France and Germany are interspersed with cheerful cottons from Sears Roebuck. There are leopard rugs—prizes brought from Africa—and safari chairs from, of all places, Copenhagen. Leather is a favorite covering for chairs and sofas because it weatheres wet clothing with aplomb. Furry rugs are underfoot everywhere—they not only look consolingly warm after a day in the cold, but are, in fact, snug underfoot. Although Jerome Hill's house in Sugar Bowl boasts a remarkable wine cellar and a treasury of paintings that includes Bonnard and Vuillard, California Ski houses, for the most part, are rugged, but full of lighthearted ideas that might be borrowed for year-round houses anywhere.

To everyone's delight at Sugar Bowl, the Creighton Peets believe the dazzling "tablecloth" of snow on their outdoor table, 1, calls for a centerpiece of spring flowers (robustly artificial, of course). The Robert Folger Millers' house, 2, copied for them by Victor Tschelistcheff from a Kitzbühel chalet, has a trompe-l'oeil forest painted on the side of it by Richard von Warton. Front terraces like the Howard McGurrins', 3, provide arresting views of Mt. Disney and Mt. Lincoln for luncheon guests both winter and summer. The deer in the tree is a permanent guest.

Spring bonnets at Sugar Bowl have but one purpose: adequate protection from an unexpected torrid sun. At Warren Clark's, 4, the millinery display on a Victorian hat rack is complemented by carved chairs from the Hofbrau Haus in Munich and framed photographs of sojourns at St. Anton.

A ski lodge, 5, that manages to blend do-it-yourself practicality with triumphant sophistication is the one designed by Robert McNie for his family, in neighboring Squaw Valley. Built of weathered lumber, its furnishings have an equally mellowed look. The sofa, a trophy of auction-going, is deeply tufted in soft black leather. The ottomans and couch cushions are covered with scraps salvaged from damaged Persian rugs. The coffee table, once blond oak, has been shoe polished to a mahogany glow and rimmed with brass nail heads and corner brackets—stout armour to cope with feet-up ski-boots-at-leisure (a good position, at day's end).
In most California ski houses the old and the new are blithely mixed, and the furnishings are pruned so judiciously that they unfailingly achieve refreshing simplicity without any sacrifice to comfort. At the Edward Griffiths’ house near Squaw Valley, a French printed cotton dresses up a solemn Victorian bed, covers a chair and is laminated to the window shade. The floor is covered with Dutch sisal, cemented in place with linoleum adhesive. An Italian primitive graces the wall. At the Robert McNies’ an interplay of pattern and texture adds another dimension to the black and white guest bedroom. The board and batten walls are whitewashed—one coat only, to allow the grain to show through. The chest—a secondhand affair of walnut-grained metal—was painted white, then crosshatched by hand with a felt pen. Black Italian wool patterned with leafy white medallions made the spread for the black spool bed. Brass rods hold the white duck curtains, brass-toned paint outlines the window.

Comfort was considered mandatory by the Edward Griffiths when it came to furnishing the living room, of what was once an old family cabin used for summer fishing expeditions. With the addition of heat, plumbing and insulation, it has become an all-year haven for entertaining family and friends and for private relaxation, such as cat naps on the long, ample sofa upholstered in a cotton provincial print. The cushions are covered with wool, the round table with felt, the painted floor with a Dutch sisal rug. The French Provincial dresser near the window holds the Griffiths’ collection of Meissen hot-water plates. Paintings by contemporary San Franciscan artists enliven the wall over the sofa.

At Christmas, frivolity is the rule. Members of the McNie household focus attention on Uncle George, the moose, who peers benignly from the granite stone fireplace. His holiday necklace is made of tissue-paper roses, tiny Japanese straw flowers and pine twigs fastened to a framework of chicken wire. Instead of a Christmas tree they decorate a Mexican tin angel, with sprays of pine, and stack their presents below in a Victorian embossed-tin clothes trunk. An hour or so before holiday luncheons they make use of their outdoor refrigeration, to cool the wine.

In the McNies’ sun-streaming dining room (a favorite hangout for their Siberian huskies), is chalet-type furniture made of weathered lumber from the flumes that once carried water and timber up to the area. Flower arrangements such as a tight clump of Japanese straw flowers in a Victorian ironstone pitcher, sit in a matching basin surrounded by assorted soaps in the McNies’ bathroom. For an unsterotyped centerpiece, they arrange scrubbed oranges on the dining table in the manner of Cezanne. Other bright touches for the table, tall red hurricane lamps for the simplest of candles; an ironstone pitcher filled with tulips. The McNies’ sideboard, is made up of a shelf set on white porcelain brackets reclaimed from a Victorian lavatory. Above the shelf hangs a stylized painting on rough wood boards by the San Francisco artist Dennis Rodman.

The exterior of the Howard Hickenbothams’ Sugar Bowl house, built in traditional chalet style by Victor Tschelistcheff, is embellished with fanciful painting—the folk-art window frames, dancing men and goats—by Richard von Warton.
There is no record on earth of anyone's ever having complained of receiving too many flowers. A joyful present at any time of year, flowers are a special delight during the Christmas season when the house can never be festive enough. A box from the florist is a gift to unwrap and enjoy immediately. There is something of an event about answering the doorbell that signals its arrival, something jubilant about signing the messenger's slip. Flowers also obviate one recognized hazard of Christmas giving, that of duplication. Would anyone mind receiving a second gardenia plant?

There have always been certain drawbacks, however, to sending flowers any distance. For one thing, you are dealing indirectly with an unknown florist who may or may not be supplied with the blooms you have in mind. Also, he may or may not be as imaginative as your neighborhood florist about suggesting alternatives, or as talented in arranging them. But these uncertainties have now been eliminated by a collaboration of H&G with the Florists' Telegraph Delivery Association. This Christmas you can be assured of the delivery, around the corner or a thousand miles away, of eight special arrangements designed by H&G. All it will take is a telephone call to your own florist, since each arrangement is specified by number, and every member of the F.T.D.A., wherever located, will be prepared to make it up with the freshest flowers available.

In addition to dependability, these arrangements offer an extra dimension of pertinency, since each was designed with careful thought as to where and how it might be used—from the front door to the living room console, from the Christmas dinner table to the New Year's buffet. Some, like the hanging basket, opposite page, are even prepared to fill varying purposes from day to day. A brief note to this effect on the gift card would convey an extra measure of thoughtfulness, extra gratefulness for hospitality enjoyed in a house well remembered. As an aid to your own expressions of hospitality, you might even want to order one of these arrangements for yourself.

Flowers to unwrap:
H&G has designed eight gifts of flowers you can have delivered anywhere in the U.S.

1. HANGING BASKET of blossoms in a riot of colors, to suspend from a chandelier or from the top of a window frame. In a small room, this arrangement could well hold its own as the only decoration. It would be equally charming as a centerpiece, right, since the wire basket, 8 inches in diameter, has little feet to support it on the table. Nestled among the chrysanthemums, ferns, roses and carnations is a small pot of African-violets that can be lifted out of the basket for post-holiday pleasure of window-sill gardeners. $2.50.

All prices are approximate.
A GIFT OF FLOWERS continued

2 TRADITIONAL GREENS festooned with crimson velvet ribbon and dotted with pine cones. The mixture of English holly, juniper, cedar, white pine, balsam and spruce might be especially welcome in a region where these plants are not to be found in everyone's backyard. And the soft range of greens would be a discreet choice for a room whose color scheme is beyond your recall. The 15-inch basket might sit on a broad shelf, a table in the hall or by the hearth. $10.

3 JANUS BOUQUET with one rosy side, the other snow white. At its most beguiling in front of a mirror, opposite page, it would also be effective on a two-way table-desk with its profile, right, turned toward the room. A hostess who has planned a series of serve-yourself holiday parties could set the bouquet on her buffet red-side-out to dramatize a red-to-yellow setting, white-side-out to go with another in blues and greens. Divided by a center partition of huckleberry leaves, the arrangement includes such white blossoms as roses, snapdragons or stock, such red ones as carnations and gladiolus. $8.50.

4 TOPIARY TREE studded with fresh flowers—a stylized design that would look especially chic among Regency furnishings or those in a precise contemporary vein. Since its base is small, the tree would provide a space-saving adornment for a party buffet. For a hospitalized friend, it might very easily stand in for a Christmas tree. The long-lasting foliage is a ball of boxwood or huckleberry clustered about a core of water-absorbing oasis, which is mounted on a wrapped dowel planted in a 6-inch clay pot. The white chrysanthemums can be replaced, when they fade, with other flowers. $15.

5 PILLARS OF BLOOM for the friend who loves flowers, but is timid about arranging them. Because of their height (12 inches and 22 inches), these bouquets lend themselves to three-dimensional compositions of flowers and candles or flowers and objet d'art. One is made up of red blooms such as carnations or anemones, the other of white ones like stock or snapdragons. When the flowers are gone, two matte-finish ceramic vases remain—respectively, 7½ inches and 9½ inches high. The two arrangements minus candles, $12; with them, $15.

6 STAR-SPANGLED SPRAY of blue spruce or fir to hang on door. Embellished with gold foil stars, golden rope tassels and white fuji chrysanthemums, this miniature Christmas tree (3½ feet long) would be an especially apt choice for an apartment door. Or you might order one for your own party: load it with boutonnieres or favors, ask guests to help themselves. $7.50.

7 SNOW WHITE URN of African-violets nested in balsam. One of our lowest arrangements (8 inches high at center), it would be at its best placed below eye level—on a coffee table for instance. And its sharp white and frosty greens would make a clean, cool accent for a room dominated by strong colors. Post-Christmas bonus: the urn itself (9½ inches long, 5½ inches high) and the two potted violets that can be moved to a sunny spot, and encouraged to bloom all winter. $9.

8 TWO-PART CENTERPIECE to use any number of ways. The whole arrangement, opposite page, consists of a bowl of flowers surrounded by a wreath of snow-sprayed evergreens in which four candles stand in almost invisible holders. The center bowl of white roses and blue Christmas balls, right, could hold its own on a breakfast table, or a small table in the hall. The wreath and candles also could be used alone, perhaps to ring a pile of small gifts. Minus candles, above right, the wreath can be hung hospitably on the front door. $15.
GLOWING GIFT WRAPS

Sunburst cutouts of brilliantly hued paper can wrap a gift in a Joseph's Coat, transform a paper lantern into stained glass and turn out one of the prettiest tables in town.
Dual-purposeness may be a quaint word, but it is nonetheless a laudable quality, and to find it in a gift wrapping is a double delight. Here is a kitful of such delight: eight lattice-framed sunbursts in eight colors to use on packages, for decorations—or—the bonus—as table mats. On half the sheets, the lattice runs from left to right, on the other half, from right to left. This makes it possible to lay one over another and crisscross the fretwork. In action:

1. Gala jacket for a simple paper lantern. Spray one sunburst sheet with rubber cement (new spray can is widely available, easy to use), let it get tacky, then wrap it around the cylinder. A big lantern will require two sheets, cut to fit.
2. For a gallon of perfume, an orange box (buy it orange or cover it with tissue) with two cutout sunbursts, one violet, one blue, glued over the two corners like Japanese flowers.
3. For a small Rembrandt, an orange box topped first with a pink sheet, then with one in pale green cut into segments to form a contrasting pattern.
4. For a Nebuchadnezzar of champagne, a violet box covered on three sides with a bronze sheet and buttonholed with cutout flowers.
5. For mink knee-warmers, a yellow box topped with a cerise sheet and blazoned with a gilt sunburst.
6. For a crystal ball, a cube box, each side covered in different colored tissue, then overlaid with contrasting sheets centered so the lattice interlocks.
7. For a plummy cake, a round green box capped and belled with a blue sunburst, a yarn pompon and eight tassels.
8. For a gossamer afghan, a blue box with bellybands of blue and green paper topped off with a sunburst and cutout Christmas balls.
9. A glass hurricane shade given the paper-lantern treatment, standing on a sunburst.
10. Party place mat: a red and a violet sheet laid on a background of blue vinyl so that a flicker of red highlights the violet like a painted shadow.
11. Place mat made of two sheets in two shades of green with the lattice crisscrossed. Whole sheet is used for bottom; oval only, cut out with pinking shears, for the top. Background mat is white vinyl. Called “Sun Lattice,” the wrappings are by East House, cost $3 for 24 (three sheets of each color). For complete shopping information, turn to page 192.
Drinks with the Christmas spirit
By James A. Beard

Just as the most thoroughly modern room is warmed by the introduction of a superb antique, so the most up-to-date party is melted by a touch of tradition—and Christmas is surely the one season when tradition is not only appropriate but welcome. Now is the time to revive some of the old favorite holiday bowls and punch-es as a change from the ubiquitous cocktail. If you are holding open house, nothing is easier to serve than one of the classic hot spiced drinks such as a Wassail Bowl or Glogg, and there is no better occasion to serve them than on a frosty afternoon, to guests coming in out of the cold. The steaming silver or copper bowl makes a decorative point of interest for a party table. But, the classic drink should by no means be the extent of your refreshments—some of your guests may be more interested in the lore of these museum pieces than the taste. Always have straight drinks ready to offer and, for those who prefer it, that most festive and celebratory of all liquids—a chilled dry champagne.

SPICED AND FLAMING DRINKS

There are many recipes for Wassail Bowl, an early Anglo-Saxon drink of spiced ale originally served in a large communal cup. Over the centuries various ingredients have been added and sub­tracted, and each innovator devised his favorite way of making it. Sometimes wine replaced the ale; occasionally gin was added. Often eggs were introduced. But always it was a spicy concoction. Here is a modern version:

Wassail I

Combine 1/2 cup water, 2 fifths dry sherry or Madeira, 1/2 teaspoon grated nutmeg, 3 cloves, 3 allspice berries, 1-inch stick cinnamon and 2 cups sugar. Place in a large saucepan and bring to a boil. Strain.

Separate 6 eggs and beat the yolks until light and lemon-colored. Beat the whites until stiff and fold them into the yolks. Gradually add the hot spiced wine, stirring the mixture constantly. Add 1 cup cognac and serve in a bowl. Top with 6-8 roasted or baked apples.

Wassail II

This simpler, older version calls for the traditional ale:
In a punch bowl put 1/2 pound sugar or honey, a little nutmeg and a few cloves. Heat 6 pints ale and pour over the sugar and spices. Blend thoroughly. Add 2 cups dry sherry and top with roasted apples. Cool before serving.

Another old favorite—also a spicy wine—is the Bishop:

Bishop

Stud two oranges with as many cloves as they will hold and bake them in a 350° oven until the cloves whiten and turn powdery. This will take about 40 minutes. Heat 2 quarts good red wine with a cheesecloth bag containing a small piece of cinnamon, a piece of ginger root and 4 allspice berries. When the oranges are done, put them in a heatproof punch bowl and add 1 cup slightly heated cognac. Ignite, and as the flames glow add the hot wine. Serve at once.

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CASA BOTIN OF MADRID AWAITS YOU
WITH ROAST SUCKLING PIG AND CANADIAN CLUB

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Christmas and cookies are a traditional team that go together like a horse and carriage. This is the once-a-year season of sugar plums and sweetmeats, when bake ovens work overtime and spicy scents perfume the house with nostalgic fragrance, essence of Christmas past, present and to come. With a stock of homemade cookies on hand, you are never at a loss for refreshments when friends or relatives drop in. Borrow a Scandinavian habit and bake half-a-dozen different kinds of cookies, American and European, arrange them on your best cake plate and keep it plentifully stocked and well in evidence from Christmas to New Year's.

Cookies lend themselves to some tempting confections (like the toothsome pyramid on the cover of this cook book). For an edible table decoration, stud a foot-high cone of Styrofoam with Festive Lebkuchen, secured with toothpicks broken in half. Or garland your tree with strings of popcorn and hang the branches with peppermint candy canes and appropriate cookies such as Twinkling Stars or Old-Fashioned Sugar Wafers (make a hole in the center before baking, and when cool, thread with gold or colored twine for hanging). Cookies are a warm-hearted way to say, "Merry Christmas from our house to yours." Pack a selection in inexpensive glass apothecary jars or in coffee tins that have been sprayed with gold paint and dusted with sparkle. Or heap cookies in foil tins, cover them with cellophane or Saran Wrap, tie with a shiny ribbon and pop a sprig of holly or a cluster of Christmas baubles in the bow. As most cookies store well in airtight tins, and those whose keeping time is limited will stay fresh in a freezer, you can start your Christmas baking right now.

**HOUSE & GARDEN'S**

**Christmas Cookie Cook Book**

By Elaine Ross

### American Cookies

**Fresh Lemon Cookies**

1 lemon, peeled and seeded
1 egg
1 tablespoon sour cream
¼ cup butter
1 cup sugar
½ cup flour
½ teaspoon baking soda
⅛ teaspoon baking powder
¼ cup confectioners' sugar
1 teaspoon lemon juice
Candied lemon peel, cut in small squares

Cut the lemon pulp into pieces and place in the container of an electric blender with the egg, sour cream, butter and sugar. Whirl in the blender, scratching down the sides with a rubber spatula, until the mixture is smooth. Sift the flour, baking soda, baking powder and mace into a bowl, add butter mixture and stir until blended. Drop rounded half-teaspoons of the butter 1" apart on greased cookie sheets. Bake in a preheated 350° oven for 12-15 minutes, or until light brown around the edges and on the bottom. Cool on a board. Mix the confectioners' sugar and lemon juice and drop a little on the center of each cookie. Place small squares of candied lemon peel on the frosting. Allow to dry before packing in airtight tins. Store in tins for a few days. For longer storage, put these lemon cookies in the freezer. Makes about 5 dozen cookies.

**Old-Fashioned Sugar Wafers**

½ cup of butter
1 cup vanilla sugar (see note below)
1 egg
2 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 tablespoon sour cream
Cinnamon and sugar

Cream the butter and vanilla sugar until light and fluffy. Add the egg and beat well. Sift the flour and baking powder and add to the creamed mixture with the sour cream. Mix thoroughly. Chill in a freezer for 1 hour, or until firm enough to roll. Roll out the dough on a lightly floured board at a portion at a time, making a rectangle about ⅔" thick. Cut out 1" by 2" rectangles of dough with a pastry wheel and place them ½“ apart on greased cookie sheets. Sprinkle lightly with cinnamon and sugar. Bake at 350° for 12 minutes, or until golden around the edges. Cool on a board. Makes about 12 dozen wafers.

*Note:* For vanilla sugar, cut a vanilla bean in three crosswise. Sift lengthwise and put in a canister of sugar. Store several days before using.

**Chocolate-Studded Crescents**

½ pound sweet butter
1 cup confectioners' sugar
1 egg
½ teaspoon almond extract
2 cups flour
½ teaspoon baking powder
2 ounces semisweet chocolate, finely chopped

Cream the butter and 6 tablespoons of the sugar until very light and fluffy. Beat in the egg and almond extract. Sift the flour with the baking powder, add to the butter-sugar mixture and mix until well blended. Fold in the chocolate. Chill in the refrigerator for 1 hour, or until firm enough to be rolled into balls. Pinch off pieces of dough and roll them into balls about 1” in diameter. Then roll the balls between the palms of your hands, making batons about 2” long with tapered ends. Bend these into crescent shapes and place them 1” apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Bake the crescents in a preheated 375° oven for 12 minutes, or until the bottoms are golden and the tops still pale. Remove them from the cookie sheets and, while they are still hot, dust them with the remaining sugar. Cool completely and store in airtight tins. Makes about 3 dozen crescents.

**Deep South Peanut Sticks**

¼ cup cream-style peanut butter
1 cup (packed) light brown sugar
½ cup sugar
1 egg
¼ cup flour
⅓ cup milk
½ cup butter, melted and cooled
½ cup wheat germ
3 tablespoons butter, softened
2 teaspoons cream
¼ teaspoon maple extract
¼ cup ground peanut brittle (use finest blade of meat grinder)

Beat together the peanut butter, ¼ cup of the brown sugar, granulated sugar and the egg until light and fluffy. Alternately add the flour and milk and beat until smooth. Stir in the cooled butter and wheat germ and spread evenly in a well-greased 8" square baking pan. Bake in a preheated 350° oven for 35 minutes, or until top springs back when pressed lightly. Cool in pan. Beat the remaining light brown sugar, the 3 tablespoons softened butter, cream and maple extract until light and fluffy. Spread over the cooled cake. Sprinkle the ground peanut brittle over the frosting and cut the cake into 24 1½” by 2½" sticks. Store in airtight tin for a few days, or in a freezer. Makes 24 sticks.

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## Chocolate Pecan Oatmeal Squares

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Cream the butter and both the sugars until light and fluffy. Beat in the egg and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Stir in the flour and oatmeal. Press 1/4 of the mixture evenly over the bottom of a greased 9-inch square baking pan.

Melt the chocolate with the cream in a small saucepan over medium heat. Stir constantly until smooth. Remove from the heat, stir in the remaining vanilla and spread over the oatmeal layer. Combine the nuts with the remaining oatmeal mixture and sprinkle over the chocolate. Bake in a preheated 350° oven for 3/4 hour, or until the top is golden. Cool in the pan. Cut into 36 squares.

## Chocolate Pecan Cookies

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<td>1 1/2 cups ground pecans</td>
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<td>1/4 cup finely minced candied orange peel</td>
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Beat the egg yolks and sugar until thick and light. Combine the cloves, cinnamon, pecans and flour and fold into the egg mixture. Stir in the candied peel. Beat the egg whites until stiff but not dry and fold into the batter. Drop rounded teaspoons about 1 1/2 inches apart on greased cookie sheets and bake in a preheated 350° oven for 14 minutes. Remove from the sheets immediately and cool. (To facilitate removing cookies from the sheet, hold the sheet over low heat to loosen the cookies.) Melt the chocolate over hot water. Sandwich cookies with the melted chocolate. Makes about 3 dozen sandwiched cookies.

## Crunchy Orange Cookies

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<td>1/2 pound lard</td>
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Sift the flour, salt and soda into a bowl. Add the pearl sugar, lard, orange extract and all but 1 teaspoon of the beaten egg and mix with your hands to obtain a smooth dough. Shape into a roll about 1/2 inch in diameter. Cut the slices 1/2 thick and place the slices 1 inch apart on greased cookie sheets. Brush the tops of the cookies with the reserved egg mixed with the cold water. Bake in a preheated 350° oven for 15-20 minutes, or until pale golden. Cool on a rack. Store in an airtight tin. Makes about 3 dozen cookies.

Note: This is a coarse, imported sugar and can be bought in specialty food shops.

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## Rum Raisin Bars

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Cream the butter and brown sugar until light and fluffy. Add the egg, molasses, 3 teaspoons rum and vanilla. Beat until blended. Stir the flour with the baking powder, salt, cinnamon and nutmeg, add to the batter and beat again. Stir in the raisins and chocolate morsels. Grease an 8-inch square baking pan and dust it with bread crumbs. Spread the batter evenly in the pan and bake in a preheated 350° oven for about 20-22 minutes, or until the top feels firm to the touch and the cake begins to shrink from the sides of the pan. Mix the confectioners' sugar with the remaining 1 teaspoon rum and dribble over the warm cake. Cool the cake in the pan and cut into 24 bars. Store in an airtight tin for a few days, or in the freezer for longer storage.

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## European Cookies

### Cigarettes

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Stir the cream into the batter cream. Beat in, chill well. For filling, squeeze one foil packet liquid chocolate into a pastry bag fitted with a small slant-shaped tube. Pipe rosettes on a preheated 350° oven for 8 minutes, or until golden brown. Store in airtight tins. Makes about 7 dozen cookies.

### How to make Cigarettes

Make cookie dough and drop 12 scant teaspoons, evenly spaced, on an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake. Roll each warm cookie over handle of a small wooden spoon and press down where it overlaps. Hold rolled cookie in place for a few seconds until it stiffens. Slide off handle and cool.

Put chilled filling in pastry bag with small star tube. Pipe rosettes at ends of each cookie.

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## Hazelnut Ginger Icebox Cookies

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<td>2 egg whites</td>
<td>1/2 cup ground hazelnuts</td>
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Combine all the ingredients except the hazelnuts in a bowl. Mix with your hands until the dough is smooth. Add the nuts and continue mixing until the nuts are evenly distributed. Divide the dough in half and shape each half into a roll about 10" long and 1 1/2" in diameter. Chill for 1 hour in freezer or refrigerate several hours.

Cut each roll into slices 1/4 thick and place the slices 1/2 apart on greased cookie sheets. Bake in a preheated 350° oven for 15 minutes, or until light golden brown. Store in airtight tins. Makes about 7 dozen cookies.

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Cream the butter and brown sugar until light and fluffy. Add the egg, molasses, 3 teaspoons rum and vanilla. Beat until blended. Stir the flour with the baking powder, salt, cinnamon and nutmeg, add to the batter and beat again. Stir in the raisins and chocolate morsels. Grease an 8-inch square baking pan and dust it with bread crumbs. Spread the batter evenly in the pan and bake in a preheated 350° oven for about 20-22 minutes, or until the top feels firm to the touch and the cake begins to shrink from the sides of the pan. Mix the confectioners' sugar with the remaining 1 teaspoon rum and dribble over the warm cake. Cool the cake in the pan and cut into 24 bars. Store in an airtight tin for a few days, or in the freezer for longer storage.

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Put chilled filling in pastry bag with small star tube. Pipe rosettes at ends of each cookie.
How to make Chocolate Leaves

Dip leaf stencil in cold water. Shake off excess. Hold stencil flat on greased cookie sheet. Spread dough over stencil.

Carefully lift up stencil so dough shapes remain on sheet. Scrape excess dough from stencil, wipe with towel.

When leaves are baked, remove from sheet. Spread underside with melted chocolate, using a metal spatula.

Use edge of spatula to mark veins on chocolate. Let chocolate leaves dry at room temperature for several hours.

**Chocolate Filbert Bon-Bon Balls**

Melt the chocolate in the top of a double boiler over hot (not boiling) water. Add 1 cup of the filberts, the sugar, butter and Cointreau and blend with your fingers until the mixture is pasty. Flatten about 2 teaspoons of the mixture in the palm of your hand and place a piece of orange rind on top. Press the chocolate-nut mixture around the rind and roll between the palms of your hands to make a ball. Dip in the remaining nuts until the ball is coated on all sides. Repeat with the remaining nut mixture and rind. Dry the balls for 3 hours at room temperature. Store in an airtight tin. Makes about 32 balls.

**Chocolate Leaves**

Cream the butter, sugar and egg in the small bowl of an electric mixer. Add the flour, walnuts and orange extract and beat until smooth. Grease 2 cookie sheets. Dip a metal leaf stencil in cold water. Shake off excess water. Hold firmly on sheet and spread a rounded teaspoon of dough over stencil with a spatula dipped in cold water. Carefully lift stencil and scrape off excess dough. (The most practical stencil has a couple of 2½” long leaf cutouts, making it possible to spread 2 leaves at a time.) Repeat with remaining dough, wiping the stencil frequently with a paper towel. Bake in a preheated 350° oven for 8–9 minutes, or until golden around edges. Cool on board.

Melt the chocolate morsels with the vegetable shortening over hot (not boiling) water. Spread on the underside of the leaves and mark the veins with the edge of a spatula or knife. Allow to dry at room temperature for several hours. Pack in an airtight tin with waxed paper or foil between layers. Makes about 4½ dozen leaves.

**Flora Krapferl**

Beat the egg whites in the small bowl of a double boiler over hot (not boiling) water. Add 1 cup of the filberts, the sugar, butter and Cointreau and blend with your fingers until the mixture is pasty. Flatten about 2 teaspoons of the mixture in the palm of your hand and place a piece of orange rind on top. Press the chocolate-nut mixture around the rind and roll between the palms of your hands to make a ball. Dip in the remaining nuts until the ball is coated on all sides. Repeat with the remaining nut mixture and rind. Dry the balls for 3 hours at room temperature. Store in an airtight tin. Makes about 32 balls.

**Netherlands Cocoa Balls**

Cream the butter with 1 cup confections’ sugar until light and fluffy. Sift together the flour and cocoa and mix with the creamed butter-sugar mixture. Add the almond extract and rum and beat until well blended. Fold in the chopped almonds. Shape into marble-sized balls and place ⅛” apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Bake in a preheated 350° oven for 10 minutes. Remove to a rack to cool. Dust with confections’ sugar. Store in single layers in airtight containers and storge.

**Strassburgers**

Cream the butter and vanilla sugar until light and fluffy. Add the flour and potato starch and beat until well blended. Spoon the mixture into a pastry bag fitted with a star-shaped tube and pipe out rosettes of dough 1” apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Bake in a preheated 350° oven for 7 minutes. (They should not color very much.) Remove to a rack to cool. Dust lightly with confections’ sugar and place a small dab of currant jelly on the center of each cookie. Pack in a single layer in airtight tins and store.

**Mariska’s Cookies**

Combine the flour, ground almonds, vanilla sugar, cinnamon, cloves, semisweet and bitter chocolate and grated lemon rind in a bowl. Add the butter and egg yolks and work into a smooth dough with your hands. Roll out to a rectangle ⅛” thick on a very lightly floured board. Cut out cookies with a scalloped cookie cutter about 1” in diameter and place ⅛” apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Bake the trimmings together, roll out as before and cut out additional cookies until all the dough is used up. Brush the tops of the cookies with egg white and place a half almond on the center of each. Bake in a preheated 350° oven for 12-15 minutes, or until the surface is set. Remove the cookies to a rack and sprinkle with sugar. When cool, store in airtight tins. Makes about 4 dozen cookies.
Hazelnut Baguetttes

2 cups butter
2 cups sugar
2 eggs, separated
1 cup flour
1/2 cup hazelnuts
1 teaspoon vanilla
3 tablespoons chopped hazelnuts

Cream the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add the egg yolks and continue beating. Add the bread crumbs, ground hazelnuts and vanilla and mix until well blended. Beat the egg whites until stiff but not dry and mix half into the nut batter. Fold in the remaining stiffly beaten whites. Pinch off generous marble-sized balls of dough and roll them between the palms of your hands, making baguettes about 1 1/2" long with tapered ends. Dip the tops of the baguettes into the chopped hazelnuts and place them 1" apart on greased cookie sheets. Bake the cookies in a preheated 350° oven for 15 minutes, or until the underside is golden brown. Cool on racks. Store in an airtight tin. Makes about 4 dozen cookies.

Zimtwaffeln

1 egg, well beaten
4 tablespoons butter, softened
1/2 cup sugar
6 tablespoons flour
1 tablespoon cinnamon

Mix all the ingredients in a bowl. Heat a gaufrette iron over medium heat until a drop of water bounces on the iron. Place a few crumbs adhering to iron by brushing with a paper towel, to prevent waffeln sticking. When the waffeln hit the heated iron, they should have an equal number of circles with holes. (Cookies with holes may be cut into small rounds with a thin blade and placed in the rolls and coat them with the jam.)

Browned Almond Cookies

1/2 cup ground almonds
1 egg, lightly beaten
7 tablespoons butter, softened
1 cup flour
1 teaspoon grated lemon rind
6 tablespoons sugar
1/2 cup apricot jam

Brown the almonds in a heavy skillet over low heat. Stir constantly and watch carefully lest they burn. Place the almonds in a bowl and add the egg, butter, flour, lemon rind and 4 tablespoons of the sugar. Mix until the ingredients are well blended. Chill the dough in a freezer or in the refrigerator for 1 1/2 hours, or until firm enough to roll out.

Roll out the dough 1/4" thick on a floured pastry board. Cut out circles of dough about 1 1/2" in diameter with a cookie cutter or small glass and place them 1 1/2" apart on greased cookie sheets. Bake in a preheated 350° oven for 12-16 minutes or until golden. Remove the cookies to racks, cool and frost with the jam and sandwich with the remaining cookies. Store in an airtight tin. Makes about 2 1/2 dozen.

Festive Lebkuchen

2 eggs, separated
1/2 cup sugar
2 1/2 cups ground almonds
1/4 teaspoon grated cardamom
1/4 teaspoon powdered cloves
1 teaspoon cinnamon
3 tablespoons minced candied cherries
1/2 cup confectioners' sugar
1 tablespoon rum
8 candied cherries, quartered

Beat the egg yolks with the 1/2 cup sugar. Beat the whites until stiff but not dry and fold half the whites into the yolk-sugar mixture. Mix the nuts with the spices and fold into the batter. Add the minced cherries, and lastly fold in the remaining stiffly beaten egg white. Stir constantly and watch carefully lest they burn. Place the almonds in a bowl and add the rest to the flour mixture. Work the ingredients together with your hands and shape the dough into 2 rolls, about 1 1/4" thick. Chill in the refrigerator for 15 minutes. Brush the remaining egg on the rolls and coat them with the almond. Cut the rolls into slices about 1/4" thick and place them 1" apart on well-greased cookie sheets. Bake in a preheated 350° oven for 25 minutes, or until the underside and the edges of the cookies are golden. Remove from cookie sheets immediately and cool on racks. Store in an airtight tin in a dry place. Makes about 5 dozen cookies.

How to make Zimtwaffeln

Heat a gaufrette iron on medium heat until drop of water bounces on contact. Drop on two 1/2-teaspoons batter.

Close iron and bake for half a minute or less, first on one side, then on the other, or until cooked cinnamon brown.

Remove the waffeln with a broad metal spatula and place on a board to cool and crisp. Put more batter on iron.

Crisp Danish Cookies

2 cups flour
1 1/2 teaspoons powdered ammonium carbonate
(available in pharmacies)
1/2 cup sugar
8 almonds, finely chopped
12 bitter almonds, finely chopped
1/2 cup butter
1/2 cup sour cream
1 teaspoon almond extract
1 egg, lightly beaten
6 tablespoons pearl sugar
(See Crunchy Orange Cookies)

Sift the flour with the ammonium carbonate into a mixing bowl. Add the sugar, both kinds of almonds, butter, sour cream and almond extract. Reserve 2 teaspoons of the beaten egg and add the rest to the flour mixture. Work the ingredients together with your hands and shape the dough into 2 rolls, about 1 3/4" thick. Chill in the refrigerator for 15 minutes. Brush the remaining egg on the rolls and coat them with the pearl sugar. Cut the rolls into slices about 1/4" thick and place them 1" apart on well-greased cookie sheets. Bake in a preheated 350° oven for 25 minutes, or until the underside and the edges of the cookies are golden. Remove from cookie sheets immediately and cool on racks. Store in an airtight tin in a dry place. Makes about 5 dozen cookies.

Tyrolean Cookies

Combine the dry ingredients in a mixing bowl. Add the butter and work the ingredients to a smooth dough with your hands. Roll out the dough 1/4" thick on a floured board. Cut out circles of dough with a round cookie cutter, 2" in diameter. In half the circles, cut out 3 small rounds with a thimble and place the unbaked cookies, 1/4" apart, on greased cookie sheets. Gather together the scraps of dough and repeat until all the dough is used up. You should have an equal number of circles with holes and circles without. Bake in a preheated 325° oven for 15 minutes. Cool the cookies on a rack. Spread the jam on the underside of the solid cookies and cover with the cookies that have holes. (Cookies with holes may be dusted generously with confectioners' sugar before setting them on top of the jam-covered cookies.) Makes about 40 sandwiched cookies.
**Twinkling Stars**

4 tablespoons butter  
1/2 cup sugar  
1 egg, separated  
1 tablespoon sour cream  
1/2 teaspoon lemon extract  
1 cup flour  
1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
3 tablespoons pearl sugar  
(see Crunchy Orange Cookies)

Cream the butter and 1/2 cup sugar until light and fluffy. Add the egg yolk, sour cream and lemon extract and beat until smooth. Sift the flour with the baking powder, add to the butter and continue to mix until the dough is well blended.

Chill the dough in a freezer for 1/2 hour, or until the dough is firm enough to roll.

Roll out the dough on a lightly floured board to a rectangle 1/4" thick. Cut out the cookies with a star-shaped cutter and place them 1/2" apart on greased cookie sheets. Gather together the scraps, roll out the dough again, and cut out more cookies until the dough is used up. Beat the egg white lightly, brush the tops of the cookies and sprinkle with pearl sugar. Bake the cookies in a preheated 350° oven for 10-12 minutes, or until the undersides of the cookies dissolve. Boil rapidly until the syrup spins a thread, and pour slowly over the egg yolk, continuing to beat rapidly. Beat in the 6 tablespoons sweet butter, bit by bit, and add the vanilla. Chill until firm enough to spread. Sandwich in pairs with the butter cream. Store in the refrigerator for a few days, or the freezer for longer periods. Makes about 30 1/2" or 2" paired vafors.

**How to make Franske Vaffor**

Roll out dough on lightly floured board and cut out 1 1/2" or 2" rounds with cookie cutter.

Spread granulated sugar on pastry board. Press cut-out cookies in sugar, coating both sides.

Pound sugared surfaces with spiked meat tenderizer, making waffle design. Bake in 450° oven.

**Cherry Triangles**

1/4 pound butter  
1/4 cup sugar  
1/2 lightly beaten egg  
1/4 cup flour  
1/4 cup chopped blanched almonds  
10 large maraschino cherries, coarsely chopped  
1/4 teaspoon almond extract

Cream the butter, sugar and egg until light and fluffy. Add the remaining ingredients and mix with your hands until the dough is well blended and has acquired a pale pink color. Divide the dough in half and shape each half into a triangular bar about 1" in diameter. Chill the bars for 1 hour, or until firm enough to slice. Cut the bars into slices, a scant 1/4" thick, and place the slices 1/2" apart on greased cookie sheets. Bake in a preheated 375° oven for 10-12 minutes, or until the undersides are golden and the edges start to color. Remove the cookies from the pans, cool and store them in an airtight tin. Makes about 6 dozen cookies.

**Miniature Franske Vaffor**

1 cup flour  
3/4 pound plus 6 tablespoons sweet butter  
3 tablespoons cream  
9 tablespoons sugar  
1 egg yolks  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Beat the flour, 3/4 pound sweet butter and the cream in the small bowl of an electric mixer at low speed until the dough is well blended. Chill the dough in the freezer for 15 minutes, or until firm enough to roll. Roll out the dough 1/4" thick on a lightly floured board. Cut out rounds of dough with a cookie cutter or glass 1 1/2" or 2" in diameter.

Spread 6 tablespoons of sugar on the pastry board over an area large enough to accommodate 4 or 5 rounds of dough side by side depending on size. Press 4 or 5 rounds of dough into the sugar, coating them on both sides and place them side by side on the same sugared board. Roll the rounds of dough once with a spiked rolling pin, turn them over and roll them again. (A small, spiked meat tenderizer may be substituted for the spiked rolling pin. However, with the rolling pin you roll 4 or 5 rounds of dough at a time; with the tenderizer, you can only do one at a time.) Repeat until all remaining rounds have rolled in sugar. Place the rounds 1/4" apart on well-greased cookie sheets and bake in a preheated 450° oven for 7 minutes, or until caramelized on the underside. Cool.

Beat the egg yolk in the small bowl of an electric mixer. Cook the remaining 3 tablespoons sugar with 2 tablespoons water in a small saucepan over high heat, stirring constantly until the sugar dissolves. Boil rapidly until the syrup spins a thread, and pour slowly over the egg yolk, continuing to beat rapidly. Beat in the 6 tablespoons sweet butter, bit by bit, and add the vanilla. Chill until firm enough to spread. Sandwich in pairs with the butter cream. Store in the refrigerator for a few days, or in the freezer for longer periods. Makes about 30 1/2" or 2" paired vafors.

**Chewy Macaroons**

6 ounces blanched almonds  
1/3 cup plus 2 tablespoons sugar  
3 tablespoons orange juice  
1 teaspoon almond extract  
1/2 cup confectioners' sugar  
2 tablespoons flour  
2 egg whites

Make an almond paste a day ahead and refrigerate it overnight in a covered jar. For this, grind the almonds in a meat grinder, using the finest blade. Bring 1/4 cup sugar and 6 tablespoons water to a boil in a small saucepan, stirring constantly until the sugar dissolves. Boil rapidly until the syrup reaches 240° on a candy thermometer, or until a few drops form a soft ball in cold water. Remove from heat; stir into nuts with orange juice and 1/2 teaspoon almond extract. Stir until paste is smooth. Refrigerate.

The following day, combine the paste with the remaining 30 tablespoons sugar, confectioners' sugar, flour, egg whites and remaining almond extract and beat until smooth in an electric mixer. Line 2 cookie sheets with baking paper or unglazed shelf paper. Drop scant teaspoonsfuls of the mixture onto the paper, spacing the mounds 1" apart. Bake in a 300° oven for 20 minutes, or until the macaroons are light golden. Remove the paper sheets of macaroons from the pans and place them on moistened towels for 5 minutes. Remove the macaroons with a spatula to a board to cool. Store in airtight tins for a week or less, or in the freezer for longer storage. Makes about 60 macaroons.

**Poppy Seed Cookies**

3/4 cup poppy seeds  
3/4 cup hot milk  
1 cup flour  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
7 tablespoons sugar  
3/4 teaspoon cinnamon  
6 tablespoons butter, softened  
1 egg  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1 ounce semisweet chocolate

Soak the poppy seeds in the milk for 2 hours, or until the seeds have absorbed the liquid. Sift the flour and baking powder into a mixing bowl. Add the sugar, cinnamon and butter. Beat the egg lightly, reserve 1 tablespoon, and add the remaining egg, the vanilla and the poppy seeds to the flour mixture. Mix all the ingredients with your hands to make a smooth dough.

Chill in the freezer for 1 hour, or until the dough is firm enough to be rolled. Roll out the dough on a lightly floured board to a rectangle a scant 1/4" thick. Cut out rounds of dough with a round cookie cutter or glass 1 1/2" in diameter. Place them 1/2" apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Brush the tops with the reserved beaten egg, and bake in a preheated 350° oven for 15 minutes, or until the undersides of the cookies are golden. Cool the cookies on a rack. Melt the chocolate over hot, but not boiling, water. Drop a bit of the melted chocolate with a spoon on the center of each cookie. Leave the cookies on the rack until chocolate is firm. Store cookies in the freezer. Makes about 4 dozen cookies.
Mátra Squares

1 % cups flour
7 tablespoons sugar
7 tablespoons butter, softened
2 egg yolks
Grated rind and juice of ½ lemon
1 tablespoon cocoa
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup pistachio nuts, finely chopped
2½ tablespoons currant jelly

Mix the flour with 4 tablespoons sugar in a bowl. Add the butter, 1 egg yolk, lemon rind and juice. With your hands, mix the ingredients into a smooth dough. Divide the dough in half, put each half between 2 sheets of waxed paper and roll out each half into a 9” square. Chill the rolled-out dough in the freezer or refrigerator for a minute or two, until it is firm. Mix the remaining sugar and egg yolk with the cocoa, vanilla, pistachio nuts and currant jelly. Peel off the waxed paper from the top of 1 piece of dough, invert the dough into a 9” square baking pan and peel off the other piece of paper. Press the dough carefully onto the bottom of the pan, making sure that the bottom is completely covered. Spread the nut filling evenly over the surface of the dough. Peel the top paper off the other piece of dough, invert into the pan over the filling, and peel off the other piece of paper. Crimp the edges neatly with a fork and prick the surface of the dough at ½” intervals. Bake in a preheated 355° oven for 25 minutes, or until the top is light golden. Cut into 25 squares while still warm, then cool in the pan.

Chreybee

1 cup plus 2 tablespoons flour
6 tablespoons sugar
9 tablespoons sweet butter, melted and still hot
48 pistachio nuts, blanched

Preheat the oven to 400°. Mix the flour and sugar. Add the hot melted butter and mix thoroughly. Cover and let stand for 20 minutes. Knead the dough with your hands until it is the consistency of a soft clay. Shape into a long roll and cut into 48 equal slices. Roll each slice on a board with the palm of your hand to a cylinder about ½” thick and 2½” long. Form a small circle, overlapping the ends slightly, and tape the join with a pistachio nut. Place ½” apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Place the cookies in the oven, reduce the heat to 200° and bake for 7-8 minutes. Leave the cookies on the sheet until cool. Makes 4 dozen cookies.

Armenian Christmas Cookies

¾ pound butter, melted and cooled
2 teaspoons brandy
1 ½ cups flour
¾ teaspoon baking powder
2 teaspoons grated lemon rind
½ cup walnuts, finely chopped
2 teaspoons lemon juice
1 cup ground walnuts

Combine the melted butter with 2 tablespoons water and the brandy in a bowl. Sift together the flour and baking powder and add to the combined liquid and lemon rind. Work the ingredients together with your hands until they blend into a smooth dough. Roll out the dough on a lightly floured board to a rectangle ¾” thick. Divide the rolled-out dough into 24 equal-sized rectangles. Place a few of the chopped walnuts on the center of each rectangle and fold over all 4 sides of the dough to completely enclose the nuts. Flatten the cookies slightly and place them seam-side down ½” apart on greased baking sheets. Bake in a preheated 350° oven for 25 minutes, or until pale golden. Remove the cookies to a rack and allow to cool.

Cook the sugar and 4 tablespoons water in a saucepan over medium heat, stirring constantly until the sugar dissolves. Continue cooking until the liquid is syrupy. Add the lemon juice. Cool until lukewarm. Dip the cooled cookies in the syrup, then in the ground walnuts, coating the cookies well on all sides. Dry them on a rack. Makes 24 cookies.

Persian Slices

¾ pound butter, softened
1 cup flour
½ cup sour cream
⅓ cup softened apricot jam
½ cup flaked coconut
½ cup finely chopped pistachio nuts
Confectioners’ sugar

Place the butter, flour and sour cream in a bowl and mix with your hands to obtain a smooth dough. Chill in a refrigerator for 2 hours, or until firm enough to roll. (Or chill in a refrigerator for 6 hours or longer.) Roll out half the dough on a lightly floured board to a 9” by 12” rectangle. Spread half the jam over the surface of the dough, leaving a ¾” margin of dough uncovered, and sprinkle with half the coconut and half the pistachio nuts. Bend the 9” margins toward the center so that the filling cannot leak out. Starting from the 12” side, roll up the dough tightly as for a jelly roll. Stretch the roll to a length of 14” and place on an ungreased cookie sheet. Repeat with the other half of the dough and filling. Make 14 evenly spaced indentations across each roll with side of a wooden spoon. Bake in a preheated 350° oven for 40 minutes. Carefully remove the rolls to a board and cut each roll into slices where indicated by the indentations. Cool and dust generously with confectioners’ sugar. Use the same method for the remaining egg and sprinkle with sesame seeds. Bake in a preheated 355° oven for 25 minutes, or until golden. Allow the cookies to cool on racks. Store in airtight tins. Makes about 4-5 dozen cookies.

Sesame Twists

¾ pound butter
½ cup vegetable shortening
1 cup sugar
2 eggs, lightly beaten
3 cups flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1½ teaspoons cinnamon
1 cup evaporated milk
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 tablespoons sesame seeds

Cream the butter, shortening and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in half the beaten eggs. Stir together the flour, baking powder and cinnamon, and add to the creamed mixture alternately with the evaporated milk. Finally add the vanilla. Pinch off walnut-sized pieces of dough. Roll each piece of dough on a lightly floured board with lightly floured hands, making a strip about ¾” in diameter and 6” long. Roll the 2 ends together, side by side, and twist the double strips of dough together, making 3 turns. Place them 1” apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Brush with the remaining egg and sprinkle with sesame seeds. Bake in a preheated 350° oven for 25 minutes, or until golden. Allow the cookies to cool on racks. Store in airtight tins. Makes about 4 dozen cookies.

Kourabiedes

¾ pound sweet butter
Confectioners’ sugar
2 egg yolks
2 tablespoons brandy
2 tablespoons orange juice
½ cup finely chopped blanched almonds
2¼ cups flour
½ teaspoon baking powder

Cream the butter with ½ cup confectioners’ sugar until very light and fluffy. Add the egg yolks, brandy, orange juice and almonds and stir until smooth. Sift the flour with the baking powder, add to the first mixture and beat until the dough is well blended.

Break off walnut-sized pieces of dough and roll between your palms into small cylinders with pointed ends. Shape into crescents and place them ½” apart on greased baking sheets. Bake in a preheated 350° oven for 20 minutes, or until the undersides of the crescents are golden and the edges begin to color. Sift a thin layer of confectioners’ sugar on them while still warm. Roll the 2 edges in the sugar, sift additional sugar on top and leave until cool. Store in an airtight tin. Makes about 4-5 dozen cookies.

Middle Eastern Cookies

Fenikia

¾ cup flour
3½ teaspoons baking powder
1¼ cups sugar
1 cup ground walnuts
1 cup salad oil
¾ pound butter, melted
¾ cup orange juice
4 teaspoons almond extract
⅓ cup honey
1 tablespoon lemon juice
⅓ cup finely chopped walnuts

Sift the flour and baking powder into a mixing bowl. Add ⅔ cup of the sugar, the ground walnuts, oil, butter, orange juice and almond extract. Mix the ingredients with your hands. Pinch off marble-sized pieces of dough, roll them into balls and place them 1” apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Flatten each piece slightly and shape into small ovals. Bake at 400° for 10 minutes, reduce heat to 350° and bake 1 more minute. Place the remaining sugar, honey and lemon juice in a saucepan with ⅔ cup water. Bring to a boil, stir constantly. Boil until the liquid becomes lighter in color. Reduce the heat, place 2 cookies upside-down in the syrup and simmer for 2 minutes. Remove the cookies with a slotted spoon and replace on the cookie sheet. Sprinkle with chopped walnuts. Repeat with the remaining cookies. If the syrup gets too thick toward the end, add a few more drops of water. Let the cookies dry at room temperature for 24 hours. Pack in tins. Makes about 6-7 dozen cookies.

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| 1/2 cup Kahlúa |

Thoroughly blend ingredients. Roll (between palms) into small balls. Dust with powdered sugar. Let stand several days in covered, wax paper lined coffee can.

CHRISTMAS DRINKS continued from page 172

An eighteen-century gentleman, Colonel Francis Negus, who had definite opinions concerning strong drinks after dinner, devised this light spicy concoction named for him:

Negus

Heat fine Port wine with a bit of lemon rind and nutmeg to taste. Serve steaming hot in heatproof glasses or mugs.

Scottish border folk made this spicy ale-and-whisky drink their traditional New Year’s Day tipple:

Hot Pint

Pour 2 quarts ale into a saucepan and add 1 whole grated nutmeg. Bring to a boil and sweeten with sugar to taste.

Beat 2 eggs plus 1 egg yolk and slowly stir in the hot ale. This must be done gradually with care or the mixture will curdle. Add 1 cup Scotch whisky and reheat carefully; do not let the mixture boil. Pour the liquid from a height into a heated tankard. Pour it back and forth in the same manner until it foams. Serve at once.

The traditional Scandinavian holiday drink is a hot spiced wine mixture called glogg. It is somewhat complicated to prepare, but very good.

Glogg

Heat 4 quarts red Burgundy with 1 cup raisins, 1 cup blanched almonds, 10 cloves and a little grated nutmeg. Bring to the boiling point and reduce to a simmer. Cook gently for a few seconds, then pour into a large bowl.

Over the bowl arrange a fine-meshed rack that will support loaf sugar. Place 1/2 pound loaf sugar on the rack and over it pour slightly heated aquavit or cognac. Ignite the sugar and continue pouring heated spirit over it until the sugar is all melted and drained through to the wine. Serve in hot cups with sticks of cinnamon in each cup.

There are many popular hot drinks based on coffee, but the traditional Café Royal seems most appropriate at this time of year. It can be made with almost any liquor you choose. I suggest cognac or good rum.

Café Royal

Place loaf sugar and strips of lemon peel in a heatproof bowl. Heat cognac or rum and pour over the sugar. Ignite, add boiling hot strong coffee, blend and serve in small coffee cups.

A typically American hot drink for the season is based on our own applejack, the brandy made from apple cider. It is hearty, and—take warning—slightly deceptive, for the rich fruit flavor disguises its wallop.

Hot Buttered Applejack

Heat 1 quart apple cider to the boiling point. In each of 4 heatproof mugs place 1 teaspoon sugar, a dash of nutmeg, a piece of lemon peel and a long stick of cinnamon. Add 2 ounces slightly heated applejack and fill the mugs with hot cider. Top each with a pat of butter and stir with the cinnamon stick. Serve at once.

MILK DRINKS AND EGGNOGS

Drinks favored for winter holidays in times past often included eggs, milk or cream, or even all three. The sillabubs and possets of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries are examples. These drinks provided nourishment as well as the lift of liquor, and after a long trek through December’s blasting winds and snow, a healthy swig of egg and milk plus alcohol was just what a man needed. Here is an old Scottish beverage that must be the forerunner of our eggnog:

Auld Man’s Milk

Separate 6 eggs. Beat the yolks until thickish and lemon-colored. Add 1/2 pound sugar and 1 quart half-and-half. Blend until the sugar dissolves. Slowly add 1 pint Scotch whisky or cognac, beating it in. Beat the egg whites until frothy. Pour the liquid into a bowl and fold in the egg whites. Top with a dusting of grated nutmeg and serve in cups.

The eggnog, popular as an “at home” drink on Christmas Day since colonial times, is traditionally made with Bourbon. Here is a favorite version:

Egg nog

Beat the yolks of 12 eggs and gradually add 1/2 cups sugar as you beat. When the yolks are thick and all the sugar added, pour the mixture into a chilled bowl and rest the bowl on a bed of ice. Whip 1 quart heavy cream and add 1 quart milk. Slowly stir in 1 quart Bourbon. Add to the beaten egg yolks. Let this mixture settle for a few minutes. Beat the 12 egg whites until stiff and fold them into the Bourbon mixture. Serve the eggnog in individual punch glasses and top each glass with a dusting of grated nutmeg.
This familiar holiday drink, also based on eggs and milk, is another American favorite:

**Tom and Jerry**

Beat the yolks of 12 eggs until light and lemon-colored. Gradually add ⅔ pound sugar and beat in 1 teaspoon grated nutmeg. Continue beating until the sugar is dissolved and the mixture is slightly thickened. Chill the batter.

To serve, place a good tablespoon of the batter in each heatproof glass or mug and add 2 ounces Bourbon and a scant ounce good Jamaica rum. Fill the glass with hot milk and dust with grated nutmeg.

This lighter version of the milky drinks is very pleasing for New Year's Day open house, when guests are recovering from the feasting of the holidays:

**Scotch Milk Punch**

In each glass put 2 ounces good Scotch whisky. Add sugar to taste, if you like. Fill the glass with well-chilled milk and dust with nutmeg.

The milk and egg drinks are not the only traditional drinks with hearty overtones. Candles combining cereals and liquor were also popular in wintertime. This Scotch drink, similar to a caudle, is served liberally at yuletide and considered a must for Hogmanay—New Year's Eve:

**Athole Brose**

Place 3 cups oatmeal in a bowl and stir in 1 cup water. Set aside for 1 hour. Strain the oatmeal, pressing out all the liquid. You should have about ⅔ cup creamy colored oatmeal water. Blend this with 4 tablespoons honey and enough Scotch whisky to make 1 quart. Shake well and serve at room temperature.

**PUNCHES**

Christmas is not Christmas without spirited punches. Here is a grand old specialty that has retained its devoted following through the years:

**Bimbo Punch**

Cut 6 lemons into thin slices and steep them in 1½ quarts cognac for 8 hours or overnight. Strain the cognac. Dissolve 1 pound loaf sugar in boiling water and add to the liquor. Chill. Pour over a block of ice in a punch bowl and add slices of lemon and orange. Serve in punch cups.

Of course nothing can be more festive than champagne, and for many of us it is an inseparable part of the holidays. Straight or in punches it is a perfect foil for the rich foods of the season. Here are two champagne punches to enhance your Christmas feasting:

**Champagne Punch I**

Make and chill 1 quart strong tea. Pour it over a block of ice in a punch bowl and add a block of ice. To serve, ladle some of the fruit and cognac mixture into each glass and fill with chilled champagne. Serve with a spoon to eat the fruit.

**Champagne Punch II**

Make and chill 1 quart strong tea. Pour it over a block of ice in a punch bowl and add one fifth Jamaica rum, one fifth Bourbon, one fifth cognac, 2 cups Grand Marnier or Cointreau, 2 cups orange juice and sugar to taste. Just before serving, add 2 bottles chilled champagne.

Finally, I add my particular favorite for this season. I often serve it for Christmas or New Year's brunch. It is both refreshing and a wonderful morning-after drink for those who have been celebrating the holidays with gusto:

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COOKING CLUB

Baking—equipment and procedures

While cooking is an art, and thrives on improvisation and adaptation, baking is a science. Inaccuracy—in equipment, measuring or methods—is the most common cause of baking flops. To begin with, your oven thermostat should be absolutely accurate. If you are at all in doubt, inquire at your local utilities company or gas appliance service organization about having your oven calibrated. Next check your measuring cups and spoons; they should be standard and accurate. And always before starting on a recipe, read it thoroughly to acquaint yourself with the steps of preparation (for instance, see if the flour should be sifted before or after measuring), then assemble all the necessary ingredients and equipment. Unless other-
For mixing, measuring, chopping:
small sharp knife (1) and heavy chef's
knife (2); rubber spatulas, small (3)
and large (4); metal spatulas with
broad (5) and narrow (6) blades;
mixing bowls of glass (7) and stainless steel (8);
flour sifter (9); pastry blender (10); set of standard measuring spoons (11);
metal spatulas—graduated metal set for dry ingredients (13), glass for liquids (14).

water reaches the cup mark, then pour off the water. When measuring
sticky syrups, honey or molasses, grease the cup first and you will find
that the syrup will slide out without leaving a residue behind.

Even in such an exact science as baking, there are times when
you have to use your own judgement about the consistency of a dough
or batter, which may be affected by ingredients, climate or altitude.
If you are using very large eggs, you may have to add more flour to
gain the right consistency. If the flour is very dry (which may happen in winter, in a warm room), the amount of liquid may have to be
stepped up. In damp climates, it may be necessary to reduce the amount
of water in a pie crust or cookie mix.

Other common causes of baking
failures are overheating of cake bat­
ters, overfolding and overblending.
Overmixing of muffin batters makes the
muffins heavy and tough; overfolding
of egg whites breaks down the air bub­
bles that give a cake lightness. Remem­
ber that electric beaters are very fast— 
the 1/2 hour of hand beating specified
in many old recipes is cut to 5 minutes
with an electric beater.

Equipment in tip-top condition is
essential for good baking. Pans should
be clean, bright, smooth and unwarped
—and the right size. Warped pans
bake and brown unevenly. If a pan
is too large for the amount of batter,
the cake will be pale, flat and shrunken,
while too small a pan may cause over­
flowing. Pans of medium-weight alumi­
num or glass are best for baking as
they conduct heat quickly and evenly.

Cast-iron popovers or muffin pans,
which must be preheated, should be
 greased with oil, rather than butter or shortening, as oil may be heated to
a higher temperature. When cake pans or cookie sheets have to be pre­
pared for baking, follow the instructions in the recipe. To grease and
bake and brown unevenly. If a pan
flour, apply melted butter with a pastry brush, then dust with flour. You
can also dust cake pans with fine bread crumbs instead of flour to make
the cakes come out more easily. Pans for sponge and angel food cakes
should not be greased. A useful trick is to line cake pans or cookie sheets
with silicone-treated parchment (manufactured in rolls and sheets by
the KVP Co., and sold in household departments of stores). This prevents
sticks and is especially good for tortes, meringues and sweet rolls.

Pour cake batter into the prepared pans and spread evenly to the
edges with a rubber spatula. Fill layer cake pans about two-thirds full
and tube pans about three-quarters full. Continued on the next page

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For baking to shape: baba mold (1); fluted paper case for cupcake (2); mold for individual brioche (3); round tartlet mold (4); barquette mold (5) for pastry shells; madeleine mold (6); six-cup pan for cupcakes, waffles, popovers (7).

Baking essentials: round cake pan with removable bottom (1); loaf pan (2); kugelhoph mold (3); pie plates, plain (4) and fluted (7); deep bake pan (5); tube pans, plain (6) and fluted (10); jelly roll pan (8); cookie sheet (9); springform pan, two bottoms (11); flan rings, round (12), rectangular (13).

It is almost impossible to specify temperatures for baking. Certain cakes that need long, slow cooking (such as fruit cakes) may be baked at 250°, angel food cakes at 325° and other kinds of cake at 350°. Temperatures for cookies range from 325° to 400°, while breads, yeast doughs and biscuits, pie pastry and cream puffs may be baked at from 350° to 450°, according to type. To test a cake, insert a toothpick near the center. If it comes out clean, the cake is done. Or touch the top lightly with your fingertip. If the top springs back, the cake is done. It needs longer baking if the imprint remains.

Once baked, the cake should be taken from the oven and the pan put on a wire rack to cool. Don't leave the cake in the pan for more than 10 minutes; it should be removed while still warm and soft (the exceptions are delicate sponge and angel food cakes which should be cooled in the pan to keep them from collapsing). Run a spatula between the cake and the sides of the pan to loosen it. Invert the cake onto a clean towel on a wire rack, top side down, then invert onto a second rack.

For decorative effects: cookie gun (1); pastry wheel (2); pastry bag with round, ribbon, star tubes (3); pastry cutters (4, 6); round cookie cutter (5); lazy Susans for cake trimming (7).

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Quick Gourmet Recipe of the Month

Almond Shells

- 3/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons flour
- 2 1/2 tablespoons potato starch
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 tablespoons ground almonds
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
- 7 tablespoons butter, softened

Combine all ingredients in a bowl and blend with your hands to obtain a smooth dough. Break off marble-sized pieces of dough and press on the bottom and sides of 2 1/2" fancy tart tins (or tiny muffin tins). Bake in a preheated 350° oven for 14 minutes, or until golden. Leave the tiny tarts in the tins for 1 minute before removing them carefully to a rack to cool. Serve plain or fill them shortly before serving with whipped cream, or butter cream piped through a pastry bag fitted with a star-shaped opening. Or, fill them with a thick jam. Makes about 32 shells.
chandelier through the crowded main room, which have been escalat-
ing (where haven’t they?), but you can still find some delightful primitive Andalusian religious paintings on glass, as well as beauteous Thonet chairs, stools and benches. seventeenth-century carved breakfronts, old tiles and pottery, and many smaller finds. I was much taken with some sixteenth-century parchment manuscripts in large script and visual-
ings (obviously hand-lettered). My husband succumbed to an assortment of alabaster eggs in glowing tones of amber, green and topaz.

Even if you don’t buy a thing at the Rastro, it is worth a visit to see the gypsy vendors haggling with wary customers, the staggering rows of used goods for sale, the shops specializing in old capes or swords or horns of the devil. You will probably hear, as we did, an old woman singing a romance, a two-penny novella set to music, and the shrill honking of the ped-
dler selling his homemade puppets with least harm.

For a good one-stop résumé of Spanish handcrafts, visit Arte-
sania Española on Calle Florida-Blanca. Granada and Malaga hand-woven rugs, bags and bed-
spreads, glazed pottery hulls from Cuenca, Toledo metalwork and cutlery, beautifully detailed Bar-
celona dolls and many other craft objects may be bought there. (To me the most appealing pottery is the crude pottery jug found in most villages. Made of low-fired terra cotta, the vessels come in various shapes—a fish, chicken, rooster, or a simple jug form. They cost about twenty-five cents. Galerías Preciados, Ma-
drid’s largest department store at the Rastro, it is worth a vi-

to combine dinner with an evening of flamenco, the best place in Madrid is probably the Corral de la Moreria on Calle Moreria. The food is first-
rate, the dancing full of ex-

uberance. If you prefer your fla-
menco cool and more controlled, then try La Zambra, where the remarkable Rosita Duran holds court.

Madrid has been described as the hub of the Castilian wheel, with spokes leading out to a number of historic and fascinating towns nearby, many no more than a one-day trip from the capital. The towns circling Madrid can easily be reached by bus, but we found that by renting a car (an inexpensive procedure in Spain), we had more flexibility. We could stop at will and picnic in fields atrailed with poppies, or we could detour briefly if the map showed an old castle somewhere off the beaten path.

One spoke of the wheel might lead southeast to Cuenca, a beau-
iful town usually overlooked by tourists. The two-hour drive to Cuenca takes you through rugged, sun-baked country, rather beauti-

ous in its starkness. You are left unfazed by the surprise of Cuenca, for suddenly ahead of you giant poplars and cypress trees loom, and above them, etched in the ocher cliffs, is the silhouette of a day. you will get a feeling of the elegance of the palace itself further to our feeling of being transported to another age.

Toledo, also to the south of Madrid, is a town so rich in history and art it deserves more than a one-day excursion. But even in a day, you will get a feeling of the beauty of this ancient town with its embroidered architecture, twisting lanes and cobble streets.

The spectacular views across the valley of the Tagus is essen-
tially the same that El Greco pres-
served for eternity in his “View of Toledo.” It is no wonder the wandering Greek settled in this extraordinary city, so old and venerable even when he arrived in the late sixteenth cen-

a Spanish Versailles

Not far from Cuenca, up the Jucar Valley, is Ciudad Encen-
da, the “enchanted city.” The “city” consists of bizarre rock for-
mations that give the illusion of a town, with houses, streets, shrub-
bery, even people, silhouetted in stone. The silence is eerie, the shadows formidable—and wholly fascinating.

Following the Castilian wheel clockwise, just thirty miles south of Madrid is Aranjuez, whose roy-
al palace constitutes an expres-
sion of the Age of Reason, a Bourbon dream transplanted to a sparse Spanish plain. This mar-
vel of eighteenth-century regal planning was built by Philip V in a fit of nostalgia for his beloved Versailles. The similarity extends right down to the elaborate gar-
dens and rustic royal “farm house” (Casa del Labrador). The avenues of English elms, sycamore, birch, and linden trees, over one thousand in number, are the hub of the formal gardens with their mazes of clipped boxwood hedges, the serenity of the river walks and the elegance of the palace itself all give a rare view of a particular time. During our springtime visit, hundreds of nightingales warbled throughout the gardens, adding further to our feeling of being transported to another age.

Cuenca has become something of an artists’ colony. The barefoot boys and girls haven’t deserted it yet, but a number of prominent Spanish artists have bought houses there and escape to the coolness of the cliff town when the summer heat of Madrid becomes more than the peasants can bear. Fernando Zobel has one of the most ancient of the hanging houses and is in the proc-

ess of turning it into a Museum of Contemporary Spanish Art. Our own house on the hill near the valley, Torner, had put modern picture windows in his house, but found the view so absorbing that he couldn’t concentrate on paint-
ing. He had to frost over the glass in his studio in order to work.
The town still resounds with his presence. Although the number of paintings in the museum adjoining his house is staggering, there are many others to be seen in churches throughout Toledo.

The entire town is a museum, from the church of Santo Tome with El Greco’s magnificent “Burial of Count Orgaz” to the Sinagoga del Transito, a handsome fourteenth-century monument. Traces of the Middle Ages are everywhere, but still earlier influences on the town—Roman, Arab, Jewish, Visigothic, Mozarabic—have left their mark in an archway here, a wall there, a certain façade. I found the tiny hermitage of Santo Cristo de la Luz a delightful discovery. Once a mosque, it has Visigothic pillars and faded remnants of twelfth-century Romanesque frescoes. It is a little pearl, often overlooked among the sparkles of so many bigger jewels.

Dominating Toledo is the ancient cathedral, one of the finest examples of Gothic in Spain. If you visit Spain in late spring, you should time your Toledo trip to coincide with the Corpus Christi procession. It is a movable feast, but the Spanish Tourist Office in Madrid will give you the date each year. At this time, the Spanish love for pageantry is given free play. The outside of the Cathedral is hung with glorious old tapestries and the streets are sprinkled with wild thyme. As the procession passes, the thyme is crushed underfoot and the pungent scent wafts throughout the town. Pretty little girls scatter rose petals along the path ahead of the monstrance, a fantastic golden vessel three yards high, made by order of Ferdinand and Isabella from the first gold Columbus brought back from the New World. Following behind come soldiers and clergy in medieval garb, Papal Knights, Knights of Malta and others in assorted brilliant costumes. As if that isn’t enough, as the procession moves into the Cathedral, the Royal Anthem bursts forth, and there is a wild explosion of rockets. Spanish celebrations are never half-hearted affairs.

While it would be impossible to overpraise Toledo, there are other places near Madrid also worthy of a visit. Certainly anyone interested in Spanish history and art should go west to the palace-monastery-tomb of San Lorenzo del Escorial. The day we drove there we picnicked on sandwiches of rough Manchego cheese and chorizo (hot sausage), sweet fresh Aranjuez strawberries and a bottle of good Rioja wine. Our table was the top step of a splendid des­serted castle at Manzanares, only a short turn off the main road to El Escorial. Later, we stopped to listen to a tana, a group of strolling students dressed in flowing black academic capes bedecked with bright colored ribbons. All spring they serenade their ladies, who bestow signed ribbons in appreciation. Judging by the ribbons on our carders, they had no shortage of girls.

Royal, ancient architecture

El Escorial is a building of majestic proportions and contradictions. Philip II built it as a monument to his father, the Emperor Charles V, who was buried there, as all but a few of the Spanish kings since have been. World-weary and despondent, Philip later retired there himself, to meditate and supervise the arrangements for his own death.

For all its grandeur, its superb paintings by Titian, Titoreto and El Greco, its porcelains, tapestries and rare collection of illuminated manuscripts, El Escorial remains essentially a monument of gloom, a somber mausoleum. Even latter-century attempts of the Bourbon kings to lighten its spirit with gracefully curved gilt chairs and dainty music boxes failed to erase the sober mood of the building. Philip II’s brooding spirit seems to hover over the place even now.

West of El Escorial, but still near enough to Madrid for a day’s excursion, is Avila, one of the few towns left in Europe with its Roman walls still intact. Avila’s walls were rebuilt in the eleventh century and remain one of the truly great sights of Spain, especially after dark when they are dramatically floodlighted. But Avila has other attractions as well; an eclectic cathedral, fascinating as a record of architectural development (its construction spanned the twelfth to fifteenth centuries) from Gothic to Renaissance to Baroque; several Romanesque and Gothic churches—San Pedro, San Vicente and the Convent of Santo Tomas—all well worth exploring; the Convent of Santa Teresa, which is built over the very place where this indomitable and learned woman was born. Reminders of Santa Teresa are everywhere in Avila, even today, 400 years after her time. Strong historic personalities in Spain leave indelible impressions, more so than in most countries. Perhaps this is because Spain
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changes so little through the ages. Perhaps, also, it reflects the Spanish preoccupation with death and the dead.

Another spoke in the Castilian wheel is Segovia, a real story-book town. We followed the flat road to El Escorial, then branched north, stopping en route at La Granja, a former royal hunting lodge now turned into a charming restaurant. Bringing the wheel full circle, you can make a comfortable afternoon excursion to Alcalá de Henares, a sleepy little fifteenth-century university town just eighty-eight miles east of Madrid. Like so many humlets in Spain, Alcalá is packed with history. Cervantes was born there and is immortalized by a statue in the town’s main square. Alcalá was also the birthplace of Catherine of Aragon, ill-fated wife of Henry VIII of England, and home of the equally ill-fated Don Juan of Austria, who studied at the illustrious university there.

If you have time to spare, you might drive to Alcalá, lunch at the delightful medieval inn in the town’s center, and then go on to Guadalajara, just a few miles further. Once a provincial capital of the Moors, Guadalajara in Arabic means “Valley of Stones,” a misleading name which doesn’t begin to suggest the town’s fascinations. These include a fifteenth-century palace of the Duques del Infantado and the thirteenth-century church of Santa María la Fuente.

Just twenty-eight miles south-east of Guadalajara lies dusty, provincial, seldom-visited Pastrana, where probably the world’s most beautiful tapestries are preserved. Not really a tapestry-buff, I was unprepared for the splendor, the richness of detail, the glorious color of the Pastrana tapestries. Depicting the interwoven histories of the Portuguese and Spanish crowns, they are sequestered in the town’s Gothic collegiate church. How they ever reached Pastrana no one really knows. Pastrana is one of those mysterious towns that lived its moment in the thick of history and was then relegated to obscurity. Each town in Spain, no matter how small, has its own flavor, its own character. It is this special singularity, this distinctiveness, that makes travel in Spain such a continuous, delightful adventure.

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Servicing the year-round window
By James Fanning

Keeping an all-season plant window such as the one on pages 156-159 attractive year-round is not nearly as difficult as it may sound—or look. The basic, or foundation, plants can stay put (although they do not necessarily have to) while the seasonal plants move in and out to take advantage of the times when they are at their best. The splashy, expendable plants need be kept only as long as their show lasts and may then be discarded. This results in a constantly shifting combination of leaf tones and textures, of flower colors and scents.

An important part of the secret of keeping the all-season window in shape is the "nursery"—a corner, window or room where plants that may not look their best are nursed along until they are in top-notch condition once more. The same nursery can serve a number of purposes. It can provide a rest home for those plants—amaryllis, for instance—that require an annual period of dormancy. This may be— for some plants, in fact, it should be—outdoors, but sheltered from drying winds and scorching sunshine. It could be the light corner of a basement or carpot.

In any case, the house-plant nursery should be a place where choice plants can be kept as moist—or as dry—as their current needs require; where the sunlight is tempered but present and where they will be easily accessible for care and feeding.

For the sake of efficiency and convenience, the nursery may also provide general work space and a place for storing pots and soil and for the vital operations of potting and repotting and of special care. The nursery may, for example, also serve as a quarantine ward in which to apply special doses of insecticides or prolonged courses of treatment to eliminate such persistent pests as mealy bugs or the various scale insects. (In general, this is the best way to deal with house-plant pests, anyway: any bug-infested plant should be segregated and given extensive treatment.) A cover of plastic film will hold the fumes of nicotine sulphate in contact with a scale-infested aphelandra long enough to kill all the pests (a full day, at least)—an operation that would be unsightly and unpleasant if the plant stayed in the main garden window.
Treatment for pests should be applied plant by plant, since no two plants are ever infested in just the same way. Syrining (soaking the whole plant with water and a little household detergent in a fine spray) is a generally helpful practice, since it will wash off or drown many aphids and spider mites and help discourage other bugs. There are times, of course, when more drastic measures are necessary, and then is the time for using commercial insecticides. For these the only wise rule is: Read the label and do exactly as it says. A good hand-sized atomizing sprayer is almost essential to successful indoor gardening.

Potting and propagation, the two principal procedures carried on in the house-plant nursery, are again dependent upon the needs of individual plants. As a general rule for pot-soil mixtures, the “equal thirds” formula may be relied upon. This means that the potting soil should consist of one-third ordinary garden loam, one-third sand and one-third humus (leaf mold, compost or prepared peats). The same soil mix is good for practically everything; if there is to be any variation, let it be more humus, not less. And if garden loam is hard to come by, sand and organic matter (plus fertilizer) will often do the job perfectly well.

Some plants—petunias, for example—need to be started from seeds, and for this purpose the nursery area should have space for a few flats and the small pots into which seedlings are first transplanted before being shifted to bigger pots for window display. Also, a flat or two of vermiculite or some other rooting medium should be at hand for starting those plants that give best results from cuttings. If flats or seed pans are beyond your power to cope with under your conditions, get a local florist or nursery to start your seeds.

As for the plants themselves, each has its own individual requirements, but the over-all rules are the same: No plant must ever really dry out unless it is dormant; each must be placed in whichever part of the window best suits its need for air, light and temperature; each must be watched for insects and diseases and treated promptly whenever pests appear. Here is a sampling of the many kinds that may be combined for all-year effectiveness.

1. Basic plants. These may stay in the window all the time and be shifted about only as much as necessary to blend with the more colorful seasonal or spectacular plants: (Continued on page 198)

**Skimmia (above, S. japonica) is hardy outdoors only as far north as southern New York and will produce red berries if both staminate and pistillate flowers are present. And indoors, its leaves alone are attractive.**

**Pittosporum is a basic evergreen of outdoor landscapes in all warm climates. It is just as satisfactory in the plant window, where the leaves are handsome the year-round, often accompanied by fragrant flowers.**

**Star- or Confederate-jasmine, a fine tub plant, is really a shrubby evergreen vine with clusters of sweet-scented, starry flowers. Hardy in warm climates, it should spend summer outdoors, come in before frost.**
First weekend

Pot mix fix. Indoor gardeners seldom have trouble with large-scale potting operations. Twenty large plants, of one variety and one size, call obviously for a bushel or more of earth. Don't attempt to mix it on a kitchen table; it is a major operation—suitable for the garage floor or a plastic tarpaulin on the back lawn. The approved ingredients for the plants concerned are assembled and mixed, and that is what is likely to present a problem to the indoor gardener is trying to anticipate—and provide soil for—the occasional potting job involving a dozen or two of wide variety of plants having a wide variety of soil requirements. Earth left over from potting up a batch of pelargoniums, say, would be wholly unsuited to the needs of a rex begonia. And begonia soil might lack the lime needed for, say, a patience plant—or be too rich for a cactus. It is perhaps fair to assume that most gardeners add a pinch of this and that to whatever mix they use last—without remembering what it consisted of in the first place.

So here is our less than earth-shaking (or pun) suggestion as this particular indoor season gets into full swing: Obtain three stackable plastic vegetable bins from the local housewares emporium. Stack them handy to your pot-work area. Fill each bin separately (not too full, of course, or the whole pile may collapse) with one of each of the following: coarse builder's sand (the heaviest by volume, this might well go on the bottom); cultivated peat or commercial humus (preferably not fortified with fertilizers); heavy clay dirt—or even hardpan. With these three ingredients you can whip up a new little pile of basic potting soil anytime and in almost every instance. But in such cases, over your layer of crocks place a layer of the plastic mesh. This will effectively prevent roots from jamming the drainage pieces and the hole itself. Does all this seem like nit-picking? Try plastic for a season and you'll like it.

Second weekend

Sharless drainage. This important-sounding phrase actually implies something pretty important: the elimination from the indoor gardener's arsenal of those laboriously contrived pans of broken pots with which the drain holes of all flowerpots have been covered since time immemorial. Pot shards (also called crocks or crocking by old-time professional gardeners) are still very small, and they are a frightful nuisance to prepare in home-scale lots. Pounding them up covers the terrace or garage floor with fine red dust, and they either accumulate at a frightening rate or else are entirely lacking when most needed. Thus the increased use of plastic pots for many plant purposes. They have more but smaller drain holes than clay pots, and shards can be replaced to advantage by a handful of granite or stone chips (which would simply fall through a single large hole). But when it comes to disposing of either crocks or chips, after removal of plants from pots, it is a toss-up as to which is the greater nuisance.

After a good deal of testing (that is, backing and filling), we offer the following conclusions: In all pots except the very smallest, the very largest and those in which a considerable layer of open drainage material is needed (begonias, for example), use cutouts (round or square) of plastic hardware cloth (house-screen goods). Pushed into the bottom of the pot. In small (up to 3-inch) pots where plants are to remain less than three or four weeks, you need no drainage material at all. But the sow bugs are likely to get into the pot through the hole, in which case get rid of the sow bugs. In the very largest pots, and tubs, too, coarse drainage material will be useful in almost every instance. But in such cases, over your layer of crocks place a layer of the plastic mesh. This will effectively prevent certain Ficus pumila, the small-leaved creeping fig, which, if it will grow indoors at all, will cling and cover almost any surface including paint, wallpaper and even glass. The nature of either the growing process or the housekeeping process, or both, seems to prevent most clinging vines from getting a toe-hold indoors. The recognized means of providing support, such as strings or aluminum wires or dowels beside your windows, cannot be used to excess (most pot-plant trellises are esthetic abominations). So why not let your house vines do what comes naturally? Any trailing vine will trail downward from its container if there is clear space below it, or outward if it is provided with a shelf, or it will form a luxuriant bush if it is prevented by prunning from developing long stems. Certain ones will go up and then trail down, and form a bush all at the same time if you work with them. Standard fuchsias and pelargoniums are the most conspicuous examples—although months or years are required to achieve impressive results.

Plants that produce handsome horizontal effects equal or superior to the conventional up-and-down ones are exemplified by the species and varieties of hoya, of which H. carnosa, or wax plant, in either plain or variegated form, or H. penningtoniana, certain rhododendrons, osmanthus, some of the borderline hollies, maybe mahonia or pachysandra), simple baffle of burlap on frames leaning against a pair of stout stakes will often save your treasures from harm. Lean the baffle to spill the wind and to protect the tops of the shrubs. Use burlap (never plastic) because it is readily nailable to the frame, looks as respectable when cold as when warm (which is more than you can say for most plastics) and is frankly what it is—a plant safety guard. So in spite of our conviction that there are more winter hardy plants available than most gardeners realize and that because growing, we will allow you two or three plants per landscape that need not be babied a little.

Third weekend

Indoor vines. With very few exceptions, plants that seem to climb, cling or twine of their own accord outdoors will simply flop, blounce or tangle indoors. (The conspicuous exception, surely, is Ficus pumila, the small-leaved creeping fig, which, if it will grow indoors at all, will cling and cover almost any surface including paint, wallpaper and even glass.) The nature of either the growing process or the housekeeping process, or both, seems to prevent most clinging vines from getting a toe-hold indoors. The recognized means of providing support, such as strings or aluminum wires or dowels beside your windows, cannot be used to excess (most pot-plant trellises are esthetic abominations). So why not let your house vines do what comes naturally? Any trailing vine will trail downward from its container if there is clear space below it, or outward if it is provided with a shelf, or it will form a luxuriant bush if it is prevented by prunning from developing long stems. Certain ones will go up and then trail down, and form a bush all at the same time if you work with them. Standard fuchsias and pelargoniums are the most conspicuous examples—although months or years are required to achieve impressive results.

Plants that produce handsome horizontal effects equal or superior to the conventional up-and-down ones are exemplified by the species and varieties of hoya, of which H. carnosa, or wax plant, in either plain or variegated form, is the commonest one. Ficus major, when small, will make pretty and graceful upright plants, especially the one with white-edged foliage. Vincas major, simple baffles of burlap on frames leaning against a pair of stout stakes will often save your treasures from harm. Lean the baffle to spill the wind and to protect the tops of the shrubs. Use burlap (never plastic) because it is readily nailable to the frame, looks as respectable when cold as when warm (which is more than you can say for most plastics) and is frankly what it is—a plant safety guard. So in spite of our conviction that there are more winter hardy plants available than most gardeners realize and that because growing, we will allow you two or three plants per landscape that need not be babied a little.

Fourth weekend

Cover charge. For gardeners who refuse to heed the advice, hitherto often available here, to avoid lavishing love and money on plants that are poor risks in the climate prevailing, we suggest what may be the simplest form of practical winter protection. This applies only to broadleaf evergreens, since these are most likely to suffer damage from sun and wind before yielding to cold temperatures. And it applies only to plants larger than mulching size. And it applies only to plants that are so choice or so permanently displayed or so valued in your frame of horticultural reference that you would not be blemished seriously, let alone destroyed by the weather. A limiting set of conditions, indeed.

But for the two or three plants that qualify (a camellia, a skimmia, certain rhododendrons, osmanthus, some of the borderline hollies, maybe mahonia or pachysandra), simple baffles of burlap on frames leaning against a pair of stout stakes will often save your treasures from harm. Lean the baffle to spill the wind and to protect the tops of the shrubs. Use burlap (never plastic) because it is readily nailable to the frame, looks as respectable when cold as when warm (which is more than you can say for most plastics) and is frankly what it is—a plant safety guard. So in spite of our conviction that there are more winter hardy plants available than most gardeners realize and that because growing, we will allow you two or three plants per landscape that need not be babied a little.
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aphelandra (page 156). The dark green, striped leaves are attractive by themselves, of course, but the flowers, in yellow to reddish-orange spikes, are bright and long-lasting. The plant needs full sun to produce its flowers. It also needs steady warmth, water and a sharp watch against scale insects. Close relatives such as shrimp plant (beidperone) and jacobinia are used in the same way.

**Bamboo.** Many members of the grass family—bamboo is one—are good basic plants for the window. All, from the tall bamboo (like Phyllostachys aurea, page 157) to the trailing oplismenus, need good light, plenty of water and tiding up now and then, since the old foliage tends to become brown and messy.

**Bougainvillea.** (pages 156 and 158). Not many vines are good subjects for window display, but bougainvillea will adorn any window with big enough, showy spikes of racy growth. Sparse of leaf, prickly and usually littered with dead twigs, this vine still rates as handsome because of its constant production of spectacularly colored floral bracts. These may be pink, scarlet, red or orange and white and gray, in papery texture, are very long-lasting. Bougainvillea needs full sunshine—all day long, if possible—and should be protected from cold drafts and low temperatures generally. Otherwise, it is quite undemanding, in different soil and capable of withstanding considerable drying out. The scale insects are its worst enemies. Other vines that may become parts of the basic window garden are the various philodendrons, grape ivy (Cissus rhombifolia) and kangaroo vine (C. antisera).

**Camellia.** (page 159). This is a basic plant, if—and only if—you have the right conditions for it: coolness and high humidity. (The winter air in the average living room is too warm—over 55° to 60° and too dry.) A shiny leaved evergreen shrub or small tree, the camellia is handsome at all times, but most spectacularly so, when in flower. It should be grown in a rather heavy soil, with plenty of humus, and must never dry out. Mealybug and spider mites are its worst insect enemies.

**Cissus.** This rather shrubby vine that is also evergreen and likes the same growing conditions as camelia (both are hardy outdoors in the South) is Trachelospermum jasminoides, the Confederate- or star jasmine. This has, for a large part of the year, clusters of small, star-shaped flowers that are conspicuous for their sweet scent, if not for size. Grows very well in a small tub or large pot.

**Clivia.** (page 159 and, in flower, page 194). Probably the only bulb plant that has year-round decorative value, clivia produces a fan-shaped cluster of dark green leaves, strap-like leaves that hold their attractiveness for years on end. The flowers, which usually come in late winter indoors, are trumpet-shaped, in a flat cluster, at the top of a tall, bare stem, and are yellow-orange in color. The great advantage of clivia is that it will thrive on almost no light. It does need plenty of water and a rich soil. Amaranth, of the same family group as clivia, is too familiar to merit special mention. However, it fills much the same spot in the year-round plant window and, although it rates as briefly spectacular, gives us flowers in truly striking shades of red and pink, and in white.

**hibiscus.** (page 159). This evergreen tropical shrub should be grown in a large tub or really big pot and given plenty of light and water. It must be kept out of cold drafts. The huge flowers appear off and on all year, making it a real backbone for the plant window. Blossoms are mostly red, pink, white or yellow, often up to 5 inches or more across; some varieties have dramatic stamens.

**Holly.** The many varieties of Japanese holly (Ilex crenata) as well as the similar I. rugosa (page 158) are all good plants for the basic window garden. Their tough, evergreen leaves should be syringed often with plain water and their pots or tubs should never become dry. Syringes also control spider mites, and keep a sharp eye out for scale insects.) These hollies may be pruned to promote compactness or control size.

**Pittosporum** (pages 159 and 195). An invaluable outdoor shrub in warm climates, the leathery leaves are equally useful for basic greenery indoors. It is seldom without a cluster or two of fragrant, cream-colored flowers. Since its natural growth habit is spreading, it is best used toward the front of an all-season window. If this means away from the light, that’s all right, since pittosporum will thrive with little direct sunlight. Plants should never be allowed to dry out and should be protected from drafts. Leaves should be syringed frequently to keep them free of dust and to discourage red spider.

**Ruscus** (page 158). A yeow-like evergreen, hardy outdoors only in warm climates, it thrives indoors with little direct sunlight, not too much heat. As a rule, it must be a sizable plant in order...
to be effective at all, but you will find it a filler plant with few equals. It may get to be as tall as 8 to 10 feet in the course of several years, so it needs a large-scale window. Grows best in an ample tub and rather heavy soil, with plenty of water. Frequent syringing may be necessary to control red spider infestations.

Scehleri (pages 156 and 158).

A basic plant in a large pot or tub, this can tolerate a completely sunless location if necessary. In fact, too much strong sun may brown the edges of the leaves. It is a valuable window plant whether 18 inches high or 8 feet, in a 4-inch pot or a 2-foot tub respectively. Watch it for scale and don’t let it get dry.

2. Seasonal plants. Long-lived plants that put on a new-and-then display should stay in the window only while they are at their best, then be relegated to the nursery for as long as may be necessary before they put on another show:

Astilbe (page 158). Often incorrectly called spirea, this member of the rose family is a familiar occupant of perennial gardens, where it thrives in damp, shady locations unsuitable for many other plants. Indoors, however, the fernlike leaves have a distinctive beauty that remains for months after the flower plumes have faded. Astilbe needs a humus-rich soil, plenty of water and light and warmth and watered.

Trollius (pages 156, 158, 194). This very large genus includes azaleas, which are more commonly grown as pot plants than the “true” rhododendrons. As pot plants, both rhododendrons and azaleas should be grown in a humus-rich soil and never allowed to dry out. They need bright light, but not necessarily direct sunlight. Since they are busy making new leaf growth and flower buds in the summer, this is the time when they should be set out of doors and left there until after the first hard frost. Rhododendrons should have the coolest possible spot in the plant window.

3. Brief spectacles. These are the plants that may be grown from scratch (seeds, bulbs or cuttings) to a peak of colorful perfection and then, as they begin to fade, be discarded and replaced:

Colchicum (page 159). A soft-textured plant, colchicum should be grown rapidly (plenty of light, heat, fertilizer and water; frequent moves to bigger pots) in order to show its gorgeously colored leaves at their best. Then, as plants become leggy, cuttings should be taken, new ones started and the old plants discarded.

Impatiens (page 158). Although grown for flowers rather than leaves, this plant of many-uses should be handled in the same way as colchicum. Among indoor favorites, impatient—commonly called patience plant—produces flowers over a longer period than almost any other house plant except perhaps African-violet.

Petunia (pages 156, 158, 159). To skip the descriptive notes: Start seeds, take cuttings or buy started plants at any time, grow them in 4- to 6-inch pots in a porous soil mixture with plenty of light and water, and they will give many weeks of copious bloom. Regular light feedings and cutting back the stems whenever they get long enough to be floppy will keep the plants in bloom indefinitely.

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